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In order to let our students from the long running service project “潮看 Teen 空” see more and experience more, we have arranged a series of extra-curricular activities for them.

Thanks to PDG Kenneth and Service Committee Chair PE William, who have organized a visit to The Jockey Club, Shatin on Friday, 1 April, a three-day experience program to Guangzhou from 28-30 April has been arranged. The students shall have a chance to visit a corporate giant – Honda Motor Co. Ltd. We also give a two-day work placement experience for them in our dear members’ offices during 9-11 May.



We hope we can give them a better understanding of the working world, and better prepare and equip them for a bright future.

Each of us are willing to offer more to our next generation. Let’s hope to see a more beautiful Hong Kong soon!

The District Conference is going to be held at the Chimelong Hengqin Bay Hotel, Zhuhai, China (珠海長隆橫琴灣酒店) on the weekend of 14 and 15 May, which is the 4th District Conference held in China in our District's history. We have nearly 20 members & spouses registered for the DC. May I encourage you to try to avail yourselves to join together!

We have a new brother! Our Area 6 family will be stronger and larger, as Rotary Club of Mandarin Hong Kong has been born, and it becomes one of us. From now on, we are 新界九社! We look forward to the Charter Night Charity Ball on Friday, 20 May.

The Rotary International Convention will be held in Seoul this year, 28 May - 1 June, Saturday to Tuesday. Would you like to be one of the hundreds of delegates from Hong Kong? Please register online via <http://www.riconvention.org/en> , or just simply let me know. For accommodation arrangements, you can be care free, as PP Francis will help with the reservations.



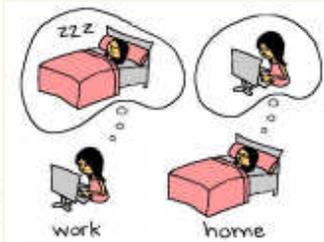
The most important event of the club is the Annual Ball. This year is our milestone 25th anniversary. What an exciting night it will be! Thanks to all OC members, they have been working so hard! And thanks to all fellow members for your generosity and your great support! I am sure the party is going to be enjoyable! See you on Saturday, 11 June 2016 at the InterContinental Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui.



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Handling human relationship can be ticky and tiring. Sometimes having to deal with people can really wear one out. I blame it on the modern concept of management and the omnipresent "target-oriented" manner in how people act and re-act.



More and more people complain about the endless working hours. If you can manage your stuff, then more work will be given to you. Once you manage those added work, you have to do even more with less manpower. In a way, this maybe how to best utilize manpower - to take you out from the comfort zone and exemplify your ability. But you on the receiving end will not feel good. One day, you no longer feel able to bear it and you quit.

We are too used to fighting in everyday life. When your credit card is about to expire, you call the card center to renew it and seek exemption of the yearly fee. When you purchase an item, you ask for reduction in price and/or be given more in quantity. I am not simply referring to bargaining over purchase of grocery or food stuff in market, but the purchase of brand-name luxury handbags and stuff. Right? Don't they happen day-in and day-out?



In the service industry, you will lodge complaint (or at least you say you will) to make an impression on the salesman that you know your right. Then you get some decent treatment. Otherwise, he will do less, give less and test how far he may go with you. This is also like how some saleslady at the cosmetic counter will magnify your imperfection (usually with a magnifier of course), demolishes your confidence and then sells you her

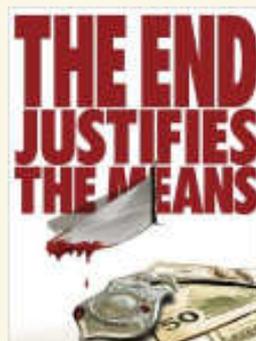


products. In short, when the sales-persons think the end justifies the means, then the means simply falls away as something irrelevant so long as they achieve the goal. They are "target-oriented".

The relationship amongst people should not be like this should it? Being always confrontational is really tiring. Those who are used to such behavior of a friend will say, "he/she is like this, don't worry, it won't hurt." Or will it? I fight for what I deem entitled, you defend along permitted parameters. Parties are like litigants in court yet allegedly still friends. True, this is permissible, entitled, absolutely nothing wrong ...

