



## President's Message

Patrick Fong

Dear Fellow members,

### JOINT EVENTS

#### 1. 4 Generations joint meeting and spring dinner on Wednesday, 13 Feb 2019

- Our traditional annual joint meeting cum spring dinner was held at Yue Cuisine, 8/F Hong Kong Scout Centre, Jordan. A total of nine clubs (including RC Kowloon, RC Peninsula, RC Tai Po, RC Central, RC SoHo Hong Kong, RC Kowloon Central, RC Peninsula South, RC Peninsula Sunrise and RC Green HK) joined the meeting and there were 10 tables of Rotarians, spouses and guests. Some new members from RC Central were inducted during the meeting and pinned by DG Y C. Ho. God of Wealth offered red packets to every participant.



#### 2. Area 6 joint meeting and spring dinner on Monday, 18 Feb 2019

- The dinner was held at the Ballroom of Royal Plaza Hotel, Mongkok. 24 members and spouses from RC Tai Po joined the dinner. PP Dennis was very kind to act as God of Wealth.

#### 3. District Event – Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup (Horse Racing) on 20 Feb 2019

- The event was held at The Millions, 3/F Happy Valley Stand, Happy Valley Racecourse. Our club supported this event every year - 10 members and spouses joined this event.

### REGULAR MEETINGS

- First meeting in The Year of Pig was held on 25 Feb 2019 at KCC. PP Louis was our honorable speaker and the topic was 'Life after Retirement'.
- Joint Meeting with our baby club, Rotary Club of Central, was held on Monday, 4 March at KCC. Honorable speaker was Mr. Nguyen Duy Kien, Deputy Consul General of the S.R. of Vietnam in Hong Kong and Macau. Topic was 'Opportunities for foreign investment in Vietnam'. Thanks PP Thomas of RC Central for inviting Mr. Nguyen as our speaker.

### SERVICE PROJECTS

#### 1. Rookie Star Dance Contest on Sunday, 24 Feb 2019

- The event was held at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. RC Tai Po sent two teams from Step Up Infinity. Thanks Service Chair PP William for organizing.

#### 2. Area 6 Joint Project – Life Planning Mock Interview Workshop on Saturday, 16 Feb 2019

- The event was held at Belilios Public School, Tin Hau. The purpose of mock interview workshop was to share with the students techniques of job interviews. Thanks Rtn Danny, Noelle, Nelson and Wai for offering as interviewers.

#### 3. Project GEN-Y (Fight Crime Against Drug) Mock Trial at the High Court on Saturday, 9 March 2019

- The objective of this event is to develop a strong sense of law-abiding citizenship to the selected F.4 – 6 students (a total of 40 students) from four secondary schools in Tai Po District. Thanks PDG Anthony and IPP Roger for making arrangements.



#### 4. Star Reaching 'Better Me' Closing Ceremony on Saturday, 9 March 2019

- The objective of this project was to tell youngsters to protect themselves before getting ready to love their partners. The closing ceremony was very well organized by HK Children & Youth Services. Several pairs of young lovers attended camps and shared their feelings. Some young girls even made their wedding gowns in 3 months' time!



Patrick Fong

President 2018-2019  
Rotary Club of Tai Po



## Editor Says

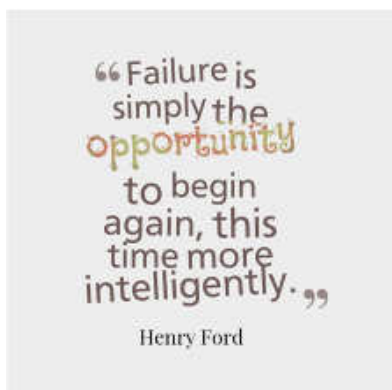
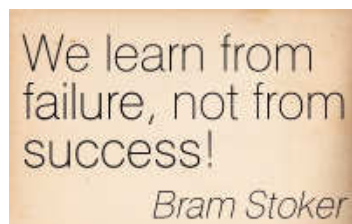
Claire Mak

With the New Year and Lunar New Year just passed; I am sure there are New Year resolutions made and repeated. We continue to receive the DG Newsletter entitled "DG's Weekly Inspirations" 😊 and so there is no shying away from making new plans\* and hope to achieve success.

