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It is 2016 - a new year has arrived. Have you set goals for the New Year? What did you miss last year, and would you like to get it this year?

I had a fruitful 2015. I experienced so many 'firsts', and most were happy and exciting. I learnt so much from my fellow Rotarians through organizing meetings & events. I met many good friends, and I will treasure them as my life time friends.

My New Year wish will be for World Peace, no more wars, no more refugees, and all of us living as global citizens, happily & freely.



2016-17 Club Officers

We have elected our next leaders of the Club at AGM on 14 Dec., 2015. Congratulations to all elects! You will have our support!



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| President | William Yim |
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Coming Events

Many big & important events that we cannot afford to miss:



1. Area 6 Joint Club's Meeting – Monday, 25 Jan 2016
2. Peninsula Family Annual Dinner – Thursday, 18 Feb 2016
3. Area 6 Spring Dinner – Monday, 29 Feb 2016
4. Rotary Hong Kong Ultra Marathon – Sunday, 6 Mar 2016
5. Rotary International Convention Seoul – 28 May – 1 Jun 2016
6. Rotary Club of Tai Po 25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee Charity Ball – Saturday, 11 Jun 2016
7. Rotary Club of Peninsula 40th Annual Ball – Saturday, 18 Jun 2016

25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee Charity Ball

This year is our 25th Anniversary celebration, it has not been easy to build such a strong, healthy club over 25 years, but it is possible because all of our fellow members' contributions, with hearts and hard work. I am so proud to be a member of the Club.

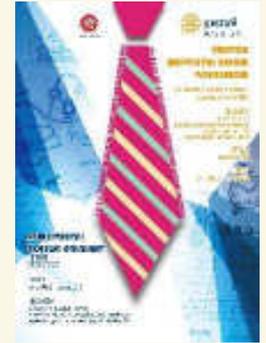




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President Vikky, PP Charles, PP Louis and PE William from RCTP helped with the Rotary Mock Interview Workshop and gave Form 4-5 students a taste of what and how it's like to be interviewed for a job. For a more detailed recount, please refer to the report from PP Charles in the later pages.



This brings me to think that very often, we hear people say that education fails to catch up with the demand on human resources. The sort of demand refers to the supply of *quality* workforce with necessary knowledge and skills to suit the job. I think the evolution of 'new' job types is partly to blame.

For instance, when I changed to a newer model of smart phone, I need to get new protective sheet for the monitor. It might be easy for some to "DIY" but the clumsy me, with little dexterity of the hands, needed some help. I recall walking past a small shop and asked if purchase of the monitor protective sheet is inclusive of sticking on the new sheet for me. The young guy suggested charging \$20 and I handed over my phone without another word.

He handled the 'operation' without hiccup and had also fielded a number of naïve questions about mobile phones from the ignorant me. Towards the end, I asked "I bet when you were a kid, you'd never dreamt of doing such job after you graduated?" He replied in good nature, "When I wrote *My Aspiration* there were no mobile phones yet!" I think the truth is, even if there were mobile phones, no one would have envisaged the sort of development in the field of smart phones. As a "phone monitor specialist", he helped with mobile phone protection and beautification. "Very often, I helped elderly switch on and off phones - for free!" he said.



The Social Media, Facebook account for instance, has hugely increased in importance. A good Web Master is therefore of paramount importance. He guards what to post, how to promote events and tidies up what the public shall perceive from the page.



We are fortunate to have the likes of Jason and Francis to look after RCTP Website and Facebook page and thus are in good hands.



If Phone Monitor Specialist or Web Masters are not jobs for the free-spirited, how about Ig shop? You post on Instagram and people read. You post items for sale on Ig and people respond and buy. Who cares about the world economy? Who cares about the environment? Who cares about land sales? Why bother about the education?

Starting from the invention of a mobile phone (when there is not yet a market) up to the time when it becomes an indispensable gadget for generally everyone, I think it took just about a decade. Similarly, it takes just a few years for the social media to start from nothingness to infiltrating all walks of life. The recent trend is for window-shopping to move from malls to mobile phones. If education is anywhere near to catering for this sort of 'human resources' that is on demand, then our teachers might as well get to be the likes of Mark Zuckerberg and Steve Jobs! Why bother to teach? What should be in the curriculum; what should students learn? Looking at the new natures of job, I am baffled to find an answer and don't even know where to start.





We all know that despite our well developed economy with many highly educated middle class, fighting poverty is still a big issue in our society and even USA, the top world economic power, is no exception. Let's take a look at this Rotary's hands-on project in USA in providing a very basic needs, food, in an urbanized county and see if it might inspire us to do similar projects in Hong Kong.

