





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I believe joy and happiness are around our club all the time especially in the past few weeks. After our fellowship events at Yacht Club in July and Central Market in September, we had our first Theme Night in October. As I have mentioned on many different occasions, our Flamenco Theme Night was successfully held on 29 Oct at Hotel Icon and the honor was attributed to Jules and his team. Our members and guests enjoyed



the night so much, it is a job well done! As many members and their better half were eager to dance, maybe we should have a dance party in the near future! If you like, I may invite my friend, Aaron HO again to play the Flamenco with guitar during our dancing party.



On 30 Oct, I attended the 23rd Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Taipo. As a past president and charter member of RAC Taipo, I awaited this marvelous moment for a long time. I was very excited and at the same time grateful that RAC Taipo had inherited the Rotary tradition. She attracted a group of energetic young people with hearts full of love who intend to serve the community to make a difference. RAC Taipo President Dominic KWAN promises to work closely with IPP Henry YAU, PE Katherine SO and all RAC Taipo members to arrange meaningful projects to benefit our community. Youth Chair Tsubaki San, PP Claire, PP William and PE Danny, together with our Satellite Club members, Chair Tony, Gabriel and Scarlet (via Zoom) were all there to show their supports. Even PP Roger and CP Fonia were there as well!

Another big day for RC Tai Po is our CP's Birthday celebration. It was held on 5 Nov at Science Park. If you have missed it, it really is a great loss. I must express my heartfelt gratitude to our super working team. With their great and meticulous arrangement, an outdoor fantastic venue with convivial atmosphere was reserved. The restaurant served us gourmet food with unlimited flow of wines. All members and guests came together with their blessings. Some former members,





including charter member Jimmy WAI, Prof. Patrick YUNG, PP Patrick FONG and PP Pearl DANG, had joined us and celebrated together. Notwithstanding, we had arranged a live band for entertainment. Singing by CP Donald was again the highlight. I hope CP likes his custom-made birthday gift!

My dearest fellow members, please stay tuned. More is coming.









EDITOR SAYS



study hard in order to get a good job in order to earn a good income; and the more you earn means the more successful you are.



As one earns more, one's lifestyle also improves. Instead of regularly going to cha charn teng, one becomes a known patron at high-end restaurants. Instead of wearing clothes without labels, one gets used to wearing designers' clothing or brand names ones. One brings luxury handbags and

wears rich watches. Rather than driving a second hand car as when one first started out, one turns to European cars imported from abroad. Gone were the days when one wriggles into a congested flat of several hundred square feet but inhabits a spacious apartment in high class area ...

In reality, each additional luxury requires the corresponding spending to maintain it. For brand name clothing, one inevitably needs to spend on dry-cleaning them. Foreign cars require maintenance service in original factory. A spacious apartment means you need to hire more servants to clean and maintain. Water, electricity and management bills are hefty and there are bound to be lots of corollary spending.

There are a couple of jokes to share about getting rich. In order to afford such expenses, one has to continue to work (doubly) hard. Yet, when one spends most of the time working in the office in order to earn more, the luxurious apartment would only be enjoyed by the servants who clean and maintain it! Another one: an owner of a leisure yacht considers there are 2 "best times" in his life. The first best time was when he purchased his leisure yacht: to show off! The other best time was when he sold the yacht. A huge relief with no more responsibilities and no more worries!





Many a time, more is not necessarily better. There is much wisdom in the recent trend of "Clutter Clearing". Following the basic principal of (1) giving away old stuff, (2) creating a storage system and (3) start re-organizing, one may be able to truly establish one's space and thus, life. Of course, these 3 broad principals require quite some practical execution. For instance,

really trash-bagging stuff which are not essential and unsubscribing from brand email lists or discount coupons to cut your purchase desire in order to lead a minimalistic living. Secondly, tidy up and stop hoarding to free one from the usual messy storage. Lastly, be orderly and follow the one-in-one-out rule to declutter.

