

Tai Post 大報

Monthly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (Dec 2014 Issue)

President's Message

Natalie Kwok



There were many joyful events last month. Firstly, following our good tradition, we celebrated CP Donald's birthday on 15 Nov at the Chinese Club Building. The party was a full house attended by many members and friends.



On 22 Nov we completed a very meaningful community service project – Build Our Loving Village (3rd Episode). Under the coordination of PP Pearl we have paid visits to the homes of elderly in a number of villages in the Northern New Territories, provided free medical check-up and donated some gifts to them to show our care. It is surprising to note that the

physical fitness of some of the aged villagers is actually much better than some of our younger rotaractors when they tried the body stretch test in one of the villager's home!

30 Nov is another important date for Rotary District 3450. We have our Rotary Happy Run for the district held that day in Shatin Sport Ground, where DG Belinda and the Secretary for Food and Health, Dr KO Wing-Man, together with others officiated this event. Rotarians Matthew, Roger, Eric and his friend joined the 8km race whereas PP Wilson and his family completed the 3km race. Besides, a number of our rotaractors and interactors also participated in the 3km race. I am proud to announce that our club has won the award of the Highest Participation Club (1st Runner-up)!



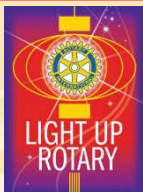
On 24 Nov PP K L Cheng gave a very informative talk on the history and future of horse racing in China at our regular meeting. On 1 Dec, we had a joint meeting with our baby club RC SoHo HK where Dr Angel Cheung from Angel Group gave a practical talk on 養心女人. All members learnt lots of knowledge from Angel about the 養心之道.

Coming to December there are several important events for our club. 8 Dec is our club big day – our Annual General Meeting.

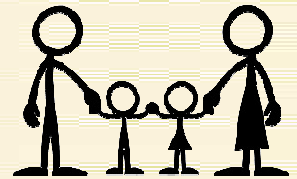
We have elected our new club officers and board members for next year. May I invite all of you to give a big hand in welcoming our new management team?

Last but not least, on 14 Dec we will be having our Christmas party. Looking forward to a joyful evening and wishing you a Merry Christmas!





December is the "Family Month". This brings me to an IQ question: What does *Family* stand for? Answer: **F**ather **A**nd **M**other **I** Love **Y**ou. Oh, well, admittedly this is not much a test of IQ but the one who posed the question wanted to bring out the idea about a nuclear family and the love which glues its elements together: marriage of a couple is not enough, there needs to be children; for otherwise, there is no one to tell "Father And Mother I Love You."



*Family:
where life begins
& love never ends*

Such a sweet theory actually begs the question. In modern times, a *complete* family may be hard to come by. Look at the divorce rate. A couple staying together is difficult; and having children to love both parents – and to show it - is even more difficult. Rather, children retorting, rebuking, or, ignoring parents seem to be the norm and it is not infrequent to read about parents' abuse.

At the other end of the spectrum: Do parents love children unconditionally? Mostly. But there are so many ways to express love that people may only surmise by reading behavior or gestures. Still recall the disturbing Taiwan railway mass massacre earlier in the year? The culprit 鄭捷 had posed himself as an aloof, withdrawn wouldn't-care-less person and at trial, he even sneered at the victims' family. Yet, at one stage, he had written to his parents to apologize for what he had done which caused them anguish. However, his parents never ever visited him in prison. When the son had committed such a monstrous crime, wouldn't the most hard-hearted parents have at least gone face to face with their son and reprimanded him for his wrong? His parents offered apologies to the victims, they were visibly very distressed but they were not seeing their son ... What happened to the past 20 odd years of their lives together? Maybe the parents were too shocked at their son's immense crime that they lost grip of what's the normal thing to do.



Richard Martinez, whose son Christopher was killed in a mass shooting in Isla Vista, Calif., breaks down as he talks to media outside the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office on May 24, 2014, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

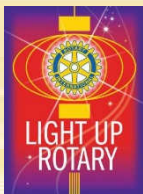
On the other side of the world, I recall reading in the news that in the recent California killing spree where 7 students died (including the gunner), the father of one of the victims met with the father of the 22-year-old perpetrator who took his own life. The distressed father of the victim called for media attention when he lashed out at the state government for the *laissez faire* attitude on gun control. At the same time he reached out to the father of the gunner to support his call for tighter gun laws, saying that they were both parents who had lost their sons. In essence, he wanted to team up with another concerned parent to protect their FAMILIES. That had infused a deeper level of meaning to the idea 'family'.

