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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DANNY LAU

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

With the gradual resumption of more physical meetings and events, I am delighted to let you know that the Thank You Dinner hosted by RCTP was fruitfully held on 27 Oct at the Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST. It was one of the largest get-together events outside RCTP for the past year. Representatives from seven service partners, including Social Welfare Department, Hong Kong Children and Youth Services (香港青少年服務處), Tai Po Baptist Church Social Service (大埔浸信會社會服務處), St. James' Settlement (聖雅各福群會), Tai Po Integrated Home Care Services Team and Silence (龍耳) have come to connect and share their stories with us. Apart from service partners, members from the Rotary Club of Kwai Tsing and the Rotary Club of Central, Hong Kong, also joined us for this lovely evening. To me, this dinner was a wonderful chance for RCTP to express our gratitude and appreciation to our service partners for their efforts and hard work to serve the Tai Po community. Other than that, it was also a great opportunity for Rotary Clubs (not only RCTP!) and local welfare groups to connect, share views and plans and brainstorm possible collaborations in the future. It is beneficial to let local organizations know that different Rotary Clubs may have diverse cultures, causes and service targets to facilitate more cooperation and collaboration. More importantly, it is crucial to build and strengthen our social services network to help and reach more people who are in need.



We also completed the End Polio Walk on 22 Oct 2022 from Kellett Bay Waterfront Park to Cyberport. RCTP sponsored a booth for the Tai Po Baptist Church Social Service (大埔浸信會社會服務處) to increase exposure and gather support for this service partner that we work with very closely.



Another special and celebratory occasion that took place was the wedding banquet of Rotarian Gabriel and his wife Raina at Crystal Harbour Restaurant (紅磡灣天澄閣) which followed their Church Wedding last month. The celebration proceeded with blessing and joy under Typhoon signal no. 8 on 2 November. The witty statement 「打風都打唔甩」 perfectly describes our blissful newlyweds. Congratulations again!

My congratulations also go to President Katherine So of the Rotaract Club of Tai Po and the Board of Directors for the success of the 24th Installation Ceremony. Let's give the newly appointed our full support and encouragement.

Cheers!

Danny



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@ Kowloon Cricket Club



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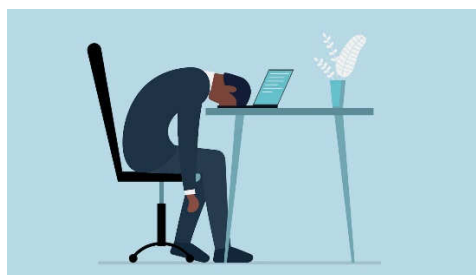
CLAIRE MAK

Not long ago, I heard the radio broadcasting "Sound of Silence", the classic song by Simon & Garfunkel. According to the DJ, the lyrics of this famous song are rather cryptic. Some say it refers to the singer's friend who had lost his eye-sight. Others say it was the author's magic stroke when he sat in the toilet with the lights off. Whatever it was behind the birth of this song, it is a symbol of the 1960s era which had accentuated the problem about the inability of people in those days to communicate with each other.



Comes the present day, the generation gap problem of the 60s or 70s seems to have changed completely. An entirely different problem surfaces when the Internet dominates everything, and that is over-communication. Not only excessive communication, but also blind communication.

We spend a great deal of time managing email and other digital communications; and we spend an equally substantial amount of time trying to get "back on task" after dealing with countless electronic and personal interruptions throughout each day. But there is really no way to escape is there? Digital communications follow us wherever we go, from morning to night, meaning that we are never disconnected.



On another aspect, the fact that we don't really have to face each other in terms of modern day communication seems to have given us the courage to say anything we like. We no longer need to care for others' feelings, even if it may be uncomfortable or embarrassing to them since we do not seem to have to bear any responsibility. Of course we know that very often, even if the speaker is unintentional; the one who listens may feel the bite. But we still say it nevertheless because ... there are no strings attached. So, unconsciously, we can easily be abusive to others.

What is even more distressing is that this over-communication can easily be turned into a weapon offensive to those who disagree. When we forget what our teachers had taught us as a kid: to be courteous, to respect each other, and not to speak evil; then hurting and bullying others on the internet could be brandished as freedom of speech and abusing others could be interpreted as democracy or exercising human rights. This is certainly not the original intention of the Internet, but often, it is the result of the (mis)use of the Internet. Facing such times, the sound of silence, in addition to being very powerful, can be very precious as well.

