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Today : Club Assembly

Last Meeting - PDG Kenneth Wong on Virtual Vocational Exchange



President Rico Fung
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Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Kenneth Wong, Rotary Club of Tai Po

President Bernie Ting, Rotary Club of Hong Kong South

President Rico Fung welcomed back PDG Y. K. Cheng and DG Norman Lee on their return from Singapore, Rtn Christian Li for joining our meeting again, and our guests, PDG Kenneth Wong and President Bernie Ting.

President Bernie extended an invitation to our Club to join the anniversary dinner of Rotary Club of Hong Kong South on 4 May 2023. The Club was chartered in 1973 by the then Past President Dennis Ting of Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East!

We celebrated the birthdays of Rtn Jason Chiu, PP David Li, and Rtn Christian Li, whom we missed in February.



District announcements were as follows:

- President Elect Training Seminar : 18-19 March 2023
- Paul Harris Birthday cum Major Donors Appreciation Dinner : 19th April 2023 in Regala Skycity Hotel
- Grant Management Seminar : 22nd April 2023
- District Training Assembly : 6th May 2023
- District Conference : 20th and 21st May 2023 at Regala Skycity Hotel
- District Installation : 8th July 2023 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center
- Tree Planting Day : 18 March 2023
- Shared QR code was distributed to members to join District Green Competition

Sister Club announcements:

- Rotary Club of Makati North will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on 3rd May 2023. Golf tournament and other activities will start on 2nd May 2023.



- RC of Taipei South Sea will celebrate their anniversary with vocal music concert on 6th May 2023.

Club Announcements:

- Congratulations PP Laurence and family for winning in the Hong Kong Blind Bowling Tournament
- Vocational and Youth Development Service Program will be on 8 March 2023
- PP Eddy Wong was recognised as a Level 4 Paul Harris Fellow
- Rtn Christian Li was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow
- Rtn Jason Chiu was recognised for his donation to the RCHKIE Photo Contest

Rtn Bonnie Yeung introduced PDG Kenneth Wong as speaker of the day.

PDG Kenneth is currently District Vocational Committee Chair. He thanked PDG Y. K. for being his guide in Rotary over the years. He had fond memories of our Club and he was always looking forward to visiting his friends at our club.

The Rotary Virtual Vocational Exchange programme (VVE) is in its second year. The programme is on its trajectory, which PDG Kenneth attributed to DG Norman's initiation and our club for support in its first year spearheaded by PP Leo Yu. The goal was to promote values of the Rotary 4 Way Test and fortify the importance of Vocational Service in Rotary. Vocational Service in Action was showcased and had turned into a sustainable core service for Rotary clubs in District 3450.

PDG Kenneth quoted the four Objects of Rotary from the year 1935:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

It is a meaningful Rotary engagement in action, aspiring young individuals to explore vocational horizons and career opportunities globally. It strengthens Rotary clubs and builds international friendships, understanding and peace. It is effective, efficient and flexible at a very low cost.



PDG Kenneth thanked PDG Y. K. Cheng for aligning prominent speakers to speak on the history of Hong Kong last year. Since then, the VVE Connect web site had been launched, and a video showcasing the programme was shared in International Assembly in Orlando earlier this year. The program will also be showcased in May 2023 at the Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia. Within our district, VVE will have a dedicated booth on District Vocational Day in 25 March, 2023 at Cyberport for recruiting prospects.

The VVE program will work well for showcasing Rotary, and can be transformed and used as training tools for different countries.

PP Eddy Wong gave a vote of thanks to PDG Kenneth.

Sergeant-At-Arms Rtn Bonnie Yeung reported red box donation of HK\$2,350.00.

Rotaract Club of HKCC Students' Union - Career Talk 2023



This Rotary year is the 10th year PP William Wong served as advisor to the Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Community College Students' Union.

The Rotaract Club's Vocational Talk had been its signature service project. It was held this year on Wednesday, 8th March, 2023 in Hong Kong Polytechnic University West Kowloon Campus. DG Norman Lee, PP William Wong, PP Leo Yu, and Rtn Bonnie Yeung attended to support.



Pet Groomer Celia and Barista Kwing shared their passion in their chosen career path, what they do in their day to day lives, what does it take for one to enter their careers, and stories of their rewards and challenges.

The inspiring talks gave perspective on the lesser known vocational options chosen by the Rotaractors and was well received.

DG Norman Lee and PP William Wong presented the Rotaractor's token of appreciation to the guest speakers of the night.

Happy Birthday to our Splendid February 2023 Birthday Members

2nd - PP Andy Wong, PP David Li, 10th - Rtn Jason Chiu,
18th - Rtn Angus Leung



March - Water and Sanitation and Hygiene Month

Excerpted from the September 2016 issue of The Rotarian:

You may be surprised to learn that in 1905, when Rotary began, it was not based on the idea of Service Above Self. Instead, the two main aims of the Chicago club were “the promotion of the business interests of its members” and “good fellowship and other desiderata ordinarily incident to Social Clubs.”

But for Paul Harris, that wasn't enough. He wanted a club that would get involved in civic affairs and benefit the community.

A prospective member, Chicago attorney Donald Carter, had been “struck by the selfish character of the organization,” according to Harris biographer Fred A. Carvin. The two conspired to introduce a Third Object of Rotary: “the advancement of the best interests of Chicago.” As Harris later remembered, “I concluded that the most practical method of introducing community service would be to find a worthy cause and then induce members to work for it.”



The club began by buying a horse for a farmer whose animal had died. Members also provided a newsboy with a suit of warm clothes. All along, Harris was planning bigger things, creating a committee to find civic projects for Rotary to participate in. The first issue it addressed was the lack of public restrooms downtown. There was only one choice at the time – a saloon. Once there, it was said, men could be tempted to take a drink or two. As for women, entering such an establishment was simply out of the question.

So Harris and his committee persuaded the Chicago City Council to fund public facilities for men and

women to the tune of \$20,000 (almost \$500,000 today) in taxpayer money. And Chicago Rotarians got so much satisfaction out of seeing their work get results that “Service Above Self” became an operating principle, although it didn't become one of our official mottoes until 1950.

In Rotary, it never has been easy to get every member – or sometimes even most members – involved in community projects. Many people join because they want to give back to society, and community service is what Rotarians often say makes their membership worthwhile.

Today, 3.6 billion people live with poor-quality toilets that harm their health and the environment. Rotary has invested \$148 million in water, sanitation, hygiene, and water resource management interventions globally to help solve this.



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/