



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILSON WOO

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I have to say we were doing pretty good in these previous few months. Do you know what I mean? I'm talking about our participation and involvement in various community services and events to fight against the Pandemic! Not to mention giving is a blessing, our members had enjoyed doing the services very much, being able to help people in need. I'm not surprised we all have the hearts for service and never stop, because we are Rotarians, we serve to change lives.

About the Anti-COVID campaign co-organized by Area 6 clubs, I believe you still want to have more update. As reported in the previous issue of Tai Post, we have donated 13,000 Rapid Test Kits, 100 Oximeters, 2,000 N95 masks and around 6,000 hand sanitizers to a total of 12 non-government organizations and charities.

On 19.3.2022, with the presence of DG Keith Chow, IPDG Eric Chak, AG Isaac Yip, and Area 6 Presidents, a simple handover ceremony was held on at one of the beneficiary organizations – Hong Kong Baptist Church Social Service ("HKBCSS"). During the ceremony, DG Keith revealed that it's a substantial act to relieve the pressing needs of the community during the pandemic. In view of such, District 3450 would further release another US\$2800 - Disaster Relief Fund to Area 6 to support the similar kind of donation. More resources, including the Rapid Antigen Test kits and masks, would be donated to more service partners. A few days after the ceremony, HKBCSS had posted a thank you note at their Facebook page to show their appreciation.

On 2.4.2022, we took part at another campaign originated by Home Affairs Department to distribute anti-epidemic service bags to households from "three-nil" buildings and grass-roots families door-to-door in Tai Po District. With the full protective gears provided, our members, families and friends were ready to launch. Can u recognize them? 20 of us were able to distribute 300 bags among 50 buildings, with many of those buildings having no lift installed. Apart from the tremendous collaboration from our members, I also have to thank PP Natalie and IPP Sally for their meticulous planning and coordination. A job well done!



Wilson

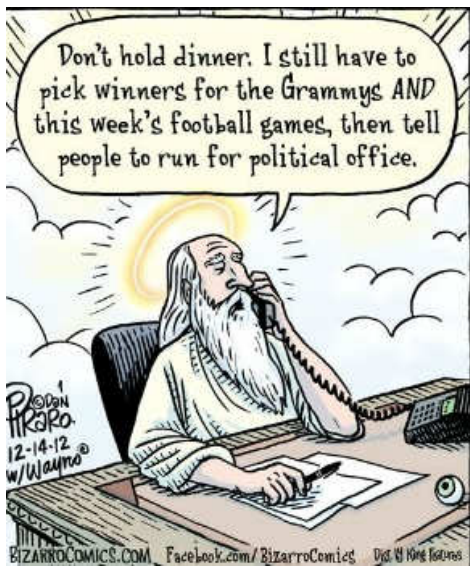
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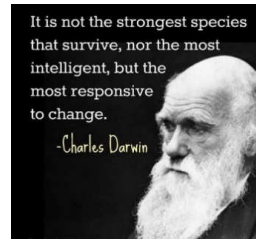
CLAIRE MAK



It was interesting to note that in early March during one of the 24 traditional Chinese Solar term, i.e. “Awakening of Insects” (驚蟄), villain hitting was banned to avoid crowd gathering; thus stopping for this year the century old folk tradition to curse one’s enemies and ward off bad luck. Whether superstitious or not, there will always be people who ask for blessings while praying to god or worshipping Buddha. Maybe it is like buying a lottery ticket: you know you are not bound to win; but at least you got yourself the chance to win, even if that chance is only one in a billion.



There are believers who sincerely pray to their god to help themselves or relatives out of trouble. I wonder: if there really is a God or there really is an almighty and omnipotent Creator, he has to discharge pretty impossible tasks as everyone complains to Him when they have troubles (all sorts), and asks Him to fulfill their wishes (all sorts). Wouldn't it be impossible to satisfy everyone? For example, A asks god to kill B, and at the same time B asks god not to let A succeed, how can that god do both? And surely He is busy like hell! I tend to think that God is rather lassie faire. After the creation of the world, he laid down the basic rules of the game, allowing all things to fend for themselves, to support themselves, to solve problems by themselves. The fittest survives - and the unsuitable will be naturally eliminated.



Powerful weapons of mass destruction, terrible natural disasters, and vicious terrorist attacks have caused local destruction but COVID-19 has the whole world at its knees. This virus seems to have detected the Achilles' heel of human weakness – our need to meet and be together. For no digital app can make up for our need to hug those we love, shake hands with those we meet, attend weddings or perform a duty of solace. No virtual reality tool can compensate for our instinct to travel. No distance learning program can provide the benefit students gain from interacting with their classmates. This virus has wiped out thousands of years of social traditions and customs, forcing us to hide in homes that have become more like the caves that sheltered the first human beings.