Still on the matter about communication, ever since our club changes meeting pattern to having regular meetings on alternate weeks plus fellowship activities in between, Pres. Danny had made video clips to 'fill out' the non-meeting dates. I find such communication (by video recording) rather tiring and frankly, I do not really like it. I'd much prefer reading prose as it tends to be clearer and a lot more effective when I need to find or re-read what I had read. I am secretly glad that Pres. Danny has dropped this idea now. However, another problem seems to have emerged: he does not always candidly respond to questions/queries or at all. One feels bad to be stone-walled and so in this regard, his sound of silence is entirely not funny. I hate to think that I am having generation / communication gap with our young president... Oh, well then... I'd better IMAGINE good things, keep my mouth shut and think of ways to handle his ... sound of silence.

A SEED GROWS WITH
NO SOUND, BUT A TREE
FALLS WITH A HUGE
NOISE. DESTRUCTION
HAS NOISE, BUT
CREATION IS QUIET.
THIS IS THE POWER OF
SILENCE.



Re-emergence of polio underscores the need for eradication & Rotary President Jennifer Jones announces US\$150 million pledge toward polio eradication

From RI News Sep. 2022

ROTARY INFORMATION



PETER LAM

The detection of poliovirus, and even cases of polio, in places where it hasn't been found for years has demonstrated once again that eradicating a human disease isn't easy, especially in the final stages.

In recent months, an unvaccinated man in the United States was paralyzed. In the UK, poliovirus was detected in sewage. In Malawi, a child contracted polio. And Mozambique announced its first polio outbreak in 30 years. But rather than be discouraged, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) remain confident that they are making progress and can achieve their goal of a polio-free world. There are several reasons for this optimism.

A new oral vaccine, which has a substantially lower risk of causing vaccine-derived variant polio, is now available. This makes it less likely that the weakened strain of poliovirus that is used in the vaccine will mutate and spur outbreaks in communities where immunization levels are low, which has occurred in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Moreover, the number of cases of the disease caused by the wild virus has been at historically low levels in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the two countries where poliovirus transmission has never been stopped. This presents an opportunity to seize the moment and stop the wild virus forever.

The World Polio Day was held on 24 October in Geneva, Switzerland. Rotary has been urging its members to tell their communities about the importance of vaccination. Global donors and national governments are also expected to announce new pledges to fund the GPEI's 2022-26 polio eradication strategy. This strategy focuses on greater accountability from national governments about their work to eradicate wild polio and end outbreaks of polio caused by variant poliovirus.

In fact, Rotary International President Jennifer Jones appeared on the main stage at the star-studded Global Citizen Festival (an annual music celebration, urges world leaders to end extreme poverty, take action on climate change, empower girls and women, and dismantle systematic barriers) on 24 September in New York City to highlight Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and announced an additional US\$150 million pledge toward that end. RIP Jennifer Jones also attended the World Polio Day on 21-24 October in Geneva and joined Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO) in discussing the state of polio eradication and its broader relevance to global health. At the Geneva event, experts in polio, vaccines and maternal and child health will also discuss the benefits of going "beyond" immunization efforts to invest in the children protected by these vaccines and their mothers. Building on the current investments will ensure that the mothers and children saved from vaccine-preventable diseases can benefit from other preventative and life-saving services, enabling mothers to have a positive experience with their pregnancy and empowering young children to achieve their full potential.

With these kinds of sustained political and financial commitments, the world is still on the path toward an incredible accomplishment: making sure no person is paralyzed by polio ever again.



Aidan O'Leary, director of polio eradication at WHO, speaks at the World Polio Day 2022



Rotary President Jennifer Jones announces on 24 September Rotary's \$150 million pledge toward polio eradication efforts at the 2022 Global Citizen Festival in New York City.

FLASHBACK

TREE PLANTING

A look back of our club's past activities by topic

2021



From Dec. 2020 to early April 2021, due to covid restriction, our club resorted to zoom meetings with all activities halted. We were thus very excited to resume our very first outdoor tree planting club activity on 11 April, 2021 in Sai Kung West Country Park (西貢西交野公園-灣仔南營地). Participants not only enjoyed the meaningful activity but also the coach and boat ride from Wong Shek pier (黃石碼頭). The activity was followed by a fellowship western lunch in Sai Kung well arranged by President Sally & PP Frankie.