But tiring isn't it?

Give me a break. Let's take matters easy and Be a Gift to the World!!





Our district has been working on forming a new Rotary club in Guangdong province in recent years and potential members (some of them former Rotarians from our district) meet regularly in Guangzhou. At our recent Board of Directors' meeting, PDG Kenneth Wong who is our 2015-16 District Guangdong Extension Committee Chair, brought up the idea of forming a "Rotary Satellite Club" in Shenzhen with some good potential members already lined up. Before PDG Kenneth gives us more information later, let's take a look at this concept which is something rather new in Rotary and to many of us!

Rotary Satellite Clubs

For extension of Rotary, Rotary clubs around the world have been forming Rotaract, Interact clubs which we are very familiar. And in recent years, several clubs in our district also formed *Rotary Community Corps* which bring together people interested in working with Rotary and conduct projects that benefit the community. In 2011 Rotary International started a Satellite Club pilot project with the purpose of testing multiple meeting times and places for one Rotary club and to accommodate changes that have occurred in our professional environments, in family structures, and in personal commitments. At the 2013 Council on Legislation, provisions were made for the formation of satellite clubs and Guidelines are prepared for the purpose of assisting clubs in the District to understand the provisions and implement action to form satellite clubs if so desired.

What is a satellite club?

A satellite club is defined as "a potential club whose members shall also be members of the sponsor club". It is likely that the satellite club would not initially have the required number of members to charter a club and the purpose of conducting the satellite club is to give the potential club time to obtain the required number of members for chartering. Thus there needs to be a sponsor club which forms the satellite club in the same locality as the sponsor club, or in the surrounding area.

The name of the satellite club shall be the "Rotary Satellite Club of (*insert name which does not have to mirror exactly the name of the sponsoring club but needs to be an adjoining location*)". The members of the satellite club shall also be members of the sponsor club until such time as the satellite club shall be admitted into membership of RI as a Rotary Club. Satellite clubs shall hold regular weekly meetings just like any Rotary club at a time and day decided by its members.

Governance of a Satellite Club

The sponsor club shall provide such general oversight and support to a satellite club as is deemed appropriate by the sponsor club's board. There shall be a satellite club board comprising a chairman, immediate past chairman, chairman-elect, secretary and treasurer as well four to six other members of the club. The board shall be elected annually by the satellite club members. The satellite board shall be responsible for the day to day organization and management of the satellite club and its activities in accordance with rotary rules, requirements, policies, aims and objectives under the guidance of the sponsor club. It shall have no authority within, or over, the sponsor club.

A satellite club shall annually submit to the president and board of the sponsor club a report on its membership, its activities and programs, accompanied by a financial statement and audited accounts for inclusion in the sponsor club's reports for its annual general meeting and such other reports as may, from time to time, be required by the sponsor club. The satellite club shall be subject to the sponsor club's rules and bylaws.

Some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

- 1. Minimum no. of members** for a satellite club to form:
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- 2. Are Satellite club members Rotarians?**
Yes, they are members of the sponsor club.
- 3. Do satellite club members pay Rotary dues?**
Yes, Satellite club members are Rotarians and pay the same Rotary dues as the sponsor club's members.
- 4. Does the sponsor club need to approve new satellite club members?**
The sponsor and satellite clubs should work out a process for adding new satellite club members at the time the satellite is being formed. The sponsor club should also add that process to its bylaws. If conflict arises with satellite club membership, the sponsor club has the final say. As members of the sponsor club, satellite club members are ultimately subject to authority of the sponsor club's board.





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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. The Rotary year is entering the final stage as District Conference (DC) is coming up soon in May. Our club has always been very supportive, and in fact even played key roles in organizing DC with PP Claire Mak and PP Wilson Lam being Conference Chair in 2010 & 2015 respectively. Here are some happy moments over the years. . .



