

# Tai Post 大報

Monthly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (Feb 2013 Issue)

## President's Message

Ronald Chung



### Kung Hei Fat Choi to everyone at RCTP!

First, let me and my family wish you and your family a healthy, happy and prosperous year of the snake (2013.)

#### The Rotary Club of Tai Po is a very special club – the members

We have members that are close and tight. Yes, there are differences in terms of opinion, but when it comes to crunch time, everyone will pull together for the club.

Being the president, I am fortunate enough to experience this. The PPs have been a great force in fostering this atmosphere. We can always count on them for their support, without question – who could ask for anything more?



While we (myself definitely) are basking in this good fortune, I would like to pledge vigilance about this. The pessimistic side of me keep reminding me that “nothing is forever (may be the family is – for better or worse.) And, of course, there is the saying that “all good things come to an end.” (If I sometimes come across as rational and cool, this may be why.)

A case in point... would you consider a 66.7% a good score?

66.7% attendance was what we had for our 999th meeting. Quite frankly, I don't think anyone would be satisfied with a 66.7% score on anything. BUT, if we look at our underlying membership, we can easily get 6 – 7 members that, for one reason or another, cannot join us, Dr. Patrick Yung is a very good case.

6 – 7 may not sound like significant numbers, but on a membership base of 29, a 6 is over 20%. If you add approximately 20% to our 66.7%, we get close to 90%. For the ones that could not join us, I DO have to give a special mention to William as he has a great reason for not joining us and our hearts go to him and Bebe and the new member of his family (congrats, William.) Had William been able to join us, we would have topped the 90% mark and that is an achievement we can be proud of easily, especially when we are looking at a time (end of year,) when there are millions of banquets being thrown by clients, suppliers and community groups.

-20%



My presidency to the club will technically end in 4 months, but for all practical purposes – key reports are due by the end of March – i.e., next month. With most issues pretty much settled, please do allow me to cruise my way during the final stretch (there is, of course, the District Conference in April.) So, my message here is a pledge for you to support our upcoming leaders, our PE and VP, and keeping RC Tai Po strong and united. Going forward, please take this to heart and do not take our unity for granted.

Rotary Club of Tai Po is a great club, but as I have pointed out, there are challenges and we need to be diligent and vigilant.



## President's Message (Con't)

Ronald Chung

### The Rotary Club of Tai Po is a very special club – the All-mighty



On February 4th, our club had our 999th meeting, the last 3 digit meeting before we begin our journey to the 4 digits (and it will take another 20 plus years to reach 1999, another 200 plus years to reach 5 digits.) So, it was a landmark date. This landmark date is also the 1st day of Spring according to the Chinese calendar – the unofficial beginning of the New Year, and we spent it together with the 999th meeting! Moreover, at this particular meeting, we welcomed the birth of a new member to a Rotarian family with William and Bebe's new baby. What's the odds of everything converging on the same day? Someone must be looking after RC Tai Po's family.



Our next meeting is... our 1000th meeting



Our MILLENNIUM meeting, what does millennium mean?

According to our IPP,  
this only happens once every 20 plus years, so it is very IMPORTANT



According to dictionary.com, it is  
A period of general righteousness and happiness, especially in the indefinite future

Just that itself is special enough, but there's more.

Our millennium meeting happens, according to the Gregorian calendar, on 2.18– a very nice date indeed: 易得發

Our millennium meeting is also our 1st meeting in the Chinese New Year and, according to the Chinese calendar, on  
The 9th day of the Chinese New Year: 長長久久

If you have other thoughts, please feel free to add to this list. But, looks like the all-mighty above is looking after RC Tai Po, regardless of whether you follow the Chinese calendar or the Gregorian calendar.

All in all,

Am I to say more?

As the new year dawns

And a child is born

A great year of joy

A wish from me to ALL

大埔金蛇慶新歲  
扶輪菁英賀千回

Roger So

## Editor Says ...

Claire Mak



This is not the first time I *complain* about email etiquette - or the lack of netiquette. Recently, DG Kenneth announced Peter Pang as DGN 2015-16. This is happy of course but the announcement was somewhat blemished when every tom dick or harry pressed the “reply all” button to congratulate Peter. In his announcement message, DG Kenneth has already asked all to join him in congratulating Peter. If anyone has any personal well wishes, the matter should be personal between him and Peter. Others within the group, like me, frankly wouldn’t be interested; and I really hate having to press the ‘delete’ button time and time again. When can people ever learn to refrain from pressing the ‘reply all’ button unless really necessary?



