

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILSON WOO



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Wish you and your family a prosperous and healthy year of the Tiger.



After the CNY, the Covid scare seems to be spinning out of control in Hong Kong. For the purpose of protecting our frail elderly and youth, we are not able to gather all our family members and friends around the table as usual. With the great effort of people all over the world, I believe the end day of pandemic and resuming normal life are just around the corner. Let us fight together against the pandemic.

It's worth noting that our District has recently launched a substantial service project – Rotary Covid Pandemic Campaign, to encourage people, especially the elderly, to receive vaccination. Some containers have been converted to mobile vaccination centres which are roving at certain locations between January and February including Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Sheung Shui, Sai Kung and Tsz Wan Shan, for any elderly or disable who want to take the vaccines. It is very convenient as the mobile centres stay at the vicinity close to where they live. In fact, the mobile vaccination centres also provide services to all eligible persons for receiving 1st dose and 2nd dose of vaccine. According to the statistics from the government, the elderly is still the group with the lowest vaccination rate in Hong Kong. There are only about 50% elderly who have taken the first dose. Nevertheless, improving the rate of vaccination coverage in our community is one important mission we can do at this critical moment.



LET'S HELP OUR MONGOLIAN FRIEND TSOLMON BATHKHUU



TSOLMON BATHKHUU
• Neurosurgeon
• Rotaractor (current President of Rotaract Club of Nairamdal in Mongolia)
• Fencer

Health Condition:

- Diagnosed with colorectal cancer in June 2020. She underwent surgery and 6 courses of chemotherapy.
- In October 2020, she underwent surgery again after the second chemotherapy.
- In January 2022, she underwent surgery again, because the cancer metastasized in another organ.

Current Situation:

Unfortunately, the cancer was not able to be retreated with chemotherapy in Mongolia. **Now her hope is to get medical treatment in Japan**, which will cost at least 140 million tugriks (~49,000 USD). Her family and close friends have covered part of the cost, but she is still **short of 32,000 USD** (as of 28 Jan 2022)! Rotarians and Rotaractors in Mongolia are collecting donations there to help Tsolmon. They need our support from Hong Kong!

Another mission impossible was just completed by our District earlier this month – fund raising for a Rotaractor in Mongolia who needed financial assistance. President of Rotaract Club of Nairamdal, Tsolmon BathkhUU, a young Rotaractor was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in June 2020. From 2020-21, she had undergone surgery and received two chemotherapies. In January 2022, the cancer metastasized to other organs. Given the fact that Tsolmon herself is a doctor, she contacted hospital in Turkey. At the suggestion by DG Keith, our District has raised about US\$50k within 3 days. Now President Tsolmon is staying in Turkey for medical treatment. Let me wish Tsolmon successful treatment and speedy recovery.

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EDITOR SAYS



CLAIRE MAK

Friends come in different sizes, shapes and forms. There is only a very rough reference of who qualifies as a 'friend' and friendship can be transient. Sometimes you feel that you are surrounded by friends; at other times not so. This is very personal and can vary as easily as the weather. This is made more acute by



online friends are
real friends too.

the ubiquitous social media where friends, known or unknown, can be easily added or unfriended. The number of Facebook friends in one's account has somehow become one's status these days; and people may chase after likes and comments for gratification. In fact, having tons of Facebook friends doesn't make a constructive relationship in real-world. I barely talk with the person I recently agreed to a Friend Request. How very unreal.



There are apparently different tiers of friends. They are differentiated not by monetary worth or social status; but the closeness to oneself. Even a parent will have preferences over one or two of their own children, so do friends. Some friends are your long and lengthy novels whom you keep turning to and rereading. Others are your prose or even a short poem. They impact on you but do not always hang around. Well, what matters is that the friendship is worthwhile! Do not spend time to figure out why some friends treat you like this and others don't... Better focus on creating and sharing good times as friends.

Most of you know my Dad passed away soon after the New Year. I was going through his phone so that I could notify his acquaintances about his passing when I discovered that he was involved in quite a number of chat groups and had been in contact with a lot of friends. Those who are within "Old Boys" group at least I know they were schoolmates. Some of them I have no idea at all who they are because they were just contact numbers, not even a name. I just am not sure who really is a friend, who are just a contact. Oh well ...



THERE ARE
SOME PEOPLE
IN LIFE THAT
MAKE YOU
LAUGH A LITTLE
LOUDER, SMILE
A LITTLE BIGGER
AND LIVE JUST
A LITTLE
BIT BETTER.

My Dad had attended quite a bit of RCTP events throughout the years and had enjoyed the good company here. There is never a good way to go; but that he would pass away quickly without any lingering illness is indeed a blessing to him and we who survive him. As time moves on, what remain are fond memories... and we also move on. I am really grateful for the love and concern my RCTP family have shown me and my Dad.

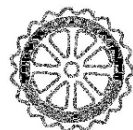
Let's start again dear friends. At this beginning of a new (Lunar) year, let me wish you good health and good wealth all over again.