2018



At the District Tree Planting Day for Area 6 in March 2018 in Tai Po 鳳園蝴蝶保護區, we involved many of our family members as well as Interactors from two clubs and CU WYS Rotaractors to participate

2017



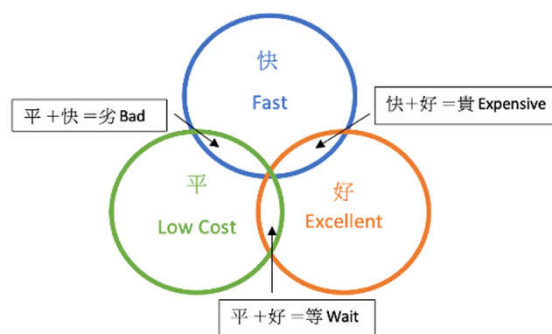
During our visit to sister club RC Makati San Lorenzo in Aug. 2017, we, together with RC Taipei Capital which is another sister club of RCMSL, sponsored and participated in their "A Green Metro" Tree Planning Project. Their DG and Pasay City Mayor attended the ceremony and the actual tree planting on the roadside.

My Journey to Private Practice: Wait? Or Create

Dr. Sally Luk

There is a common Chinese slogan for whom devoting oneself as a medical professional: 不忘初心 (Never forget the passion why you started). The joy of giving and helping others is beyond words, not to mention saving a life. I believe that my healing power as a Surgeon is the Gift from God. Throughout the past fifteen-year of my career, I have committed to providing my best care to those who were sick. Medical advancement is rapidly evolving, and I am motivated to learn innovative technique and develop new approaches to improve patients' standard of care.

In medical field, there is always a battle among time, cost and standard. Given the huge medical demand at ultra-low cost in the Hong Kong public setting, there is a tendency for the medical profession to sacrifice either time or standard. The structure in public hospital is hierarchic with administrative power at the top while the frontline clinicians doing all the work as well as carrying all the accountability. Quantity is readily measurable by administrators while quality is somehow vague. It is sad to see the phenomenon of meeting the quantity target (俗稱追數) at the expense of quality of care (standard) in medical service. In addition to the inadequate clinical manpower, this poses a Moral Blackmail (道德勒索) for many responsible public frontline doctors.



To a certain extent, we all have inertia to leave familiar environment or working routine. We regard this as the "comfort" zone. Comfort is not the same as joy or happiness and quite often there is pain inside "comfort" zone. It is always easier to stay or to wait in a "comfort" zone for an opportunity or some favorable things to happen. The whole action is passive and one's motivation and passion would die down as time passes by. The proactive way is to create a new environment that allows one's passion to keep moving. It takes great courage (and risk) to get out from the "comfort" zone. So, I am now happy to be able to create a new private setting for providing the best of my medical knowledge to those who are in need (初心). What's more? I could have more flexibility to contribute to various kind of voluntary services.

My Clinic Grand Opening with cocktail reception was successfully held on 8th October 2022, Saturday afternoon and it was followed by a RC Tai Po club bonding event cum Spanish dinner at EL CID Restaurant. This was a big day for me, and marked a new page for my surgical career. Thank you very much for the presence and support from RC Tai Po Rotarians. I was flattered by and overjoyed with all the beautiful flower bouquets, orchids, fruit baskets, wines, gift sets as well as all the best wishes from Guests.

Together, we could create a lot more fun and meaningful memories in our lives. Can't wait!





Mongolia Trip

1st to 6th October 2022

William Yim



Alaric with Rotarian Solongo Z-Uul and my mentee Altangerel Bat-Erdene.

Despite my COVID infection a few weeks ago, I had managed to recover just in time for a trip to Mongolia planned a while ago. Bebe, my son Alaric, her girlfriend Flora and I went to Ulaanbaatar on the 1st of Oct, our national day holiday. Why did we go? It just so happened that a Rotarian in Ulaanbaatar wanted to find a mentor in Hong Kong. I was introduced to this young entrepreneur, Altangerel Bat-Erdene. We had a few meetings online. I realized that he is very talented and is very successful with a few businesses including a scientific laboratory, a chemical company, and an education kit developer. I believe that he is a person my son Alaric should get to know too. Through my introduction, the two young men met, and they had a lot of communication. The 4 of us were invited to go to Mongolia for a trip to meet them.

After nearly three years of travel restrictions, this trip was first time to travel overseas for Bebe and I, as well as our first time to step foot in Mongolia, you can imagine our excitement. I was eager to finally meet my mentee, Altangerel, in real

life. Due to COVID19, the direct flight from Hong Kong to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar had not resumed. We therefore needed to take a connecting flight in Korea which took 7 extra hours and it was an overnight flight. It wasn't too bad though.