I don't believe in God, but I believe that there is consequence to every action. Human beings are becoming more and more eccentric, so they continue to be visited by natural and self-brought disasters. In these pandemic times, we are being tested and given serious lessons. If humans do not improve, it won't be long that the human race will perish from the earth. As our Rtn. Henry shall be joining the District PPE Committee and Wilson will be chairing a Sub-Committee under District Health next Rotary year, can we expect anything substantive and more constructive?

April will see relaxing of social distancing and other measures. Fingers crossed for the pandemic to really go away for good.

To COVID:

Beat your little head 呀! Your work cannot go ahead 呀 ...
 Beat your little hand 呀! Your good luck comes to end 呀...



Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees

From RI news Mar. 2022



ROTARY INFORMATION

PETER LAM



The war in Ukraine is having devastating consequences on civilians as families flee their homes. According to the United Nations, more than 3 million people, most of them women and children, have sought refuge in neighboring countries and across Europe, while about 1 million more people have been displaced within Ukraine.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Europe and around the world have taken swift action and are working with members nearby to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for refugees.

Rotaract Europe

The European Rotaract Information Centre, a multidistrict information organization that serves Rotaractors all over Europe, created a United for Peace site that compiles information for refugees and volunteers.

- The site offers information about free rail, bus, and air transportation available to refugees and lists details about what's needed and how to help at specific national borders.
- It also has fundraising details for hospitals in the western Ukraine city of Lviv, as well as for clubs that are helping in various places and for other organizations in the region.
- The site lets Rotaractors coordinate shelter for refugees stranded at the border. Volunteer hosts can sign up through an online form and specify how many people they can house and for how long. Begun as an initiative to help fellow Rotary members leaving Ukraine, it's now being used by Rotaract and Rotary members all over Europe to offer help.
- A tool on the site links a demand for goods with available supplies. It was created within 48 hours after a team of 60 members from 10 countries met by videoconference about how to meet the most urgent needs.



Ukraine

Ukraine has 62 Rotary clubs and six satellite clubs with about 1,100 members, and 24 Rotaract clubs with more than 300 members.

- District 2232 (Ukraine and Belarus) formed a committee to help people affected by the crisis. It has launched an appeal to Rotary members worldwide for funds to provide basic necessities.
- The city of Lviv has had an influx of people displaced from other cities around Ukraine. The Rotary Club of Lviv International, working with local authorities and major hospitals, created an online spreadsheet of relief items that can be accessed by people who want to help. Members arrange for the donated items to be delivered to hospitals and coordinate storage with local warehouses.

Poland

Poland has taken in more than a million refugees, and Rotary clubs all over the country created a central account for contributions.

- The Rotary Club of Olsztyn is collecting and managing donations for more than 150 Ukrainians who are staying at Ostróda Camp, a conference and recreation center. Most of the occupants are unaccompanied children whose parents stayed in Ukraine. Four cars full of supplies including food, clothes, toiletries, and toys were donated hours after the center began accepting refugees.
- Members of the Rotary Club of Zamosc worked with a member of the Rotary Club of Wolsztyn, who owns a medical supply distribution company, to coordinate a partnership with other organizations to collect supplies and equipment.
- The Rotary Club of Gdansk Centrum is providing accommodations for four refugee families, and members who own businesses are offering them work.



Other countries that border Ukraine

- The Rotary Club of Kisvárda, Hungary, is coordinating contributions and mobilizing members to donate necessities and deliver the items to where they're needed.
- Rotary members in Romania and Moldova have created a central fund for contributions and set up WhatsApp groups that organize food donations and coordinate shelter for refugees.
- In Slovakia and the Czech Republic, clubs have partnered with a railway and cargo company to offer transportation to nearly 2,300 refugees.



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

PETER LAM 

Induction of members in recent years who have resigned



Our young new blood Marco Ho was inducted at our joint meeting with baby club RC Central on 20 Nov. 2017; but too bad his membership did not last long.



Christie Lin Zheng was inducted at the 21 Jan. 2019 Reunion Dinner, at 陶源酒家 in iSquare, TST. Christie took 6 months' Leave of Absence and finally resigned in Apr. 2020.



Induction of new members Benjamin Wong & Xie Jun as witnessed by 2016-17 DG Eric Chin and PDG Eugene Fong at our 16 Dec. 2016 meeting at KCC. Xie Jun eventually became CP of RC Shenzhen which was established in May 2017.