How Rotary became international in the early days

From RI Website & The ABCs of Rotary

From the first Rotary club, Rotary Club of Chicago founded by Paul Harris in 1905, we now have about



35,000 clubs with 1.4 million members all over the world. But in fact, Rotary had quickly started in various countries in the early days in the 1910s-30s. With clubs emerging all over the world, the original National Association of Rotary Clubs, first established in 1910 with 16 pioneer clubs like RC San Francisco, RC Oakland, RC Seattle and RC Los Angeles in USA, was renamed as Rotary International in 1922. Let's take a look at this historical development in a simplified format:

ROTARY INFORMATION

PETER LAM



First club outside of USA:	First club outside of North America
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada Nov. 1910	Dublin, Ireland, 1911
First clubs in Europe	First club in a non-English-speaking country
London, Aug. 1912	Havana, Cuba, 1916
Madrid, Spain, Jan. 1921	
Paris, Apr. 1921	
København, Denmark, Aug. 1922	
Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 1923	
Milano, Italy, Dec. 1923	
Zürich, Switzerland, May 1924	
Praha, Czech Republic, Oct. 1925	
Wien, Austria, Oct. 1925	
Lisboa, Portugal, Jan. 1926	
Hamburg, Germany, Oct. 1927	
First clubs in Asia	First 10 clubs in China #
Manila, Philippines, Jun. 1919	Shanghai 上海, Oct. 1919
Calcutta, India, Jan. 1920	Tientsin 天津, May, 1923
Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 1920	Peking 北京, Aug. 1924
Osaka, Japan, Nov. 1922	Canton 廣州, Apr. 1932
Kobe, Japan, Dec. 1924	Hangzhou 杭州, Jun. 1932 (first Mandarin speaking club)
Kyoto, Japan, Oct. 1925	Tsingtao 青島, Dec. 1932
Keijo, Seoul, Korea Nov. 1927	Tsinan 濟南, Dec. 1932
Singapore, Jun. 1930	Fuzhou 福州, Jul. 1933
Bangkok, Nov. 1930	Amoy (Xiamen) 廈門, Oct. 1933
Hong Kong, Feb. 1931	Hankou 漢口, Dec. 1933
Taihoku, Taipei, Formosa (Taiwan) 1931	

Rotary flourished in China before and after the 2nd World War, and ultimately spawned 33 clubs throughout the mainland up to 1949. RI formally disbanded all clubs in 1952 until Feb. 2006 when RC Shanghai re-admitted and now growing to about 15 clubs including 4 clubs in Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu, Dalian, Tianjin, Suzhou, Qingdao.

First clubs in other parts of world

Johannesburg, Africa, Apr. 1921

Melbourne, Apr. 1921

Christchurch, New Zealand, 1922



RC Bacolod Philippines, 1939



RC Hangzhou 1935



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FLASHBACK

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

團年飯 / 開年飯

2020



Our last 團年飯 at Tom Bar + Grill in HK Science Park on 10 Feb. 2020 (初十七). A very memorable photo of us wearing mask at this dinner meeting probably for the very first time since the outbreak of Covid-19. Thanks President KF & his team arranging for us to write and exchange 揮春. I doubt any of us at that time would ever imagine that this pandemic will last this long . . . making it impossible to hold our 團年飯 event two years in a row (2021&22)!

2018



We welcomed Rotaractors from CU Wu Yee Sun College and our Rotaract Club of Tai Po 2006-07 President Sheena Cheng at our 團年飯 on 5 Feb. 2018 (年二十). The meeting at KCC featured a talk on "Imperial Cuisine 滿漢全席".



2017



Instead of 揮春, we had games & drinking contest as the highlight of our 團年飯 at Chiu Chow Club in Sheung Wan on 6 Feb. 2017 (年初十).

2016



2015-16 President Vikky & 財神 gave out laisee to Area 6 AG Frankie Wu at the 3-Generation joint meeting at 百樂門 禧宴 restaurant in TST on 18 Feb. 2016 (初十一).

2015



Our members and Rotaractors with laisee given by our God of Fortune 財神 at our meeting in Royal Garden on 2 Mar. 2015 (初十二). No big feast but we did have special "lo hey" dish (kind of 撈麵) for the occasion.

Rotary Covid Pandemic Campaign

Wilson Woo

In areas where the coronavirus is surging, communities are facing extreme challenges, health systems are overwhelmed, and contentious rhetoric is dividing us. Rotary is strongly encouraging all eligible people, including its members, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

In December 2021, IPDG Eric CHAK initiated a service project to enhance the rate of vaccination coverage. By converting containers to mobile vaccination centres, the public including the elderly could have another option to get vaccinated instead of going to the designated vaccination centres. With the support of 14 Rotary Clubs, our District is holding Covid pandemic campaign for the public, circulating in Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Sheung Shui, Sai Kung and Tsz Wan Shan. Gift bags are prepared and given to those

who have taken the vaccine at our mobile centres. Apart from the gift bags, we also recruited some volunteer doctors, many of them Rotarians, to provide free consultation for the people who want to take the vaccine.



Under this programme, it is estimated that more than 3000 elderlies have received the vaccination. Medical consultation is also provided by our professional Rotarians. With the leadership of IPDG Eric CHAK and AG Derrick WONG and the blessing from DG Keith CHOW, this campaign is supported unflinchingly by all Rotarians, doctors and volunteers. Vaccination is the best weapon against Covid-19. Please act now to protect yourselves and your loved ones!