We arrived early in the morning at Ulaanbaatar. It was a partially cloudy day, and it was a bit chilly at 2 degrees C. Altangerel and another Rotarian Solongo Z-Uul picked us up. We were so excited that we finally met. Our time at Ulaanbaatar began.

After we checked in at a very nice hotel that Solongo arranged, we immediately went to a fusion Mongolian restaurant for a very late lunch. The food was spectacular! And of course, we could not miss the Chinggis Beer. It goes perfectly with meaty meals which Mongolian usually have and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

A very special programme was arranged for us - a one-off 30th anniversary classic Mongolian music concert at the Opera House which Altangerel had prepared tickets for us. We all dressed up and attended. It was two and a half hours long wonderful concert. I really enjoyed it as a music lover. It actually was one of the best concerts I have ever seen.



30th Anniversary
Classic
Mongolian Music
Concert at the
Opera House.



Embassy Residences is the hotel
where we stayed in Mongolia.



Meaty BBQ lunch went well
with Chinggis Beer.

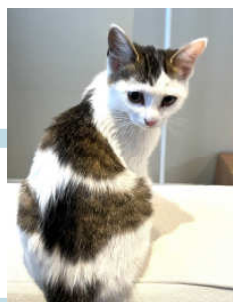


On the next day, we had a country side outing planned. It was the first snow of the year and the snow was heavy at -12 degrees C. However, it did not feel too cold. We rode on Solongo's jeep and headed for the famous Chinggis Khan Memorial Statue. We spent two hours at the museum and the statue, learning Mongolian traditions and history, taking photos and shopping.

Before we left, we rode camels for the first time in our life. It was a good experience. On our way back to the city, we rescued a cat in the freezing weather. We think the cat might have been left behind in the snow by its previous owner. It ran towards our jeep against the traffic and jumped inside the car when we opened the car door. We checked to see if the cat was hurt, and thankfully it was well, but had a sore throat from all the time spent in the cold. It is very cute and pretty but a bit tortured in the cold climate of the wilderness. We took the cat back to the hotel, gave it water, fed and bathed it.



This pretty cat would have died if we had not saved it.



I had a two hours interview for a video channel of Altangerel. This is a Mongolian channel which promotes science and technology to the teenagers. I just shared my experience and visions.

We had a number of meetings in the following few days. Among them, we were invited to join the regular meeting of RC Ulaanbaatar. RC Ulaanbaatar is the first club in Mongolia chartered nearly 30 years ago. They told us about a service project on that day at a place quite far away, their PE Lily, 3 past assistant governors and a few club members joined the meeting. Most of their club members put on their beautiful bright yellow color club jacket. After their club report, I made a brief introduction of myself, Hong Kong in general and Rotary Club of Tai Po. They were all very excited. It was a short lunch meeting for only an hour as they always do. However, chatting kept going on and on.

As soon as we left the Rotary meeting heading for another meeting, I was very surprised that I received a photo we took at the club meeting from IPDG Keith. He was actually on the way from the airport to the city center of Ulaanbaatar. Due to my other confirmed schedule, I couldn't join IPDG but only met him after dinner for a drink. We together with my family and Rotary member had wonderful Chinggis Beer and a great chat. In the next morning, we headed back to Hong Kong.



Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar.

It was really a short but wonderful trip. We enjoyed every moment we had. The most precious things were meeting new friends and getting to see a beautiful, dynamic country with kind people. I am sure I will visit again, not just once or twice but many times in the near future.

Last but not least, we learnt that Solongo and her family was more than happy to adopt the cat. I am really thankful as we couldn't bring the cat back to Hong Kong even though we really wanted to. It would be good for Solongo's family as they have lost their family cat not too long ago. And it is going to be a happy story for "Chad", the name given to the cat by Solongo's family.





+++ COVID POSITIVE +++



Louis Tang :

Ever since the commencement of the Covid pandemic in Q4 2019, I have been haunted by it. Initially the impact was not so much on myself and my wife but on my daughter, Angel, who was studying in UK because it would be a nightmare if Angel was infected. We kept reminding her to be careful because UK could not provide any hospital care for infected persons. Infected persons had to stay home and quarantine themselves. It was unthinkable if the infection is followed by complicated sickness. She was finally infected in Nov. 2020. Luckily there was no complication and she is now studying in Monash University where there is not much issue.

