

President's Message

Patrick Fong

Dear Fellow members,

REGULAR MEETING/
1st CLUB ASSEMBLY

- Service partner, The Salvation Army, was invited to report the projects of "Sunshine Teens" and "Strive for the Summit" in the previous year and for the coming year.



- 1st club assembly was conducted by PE Dorothy. A club assembly is an opportunity for all club members to express their views on and discuss club meetings and activities.

ROTARACT CLUB OF TAI PO INSTALLATION

- RAC Tai Po 21st Installation Ceremony took place on 23rd September at InnoCentre, Kowloon Tong. 9 RCTP members attended to show our support. After the encouraging speeches delivered by DG Y C Ho and AG Menza - District Youth Service Committee (Rotaract) etc., President Scarlet was witnessed to become president for the coming rotary year. Congratulations to P Scarlet and her board members and thanks Immediate Past President Gary for leading the club last year. Also thanks Wilson Woo (Youth Chair) and PP Ron (Advisor) for their effort in guiding members of RAC Tai Po in the past years.



INTERACT CLUB OF TAI PO SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

- IAC Tai Po Carnival was held on 13th October at The Podium Level, Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po. The theme of the carnival is "Planning for your Life". Honorable guests including PDG Anthony (IAC TP Advisor), AG Natalie, PP Vincent Ng (District Youth Service Committee Chair), PP Gabriel Li (District Youth Service Committee (Interact)), Mr. Lee of Tai Po Police District (Chief Superintendent), Ms. Wong of Tai Po District Council, team leader Miss Chow of IAC Tai Po Schools, Mr. Wu of Hong Kong Children & Youth Services with PE Dorothy, Youth Service Chair Wilson Woo, PP Peter, PP William, Rtnns. Mary, Bebe and Torrente and Elizabeth

(daughter of AG Natalie) and the youngest son of William to attend the carnival opening ceremony. I learnt from PP Vincent that IAC Tai Po Schools is the ONLY ONE Interact Club in District 3450 which successfully links up seven secondary schools. Thanks PDG Anthony and PPs for their effort to coordinate, guide and advise on club matters and members' support to the club activities.



SME INAUGURATION CEREMONY

- The Inauguration Ceremony was held on 15th October 2018 at Paramount International Banquet Hall, Skyline Tower, Kowloon Bay.
- Over 20 members, spouses and guests witnessed PP Wilson Lam's inauguration for his consecutive years as President of SME. We all shared his happiness. On behalf of RCTP, congratulations to PP Wilson once again.



NEWS – DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION

- Special Education Needs (SEN) project - "Empowering SEN Students to Excel. Connecting for an Inclusive Workplace"
 - Service partner: Fortress Hill Methodist Secondary School
 - With the efforts of Louis, William and Danny who prepared and applied for District Grant, we successfully obtained USD5,000 to run this project.
- Area 6 clubs joint project - "Water Purifier for a School in Gansu, China"
 - We also got USD5,000 District Grant USD5,000 to finance the project.

Patrick Fong

President 2018-2019
Rotary Club of Tai Po



Editor Says

Claire Mak



In a time when there was yet no internet, when everything moved in a much slower pace ... well, I was referring to the 80s when I wrote and submitted articles to Secondary School Magazines, to Hall of Residence newsletter at University and to daily Newspaper columns, writing for or contributing to a publication then was hugely different from how it is done today.

That was a time when I had not yet grappled with using the computer (not that I have really mastered it now), I had used the conventional typewriter. Indeed, I took a course on typewriting and am proud that I know the proper finger-work. Each click on the typewriter gives a definite 'tick' sound when the corresponding key strikes on the ribbon to print an alphabet. There would be a sharp 'ding' sound upon finishing one line and the lever will be pressed to change to the next line. I might have spent a whole afternoon 'tick' 'tick' 'tick' and 'ding' 'ding' 'ding' to get a piece done. Oh, and there was the use of carbon paper to make copies. For Chinese prose, I simply had to rely on my awful hand-writing on Chinese manuscript paper and hoped they made legible reading.