As I said at the outset, "December is the Family month". Coupled with the above two incidents, they give us food for thought on the meaning of *Family* which is multifold. First, our blood-related family. Get children, parents, siblings ... etc. involved in Rotary activities. Invite them to share the Rotary moments. In this regard, we at RCTP are doing pretty well and our Rotaryannes are a formidable force in the District! Then there is the Rotary-related 'extended' family – our baby clubs, our Rotaract clubs and our Interact clubs. We always involve them in our activities and events as much as we can. We also join in their activities. Fortunately, the *parent and child* relationship subsists pretty well: so far so good I dare say.



The slogan "Love your family, love your parents..." sounds matter-of-factly. But behind the sweet coating, how many families are not laden with its own degree of trouble or difficulties? Love exists in the practice at every moment and its practice is far easier said than done. To chant the slogan and expect it to be granted would be wishful thinking. It involves a lot of love, a lot of tolerance, a lot of introspection and retrospection from all parties.





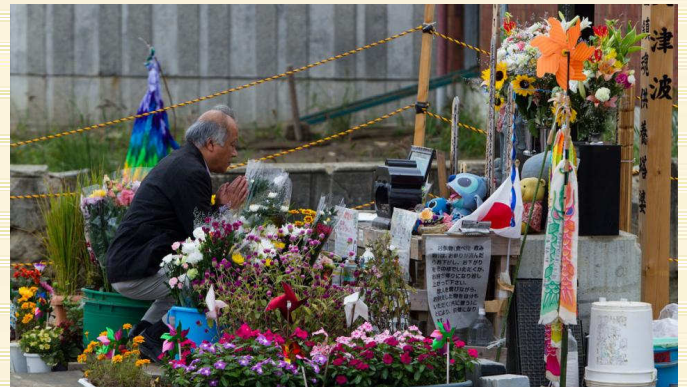
Our club has good record of supporting disaster relief effort as we supported the *StandTall* medical project headed by our PP Dr. KM Chan to help victims of the 512 Sichuan earthquake in 2008 and we were also quick to respond to the Japan 311 Kansai earthquake & Tsunami disaster in 2011 by donating medical equipment to earthquake victims. Let's take a look at how other Rotary clubs joined hands and used Global Grants from Rotary Foundation to support the Japanese victims. Perhaps it might inspire us to renew our past efforts to doing more?

MENDING THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF JAPAN'S TRIPLE DISASTER

More than three years after an earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster triggered widespread devastation in Japan, the physical scars are beginning to mend. Debris has been removed. Coastal communities are being rebuilt. Farming and fishing have resumed, and thousands of people have moved in to new housing.

But the Rotary Clubs of Koriyama West, Japan, and Englewood, New Jersey, USA, are concerned with the emotional and psychological impact caused by the triple disaster, known in Japan as 3/11, which claimed more than 19,000 lives and displaced hundreds of thousands of people.

In a country that prides itself on stoicism, it is difficult for survivors to seek and accept mental health care. "We believe that the first step to overcome the grief is to be able to talk about what they're going through and share their personal experiences," says Englewood club member Ikuyo Yanagisawa.



Mourner prays at the memorial for students and teachers of the Elementary School of Okawa in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan, 11 September 2011.

With a Rotary global grant, the clubs purchased mobile video conference equipment for four mental health clinics in areas most affected by the Fukushima nuclear power plant crisis. These tools now connect mental health care providers in Japan with trauma experts at the Arnhold Global Health Institute in New York City, where psychologists treated survivors and witnesses of the September 11 attacks.

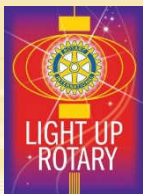
To augment the new resources, Koriyama West members will organize multidisciplinary mental health care teams from Fukushima Medical University to make outreach visits to temporary shelters and schools in and around Tohoku, a town near Fukushima. Additionally, survivors of 3/11 will be able to talk via video conference to 9/11 family members and first responders who lost loved ones and colleagues in the tragedy.

"Despite the differences between 9/11 and 3/11, survivors of both events share a similar healing process by overcoming the shock, grief, and isolation," adds Yanagisawa. Last November, the Englewood club teamed up with Japanese Medical Society of America and American airline to fly five members of the September 11th Families Association to Tohoku to share their stories and give encouragement to 3/11 survivors still displaced by the tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster.