Margie and I were cautious. We both received the 3rd vaccination and were lucky that we were not infected until 15 Oct 2022 when both of us showed symptoms of infection. Finally we were infected. I lacked strength and had a fever. The only thing I wanted to do was to sleep but I could not sleep well. This was the experience of the 1st day when I was confirmed positive. I told myself finally I failed to be immune from the disease. Perhaps my habit of doing exercise everyday showed the benefits. I recovered very well from the 2nd day, particularly after I took the antiviral medication. I turned negative between the 4th and 5th day. Throughout the period I received good care from the HKSAR. I received zoom doctor interview and got good medication thereafter. Finally I got benefit from the HKSAR after nearly 40 years of tax contribution.



William Yim:

I had four jabs of vaccines with the last one three weeks before my last Covid infection which was around the end of September. I was not the only unfortunate person. Many of the participants in the meeting I had attended got infected too. Within three days after the meeting, I had very mild symptoms. When I was informed that other participants at the meeting were tested positive, I had an RAT and I went for a government PCR test. Interestingly, the RAT showed mild positive but PCR was negative. I continued to do RAT several times. The RATs later in the day showed a much darker second red line.

I isolated myself the best way I could to avoid transmission to family members. In the next two days, I felt pain on every inch of my body: I had bone pain, skin pain, muscle pain, throat pain, felt tired, very little cough, however, no fever. I had some flu pills to ease the pain and to get better sleep and some 連花清瘟 for better throat comfort. The symptoms lasted for two and a half days before they were gone. The second red line remained until the 5th day. I was very lucky that I could catch my original schedule for my Mongolian trip a few days later. I would be very upset if I didn't. Some tips for the future COVID victims 1) Flu pills work quite well. 2) Remove the capsule of 連花清瘟 for better effect. 3) Lemon water is good. 4) Don't drink whiskey. 🍷



Danny Lau:



Some of you may know that I, unfortunately, caught COVID-19 earlier on but the symptoms were not severe, and I have recovered fully - fortunately. My experience coming into contact with COVID started with a feeling of fatigue, followed by mild headaches and an unusual throat. I did an RAT test to be safe and the result came out positive. In the next couple of days, the symptoms have not gotten worse, yet I made sure I was getting more rest for a fast recovery. I still worked remotely but in a very limited capacity and my body felt like it had finally got the rest it needed. I know long COVID is a prevalent and serious issue right now and I am very grateful that it didn't affect me much. Work is important, but health and well-being should always take priority. I wish everyone healthy and safe!

Donald Yap:

What's it like to suffer from Covid? Having taken a PCR on 29th August 2022, I was informed by SMS the following morning by the HKSARG/Health Bureau that the test was positive and I required immediate filling and submission of various forms and we were subject to an isolation order. Later that morning, a person who appeared to be from Mars turned up at my door and immediately slapped on my wrist what I thought at first to be a watch, a tracer to make sure they knew where I was during the isolation period. I didn't suffer too many unpleasant symptoms.

The following day, we had a free taxi trip to and from a designated clinic to be examined by a doctor and be prescribed medicine. We took our medicine diligently and after a few days I was back to normal. During isolation we had kind neighbours who would supply us with food.

**Kenneth Wong:**

It came without warning and it left without a trace.

At my age and with my medical conditions, catching Covid is one experience that I can best do without. I have been avoiding social gatherings of large turn out since the pandemic struck.

My RAT result in the morning of 7th Nov was negative, when my throat felt ticklish in the same evening I decided to be responsible and went for a PCR test the next morning. My PCR positive result came back within hours, I was more worried about keeping my family safe. Luckily, since I have taken 4 shots of vaccine, my Covid symptoms were quite mild. No fever, no headache just a little coughing with phlegm.

I locked myself up in my room for a whole week thinking where and from whom I got Covid. Once reported my case to the Health Authority, the subsequent procedures were effective and efficient. A tele medical consultation was promptly arranged within hours, special antiviral medication delivered the same afternoon. Then all that I was left to do was to behave while feeling sorry about the Moutai and CP's Birthday dinner that I have missed.



The week long home imprisonment was not easy. The sheer boredom was terrible. I then realized how blessed I am having a wife who is calm and composed when crisis struck. All the good Chinese medicine knowledge became handy. Also my Indonesian maid did not flee and kept feeding me with nourishing meals.

Then on the 6th and 7th day of my ordeals, my RAT showed one red line again and after some simple reporting (honour system applied), my health code turned from Red to Blue again and I was out and about within minutes.

Take home message: Covid is no joke and could cause serious discomfort and you do not want to become a member of the Covid society. When you see me next time, try to reintroduce yourself again and I may well be suffering from LONG COVID. We shall see!