I would carefully fold the finished piece and place it in a selected envelop which would then be sealed. After licking a stamp to place on the envelope, the piece would be dropped into the post box. It would take a while before I would hear from the editor that my article would be used (and in the case of 'real' newspaper, I would be notified to collect my token fee); or that my article would be returned. The corresponding feeling of elation or depression would follow and the cycle would repeat itself when I wrote and submitted articles again.

Such mode of submission for publication has changed drastically with the aid of computer and the internet. The computer has overtaken the typewriter; and the more efficient email or WhatsApp which requires no postage took over the snail-mail posting. Time for transmission of articles has been greatly enhanced no doubt to the joy of absolute deadlines (Danny Lau, Wilson Woo there is no need to raise your hands). There is now also the very convenient way of editing and typesetting articles; not to mention surfing the net for appropriate photos or graphics to enhance the articles. Tai Post has surely seen its improvement.

Another of our club's publication is the annual ball booklet. The more memorable one must be the silver-cover 25th Anniversary publication. It was nicely designed by former member Minghay Yu and contents beefed up by most resourceful Editor PP Peter Lam. That book commemorates RCTP having withstood a quarter of a century. Nice! It was all worth the effort put in.



The same, however, could not be said for most annual ball publications which sometimes were produced solely by convention and became rather environmentally unfriendly. That was why this year, with the agreement of ball chair Patrick, the booklet is dispensed with and be replaced by simply a raffle/table prize list with acknowledgment of donors and sponsors. I think these worked pretty well.



Admittedly, conservative ones like me still prefer holding and reading a book and flipping the newspaper. That's why Tai Post continues to be printed in hard-copy as our club's newsletter. Having said that, publishing club newsletter is pretty much a one-way traffic. Readers are made to take in whatever the editor dishes out to them. There is little by way of feedback for me to gauge the response of readers. So it is always comforting that readers discuss and comment on individual articles or give the writers a pat on the back. At least, contributors to Tai Post know their write-up is appreciated.

Rotary Information

Peter Lam

A Reason to Smile

Since 1993, Rotarians in Chile and the United States have teamed up to provide life-altering reconstructive surgeries

From Rotary News Aug. 2018

Ricardo Román was shopping with his wife at a department store in Chile in 2012 when a woman in her early 20s approached him. He didn't recognize her, he confesses through an interpreter, but there were two good reasons: He had last seen her more than a decade earlier – and her smile had changed drastically.

Román, a member of the Rotary Club of Reñaca, Chile, is the national coordinator of a program that has helped thousands of children in Chile with cleft lips, cleft palates, and other birth defects – including this stranger who now wanted to give Román a hug.

"She told me, "This is my Rotarian smile,"" he recalls, his voice full of emotion. "It was a very gratifying moment."

The project got its start in 1993 when San Francisco (California) Rotarians, led by Peter Lagarias and Angelo Capozzi, sponsored a medical mission that performed reconstructive surgeries in Chile. That was the beginning of Rotaplast, a program that evolved into a nonprofit organization that has since sent teams to 26 countries.



In 2004, Rotarians in Chile assumed leadership of the program in their country. Over the years, Chilean doctors became more involved and eventually the program expanded to include breast reconstruction for cancer patients.

"It's a great commentary on Rotary that you've got people in a Spanish-speaking country and people in an English-speaking country working together to get things accomplished," says James Lehman, a plastic surgeon who joined the Rotary Club of Fairlawn, Ohio, USA, after working with Rotarians in Chile.



In February, Lehman and a team of U.S. surgeons, anesthesiologists, and nurses visited Iquique, a Pacific port city and tourist hot spot about 80 miles south of Chile's northern border. With financial help from the nearby Collahuasi copper mine, local Rotarians coordinate and pay for the medical team's food, lodging, and in-country transportation. (Visiting doctors pay for their flights between the United States and Chile; an Ohio-based nonprofit funds the travel of some support staff.)