"The 9/11 members would open each conversation with the Japanese expression *otagaisama* which means 'we are all in the same boat,'" says Yanagisawa, who accompanied the team. "This helped 3/11 members open up more and feel at ease with sharing their story. I could see how deeply connected the two groups were. It was remarkable to see."

Yanagisawa says that 3/11 survivors came to her after group sessions to say how encouraged they were to move forward with their lives.

"This is our [the two participating clubs] goal: to help communities in Japan overcome their grief and find the strength to rebuild their lives," she says. "Bringing together survivors from two different disasters, from opposite ends of the world, we hope will bring about a sense of international community."



District Foundation Seminar

Jason Lo

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District Foundation Seminar (DFS) & Grant Management Seminar (GMS) for RY 2014-15 were held on 15th November 2014 (Saturday) at Regal Kowloon Hotel. Our President Natalie, PE Vikky, PP Pearl, PP Louis, Rtn Eric & I joined the seminars.

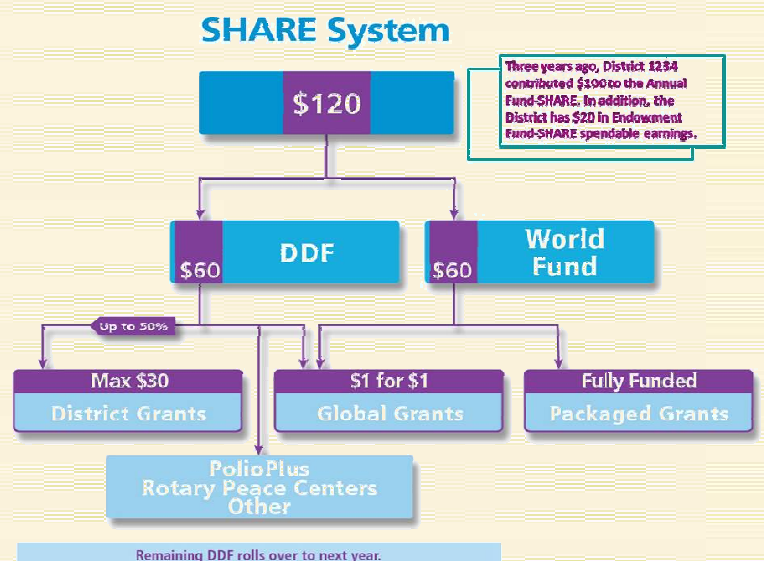


The event was divided into 2 parts, the District Foundation Seminar (DFS) and Grant Management Seminar (GMS). The DFS provides various information like background, history, missions, goals, growth of The Rotary Foundation. It was wrapped up with some sharing session by several Major Donors including DG Belinda Yeung, PDG Peter Wong, PDG Peter Wan and RC HK Harbour CP Patrick Poon. I believe that most of you are familiar with the information, so I won't repeat it here again. Then came the main course, the Grant Management Seminar (GMS).

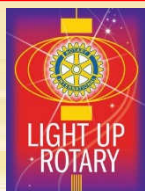


The new grant system was adopted in 2013 and lot of the Rotarians might not fully understand the new policy. The GMS focused on spreading the message about the Rotary Foundation Grants: distinguishing between district grants and global grants, how to acquire club qualification and an understanding of the usage of Foundation Grants.

Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that change lives. Funds from Annual Fund are allocated to districts 3 years after they are contributed - through SHARE. It is a "3-year Cycle" for the Annual Fund. But why 3 years? It is because the 3-year cycle gives time to districts and clubs in planning projects and activities. Also it allows the Foundation to invest the contributions. Contributions to the Annual Fund made in 2011-12 are allocated in 2014-15. So, contributions made this year (2014-15) will be allocated in 2017-18. You can find the sharing percentage in the following chart.



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At the end of every Rotary year, contributions to the Annual Fund-SHARE from all Rotary clubs in a District 3 years ago are allocated into two funds: 50% is credited to the World Fund and the other 50% is credited to the District Designated Fund. Districts may use up to 50 percent of the DDF for district grants; the remainder may be used for global grants or donated to PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers or others. The remaining fund will roll over to next year. The maximum amount allocated is based on contributions D3450 Rotarians made to The Rotary Foundation 3 years ago. So, your contributions to TRF drive this program.