Clubs battle hunger in Missouri with 'food fight'

Though the media tends to focus on underdeveloped countries when the subject is hunger, food scarcity is also a problem in the United States. Consider parts of Missouri, where one of every six people goes hungry, according to the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri.

Rotary member Steve Dulle wanted to change that. For his induction as this year's governor of District 6080, he eschewed a traditional installation featuring fine food and formal wear. Instead, he asked members throughout the district to collect nonperishable provisions and volunteer at local food banks and pantries on the day that he took office. And he launched a month-long "food fight" that pit clubs in the northern part of his district against those in the south to see who could collect the most food.



Rotary members from Columbia, Missouri, USA, volunteer at a regional food bank

The north won — as did the area's hungry residents. Rotary members, Rotaractors, and their families and friends collected more than 10,000 pounds of food and raised nearly \$19,000 for Missouri's food pantries. "I wanted to start off my year with an example of what it should primarily portray, namely a dedication to service," says Dulle. "This was the first time we did a service project for our district — it united us."

The Rotary Club of Jefferson City Breakfast took top honors for the amount of food brought in, collecting more than 2,500 pounds of nonperishable items outside a supermarket on Saturdays in July. The Rotary Club of Columbia-Metro contributed the most labor, volunteering 258 hours at the Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri. And the Columbia South, Fulton and Jefferson City Evening clubs collected the most money for the cause, more than \$2,000 each.

Rotary members and guests even repackaged nearly 5,000 pounds of Rice Krispies for local food pantries. Dulle says that a volunteer stood on a ladder and shoveled the cereal from a 15-foot box into a large pan, which was eventually divided by others into serving sizes for innumerable plastic containers ready for delivery.

Local Rotaract members pitched in as well.

"Coordinated projects like these are able to take service projects to another level," says Jolyn Sattizahn, president of the Rotaract Club of Columbia, who helped with the effort.

Of the 49 clubs in the district, 36 participated in the initiative.

Larry Price, president of the Rotary Club of Mountain View, says he'll never forget volunteering at an Ozarks Food Harvest pantry.

"Frankly, I had no idea that so many people in Mountain View were being served at this site," he says. "And the beneficiaries of the program were quick to express their appreciation to the volunteers as they made their way around the tables."

Dulle's 28 June installation as district governor, at the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, was atypical. There was no banquet, attendees wore shorts, and the governor was sworn in during a lunch break. He wouldn't have done it any differently.

"It was important that the project be hands-on so we could better feel the service we were doing," he says. "Because of the project, clubs are continuing to work with their food banks."

And that promises to make a dent in the district's hunger problem in the years to come.



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As we are approaching our 25th Anniversary later this year, let's look back at some old photos and learn about our history. Our 2015 Christmas Party was just over recently so let's take a look at how it was like in the past! Remember who our Santa(s) were?



2012 at Shatin Heung Yee Kuk Bldg. Hall



2010 at Kai Tak Aviation Club



2006 at Hong Lok Yuen Country Club



1997 at Beas River Country Club



2008 at Tonikaku Japanese Restaurant



2011 at Yau Yat Chuen Country Club



1993 at Shatin Jockey Club



1993 CP Donald as our first ever Santa



2013 "wet" party at Hullet House 1881



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Hang Out with HEART Wilson Woo

It's the first service event I had attended after being a Rotarian! I must share with you what the meaningful and wonderful performance the young people had brought us. With the theme – 玩出「伙」 / Hang Out with HEART, a platform has been established for the young people and some local artists to “play”, “exchange” and “participate” at Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza cum Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade on 19 December, 2015. It's very impressive to see more than 100 young people played the “gang” extravaganza and participated in various performances. Their enthusiasm and inspiration are fully demonstrated throughout the event. PP Jacky, PP Peter, PE William with his kids also enjoyed the great performance and showed our support for such a meaningful project!



From the Father of the Bride ~~~~~ Patrick Fong

Noelle and Nelson's Wedding

One of the most notable weddings of the year was that celebrated in Nov and Dec, when my daughter, Noelle, and Nelson hosted their wedding registration and banquet at Guam and Happy Valley Jockey Club Clubhouse respectively.

Wedding Registration in GUAM

In Nov, the two families (the TO's family and the FONG's family) went to Guam for their wedding registration. The five-day trip was very exciting with lots of activities such as real gun shooting, scuba diving and gaining experience of flying small aircrafts (with co-pilot).



It was also a great time for us to enjoy the breathtaking scene where the beautiful sky met the ocean. Blue Aster was definitely one of the prettiest chapels I have seen. Their wedding was also breathtaking and unforgettable.