About New Year resolutions and the hopes for success: we all love to read success stories of outstanding people or celebrities. We believe these stories must contain a tip or two to showing the way to success. Indeed, famous people like publishing biography. Even if one's writing may not be up to par, there is always a ghost writer to help him with this process - to record his success stories for future generations to emulate.

There are people who like quoting from the official or unofficial biographies of Lee Ka Shing, Steve Jobs ... etc. Even though none of them actually dreamed of becoming as super-rich as Mr. Lee, or dared to give another bite to the apple, some of them had said they intended to deduce the formula to riches / success from reading the biographies! They hope that by following the same footsteps, someday, somehow, they will qualify as one of the rich / successful people.

Each person's success is unique and cannot be copied; it certainly cannot be learned or replicated. On the other hand, failure is much easier to understand. Your *failure* can pretty much be my failure as well. That is why technically, I think it is more useful to listen to the failure stories of others. Failure stories are not as unique as stories of success because the latter involves a lot of factors beyond one's control. Even if you master all the necessary skills, so long as those unique factors are not forthcoming, success is still beyond reach.



Stories of failures are not bland or uninteresting. It is simply that there are too many such stories to make them enticing. It takes a person with a good sense of humour and self-ridicule to come up with a good story about his own failure which catches readers' attention. If the writer FAILS to produce an interesting story, well, that's a manifest failure!

We do not always learn from others' mistakes because we do not consider it worth our while to actually learn anything from their failure and nobody aspire to fail! But in fact there appears a lot more to learn from others' failure, as failures are pretty much self-induced. Learning from others' mistakes may lessen our chances of doing wrong. It is just that we need to tune our attitude and be receptive to such stories.



Which group do you belong to? Do you read success stories; or would you prefer failure stories? In any case, does our current DG inspire you anyhow? He continues to churn out Weekly Inspirations!

\*An aside about making plans, I find the article on page 41-42 of *The Rotarian* (February 2019) entitled "The Joy of Procrastination - It's time to cross 'make a list' off your list" by Joe Queenan an interesting read. He talked about To-do lists being made but not done - in short, procrastination - are sometimes "a good thing, a well-thought-out and in many ways brilliant defence mechanism." Go read the article and you will appreciate why he says: don't rush to tick off things-to-do.

## Rotary Information

Peter Lam

### 2019-20 RI President announces his presidential theme

RI News Jan. 2019

Rotary International President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.

“The first emphasis is to grow Rotary — to grow our service, to grow the impact of our projects, but most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more,” Maloney said.

Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience.

Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, unveiled the 2019-20 presidential theme, Rotary Connects the World, to incoming district governors at Rotary’s annual training event, the International Assembly, in San Diego, California, USA, on Monday.

“(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences,” Maloney said. “It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.”

Maloney also called on every Rotary and Rotaract club to identify segments of their community not represented in their club by creating a membership committee with diverse members.

“Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal,” he added. “In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all.”

Maloney urged leaders to offer alternative meeting experiences and service opportunities to make it easier for busy professionals and people with many family obligations to serve in leadership roles.

“We need to foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it,” Maloney said. “That means taking real, practical steps to change the existing culture: being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.”

Maloney said many of the barriers that prevent people from serving as leaders in Rotary are based on expectations that are no longer relevant.

“It is time to adapt, to change our culture, and to convey the message that you can be a great district governor without visiting every club individually, and a great president without doing everything yourself.”



### Relationship with the United Nations

During 2019-20, Rotary will host a series of presidential conferences around the world, focusing on Rotary’s relationship with the United Nations and the UN’s sustainable development goals that many Rotary service projects support. More information will be available in July.

In 2020, the United Nations will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its charter and its mission of promoting peace. Rotary was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the 1945 San Francisco conference, which led to the UN’s charter. For decades, Rotary has worked alongside the United Nations to address humanitarian issues around the world. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status that the UN offers to nongovernmental organizations.