DISTRICT GRANTS VS GLOBAL GRANTS

Under the New Grants Model, there are only 2 grants, District Grants (replacing the District Simplified Grants) and Global Grants (replacing the Matching Grants). They are both open for interested clubs to apply for carrying out Humanitarian projects, providing Vocational Training and Scholarships. District Grants are block grants that support small-scale projects which address the Foundation's mission. Maximum grant for every single application is US\$5,000 or 50% of the proposed project budget, whichever is lower. By the way, the application deadline for District Grants 2014-15 was over.

Global Grants support large-scale sustainable and measurable projects in Rotary's areas of focus. The minimum total budget of Global grant projects is US\$30,000. It is managed by the TRF and ONLY accepts online application at www.rotary.org. There is no application deadline for Global Grants, so applications can be submitted whenever they are ready.

QUALIFICATION & STEWARDSHIP

To fulfill the requirements of applying global grants, Clubs must go through an annual qualification process. To obtain the qualification, at least 2 club members have to attend the district's Grant Management Seminar and the Club has to make contribution to The Rotary Foundation, sign and adhere to the club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Clubs are also expected to comply with the stewardship requirements stated in the club MOU.

RECOGNITION

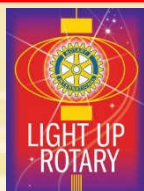
Last but not least, let's give a round of applause to our PDG Anthony, PP Man, PP Jacky and PP Ron for receiving the recognition of "Major Donor Level 1" and another round of applause to all of you at RCTP for receiving the award of "No. 2 Club in the District 2013-14". But I wonder why RCTP failed to achieve the awards of "Every Rotarian, Every Year Club" and "100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club".



Top Giving Clubs					
Annual Giving					
Ranking:	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (to-date)
1	The Peak	Kowloon	Kowloon East	Hong Kong Harbour	Hong Kong Harbour
2	Hong Kong	Kowloon Golden Mile	Tai Po	Tai Po	Shatin
3	Tai Po	Kowloon East	Hong Kong Island East	Kowloon Golden Mile	New Territories



I hope this article projects you with a clearer picture of the NEW grants system. So, what's the next step? Plan a project right now! Do good in the world! Support TRF and Light up the world!



CP Donald's Birthday Celebration – Hairy Crab Dinner

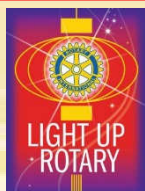
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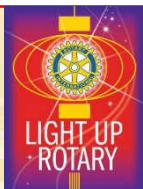
Claire Mak

Each and every November, RCTP members and friends know what to look forward to: the celebration of our beloved CP Donald's birthday with hairy crabs, birthday cake, singing, drinking, chatting, catching up and everything joyous and auspicious! This year is no different and the celebration took place on 15 November at The Chinese Club in the surrounds of good food, good friends and good fellowship. Of course, with no less sincerity, we also celebrated the birthdays of Pearl, Sally, Angela and David Loie ... Relive the joy by looking at the pictures. Cheers and Many Happy Returns!



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Rotary Happy Run on 30 Nov 2014

Roger So

"The Journey of A Thousand Miles Begins With One Step." (千里之行、始於足下)

This quotation of wisdom from Lao Tzu (老子) is also true for a race of 8km – our Rotary Happy Run!

The district event Rotary Happy Run was held on 30 Nov in Shatin. There were two race lengths: 8km and 3km. Our club has sent two teams. Team 1 comprised Matthew Yum, Roger So, Eric Chiang and his friend for the 8km race. Team 2 was formed by PP Wilson's family for the 3km race. Besides, a number of rotaractors have also participated. As President Natalie had mentioned, we are proud to be the second Highest Participation Club!!

Apart from the runners, many members have actually contributed to the success of this district event. For instance, IPP Francis helped with organising this event. PP Wilson and PP Louis have made sponsorship. Of equal importance is the attendance by other members and their family members to cheer for our runners, including President Natalie, PDG Kenneth, William, Dennis, etc. (Oops! I almost forgot to mention PP Peter for taking many nice photos! Please forgive me if I have missed anyone's contribution.)

Here below are some of the photos for sharing.



DG Belinda, Dr KO Wing-man and other officiating guests.



PDG Kenneth and President doing the healthy dance.



Some of our supporting Rotarians and family members.



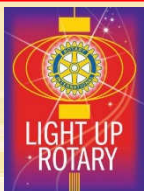
Team 1 – Rtn. Eric and his friend, Rtn. Roger and PP Matthew



Team 2 - PP Wilson and his family.



