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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DANNY LAU

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

September is the month of the full moon and sweet reunion with (lots of) mooncakes. It is almost customary to gift mooncakes to our beloved friends and family to share the festive joy and as a symbol of good wishes. Apart from sharing the felicitation with our close ones, it is also a time to spread love and care beyond - and save lives at the same time! I am talking about the Joint Club Blood Donation Day on 27 August. It is not a new activity for all of us as we do have blood donation events from time to time. It is a meaningful way of gifting and giving.

Another event that also took place on the same Saturday is the Thank You Dinner prepared by IPP Wilson and Team 3. A memorable night at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. I have never thought that Bingo is such an exciting game! IPP Wilson is very professional and charming when announcing the Bingo numbers. And kudos to Team 3 for organizing this fabulous event with sea breeze and great fun.



We have missed visiting our sister clubs in Manila and Taipei in person for the past years since international travels are very difficult if not impossible to arrange. Despite this, we have sent our regards and congratulations to the two sister clubs of RCTP, Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo and Rotary Club of Taipei for their 30th Installation and 74th Charter Anniversary respectively. Following the implementation of the “3 + 4”

COVID hotel quarantine arrangement in August, it seems there is a chance that all hotel quarantine will be lifted by November this year. I do hope this is a sign that we are on the way to resuming our connectivity and opening up to the world again.



Cheers!

Danny



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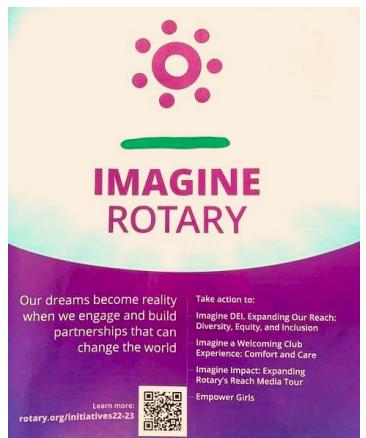


CLAIRES MAK

In recent years, there are sporadic yet continuous reports about people of different ages and different background "chasing dreams" whether in the society or abroad. Every time I hear "chasing dreams", I feel a twitch, because the dreams as I understood them in the old days were not what they are today.

Assistant Governor recently visited our club and briefed us on the 2022-23 initiatives of Rotary International and District 3450 for this Rotary year which live up to the Rotary Theme "IMAGINE ROTARY". Stretch your imagination and dream big! One banner says:

"Our dreams become reality when we engage and build partnerships that can change the world."



In the old days, people rarely linked dreams with anything good; but more often they were associated with things undesirable. Adults used to scold kids "work hard, it's too early to be dreaming now", "wake up [from dreaming]" and so on. Dreams, in the old days, represented illusions, possibly attached with impracticalities and risks. People were advised not waste time dreaming the impossible.

With flux of time, however, "chasing dreams" now represents positive imagination and taking resolute action. Such imagination connotes enthusiasm and creativity; and is welcomed as something worthy of encouragement. The negative impression of dreams has almost completely faded away.



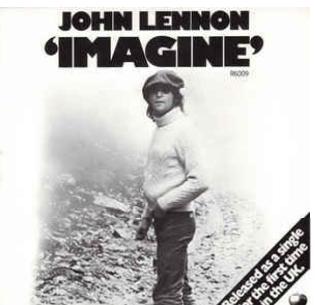
Viewed in this light, in the next twenty or thirty years there may very well be a new interpretation of "dream" to replace the current one; and you can imagine that things can get revolutionarily different. After all, Imagination can be boundless – in a positive sense.



The oft-quoted Russian saying that: "The only good life is one in which there is no need for miracles" indirectly reminds us that *chasing dreams* is not only for the realization of ideals. Rather, in a world where technology quickly replaces manpower, imagination may very well be what it takes for people to actually survive.



Speaking about "Imagine", one cannot help but think of the lovely song by the same name. I googled it and according to Wikipedia, "Imagine" is a song by English rock musician John Lennon from his 1971 album of the same name. It is the best-selling single of his solo career. The lyrics encourage listeners to imagine a world of peace,



without materialism, without borders separating nations and without religion. Well, in a way, these are also some of the ideals of Rotary, are they not? Just imagine! Yes, let's work towards that goal!

*You may say I'm a dreamer, But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us, And the world will live as one*

An encyclopaedia on saving the planet

From Rotary Great Britain & Ireland Website Jan. 2022

Rotary World Savers is an encyclopaedia of environmental actions, backed up by informative articles that anyone can do to help 'save the world'.

