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Today : Mr. Richard Wu - Formula Edge - The Project leads our new generation to future A.I. Education

**Last Meeting - 21 December 2022 (Christmas Luncheon)
Speaker : Rtn Tony Loy**



Members attended were:

President Rico Fung
DG Norman Lee
PP Henry Chan
PP Gilbert Fung
PP Rudy Law

PP Andy Wong
PP William Wong
PP Eddy Wong
PP Leo Yu
Rtn Jason Chiu

Rtn Tony Loy
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Rtn Peter Yeung

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

PP Chilin Chen and spouse Ruby, Rotary Club of Taipei South Sea
Fanny Luk, spouse of PP William Wong
PP Ruby Chang, Rotary E-Club of Tamar Hong Kong
Matthew Lui, son of PP Ruby Chang
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President Rico welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests, especially PP Chilin Chen and spouse Ruby from our sister club, Rotary Club of Taipei South Sea.

Photo Contest results were out, and Ultimate United Funfare will be held on Christmas Day. Incoming Fellowship Director Sharon Lam also organised a Christmas Dinner for 29 December, 2022.

Rtn. Tony Loy brought back many good memories and encouraged us to continue building our Club. DG Norman Lee expressed his appreciation and praised Tony for his 30 years of membership and contribution. Other PPs echoed. PP Andy Wong gave the vote of thanks.



PP Leo introduced PP Ruby Chang and thanked her for connecting us with our Junioract School.

The red box amount was HK\$1,500.

Congratulations to PP Tim Lui, on :

1. the wedding of your lovely daughter, Nicola, on 20 November 2022;
2. your re-election as a Hong Kong Deputy of the National People's Congress on 15 December 2022;
3. appointment to Chairmanship of the University Grants Committee tasked with advising the Government on the funding and strategic development of Hong Kong's higher education.

My Journey with Hong Kong Island East - Rtn Tony Loy

I attended a Rotary meeting in Adelaide, Australia, nearly 60 years ago when I was a medical student attached to a General Medical Practitioner. He was a Rotarian, and he invited me. I only remembered that it was a meeting for successful men of different professions and businesses.

After returning to Hong Kong and eventually setting up my private practice in 1977, one of my friends invited me to attend a barbecue at the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South, a prestigious Club. I was able to learn a little more about Rotary.

Being a busy solo medical practitioner, I gradually felt the need to venture out of my medical world and maintain contacts with people of different disciplines and work. Not to increase chances of more business, but to broaden my view and scope. Rotary weekly meetings then appeared interesting and feasible, and through my colleague, PP George Leung, I joined the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, being inducted by the then President Tim Lui in 1993.

Rotary was interesting to me for the wide range of people in it, thanks to the Classification system which provided a variety of professional, business, and people of different walks of life, background, interest, and nationalities. I met the first person from Afghanistan, Turkey, Rowanda, etc. and travelling Rotarians. Many fellow members of different disciplines became friends.

The weekly talks, if arranged correctly, can provide very good insight into areas of life that one usually did not venture into, thus widening insight. I was Program Chairman in 2000/2001. One of the things I organised was to invite the different consulate staffs to talk about their own



countries. I still think a good Rotary talk is one of the attractions to attend the meeting.

But if most of the meetings are just NGO talks, then people will dwindle away. I think Rotarians can talk about their own interests, hobbies, other than their own work, e.g. collection of fountain pens, bicycling trips, cruises, local hikes, local history, Afterall, not everything is work, and there are other dimensions to life not confining to family and golf.

Many older members of the Club were and are great inspirations, such as Peter Hall, John Kwok, Edwin Tao, Chan Soo, Con Conway, and PDGs and PPs who are still with us. All these colourful members made and shall make the Club interesting and engaging.

Community projects are great to participate, to contribute and to join. They encourage a sense of comradeship and common purpose, yet they demand time, effort and dedication.

Fireside meetings are great friendship makers, for the spouses to meet and get to know each other. There were times when membership was

only for men and this avoided some complications and misunderstandings. But times have changed, not even over many dead bodies. We already have a lady at the helm of Rotary International.