“Rotary shares the United Nations’ enduring commitment to a healthier, more peaceful, and more sustainable world,” Maloney said. “And Rotary offers something no other organization can match: an existing infrastructure that allows people from all over the world to connect in a spirit of service and peace and take meaningful action toward that goal.”





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

# Star Reaching Project

## 摘星計劃

Rotary Club of Tai Po Services

# FLASHBACK

Peter Lam



2005-06 全動力 Sports theme Project



2007-08 「職圖」 visit to dog training farm



2010-11 Life Infinity game day



2012-13 「你有得揀」 cooking class



2014-15 錫晒你大行動  
game at closing ceremony



2015-16 機不可失 activity day



2017-18 打理頭家 cooking and pizza making activity day

Meeting at 7:00 p.m. every Monday at the Kowloon Cricket Club

Rotary Club of Tai Po

URL: [www.rctaipo.org](http://www.rctaipo.org)



#rctaipo

## Rotary 4 Generations Spring Dinner

13 February 2019

William Yim

The Chinese New Year Spring Dinner is undoubtedly one of the most highly anticipated and culturally significant time of the year. This year, we gathered around 150 Rotarians for the 4 Generations Spring Dinner at Hong Kong Scout Centre. It is hosted every year to get our mother club RC Peninsula, grandmother club RC Kowloon and offspring clubs to join the celebration of Spring Festival. We greeted each other and gave New Year wishes and shared what we have done during the holidays. RC Tai Po had 20 Rotarians and friends joining this dinner. Some of our members were still overseas taking their vacation.



It is our great pleasure to have Rotary leaders DG YC Ho, PDG Kenneth Wong and PDG Jones Wong joining this year's Dinner. In the middle of the dinner, DG YC Ho gave us a speech. He gave his blessing for the new year, telling us about the family tree and the great work Rotary Clubs have done this year. PDG Jones also gave us a speech as the foundation chair of District 3450 to promote Rotary Foundation and encourage us to contribute this year. Big thanks to CP Fonia and CP Chris Tsang: both our baby clubs, RC Central and RC SoHo are very active and successful. Soon there will be a 5th Generation.



The dinner was similar as in past years. We have the God of Wealth 財神 delivering us Lai See of mark 6 tickets and wishing us a prosperous year of Pig. Also we had Lantern riddles “燈謎” to guess the answer from a word, a poem, or a phrase. Every participant was having fun and it was a wonderful night.





## Area 6 Joint Spring Dinner

18 February 2019  
Natalie Kwok

On 18th February, Area 6 had the festive gathering where the 10 Clubs in A6 joined together to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We had a total of 180 attendance. What a great occasion that was. We were at our usual venue, the Royal Plaza Hotel in Mongkok where we were guaranteed for good food and of course, good wine.

Our guest was 李丞責博士, same as the years before. He ran us through the history of Chinese numerology and how it worked to chronology events around the world. It was informative and one can only be amazed with the rich Chinese cultural wisdom. 李博士 also kindly gave out gifts to those who volunteered to answer questions (or in some cases pointing others to answer them). Of course with 李博士' s generosity we all got some 'tips' on 'avoiding hassles' in the year of Pig. That's always a nice take away!

Our very own PP Dennis played the 'God of Fortune' dishing out Lai see with mark six tickets in them - I wonder if anyone had the good fortune of winning some pocket money to begin the year with good fortune.

DG YC Ho also held the ceremony to induct new members - it is always an honour for the newly joined to be inducted on such a special occasion.

It was a fantastic evening with lots of joy, cheering and wishing everyone the best of luck for the year of the pig!



RC Tai Po Group Photo



Speaker 李丞責博士



Ron & Alice with the Fortune Telling Book



God of Fortune wishes us "Good luck, Good wealth and Good health"



Torrente won the game grand prize \$1500 cash"



PE Dorothy, lucky draw winner



Bebe, lucky draw winner



New members' induction



DG, A6 AG DAGs and 10 Ps toasted to good health.