Banquet in HONG KONG

As for 12 Dec, it has been a busy yet exciting day with the day starting off with groomsmen games. We had tea ceremony where we expressed our feeling and wishes to the couple – the heartfelt moment with tears of joy.



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Our photography crew were trying their very best to capture our emotions and here are some behind-the-scenes photos.



Followed by the banquet in the evening with over 200 guests and I am delighted to see some familiar faces around! It was a splendid night with you all, especially during the toasting ceremony around the banquet hall! I had a 10-minute speech on the stage about how I raised my daughter and how I would miss my daughter.

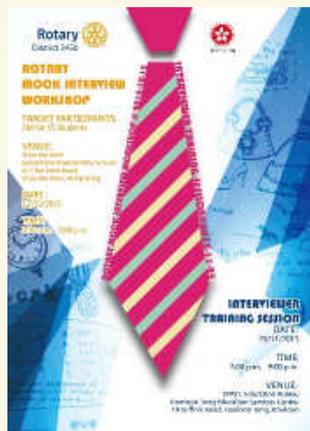


All of the photos will be ready by Chinese New Year, I'm really glad to have you all here to celebrate my daughter's wedding and let's keep this happiness in 2016!



Mock Interview Workshop

December 12, 2015
Charles Chan



This workshop was part of a joint Area 6 project on Life Planning Careers Expo 2016. It was co-sponsored by Area 6, the Education Department and the event was positioned and ran by Po Leung Kuk Life Planning and Financial Management Education Centre (保良局生涯規劃及理財教育中心 (兒青服務)).

The objective was to teach and enhance the interviewing skills of the secondary school students seeking employment or applying for university admission upon graduation. Rotarians were recruited to serve as the interviewers as well as mentors to the students by giving constructive criticism to them on the do(s) and don't(s) in the interviewing process and to share personal experience on how we all had faced this important first step in our own career development. This hopefully would help instill confidence in these young people and reinforce the "Can Do" attitude amongst them.

It was a two-day event. The first day was a training session allowing the Po Leung Kuk staff members to explain the program and the process to be used to achieve some uniformity on our approach. Small groups would be formed pairing two mentors to every four to five students. This took place on November 25.

In essence it was a three steps process:

1. After the paired groups were formed, the participating students would each submit their resume to the interviewers of their group and to go through a real live interview. All other students would observe the interview, take notes and give marks on the performance.
2. After conclusion of all the individual interviews within the group, the interviewers would conduct group review of the performance of each student. The strengths and weaknesses would be highlighted. Emphasis would be on the do(s) and don't(s) that could influence the outcome. These would include the proper dress code and disposition throughout the interview, the need to understand the job they are applying for, how to position and bring out the relevant personal skills and strengths to the interviewer etc... Each student should take note of the constructive criticism and make adjustments for future interviews.
3. After the break, each student would go through the mock interview process again with the skills just learned. Comparison would then be made to highlight the improvements. At the same time, the mentors would offer encouragements to the participants that they could do it and do it well in real interviews.

Throughout the process, where appropriate, the mentors would share their own experience to the students within the group to highlight how successful outcome could be achieved with a good interview.



Rotarians in the training session.



PE William contributing his views at the training session.

RCTP representatives at the training session.

The Mock Interview Workshop took place on December 12 at the Shau Kei Wan Government Secondary School.

AG Frankie, P Vikky, PP Louis, PE William, Bebe and I attended the workshop. We were divided into two groups, PP William and Bebe in one, Louis and I were in the other.

Two of our students did not show up. To some extent it was a blessing in disguise for the other three as we were able to spend more time with them and not to mention they were able to hear PP Louis' life experience relating to the subject matter first hand. This was particularly helpful for one of the students who wish to pursue a career in accounting.

At the conclusion of the Workshop, our club was well recognized on center stage. AG Frankie was one of the award presenters and P Vikky gave an excellent speech that we should all be very proud of. Well done P Vikky!



RCTP participants at the Workshop.



Our group photo at the conclusion of the Workshop.



AG Frankie presenting an award.



PE William and Bebe in action!



Our group, PP Louis (team leader) and I at the first interview session.



President Vikky giving a speech.

Lastly, I want to leave you all with some food for thought on something that have some relevancy here. My daughter and daughter-in-law are often involved in recruitments. Majority of the conventional jobs will either disappear or significantly modified in the next 10-15 years. How will a candidate deal with the question? Naturally this is not a question for graduating high school students looking for the first job.