Having said that, the story to learn is to know when is 'enough', in particular, with regards to tangible stuff. The more one desires to own stuff, the more one may become slave to money. If one wishes to lead a simple and balanced life, then it is not a matter of addition, but reduction. Reduce stuff which looks essential but which actually are not. I'd like to modify our Rotary Theme "Serve to Change Lives" a little: "Change to save lives" may be equally true.









Rotary E-Club One of District 5450

ince the Covid-19 pandemic, many of us are now familiar INFORMATION with meeting online (zoom meeting). However,

way before the pandemic, since 2002, Rotary has established clubs that meet mainly online known as E-clubs. In June 2004 the RI Council on Legislation approved the resolution: "To allow attendance credit for a 30-minute interactive club Web site activity." This opened the way for the Cyber Rotary Clubs Pilot Project with 14 e-clubs participating in the proof-of-concept evaluation trial. The Rotary E-Clubs Pilot Project concluded on 30 June 2010 following the Council On Legislation (COL) at which Rotary e-clubs were approved permanently. In the beginning, there was a limit of two such E-clubs per Rotary District; but the limit was eventually removed in 2013 COL.





Our District 3450 now has three E-clubs (E-Club of D3450 chartered in November 2004, E-Club of Lantau and E-Club of Tamar HK both chartered in March 2015) Let's take a look at this first E-club in Rotary which is truly international and is in fact the epitome of *Rotary Connects the World*.

ROTARY

The concept of Rotary eClub One was developed by a design committee from D5450 in Colorado, USA since March 2001 under the leadership of John Minter, D5450 Governor's Representative and a member of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Boulder, Colorado. The Board of Rotary International approved the world's first provisional Rotary E-club (Rotary eClub One) in 2001 with John Minter as its Charter President.

A truly cosmopolitan Club – The club accepts members from any country with members from 14 different countries (as of July 2020): USA (33), Germany (70), Nigeria (5), Switzerland (4), Australia (3), Canada (3), India (3), Thailand (3), Italy (2), Austria (1), China (1), New Zealand (1), Slovakia (1)

E-Club One meetings work like this: Each week, a member posts a new forum topic on the Clubhouse section of the website, rotaryeclubone.org. Other members log in at their convenience and share their thoughts on the topic throughout the week. Each member must log at least 12 hours of service per quarter, and the club's service roster relects its wide range of interests. Recent endeavors include a project to provide surgeries for children with cleft lip in Peru, a water projectd in Kenya, work on maternal health in Afghanistan, a literacy project in Guatemala, and many more. With members on five continents, the club is well positioned to carry out international projects.

To coordinate those projects, committees and board members meet via Zoom. But the club has found that Zoom is not always an option, because time zones get in the way. Hence, the online forum. Members also get together in person when they can; a group of European members meets up at least once a year. And the club hosts an annual dinner at the RI Convention.

The clubs maintains ties to the greater Rotary world through its online content, which members of other clubs can take advantage of for makeup meetings. They focus on things like service projects ("A New Plan for Clean Water in Haiti") Rotary topics ("The Price of Polio") and personal growth ("Ten keys to Happier Living.") and are designed to appeal to a range of Rotarians "so people always have something interesting to read." In fact much of the club's funding comes from visiting Rotarians who make donations after reading the online programs.







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

SERVE TO

CHANGE LIVES

PETER LAM

Members as keynote speaker at regular meeting





(left) CM Yu shared with us "Journey to Heart & Health" on 13 Oct. 2014 while (right) former member Yu Ming Hay gave a talk "My Belated Introduction" about his design work and received vote of thanks from PP Charles on 24 Aug. 2015.



Wilson Woo gave us a talk on "The Joys and Tears of a Fire Fighter (消 防樂與怒) on 7 Mar. 2016. Besides his wife Joanna and former member Ada Wu who is his cousin, his good friends from his Rotaractor era Alex Fan (1st right, now Police Inspector) and Alex Tsang (2nd from right, RC Central member) attended to support.