Our team of young runners!



Joint Meeting with baby Club RC SoHo HK 1 December 2014

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Members of the 2 clubs : RCTP and RC SoHo HK



Welcome guests from RC SoHo HK



PP Ron received his Certificate in recognition as Major Donor



Presidents Natalie and Edward reported on respective club matters



Sincere presented the raffle gift she gave out of a Photo Album to our lucky "Club Photographer" Peter.



Thank you CP Chris Tsang for the wise words and the handsome red box contribution



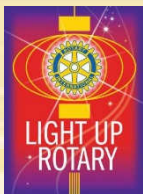
Dr. Angel imparted tips on female beauty preservation (養心的女人)



PE Vikky gave a vote of thanks

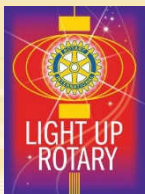


IPP Francis reported on the Rotary Happy Run



These are real signs, some put up for the fun of it, some due to inadvertence. Before the year ends, let's share a good laugh!





RCTP Annual General Meeting

8 December 2014. Royal Garden Hotel

Claire Mak

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It is December! It is half time for the Rotary year. It is timely to take stock of what happened in the previous half year and to elect and form the new board to secure future leadership. These are what we have achieved at our **Annual General Meeting** on 8th December.

President Natalie reviewed in detail each regular meeting held and highlighted the Membership increase achievement of 4 net gain to date. We have a total of 36 members now!



Treasurer Man then reported on the healthy financial position of the club noting perhaps that our club is not doing as many service projects as we can afford.

It was also born out that PP Frankie Wu shall be Area 6 Assistant Governor in the coming year. That brings the number of AGs in our club to 5!

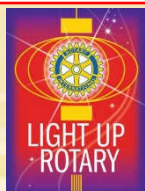


The new 2015-16 board emerged as follows:

President	Vicky Tam
President-elect	William Yim
Vice President	Roger So
Secretary	Caren Chan
Secretary-elect	Jason Lo
Treasurer	Louis Tang
Auditor	Man Mo Leung
Directors	Francis Au, Eric Chiang, Pearl Dang, Patrick Fong, Claire Mak, Ada Wu

Confirmation and election of the club's future leaders and board members followed. This solemn process was overseen by CP Donald and PDG Anthony and amicably completed.





Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy 2014-15 Installation Ceremony

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Bebe, William, Jacky, Claire, Eric, Francis, Timmy and Peter at the Installation Ceremony

On the busy afternoon of 3rd December, right after school hours, when the school was still buzzing with extracurricular activities, the Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy celebrated the Installation of its new board. RCTP members attending the event witnessed a few changes of the school and the club.

First, 'new' Principal Ms. Kwan Oi Chu greeted us upon our arrival in the company of Assistant Principal Andra Ng, teachers Frank Lam, Ms. Kwok and Wong Sir. The ceremony began with Opening Remarks by Principal Kwan re-affirming the amicable relation between RCTP and the Interact club. Then our IPP Francis, who stood in for P. Natalie, not only encouraged the students to develop new ideas and leverage on the good connections amongst RCTP and its related Rotaract clubs, but also suggested ways to improve and expand IAC TTCA's signature project City Hunt.



Principal Kwan



RCTP IPP Francis



IAC TTCA IPP Elton Ng

Immediate Past President Elton Ng was then invited on stage and he reported on last year's events and highlighted what he had gained through organizing the Ronald MacDonald House Visit, Beach Cleaning and the City Hunt. As Elton thanked his Board members, RCTP members also took a group photo with them in appreciation of their efforts.



Outgoing Members with Rotarians and Principal Kwan (front, middle) and Assistant Principal Andra (front, right)



P. Jerry developed his club plans



Immediate Past President Elton passed the President Pin to President Jerry.



Then came the highlight of the day: the Installation ceremony. It started with IPP Elton pinning President Jerry Cheng with the Interact President pin signifying passing of the baton from one cabinet to the next. Then a nervous Jerry spoke to us on the club plans which included sustainable service project which they are sourcing, continuation of beach cleaning and a tailor-made City Hunt.

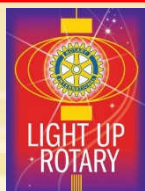
What followed was the introduction of new Board members and refreshment time when Rotarians, teachers and Interactors mingled and got to know each other.

