

Tai Post 大報

Monthly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (Dec 2012 Issue)

President's Message

Ronald Chung



December represents the half way mark for the Rotary year 2012 – 13. This is the time to give you a report on what has happened in the 1st half of our Rotary year.



As you all have experienced, the club has had a busy 6 months so far. We had intercity meetings with the RI President, RI Foundation Chair, and an upcoming meeting for RI President Nominee Gary Huang, who happens to be the 1st Chinese RI P as well as a PP of our sister club – I am proud of it, I certainly hope that you are too.



At the **international** level, as you know, the theme this year is PEACE. Our club has joined the Area 6 clubs to jointly sponsor ONE Peace scholar from the respective Rotaract clubs to attend the Peace Forum in Honolulu. After a competition with an essay and a video interview, Rotaractor Iki Chan from Rotaract Club of Tai Po came out the winner – I am proud of it, I certainly hope that you are too.



At the **regional** level, we are working with PP Braces from our sister club, RC Taipei, on a matching grant project building wells in Cambodia. RC Tai Po has committed 3 PHFs to the project. In addition, RC Tai Pei has also committed to work with RC Tai Po on a joint water project, again with Area 6, on water purification for ShaanXi schools – a focus this year at the district level.

A key for this year at the **district** level is to fight poverty. The district, under the leadership of DG Kenneth, has set up a breakthrough relationship with the HKCSS to work with the different clubs on new projects. In this regard, we have worked with the Hong Kong Child and Youth Services to set up a new project, “Step up Infiniti” thanks to the effort by PP Jacky and Vikky.

With the **New Generations**, we are in two pregnancies – but both may take more than the usual 9 months to come to fruition. First, PP Ping, with advice from PDG Anthony, is working on the chartering of the district's 1st area wide Interact club in Tai Po. While most interact clubs are school based, this one is cross-school within the district of Tai Po.



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President's Message (Con't)

Ronald Chung

In the meantime, PP Ping, PP Peter and PE Francis are continuing with their work on our new Rotaract Club with the Chinese University.

Again, I see both as longer term projects that may not happen this year, but both are good for RC Tai Po.



On **membership** front, PP Pearl is kind enough to donate tickets to Taiwan and Thailand as incentives to help grow membership this year. We shall all thank PP Pearl, but the best way to thank her – get in members and take the tickets. I think we should have our 1st ticket gone very soon.

On the **meeting and fellowship** front, we moved from Royal Plaza to Kowloon Regal and now back HOME to Royal Plaza without a hitch – thanks to VP Natalie. 'Wine and Dine' is, as usual, really good with our VP taking care of things. I only wish she is also responsible for the "How to keep fit" department for everyone.



On the **Foundation** front, PP Louis easily met our targets this year and we shall also stay as an EREY club as well.

All these news are brought to you by our **PR** Lady, PP Claire, who capably brings us our infotainment on a very timely manner every month.



Finally, I thank my **board** for their assistance for the past 6 months. Without them, nothing would have happened. I shall look forward to more successes for the club for the remaining term.

Finally, finally... this being December, may I wish you and your family PEACE (on earth...).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

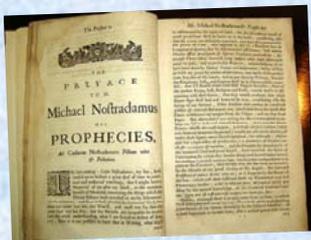


Editor Says

Claire Mak



It has been widely rumoured that the end of the world is approaching. There appear more and more natural disasters. The weather becomes weird and unpredictable world-wide. Nostradamus foretold another big earthquake in his Quatrian. The Mayan-predicted doomsday falls on 21 December 2012... ..



But then, the weather has never been predictable, has it? And Nostradamus' predictions are subject to all sorts of interpretations. As for the Mayan calendar, it is more probable than not that the Mayan inscriber had run out of inscription material and so had to stop at 2012. Or, maybe having inscribed such a lengthy Account, he was so fed up that he just "penned off"! In any case, the current world situation does not seem to point towards an end; but rather, the contrary.