DC in Guangzhou 1992 - Theme "Revival of Rotary in China"



Shenzhen 1994 - photo with Lu Ping 魯平 then Head of HK & Macau Affairs Office



Achieved highest attendance at 1997 DC



2001 DC at HKCEC



2010 DC at Disneyland (PP Claire Mak as DC Chair)



Sergeants at 2011 DC



2012 DG Banquet at Regal Airport Hotel



DC post-golf game dinner & DG Banquet at Mission Hills Golf Club 2013



DC 2015 at Regal Airport (DC Chair PP Wilson)



Rotary Golden Flower Awards

Spring 2016

2016 Rotary GFA Youth Awards

◊ 2016 扶輪金花青年獎 ◊



When creativity meets glamour

Dorothy Chan



2016 - a year that is very special to both Rotary District 3450 and Golden Flow Microfilm Awards Committee. This year, these 2 organisations have collaborated to host the first ever Rotary Golden Flower Youth Microfilm Awards. Through this collaboration, we want to showcase to the world the Rotary core values. Microfilm is considered to be a non-traditional media platform and we want to use a new means to explain to the public how these core values can impact our lives.



The call-in for the microfilms competition began in January 2016 and we ended up with more than 60 entries. A judging panel comprising experts from the film making industry as well as fellow Rotarians was formed and 4 microfilms were presented with awards. The competition was very well received and it was thought to be an excellent opportunity for the younger generation to understand so much more about the core values and bring them close to their hearts.



The competition was wrapped up with a glamorous Golden Flower Awards International Film Festival 2016 cum Rotary Golden Flower Youth Awards Ceremony, which was held on 17th March 2016 at the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel. It was definitely a night to remember. We had the honour to have the 'red carpet' for many Rotarians and celebrities to applaud for the success of the competition and enjoyed the awards ceremony. It was surely a great occasion for our young contestants to gain international exposure of the microfilm industry.



ROTARY FORUM “HONG KONG HOUSING POLICY”

Jason Lo

What is a “Forum”? “Forum” is a medium for information and debate through a combination of informative addresses by experts in the field and presentations by leaders from a wide spectrum of perspectives with opportunities for discussion and views ventilated.

On 23rd March 2016 (Wednesday), a Rotary Forum was held through the collaboration of Rotary Clubs of Admiralty, New Territories, Tai Po, Central, SoHo HK, Lan Kwai Fong and Lion Rock at Craigengower Cricket Club. The Topic is “HONG KONG HOUSING POLICY” (點子土地問題). On this ultra-sensitive issue, of course we needed heavy weight speakers: inclusive of Mr. Paul Chan Mo Po, the Secretary for Development of HKSAR, Mr. Addy Wong, CEO Asia Pacific, Centaline Property and Mr. Lawrence Li, the Chairman of Light Be 「要有光」.



The most inspiring part to me is the “Light Be” project. The project is to optimize the value of property and to initiate some affordable housing for poverty alleviation in Hong Kong. Its flagship “Light Home” program is a self-sustaining scheme that features up to three years of affordable rent and social support. As of September 2015, they were operating over 30 light home units, serving over 70 single mother families and altogether over 170 mothers & children. Even though the number of beneficiaries is just around 200 and the social impact is small, but still it’s quite a meaningful project to me.



Back to the Forum. From my point of view, the questions were not poignant and the discussion was also not radical enough. Was it because of the Rotary courtesy? The forum was more of a factual and figures presentation about now-a-day Hong Kong housing and land statistics. In short, this forum was not impressive to me. Looking forward to another more fruitful and sparkling Rotary Forum in the future!





潮看Teen空 Vocational Visit

Jacky Sung

Thanks to the arrangement by PDG Kenneth, we brought over 20 潮看Teen空students to visit Jockey Club in Shatin on 1 April (Friday). A total of 12 RCTP Rotarians and family members joined the visit as well. Similar visits had also been arranged a few years ago, but we are lucky to be able to see a lot more Jockey Club facilities this time, which include the Parade Ring, Grandstand, Trainer Stand, Equine Hospital, Training Stable, as well as the Clubhouse.



