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President's Message

Natalie Kwok



Spring season coupling with a number of public holidays make April a good month to go on vacation. No matter appreciating the cherry blossoms, taking a refreshing spa, or enjoying a journey with your loved ones, it is an excellent "recharging" process for both your body and mind. You can hear more on the wonderful journey experience from some of our members and spouses.

The month of March is another busy month for our club. There were 2 joint meetings in March. On 11 Mar we had the Rotary Clubs of the Peninsula Family 3 generations Joint Meeting, where members of the 7 clubs which are the descendants of Rotary Club of Peninsula attended. DG and some other District Officials were the honourable guests and I am pleased to report that our club has the highest number of attendants.



On 23 March we had the Area 6 Spring Dinner and the Eight Clubs joint meeting. Again, our club has the highest number of attendants. Besides, there were several lucky members and spouses who won prizes. Guess who was the lucky Star?



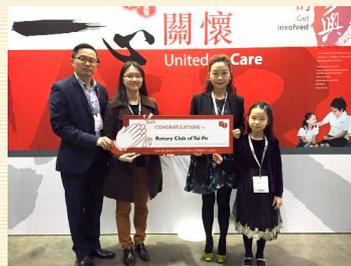
Yes, you are right! Rotaryanne Wanda won the 1st prize (cash).

On 13 March we had duo events. In the afternoon, our service project Sunshine Teens organised a health talk at the Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School. The aim is to commend those Sunshine Teens participants who have demonstrated a positive attitude in adopting a healthy life-style.



In the evening, we had our Third Theme Night – Amazing Australia. Not only did we enjoy the Aussie style barbeque in a nice garden and hall setting in the L'hotel Elan, the fancy digital backdrop also added colours to the event. The quiz and games were also very exciting. I am sure we all enjoyed the event very much. Thank you to Team 3

leader PP Jacky and his team members (PDG Kenneth, IPP Francis, PP Louis, PP Wilson, Ada, Caren, Patrick, Jason and Minghay) for such a wonderful night!

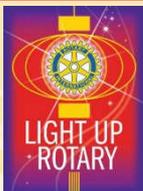


On 23 March I attended on behalf of our club the Caring Company Partnership Expo 25 organised by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. Our club is very honoured to receive the Caring Company Award over 10 years.

On 27 March I met with the RI Convention Site Selection team in support of the District's efforts in bidding for the host city for the 2019 RI Convention. I wish our District can win the bid. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

On 30 March our regular meeting was back to Royal Garden Hotel. Mr. Kenny Chow, the 30th Chairman of University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China, was the guest speaker and his topic was "The role of International University Sports Federation in Development of University Sports". It was enlightening to learn the history of the development of the International University Sports and the strategic role that Hong Kong had played over the past 30 years.





Editor Says ...

Claire Mak



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Ambience or spirit is a peculiar thing. It can only be felt and experienced but cannot be measured. For instance, when you walk into a café you can immediately feel the mood of the moment. When everyone is sitting quietly and gloomily, you may be able to share the grief they have for a tragedy which happened on the day. Or people may be buzzing and hovering over laptops and computers – you will feel their anxiety over bidding on-line for new iPhones. Or maybe an awkward silence lingers in the air and you get the feel that people are still embarrassing over an odd couple’s heated argument that had just taken place.



Experiencing the ambience/spirit is one thing. Creating a desirable ambience is quite another. Shop owners rack their brains to create the happy, romantic, high class feel in order to fit the overall ambience to achieve the ultimate goal of increasing sales. Of course, this is a specialty and involves manipulation of music, colour, aroma, décor, accessories, lighting and even wave-length ... highly technical.

Spirit, apart from the intangible ambience, can also describe the special characteristics of a team or an organization. For example, brand names flagship stores gave the impression of being lavish and a snob.

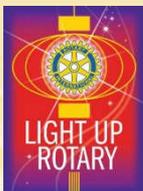


Old / family-style shops may display warmth and friendliness. A particular restaurant may have an aloofness that pisses off potential clients. Another cha chaan teng may exude such efficiency that all patrons are expected to be very quick and responsive. All sorts. Some may describe these as the shops’ ‘culture’; but I’d rather say it’s their ‘spirit’.

