

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

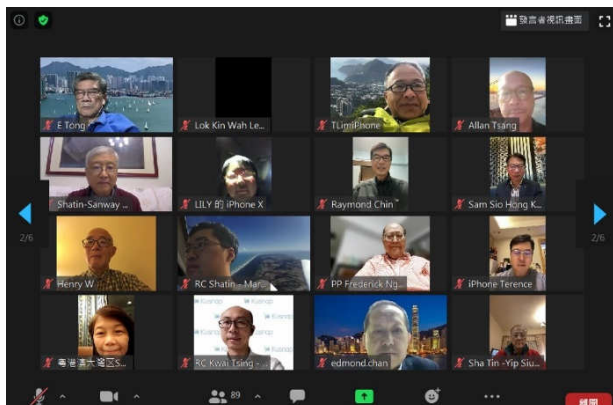
WILSON WOO

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Happy 2022! Wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year! And COVID soon to be gone! You may wish to know that a lot more people have been vaccinated. As of today (12 Jan), about 75% of the people in Hong Kong took the 1st vaccine dose. We join hands to fight against the pandemic and our normal lives will be back in the near future.



As revealed by the epidemiological experts, good personal hygiene is one of the best ways to protect yourself from getting infectious diseases like COVID-19, colds and flu. Maintaining good personal hygiene will also help prevent you from spreading diseases to other people. Keeping social distance may work as well. I concur with the views from many experts that the virus will likely become “endemic,” eventually fading in severity and folding into the backdrop of regular, everyday life.



I have to say we are really lucky as our Christmas Party was held successfully on 17 Dec 2021. As I have mentioned in the last issue of Tai Post, it's our party to connect our members, families and friends. Apart from our families, we also had the presence of P Eddy of RC SoHo Hong Kong, Rtn. Christine of RC Mandarin Hong Kong, PP Man and Jackie, and former member Michael Lee. I can tell our party was filled with laughter, love and joy.



We have been liaising with our service partners including Hong Kong Children and Youth Services and the Neighbourhood Advice-action Council and planning a series of services which would be held in coming few months of 2022. But due to the pandemic, these service projects as well as the District Events like Rotary Service Day and Ultramarathon, are set to be postponed and rescheduled. Although our visits or projects must be rescheduled, we would be open to any other options or alternatives to serve people in need.

*Wilson*

## EDITOR SAYS



CLAIRE MAK

**O**n New Year's Eve, two gruesome traffic accidents claimed several lives. Streaks of blood smeared the road and injured bodies laid in front of shops. These weird scenes marked a heart-wrenching end to a bleak pandemic-infested year. These accidents not only brought tragedy to the victims; they seemed also to have triggered an inauspicious start to the New Year.

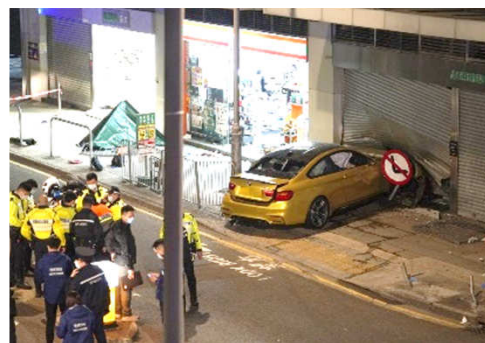


Photo: SCMP / Felix Wong

After the clock struck 12 midnight and we advanced from the previous year to the new one, it is natural that one would hope that in the coming 365 days we can suitably recuperate and that life gradually goes back to normal – whatever normality may mean. Just when we thought that the impact of the pandemic had eased a bit, alarm bells rang as more and more positive cases of Omicron infection had surfaced. The Government re-imposed some of its toughest Covid-19 restrictions – including closing bars and gyms and setting 6 pm curfew on all dine-in services. It appears that the cruel days had not yet come to an end; but rather, bad times lingered on.

Against this backdrop, life can be likened to a boxing match. After one punch, you fell down and struggled to come back to your feet when, unexpectedly, another punch landed on you and you fell again. Your head is in a whirl and you blinked to come to your proper senses. You clenched your teeth and pushed yourself up from the floor. Alas, your relentless opponent lavished more and more punches on you! Your body might be able to bear it, but your mind would refuse.