The initiative, facilitated by Rugby Dunsmore Rotary Club (RDRC) in UK, shares one positive action per week, providing a clear direction on how we can all have a positive impact on the environment. The idea came about when RDRC President Mike Folly discovered David Head's website www.365actions.org which published an action per day to help individuals to alleviate the effects of mankind on climate change during 2021.

The club saw how David's amazing idea could be taken to a wider audience to increase its impact, which lead to David joining the club and rolling 365actions.org into 2022 as Rotary World Savers. The project brings together like-minded people who are concerned about climate change, and answers the question 'what can I do about climate change, plastic, and other environmental issues?'

There are actions for children, families, schools, house owners and landlords and businesses, with articles covering everything from recycling tips to larger projects but concentration is mainly on simple things everyone can do at little or no cost. The first action of this year was published on the 5th of January and there will be new action's published every Wednesday. There is no charge or long-term commitment that comes with joining Rotary World Savers, it is just a place where people who want to make a difference can come together and feel they are contributing to a better future.

Mike Folly said, "It's probably the most valuable present anyone can give to everyone at the moment! The need for climate change is the most pressing and urgent issue facing mankind at present, we all know it, but seem powerless to do anything about it as individuals!"

"By becoming a Rotary World Saver we can find out more about how we can help and by taking action along with other like minded people we will make a difference. And as our critical mass grows, we will gain a very powerful voice that everyone will need to listen to carefully!"

Mike also revealed that The Hinckley & Rugby Building Society have stepped up to be the project's s lead sponsor and supporter: "Without them we could not have got this project on the road. Their support and help are invaluable and their mission to become an environmentally friendly organisation is an example to any business!"

Anyone can be a Rotary World Saver. Just sign up for free on www.rotaryworldsavers.org today.

The weekly actions

Jul 27 2022	Jul 20 2022	Jul 13 2022
		
Action: Only part fill the kettle Climate, The weekly actions This is an old household tip: but it matters even more now because of fast-rising energy prices! Today's	Action: Never allow litter to be thrown from your car Climate, Consumerism, Plastic, The weekly actions, Waste Generally land especially in the West we live in a throwaway culture. Many	Action: Repair something! Climate, Consumerism, General

Jul 6 2022	Jul 29 2022	Jul 22 2022
		
Action: Collect "recycle at stores" items separately Climate, Plastic, The weekly actions, Waste Annually, kerbside recycling doesn't cover all food packaging – yet! There are too many types of plastic in our food packaging, and not all are recyclable at the kerbside, 50 ...	Action: Use our buying decision flow chart Children, Climate, Consumerism, Education, General environment, Plastic, The weekly actions Let us help you decide whether to buy Making ethical, green and sustainable decisions when we are buying is hard ... we want things there and then, and in the ...	Action: Use low or non-VOC paint around your home Climate, Plastic, Pollution, The weekly actions Paint companies are inspiring things, but there is a long way to go Household paint is changing, but there are still many types and brands of paint that are high ...



Wasting tons of food when other people are starving is highly unethical. It's also costing our environment dearly.
Across the developed world we waste millions of tonnes of food. This is:

- hugely expensive
- responsible for substantial wasted carbon emissions
- wastes packaging and transport resources unnecessarily
- highly unethical
- contributing to landfill and waste pollution

FLASHBACK

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



Due to the pandemic, we had a very simple change-over meeting at KCC on 6 Jul. 2020 when Sally took over as 2020-21 President. In fact no outside guests were invited and we switched to zoom meeting 2 weeks later until early Oct. that year. We were lucky to have a full scale District Installation ceremony at HKCEC on 12 Jul.



9 Jul. 2018 club installation meeting must be a memorable occasion for our current President Danny Lau who was inducted on that day. The ceremony was witnessed by 2018-19 DG YC Ho, President Patrick Fong and PP William Yim who introduced him.



At 25 Jun. 2012 changeover night at Langham Mong Kok Hotel (now Cordis), newly installed President Ron Chung presented IPP Tsubaki with the gift of a golf cap and golf marker. It was a good party as many of our spouses, kids and guests from other clubs also attended.

CLUB CHANGE-OVER

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2020



8 Jul. 2019 at KCC: newly installed 2019-20 President KF Tam and 2018-20 club officers held gifts from IPP Patrick Fong. 2018-19 DG YC Ho, 2019-20 DG Wilson Cheng, PDG Jones Wong and many district officers as well as CP Chris Tsang from our baby club RC SoHo HK attended.