This brings me to the idea of *school spirit*, or, for that matter, the spirit of the better established schools. People tend to think the overall good academic or sports or music achievements result from good teaching from quality teachers. Some even rumoured there are examination tips or advantages from the teachers of these schools. To be honest, under the current education system, schools will find it difficult to enroll really top teachers. An inspiring teacher is a bonus; but we still have to make do with the mediocre ones who, regrettably, form the majority. What appears more important is the prevailing learning/fighting spirit in these schools. Just try to attend the Interschool events (swimming, athletics, speech/music festivals, debating contests) where school spirit is on ample display and you need not be shown further example. Speaking from experience, doing our best and doing it all-round are the doctrines with which my alma mater brought us up.



When PP Gary Yeung came to speak to us about “Esprit de Corps” on 13th April 2015, he reminded us that it is the shared pride, fellowship and common loyalty within a certain group which bond members together. What then is the **Tai Po** spirit? Our members cover pretty diverse and all-round vocations. Together with the formidable spouse group, RCTP members are mostly active, embracing and willing to reach out to serve. When Tai Po members come along, they are supportive and whole-hearted. It is fortunate that birds of the same feather flock together, and this group is not *infested* with very obstinate or difficult people. I think yours truly may be the only ferocious one. But seriously, the club can only grow healthily if we can have continual and more dedicated leadership to capitalize on club members’ talent and passion. Ignite the spirit and let us glow.



There are many horse racing fans among Rotarians in Hong Kong and our club is no exception with several horse owners and racing syndicate members. The event's popularity has also been well demonstrated by our annual Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup race. Let's take a look at how this horse racing event became a more meaningful event to benefit Rotary service projects and promote Rotary in India. Perhaps our district or individual clubs can be inspired to launch some similar fund raising event in future ?

Event at Indian racetrack nets \$350,000 for service projects



Rotary members in India selected a popular racecourse in Mumbai to promote Rotary to the tens of thousands of racing aficionados who gather there daily, raising more than \$350,000 for club service projects in the process.

And between races, spectators at the Mahalaxmi Race Course were also treated to the Rotary members' attempt at a Guinness World Record as 650 members, 75 of them dressed in white and 575 in black, formed the shape of a horse -- with the Rotary wheel as its eye -- on the lawn of the members' area.

District leaders in western India chose the Mahalaxmi Race Course for their Race for Humanity event because it draws people from all segments of Indian society. They reached out to Gulam A. Vahanvaty, a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay who also is a member of a track committee, to facilitate a deal that enabled Rotary clubs to name seven of the eight races run on 23 November after their respective service projects.

Leading up to race day, each club had raised at least \$50,000 for the projects, which support literacy, children's health, and education, among other causes. Betting on the races was left up to the Rotary members but was not promoted as part of the event.

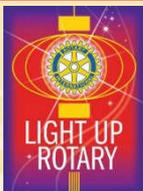
More than 6,000 Rotary members attended the Race for Humanity event, and club leaders distributed 1,500 membership kits to race goers. In addition, Rotary colors and flags lined the paths to the complex, banners hung in every available location, and a five-minute Rotary public service video was shown throughout the event as well as on video feeds to other racing sites throughout the country.

"This was a spectacular event for Rotary in terms of fellowship, bringing together Rotarians and their families in one grand open-air venue," says Vahanvaty. "Rotary's work was showcased across the racecourse through banners and audiovisuals. We also obtained immense public relations through newspapers, radio, and TV covering the event."

Adds Ajay Gupta, governor of District 3140, "It was a delight to be with so many Rotary members and sing our national anthem and unfurl both our nation's flag and the Rotary flag." District 3140 spearheaded the event along with the Rotary Club of Bombay.

The day at the racecourse also included a fashion show, an art camp, a play area for kids, a DJ, and an organized cleanup activity inspired by a nationwide campaign to clean up India's infrastructure.

"Truly, this has to be one of the most significant events that I have had the opportunity to witness in my 42 years in Rotary," says past Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan. "The event not only helped raise funds for Rotary, strengthen district fellowship, and reinforce Rotary goodwill but it also highlighted Rotary's reach and network in society."