After the 2012 Election, Barack Obama got re-elected as the US president. (Pres. Ron has a more detailed sharing on that.) China has also changed its leaders and a new structure emerged... .. There does not appear to be a trace of finality. Instead, with new faces appearing and new ideas being promulgated, spirits are more blooming than ever.

It is interesting to note that the US and Chinese leaders are quite a big contrast in terms of their post election behaviour. True to his campaign slogan "Forward", upon securing re-election, Obama was demonstrably excited as shown by overt hand and body gestures when he addressed the audience on the way forward for the States.



China's incoming president Xi Jinping, on the other hand, does not have similar slogan and showed a lot more self-restraint. Indeed, the whole cabinet appears so serious that one would have mistaken the morbid atmosphere for something lamentable when it would have called for celebration. Maybe Xi should have invited his singer wife Peng Liyuan to perform or called his daughter Mingze to return from Harvard and join him to show support, just as Michelle and the whole Obama family stood by Obama.



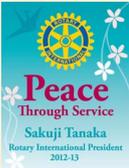
Closer to home, RCTP also had its election and secured the future leadership. At the AGM held on 3rd December, CP Donald and PDG Anthony dutifully vetted the votes, just as they did year after year, and the new club leaders fell in place. As the new *Francis' cabinet* emerged, it is every member's hope that he will be taking the Club to scale even greater heights.



Indeed, his cabinet comprises some 'surprising elements' and Francis, when addressing the club, stressed the importance of maintaining close bondage amongst members and doing services with fun. His emphasis, as could be expected, was to present an astounding Annual Ball on 8 June. Surprisingly, and quite atypical of Francis, there was no overt celebration. Members left the meeting quite sober.

With all the hype and activities, I am inclined to believe 21 December 2012 won't be the end of the world. It will just be another Winter Solstice!





Rotary Information

Peter Lam



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What good news it is to learn that our Rotaractor Iki Chan nominated by our club was selected to represent Area 6 to participate in the Rotary Peace Forum in Hawaii in January 2013. Let's take a look at the first forum which just ended in Berlin.

Rotarians call for "Peace Without Borders" during Berlin forum

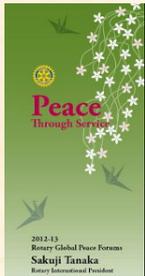
By Insa Feye and Arnold R. Grahl Rotary News -- 5 December 2012



ROTARY GLOBAL
PEACE FORUM



More than 1,800 Rotarians, community leaders, and students and alumni of the Rotary Peace Centers program gathered in Berlin 30 November through 2 December to promote peace during the first of three Rotary Global Peace Forums. "Peace is like bread. You have to bake it fresh every day," said Luis Vicente Giay, past RI president, in convening the forum.



Two upcoming forums will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, 25-27 January, and in Hiroshima, Japan, 17-18 May. Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Member of Parliament Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar will be the keynote speaker in Hawaii.

The three-day Berlin forum was the largest Rotary event in Germany since the RI Convention in Munich 25 years ago. The audience was as diverse as the nationalities of the participants, with Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, exchange students, and guests joining Rotarians and community leaders. More than 100 participants from District 1940's Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) seminar involving 12 countries also took part in the forum.

Berlin declaration

The attendees adopted a declaration calling for "Peace Without Borders," recognizing that "all human beings have the right to live in a state of peace, free from violence, persecution, inequality, and suffering." The three sites for the peace forums were selected by RI President Sakuji Tanaka because each was heavily affected by the events of World War II and now represents the healing power of sustainable peace between nations. "As a member of the first generation to grow up in Japan after World War II, I understand the importance of peace and its connection to our well-being," said Tanaka. "Working for peace is a lifelong task. Every day, in 34,000 clubs around the world, we work together for a more peaceful world by bringing water, health, education, and hope to the people who need it most."