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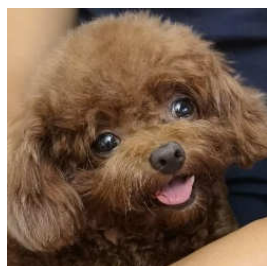
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A Little Kindness Pays Handsome Dividend

Kenneth Wong

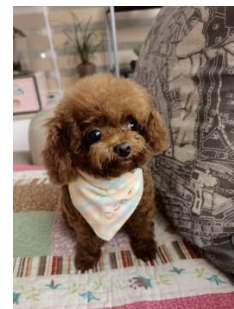


She is called Penny because she is tiny and bronze.

We have a goldfish and a tortoise in our family which have been with us for years, In 2019, we decided to add a puppy. It was clear to us from the outset that this dog must be one of manageable size and has to be acquired through adoption. We have been told that there are many abandoned dogs in Hong Kong living in the most appalling conditions imaginable.

Little did we realize that this dog ends up bringing us endless joy and takes away much of the boredom during our months long solid home confinement as Covid pandemic ravages Hong Kong.

We learned that there is a charitable organization called “*Villa Kunterbunt Lantau*” which raises fund for volunteer dog lovers who could provide safe shelters for abandoned dogs for a considerable length of time until adoptions happen. “*Villa Kunterbunt Lantau*” is run by a Finnish lady by the name of Okka.



In the morning of 1st July 2019, we made a trip to a remote village house in Tung Chung that belongs to a lady called Ashleigh who is a volunteer of *Villa Kunterbunt Lantau*. Ashleigh had over 10 dogs in her keeping at the time. We



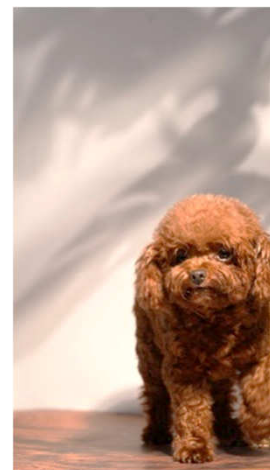
went there and told her that we were looking for a smaller dog. She then showed us behind the sofa: there we saw a frightened little teacup Poodle curling underneath.

Ashleigh explained to us that this little bitch was left outside her house not long ago and most likely abandoned by a puppy farm where large number of dogs were kept for breeding in very poor conditions. Breeders typically don't care about the health and living condition of their dogs as dogs are perceived as merely machinery for producing puppies. They dump dogs which are no longer able to serve their purposes. As it happened, Covid pandemic is driving many puppy farms out of business.

This little poodle looked weak, skinny, disoriented with little hair. When I held her close, I saw no life in her big hollow eyes. We instantly felt the urge to take this poor little dog home. On our journey back we decided to stop by a vet clinic and gave this poor dog a medical assessment before heading home.

Initial examination showed that she weighed a mere 2.4 kgs with only six teeth left in her mouth, mal-nourished and frightened. According to her implanted microchip she is a 4-year-old bitch and her belly scar indicated that she has given birth for at least once. The vet explained that most teacup size bitches typically give birth by Caesarean section procedure. This is to reduce fatality of mothers and foals during labor and delivery.

All these have pointed to the facts that this Poodle bitch had gone through four years of horrendous ordeal with unspeakable sufferings. This lady vet further explained to us that in puppy farms, female dogs are usually being kept individually inside cages all the time (to avoid accidental cross breeding) and antibiotics are fed daily to reduce infecting diseases from other dogs under highly concentrated living environment. Animals that are caged up since very young are typically weak due to the lack of exercise and mentally traumatized to varying degrees. Very often, these dogs would suffer from anxiety syndromes and mistrust towards humans. There are other anxiety related symptoms such as uncontrollable barking, biting, and not responding to instructions etc.

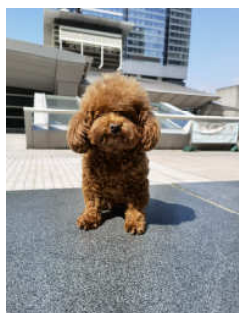




The vet also warned us that restoration of physical health is relatively easy with improved living conditions. It would probably take at least one year for these dogs to recover mentally or emotionally; there are also cases where they never resume normal pattern of behavior.

We knew then that a heavy burden had just bestowed on our family and one that we must not fail. Once home, after giving her a good wash, we started working on Penny's diet. As she has 6 teeth left, the usual dried dog food does not suit her. That means we must cook for her. Penny's daily menu consists of minced meats, carrot, pumpkin, egg yolk, chicken liver and rice in rotations.

Fortunately, she is tiny and does not bark and bite. She turns to be a dog of kind nature and of remarkably low maintenance. During the early weeks, Penny would stay in her spot all day, head down and shied from eye contact and slept most of the time.



Luckily, like many of us, she loves food. We walk Penny three times a day too. As her health and vitality gradually improved, she started paying attention to us but still lacked confidence.