陽光少年計劃 SUNSHINE TEENS

Jason Lo



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Youth are the future of our society. RCTP should do more good service projects for them in order to build a brighter future for our community.

Sunshine Teens is one of RCTP's significant projects and have run for 5 years. The project is sponsored by Rotary Club of Tai Po and co-organized by The Salvation Army Tai Po Integrated Service for Young People and New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School. The aims are to encourage teenagers to make good use of their time, build up healthy life habit and positive image and enhance their self-confidence. The service targets Secondary 1 students: facilitating them to adapt and integrate into the secondary school life.



On 16th March 2015 (Monday), there was an interim progress report together with a health test activity and recognition ceremony held at New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School. P Natalie, PDG Kenneth, PP Man, Incoming AG Frankie, VP William, Rotaryanne BeBe and I joined this meaningful event that afternoon. In the past 6 months, many programs were organised such as discipline and teamwork training workshop, day camping, group activities and interest groups etc. You can see the effectiveness of the program as follows:-

- ✓ The program has run for over 5 years
- ✓ Total 52 S1 students joined this year
- ✓ Getting support and participation from principal, Vice-principal, Class Teachers and parents
- ✓ Sunshine Teens alumni act as volunteers to run the activities
- ✓ Development in self-confidence, teamwork and interest of participants
- ✓ Each student has fulfilled his/her goal to accomplish one interest group training
- ✓ Established caring atmosphere in the campus as well as the family
- ✓ Enhance the cohesive relationship and the mutual support between teacher-student and the peers.



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For the health check session, all the students, teachers, principal and us were invited to try out different stretching exercises under the guidance of professionals from Hong Kong Centre of Sports Medicine and Sports Sciences, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. All of us tried our best to do the exercises, such as squat, plank, dynamic stretching and balance exercise. Furthermore, we checked our body flexibility and the BMI tests. By the way, we are considered very healthy in term of the result.



This was an awesome afternoon as we witnessed the young participants grew and progressed to have gained self-confidence, teamwork and cohesion in a new environment. Lastly, we got some lovely souvenir, i.e. a balloon dog or flower, which were twisted by the students who learned the skill from the interest group in which they had participated. I hope that all the participants could have a prosperous secondary school life.



"Amazing Australia"

Ada Wu

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With the leadership of PP Jacky, our 3rd theme night "Amazing Australia" was held on L'hotel e'lan, Kwun Tong on 16th March 2015.

Rtn. Ming Hay first came up with a well-designed poster attracting the attention of members before the theme night. He also designed a LED-operated stage featuring "Amazing Australia" that attracts members, spouses and guests attending the theme night.



After the sumptuous buffet and BBQ, we started off playing the 1st game in the open garden with PP Francis as the MC. We were divided in 6 teams and each team assigned 1 person to put on a big linen sack bag for him/her to jump like kangaroos. The contestants participating in the kangaroos jump were very energetic and 2 of the most outstanding active kangaroos were CP Chris Tsang and PP Wilson.



The 2 finalists then raced again and their respective team members had to drink up the bottles of Australian beer poured into big glasses as quickly as possible. All the crowd cheered up for the 2 teams. The winning team went to CP Chris as the leader with the other team led by PP Wilson lost marginally.

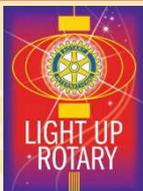
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The theme night ended up with 2nd game Q & A session relating to Australia. Strong response received from the attendants with fun and laughter for such an enjoyable evening.



Many thanks to the 3rd theme night team members! Well done!



Area 6 Spring Dinner

Vikky Tam

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The Area 6 Spring Dinner has always been a popular gathering each year, and this year we joined our fellow clubs at the Royal Plaza Hotel, on 23 March, 2015 for this enjoyable event.

RC New Territories, RC Tsuen Wan, RC Sha Tin, RC Kwai Chung, RC Tolo Harbour, RC Channel Islands, RC Tai Po, and RC Hong Kong Sunrise got together with fellowship, wine, food, greetings, smiles and laughter everywhere. This year we had "one less" and "one more", making the dinner even more special.