My Rotary Moment

Every Rotarian, said Tanaka, has a story to tell. Some of those are compiled in his new book "My Rotary Moment," a collection of personal essays and stories written by Rotary's senior leaders. Copies of the book, signed by Tanaka, were sold at the forum, with proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation.

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, chair of The Rotary Foundation, noted that building peace in the world is one of the main elements of the Foundation's mission. He said Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio have demonstrated how Rotarians can band together to overcome barriers of culture, religion, language, and conflict. "We can create one of the great miracles of polio eradication: Days of Tranquility, when those involved in an armed conflict call a cease-fire to allow children access to health care," Wilkinson said. "To save children from polio, we've convinced people to lay down their arms in Afghanistan, Southern Sudan, and Somalia. That's something no one else has been able to do. And if that's not creating peace through our Rotary Foundation, I don't know what is."

Peace project display

More than 100 peace projects were also on display at the forum's marketplace. Two of the projects were selected to receive an award from Tanaka during the final session. Intercountry committees from all over the world convened separate meetings in the run-up to the forum, asking the question, "How can the intercountry committees make a more effective contribution to the Rotary peace initiatives?" Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo explained that ten years ago, Rotary created the Peace Centers program to promote research, teaching, public relations, and knowledge on issues of peace and conflict resolution.

"We believe that by providing advance education opportunities for peace fellows chosen from various countries and different cultures, they will grow into potential leaders in their respective regions or countries," Saboo said. They will then be able to use their training "to promote greater tolerance and co-operation among peoples, leading to world peace and understanding."

Rotary clubs have sponsored scholars earning master's degrees in peace and conflict resolution at leading universities in Australia, England, Japan, Sweden, and the United States. A three-month professional development certificate program was established at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand in 2004.

District Golf Tournament on 23 November 2012 at Mission Hills

Frankie Wu

If you have joined our District Golf Tournament on Nov 23rd November, I am sure you will be convinced that this has been our most successful District Golf Tournament. We should be proud of it because our PE Francis, IPP Tsubaki and PP Peter have a big contribution in organizing the event. (Editor's Note: PP Frankie is also one of the keen organisers.)



RC Tai Po forms 2 flights including DG Kenneth, PP Peter, PP Jacky, IPP Tsubaki, PE Francis, Paul, David, Connie and me. Our PP Peter was playing really well with a score of 87! He also got the honor of "The Most Birdie Award".



Thanks to the good performance of DG Kenneth, PP Peter, PP Jacky and David, Tai Po also got the Club 2nd Runner up. Tai Po may not have the best individual player; but as a team, we are always one of the best.



Annual General Meeting of RC Tai Po 3rd December 2012

*From: Francis K M Au [mailto:francis@buddyland.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 1:43 PM
Subject: RC Tai Po AGM completed*

Dear fellow RCTP members and friends,

With leadership of our President Ron and great help from our CP Donald, PDG Anthony and Hon Secretary Caren, our RCTP 2012-13 AGM was completed smoothly and successfully last night. Please join President Ron and me to congratulate the following members to be RCTP 2013-14 board members. More importantly, thank all of them in advance for leading our club in 2013-14.

RC Tai Po 2013-14 Board of Directors

PE Natalie Kwok
VP Vikky Tam
IPP Ronald Chung
Hon Secretary - Patrick Fong
Secretary-elect - Roger So
Treasurer - PP Louis Tang
Hon Auditor - PP ML Man
Directors: PP Frankie Wu, PP Ping Leung, PP Claire Mak,
PP Pearl Dang, Sasha Chu, William Yim

I will be announcing the Chair of various committees in the future.