More than 250 potential patients lined up early on a Saturday morning outside Ernesto Torres Galdames Hospital to try to get a spot on the team's schedule. They had come from all over Chile, including a family who had traveled from Concepción, 1,400 miles to the south. About 600 children are born each year in Chile with cleft lips and palates, and though the government established eight centers to treat those abnormalities, the long wait list means corrective surgery can lie years in the future. "The demand exceeds the supply of people to take care of the patients," Lehman explains.

Using four operating rooms – one for cleft lip or palate, one for ear reconstruction, one for breast reconstruction, and one for other issues – the team got to work. Patients were chosen based on need and on the complexity of the surgery. By the end of their stay, the surgeons and their staff had operated on 82 patients. In many cases, however, the complete reconstruction may take multiple surgeries, and some patients return several years in a row to complete the procedure.

But the final surgery doesn't always signal an end to the relationship between a patient and Rotary. Román, who has coordinated the program since 2004, recalls an occasion involving the young woman he encountered in the department store. At Román's invitation, she described her transformational cleft lip and palate surgeries at a Rotary district conference in Chile in 2012. Moved by her story, many in the crowd of 300 broke into tears, dazzled by her Rotarian smile.



A look back at our club's activities by topic in the past decade

Rotaract club of Tai Po Installation

Rotary Club of Tai Po Services

FLASHBACK

Peter Lam



At KCC in Sept. 2010, Goldi Mak became President during Frankie's year as President. Wilson Woo and some of us old gang should recognize some old faces like Alex Fan (police inspector), Alan Yip (IT entrepreneur), Sheena Cheng (ambassadorial scholar), Stanley Siu, Dr. James Cheng, Dr. Jodhy Mak. . . wow so many elites!



We truly witnessed growth of our partners in service: former Interactor Jodhy Mak was installed as President in Oct. 2012 at upstairs coffee bar in Mongkok. Glad to have District Youth Chair PDG Peter Wong and our Interactors from TTCA at the installation during 2012-13 President Ron's year.



Sep. 2014 installation at an upstairs café in Mongkok when Tony Luk took over the Presidency from Iki. KF Tam was our club Youth Service Chair under Natalie's year as President. Glad to have Rotaractors from CU WYS and Interactors from TTCA participating! The installation was followed by professional development talk.



A rather formal installation ceremony in Sep. 2015 at Royal Plaza Hotel when Gabriel Kwan took over the Presidency from Tony Luk. Our President was Vikky Tam while PP Francis Au was District Rotaract Chair (DRC).



Sept. 2016 installation ceremony at a venue in Wan Chai when Maxine Cheung was installed as President under William Yim's year.

Why do you want to be a Rotarian?

Danny Lau

Why do you want to be a Rotarian? When my new friends know that I am a Rotarian, some of them will ask me this question. This is a very good question for me. To me, to be a Rotarian is quite a natural consequence. I first know about Rotary through my friend William Yim. He introduces Rotary to me and tells me that it is a good society for doing social services with good will and making new friends with compassion. Before knowing William, I have never heard about Rotary.

I had a chance to join Rotary Club of Tai Po's regular meetings, and made more Rotarian friends. They are all good and kind people. I enjoyed the dinners very much. When William invited me to join Rotary, I agreed.



After being a member of Rotary Club of Tai Po, I found that Rotarians are much more than I thought. Frankly, I really love the non-religious and non-political atmosphere in Rotary. Non-religious and non-political do not mean we are forbidden to talk about topics related to religion and politics but it means that we are open to different religions and political views. No matter you are a Hindu or Christian, a left-wing or a right-wing, we can all show mutual respect.

Doing good to humanity is not just sit-down talk, but also a stand-up act. Being Rotarian means to be a person of action. When people join together to promote good with goodwill, I believe it is much easier to reach the goal. Germany philosopher Kant believes that moral action is not the same as just bringing to people the greatest happiness, but we should treat others as an end rather than merely a means. As a philosophy teacher in higher education, I try to hold Kantian ethical principle as my maxim of life. I think that Rotary is a good place for me to do good with others together.



Besides my vision, there are also 20 good reasons to join Rotary.