I wonder if any of us remember Derek Koon who was inducted at the District Installation on 4 July, 2015 at HK Convention & Exhibition Centre. Derek's membership was very short-lived as he resigned in October of the same year.



At our joint clubs meeting on 3 Nov. 2014 at Royal Plaza Hotel in Mongkok, Eric Chiang & Jason Lo were formally inducted as witnessed by 2014-15 DG Belinda Yeung.



Yu Ming Hay was inducted at our Shanghai Night on 26 Jan. 2015 at restaurant 蘇浙匯 in Wanchai, witnessed by charter member Joseph Lau who introduced him to join us.



Responding to the crisis in Ukraine

Join Rotary as we come together to help districts affected by the worsening Ukrainian humanitarian crisis

As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, Rotary has made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We are deeply concerned about the Ukraine crisis and need your help.

Rotary is made up of people of action, especially in difficult times. In response to the deepening refugee crisis, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided to prioritize contributions made to the *Disaster Response Fund* until 30 April 2022 to support *disaster response grants* for districts affected by these events. These expedited *disaster response grants* can be used to supply water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing.



Half a million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number of refugees could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

With your donation to our *Disaster Response Fund*, we can support communities and help rebuild lives during this tragic time.

Sincerely,

John Germ
 Trustee Chair, 2021-22
 The Rotary Foundation



Donate here

<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>



About Rotary Disaster Response Grants

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/rotary-disaster-response-grants>



Distribution of Anti-epidemic Service Bags to “Three-nil” Buildings

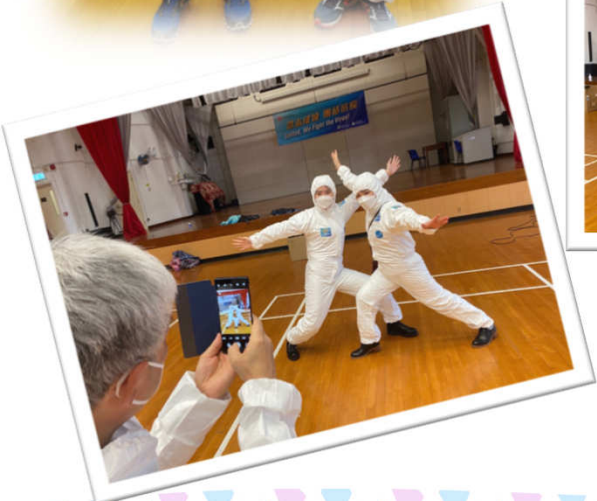
2 April 2022

Danny Lau

The term “three-nil building” was caught in the spotlight again after the government announced the district-wide arrangement to distribute anti-epidemic service bags to all households in Hong Kong. For most of us who live in private buildings or public housing, those packs are given out by property management companies or Housing Department/Society respectively - no big problem with that. But a lot of grassroots families who require extra support in getting anti-COVID resources stay in “three-nil” buildings 三無大廈, meaning buildings with no owners’ corporation or any form of residents’ organisations and nil property management companies - they have no other institution to answer their needs.



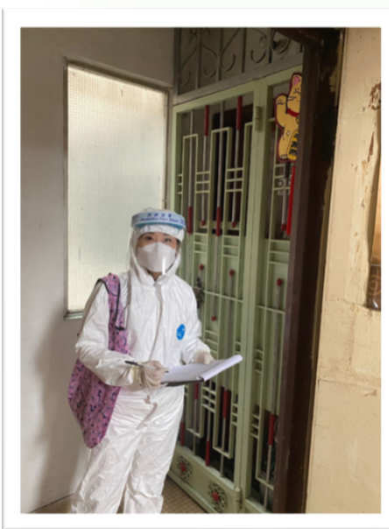
On this matter, the District Offices organised a distribution scheme to cover these buildings and recruited volunteers to hand out supplies. On 2 April, RCTP volunteers gave a helping hand to delivering the goodie bags from door to door to the residents in these three-nil buildings in the Tai Po community. We gathered at 9 am at Tai Po community centre hall. Each pack of anti-epidemic service bags contain 20 rapid antigen kits, 20 KN95 masks, two boxes of Chinese medicine and a leaflet with health information. Before embarking on the journey of the day, we had to put on Personal Protective Equipment which included a fitted isolation gown, face shield and a pair of gloves. While we were fully protected, we looked like we were ready to go grocery shopping on the Moon! Just a bit of fun before the hard work began.





We split into 10 teams and worked in pairs to cover three-nil buildings in Tai Po area, including Cheong Hing Building, Wing Fu Building and Wing Cheung Building etc. For some of the buildings, there are no elevators where we needed to go up the stairs. We would hand out the service bag if the residents answered the door. If not, we would leave a note with pick-up information. The task sounds easy enough but it was rather stuffy and arduous to walk around and climb the stairs with the PPE on. Huge respect for our medical staff and I could not imagine working under tremendous pressure with the PPE for the whole day.