The "Less" - no club reports! Instead the club Presidents sent Chinese couplet lucky messages to all, and lucky money to their club members. President Natalie prepared Mark 6 tickets for us. Did anyone win? "...Really...? Oh My God...! ...Yes... No... I won't tell anybody...! How much...? What...? Wrong numbers...?"

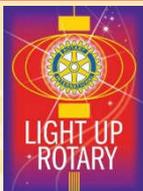


The "More" - \$14,000 cash for lucky draw, so lucky! 15 of us won a lucky draw cash prize of \$100! PP Ron drew a big red packet of \$500!!

Rotarian CM won the chance to grab as much cash as possible from the lucky draw box, he snatched up \$500! Wow! Rotaryanne Creamy gained a cash prize of \$1,000. Rotaryanne Wanda got the grand prize - the leftover cash in the box. Wow, there were more than \$1,900! That gives the word "leftover" such a pleasing and positive new meaning!

What's more, our PP Pearl was the Master of Ceremony, and what a professional MC she was! She has a 'microphone voice': her voice through the microphone sounds even more beautiful!





WE ARE THE CHAMPION!

Timmy Kwong

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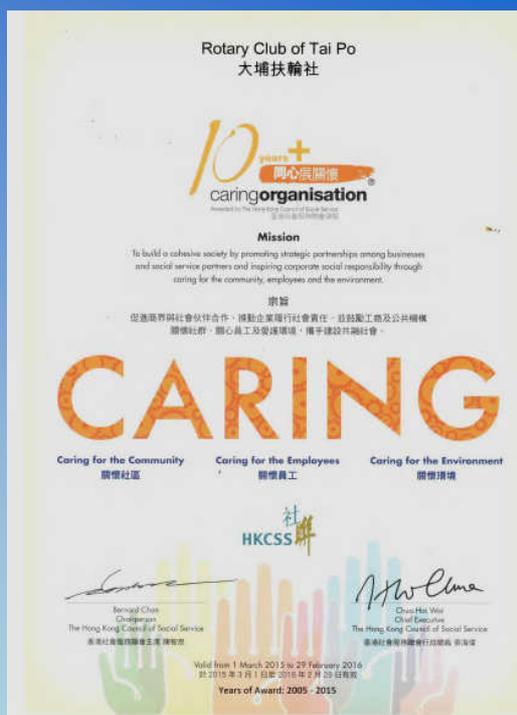
The 3rd Chinese National Lawn Bowls Championship was held in Yue Xiu Park, Guangzhou City, China from March 26-28. The event is opened to all China's municipalities, provinces, special administrative regions, special economic zones and state-owned enterprises.

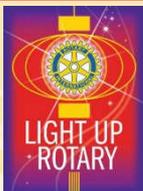
I was one of the representatives for Hong Kong to play the Mens' Pairs and partnered with a 20 years old Hong Kong team player. We could only finish second in the group, after losing to Guangzhou and drawing with Macau. In the semi-finals, we met Macau again. Having learnt from our last experience and maintaining our focus, we won the game. In the final, we started the game in shaky fashion, won four shots in the first end and lost three in the following end. After winning the third end by three shots, we changed our tactics and completely disrupted the rhythm of our inexperienced opponent, and kept the momentum to finish the game at 17:4. Eventually,

----- WE ARE THE CHAMPION -----!



Rotary Club of Tai Po has been receiving the Caring Organisation Award for the 10th consecutive year. We are entitled to have the emblem upgraded starting this year.





An Exchange of Thoughts—Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

Angel Yam – RAC Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK



“When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But when you listen, you may learn something new.” This is what I gained in the Joint Meeting of Tai Po Clubs. On 15th March, a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Tai Po, Rotaract Club of Tai Po, Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College, Interact Club of Tai Po Schools and Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy was held.



The highlight of the meeting was certainly the two stimulating sharing. The first sharing was by Rotarian William Yim, an experienced pioneer in technology. His sharing “科技·人生” was inspiring and reminded me the way to success is never easy; we have to hold on and get through all the difficulties before we can reach our destination. Not only was the sharing of William inspirational, but the sharing of PP Louis Tang was also equally impressive. Louis shared with us his path to become an outstanding accountant in “My Struggle & My Pride”. His example prompted us that we should try our best in every possible way we can. Our attitude determines our altitude; and a positive attitude will make our path to success easier.