2018



Group photo at Club Installation Night at Hullet House Heritage 1881 on 8 Jul. 2013. Thanks 2013-14 DG Eugene Fong and AG Wendy Lee of RC Shatin as well as sister club RC Taipei Rotarian Eugene joining us!

2012

No idea why IPP Ron Chung was presented with a Scottish kilt by 2013-14 President Francis Au but he gladly wore it and showed us.



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Rotary Club of Hong Kong City North Luncheon Meeting

23 August 2022

PP Peter Lam attended RC HK City North on 23 August 2022 as speaker, talking about the unique topic of **"High School Girl Uniform: Hong Kong vs Japan"**.



High School Girl Uniform HK vs Japan
港日中學女生校服比較



Speaker:

PP Peter Lam

林濤笙 前社長



- 美國加州沙谷大學 -商業管理學學士
- 日本日米會話學院 日本語研修所-日本語高級課程文憑
- 金輪服裝有限公司 -董事
- 大埔扶輪社 -前社長(1998-99)
- 國際扶輪3450地區 -助理總監Area 6(2003-04)

Date: 23 Aug 2022 (Tuesday)
Time: 12:45 p.m.
Location: Craigenhower Cricket Club -
1/F Centenary Building
Lunch Fee: HK\$250.00
Language: Cantonese



Joint Rotary Club Blood Donation Day

27 August 2022



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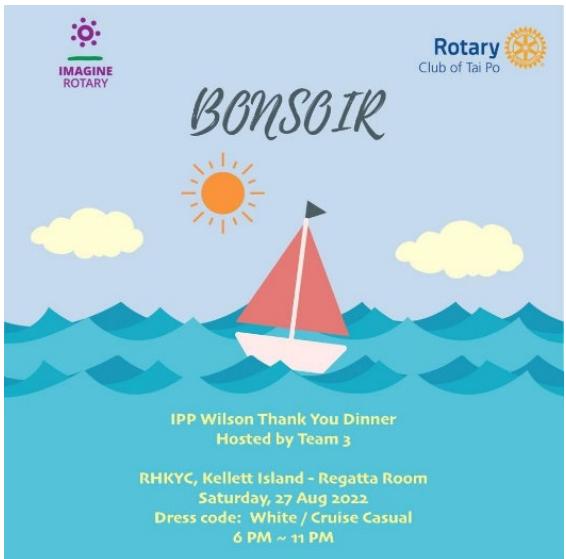
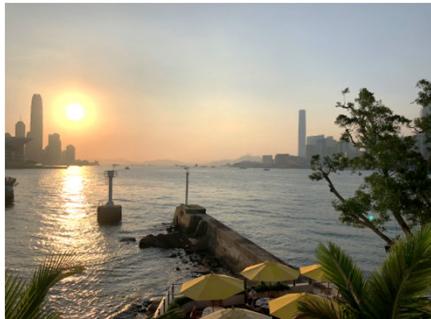
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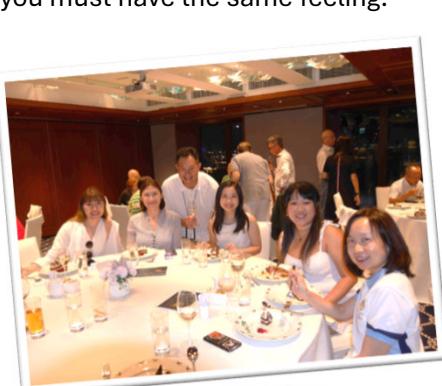
IPP Wilson Woo's Thank You Dinner

27 August 2022
Wilson Woo

It's not only a good day, but also a great day! Just like the wonderful year during my presidency, the party could not be a special and unforgettable one without your presence and support!



As reiterated by P Danny, the most important thing he wanted to achieve this year is that all club members, families and friends could enjoy every moment in all club events or activities, like the one we have at yacht club! For myself, I really enjoy the quality time with you all. I guess you must have the same feeling.





I can tell from the photos that we all enjoyed 打卡時間 and the mingle time in such a relaxing and soothing atmosphere. Special guests we had at that night, are CP Donald, Anne, Mary, Lawso, Doris, Alice, Connie, Creamy, Dara, Joan, Bebe, Argus, Sara and Sharon They all give me and the club, the unfailing support all along. Rotaractors Louie and Hilary also gave me a surprise by joining our party and caught up with us.