On 10 March 2014, former member Dr. Patrick Yung talked about Sports Medicine in his talk "Team Physician: Myths and Facts" We certainly had a good turnout including all our Hon. Members and our new member then - Sally Luk, also attended. On 17 Mar. 2014, PP Claire Mak gave a talk "我的花朶" about herself from childhood to career in law and Rotary journey when we learned of her nicknames including 鐵面無私 麥嘉恩.



Our outspoken PP Louis Tang gave a comprehensive presentation of himself on 29 Dec. 2014 covering his early days at school to successful accounting career and retirement in this talk "Life Experience".





(left) Vikky Tam, who joined our club in Oct. 2011, spoke to us about "The Iron Lady" - herself and her manufacturing business at 2 Apr, 2012 meeting in KCC. (right) Roger So was our keynote speaker on "Property in Human Tissues" a subject of law on 30 July, 2012.





(left) KF Tam spoke to us about his engineering career at 6 May, 2013 meeting (Francis Au was acting President for Ron that day). (right) On 13 Jan. 2014 meeting at Royal Garden Hotel, Sincere Yip gave us a talk about "Amazing Brazil, my Second Home" recounting her exciting experience visiting Brazil where her husband Eddie has been staying for a long time and visited frequently in the past.







abeth Law, daughter of PP Natalie Kwok

This Halloween, I decided to make use of the weekend and write a short Halloween themed story. Hope you like it!

The mother of demons- a demon who imitates the physical image of one's mother to get close to one and reveals itself only after it's certain one's fate of life is in its hands. However, choosing between letting you go alive and ending your life at slow pace, it always takes the choice of taking your life. Perhaps if you're lucky, additional bloodcurdling screams would be gifted.

I didn't know Halloween stories could be real.



I didn't think my day could get any worse. When you're a 14-year-old who always oversleeps, with a mother who's just standing there frozen, eyes betraying no emotion, and you're seriously late for school, all you can do is shout like maniac. "Mom! Let's go! I'm late for school! Come on!" Yet her face remained emotionless and stared into space. Dark blue circles surrounded her eyes as she stood there like a stone-cold statue, her empty eyes gazing straight into mine. "Mom!" I scoffed in irritation. What's wrong with her? Then I noticed her skin was as cold as ice and as pale as a ghost. "Scared dear? Don't worry, the fun hasn't even started yet." Her voice came with as a whisper instead of a threatening snarl. I didn't have the faintest idea what she meant. All of a sudden, her eyes began to glow, and she slowly rose up from the floor. In a split second, my vision became obscured with black spots and the world erupted in screaming colours.

Before I knew it, I found myself surrounded by gravestones, creepy gravestones. One seemed to stand out among the others. This sent shivers down my spine but also a spark of curiosity. I started walking slowly and cautiously towards it. Bending down, I reached out my hand to wipe off the soot and dust. Imprinted on the stone, were the words "Elizabeth Law, 2007-2021". I gasped in horror and my palms were clammy with cold sweat. "Elizabeth." I heard a



faint echo and slowly turned around. My mother stood in front of me with her hair cascaded down her shoulder. Her soulful eyes seemed to glow in the silver moonlight. "Come here, don't be scared." She murmured gently. I reached out my hand to touch her. She gave out a deafening howl and her eyes turned into piercing red ones. I screamed off the top of my lungs and ran for my life, no absolute idea where and how far I could go. As long as it's away from here.