At the end of the day, we went and distributed the bags to a total of 849 households in 53 three-nil buildings! It was tiring but rewarding as we received the kind words of gratitude from the recipients. Thank you everyone for the concerted effort!

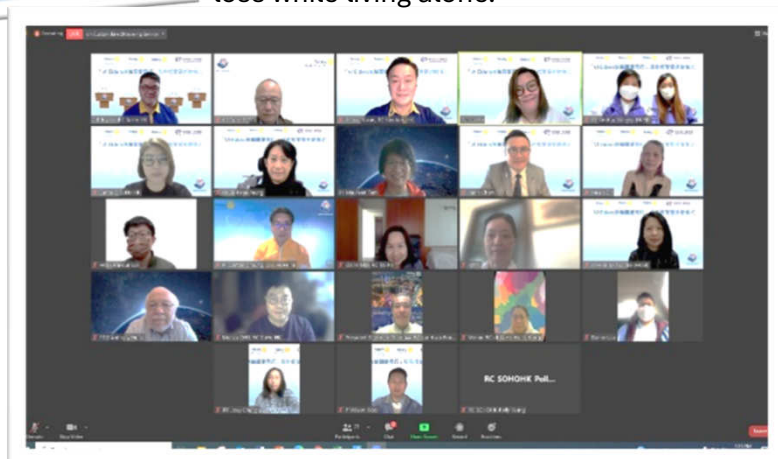


Sponsorship Programme for the Visual Impaired (VI) Elders and Couples Living Alone

2 April 2022

Wilson Woo

On 2.4.2022, a simple donation ceremony was held online. With the presence of DG Keith Chow, CEO of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind (“HKSB”) – Ms. Maureen Tam, and our Rotarians, the donation was presented to HKSB officially. HKSB is targeting and serving about 300 visual impaired elders or couples who are suffering from deafblind with dual sensory loss while living alone.



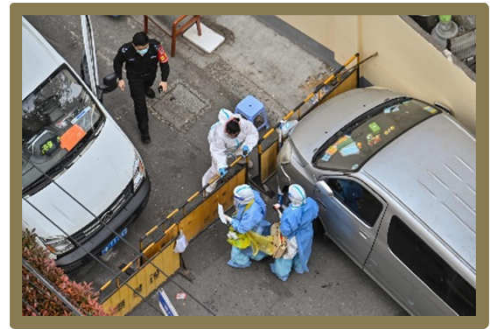
This service project was co-organized by RC SoHo Hong Kong, RC Neoteric Hong Kong and our club. Among our three clubs, we have donated around \$100,000 to the HKSB, to assist the visually impaired elders and couples for taking the vaccine and undergoing the compulsory testing. As reported in the ceremony, many RAT kits and essential items were delivered to those in need.



Questions During The Pandemic

Frankie Wu

This period has surely been a difficult time for all of us with many uncertainties and stress filled with ups and downs. The original “Zero Covid” policy in China and Hong Kong seemed to be on the right track as we saw the turmoil due to Covid and political disturbance happening around the world. The last wave and the situation in Shanghai now makes me question if we had made the right choice or were we just delaying the inevitable?



Initially while Hong Kong enjoyed relative stability when the rest of the world struggled, it seemed like the government had made the right decision. The city had few cases and businesses were running. Every couple of months there might be an influx of confirmed cases, but the responses were prompt and we were able to pat our shoulders to congratulate ourselves every time it dies down.