Dr. Chan, the veterinarian of Jockey Club, showed us different equine hospital facilities, which were really interesting and eye opening for all of us. In the Training Stable, we met Amy Chan (陳念慈), the Principal of Jockey Training school, and Joe sir, the Training Stable Manager. They introduced several job opportunities within the Jockey Club, and the way they trained the jockeys and stable assistants. Students and Rotarians were very enthusiastic to see the real horses and learn to feed them.



The tour lasted for about 3 hours, followed by a nice lunch in the Clubhouse.

Again, thanks to the great efforts by PDG Kenneth, PE William and President Vikky for making the visit happen and successful.



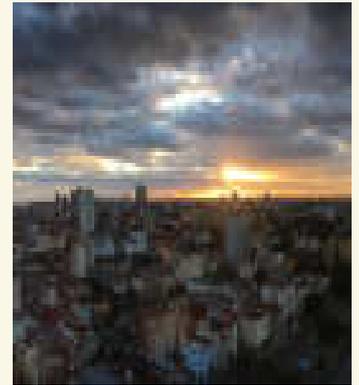
Cuba

Wanda Ngan

We visited the largest Caribbean country, Cuba, during the Chinese New Year Holidays.

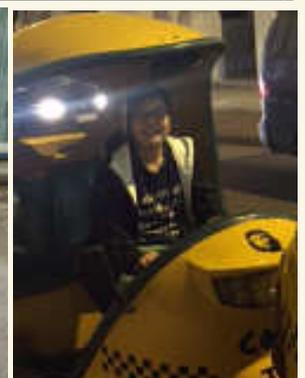
It took us a long-haul flight from Hong Kong to Toronto and three hours more to get into Cuba. To our surprise, we had to wait for more than one hour to get our luggage but the tour guide said it is a common phenomenon. Flying to Cuba was quite an experience for us.

Havana, the capital, is located on the western part of Cuba. The mix of restored and dilapidated buildings made it more interesting. It was quite photogenic seeing a gorgeous restored building right next to one which is dilapidated and falling down.



The Plaza de la Revolucion and its huge Memorial Jose Marti were great things to do in Havana.

The old cars in Cuba must be one of the things that Cuba was most famous for. We saw taxis from American Chevs from 1950's, Russian Ladas. The cheapest transport was yellow Coco Taxi.





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We walked through some Cuban neighborhood backstreets. Many of the people were on the street, playing and listening to music. It had a great atmosphere.



Daiquiris, Pina Colada & Mojito were the most common beverages in Cuba. Mojito was Ernest Hemingway's favorable drink.



Cueva del Indio, the cave, was the main tourist attraction in the area. It was near Vinales and surrounded by beautiful lush countryside. It was an ancient indigenous dwelling. Just outside the town, there was a Prehistoric mural. It is massive and on the side of a cliff. It took five years or more for a team of people to paint.



Vidales is the land of tobacco and cigars and a world heritage site. It was an interesting drive, first along the coast, and into an area that was quite wealthy. In fact, Raul Castro lives there. From there it was into the countryside to the town of Vidales.



Our trip did not end at Cuba and we continued to head for the next exotic country, Mexico...

2015-16 Rotary Inter-school Debating Competition

May Cheung

The 2015-16 Rotary Inter-school Debating Competition (扶輪校際辯論比賽2015-16) is co-organized by the Rotary Club of Kowloon West and Rotary Club of Kowloon East. It provides a platform for the students to demonstrate their argumentative ability and learn the co-ordinating skills. The theme this year is "Family Peace". It is expected that the new generation can rethink the value and function of the family and discuss how to build up care, respect and mutual help among the families, the neighbourhood and even to the society so as to enhance the interest and resilience of the family.