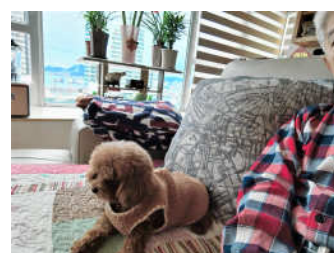
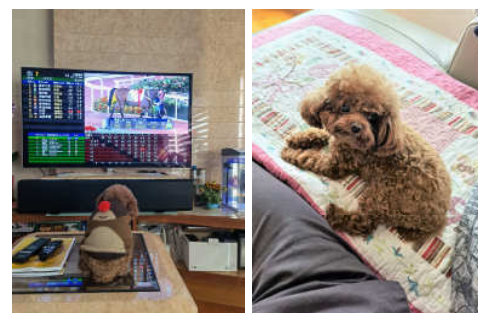
Penny must have felt the boundless love and affection from us (domestic helper included) and willingly accepted our hand feedings. After about two months, her coat shines, and her eyes glow again.



Penny now greets Amy at the door and wags her tail when Amy returns from work, but she remains a quiet type, nevertheless. Penny enjoys being cuddled. She would come lying next to us quietly for hours on end. She likes watching TV especially horse racing. Penny also enjoys taking a walk, but she prefers no leash.



All the time when we thought that we have changed the life of this little dog for the better, Penny is quietly changing ours too. She makes life more pleasurable and purposeful at time when friends and family are forced apart, businesses withered, and social engagement has suddenly become legal offences, so life is now become unpredictable and filled with uncertainties. Penny helps to take away a lot of pains and negativities during our home confinement and makes it more fun and bearable.



Penny has now fully integrated to the Wong family and seems to be enjoying her stay with us. Time and time again, we have discovered that the work that we do in helping others would also be helping ourselves in a different way. Sometimes, the reward may be richer than the efforts we put in.

So, the take home message here would be
"When you want a dog, please adopt".

In closing my family (Penny included) would like to wish all our dear fellow Rotarians and friends, a happy, healthy and a productive year of the Tiger. May our world resume normality very soon and we all could once again enjoy freedom and all the finer things in life.

With best wishes,
Yours truly,
Kenneth



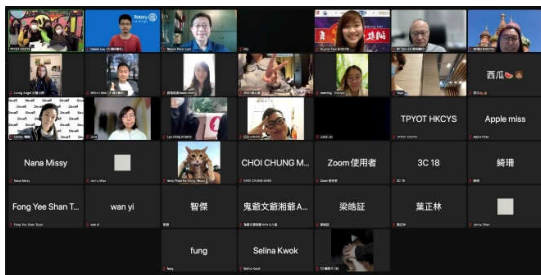


Star Reaching Project – Wheelchair Design Competition and Presentation Day

調教你「沸」青之成果展現日

Danny Lau

Throwing back to December 2021, I attended the wheelchair sharing and experience session under Star Reaching Project where I got to meet the wheelchair users and young people in the neighbourhood and addressed the challenges on accessibility in our community.



This January, I was very glad that this experience that aimed to foster inclusivity and understanding was taken to the next level. On 23 January in the afternoon from 2:30 - 4:15 pm, the Wheelchair Design Competition and Presentation Day “調教你「沸」青之成果展現日” was successfully held via Zoom.



RULES

1. 社工先暗中係紙上寫一個1~100之間的數字
2. 例如：神秘數字**67**
3. 參加者要說出一個由1~100號之間的號碼及邀請下一位
4. 之後，社會會收窄範圍，例如講出：54~100
5. 當參加者說中神秘數字後，參加者要接受小懲罰 - 「自我介紹」



This time, we were joined by the wheelchair users who created the YouTube channel “大瞳小椅”. We had previously heard how wheelchair users live - it was refreshing to really watch the experience from their perspective - vlogs about food/restaurant, sports event and local travelling, to name just a few. Apart from recording everyday life, they also made clips commenting on the government’s accessibility policy. Their optimism and persistence are truly amazing and inspirational.



大瞳小椅
飲食



大瞳小椅



想令輪椅朋友和健全人士的世界接軌

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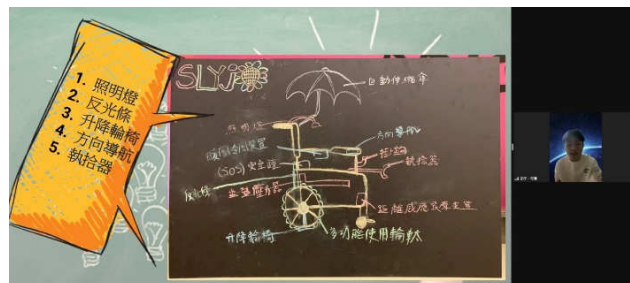


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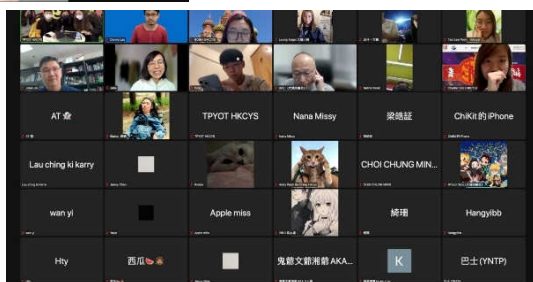