Soul searching for us grandparents is on how we can help our third generation to prepare for the future. The conventional wisdom of getting into the best school etc... may not be enough and a coveted degree is no longer the essence and guarantee for securing and keeping a job with a top notch company!

Happy New Year!

By **GOLLY** Be **JOLLY** Christmas Party 13.12.2015
Ada Wu

X' Mas party is an important annual event of our club. Team 1 led by Rtn. Dorothy with IPP Natalie, PP Man, PP Dennis, PP Armstrong, Rtn. CM Yu and Rtn. Ada organized a jolly party for fellow Rotarians, spouses, children and Rotarians from other clubs.



Dorothy dressed up as "Miss Santa" and M.C. to start off the party at W's Entrecote Restaurant followed by CP Donald presentation of jokes which amused us with laughter. After the appetizer buffet, P Vikky invited the children of some members including Angel, Elizabeth, Chloe and Bernice to sing X' Mas songs.



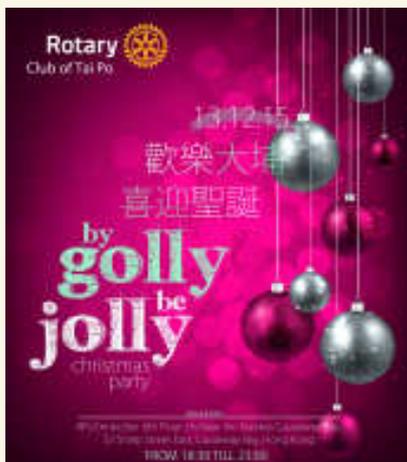


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Subsequent to sumptuous steak and the intriguing violin performance of Heidi, "Santa Claus" impersonated by PP Dennis was the highlight of the whole party. Thanks to PP Dennis' great efforts to dress up as Santa - he even wore a pair of Santa glasses so that we could hardly recognize his own self. All attendees were so happy and eager to take photos after exchanging the X' Mas gifts with Santa. All enjoyed the party which ended up with cheers and laughter.



Lastly, special thanks to DG Peter Pang to have attended our party, which was another center of attention.



RCTP Annual General Meeting

14 December 2015, Royal Garden Hotel

It is 'half-time' for the Rotary year already. It also marks the time for the election and formation of the new board and future club leadership. Thus, our Annual General Meeting was held on 14 December 2015.

REVIEW / REPORT

President Vikky reviewed the activities that were held in the past half year. Our service and fellowship activities seem pretty evenly spread.

Treasurer Louis reported on the healthy financial position of the Club but noted the requirement to allocate more of our reserve to the service funds as against the general funds.

Service Chair William reported about the *Strive For the Summit* Kick Off, the *Tender Our Loving Care* Service for the Elderly and the plans to take the *Sunshine Teens* students across the border to broaden their vision. More are in store for the coming half year.

Foundation Chair Louis remarked that he has a comparatively easy job with a number of members volunteering contributions to the Foundation. At the discussion about the direction for contributing to the Foundation, AG Frankie stressed the uniqueness of the Foundation arrangements of TRF and our club, being one member club, should be supportive.

Membership Chair Dennis happily reported the induction of Wilson Woo to our club, successfully recruiting our own Rotaractor into our club as a Rotarian.

Youth Committee Chair Peter reported on the busy schedules of Rotaract Clubs of Tai Po and Wu Yee Sun College and also the (much revived) Interact Clubs of TTCA and Tai Po Schools. He will ensure that these clubs and our club shall foster closer relationship for service and development.

Public Image Chair Claire reported on the continuation of Tai Post, RCTP Website and Facebook Page made better and more interesting with the injection of good photos from Peter, lovely graphics from Ming-hay and hard work of Jason. The concerted effort of all members, spouses and youth club members contributing to Tai Post makes it a unique and high quality publication.

International Service Chair Pearl highlighted the completion of the Tuloy Aquaponics project we had with Global Grant partner Rotary Club of San Makati San Lorenzo (which our club donated US\$10,000) and that site visit may be arranged for March 2016.

Club Service Chair Roger brought up the discussion about our meeting venue and the need to look for better offers.





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THE ELECTION

After a round of voting and continuous applauses and cheering; and the whole process overseen by CP Donald, PDG Anthony and PDG Kenneth, the 2016-17 Board emerged as follows:

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| President: | William Yim |
| President Elect: | Roger So |
| Vice President: | Patrick Fong |
| Immediate Past President: | Vikky Tam |
| Secretary: | Jason Lo |
| Secretary-elect: | Ada Wu |
| Treasurer: | Louis Tang |
| Auditor: | Man Mo Leung |
| Directors: | Sally Luk, Dorothy Chan, Minghay Yu,
Jacky Sung, Peter Lam & Wilson Lam |

Before we broke off to giving Red box, photo-taking and other celebrations, it was further unanimously resolved that the By-laws of Rotary Club of Tai Po be amended to include Secretary-elect as a Board member.