Ronald Chung:

Unlike 2020, getting Covid is very much an "expected event" by the end of 2022. How did I get it? I got it from a very "close contact." So, a very "expected event". How was it? It was very much like a common cold: coughs mainly (but not too bad), a bit of fever and a few aches, and sore throats (only in the middle of the night, because it's dry and so it hurts). BUT that doesn't mean we should not take every precaution to avoid it, because, getting sick is NEVER a fun thing. Also, while I am tested negative these days, I am not sure if all the symptoms are completely GONE.

The biggest drama I had was since both Alice and I were under quarantine order during about the same time, a period including my birthday, no one can get out to get me a birthday cake 🍰, so sad, what a first world problem.

BUT... the guy up there has us well taken care of. A friend, a spouse of a PP from the RCTP, DELIVERED one to us! So moved, very lucky, very blessed.



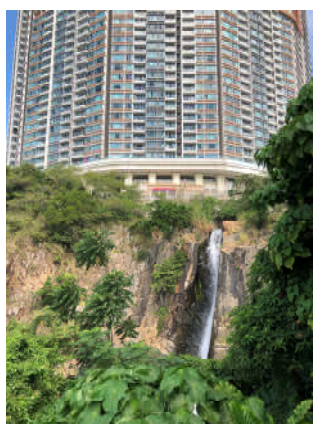
I got COVID 🦠, "you've got a friend"!



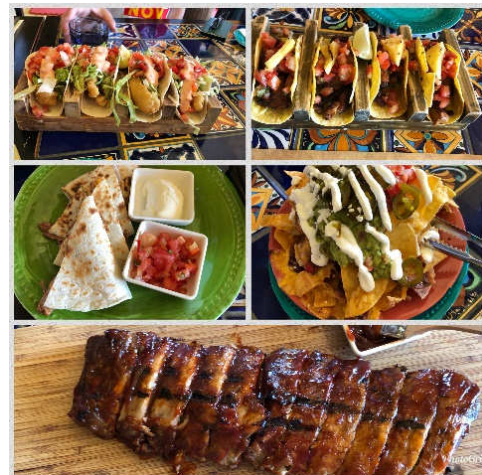
End Polio Walk

22 October 2022

Claire Mak



Lunch was a tasty Mexican affair at El Charro, Cyberport where we tried out different tacos, tortilla, quesadilla, pork ribs and accompanied by sangria, all courtesy of President Danny. PP William and Rtnn. Bebe also joined the lunch.



We sort of hurriedly finished the lunch in order to make it for the Ceremony; but upon arrival, what we saw were booths still being set up and very much under-prepared. Tai Po's booth was manned by Baptist Church Social Service and not that many passer-by showed interest. Indeed, even the Ceremony itself lacked co-ordination and failed to start on time. Tai Po members took a couple of photos on stage and by that time, William, Bebe and I had



decided to leave - without waiting further for the Ceremony to start. Well, to sum, the Walk was very nice, the lunch super enjoyable... but the Ceremony, a flop.



WE ARE BEYOND GRATEFUL: GABRIEL ♥ RAINA WEDDING BANQUET

2 November 2022

Gabriel Kwan



Earlier in May this year, I wrote for Tai Post announcing the news that Raina and I were married and expected a Church Ceremony in September and the Wedding Banquet in November. At that time we were still unsure whether our wedding celebrations would go through because of the ever-changing catering restrictions that we were all too familiar with. Thankfully and with my deepest gratitude, both our Church Wedding in St Teresa's Church and the Wedding Banquet at Crystal Harbour Restaurant @ Harbourview Horizon Hotel were successful because of the blessing and love that we have received along this journey.

In the morning of 2 November, the day of our Wedding Banquet, the Observatory hoisted Typhoon no. 8 Signal. We were very unsettled initially because adverse weather like this means that many of our guests might not come. To the surprise of both of us, a great number of our family and friends, including many Rotarians, still came to the banquet venue and gave their blessing and congratulations. We were both very touched and want to let you know that this really means the world to us!

Choosing to have our Church Wedding at St Teresa's Church was a deliberate choice - because it was also where my parents got married. Coincidentally, when my mother was chitchatting with CP Donald during the wedding, she found out that CP Donald also tied the knot in the exact same Church! What a heartwarming coincidence!

I want to take this opportunity again to thank all of you for your warm blessing to Raina and me. We are beyond grateful for your kind and good wishes!