Yours in Rotary,
Francis



President Report



Welcome back Timmy,
Kenneth and Paul



Youth chair report



Membership chair report



Service chair
report



PR chair report



Admin chair report



TRF chair report



PDG Anthony
announced the result



Sergeant at Arms
in action



DG with the 2013-14 board



Rtnn Alice won the unique
Theme Tie from DG Kenneth



Vote counting by CP Donald
& Secretary Caren

President's View on President

President Ronald Chung



Obama is re-elected as US President in, what turned out to be, a tighter race down the wire, NICE! Our family members are mostly pro- so we were watching it pretty closely and, aired out a sigh of relief when the poll results confirmed his re-election.

Interestingly, both Alice and I, at the personal level, are registered Republicans, so politically we support the Republicans. So, why support a Democrat nominee, why support Obama?

Here's my take.



When Obama was elected President, he got lucky. He got the worst President in US history before him – the no-end game Afghan war, the unjust Iraqi invasion and the economic crisis – and the country was desperately looking for a CHANGE. Just the economic crisis itself scared off a lot of candidates. So, it was down to Hilary from inside the party and McCain.



Obama won over Hilary, whom people, especially women voters, do not trust and got the support from the Democrats.

Then, he faced McCain – can anyone genuinely think that McCain = CHANGE?

So, Obama got it: was voted in primarily due to the economic crisis.

When you are voted in to handle the economic hole dug by GWB (Bush,) what do you do? You work on an Economic Stimulus Plan – this is a no brainer, everyone can do this (whether the plan works or not is another issue.)

So, why should anyone admire Obama?



After the different pieces of the Economic Stimulus Plan were put together and set in motion, many “leaders” would sit back and take a breather. Not this Obama guy. By November 2009, he had already started working on the biggest long-term domestic issue in the country – health care. He worked so hard and so efficiently with political savvy, a health care bill (considered by many impossible just to craft) was passed - June 2010. These are 2 major initiatives in less than 2 years of Presidency!



Again, people may argue that neither was working, but curing the economic mess put together by Bush and the health care issues accumulated over time is simply not going to happen overnight. Let's move on. Is that it?

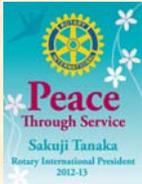
Well, he then started Immigration reform in 2011.

Obama came to power on his “Change” platform. After he got elected, he practices what he preaches. What's more important as a leader: he moves on and takes the lead to make changes.

Yet another incident showing his courage and political savvy, Obama invited his biggest political enemy Republican House Majority Leader, John Boehner, to a no-agenda golf game on June 18, 2011. I don't think this was ever done before by any President. This was simply amazing! Realistically, who, as president of anything, has the time – really, and most people will just go... why bother with a political enemy? I am not sure if that was “useful,” but 18 months after that, the nemesis are now together again working on how to steer the country from the “fiscal cliff.”



This brings me to the conclusion. Looking at what Obama's style and track record, I am pretty sure that America has the right guy in place to lead the country. He dares to act and takes on problems – be it issues or people. Having said that, I am not sure if he is the savior to bring America out of its significant mess – be it economic or health care, but that's just the way it is. I have a theory that can have Obama's way becoming a legacy, but let's not go there in black and white.



Trip to India - Part 1- Delhi

Charles Chan

Clara and I were in Delhi attending Washington University (WU) of St. Louis IACA (International Advisory Council of Asia) conference.

It is an interesting conference with guest speakers from the US Embassy in Delhi and from Member of the India government's Planning Commission and Finance Commission. There was also a report on the McDonnell International Scholars Academy (<http://mcdonnell.wustl.edu/about/>) of which Hong Kong University and Chinese University are all members of the 26 partner universities to the program.



After the conference, Clara and I had the opportunities to explore Delhi, Agra and Jaipur by car. This write up is to share with you some interesting comments that we have heard at the conference as well as a glimpse of India through our eyes of the capital city "Delhi" and the rural communities and some of the world heritage sites.

The Conference:

The biggest challenge to India is population control. The country grows at the rate of a new Australia every year! There are talks of limiting birth to 2 per family.