Board Members List 2014-15

Teacher Advisors : Wong Ho Kin, Frank Lam, Leigh Kwok
President : Jerry Cheng (5A)
IVP : Edward Cheung (4B)
EVP : Samuel Chiu (4A)
Secretaries : Jabi Chow and Grace Lai (4A)
Treasurer : Chili Lam (4A)
Contact : Gary Chan (4A) and Howard Lee (4C)
Welfare : Au Yeung Kit Wa (4B) and Lee Wing Sze (4C)
Service : Melody Wong (4B) Arthur Wong (4A) and Polly Li (5A)



Welcome 2014-15 Board Members of IAC TTCA!



22.11.2014 Visit

Eric Chiang (Rotary Club of Tai Po)



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Having lived ten years in Canada during the 90s, being part of the nature is my memorable treasure. Since 2001 after I moved back to Hong Kong, I find living in the city is just like the science fiction *Blade Runner* by Philip K. Dick: modernized, crowded, polluted and noisy.

On 22nd of November, I got a great chance to being part the nature again. As a new member of Rotary Club of Tai Po, I joined the elder service 2014 “同建愛心村2014” which took place in Sha Tau Kok (沙頭角). Organized by Rotary Club of Tai Po and YWCA, this is the second visiting-servicing event which serves several hundreds of elders who live in Sha Tau Kok. There are a dozen of villages with elders who are living alone. This time, we served 2 villages: Loi Tung (East) Village (萊洞東村) and Tam Shui Hang Village (担水坑村).

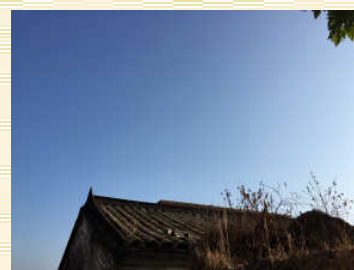
During the servicing event, we offered two activities and they were health checking and home visiting. There were 3 parts to health checking: weight and height measurement, blood pressure and blood sugar test and falling down risk estimation. After the checking session, each elder was presented with a gift pack which, among other things, is a bottle of long-boiled soup “老火靚湯”!



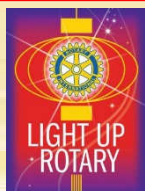
After the health checking, there was the home visiting session. Before I visited those villages, I never knew there is this kind of unpolluted tidy place in Hong Kong. Most of the houses were built in the Ching Dynasty (清朝)



which definitely are relics. It was a precious opportunity for us to visit those villages since all of them show the kind of notice which stated “Aliens are not welcomed!” Also, if it were not the village president who showed us around, one would be met with dozens of fierce looking doggies almost waiting to pounce on anyone who dared pass through the territory! The following pictures would not have been taken and shown without the invitation of the village president.



This is definitely a meaningful servicing event which I was glad to have joined. I hope Rotary Club of Tai Po and YWCA will bring more warmth and care to the elders again very soon!



22.11.2014 Visit

Ricky Sun (RAC Tai Po)



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Together with the Rotarians, Rotaractors and volunteers from Wu Yee Sun College, I had the pleasure of taking part in the "Build Our Loving Villages - Home Visit Health Check Program for the Elderly" on 22 November 2014.

On this beautiful Saturday afternoon, blessed with warm weather and in good company, we all gathered at Fanling MTR Station before making a further 30 minute bus ride to Tam Shui Hang Village in Sha Tau Kok. Nestled in the rural surroundings just before the official border crossing between Hong Kong and mainland China, the village was literally sitting at the fringe of this metropolitan city known for its urban colours.



Upon arrival at the village, we were greeted with warm smiles of the village representative and elderly villagers. I was struck instantly by the stark contrast between the tired and indifferent faces I was used to seeing in the cities, and the genuinely joyful (albeit wrinkled) faces of these elderly individuals.

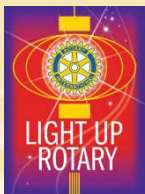


What followed after a short introduction was not only a series of health checks for the elderly but more importantly a casual bonding between the generations and exchange of goodwill. Most of the elderly spoke only Hakka, and fortunately with the aid of a volunteer who could converse in the dialect, we smoothly and systematically completed all of the tests and measurements. Throughout the program, the elderly (mostly in their 80s) were patient, cooperative and trusting, which we particularly asked of them during the "fall susceptibility test". An elderly man was even eager to impress us by showing his fast reflexes and balance! Overall, it was impressive (and a blessing) to see that most of them were physically independent and mobile.