Both sharing were thought-provoking and I have definitely learnt invaluable and precious lessons from them.



Having Fun Down Under

Claire Mak

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Towards the end of last year when I planned for a break, I thought maybe it'd be nice to 'defrost' in idyllic Tasmania. Thus my parents and I signed up for a Tasmania/Melbourne tour from 21st to 28th March. Tasmania is populated with more sheep, horses, kangaroos and other marsupials than humans; so naturally, I came across a lot of wildlife and natural scenery; yet there was something exciting in every day of the 8-day tour.

Upon arriving in Launceston, the second largest city in Tasmania, we had a BBQ lunch at a Gourmet Sauce Farm. Everything is home grown, organic and of course, tasty.



After marveling at the incredible stalactites and stalagmites and the unique Tasmania blue glow worms inside the Marakoopa Cave in Mole Creek, we left the Karst National Park for the world famous Cradle Mountain.



We then went to the Cataract Gorge where we rode the world's longest single span chairlift uphill before walking down the First Basin, crossing the suspension bridge and taking in the spectacular views along the way.



Along the way, we stopped at the lovely small town Sheffield where we fooled around with its many murals (or wall-paintings).



The next day started with a visit to the Honey Farm where we tasted different flavours of the famous honey. I like the leather-wood flavour best.

The afternoon was spent at the famous Cradle Mountain and strolling along the Dove Lake Circuit. When the weather turned bad, we beat our way back to the Cradle Mountain Chateau where we



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had dinner and stayed the night. It was said that wallabies and other animals simply walk up to your room balcony but I guess it was a bit too cool and wet for them the evening we were there so I did not get to meeting them at my room.



I was not too keen with next day's buffet breakfast, knowing well that we would be heading to an oyster farm in Freycinet to have oyster and mussels. I was not disappointed. After a bit of briefing about the oysters habitat, their growth and generally oyster farming in Australia (which I think must be one of the most laid back vocation) we were treated to some pacific oysters freshly harvested from the sea and steamed blue mussels. They were simply heavenly. Of course, the sit-down lunch which followed faded into pretty nothingness by comparison.



After so much food, it was time for some exercise and we hiked up the Wineglass Bay Lookout (a 50-minute leisurely walk uphill) and took a panoramic view of the magnificent Wine Glass Bay. It was a nice surprise that we encountered 2 wild wallabies on our way down.



We then headed to the Tasmanian capital, Hobart. Along the way we stopped at Richmond and took photos of the Coal Bridge and St. John's Cathedral. We then checked-in to Wrest Point Hotel and dined, for a full 2 hours, at its famous Pier One Restaurant.



An early morning stroll around the hotel grounds was quite refreshing as we took in the lovely Sandy Bay.



It was then the start of another exciting day. First, a visit to the Bonorong Wildlife Park where we knocked on the rear of wombats, met the Tasmanian Devil, patted koala and fed kangaroos. Afterwards, it was apple and strawberries picking at Sorell Fruit Farm.



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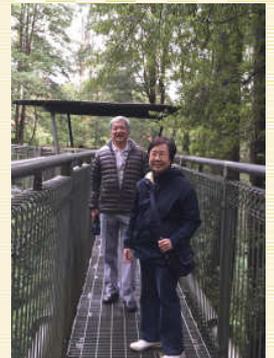
Port Arthur is a small town and former convict settlement on the Tasman Peninsula. It is one of Australia's most significant heritage areas and an open-air museum. We had had a good time that afternoon cruising Port Arthur and strolling what used to be the prison grounds.



We left Hobart for Melbourne the next day. The special highlight was to watch the penguin parade at Phillip Island. We waited for the sun to set before witnessing the cute Little Penguins returning to the shore and hobbled their way, batches by batches, back to individual burrow, each with a female penguin awaiting and welcoming. No photography or video-taking was allowed to protect the penguins but the experience is indelible.