Speaking of on-line etiquette, the internet has always been a place for freedom of expression. But I am not too keen to join forum. Debates and personal attacks from anonymous posters are ubiquitous.



Arguments escalate very quickly on the internet. These days, comments are often charged by emotion; whereas rational discussions are few and hard to come by. Against views expressed on, say, facebook that I do not concur, I rarely comment on-line. For one, I am lazy. Or I may know too little of the background to comment wisely and so prefer to wait and see. I hate to be seen as supporting a particular stance when I might have simply shared a small piece of my mind.

There is also this little “LIKE” click which may convey real appreciation or it may send the wrong message. This is because when you click ‘LIKE’, there is no need to explain. Sometimes, people “LIKE” simply to acknowledge having read or browsed a post, not that he/she really likes it. What is so ‘likeable’ if someone had fallen sick? Or when someone posted that he/she was in trouble? But people still respond with a ‘LIKE’.



Joining a particular Group will make you read and then spend time deleting a lot of inconsequential comments; and worse still, heated arguments along the thread of comments. It looks like making a strong stance or showing anger has become the current facebook etiquette. Sometimes I



wonder if people are aware that a comment posted is pretty much an indelible mark which could affect (if not haunt) one’s future prospects with both partners and employers?

I have resigned from the “I Like Rotary” page soon after joining it. I do like Rotary, but not the way it functions on FB.





Many of us know that the term “RCC” stands for our baby club Rotary Club of Central but in fact this term also stands for *Rotary Community Corps* which is a rather new concept or group established in our district only this Rotary year under the direction of our DG Kenneth and the guidance of a new district post District RCC Chair PDG Jones Wong. So let’s take a look at this RCC which is one big achievement of our DG this year which RCTP members should know. Next time when you hear of this term RCC, don’t mix it up with our baby club and when we talk about our partner-in-service like the Rotaractors & Interactors, don’t forget to include RCC too !

### Rotary Community Corps 扶輪社區服務團

(Content based on report by PDG Jones Wong in DG Newsletter)



A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of non-Rotarian men and women who share Rotary’s values and commitment to service. With the guidance and support of their sponsor Rotary clubs, RCCs plan and implement projects that address issues affecting their communities such as health, literacy, safety, employment, and the environment. They may also help support Rotary club service efforts.

The minimum no. of members to form a RCC is 10 who are non-Rotarian men or women of any age, who reside, are employed or study near the corps’ community. They should meet at least once per month and are encouraged to undertake two major projects annually. The sponsoring club/clubs have to assist the RCC in developing long-term financial and operating plans. It is suggested that the sponsoring club/clubs to establish an RCC committee with at least three Rotarians who can attend the RCC monthly meetings and guide them to plan new service projects. Once RCC is established by a sponsoring Rotary club, the club can achieve many more community services with sufficient helping hands from outsiders who can be potential Rotarians one day in near future.

Currently there are over 7,440 active RCCs sponsored by 2,600 Rotary Clubs in 75 countries worldwide. For the very first time, our District 3450 has chartered two RCCs this Rotary year: one sponsored by Rotary Club of Hong Kong Financial Centre on 20th November, 2012 with 19 chartered members. Another one was sponsored by Rotary Club of HK Sunrise and chartered recently on 16th January.

So Hong Kong now became the 76th country where RCCs can offer helping hands to local community, rural or urban. On 17th November, our first RCC of RC HK Financial Centre has started off a first community service to help cleaning the apartments for single elderly at Cheung Sha Wan Lai Kok Estate and more services are coming up.



RCC of Rotary Club of HK Financial Centre



RCC of Rotary Club of HK Sunrise



## 3rd HK Blind Bowling Tournament

Jacky Sung

The 3rd HK Blind Bowling Tournament was held on 27 January, 2013 (Sunday) in Hong Kong Bowling City (Emax). Two teams from our Club were sent to join the tournament. Team A was formed by PP Jacky, Rotarian David, President Jodhy (Rotaractor) and David Chan (Visually Impaired bowler). Team B was formed by PE Francis, PP Frankie, Zoe Tam (potential Rotaractor) and Lung (Visually Impaired bowler).