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The highlight of the event was the redesigning of wheelchairs. We were split into different groups and in each group, the assigned social worker would present a problem that wheelchair users may face in their everyday life. The mission for our young people was to come up with ideas to redesign the wheelchair to solve this particular problem - a task that required creativity and a problem-solving mind. During the discussion, our young people were encouraged to speak up and share their views. I gave my words of



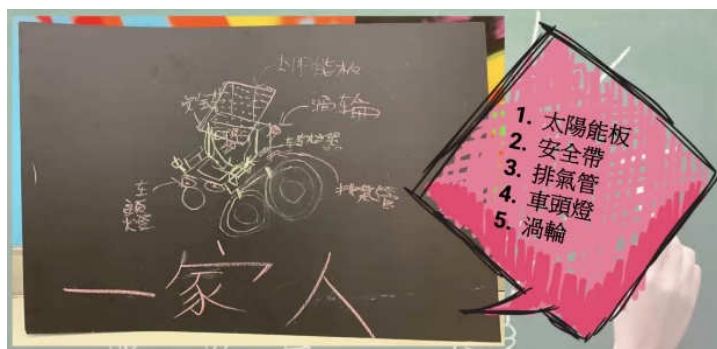
encouragement during the session and helped brainstorm a more practical but creative way to make the wheelchair more versatile.



After we had finished with our redesign and presented it to everyone on Zoom, our wheelchair friends and guests gave their comments and then everyone voted for their favourite designs. Each of us had three votes - one for the Best Design, the other the Most Creative Design and lastly, the Most Practical Design.

I was very impressed by both the performance of our young participants as well as the design of this workshop - it was a great

as well as the design of this workshop - it was a great way to encourage social inclusivity and positivity, and at the same time stimulates innovation.



Preparing for Post Covid 19?

Dr. Ronald Chung



When PP Claire asked me to write something, anything, for Tai Post, I, of course, oblige. The next challenge is... what could that anything be? Everyone is so bombarded with COVID 19, but then again, everyone's life in the last couple of year has been surrounded by COVID 19. Then I thought, how would everyone prepare for life post COVID 19? The time will come, just a matter of TIME.

The answer is so obvious here. It's not clothing, although mask may be a permanent fashion going forward; it's not food, although going out to restaurants may be reduced as a lot of people kind of cook gourmet at home now; it's not living space, although more people are moving out to the suburb in the UK and the US. AND, that left us with travel!

This group used to travel A LOT. So, I am sure there are a lot of travel tales to share. Maybe we can even start a column in Tai Post in the name of "Travel Tales" for everyone (CP, CM, Charles, Henry to name a few) to share their travel experience. The Wall Street Journal used to have a column by the name of The Middle Seat, referring to, of course, the middle seats in flights. In the meantime, let me start with a few of mine. I got quite a few, so in the interest of space, let me just do quick takes, if anyone wants to know more... I can expand on each and every one of the following.

Frequent Traveler?

Wesley thought I worked at the airport when we were in the US. Every time mother dropped me off at the airport to go to work... that makes sense to a 2-year-old, but I have "long" shifts.

Covid 19 had me sleeping in the same bed for MOST consecutive nights, because we are all "grounded", and counting!!

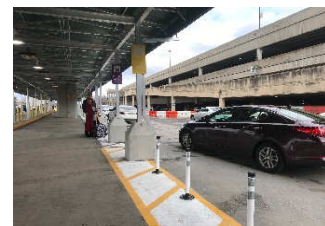
Wrong Flight

I boarded the wrong plane from NYC to Atlantic City instead of Philadelphia. No one noticed because there was no one assigned to my window seat. Luckily, I did not shut down and sleep, so I was able to get the pilot to turn the plane back and let me off (nice guy).

Last flights

I used to take the last flight out, so 1.) I can get a full day of work in, and 2.) there will be less people in queues at immigration, both ways, at the taxi line, and less traffic going into town (think Beijing and Shanghai.) I'll be arriving usually early morning trying to check in hotels, it is hard, BUT given that hotels are mostly overbooked, there are more likelihoods for upgrades (I was upgraded to a Presidential suite at an InterContinental once, the room was HUGE).

One of the last flight out didn't quite work out from HK to BJ. At 9.30 PM, I asked, and they said the plane was still in BJ. I figured, it'll take the plane 3 hours to fly down, and 3 hours to fly me up, so I proposed, if they let me back out and go home, they can potentially save a night's hotel money for me. They did and took me some passage way getting back out to immigration and I took the train back home at the Elements to the surprise of my wife... why are you here?



Learning from News

A bad surprise to my wife was, when she heard a crane fell from 101 because of a big earthquake in Taiwan, she tried to call me, and the phone was shut down... she could not reach me for a few hours, she panicked, of course! In the meantime, my phone was off because I was on the flight back to HK and it took off before the earthquake, so I had no knowledge of the earthquake.