RCTP CP Donald's Birthday Dinner

12 November 2022

Dr. Ronald Chung



THE most precious tradition of the Rotary Club of Tai Po is the birthday dinner of our Charter President. In fact, how many Rotary clubs in the world have this tradition? As such, this is something that members of the Rotary Club of Tai Po can and should be proud of.

This year, PDG Ken led Team 4 into putting the whole event together. Unfortunately, the Team leader got covid right before the event and could not attend. Fortunately, Team 4 had a Plan B! The plan was for me and PP Louis to “同年同月同日生 ... covid” early to get it over with, and it worked.

The venue was the up-scaled Grill Room at the KCC, very nice and proper. The meal served, however, was in Spanish Tapas style to facilitate interaction and socializing among members.



CP kicked off the entertainment by leading us to the “Top of The World” and “That’s what friends are for”. We also had PP Vikky giving us 幸運是我, PP Lous sang “IF” (not sure why, because he’s very achieved already). Well, CP has been the backbone of the club and very appropriately, “You are my Sunshine” was sang and devoted to CP. Anyone remember a Cheeky version by our talented PP William? Apparently, he was not only a talented scientist, but also talented in MUSIC, definitely another pride of RCTP. If anyone wants the creative result of PP William, here it is...



Our lovely CP, and lots of PPs,

IPP and P, and now PE...

Since the Charter day,

We came a long way,

To Rotary Club of Tai Po, TODAY!!!



On the point of music talent, RCTP also has PP David Loie. We were lucky to have David back with us for the evening, leading us to his creation for the Rotary Club of Tai Po in the name of our own club song. Hmmm, how many Rotary clubs in the world have their own club song? This is, yet something that members of the Rotary Club of Tai Po can and should be proud of! For the OLD guards, we definitely remember the birth of the song, the tune and the lyrics. For the young members, here are the lyrics



*Rotary, Rotary, Rotary
We are very happy. Tai Po
Rotary is the place
Where we serve our
community
Through the 4 way test we
serve, we will serve it to the
end
La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,
la, la, la Tai Po Rotary*

Has anyone heard PP Peter Lam sang? He usually just served us running around, taking pictures. Well on this night, we had "Lam To Sang" 🙌🙌🙌

Back to the main theme, CP birthday. Here is 1 quiz question (yeah, me in training, how can I not take advantage of the opportunity testing?) for you to find out.

Q1: there were people that congratulated CP for his birthday earlier on 11-11 (really, double 11? Singles Day?) And we had a birthday celebration AFTER the official birthday (that's not good from a Chinese perspective!)? So, the REAL, official birthday of CP is....





17 October 2022

M Regular Meeting

PP Peter Lam is really the walking dictionary about school uniform even though he humbly declines to admit full expertise. When he spoke to us on the interesting topic entitled “**Secondary School Girls’ Uniform: HK vs Japan**”, audience were attentively engrossed. PP Peter started by explaining why he chose the topic which focuses on ‘girls’ uniform and that using a comparative approach will add a lot more interest. He then took us through the development of HK Girls uniform whose evolution seems to be shaped by the prevailing social and economic conditions. On the other hand, designs of Japanese school uniform took into account also branding and school status. The trends reflected the difference in values, traditions and culture between HK and Japanese. Photos of actual uniform as worn by girls of different schools during different periods led members fondly down the memory lane. Towards the end, Peter also passed around the 2 Licca-chan dolls by famous Japanese toy maker Takara Tommy. After the talk, we gather that Peter’s father dislikes the current trend of wind-breaker jacket taking over the traditional blazer and Peter frowned on the loose-socks bunch of Japanese Yankee school girls with heavy makeup.



Welcome back long-time-no-see **PP Wilson Lam** and daughter **Chloe**. Members flocked to take photo with



Wilson who graciously gave a quick **ad-hoc update** on what he was up to and how he sees the current China-HK business relationship.

The interesting topic has attracted a large turn-out including **Rotaractors** from RACTP and **Satellite club members**.



Quite a bit of booze were made available that evening. Mongolian Vodka, Maotai and white wines.



PP William has to restrain himself from being too lengthy when delivering a **Vote of Thanks** as PP Peter’s talk had given him a lot of fond memories and ideas to share.



PP Peter thoughtfully bought a **Japanese Tea set and Sando biscuits** (cream/matcha) for raffle draw. **President Danny** claimed the tea set and **PP Wilson Lam** got the sandos.



To compliment his quasi-Japanese topic, PP Peter also offered as a **gift** to all attendees a box of **TaneBits Kakinotane** each and members happily chose from the different flavours.