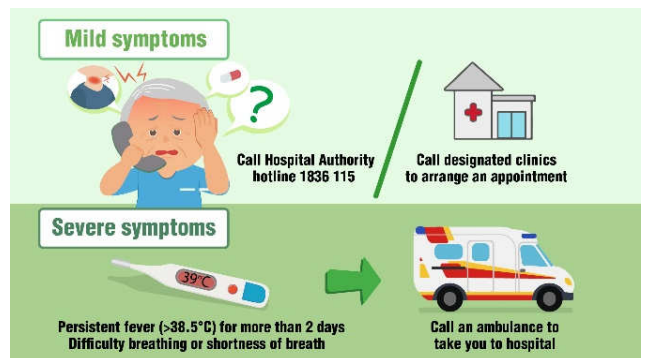
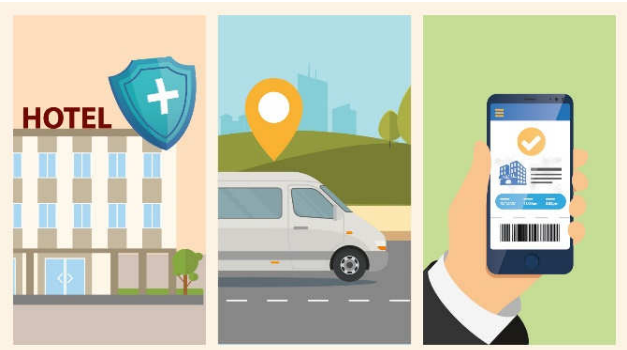
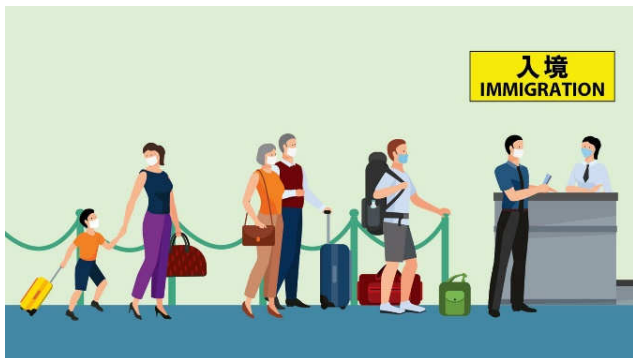




Three years onwards, we had just experienced the worst outbreak since the beginning of the pandemic along with Greater China. It is evident that the preparation of the government cannot keep up with the evolution of the virus. What is our exit strategy? Do we maintain the “Zero Covid” policy; or like the rest of the world, do we assume that the virus is going to stay and to live with it?



Furthermore, Hong Kong has a unique position being the bridge between China and the rest of the world. Foreign businesses were happily situated here; but without a proper strategy for the pandemic, how many businesses will choose to leave and relocate to other financial cities in the region that are seemingly more adaptive such as Singapore? With the political unrest in the recent years and the pandemic, it seems that Hong Kong is facing a very challenging time. The question for now maybe: how should we adapt to it.



Establishment of New Satellite Clubs

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary connections are powerful, for both current and future members. The Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has urged Rotarians to increase membership through the **Each One, Bring One** initiative.

Our District has done an excellent job in expanding our reach to perspective members. As of March 2022, seven Satellite Clubs were established this Rotary Year, recruiting 64 new members to our family. Counting the new enterers, District 3450 has ten Satellite Clubs in total. Below is the list of newly established Satellite Clubs:

Satellite Club	Mother Club
Rotary Satellite Club of Hong Kong North Point – Entrepreneur 香港北角創業家衛星扶輪社	Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point
Rotary Satellite Club of Star Avenue - The Discovery 星光大道聚賢途衛星扶輪社	Rotary Club of Star Avenue
Rotary Satellite Club of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area - Elite Athletes 粵港澳大灣區傑出運動員衛星扶輪社	Rotary Club of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area
Rotary Satellite Club of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area – Hengqin 粵港澳大灣區橫琴衛星扶輪社	Rotary Club of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area
Rotary Satellite Club of Abacus Hong Kong – Guangdong 香港精算廣東衛星扶輪社	Rotary Club of Abacus Hong Kong
Rotary Satellite Club of Ability Hong Kong - Aspiration 香港精英香港精神衛星扶輪社	Rotary Club of Ability Hong Kong
Rotary Satellite Club of Hong Kong Financial Centre - Global Interaction 香港金融中心環球互動衛星扶輪社	Rotary Club of Hong Kong Financial Centre

Chartering a Satellite Club is the first step to **Service Above Self**. Thank you all the mother clubs for identifying new members. Appreciated Membership Committee Chair PDG Eric Chin and CP Jimmy Lau for guiding and monitoring new clubs. We **Serve to Change Lives**. Caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Yours in Rotary,

Keith Chow
 District Governor
 RI District 3450



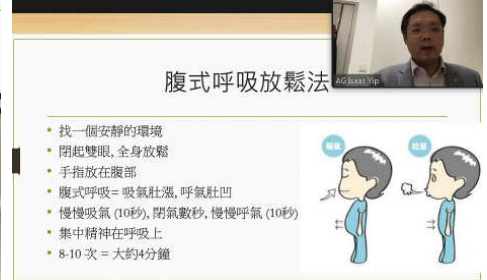
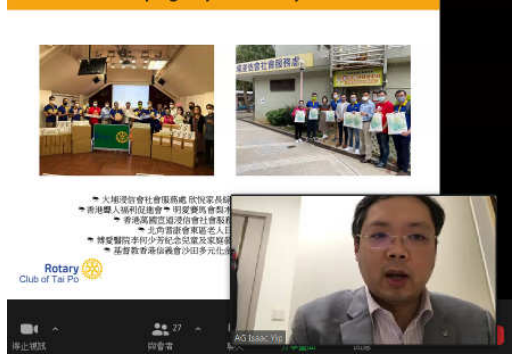
REGULAR MEETINGS