International visitors, sister club travel and visits are great in fostering international understanding and friendship. This also takes time, efforts, and costs.

Fellowship with a common course remains an important pillar in Rotary.

Our club is, I believe, one of the oldest clubs in Hong Kong. When I joined, it was meeting weekly in Excelsior Hotel, which had been demolished and being rebuilt into an office block. It used to offer alternate meal of just 'soup and coffee' for \$88. I think the meal cost, its corresponding heavy food, is a small barrier to attendance. I have suggested before that the cost can remain, but less food provided, and the food saved to go into Red Box or sponsored charity, rather than the belly of the paying member. Both the Club and the Hotel will be accordingly acknowledged.

There used to be high government officials attending as speakers or members, and often semi-official announcements will be made to the press. Thus there were tables and meals for the reporters, and they were very willing to come. Later, only sandwiches were available to them, and later still, no official leaks were given and one of the functions of the Rotary Club meetings had fizzled out.

I witnessed the outflux of our native English speaking members after 1997. This was understandable. Then there was another outflux later due to disagreement on PP Council which I did not fully understand. English speakers decreased; so did the source of fluent English speaking speakers. Many current members are still excellent English speakers and we have new members who speak excellent English, and so our English speaking tradition carried on. This is important for international travelling Rotarians and our sister clubs, while in our own club bilingualism flourished.

The prestigious value of the Rotary has dwindled down in my time. May be too many clubs were inaugurated and membership status and value has decreased, with a vastly increase of membership size and lowering of joining levels.

Rotary started in the USA, and the American value and taste remain. This has its good and bad

points, and as times changed in these 30 years, I witnessed change in the importance of the US and 'men in the Rotary' culture. I think internationalization of Rotary is a good trend, but unfortunately it can never shed off the 'Great USA taste' because of its history.

I have been a Senior Active Member for a few years, but now have decided to resign from membership. I am getting old, less energetic, and am in the process of downsizing. Only the bare essentials will be left. I do not think I can contribute much to the Club, and I do not believe that carrying too much dead wood is good for the vitality of the Club.

The Club must go forward, unhindered, active, young and energetic in heart. I might even come attend some meetings when the topics interest me. And I bless the Club with my heart and shall help in which ever way in my power in the future.

I end with a quote from the Book of Ecclesiastes:

"There is an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth:

A right time for birth and another for death,
A right time to plant and another to reap,
A right time to kill and another to heal,
A right time to destroy and another to construct,
A right time to cry and another to laugh,
A right time to lament and another to cheer,
A right time to make love and another to abstain,
A right time to embrace and another to part,
A right time to search and another to count your losses,
A right time to hold on and another to let go,
A right time to rip out and another to mend,
A right time to shut up and another to speak up,
A right time to love and another to hate,
A right time to wage war and another to make peace."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Thank you all.



Happy Birthday to our Splendid January 2023 Birthday Members



2nd - Rtn Peter Yeung, **7th** - Rtn Raymond Chu, **11th** - PDG Y.K. Cheng,
14th - President Rico Fung

Christmas Dinner Fellowship - 29 December, 2022



The Dinner was well attended by 25 of us at the Club Bel-Air Peak Wing, courtesy Rtn. Sharon Lam. Thank you : incoming Fellowship Director Sharon for organizing our Christmas Dinner. 2023-2024 President Elect Bonnie was Lady Santa. Sharon's nephew Marcus performed a magic show and we all sang Imagine Rotary and Christmas carols. President Rico prepared Christmas presents for all of us. It was an occasion enjoyed by all present.

Rotary Service Day and Ultramarathon - 31 December, 2022

Members, family and friends of RCHKIE gathered at Science Park on New Year's Eve to support Rotary Service Day.

Special thanks to Rotaract Club of THEi and Rotaract Club of HKCC SU for running the booth, and RC Queensway for being co-sponsors for Rotaract Club of THEi.

Charity sale for multi-function vest designed by award winning students was hosted. It made the young, positive and creative Rotary image memorable to all.



Club postal address : P.O.Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, Hong Kong
Meeting Venue : Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Meeting Schedules : Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm
Website : <http://hkie.rotary3450.org/>