1. FRIENDSHIP

There are over 1 million Rotarians all over the world. Once you join Rotary, you can join clubs in others countries and places when you are travelling. You will find it interesting to making new friends.

2. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

You can also do business development by joining the networks of Rotary. You will learn and gain different professional advice in the journey of doing good. Doing business does not necessarily conflict with doing good.

3. PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Rotary Clubs and Rotary International have a lot of knowledge courses and seminars. People share their experience with others impartially and continue one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

4. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Rotarians learn to motivate, influence and lead leaders. By holding and involve in different charity and philanthropically activity. You will have lots of chance to be a leader.

5. CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

6. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Programs keep Rotarians informed about the community, the nation and the world.

7. FUN

Of course! Rotary is fun. Club projects, social activities, meetings, service are fun.

8. PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS

Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication.

9. CITIZENSHIP

Rotarians are welcomed at 29,367 clubs in 200 nations. You will have a lot of chances to know different cultures and citizenships.

10. ASSISTANCE WHEN TRAVELLING

Rotarians have often found help as close as the nearest Rotary club.

11. ENTERTAINMENT

In local clubs and at conferences, conventions and assemblies, entertainment provides a welcome diversion.



12. DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SKILLS

Rotary is for people who like people, or who want to. By doing charity, you can develop your social skills.

13. FAMILY PROGRAMS

Rotary encourages family values and operates youth programs.



14. VOCATIONAL SKILLS

Rotary helps one make a better professional.

15. CULTURAL AWARENESS

Rotary is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background.

16. THE DEVELOPMENT OF ETHICS

Rotarians are expected to be ethical in all relationships. The 4-way test is the fast and effective ethical guideline to Rotarians: Of the things we think, say and do: - i) Is it the TRUTH? ii) Is it FAIR to all Concerned? iii) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? iv) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



17. PRESTIGE

Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world.



18. NICE PEOPLE

While it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.

19. ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL CREED

Rotary is an open society - of men and women who believe in helping others.

20. OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Rotarians believe in service above self, it is richly rewarding.

I know you can find a lot more good reasons to be a Rotarian. Back to the topic of this article. When my friends ask me "why do you want to be a Rotarian?" My answer is, "It is like having a tasty ice-cream, everyone loves it!"

Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Tai Po 2018-2019

23 September 2018

President Scarlet Li, RAC Tai Po

With the support and blessing of more than 50 attendees, the 21st Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Tai Po was successfully held on 23 September 2018 at InnoCentre, Kowloon Tong. It was our honor to have DG YC Ho, Youth Service Committee Chair PP Vincent Ng, DRC Menza Chu, President Patrick Fong of Mother Club Rotary Club of Tai Po and DRR Fergus Tse to be the honorable guests of the ceremony. We are also blessed to have the full support of our mother club. The installation signifies the start of the new Rotaract Year of Rotaract Club of Tai Po.



In the ceremony, we first had IPP of Rotaract Club of Tai Po Gary Yeung to recap activities held in Rotaract Year 2017-18. Apart from club activities like hiking and the Professional Development talk on public speaking, we joined events such as Annual Ball of mother club and Ultramarathon held by Rotary District. Our members also participated in some joint-club activities like Dragon Mixer: The Greater Bay Area Rotaractors. With the Tai Po family, we co-organized events like Joint Youth Meeting and the highlight of the year - Green Project. Through "living a bigger life", we were "making a difference" last year.

The attempt of last year showed that we all have the potential to achieve something big. This also echoes our theme this year: Time to Unleash. Something inside us has always been there - it could be love, ability, or something incredible - and what we need to do is to awaken it, so that we could "Be the Inspiration". We should look at the possibility instead of probability of things and punch above our weight, which is symbolized by the fight glove keychain we prepared for guests. "Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration." To succeed, besides being inspired by other people, we also have to work hard, to "chur", to unleash. When we work hard with a group of people who share the same target or belief, "chur" could actually be a blessing. We, all members of Rotaract Club of Tai Po, would "chur" together happily in this Rotaract Year to unleash our possibilities.