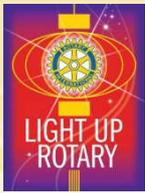
The last tour day was no less exciting. We started with the Otway Fly Treetop Walk which is a 1 hour rain forest walk experience and features a 600m long and 30m high steel structured treetop canopy walkway that takes us right into the treetops. It's the longest and tallest walkway of its type in the world and includes a thrilling cantilever. A very refreshing experience and I tried to inhale as much fresh air as I could.



What followed was even more breathtaking: The 12 Apostles. Yes, on the bank of the Great Ocean Road stood this collection of weathered limestone stacks. Currently there are seven apostles left, the eighth one of the stacks having collapsed in 2005. But the name remains significant and one really needs to apply some stretched imagination to grasp the idea of the *apostles*.



Thus ended my 8-day tour down under. It had been a truly wonderful and relaxing experience.



Colour Our Community



RAC WYS College Community Service directors Mandy Yip and Clarence Lo Monthly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (Apr 2015 Issue)



For the past few months, we have been working with social workers from HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre on the Cross-Cultural Partnership Scheme. This program targets service with ethnic minority youths (EM youths) in Kwai Chung district by local university students and aims to foster cross-cultural integration. It includes five meetings which all proved to be invaluable experiences and learning opportunities for our participants.

We started off the first meeting with group discussions, in which we talked about our expectations on the programme. Through a social worker's sharing, we have gained more insight into the lives of ethnic minorities in Hong Kong. Then, we finally got to meet the EM youths. They were shy at first, but soon the room was full of chatter and laughter after our self-introduction. We were surprised to see how quickly the meeting warmed up, and how eager they were to talk to us. We enjoyed every topic the youths shared with us, from how they spend their weekends to their aspirations for the future.

The pleasant atmosphere continued in the second meeting with a number of creative games that required us to form teams and complete certain tasks. Whether it was about determining the game strategy or cooperation during the games, the students had a lot of opportunities to communicate with the EM youths. These games surely helped strengthen our bonds through teamwork. That meeting concluded with the sharing by the EM youths on their festive culture.

The venue switched to a kitchen in our third meeting. We are very grateful to have Mr. Eric Chiang, baker and fellow Rotarian, to teach the making of egg waffle (雞蛋仔), a traditional Hong Kong snack. We were divided into groups. All of us were very enthusiastic and simply couldn't wait to use the griddle. Although most EM youths have seen people making egg waffles before, they looked amazed when they attempted to flip the griddle. The kitchen was filled with a special aroma. Most of their first "product" seemed far from perfection, yet they improved in their later attempts and were all satisfied with the egg waffles they had made. Then we had a mini-competition to find our best egg waffle. The activity ended in high spirits.



Egg waffle expert



Participants and baker Eric Chiang



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Cooperation was the major goal of our fourth meeting. After some warming up games, we went to the playground and did outdoor activities. Rope skipping competition was the highlight of the meeting. These activities helped to facilitate participants to cooperate with each other and appreciate each other's talents. In the debriefing session, the youths thanked us for showing them a lot of care during the activities.

The scheme ended with a fantastic party. We prepared some special food such as fish ball, osmanthus jelly (桂花糕), curry and other Nepalese snacks. All of us enjoyed the food. The EM youths also taught us how to eat scones with hands instead of by forks and knives. In the sharing session, we shared a meaningful photos. One of the participants showed us a picture which included the transformer holding a Chinese ancient weapon. The picture had inspired him that we can get along harmoniously even though we come from different cultural background. Last but not least, we took instant photos to capture this memorable moment.

'Passive', 'quiet' and 'shy' popped up in our mind when we first met the EM youths. After the five meetings, however, our impression of them changed. We find them friendly and very willing to share their culture, daily life and dreams. Some of them even have good sense of humor. So these weekends were full of happiness. We have also gained a better understanding of the EM youths. Behind their smiles, they face many difficulties in academic studies and daily life. For example, language barrier hinders them from expressing their thoughts and communicating with local people.

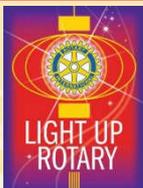
In these unforgettable experiences, we observed, understood and learned to integrate with the ethnic minorities. These are remarkable moments in our life. We have built up friendship with EM youths in these five meetings and we hope that the cherished relationship can be maintained and continue.