City Hunt

President Samuel Chiu, Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy

TTCA Interact Club's City Hunt was successfully held on Dec 20, 2015. The game started at 8:00 at our school where the participants received their first mission. Eight teams had to compete in two routes of checkpoints in different areas in Hong Kong such as Kowloon City and Central. Our board members and helpers stationed in different checkpoints where the teams had to solve the problems of the road blocks and tasks we have set especially for them.

Our energetic participants were committed to tackle the challenges and tasks, which we have prepared for months, not only quickly but efficiently. The destination of the game was Chinese University of Hong Kong where we presented the prizes and gathered for group photos.

City Hunt was the first activity organized by TTCA Interact Club this year. Our board members might lack experience of holding such event but I'm confident to say that we have prepared well and we have tried our best. It turned out that we didn't let anyone down. All participants including our helpers had lots of fun and shared unforgettable memories from the event.

Special thanks to the Rotarians, PP Peter Lam and Youth Advisor Jacky Sung, for witnessing the birth of the winners on that day and their support.



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Joint Meeting on 4 January 2016



P. Clarkson So of RC Kowloon North East, P. Nancy Leung of RC Kowloon Tong, P. Vikky Tam of RC Tai Po and P. Julian Kwan of RC HK City North co-chaired the joint meeting.

Many happy returns January Birthday Boys and Girls!

Speaker Jackson Tin shared his unique experience on his "250KM Challenge across the Sahara".



Lucky RCTP Winners of Raffle draw : Rtnn. Jackie Man, P Vikky and AG Frankie

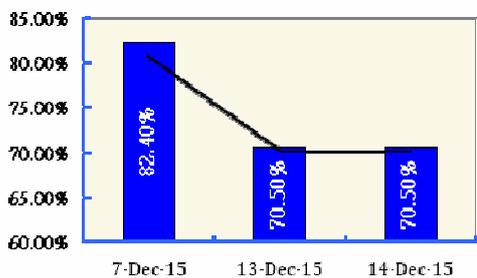


AG Frankie delivered a cogent Vote of Thanks.

VP Roger introduced speaker.

DECEMBER 2015

Average attendance: 74.47%



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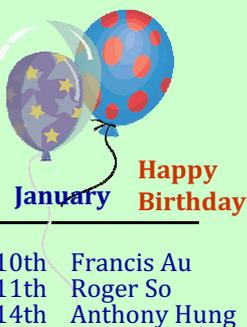
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Up

coming events

Day	Time	Event	Venue
15 JAN (FRI)	5:00 p.m.	Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club of Tai Po Schools cum experience sharing	Carmel Holy Word Secondary School
17 JAN (SUN)	4:00 p.m.	Star Reaching Project 2015-16 機不可「失」	HK Children & Youth Services Fu Heng Centre
19 JAN (TUE)	1:00 p.m.	District Vocational Service Seminar Speaker: Mr. Wong Kam-Sing JP Topic: An Update on the Environmental Initiatives in Hong Kong	Marco Polo HK Hotel, 3 Canton Road, TST
25 JAN (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Area 6 Joint Clubs Meeting Speaker: Secretary for Justice Mr. Rimsky Yuen S.C. JP	Royal Plaza Hotel, Mongkok
30 JAN (SAT)	11:00a.m.	Pun Choi Lunch for Elderly 新春盆菜宴	New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School
30 JAN (SAT)	2:00 p.m.	RCTP Outing	Tsz Shan Monastery(慈山寺), 88 Universal Gate Road, Tai Po, N.T.
1 FEB (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Mr. Peter Ho Topic: Insider's View on Property Transactions	Royal Garden Hotel



Happy Birthday
January

10th Francis Au
11th Roger So
14th Anthony Hung

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David Chan
Sasha chu
Patrick Yung



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6th Hong Kong Bowling Tournament for All cum 5th Hong Kong Blind Bowling Tournament



To raise the self-confidence of people with visual impairment through equal participation in sports tournament and to arouse the public awareness on their abilities.

Details of Event
Date : 24 January 2016 (Sunday)
Time : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Venue : South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre
68 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Registration Fee : HK\$2,000 per team (4 Bowlers)
One visually impaired bowler provided by HKBSF
Deadline for Enrollment : 15 January 2016

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