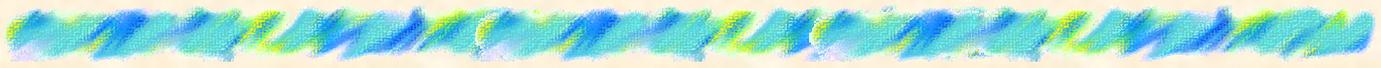


There were two David Chans in Team A, one is our own Rotarian David and the other one is visually impaired bowler - and he happens to be an experienced blind bowler. We were lucky to have him in our team. In fact, his score was as good as Rotarian David!

A total of 44 teams competed in this tournament. Every player played 3 games. Team A's score ranked number 3 after the first round, and then climbed up to number 2 after the second round. Unfortunately, we dropped back to 3rd place after 3 rounds, and we only lost to 1st runner up, Rotary Club of the Peak, by 2 points. Rotary Club of Kwai Chung was the overall Champion.



Congratulation to Rotarian David for the trophy he won. He was one the best four bowlers in Area 6, and the total score of these four Area 6 bowlers was the best in all eight Areas. Sounds complicated? Anyway, thank you so much for the good performance of all bowlers, and the support from DS Peter, Rotarianne Creamy, David Chan's family and Francis' family.



## At your Service

### ☆☆☆☆ Star Reaching Project Visit ☆☆☆☆ “You Have a Choice” (你有得揀)

19.1.2013

Claire Mak

The Star Reaching Project continues to be our club's significant community service project. This year, the theme is **“You Have a Choice” (你有得揀)**. The objectives are to infuse into the target teenagers positive attitudes about harmonious family and personal growth.



The Visit on 19 January was well attended by more than 10 RCTP members and family. Under the supervision of the social workers in charge (Eugene, Keith and Mel) from the HK Children & Youth Services and instructors Jacky and Roy, we mingled with the Star Reaching teenagers and were divided into 2 groups: the cooking group and the dancing group.



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## The Chefs

The cooking group concerted their efforts and made some really tasty pizzas. They started with raw materials and kneaded the pizza dough to form the base and filled it with nice toppings before sending the pizzas for baking. During the cooking process, there were hearty exchanges of views about family relations and inroads to maintaining a harmonious family. Apart from the really tasty pizzas, the group also took away nicely framed instant photos for keeps.



## The Dancers



The teenagers have been receiving break dance training for some time and have already showcased their skills in some competitions. On the day, they were tasked to teach Rotarians and spouse some basic steps. They patiently taught us step by step while we tried our best to follow. Of course, our lame effort was overshadowed by the teenagers' zesty performances! During the break time, we held discussions on what to do if faced with invitations to join a fight and generally on how to maintain one's well being. Towards the end we did some encouraging memo cards for the teenagers to show our appreciation and support.

# JOINT MEETING WITH ROTARY CLUB OF SHATIN

28 January 2013



Assistant Governors visit a club at least twice during his/her tenure. AG Wendy did her first round at our club on 20 August 2012. For the second round, we made it easier for AG and moved our meeting of 28 January to join with AG's home club RC Shatin and we had a jovial joint meeting. There were 2 visiting Rotarians amongst us: Rtn. Champ Liu (RC Taipei) and Rtn. Hajime Nakanishi (RC Peninsula).

Speaker for the evening is Mr. Sin Pui On (安哥), the owner and chef of private kitchen "Encore". Being an avid photographer himself, he shared with us the unique photos and experience he had during his photo expeditions to exotic places.



PP Jacky recounted the bowling experience



Sergeant Vikky introduced our members and Rotaryannes



President Ron and President Edmund thanked speaker Mr. Sin



Visiting Rotarian Champ (middle) from sister club RC Taipei



AG Wendy gave an introduction of Mr. Sin



Rtn. William gave a vote of thanks



Pres Ron reported on Club matters



Mr. Sin (安哥) took us through his photo expeditions

## HKCSS Caring Company Partnership Expo 2013

22 January 2013

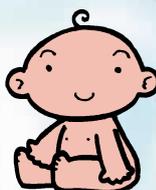


## Tai Po Fight Crime Carnival 2013

27 January 2013



## Congratulations Bebe and William!



Dear all,

We are happy to announce the birth of our lovely son  
Born: February 4, 2013  
Weight: 8 lbs, 4 oz (3.75kg)