With the health check completed, the volunteers were then separated into smaller groups and were led by a local villager to tour around the neighbouring villages. Our visit interrupted an elderly woman labouring in her farm, who gladly invited us to her home and offered us drinks and snacks. A myriad of photos filled the walls of this 3-storey house in which she lived alone, told the heritage of her family - her ancestors in traditional Chinese clothing, beloved spouse, grandchildren in graduation robes, and great-grandchildren in the arms of smiling family members. The elderly woman's eyes gleamed as she told us about her grandchildren's graduating overseas and their regular visits. Although she appeared content and independent, it did not escape my mind that elderly living alone in the outskirts of this city (or anywhere for that matter) long for familial connection. And as we left her home, it was somewhat comforting to see an elderly neighbour coming to her home for a visit, just like any other afternoon.





22.11.2014 Visit

Sunny Liu (RAC Wu Yee Sun College, CUHK)



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The service under the Build Our Loving Village Project on 22 Nov was a great success. Everybody contributed a lot and all of us were well prepared having attended a pre-event briefing session. We were glad to see that the elderly service targets were in good health. Some of them are even healthier than us, the younger generation.



After the health check, we paid a visit to their homes and had conversations with them. The old people were very talkative. During our conversations, we found that they maintain healthy lifestyles with regular exercise and balanced diet. Most importantly, they enjoy good mental health too, which make their everyday lives happy.



It's our pleasure to be involved in this project. On that day, we not only carried out services, but also learnt useful lessons from the elderly. That's an invaluable gain which we hadn't expected before the service.

Regular Meeting

24 November 2014



We welcomed members of RAC Wu Yee Sun College including (from left) Pres. Sunny, PE Kevin, Incoming IVP Ah 季, EVP Kiki and IVP Jasmine.



K. L. Cheng of Hong Kong Jockey Club gave us some insiders' knowledge about "Future of Horse Raising in China", a topic not exactly tabooed but certainly not oft-talked about.



PP Claire (left) won the unique wool wrap, specially hand-picked by Sally (middle) and brought all the way from Korea.



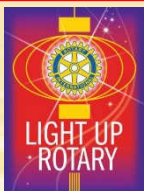
Vote of thanks from PDG Kenneth was infused with personal experience about horse raising and training.



RAC Wu Yee Sun's IVP Jasmine updated us on their upcoming International Service Trip to Taipei entitled "寶島未老".



(from left) Gabriel, Eric, Sunny and Tony shared with us their respective experience of the Build Our Loving Village Home Visit on 22 November.



Upcoming Events

November Winners (100% attendance):



FRANCIS AU,
ERIC CHIANG,
PEARL DANG,
ANTHONY HUNG,
NATALIE KWOK,
PETER LAM,
WILSON LAM,
PING LEUNG,
JASON LO,
SALLY LUK,
CLAIRE MAK,
ROGER SO,
JACKY SUNG,
VIKKY TAM,
KENNETH WONG,
FRANKIE WU

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
19 DEC (FRI)	11:30a.m.	Lion – Rotary Joint Golf Tournament	Mission Hills Golf Club, Faldo Course
21 & 29 DEC	1:00 p.m.	Organ Donation Booth	next to main stage at The 49th Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo Fair, Victoria Park
29 DEC (MON)	5:00p.m.	“生命無價 人間有情”之扶輪匯演 (by Step Up Infinity)	Performance Stage, Victoria Park
29 DEC (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: PP Louis Tang Topic: Share his life experience	The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E
3 JAN (SAT)	4:00 p.m.	Star Reaching Project 2014 “錫晒你大行動”	Fu Heng Centre, Tai Po
5 JAN (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Club Assembly	The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E
12 JAN (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Tai Po District Officer - Bassanio So, JP	The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E
18 JAN (SUN)	10:00 a.m.	5th HK Bowling Tournament for All cum 4th HK Blind Bowling Tournament	South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre, 88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
19 JAN (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Speaker: Mr. Jason Lo Topic: Eco Home Living	The Royal Garden, Mody Road, TST E



% of attendance of regular meetings (inclusive of make ups)

Average attendance: 70.9%

3rd November 75%

10th November 66.6%

15th November 84%

24th November 58%

In November

David Chan
Sasha Chu
Patrick Yung



Happy New Year