I had a feel of something really bad happened when I was in a flight back from London to HK. Probably 2 hours into the flight, I felt a big jolt, and I said to myself, uh oh... we needed to turn back. Nothing happened until another 2 hours into the flight when the pilot came onto the PA and said, "We have a minor fire on one of the left-wing engines and we need to turn back to London." I was cursing at him because we could probably turn back 2 hours into the flight instead of now 4. Also, couldn't we flight a bit further, another 4 hours, and be closer to HK? Well, apparently, then the next day I observed and found out, it's easier for CX to reschedule everyone on different flights back to HK because London is a major hub, more so than anywhere somewhere in the middle east. This time, Alice got me news before she saw it on the news channel. One more thing, if the airline decided to land and put you up in a hotel, be the first to leave the plane, that means, you are among the first to check into a hotel... otherwise, oh... you will be 1 in probably 500 people trying to get a hotel room (and in the middle of the night, with night shift staff...)

Cancelled flights

Our honeymoon flight back to work was cancelled, and we mapped out alternate connecting routes for the staff, so we could get out (and, apparently, got back on time)

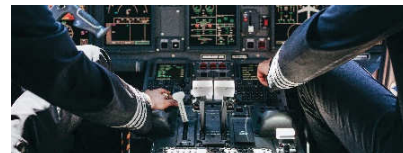
More cancelled flights... What can a 4 inch snow do to a flight? Typically nothing, but I was in a Detroit to Philly flight once and those 4 inches slowed down taxi approach to the runway to every flight, so our flight was de-iced, and de-iced, then we needed to wait for mail to load, and when we are finally ready to go, we needed to be de-iced again. After we de-iced, we needed to change the crew due to union regulations, then we have to wait for the replacement crew who are on the way, but stuck in traffic. But, since this could be any time we were not allow to de-plane. In the meantime, the toilets got flooded. Finally, after 9 hours, the flight took off...



Under-Control?

I was on a rare CA flight to Taipei once, I was in the middle isle which sees nothing It was taking off from HKG, full throttle, then sudden haul off... the pilot then turned probably 90 degrees and a full throttle take off... what happened? I have no clue, as most Asian flights, no PA announcements.

AU pilots, in the meantime, are on the conservative side. There was this time I was coming back from Perth, and was landing in bad weather. Then after a period of descends and bumps, the pilot came onto the PA and announced, HK weather was too severe, we shall fly to Manila and get refueled and return to land... we did just that... but I have a gut feel... if it were an American maverick, we would have landed that iron bird.



Talking about bumps, there was this Continental flight my family was on from HK. In the middle of the night, it hit turbulence and everyone not on seat belt was in mid-air, including Wesley on Alice's lap. We probably dropped a few feet... but even the plane load of screams didn't wake up Wesley.



When we were living at the Elements and pre 9-11, there was this time when I was on a 7.40 AM flight to Taipei. I closed my door at home at 7.00 AM and, yes, I made the flight, as planned, UNDER CONTROL.

Final Destination?

I was, as usual, on the last flight to BJ, got into the hotel in WangFuJing. Then noticed a message on the pillow that WangFuJing will be locked down from 7 AM in the morning for military parade practice for 4 days, Friday to Monday. It was 1999 and the PRC's 50th anniversary. Then I thought, what am I supposed to be here for if no one can come in for meetings? And I cannot leave. So, my client arranged to have me out of WangFuJing in the middle of the night... I felt like Mr. Bond.



Are you ready for travel? More travel tales to come?



Rotary Theme 2022-23

Claire Mak

We made fun when we were shown the new Rotary Theme logo. With that theme, Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

RI PE Jones is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada. She chose Imagine Rotary, as the 2022-23 presidential theme and urged people to dream big and make use of their connections and the power of Rotary to realise those dreams.



"Imagine, a world that deserves our best," Jones told incoming district governors on 20 January, 2022 "where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."



IMAGINE ROTARY When she assumes office on 1 July 2022, Jones will make history by becoming Rotary's first female president. In a way, it kind of show Rotary is making slow progress in terms of gender equality.

Speaking at the International Assembly, Jones told the incoming governors about a chance she took when a member asked for assistance in getting a young peace activist out of Afghanistan during the U.S. troop withdrawal last year. At first unsure how she could help, she relied on *"that certain Rotary magic"* and contacted a former Rotary Peace Fellow she had met a few years earlier. In less than 24 hours, the activist was on an evacuation list, and soon she was on her way to Europe.

Engaging members through meaningful responsibility

Jones envisages the need for Rotary to *"adapt and retool"*. She used her hometown as an example. Windsor was once the automotive hub of Canada. But after plant closings, thousands were left without work. The city needed to retool, in the same way an auto plant would, to prepare for new parts or a new model. By now, Windsor has become a leader in agribusiness and medical and aerospace technology.

For Rotary, *"finding the right 'part' to engage each member should be our core function,"* Jones said. *"It comes down to the comfort and care of our members."*

Engaging members is crucial to retaining members, she said, adding that we need to ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.

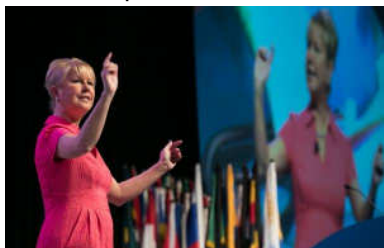
"It is our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that creates purpose and passion," Jones said.