### Bebe and William

*Alvis, Bernice and Alaric flanked by the newest addition to the Yim family*



When most of us were getting ready for work, and Bebe was getting ready to deliver her 3rd prince, guess what this Gang of Four Superbowlers were up to early in the morning of 4 February at An-Tico Enoteca Pizzeria? The attraction was - San Francisco 49ers versus Baltimore Ravens



Ravens fan Ron Chung against 49ers supporters David Loie, Peter Lam and Jacky Sung

## At your Service

### Star Reaching Project Closing Ceremony

Claire Mak

Saturday 2nd February was sunny and leisurely. What spiced up an otherwise lazy afternoon were the cheers, the dancing and the sharing we had with the Star Reaching young men and their attending social workers. The Star-reachers have shown themselves to be nice young lads worthy of praises and encouragement and a big improvement from their former selves! Pres. Ron and Alice, PP Man and Jackie, DS Peter, PP Charles, PP Jacky, PP Claire and PE Francis plus his whole family were very impressed.

#### The Mingle and Sharing



Man, Ron and Peter listened to Stephen and Lo Yee on their progress and changes.



Claire, Alice, Jackie and Peter with social worker visited the booth where all the Project activities were showcased



Social Worker Eric led 2 Star Reachers Stephen and Lo Yee in a guided booth tour where they discussed their views on family harmony



Alice recounted the dance steps which gave her pains for days



Rotarians and guests wrote encouragement cards for the participants.



Pres. Ron shared a few words as a father, as our president and as a Tai Po Fight Crime Committee member

#### The Performances and Praises



The exciting Break dancing performances



Pres Ron gave out certificates to the young people who have accomplished tasks they would not have dreamed of being able to complete



Here is everyone to support the promising young men. Well done lads!

# RYLA Sharing



I think few of us know anything about what happened at this year's RYLA, which is short for "Rotary Youth Leadership Award". Orientation took place in October, followed by a Blind Trail (by Dialogue in the Dark) in early November. Services were carried out and the event culminated in a 3-day/2-night RYLA camp (25 to 27 January 2013) and a Closing ceremony on 26 January.

As a matter of fact, our Tai Po Rotaract EVP Jolly Yiu and Rotaractor Alfred Lau were RYLarians this year. DS Peter, who visited the RYLarians at the Sharing Session, had joined them and others for some meaningful discussions.



## Rotaract District Service Project

"Rotary in Service 36" solicited only lukewarm response from our club even though our contributions had made us their Gold Sponsor. RAC Tai Po members could not participate in this project either as it clashes with their own service project. Only DG Kenneth and DS Peter, in their official capacity, attended the Opening Ceremony in the morning of 2 February.



## Progress over setting up a Rotaract Club in Wu Yee Sun College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jodhy Mak

I would like to report on the progress over setting up a Rotaract club in WYS College, CUHK, intended to be chartered by Rotary Club of Tai Po.

After tight communication with the WYS college for the past few months, we have set up a close working relationship over the issue. We held a sharing on 18 Jan with the students from WYS college.

We introduced to them Rotary and Rotaract, and shared our experience as Rotaractors, as well as the supportive and close bond with Mother club.

Students are from different fields, such as engineering and medicine. They showed interest in the wide variety, in terms of scope and depth, of Rotaract activities that can be experienced and organised.

This small group sharing was a good start and we anticipate that the WYS college students will go further in forming a Rotaract club through more sharings of and involvement in our activities. We are now actively preparing the next sharing with the WYS college students.

All in all, good seed will grow well on good soil with patience and nurture. Tai Po Rotaractors will provide the best nutrients we have.

Attached are the photos of the sharing. Please enjoy!

Best regards,  
Jodhy Mak



# Youth Corner

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## Interact District Conference

Ping Leung, Anthony Hung, Peter Lam

District 3450 held its Interact District Conference on 26th January 2013 at the Stewards Pooi Tun Secondary School in Diamond Hill, Kowloon. The keynote speaker was the Hon. Regina Ip who spoke on "Education-Investment or Business? (教育產業可行嗎?)"



Interactors from Interact Club of Shine Mongol of Ulaanbaataar gave a powerpoint presentation about Mongolia followed by performances of a musical instrument and singing. They also received their charter from PDG Anthony who presented it to them on behalf of the District.



RCTP was represented by PP Ping and Rotarian William. PDG Anthony and DS Peter from our club were also there as officials. I am very happy to report that our potential Interact Club in Tai Po has sent 18 students, 6 from CCC Fung Leung Kit Memorial Secondary School and 12 from Principal Poon's Ling Liang Church M H Lau Secondary School. Principal Poon also attended in person.