**Life is like a  
boxing match.  
Defeat is  
declared  
not when  
you fall but  
when you  
refuse to  
stand again.**

Blow after blow will wear out even the most tenacious. The disappointment hurts and we shall be forgiven for screaming in frustration “why?” How come our thousands of years of wisdom fail to combat the onslaught of viruses? Humans have made all sorts of scientific advancements and prided themselves as the paragon of animals. Humans have even conquered the outer space when Chinese astronauts and local students have had space-earth video talk. Why then have humans been out-smarted by lowly viruses?



Photo: Xinhua / Wang Shen

The Rotary theme this year is “Serve to Change lives”. How ironic. Before we venture to change others’ lives, it is imperative for our lives to change... for the better, or at least, returning to the normality which we have been missing a lot. In the last year or so, most of us had adhered to all the strict social distancing rules and followed all the hygiene regimes; gotten vaccinated, given up travelling abroad and generally, behaved.

Just when Hong Kong seemed to see twilight and the end of the tunnel, the wanton behaviour of a few delinquents completely destroyed the concerted efforts of the Hong Kong people; and we are back to square one, wondering with despair how much longer we have to bear with the effects of this pandemic. The start of the New Year failed to bring good tidings; so fingers crossed that it won't get worse and that life changes for the better later in the year. We are in this together. Everyone, have a blessed and much better year.

Me after washing my  
hands for 20 seconds  
126 times in one day





## Rotary Fellowships from RI Website

**R**otary Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

## ROTARY INFORMATION



PETER LAM



In District 3450, we have the Wine Fellowship sub-group and used to have the Yachting group; but recently, it seems only first one still active.

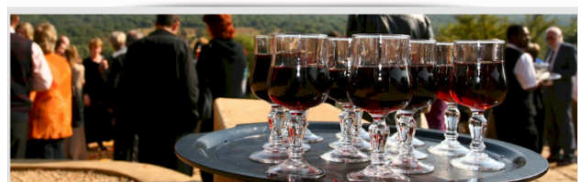
### ORGANIZATION

- Function independently of Rotary International by establishing their own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Are open to Rotarians, their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

### STARTING A NEW FELLOWSHIP

If your recreational or vocational interest isn't represented by Rotary's current Fellowships:

- Join a discussion group or start a new one on My Rotary. It is a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary's presence on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to promote your idea.
- Attend the Rotary International Convention or other Rotary events to network and find others that share your interest.



### Fellowship Groups

|                                 |                          |                             |                       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 x 4 vehicles                  | Empowering Women         | Jazz                        | Rotary on Stamps      |
| Amateur Radio                   | Entrepreneurs            | Latin Culture               | Rowing                |
| Antique Automobiles             | Environment              | Lawyers                     | Rum                   |
| Argentine Culture               | Esperanto                | Leadership                  | Scouting              |
| Badminton                       | Ethics                   | LGBT+                       | Scouting              |
| Bathouse                        | European Philosophy      | Magicians                   | Scuba                 |
| Beard and Moustache             | Executive Managers       | Manga Graecia               | Shooting Sport        |
| Bee                             | Fishing                  | Marathon Running            | Singles               |
| Bird Watching                   | Flying                   | Motorcycling                | Skiing                |
| Camping                         | Genealogists             | Music                       | Social Networks       |
| Caravanning                     | Gin                      | Old and Rare Books          | Strategic Planning    |
| Chess                           | Global Development       | Palmwine                    | Surfing               |
| Comedy                          | Go                       | Past District Governors     | Table Tennis          |
| Computers Users                 | Golf                     | Peace Fellows               | Tennis                |
| Corporate Social Responsibility | Gourmet cooking          | Photographers               | Travel and Hosting    |
| Cricket                         | Graphic Designers        | Pickleball                  | Triathlon             |
| Cruising                        | Healthcare Professionals | Public Health               | Urban Gardening       |
| Cultural Heritage               | Hiking                   | Quilters and Fiber Artists  | Vintage Collectables  |
| Curling                         | Home Exchange            | Railroads                   | Wellness and Fitness  |
| Cycling                         | Honorary Consuls         | Recreational Vehicles       | Whisky                |
| Doll Lovers                     | Horseback Riding         | Rotary Global History       | Wildlife Conservation |
| Draughts (Checkers)             | Hunting                  | Rotary Heritage and History | Wine                  |
| Editors and Publishers          | Internet                 | Rotary Means Business       | Yachting              |
| Educators                       | Italian Culture          | Rotary on Pins              | Yoga                  |





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

## Star Reaching Project 摘星計劃



2019

2019-20  
「感動歷『情』」 cake making 友你同行工作坊 Dec. 2019. Too bad many activities were subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.