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RI President-elect Jennifer Jones

Embracing change also means embracing new club models, Jones said, as she asked the incoming governors to form at least two new innovative or cause-based clubs during their term. *"Let's make sure we engage our members so they love their clubs and their Rotary experience,"* she added.

Jones also announced the appointment of a Rotaract member as a Rotary public image coordinator and said that she has included Rotaractors on several committees and will assign some Rotaractors as president's representatives. Jones pointed out that Rotaract has already achieved 50% female members, faring much better than Rotarian counterpart.



To raise Rotary's profile, Jones plans to hold a global impact tour that will include talking with leaders about working together to address the world's most pressing challenges. *"Rotary opens these doors and we need to harness our connections, to deepen these relationships and create new partnerships,"* Jones said. *"And the best part is, this can happen at every level of leadership."*

When an organization like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio and creating peace, she said, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen. *"You don't imagine yesterday,"* Jones said, *"you imagine tomorrow."*



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REGULAR MEETINGS

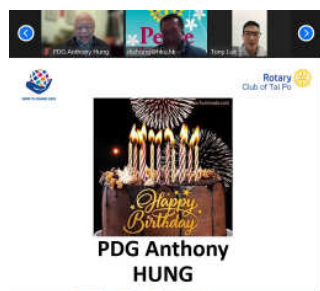
With the imposition of the rule against no dine-in after 6, RCTP has resumed Zoom meeting.

The meeting was complete with a recount of recent past events...

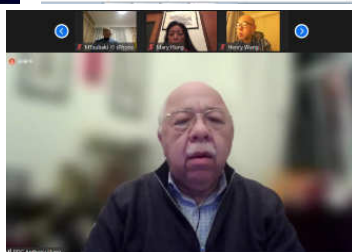
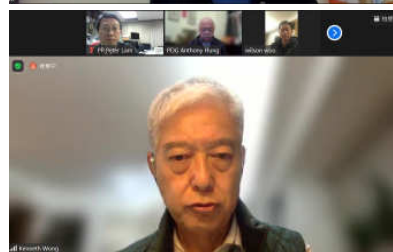


and a preview of up-coming events... including RC

Satellite Club of Tai Po Companion planned meeting as Chair Tony Luk promoted.

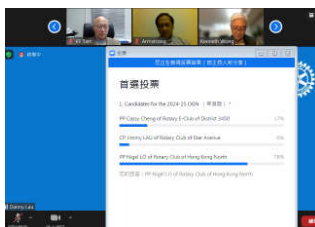
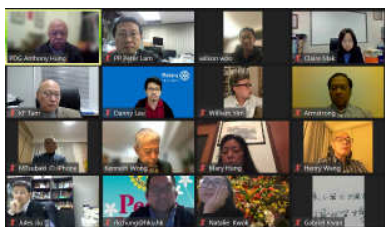
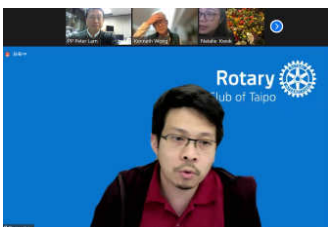


Members also showed condolences to PP Claire for her Dad's passing; and congratulated PDG Anthony on his birthday with a birthday song which was sang in convolution.

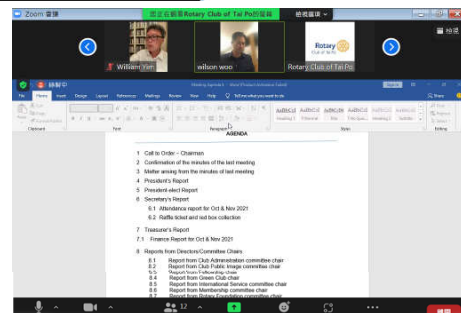


RCTP then held a special session for preference indication of DGN candidates, and we benefitted from the guidance of our 2 PDGs.

Danny explained the online voting mechanism and we dutifully complied with the voting.



After we had toasted to the close of the meeting, Board meeting by zoom followed immediately.



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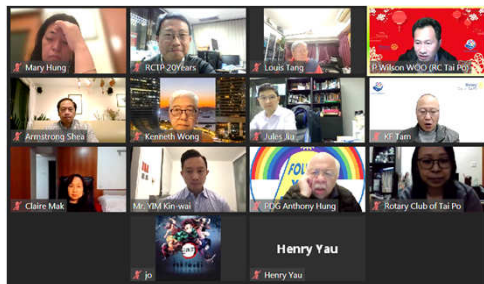
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14 February 2022



It's the first meeting after Chinese New Year. Attendance wise we barely made 50% of club members.