Lucky draw winners.



Meipo won \$500 cash as well.



## Centenary Challenge Cup 2019

20 February 2019

Dorothy Chan



The Centenary Challenge Cup is one of Rotary 3450 events that shows the strong history and community presence of Rotary in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Jockey Club has a significant place in the Hong Kong community and so do we. This annual event combines charity, fun and great fellowship.

Wednesday race night is always one of the most popular tourist attractions in Hong Kong and we had the fun of participating on 20th February. RCTP gathered Rotarians and friends to join and there was a lot of 'horsey analysis' to find the 'treasure' for that evening.

It was also a lot of fun to mingle with other Rotarians, strengthening our fellowship and at the same time, enjoying a good night out with good food, wine and high quality horse racing.



The Centenary Challenge Cup was race 6 of the evening, which was great timing since by then all participants have had the 'warm up' and ready to bet on their favourite horses (Trainers and/or Jockeys).

With the deep association between RCTP and the Hong Kong Jockey Club, specifically because quite a lot of us are members (plus close friend to PP KL, who kindly organises this event every year), it was definitely an enjoyable evening.



## A 'Made in Hong Kong' tradition: Moonzen Brewery Experience

1 March 2019

EVP Louie Yan, Rotaract Club of Taipo

They say "beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy" and what can be better if that liquid tells us stories of the gods? The first of March, 2019 is certainly a happy Friday night with great company of our dearest DDRC Claire on our visit to Moonzen Brewery. It has been an o-be-joyful experience to uncover the magical world of craft beer made locally in Hong Kong.

Founded by the husband-and-wife team Laszlo and Michele Raphael in December 2013, Moonzen Brewery innovates the local craft beer by infusing their beer with the rich tapestry of Chinese folklore that is rooted in Hong Kong culture. By entitling the brewed liquid in different names in the Chinese pantheon like Dragon King, Thunder God, Kitchen God, etc., stories of the extraordinary are connected to our brewing journey as the drinkers. The story for naming the first brewery as "Moonzen Brewery", the door guardian (門神), is equally fascinating as they envisioned the brewing experience with the opening the temple doors guarded by moonzen, bringing good luck and warding off evils and further leading drinkers to the realm of gods.

As we pushed open the wooden gate of the brewery, which is located inside an industrial tower in Kwun Tong, guarded by a pair of moonzen, and stepped into the taproom, there are 8 different free flow brews awaiting us.

The highlighted ones are:

### 1. Monkey King (Claire's favourite 😊)

Featuring the tale of Monkey King stealing Queen Mother's peaches, there is peachy aroma in the caramelised Red Ale, symbolising the tale of his heavenly rebellion to monk warriors.

### 2. Dragon King

With a touch of thirst-quenching concoction of honey pomelos, this brew reminds us of Dragon King's power of bringing chaos of droughts, typhoons and plentiful harvests granted by the sea to order with the savour of salt.

### 3. Thunder God

With the tropical fruity taste, this Moonzen's flagship beer is said to leave us with the mark of thunderstruck by the Thunder God.

To our amazement, the multitude of legendary rich flavours of beer are produced by merely four simple ingredients: water, grain, hops and yeast. In the brewery tour guided by professional brewer, we learnt first-hand how the amazing beer is produced through the processes of lautering, mashing, composting and fermentation. We believe the impressive passion and job satisfaction of the brewers originated from the vision of building the "made in Hong Kong" reputation. Moonzen Brewery contributed to the resurgence of local culture, which binds together not only their brewers but also us, the Hong Kongers.



To make our first professional development event in 2019 even merrier, we are delighted to celebrate the birthdays of our 2 dearest members Jade and Sarah! May we wish them a golden year in Rotaract - filled with lots of love, laughter, happiness and the warmth of sunshine!