2014

2014-15  
「錫晒你大行動」 Rotarians interacting with participants during game and closing ceremony.



2006

2006-07  
Visit to Hong Chi Pinehill Hostel 匡智之家-松嶺宿舍 in Tai Po.



2020

2020-21  
「伴隨有你」 sharing session cum Floral Light Bottle Workshop Feb. 2021 which aimed to provide opportunities for our youngsters to "create & express" and speak about themselves – not through words but art.



2016

2016-17  
「愛香港 - 呢D」 closing ceremony.



2012

2012-13  
「你有得揀」 Rotarians and family joining dance and cooking activities.



## Rotary Club of Tai Po Christmas Party

17 December 2021  
Masayuki Tsubaki

**T**he RC-Tai Po Warm Christmas Party was held at ICON Hotel on December 17th (Saturday). The theme this year was Warm Christmas Party.

In 2020, we could not hold a Christmas party due to the epidemic of COVID-19. A year passed, everyone was excited about our Christmas party after a long time of restriction on public gatherings. We wanted to deepen the unity of RC Tai Po as a warm family through this Christmas Party.



*MC (Grace and Angel) rehearsed before the Party.*

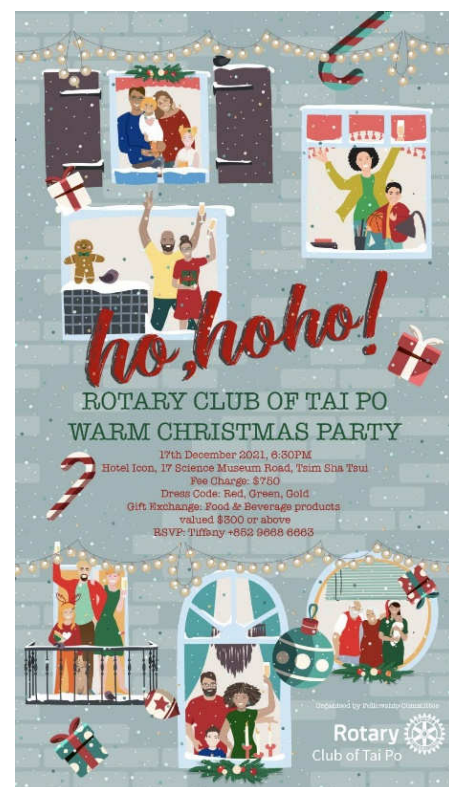
The organizer is the Fellowship Committee, members of which are PP Tsubaki, PP Vikky, PP Frankie, Pres. Wilson, and the powerful helper Chloe (PP Wilson's daughter) who created Christmas posters and backdrops, while Grace (PP Vikky's daughter) & Angel (PP Louis' daughter) were in charge as MC.

We came up with the final arrangements of everyone's responsibilities after several meetings, including previewing the venue, tasting the party menu, buying wine and champagne and buying lucky draw gifts. Thanks Vikky for the arrangements of the lucky draw gifts.



The Christmas gift exchange that was resumed after a long time was the most exciting section that I am sure everyone looked forward to. It was a good idea that the Christmas gift exchange was limited to drinks and food with budget of \$300.

The Christmas party started at 17:45 by MC Grace & Angel, after the 15 minutes of regular meeting at 17:30. It was then followed by a welcome speech from our Fellowship Chair PP Tsubaki.





Then Committee members came together and CP Donald took the toast.

In order to liven up the party, the big cheers that started from the lucky draw suddenly got everyone excited.



I was glad that ex-member Michael, whom we had not met for a long time, joined us. With the appetizer buffet and meal, the participants started interacting with each other.





Next, I heard some beautiful voices at the gift exchange and then spouses' group singing: main meal, gift exchange, group singing, and so on. All we heard was laughter and singing, everyone enjoying the party.



Following the lucky draw, it came to our 1 Minute Gag Show Time. The party became lively and filled with laughers with our skillful Masters of Story-telling PP Man Mo Leung, PP Ronald Chung, PP Armstrong Shea, PP Leung Wo Ping, PP William Yim, PP Louis Tang. Sincere Yip. We presented special gifts to our seven Masters of Story Telling for bringing us happy moments during this tough time under the COVID-19.