Taking this opportunity, I also invited my friends and family members to join the party and let them know more about our club and Rotary. They are Jim Tsang and Wing Tsang, Cary Lau and Kit Man, Danny Woo and Rebecca and Billy Li. I'm glad to know that they all enjoyed the night!



Last but not least, it's the Bingo Time. Actually, I missed the days when I was young and being the host of the game. Congratulations to all winners! I believe it was very exciting when I called the number for your Bingo! Hope everyone had enjoyed the game and remember me when you play Bingo again next time. Special thanks must be given to Team 3 members including PDG Anthony, PP Claire and Sincere. They have offered me a lot of assistance and support!



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Soap Cycling Activities

4 September 2022

President Dominic Kwan, RAC Taipo

After a period of social distancing measures, the society seems to get back into circulation, and so does the Rotaract Club of Taipo ("RACTP"). On the 4th of September, RACTP had its remarkable community service and club service – soap cycling in Kwai Chung.

With the core mission of the community service of RACTP - to bring hope to the disadvantaged and support the community through volunteering services, we found that Soap Cycling has the same vision as us. Soap Cycling is a social enterprise that aims to provide opportunities for employment and youth empowerment in local communities and to promote environmental friendliness through recycling and making soap. The organisation provides employment opportunities for the MEY (Minority, Elderly and Youth) helpers and internship opportunities for HKU students.

With the help of a student intern and MEY helpers, our participants successfully created their personalised soap by utilising the used soap collected from the hotels. Before completing the products, our participants had gone through many stages and procedures starting from attending lectures, then adding and stirring chemicals into coconut oil and heating them at high temperatures, and subsequently adding colours and spices into the products within a limited time. Let us give our participants a big round of applause!

The activity has completed successfully, and each of us had our tailor-made soap. On one hand, we enjoyed the soap-making process, on the other hand, we fulfilled our vision to bring hope to the disadvantaged and support the community through volunteering services.



I would also like to take this chance to say thank you to IPP Wilson and Rtn. Gabriel both of whom have always been supportive to RACTP's activities. I wish all participants and members had as wonderful a weekend with Soap Cycling as I did and wish all of you a happy mid-autumn festival.



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District Public Image Seminar

10 September 2022

William Yim

It was an early Saturday morning on 10 September and it was Mid-Autumn Festival. The District Public Image Seminar took place at Regal Hong Kong Hotel.



The seminar was kicked off by PDG Eric Chak, followed by PDG Peter Wan to introduce the event guest speaker PDG Bear who is now the District PI coordinator. PDG Bear emphasized the importance of brand building for Rotary. He used McDonald's as an example. The use and the presentation of Rotary logo should strictly and consistently be in accordance with the Rotary International guidelines. It demonstrates a commitment of Rotary, and it could build an emotional connection between Rotary and the public.



The District Public Image Chair is again PDG Eric Chak. For public safety concerns, all participants were required to have performed a RAT Covid19 test prior to participation. The seminar was a hybrid one with both physical meeting and Zoom for some speakers and audiences from Macau and Mongolia.



After PDG Bear's talk, two PI experts shared their knowledge on Public Image. Speaking first was PE Bernie Wong of RC Causeway Bay. He is also the founder of a company called Social Stand, a public media branding company. He talked about how to build up a brand by creating audience content; how we can provide value and reminded us not to miss "call to action". It was great advice.



Then, another speaker, DDS Sam Sio of RC Metropolitan (not PP Sam Sio of RC Channel Island, although a lot of Rotarians mixed them up) shared his experience on short video production to give the best impact to the audience and create effective brand building.

Before the end of the seminar, PP Susan gave some remarks on the PoA photo and video award competition. She reminded us, that the video or photo are preferred to 1) contain real life moments, 2) capture the action, 3) use natural light and warm colours 4) represent a diversity of your club and community, 5) use images of few people, 6) use different camera angles to capture attention. These are good tips indeed. The contestants are recommended to use key words in their photos and video, such as Empower, Fight Hunger, Inspire, Learn, Save Lives etc. The contestants can download the template from Rotary International Brand Center. The contestants are also allowed to create their own templates. There are three rounds of competition with submission deadlines on 24 Nov 22, 9 Feb 23 and 20 April 23. The winners can receive awards as well as service funds of HKD10,000 for photo competition and HKD8,000 for video competition. I am sure this can encourage a lot of clubs to join. Finally, I have to say that the PI seminar was a very successful one and all the participants learnt a lot.





Assistant Governor's Visit

15 August 2022

Members admired in awe the beautiful **porcelain plates** which were products of the studious efforts of RCTP members and family.