Energy and Water are the key issues that need to be addressed to sustain economic growth and improve on the quality of life of the citizens particularly those living in the rural villages. Plan to build 455 coal firing plants to generate electricity is already approved which also makes Clean Coal technology of vital importance. A statement was also made that nuclear energy is an integral part of the energy solution and India will go full blast on its implementation drawing on what we all learn from the 3-11 disaster, three miles islands etc... major works are under way to provide clean drinking water through reverse osmosis and distillation techniques etc... I was told one of the booming businesses in the city is home and office delivery of clean water, similar to Watsons...etc in HK.

India is an important strategic partner to USA. India is the third largest and most advanced country in the world in software development. Many US company already have research centers set up in India. India is now producing C-131 military transport parts for USA. A special \$50 million fund was also created to support innovation.

There seems to have progress made on the Intellectual Property Protection Act that started its implementation 8 years ago. The focus on pirated DVD is now taking on additional emphasis on monitoring of pirated shows on the Internet. The Indian pharmaceutical companies are also focusing on real developmental effort to bring new drugs to the market, as there are real cost advantage and good infra-structural support of doing so in India.

McDonnell Academy through its Global Clean Energy and Environmental Partnership (MGEEP) program is working with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jawaharlal Nehru University and Tata Institute of Social Science to address some of these issues for India.

Delhi

Last time I was in Delhi was more than 10 years ago and landed in the old airport. The new airport is large and pretty much have all the amenities of a first class commercial airport. The road from the airport to the hotel has definitely improved. The traffic jam is a different issue. I am not sure which is worse during peak traffic hours, Beijing or Delhi? I was told 60% of the nations cars are in Delhi!



We visited both the Old Delhi and the New Delhi.

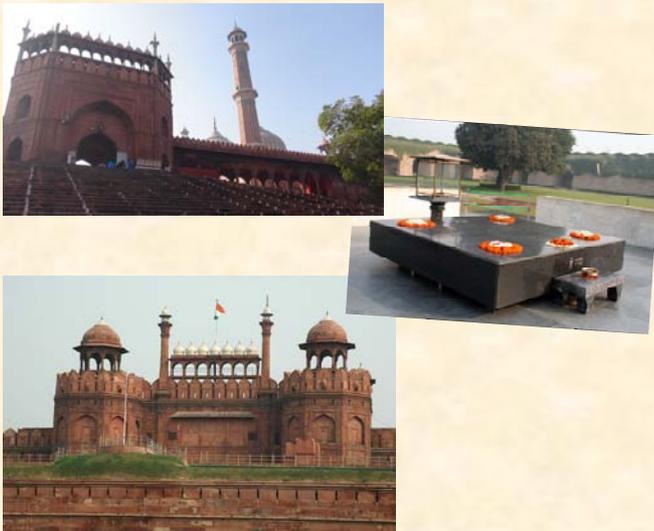
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The old Delhi

The old Delhi was built during the 17th century with much Indo-Islamic architecture. As tourists, we have our Indian style of 游胡同 riding the rickshaw (actually it is a pedaled tri-cycle similar to those in Beijing).



We visited Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, Raj Ghat (the Ghandi Memorial) and the Redfort (Lal Qila) built during the reign of the Emperor Shah Jihan.



There is a lot of interesting history and I fully recommend you to use a tour guide. We engaged Cox and King <http://www.coxandkings.com> and they are great. Although they are a bit pricy but we feel it is worth it.

We took all our meals at the Imperial Hotel where we stayed and bring along all our own drinking water.

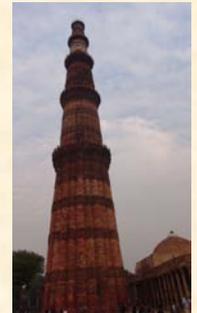
You get a much better rate by exchanging your money with help of your tour guide. The airport is the worst. They even charge you a service fee on top of the ridiculous rate. For shopping we were able to negotiate in Rupee and paid in dollars using an exchange of 55 Rupee to USD 1.00. Naturally you would get your change back in Rupee but at an excellent rate. You do need some small changes to pay for tips and in using certain toilet facilities!