After dessert, MC Angel performed a Christmas song Jingle Bell Rock.

After the last lucky draw, we took a group photo and the party was over.

I am grateful to everyone who participated and I am sure that you had a very good time and warm Christmas party!

Finally, once again, thank you all our Fellowship Committee Members (Tsubaki, Vikky, Frankie, President Wilson) & Chloe, Grace & Angel! We could not have such a wonderful party without your help.







gratitude:

As the Christmas season is here and 2021 is reaching an end, I've decided to write a poem about gratitude, highlighting that we should have gratitude and be thankful for every little thing that happens around us, especially during this joyous season. Christmas isn't only about presents, it's more about spending time with the people you love and having gratitude. In 2022, we should also start the New Year with a grateful and appreciative heart, performing gratitude in action to those around us.

## Gratitude

Elizabeth Law

In my life, I am given bright rays of sunshine and echoes of laughs,  
Planting a gigantic smile on my face.  
I wear it like a favorite scarf every second,  
helping me get through the day with flying colors.

I am given doors that will unlock in time,  
Behind those thin pieces of wood are fields of lilies with birds singing merrily,  
and howling wolves in dark forests.  
Giving me the eagerness to wake up in a room full of new possibilities.

I am given scientific experiments that have gone wrong.  
A gloomy laboratory with a broken ceiling,  
shattered glass and substances of all sorts lying on the floor in the midst of the smoke,  
needles falling out of the sky.  
Teaching me to learn from my mistakes, get up and try again with new improvements.

I am given excruciating and petrifying scenes of serpents and wolves,  
keeping me up all night to find my eyes leaking acid rain on my pillow.  
Helping me gain self-confidence and strength to tame my own version of Cerberus.

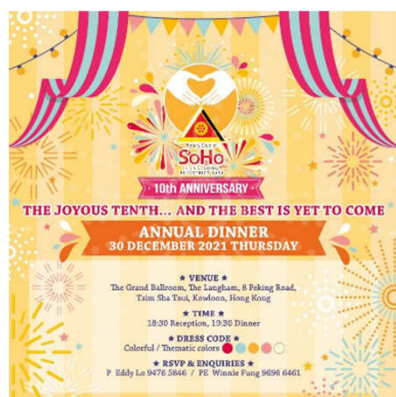
Helping me to overcome pain that was supposed to be insurmountable.  
Be thankful for each dawn,  
each breath drawn,  
each tragedy,  
and each little thing that keeps us alive and well.  
Breathe in gratitude and breathe out thankfulness.  
Breathe in thankfulness and breathe out gratitude.





## Rotary Club of SoHo Hong Kong's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

30 December 2021  
K F Tam



Our baby club Rotary Club of SoHo's Annual dinner was held on 30 December 2021 at the Langham Hotel to celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Almost 220 Rotarians and guests attended including the representatives from around 50 Rotary Clubs with RC Tai Po holding one table. Nearly all the participants were properly dressed following the dress code of colorful / thematic colors. It was a fantastic evening with lots of joys, laughter and cheering. I

was impressed by the great performances from the members of our baby club - every member had done their very best to sing on the stage and boost the atmosphere to a high level.



Our club is so lucky that 4 members were awarded in the lucky draw including P Wilson, PE Danny and PP Tsubaki. Towards the end, as usual CP Chris demonstrated his big support by generous donation of three more cash prizes. I was awarded the last special prize of HKD 3,000. Thank you CP Chris and lucky me!





## Rotary Club of Tai Po Annual General Meeting

20 December 2021

Claire Mak



**B**y this time, we were sort of getting used to the new normal. Thus RCTP was able to hold her Annual General Meeting on 20 December 2021 at a physical meeting.



President Wilson started his half-yearly report by saying he was a little dissatisfied with the 'services' side of our club activities but promised more service in the latter half of the year. Otherwise, in terms of club fellowship, speaker program, Youth services and participation in District events, our club fares quite well.



The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 was not made available at the meeting but Treasurer PP Frankie assured us of the healthy financial state of RCTP. The Statement was later circulated by Tiffany to all members by email.