## Joint Meeting: Rotary Clubs of Tai Po & Central

4 March 2019  
Claire Mak

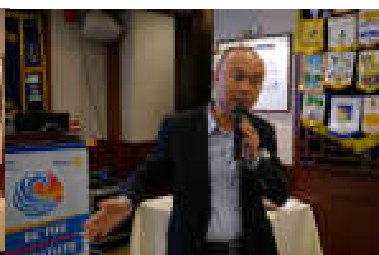
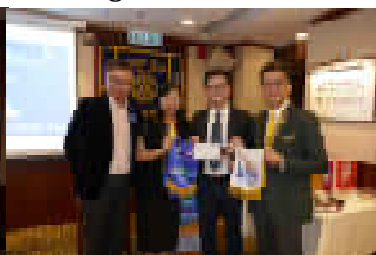
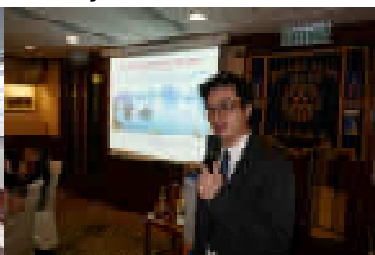
It is always joyous at joint meetings when RCTP members got the chance to rekindle old friendship and make new ones. The meeting on 4th March 2019 at KCC between the mother and daughter Rotary Clubs, Tai Po and Central, was exactly such an occasion.



Tai Po President Patrick and Central President Elsie co-chaired the meeting and both started with a **recount of recent club events** and previewed what's lined up for the near future. On this front, our baby club seems to be doing a bit more than us when Elsie recounted the great effort they rendered in cleaning up 8 beaches on the Sunday just past! Well done!



After a few courses, PP Thomas Chiu gave an introduction of Speaker of the evening, Mr. Nguyen Duy Kuen, Deputy Consul-General of Vietnam. He was invited to speak to us about: **"Foreign Investment Opportunities in Vietnam"**. This was a rather new topic to most of us and we learned how Vietnam compares with the rest of the Asian countries and indeed the various investment advantages. PP Frankie Wu gave a Vote of Thanks and started with a Vietnamese "thank you" which sounds something like cảm ơn nhiều.



**Raffle draw** prize was a special shell-lined condiment set given out by PP Vikky who purchased it in Strands Hotel, Yangon. She recounted the special efforts rendered by hotel staff in actually making the packaging box. It was won by our lucky doctor Sally Luk.



The meeting ended amiably with toast and the inevitable big **group photo**.



## Star Reaching Project 2019 “Better Me” Closing Ceremony

9 March 2019

Claire Mak

Service Targets under the Star Reaching Project 2019 entitled, **Better Me**, put into action what they have learned and experienced about Love and Relationship in the half year just past. The result was an entirely refreshing experience at its Closing Ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – what one might mistake as a touching Wedding!



The Closing Ceremony was held at the WWF historic heritage Island House Conservation Studies Centre. The event kicked off with a first dance when the young couples coordinated and danced to the tunes. Then there were video clips on past events followed by heart-felt sharing by the participants. The ladies who learned to make bridal gowns wore their lovely dresses and paraded elegantly down the aisle complete with bridal make-up and hair-do. They looked really transformed.



Apart from the youngsters who had definitely made great effort themselves, the success of the event was due a large part to the efforts of Tai Po District Youth Outreach Social Work Team of the Hong Kong Children & Youth Services. Also, tutors of different disciplines helped to make this event possible including stylists, bridal gown instructor, photographers, social work students ... etc. We Tai Po Rotarians did our little bit by contributing to funding the Project and showing support by attending their Activity day and Closing Ceremony. It is heart-warming to see the young people's transformation. It is encouraging to see the efforts paid off! Here's the colourful TOAST to their success!

25 February 2019

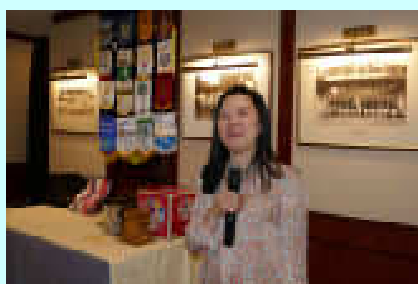
Regular  
Meetings



PP Louis promised to give his talk upon very short notice but still managed to invite a number of good friends to come and support him.