In the blink of an eye, she - no the demon, caught up to me with the speed of light. It began shooting lazers at me out of its eyes - I was certain I was going to die. My heart was pounding a hundred times per second, and I started cursing at myself for not exercising more when I had time. Three- headed dogs emerged out of nowhere and joined the chase like a pair of

hellhounds. I just signed my death warrant. Hit by a moment of realization. I knew I couldn't run forever. I would eventually get burned to death by one of those lazers before I even get to say my death wish. Spotting a dagger from just about a mile away from me, I swiftly grabbed it and faced the demon. Without thinking twice, I stabbed its eyes and it hurled back, letting out and agonizing high-pitched scream. Even the vicious dogs took a step back. Adrenaline coursed through my veins, and I was floating on a cloud of blind happiness. Finally, I got a good look at it. About hundred feet tall, with enormous black wings and scales all over, it was indeed a horrifying scene.

However, it was too soon to be prideful. The demon rose back up, twice as strong as before. It knocked the dagger out of my hand and showed its poisonous fangs. I stood there frozen in fear as the dogs circled me like vultures hunting their prey. "Please... don't... Please..." I struggled to form coherent sentences. The demon and the dogs only hissed menacingly and hurled themselves at me. I closed my eyes and braced myself for the excruciating pain. The voices inside my head were streaming in agony and it all ended with a loud piercing scream.

I groaned sleepily as the blinding lights that ensnared my senses mingled into one big blur. My mother raised her eyebrows. "It's already 3pm, how are you still not awake?" She sighed in disbelief. Had it all been just a dream? It felt so real... "Well, I am now." I retorted. Glancing at the clock perched on my study desk, I sighed in relief. It's Saturday. No school. "Bad dream?" She asked softly, eyes twinkling in a teasing manner with a layer of sarcasm sugar-coating her voice. "No!" I smirked in mock offense. "Well, you'd better come out here for lunch." She grinned and walked away. I gazed at the glistening lights and smiled. "Coming." I murmured under my breath.







"Flamenco" Theme Night

29 October 2021 Alaric Yim, son of PP William Yim

the 29th of October the Rotary Club of Tai Po hosted the first theme night of the Rotary year. It was decided that we would have a Spanish themed club dinner at Hotel Icon.

























Thanks to President Wilson for inviting his friend Aaron Ho to share with us his experience and passion with flamenco music, and a thank you to Team One for organizing, with Jules, our newest member and Bebe closely supporting, it almost felt like we were actually dining in Spain for the night!





















On account of Aaron and his amazing guitar performances, and the wonderful food, the evening was made extra special. The theme night was long awaited by our members, and it not only allowed them to relax and have fun, but also gave members a chance to work closely, build team spirit and tighten our relationships.























PE Danny prepared a nice backdrop for all of us, and we used it to take group photos at the end of the night. Big thanks to PP Vikky, our MC of the night, and PP Tsubaki for hosting the exciting Spanish mini-quiz game. And last but not least, a special thank you to PP William for providing salt grinder table gifts from Spain, specially decorated with the night's theme. Overall, we are happy to announce the attendance was 43 persons, and that it was a joyous night for all our members and their guests.



















Twenty-third Installation of the Rotaract Club of Tai Po

30 October 2021 President Dominic Kwan and IPP Henry Yau, RAC Taipo

Rotaract Club of Tai Po held their 23rd Installation on the 30th of October, to celebrate the club's work for the past year, as well as formally commence President Dominic Kwan's term of office. We were honoured to have the presence of eminent guests, including IPDG Eric Chak, DRC Henry, DRR Luffy, ADRR Sophie as well as President Wilson from mother club.

Under the leadership of immediate past president Henry Yau, the Rotaract Club of Taipo ("RACTP") had a fruitful and wonderful year. In the light of the mission statement: "To Provide a Professional Platform For Young People To Come Together and Serve their Community", the club held an array of events including tree planting, virtual peace camp, hiking, and of course, the wine and paint night. To conclude, IPP Henry said "the club is in good hands with Dominic as President, and wished him continuous success in the coming year". Henry remains on the board as IPP and professional development director.





Dominic presented his vision for the club - "Polaris - Remain constant in the changing world". There are many interpretations for Polaris, but for RACTP, it means steadfastness, commitment, hope, guidance, and connection.