Area 6 Assistant Governor Louis Ma and with him, Deputy Assistant Governors **Ronald Kan** and **Sally Luk** visited RCTP. AG imparted to us update Rotary information and also the initiatives of Rotary International and the District to implement the Rotary Theme "Imagine Rotary" and also the proposed joint projects of Area 6.



PP Vikky introduced to our members her good friend **Angie Yip** who showed interest in the fellowship and service of RCTP.



To spice up the occasion of AG Visit, the menu featured tasty **Indian cuisine** inclusive of different curry dishes, naan bread, samosa, tandoori chicken ... etc. plus the **Moutai** from CP Donald and which PP Armstrong continued to serve.



IPP Wilson conducted a **dry run of BINGO** to facilitate everyone to have a good time when the game shall be played on the occasion of the Thank You Dinner.



5 September 2022

Regular Meeting

Our speaker of the evening, **Charter President Alex Hung** (RC Peninsula East), spoke to us about - **How are Rotary Interest Groups Good for Rotarians?** The answer is rather obvious actually because Rotary Fellowships are international groups where like-minded members share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

CP Alex shortlisted for discussion 3 such groups in Hong Kong: Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship, The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) and International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR).



PPs **William Yim** and **Wilson Woo** are interested and that's why they **posed questions** for CP Alex.



IPP Wilson delivered a **Vote of Thanks**.



PP **William** thoughtfully gave out his company's **RAT kits** to members present.

September birthday celebration in RCTP is usually a crowded affair. These 5 members: Jules, Claire, Peter, Danny and Vikky, cutting the birthday cake comprises only half of the September birthday boys and girls.

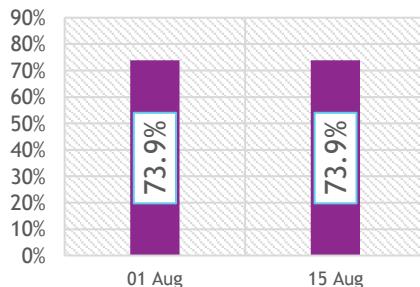


PP **William** gave out for raffle draw a bottle of aged **Italian Balsamic vinegar** which was very much appreciated by lucky winner **PP Louis**.





AUGUST 2022



Average attendance: 73.9%

Perfect
Attendance AUG 2022

Anthony Hung	KF Tam
Jules Jiu	Louis Tang
Natalie Kwok	Masayuki Tsubaki
Peter Lam	Henry Wang
Danny Lau	Kenneth Wong
Sally Luk	Wilson Woo
Claire Mak	William Yim
Armstrong Shea	C.M. Yu



UPCOMING EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
19 SEPT (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker : Mr. Mark Kong Topic : How to utilize the strength of youth to enhance the future era of working remotely	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
25 SEPT (SUN)	11:00-16:00	Team 3 Fellowship "Serve & Celebrate" Birthday Party	Dignity Kitchen Hong Kong, 2nd Floor, 618 Shanghai Street, Mongkok
3 OCT (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker : Mr. Cary Lau Topic : About Architecture	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
8 OCT (SAT)	14:00-16:00	Grand opening of Dr. Sally Luk's clinic	Unit I8I3, I8/F, Mira Place, Tower A, 132 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
17 OCT (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker : PP Peter Lam Topic : Secondary School Girls' Uniform: HK vs Japan	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan

SERVE & CELEBRATE

DATE:	25 SEPTEMBER 2022, SUNDAY
TIME:	11:00 AM PACKING & DISTRIBUTING BENTO BOXES TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED
	12 NOON DIGNITY SHARING / TOUR
	01:00 PM BUFFET LUNCH
	02:00 PM GAMES AND CELEBRATION
VENUE:	DIGNITY KITCHEN HONG KONG 香港厨尊 618 SHANGHAI STREET, 2ND FLOOR
DRESS:	COLOURFUL / PLAYFUL AND CASUAL
CHARGES:	MEMBERS COMPLIMENTARY NON-MEMBERS \$288

BIRTHDAY PARTY Bash



Dignity Kitchen



IMAGINE ROTARY

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miss you

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SINCERE YIP

Leave of Absence

PP WILSON LAM

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 st | Peter Lam | 17 th | Claire Mak |
| 4 th | Kenneth Wong | 17 th | Natalie Kwok |
| 6 th | Wilson Lam | 21 st | Vikky Tam |
| 8 th | Dennis Lo | 21 st | Jules Jiu |
| 10 th | Danny Lau | 26 th | Gabriel Kwan |

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