There are several stages for the competition, including 3 preliminary rounds, a quarter-final, semi-final and final. I am glad to be one of the judges in the preliminary round held on 9 April 2016. The contestants were well-prepared. Some of the contestants proactively shook hands with the opponents and the judges after the competition showing friendly demeanour. If I were one of the contestants, I wondered if I could achieve their standard of excellence. It was also a demanding task to determine the winning team and comment on their respective performance in an organized manner.

When the best debate performer was announced, the winner was so excited that his eyes were filled with tears of joy. This echoed my feeling that this debate competition is a very meaningful activity.



Contestants from Pak Kau College and St. Paul's Co-educational College flanking Rtnn May Cheung (Tai Po), PDG Peter Wong (Kln East) and President Nancy Leung (Kowloon Tong).

Claire Mak



What springs to mind when you are asked about Shanghai in the '30s? The long stretch of the Bund where East meets West? Ladies with shapely figures in cheongsam or cool men in gowns and scarves? Songstresses & crooners belting out Mandarin songs to the elegant tunes from band featuring the luring saxophone? Diamonds, pearls and jade dripping in abundance where people sparkle and shine as they wine and dine



All these are the ingredients of *Shanghai Night*, the last District Fellowship Event of this year held on 10th April 2016. The Ballroom of Regal HK Hotel was transformed with Old Shanghai décor. There was a Shanghaiese Banquet Menu to match and non-stop flowing wine & drinks... Fabulous prizes for the Best Dressed Lady, Gentleman, and Couple, and the little gifts of Twin Girls Florida water and the game of Fleur (字花) simply spiced up the glamorous and fun-filled evening.



OC chairman PP Vincent Lam spared no effort in leading the 118 members and guests back to '30s Shanghai. Our President Vikky, and also Past Presidents Wilson Cheng, Bonnie Wong and Anna Lam simply charmed everyone with mesmerizing singing. Everyone danced the night away to nostalgic live band music & live singing.



RAC Tai Po Professional Development Talk “NLP (贏銷策略)”

Gabriel Kwan

21/2/2016 may be an ordinary weekend for most people, but to the members of RACTP it is a chance for them to get away from the hustle and bustle of office life and learn about a seemingly unfamiliar yet interesting topic- Neo-Linguistics Programming (NLP). This time our RACTP professional development team has invited Mr. Jeffrey Phoenix Hui, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Institute of Marketing, to talk about how NLP, a world renowned approach to communication, personal development, and psychotherapy which can be widely applied in many different fields from marketing to interpersonal relationships.



Over 35 RACTP friends, including 10 mother club Rotarians, gathered together in a cozy conference room in Kwun Tong and listened to his inspiring speech. NLP may seem to be a complicated concept at the first glance, but Jeffrey's extraordinary exuberance and customary presentation skills have made the entire audience energized throughout the 2-hour workshop.



With the application of NLP, Jeff shared with us how he overcame hurdles in life time and again, from the days of depression and truancy in his university years to a successful marketing guru today. In life, things seldom happen without reason, but as human beings we can never be sure of what the reality is. What we only know is our perceptions of reality, which is why questioning our own perceptions can help us vanquish our weak side. As Henry David Thoreau said, "I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor." We hope that we can leverage our elevation by applying NLP into our daily life.





Rotary Club of Tai Po New Generations Joint Meeting

Peter Lam

Since we added Interact club of Tai Po Schools (IAC TP) and Rotaract Club of Wu Yee Sun College (RAC WYS) to our Rotary new generation family in 2014, a joint meeting of these two clubs plus Rotaract Club of Tai Po (RAC TP) and Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy (IAC TTCA) was held annually. The event took place in TTCA in last two years and this time we changed to hold it at WYS college campus on Sunday 20 March. Big thanks to RAC WYS for being the host club led by new President Yan Louie and her team for arranging the venue and lunch. After the lunch and presentations by each club, we were pleased to have our new young member Wilson Woo to be the keynote speaker and shared with us his experiences as a Fire Officer and the various interesting stories and info of this highly respected and challenging profession. Rotarians led by President Vikky, PE William and District Rotaract Chair (DRC) Francis Au turned out in great numbers to support but unfortunately teacher advisor from IAC TTCA could not join us this time due to his other school related activity. Overall, the attendance from all the four clubs were not as high as in previous years so we wish for better promotion and improvement next time!