21 March 2022

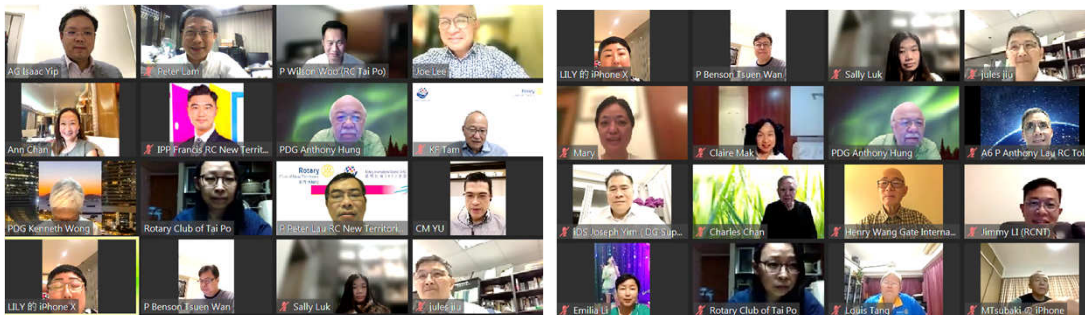
Promotion by AG Isaac Yip about the **Area 6 Anti-Covid campaign**.

Area 6 Assistant Governor **Dr. Isaac Yip** is the Speaker of the evening. He spoke on the very timely topic of **Stress Management in times of the Covid Pandemic (新冠肺炎下的壓力管理)**. Stress comes in the form of constant streaming of worrying pandemic news, food scarcity alarms, unemployment rate, death rate and all sorts of livelihood matters, some of which might be remote but still caused varying degrees of concerns. Even though a certain amount of stress will spur one to improve, too much stress will deter a person from going forward. AG Isaac offered some tips to counter stress, including to develop a regular sleeping pattern, rhythmic deep inhaling and exhaling practice, writing down worrying matters on the left side of a note book while ready to fill in solutions on the right side page the next day... etc.

Anti-COVID campaign by the Rotary Clubs of Area 6

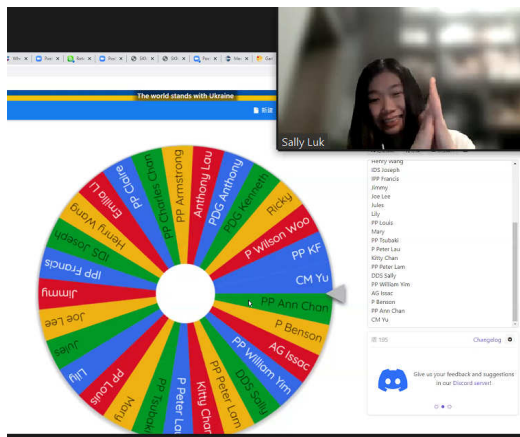


A Vote of Thanks was given by Jules by reference to the current dire situation which makes AG's speech particularly timely and useful.



Since it is AG giving a talk, fellow Rotarians of Area 6, in particular RC New Territories, attended in support.

During the meeting, DDS Sally promoted the District initiative of Mental Health and Well Being project.



Raffle Gift from DDS Sally Luk



MICHI Reneckz portable Shoulder Heating Massage

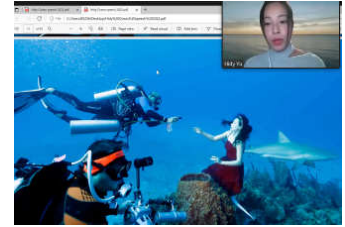
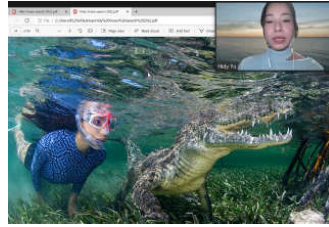
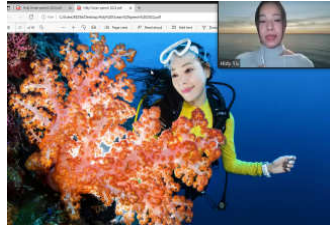
Visiting Rotarian PP Ann Chan won from DDS Sally Luk her thoughtful raffle gift of a portable Shoulder Heating Massager.