PP Louis Tang spoke to us about **"How I manage the change due to my retirement"** and stressed the importance of establishing a suitable daily routine to give a sense of purpose.



Arousing even more interest was the talk by **Rotaryanne Margie** right after PP Louis had spoken. Her topic **"My life after his retirement"** elicited a few knowing grins.



VP **K F Tam** won the useful **supermarket coupons** given out by PP Tsubaki.



PP Frankie and PP William were accompanied by their better halves Creamy and Bebe for the **February birthday celebration**.

11 March 2019



And the story about current Shanghai continues in a light-hearted manner ... with **PP David Loie** speaking to us, for the nth time, **"Love and Hate and the Shanghai Way Saga"**. Xie Xie Nòng!



Lucky **PP Pearl** won a **purple ceramic tea pot set** complete with premium Te Guan Yin tea given out by Hon Secretary Wilson.



PDG Kenneth gave a heart-felt **Vote of Thanks** to PP David and reminded him that RCTP doors remain open for him to rejoin.



The more senior of us sang **RCTP Club Song** which was composed by PP David Loie. Rotary, Rotary, Rotary, we are very happy... ..



President **Elsie Gung** joined us to support her then Group Study Exchange leader **PP David** and had reminiscences against the backdrop of various Tennessee mementos.



Date	Time	Event	Venue
24 MAR (SUN)	7:00a.m.	Rotary HK Ultramarathon 2019	Lung Wo Road, Central
25 MAR (MON)	7:00p.m.	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Anthony Lau Topic: "Stories as told by Images"	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
29 MAR (FRI)	6:30p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Theme Night "Notte Italiana 2019"	Meraviglia Bar & Ristorante S040, G/F, Lakeside 2, 10 Science Park West Avenue, Hong Kong Science Park Phase 2, Pak Shek Kok, Shatin
6 APR (SAT)	9:00a.m.	District Peace Through Mediation Seminar	HK Design Institute & HK Institute of Vocational Education(Lee Wai Lee) 3 King Ling Road, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories
8 APR (MON)	7:00p.m.	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Talis Wong	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
13 APR (SAT)	2:00p.m.	守護與關懷行動計劃 for Dementia Elderly in Tai Po -Opening Ceremony cum Training for Volunteers	Tai Po Multi-service Centre for Senior Citizens, 3/F Tai Po Community Centre, 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po Market, New Territories
13 APR (SAT)	6:30p.m.	Baby Club RC SoHo HK 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball "The Great Gatsby" Dress Code: Gatsby or Black Tie	The Ballroom, Level 7, Cordis Hotel, Mongkok

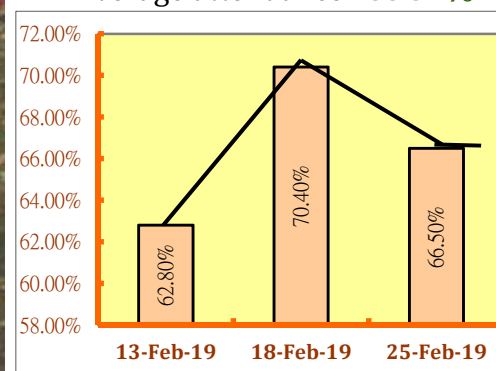


### Attendance February 2019

DOROTHY CHAN, KF TAM,  
PATRICK FONG, LOUIS TANG,  
ANTHONY HUNG, KENNETH WONG,  
NATALIE KWOK, WILSON WOO,  
PETER LAM, FRANKIE WU  
DANNY LAU, WILLIAM YIM  
CLAIRE MAK,



Average attendance: 66.57%



We miss you

Sasha Chu,  
Sincere Yip,  
CM Yu,  
Christie Lin Zheng



March

19th Masayuki Tsubaki  
27th Leung Wo Ping



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