Important Dates – Club Event

設計新春酒席「鴻運、貴人」人生巔峰 on 28 February 2022 (Sun)

時間: 15:00-16:00 午餐
16:00-17:00 咖啡座

為配合1月18日台灣防疫政策調整，美國可以團體自己的特設防疫和距離安全指引

社團發展處
歡迎出席
捐贈增加社會公益
慶祝中國新年
感謝社會對星洲義工團
或僑團的貢獻，敬祝快樂和社會創造就幸福
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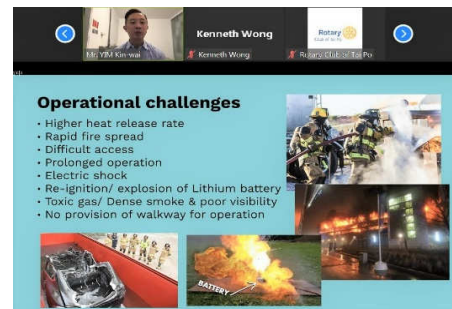
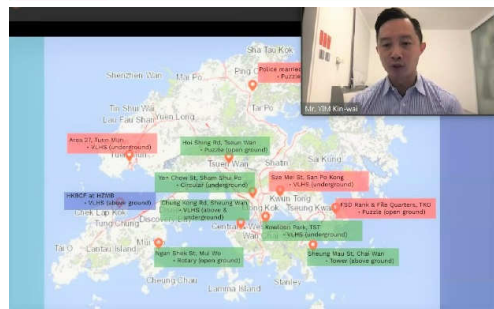
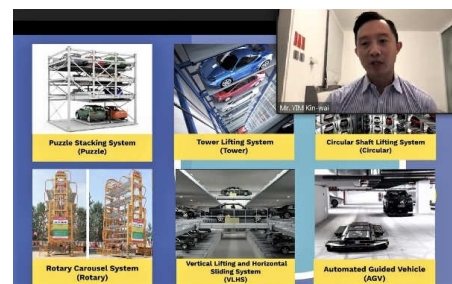
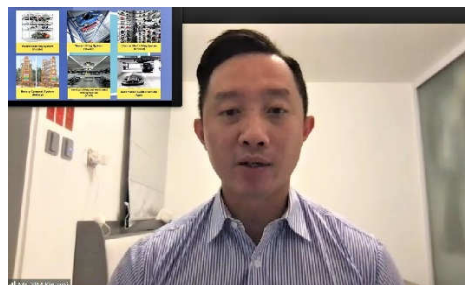
Rotary Covid Pandemic Campaign on 12-13 Feb



50% of club members.

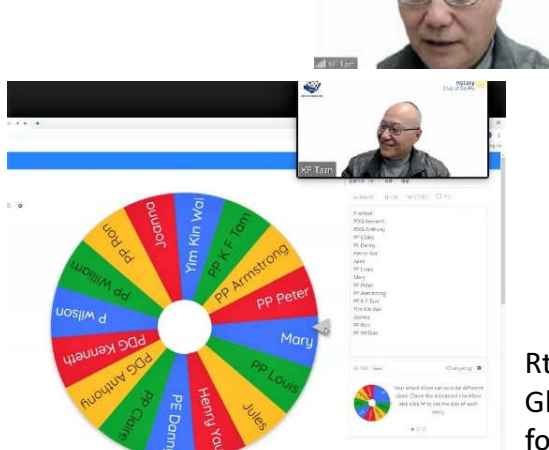
President Wilson reported on the on-going Rotary Covid Pandemic Campaign and promoted the upcoming Star Reaching Project Closing event.

President Wilson introduced his ‘teammate’ **Mr. Nicky Yim Kin-wai** who then gave a detailed analysis of **Automated Parking System (“APS”)**, covering areas like Background, Types of APS, Potential Fire Risks, Safety Concerns, Operational Challenges and Proposed Fire Services Requirements.



PP Armstrong asked about the parking system at K11 Musea and Nicky replied that its 2-tier parking system has yet to integrate into a full APS.

PP K F asked about the vast APS near the airport area which our speaker was of the view that it meant to facilitate parking/trading across the border. PP Ron commented that in the past, parking at or near airport had exceeded optimum.

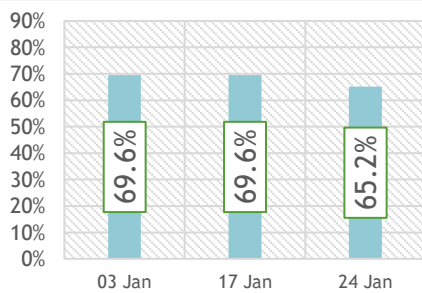


President Wilson showed us a video about Underground round Robotic Parking system.

Rtn. Jules gave a tempting bottle of Glenlivet 18 year Single Malt Whisky for raffle draw and Rtnn. Mary was the lucky winner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2022



Average attendance: 68.12%

Date	Time	Event	Venue
21 FEB (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: Ms. Winnie Tang Topic: Sharing from a Volunteer of Paralympic	Zoom
28 FEB (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: Ms. Apple Topic: Star Reaching Project & HKCYS	Zoom
7 MAR (MON)	19:30	Joint Zoom Meeting with RC Central & RC SoHo	Zoom
14 MAR (MON)	19:30	Regular Meeting Speaker: DS Alexander Cheung Topic : 大埔古蹟遊	Zoom

To all readers,



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Leave of Absence

PP WILSON LAM

Resignation

R.T.N. SASHA CHU

VIKKY TAM,
SINCERE YIP,
CM YU

JAN 2022 Perfect Attendance

Anthony Hung, K.F. Tam,
Jules Jiu, Louis Tang,
Natalie Kwok, Henry Wang,
Peter Lam, Kenneth Wong,
Danny Lau, Wilson Woo,
Sally Luk,
Claire Mak,

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