Then came the confirmation and/or election of the important posts of the Club Board. We have 15 members present which established enough voting strength. We clapped to confirm certain elected members and filled out the ballot forms for selection of the directors to serve on the 2022-23 Board. Like in past years, CP Donald and PDG Anthony had had the unenviable task of verifying the ballots but the end result was all smiles on the duly selected Board. Good luck RCTP!



### RCTP 2022-23 Board of Directors

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>President</b>                | Danny LAU        |
| <b>Immediate Past President</b> | Wilson WOO       |
| <b>Secretary</b>                | Henry WANG       |
| <b>Secretary Elect</b>          | KF TAM           |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | Frankie WU       |
| <b>Honorary Auditor</b>         | Louis TANG       |
| <b>Director</b>                 | Armstrong SHEA   |
| <b>Director</b>                 | Peter LAM        |
| <b>Director</b>                 | William YIM      |
| <b>Director</b>                 | Masayuki TSUBAKI |
| <b>Director</b>                 | Jules JIU        |
| <b>Director</b>                 | Dennis LO        |

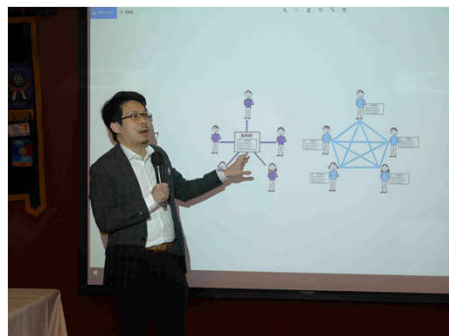




## REGULAR MEETINGS

3 January 2022

Members attended the first meeting in 2022 and occupied two tables.



Speaker **Danny Lau** tried to simplify for us an otherwise intricate topic when he gave a presentation on “**Crypto Currency**”. Members got an overview of how cryptography computer scientist Satoshi Nakamoto invented bitcoin and implemented the first blockchain. Danny went on to discuss that digital currency operates in a decentralized manner and uses encryption. There is no central bank or government to regulate this currency. It is virtual and uses security encryption or cryptography in order to avoid counterfeiters and secure transactions.

**CP Donald Yap** gave details about his impending **Wedding Anniversary Party**.



Such a topic inevitably generates **questions** but **PP Louis** gave his view of crypto currency and its trend rather than really asking Danny a question. **Pres. Wilson** and guest **Flora** asked proper questions.



PP K F gave a humorous **vote of thanks** to speaker Danny.



PP Armstrong gave out a thoughtful **beanie and scarf set** for raffle draw and **CP Donald** claimed the warm raffle prize.

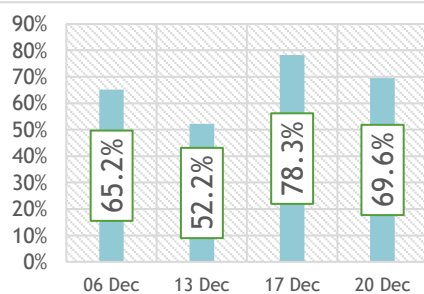


It was **PP William's** first time as **acting sergeant-at-arms**, so PP Frankie and Pres. Wilson gave happy box as encouragement.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2021



Average attendance: 66.30%

| Date            | Time  | Event  | Venue                        |
|-----------------|-------|--|------------------------------|
| 17 JAN<br>(MON) | 19:30 | Regular Meeting<br>Speaker: Mr. Jacky Lai<br>Topic: Power Influence & Persuasion   | Zoom                         |
| 24 JAN<br>(MON) | 19:30 | Regular Meeting<br>Topic: Meeting with new generation:<br>Rotaract Club of Tai Po and Rotaract<br>Club of Wu Yee Sun College | Zoom                         |
| 21 FEB<br>(MON) | 19:00 | Area 6 Spring Dinner<br>(under review)   | Royal Plaza Hotel            |
| 2 MAR<br>(WED)  | 19:00 | 2-Gen Spring Dinner<br>(under review)  | Victoria Harbour<br>Cruising |

# HAPPY 2022

*to all Tai Post Readers!*

## JANUARY

14<sup>th</sup> Anthony Hung



WILSON LAM  
SASHA CHU

miss  
you



## DEC 2021 Perfect Attendance

Anthony Hung    Louis Tang  
Peter Lam        Henry Wang  
Danny Lau        Kenneth Wong  
Claire Mak        Wilson Woo  
KF Tam



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