1, 2, 3, cheese!



Co-operation and concentration



Design your Dreams - "Soul of Music"

RAC Tai Po Professional Development Director, Gabriel Kwan

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As a Japanese proverb goes, "Vision without action is day dream; action without vision is nightmare."

In line with our theme "Design your Dreams" this year, RAC Tai Po has organized a series of events this Rotaract Year to pave the path for teenagers to pursue their dreams.

On 29 March, 2015, we were honoured to have Mr. Dominic Chu, composer of Baron Production and Artiste Management, as our speaker and performer of several of his most popular masterpieces.

The General Meeting cum Professional Development event titled "Soul of Music" was held successfully at TC2 in Prince Edward with more than 30 participants, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and friends. In a joyous atmosphere of live music, light drinks and engaging conversations, Dominic left us in awe with his first-hand experience on the harsh realities that a music composer faces in HK.



Fittingly "Soul of Music" commenced with the melodic lyrics of "Come join the world of Rotaract, you and me, let's work for, what the world should be...", after which President Tony Luk and the 4 avenue service directors gave the audience a brief account on what has been achieved so far in this Rotaract year.



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This was followed by Dominic's presentation of his views on the HK pop music industry, his interaction with Mr. Ronald Ng, a doyen of the HK pop music industry, and how this inspired him to become a composer during his days in HKU. He then took us through some facts and figures of the paltry average income that is unfortunately the industry standard, and rounded off with a sharing of Dominic's own passion and dedication in upholding this art despite great odds and adversity.

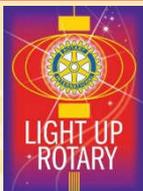


The event reached a climax when Dominic, along with our board member Stanley Siu and his band performed the classics Beatles' "Hey Jude" and several of Dominic's own masterpieces, followed by two impromptu music performances by PP Francis and PE Vikky respectively.



Special thanks must be given to Rotarians PP Peter, PP Pearl, PP Francis, Youth Chair K.F, PE Vikki and Rotarian Eric who came to support us that day.

Langston Hughes once said, "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly." Ironic as it may seem, though young talent is plentiful in a pluralistic society like Hong Kong, these very talents are often ignored or even mocked due to a deviation from the so-called norms of society. It is very unfortunate that many of these flames of creativity and passion are often smothered before they begin. Let us hope that with our efforts and with an increase in public awareness to this phenomenon, our society can set the stage for more of these flames to see light.



Interact Club of Tai Po Schools – Updates

Viola Chow, Teacher-in-Charge

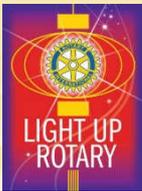
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On 13th March, 2015 IAC Tai Po Schools held its Regular Meeting. PP Peter joined the meeting and Rotarian Eric Chiang was the special speaker.



After the Joint Rotary and Interact Meeting on 15th March, we held a joint meeting with the Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy on 19 March for collaboration on City Hunt on 1st May. The cross-over has been encouraging so far since TTCA got more inspirations from Tai Po Schools and our interactors are also learning to hold this kind of big event from TTCA at the same time.





Regular Meetings



30 March 2015

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Chairman of University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Mr. Kenny Chow spoke to us about the rather little known topic of "The role of International University Sports Federation in Development of University Sports."



Ming-hay gave a special vote of thanks by shaking hands with speaker Kenny and saying "thank you", "thank you", "thank you very much".



Pearl and Louis reported on the *Build Our Loving Villages* CNY Celebration with the Elderly on 7th March.



The Park'n Shop coupons given out by Pearl were won by 'God of Fortune' Dennis.

13 April 2015



IPP Francis gave a vote of thanks and did not forget to praise RCTP on its unique esprit de corps.

← PP Gary Yeung's topic "Esprit de corps" expanded not only on the spirit of the Hong Kong Police Force but how this idea of pride and fellowship and common loyalty shared by members can be achieved in Rotary.



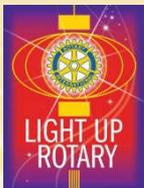
← Acting president William looked forlorn as he gave red box while acting sergeant Frankie looked ecstatic with the input.