4 April 2022

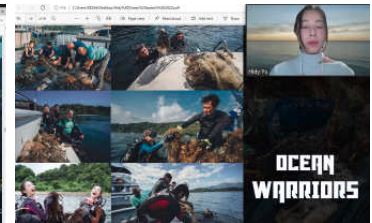
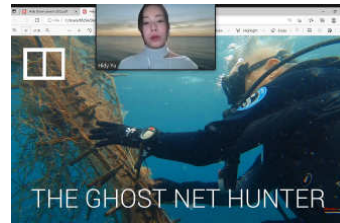


President Wilson introduced the delectable speaker Hidy Yu, who is not only a veteran scuba diver and diving instructor but also an Ocean Warrior.

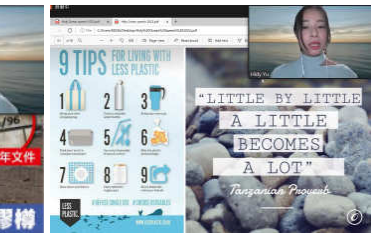


Hidy started her talk on “身體力行保育海洋” by showing beautiful pictures of the ocean, the ocean creatures and herself frolicking in the ocean. Her intimate encounter with sharks and alligators still left us in awe.

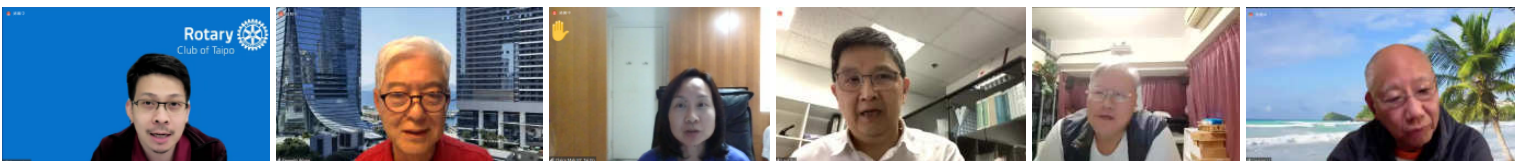
Then, as a big contrast, Hidy showed us the Underwater Ghost Net situation and explained the distressing results they caused to sea creatures and thus highlighting the importance of clearing the ocean of such harmful substance and keeping the ocean ‘clean’.



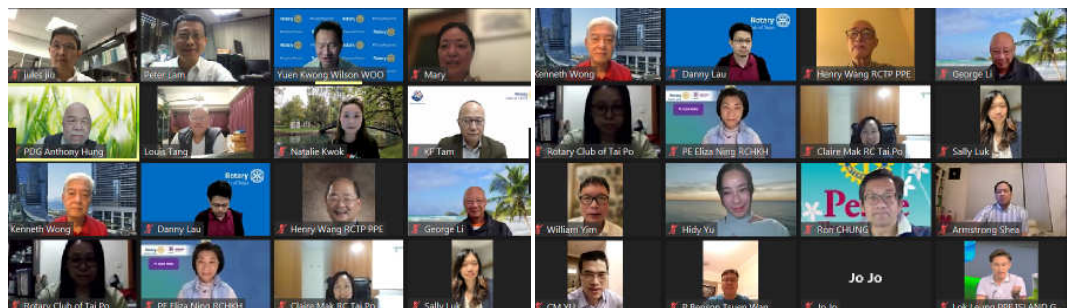
To further emphasise her point, Hidy showed us a video clip of the devastating Typhoon Mangkhut which raked up huge amount of waste from the ocean dating back to the 1990s to show that such waste simply do not decompose even after decades. She ended by urging each of us to do our own little part to use less plastic.



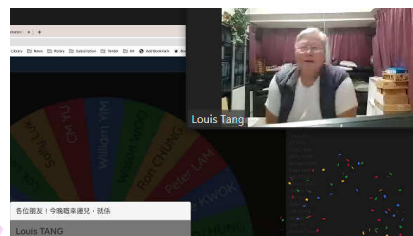
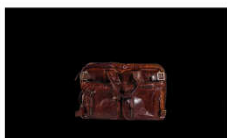
Hidy’s interesting talk generated environmental questions and comments from PE Danny, PDG Kenneth, PP Claire, Rtn Jules, PP Louis and District PPE Member PP George Li.



Members and visiting Rotarians benefitted a great deal listening to Hidy’s talk and PP K F gave her a thorough Vote of Thanks.



Raffle Gift from PP William



The raffle gift was given out by PP William. It was a multi-purpose leather bag marketed by his son Alaric. The lucky winner was PP Louis.