We put words into action by organizing our first Professional Development talk in Rotaract Year 2018-19 immediately after the installation. We are glad to have our speaker Mr. Raymond Cheung Wai-man, Chairman of Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services (HKSEDS) and a super special guest Toffee, a guide dog which was sent to HKSEDS from Japan for breeding. Raymond chatted with our Professional Development Director Judith Ip and shared about difficulties and targets of localizing guide dogs and common misunderstandings of guide dogs the public have. He is striving for setting up a sperm bank of guide dogs in Hong Kong. Even though Mr. Cheung faces many challenges, he never gives up as he believes this is his responsibility as a Hong Konger. His experience by any means could inspire our attendees.

We would like to take this opportunity to call upon members of Tai Po family to join us. Let us uphold our theme in the coming year to unleash our potential and "Be the Inspiration". We can always learn from and remind each other. It could be a small step, but by working together, we could turn it into a giant leap.



Rotaract Club of Tai Po 2018-2019



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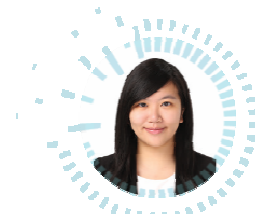
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Congratulations to **PP Wilson Lam** for installation as President of the **Hong Kong (SME) Economic and Trade Promotional Association**

Roger So

In the evening of 15 October 2018, members of RCTP and their family members as well as Lin (PP William's friend) were present at the Paramount International Banquet Hall to witness an important moment, namely our PP Wilson being installed as President of the 8th Board of Directors of the Hong Kong (SME) Economic and Trade Promotional Association ("HKSMEETPA") and its 15th Anniversary.



Having successfully served as President of the HKSMEETPA for the past two years, PP Wilson was well deserved to be installed as President for another two years, with the new theme of 《抓機遇、迎挑戰、攜手邁向新時代》 (Seize the opportunities, face the challenges, hand-in-hand to step into the new era).



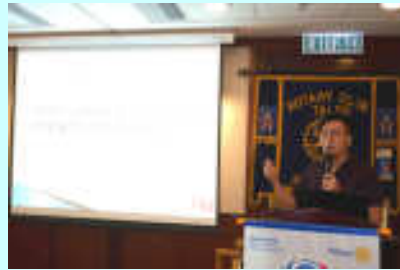
Apart from the speeches by VIPs, there were many good performances, among which include singing of the famous Hong Kong song 【獅子山下】 (Below the Lion Rock) by PP Wilson and his new board members, and the dancing performances by Step-Up-Infinity. It was most appreciative that PP Wilson took the opportunity to promote the performance service of Step-Up-Infinity to all the guests.

At the high time was the lucky draw. Creamy and Lucia were the lucky winners from our club. Once again, congratulations to PP Wilson and Wanda!



Regular Meetings

8 October 2018 – Club Assembly



Hei Sir and Abe from Salvation Army reviewed our long-time project “Strive for the Summit” and “Sunshine Teens”; and previewed what’s in store for the coming year.



Rtnn. Torrente won the raffle gift of a face cream allegedly with gold particles. This cream was specially selected by Rtnn. May.



President Patrick and Rtn Danny shared views on the recent District New Member Orientation.



PE Dorothy led the Club Assembly discussion and started off with the announcement of the tentative date and venue for our next annual ball. She then invited VP KF to talk about current Club Administration arrangements.



Rtn. Danny shared with us the recent experience he had dealing with young people who are passionate with e-sports and noted that they not only display dexterity with computer games but are also conversant with marketing skills.



No October birthday boy turned up for the celebration, so President Patrick took the opportunity to present, belatedly, the birthday gift to September birthday boy PP Peter.



Service Chair PP William announced the plans for our services and introduced a new project in the pipeline - working on those with Special Education Needs (the SEN project).