Interact Club of Tai Po Schools (2015-16) 3rd Regular Meeting on 18 March 2016

The following were reported and discussed at the Meeting.

Event	Reference
1. Joint Rotaract and Interact Meeting of Tai Po Clubs	20/3/2016 (Sunday) Wu Yee Sun College, Chinese University
2. Interact District Conference 2016 Theme: Life Planning - "Dream"	2/4/2015 (Saturday) Lecture Theatre , 4/F, West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre
3. Rotary District 3450 "Careers Expo 2016"	7/5/2016 (Saturday) Shaukeiwan Government School
4. Rotary Ultramarathon Successful completion of voluntary services for (a) Information Desk; (b) Runners' pack redemption counter; (c) Luggage storage; (d) Chairs organizing; (e) VIP lounge; and (f) Stage logistics !	6/3/2016 (Sunday) Lung Wo Road, Central
5. 'Youth Music Chill' Rotaract Loves Music Peace Festival (Successfully completed!)	6/3/2016 (Sunday) West Kowloon Cultural Centre
6. Progress of Joint School Interact Interest groups. Dessert Classes.	Jockey Club Tai Po Children & Youth Integrated Services Centre



R egular meetings

11th April 2016



CP Chris Tsang of RC SoHo HK brought to share with us a special whisky (from the wedding of his youngest daughter).



Paul Harris Recognition for VP Roger and Major Donor Recognition for AG Frankie and DRC Francis.



RCTP President Vikky invited President Christina Leung to introduce her members from RC SoHo HK.



PDG Anthony fears no rain as he had won the water-resistant carrier bag given out by Roger.



Mr. Rickson Chow introduced to us the interesting uses and mechanisms of the drone as he spoke on "Development and Application of Drone."



Audiences were excited and captivated when Rickson demonstrated the use of the drones.



The Drone says: "Hello, here's everybody!"



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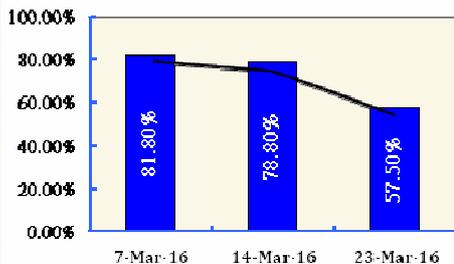
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CAREN CHAN,
DOROTHY CHAN,
RONALD CHUNG,
ANTHONY HUNG,
NATALIE KWOK,
PETER LAM,
WILSON LAM,
JASON LO,
SALLY LUK,
CLAIRE MAK,
MAN MO LEUNG,
ROGER SO,
VIKKY TAM,
LOUIS TANG,
KENNETH WONG,
FRANKIE WU,
WILLIAM YIM



March 2016

Average attendance: 72.7%



Happy Birthday
April

9th CM YU
28th Matthew Yum (Hon. Member)

Upcoming events

Day	Time	Event	Venue
23 APR (SAT)	9:00 A.M.	2016 District Assembly Training	Hong Kong Jockey Club, Sha Tin Club House
28-30 APR (THU - SAT)	---	Project 潮看TEEN空 Experience Tour	Guangzhou
30 APR (SAT)	2:00 P.M.	Tender Our Loving Care Home Visit to 40 elderly	Gather: Room 406-411, Ching Kwai Houe, Cheung Ching Estate, Tsing Yi, N.T.
6 MAY (FRI)	6:30 P.M.	RC SoHo HK Annual Dinner Dress Code: Sports Wear Ticket Price: HK\$1,000	Macau Jockey Club, Members' Club House, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central
9 MAY (MON)	7:30 P.M.	Speaker: 蘇萬興先生 Topic: The Origin of HK Slangs	Fincher Room KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
14-15 (SAT - SUN)	---	56th District Conference	Chimelong Hengqin Bay Hotel

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