Dominic added, "RACTP" represents commitment, commit to serve and contribute to this society, commit to release positive energy to others, and commit in bringing hope to the surroundings.

Historically, the star Polaris is a very important astrological compass in the sky. Polaris also represented hope throughout history, acting as a guiding beacon for many slaves escaping from the US to Canada during the 19th century. In essence, Polaris symbolises freedom and hope. With many social changes happening around Hong Kong, Dominic believes this year's theme would guide RACTP to strengthen its core mission - to bring hope to the disadvantaged and support the community through volunteering services.

Other than hope, in the eastern world, Polaris implies guidance and directions. There is a saying in China, "When the handle of the Big Dipper faces east, it is spring. When it is facing south, it is summer. When it



is facing west, it is autumn, and when it is facing north, it is winter." And at the end of the handle, it is Polaris. With this mind, we hope that RACTP can provide a professional platform for the younger generations.

To achieve the above goals, we have to connect with others, just like Polaris connecting the small dipper and the big dipper. RACTP is like Polaris, connecting with mother club, district, other Rotary and Rotaract clubs and society. We connect to serve to change lives.





Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my board members: Immediate Past President Henry, Internal Vice President / President-Elect Katherine, External Vice President Jacky, Treasurer Oscar, Professional Development Director Jimmy, Community Service Director Jade and Club Service Director



President Dominic Kwan Classification: Accounting



Immediate Past President Henry Yau Classification: Philanthropic Foundation



Internal Vice President Katherine So Classification: Legal Services



External Vice President Jacky Lee Classification: Corporate Finance



Treasurer Oscar Wong Classification: Banking



Professional Development Director Jimmy Ho Classification: Accounting



Community Service Director Jade Chan Classification: Marketing



Club Service Director Kiki Yeung Classification: Music - Piano





CP DONALD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY 2021

5 November 2021 Danny Lau

celebrated the birthday of our beloved CP Donald with a fun and relaxing Party held on Friday, 5 November 2021. The birthday party was held at a seaside restaurant, Panorama in Science Park. Many Rotarians came to celebrate Donald's birthday and we shared a very blissful evening together - including PP Patrick Fong whom we dearly missed in previous Rotary events. It was great to see Patrick again in good health and spirit! There were delicious Chinese dishes and, of course, karaoke for everyone to showcase their melodious voice.



























Speaking of singing, we wanted to give Donald a unique present that fully embodies his talent and passion for singing - that is why we planned and produced his very own CD album "Too Young by Grandpa Donald"— which consists of six songs - "Too young", "My way", "Wind beneath my wings", "On the street where you live", "You will never walk alone" and "One day when we were young". A special edition with our signatures were given to Donald on that day. As the executive producer of "Too Young", I hope you enjoy the songs Donald so heartily performed and share the same enthusiasm Donald has for his passion. Special thanks to everyone (especially PP Vikky who came up with the idea, Album Producer President Wilson, and Art Director Sophia) who contributed to the production of this wonderful and special piece of art!

















Another highlight of the night was the giant birthday cake decorated with longevity peaches and the "SUPER CP" cake topper which perfectly concluded the evening - as well as our respect and love for our dearest CP Donald. Let us all wish Donald and his wife Anne many more years of good health and happiness. Happy Birthday!























End Polio Now Walk

6 November 2021 Claire Mak

sunny Saturday morning on 6 November saw 5 members of RCTP (President Wilson, PP Frankie and Creamy, PE Danny and PP Claire) meeting up for an early lunch in Fotan. Chung's House occupies a self-contained low rise building and boasts of a small museum which unfortunately we did not have time to visit. During lunch, we were greeted by the proprietor Chung Wai Ping who is a good friend of Frankie and Creamy. It being a spacious restaurant and with ample parking, it seems to us that we may explore this venue for future RCTP activities.