Henry Lai and Vicky Chau from FUN Travel came to brief us on the club’s upcoming Japan Trip.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
22 OCT (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Area 6 Joint Meeting Speaker: Mr. Eric Fok (霍啓山) Topic: Development Opportunities and Youth Services in Greater Bay Area	Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon
25 to 29 OCT (THUR-MON)	6:00 a.m.	5 Days Japan Tour (Nagoya, Hida Takayama, Kaga Onsen, Kanazawa)	Days 1 & 2: Hida Hotel Plaza Day 3: Arrowle Hotel & Resort Day 4: Sheraton Miyako Hotel
5 NOV (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Speaker: RAC WYS Rotaractors Topic: a pre-IS trip presentation	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
9 NOV (FRI)	6:30 p.m.	Intercity Meeting in honour of the visit of TRF Trustee Chair PRIP Ron Burton	Sheraton Hong Kong & Towers, 20 Nathan Road, Kowloon, HK
10 NOV (SAT)	9:00 a.m.	The Rotary Foundation Seminar 2018-19 Keynote Speaker: PRIP Ron Burton	Hall 104, Wing Lung Building, Baptist University
12 NOV (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Speaker: Ms. Lin Zheng Topic: Block-chain technology	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
16 NOV (FRI)	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CP Donald 80th birthday celebration Cocktail Reception and Fellowship Opening, Performance, Dinner	Sports Hall, KCC; 10 Cox's Road, Jordan

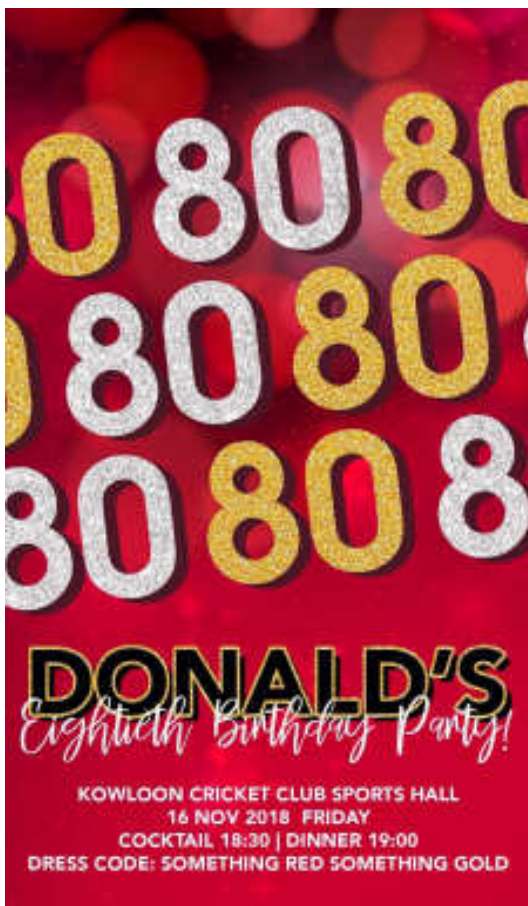


Attendance



September 2018

- CAREN CHAN,
- PATRICK FONG,
- ANTHONY HUNG,
- NATALIE KWOK,
- PETER LAM,
- DANNY LAU,
- CLAIRE MAK,
- ROGER SO,
- KF TAM,
- VIKKY TAM,
- HENRY WANG,
- KENNETH WONG,
- WILSON WOO,
- FRANKIE WU,
- WILLIAM YIM



Happy Birthday

October

- 14th Jacky Sung
- 16th Charles Chan
- 23rd Ronald Chung
- 31st Sincere Yip

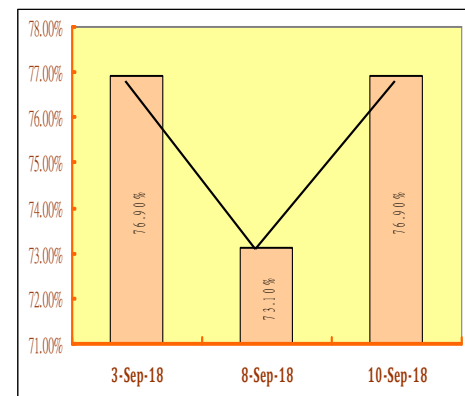
We miss you

Dorothy Chan,
Sasha Chu,
Armstrong Shea

Leave of Absence

Marco Ho

Average attendance: 75.63 %



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