7 November 2022

PDG Kenneth firstly updated us about the **Global Grant Scholar** Ms. Samra Naz of Pakistan whom our club sponsored on a PhD course in Brisbane in 2017 and her present outstanding achievement in “Deep Brain Penetration Technique” for treatment of Parkinson Disease. Then he discussed the background and salient points on the District’s proposal to apply for **Rezoning D3450** and urged members to attend the on-line forum for this matter.



PP Armstrong recounted highlights of the Thank You Dinner on 27 October.



RAC Taipo **President Katherine** joined us and promoted their upcoming event of **Micro Landscape Sphere Workshop**.



PP KF gave a brief **introduction** of good friend and fellow Toastmaster member, our Speaker Ms. Queenie Kwan.



Members benefitted a great deal when passionate wine lover and speaker of the night Ms. **Queenie Kwan** talked to us about “**Brunello di Montalcino - Wine and Travel in Tuscany**”.

She told us how she started from having an interest in wine, changing her love of French wines to Italian wines, studying about Italian wines and experiencing wines and wine harvest in Tuscany vineyards. She learned how geographical locations, weather, history and cultures influenced the making of wines ... Of course she also told us about her memorable harvesting-holidays in vineyards. More importantly, Queenie shared with us how to choose Italian wines and the need to properly breathe the wine. She urged us to try the Brunello di Montalcino of Le Chiuse vineyard which she brought along for us to savour the taste. She describes the taste as **elegant**.



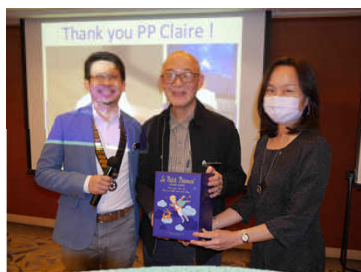
RCTP wine lovers are not slow to **ask questions** and Queenie fielded queries from **Danny, Frankie, Donald** and **Armstrong**.



Happy Birthday
November
birthday girl
DAG Sally and
birthday boy **CP Donald**.



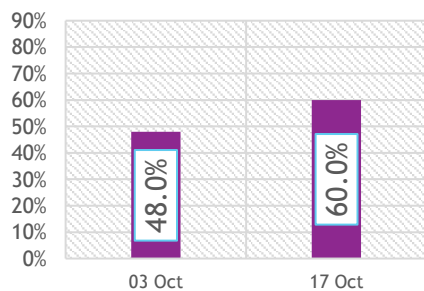
PP Frankie gave a **Vote of Thanks** to our lively speaker and we also showed appreciation to guest Arthur who was also a fervent wine lover and came with Queenie to share with us his passion for Italian wines.



PP Claire gave a lovely **Le Petit Prince Tame & Love Rechargeable Lamp** for raffle draw and **lucky Henry** brought home that shiny planet which seated the Little Prince and the Fox.



OCTOBER 2022



Average attendance: 54.0%

Perfect Attendance OCT 2022

Anthony Hung	Claire Mak
Jules Jiu	Armstrong Shea
Natalie Kwok	KF Tam
Peter Lam	Henry Wang
Danny Lau	Wilson Woo
Dennis Lo	William Yim
Sally Luk	



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
23 NOV (WED)	17:30 - 20:00	District Happy Hour (Membership)	Popinjay, 26/F, Murray Hotel, Garden Road, Central
26 NOV (SAT)	9:00 - 13:00	District Rotary Foundation Seminar Topic: Doing Good in the World	Zoom
5 DEC (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker: Rtn. Hermann Lui Topic: 從技術分析看「港股」極地反彈條件及訊號	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
10 DEC (SAT)	18:30	RCTP Christmas Dinner 2022 Theme: Cowboy & Cowgirl	Starverse, 3/F, Tsim Sha Tsui Centre, 66 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East
19 DEC (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting AGM	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan

MERRY CHRISTMAS

COWBOY & COWGIRL

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2022

Cowboy & Cowgirl

Sat, 10 Dec 2022 @ 6:30pm

Starverse (3/F, TST Centre, TST East)

Dress code: Cowboy / Cowgirl

Dinner fee: Member \$300; Non-member \$650

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LOUIS TANG	FRANKIE WU
MASAYUKI TSUBAKI	SINCERE YIP
KENNETH WONG	



Leave of Absence

PP WILSON LAM

NOVEMBER

18 th	Donald Yap
26 th	Sally Luk



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