Meeting at 7PM every Monday @ Regal Kowloon Hotel



Rotary Club of Tai Po URL: www.rctaipo.org



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11 April 2022

Important Dates – Club Event

- Regular Meeting on **25 April 2022 (Monday)**
Speaker: P Benson Chan
Topic: Architectural Painting
Venue: Sing La, ISquare, TST
- Regular Meeting on **25 April 2022 (Monday)**
Speaker: PP Alex Fan (RAC TaiPo)
Topic: Cyber Scam
Venue: TBC

President Wilson previewed what is in store. It appears that we might be able to meet physically soon.



PP Natalie gave an introduction of Speaker DGND Nigel Lo of RC HK North.

DGND Nigel explained why Rotarians should join Rotary Events held both locally and at international level by reference to some key events, their nature and the benefits they afford.



District Conference

- Annual highlight of a district
- RI President (or representative) will attend
- RI President will give inspirational speech
- Control will give inspirational speech
- Rotarians represent their own clubs in the conference
- Club Administrators are invited to participate in the conference
- Rotarians can also attend to listen to sharing by Rotary Leaders
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Our Work in Ending Polio

1998 Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative
2007 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation joined Rotary in its commitment to ending polio
2013 the Gates Foundation has matched every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication 2-1, up to \$35 million per year. Rotary, with matching funds from the Gates Foundation, has contributed more than **\$1.6 billion** to end polio.

2.5 billion children received vaccine
If polio is not eradicated, hundreds of thousands of health care costs would rise dramatically, and many drastically diminished.

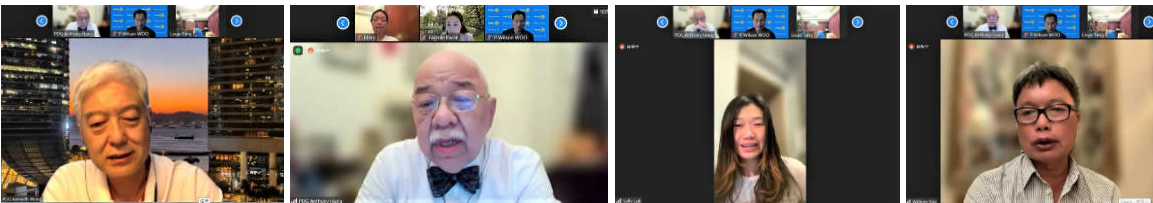


Rotary Institute

- Rotary Leaders and District Leaders gathered to share information and exchange ideas on Rotary and The Rotary Foundation
- Governors-Elect and Governors-Nominee attend training
- Rotarians can also attend to listen to sharing by Rotary Leaders

Why important for you as a Rotarian to join?

- To support the organisers
- To understand Rotary Affairs
- An opportunity to meet Rotary/District Leaders and share your ideas
- Build friendship beyond your local club
- Explore opportunity to serve beyond your club (Constitution)
- Bring back memories to share with your fellow members and encourage more to participate
- Give feedback to Leaders and organisers how we can enhance your experience



DGND Nigel's talk attracted comments of own experiences from PDG Kenneth and PDG Anthony. PP Sally asked about steep

charges for District Conference which could burden younger members; while PP William was concerned about the attendance rate at the coming Houston RI Convention.

PP Louis gave DGND Nigel a Vote of Thanks.



Our attendance this time was 68%.


Happy Birthday Star - April



CM Yu

We sang the birthday song for April birthday boy Dr. CM Yu.

Raffle Gift from PP Louis TANG



CASH PRIZE RAFFLES

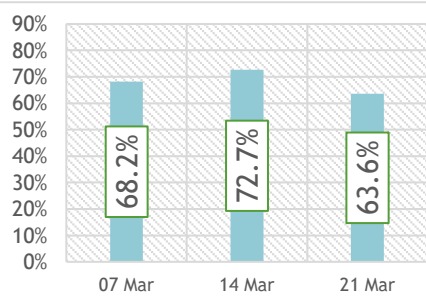
HKD 500 Cash Prize

PP Louis gave \$500 cash prize for raffle draw and Rtn. Henry was the lucky winner.





MARCH 2022




Average attendance: **53.03%**


Date	Time	Event	Venue
25 APR (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: President Benson Chan Topic: Architectural Painting	Sing La, Unit 303, 3/F, iSquare, TST
22 APR (FRI) to 25 APR (MON)	9:00 - 13:00; 13:00 - 17:00	Service Event: Vaccination Project for Elders	Open Space, Yiu Wah House, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai
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23 MAY (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: PP Daniel Lam (RC Kowloon) Topic: Hardships and difficulties faced by the Hospital Authority during the Pandemic	Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Mongkok



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