Club Administrative Chair Patrick gave a thorough introduction of speaker PP Gary Yeung.



↑ Now that PP Wilson won the set of fragrance burner given out by PE Vikky, he should make good use of it and relax before the hectic District Conference takes off.





Upcoming Events

March Winners (100% attendance):



FRANCIS AU,
CAREN CHAN,
ERIC CHIANG,
PEARL DANG,
PATRICK FONG,
ANTHONY HUNG,
NATALIE KWOK,
PETER LAM,
WILSON LAM,
JASON LO,
CLAIRE MAK,
ROGER SO,
KF TAM,
VIKKY TAM,
LOUIS TANG,
KENNETH WONG,
ADA WU,
FRANKIE WU,
MINGHAY YU

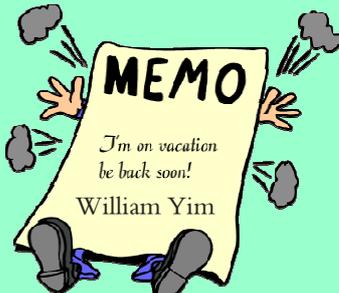
% of attendance of regular meetings (inclusive of make ups)

Average attendance: 77.23%

- 2nd March 80.53%
- 9th March 80.7%
- 16th March 80.5%
- 23rd March 80.5%
- 30th March 63.93%

In March

David Chan
Patrick Yung



| Day | Time | Event | Venue |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| 25 APR (SAT) to 26 APR (SUN) | 2:00 p.m. | 55th District Conference | Regal Airport Hotel, Hong Kong |
| 27 APR (MON) | 7:00 p.m. | Club Assembly | The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E |
| 4 MAY (MON) | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting Speaker: Ms. Elsa Tang Topic "Chinese Calligraphy" | The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E |
| 11 MAY (MON) | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting Speaker: Dave Chan (陳勇) Topic: The Dancing Path (舞蹈路程) | The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E |
| 16 MAY (SAT) | 9:30 a.m. | Careers Expo 2015 | South Tuen Mun Government Secondary School, 218 Wu Shan Road, Tuen Mun |
| 18 MAY (MON) | 7:00 p.m. | 4th Theme Night Theme : 北漏洞NIGHT | Golden Bull French Vietnamese Cuisine, G/F, 9 Chatham Road South, Tsim Sha Tsui |

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主題: 可持續發展

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Leader's Luncheon (By Invitation)
Speaker's Program
Governor's Banquet: Broadway Glitter
Rotary Foundation Luncheon
New Generation session
Spouse Programs: Makeup Class, Cooking Class, Evening Gown Try-outs, Service Project Visit, Ngong Ping 360, Governor's Banquet

節目巡禮
領袖午餐會 (另函邀請)
嘉賓分享
總監晚宴: 附帶百老匯
扶輪基金午餐會
新世代分享會
寶貴活動: 學習化妝、學習烹飪、試穿晚裝、探訪服務機構、進遊昂平360、總監晚宴

ENLIGHTENING SHARINGS BY DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKERS

Prof. Timothy W. Tong, JP, HK Polytechnic University
Mr. Lau Ming-wai, BBS, JP, Chairman of Commission on Youth
Dr. Christine Loh, OBE, JP, Under Secretary for the Environment of HK
Ms. Vivian Cheung, Deputy Director of Airport Authority Hong Kong (Airport Operations)
Mr. Tony Lo Wai-yip, The Salvation Army
Ms. Lee Wai-sze, London 2012 Olympic Games Bronze Medalist in Women's Karate
Mr. Shek Wai-hung, Incheon 2014 Asian Games Gold Medalist in Men's Vault

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香港理工大學校長陳偉章教授, JP
香港青年事務委員會主席陳偉強先生, BBS, JP
香港特種行政機關地庫副局長陸惠女士, OBE, JP
香港機場管理局機場運作副總監·張李佳惠女士
教世軍團榮譽先生
李慧詩·倫敦2012奧運女子凱林賽銅牌得主
石偉雄·七屆2014亞運男子鐵馬金牌得主

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Date: 25 - 26 April, 2015
日期: 2015年4月25、26日
Venue: Regal Airport Hotel
地點: 富豪機場酒店

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