## Regular Meeting

21 January 2013



PP Ping gave out a delicate set of 5 Japanese bowls for raffle draw and was suitably won by PE Francis



President Ron presented the GSE team with our club memento



Outbound GSE Team members Edwina Chung and Franco Chan led by team leader PP Helen Or gave a presentation on their intended presentation in Australia

4 February 2013 – 999<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Members and Spouse at the 999<sup>th</sup> Meeting

4 Feb 2013 – 999<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Club Assembly



Wanda was the envy of all when she won the 48-scoops ice cream-chocolate fondue coupon from Vikky.



RCTP Rotarians at the last 3 digit meeting



KF shared with us his experience on doing make-ups at other clubs



Acting Sergeant Frankie welcomed back Armstrong by handing him the irresistible red box



Armstrong cracked a joke about "999"



DG Kenneth briefed us on the Peace Forum



Birthday boy Frankie was congratulated by his boss Creamy and Pres. Ron



PP Dennis released information about the arrangements for the 1000<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Pres. Ron conferred with PP Dennis and Visiting PP David Cheng from RC Peninsula (left)

## Upcoming Events

### Jan Winners (100% attendance):



FRANCIS AU,  
CAREN CHAN,  
RONALD CHUNG,  
PEARL DANG,  
ANTHONY HUNG,  
NATALIE KWOK  
PETER LAM, WILSON LAM,  
CLAIRE MAK,  
MAN MO LEUNG,  
JACKY SUNG, VIKKY TAM,  
MASAYUKI TSUBAKI,  
KENNETH WONG,  
FRANKIE WU,  
WILLIAM YIM

We Miss You  
in Jan

Sasha Chu, Manabu  
Kiyama, Armstrong  
Shea, Louis Tang,  
Patrick Yung

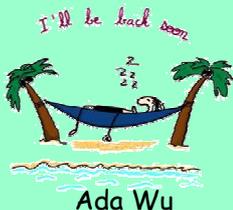


### % of attendance of regular meetings (inclusive of make ups)

7/1 60%  
14/1 70%  
21/1 70%  
28/1 70%

Average attendance :  
67.5%

### On leave in Jan



### Resignation :

Paul Chan

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Venue</u>
20 Feb 2013 (Wed)	2:00-3:15 pm	潮看TEEN空Vocational Visit	Regal Airport Hotel
20 Feb 2013 (Wed)	6:30 pm	Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup	Happy Valley Stand, 3/F, Happy Valley Racecourse
25 Feb 2013 (Mon)	7:30 pm	Club visit by RC Makati San Lorenzo Speaker: Samantha Gale, Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar	Chinese Restaurant, Royal Plaza Hotel, Prince Edward Road W.
27 Feb 2013 (Wed)	7:00 pm	3 Generations Joint Meeting	The Banqueting House, 2/F, 26 Kimberley, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
2 Mar 2013 (Sat)	3:00-5:00 pm	潮看TEEN空After Camp Visit	Salvation Army Centre
11 Mar 2013 (Mon)	7:00 pm	Area 6 Spring Dinner	Junior Ballroom, Royal Plaza Hotel, Prince Edward Road W.



**53rd District Conference**  
Rotary International District 3450  
Hong Kong, Macao & Mongolia

Friday 19 April to Sun 21 April 2013  
Mission Hills Convention Centre,  
Dongguan, China

Welcome to a  
Whole-In-One Conference

<http://53dc.rotary3450.org>

**Peace Through Service**  
Sakuji Tanaka  
Rotary International President  
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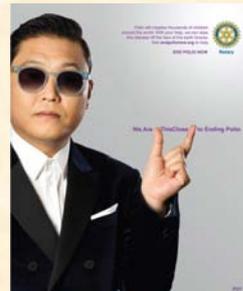
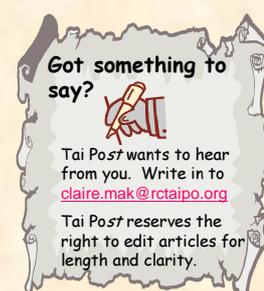
**Guest Speakers**

Professor Edward K Y Chen  
Dr Allan Zeman  
Dr Ken Chu




**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
"Feb"

3rd Frankie Wu  
26th William Yim

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