After lunch, we put on the red End Polio Now T-shirt and started out on this year's EndPolioNow walk from Fotan to Science Park. The walk intersects some roads and bike traffic, passed by the Hong Kong Sports Institute before we ended up on the Shing Mun River Promenade taking us all the way to the Science Park. According to the temperature trend, I thought the weather was to get cooler and should be good for the End Polio Now Walk; but it was not to be, and the sun was really glaring! We walked, rather leisurely, for slightly more than an hour. It was an easy walk but we were drenched with sweat by the time we finished.









We attended the opening ceremony of the End Polio Event and were joined by PDG Anthony and Mary, PDG Kenneth and Lucia as well as satellite club members Tony and Sharon and also RACTP Jade. We listened to speeches, praises and determination to eradicate Polio. We also witnessed the improvised passing of baton by DG Keith from Hong Kong to Macau and then to Mongolia. The idea was interesting but we had the scare of the Mongolian clubs not getting the signal due to cold weather. Can you believe it? While we in Hong Kong were sweating profusely having walked under the sun with a scorching 30 degrees, our Mongolian counterparts endured sub-zero degree during their walks!





















The games booths successfully let all children, and members young and old to discharge their energy. We, RCTP members on the other hand, preferred to have a nice drink and a quiet chat to ease the fatigue of a long day. It was a great event! It was also a great occasion to run into friends old & new!

























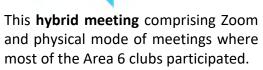








18 October 2021













For RC Tai Po, two tables of us met physically, plus a couple of members joining via Zoom. Pres. Wilson did his report in the separate room for a bit of privacy.







District Public Image Committee Chair IPDG Eric Chak spoke on Brand Building for Rotary and discussed how to disseminate information of Rotary District 3450 to the public via social communications.



PDG Anthony raised a question (via the Zoom link on his phone) to which IPDG Eric answered to the learned PDG's satisfaction.



Henry Yau and President Dominic Kwan of Rotaract Club of Taipo joined us and announced arrangements for their upcoming club installation.



President Wilson brought along a few jars of White Truffle Pate. One jar was opened and consumed by attending members on the spot (to entice sales of raffle tickets no doubt) and the remaining 2 jars were respectively won by PP William and PP Peter at the raffle draw.





8 November 2021





Members of the "Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong" (傷健綜合藝術團) graced us at our The introduction was assisted by signlanguage translation.









The first performance of sand painting was really impressive.









The singing and musical instrument performances easily captured audience's hearts.









Sharing by the Parents of the students who have impairment blind performer fully demonstrated encouragement and positivity. Talents triumphed over adversities.

Danny gave a Vote of Thanks and we truly appreciated the performances.





Motion-operated Night Light given out by PDG Kenneth was won by PP Tsubaki. As PDG Kenneth had to leave for another meeting, presentation of the raffle prize was done by our guest.

Chairman Tony Luk reported that a few of members of our satellite club were joining the meeting virtually.



PΡ Tsubaki promoted the upcoming Christmas Party.



Acting Sergeant PP Armstrong dutifully reported on the attendance and income for the evening.









١	Date	Time	Event	Venue
	22 NOV (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker: PDG Wilson Cheng Topic: Club Administration	Zoom and Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST
	6 DEC (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Jacky Lai	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST
	13 DEC (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Speaker : PP Menza Chu Topic : District Youth Service	Zoom and Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST
	17 DEC (FRI)	18:30	Warm Christmas Party Dress Code: Red, Green, Gold	Hotel ICON, 17 Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
t t	20 DEC (MON)	19:00	Rotary Club of Tai Po Annual General Meeting	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST

OCTOBER 2021 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 74.1% **%** %6 40% 30% 69 60. 20% 10%

Average attendance: 65.37%

OCT 2021 Perfect Attendance

Anthony Hung Danny Lau Claire Mak Armstrong Shea

KF Tam Henry Wang Wilson Woo Frankie Wu







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18th. **Donald Yap** 26th Sally Luk



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