The New Delhi

This is really not a new city or a satellite city as those in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. To me it is more a demarcation of its physical location as a district separate from the Old Delhi. Although it has the commercial center, the Parliament House, Presidents estate etc... within its boundary, it has many of its own interesting history and historical monuments.

We visited:

Quitab Minar a 72 meters high perfect tower from the Persian World.



The Iron Pillar amidst the ruin of the Quwat-ul-Islam Mosque. A testimony to the skills of the ancient Indian ironsmith and the techniques used in the extraction and processing of iron.

Humayun's tomb, predecessor of the Taj Mahal.



Indian gate a war memorial

潮看Teen空 Opening Ceremony 6.12.2012

Vikky Tam

RC Tai Po members joined students, teachers and parents



Principal Tang and DG Kenneth shared a moment with a student



PDG Anthony, Rtn Timmy and DS Peter spoke with a student



Rtn Vikky had had her ladies' talk with parents, GSE member Rtr Boloroo (middle) and a student

Students tried out a number of recreations



Students practised their dance score



Coffee-making attracted a few inquisitive bodies

Sharing and recognition



DG Kenneth gave words of encouragement



Salvation Army's Wendy encouraged a student to share her experience



President Ron's address



Guests showed support to the event



Everyone at the Opening Ceremony

It was a completely meaningful afternoon!

The Opening Ceremony of our service project “潮看TEEN空 2012” was held at the NT Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School on 6 Dec. It's not an ordinary opening ceremony, but a close, warm & delightful one.

It is so good to see the students wearing happy faces all afternoon. It seems to me they really enjoyed being involved in this program. Especially Ah Hin: he's now confident enough to stand on stage and shared his experience last year – what he learnt, what he got. He's in the program again this year. When seeing such picture, it all paid off.

The arrangement was thoughtful. Parents were invited to join the event. People influence people; children influence their mother and all people around. Everyone was amazingly cheerful. That's so positive!

11 of us went to support - talked with the students & parents; gave encouragement to the students and praised their improvement ...

Before the ceremony, we visited their classes: dancing & coffee making. We tried their cappuccino – truly made from the heart. It's truly very nice. Cheers!

Rotary Adopt A School Program RC Tai Po and Tsung Tsin Christian Academy Careers Expo

Claire Mak

High school students experience pressures from not only academic pursuit, peers' or parents' expectations, or generally adolescent changes. Very often, upper form students feel clueless when asked to make what essentially is a career choice when they have to opt for university places and subjects. More often than not, they are not even sure of what career options they have.



Edmund Li

RCTP cannot offer them a *cure* but, being diversified in its membership, it is possible to solve some of the mystery by having members sharing their experience in their professions with the students so that the youngsters get a glimpse of what it is like and what is expected in the different professions. Hopefully, they can make a more informed choice.



Francis Au

That was why a number of our members and Rotaract President Jodhy spent the Saturday morning of 17th November with the students of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy in a Careers Expo. The event started with Mr. Edmund Li speaking to all students on "How to equip oneself for Career." Then the students dispersed to 2 different breakout sessions of their choices where they met and got insights of the different professions. The sessions were as diversified as can be.

We hope to be of help to the students. As for the feedback? Take a look at what Assistant Principal Ms Andra Ng said afterwards. In any case, our speakers were treated to a sumptuous lunch by former principal of TTCA and old friend Joshua!

Topics	Speakers
Accountancy	Ping Leung (Tax), ML Man (Audit),
Finance	Caren Chan
Law	Claire Mak
Travel & Tourism	Pearl Dang
Health Care	Jodhy Mak
Fashion Design	Aaron Shea
Research & Development	John Mulligan
Engineering	Roger So
I.T.	Francis Au
Entrepreneurship	Jacky Sung



Speakers from RCTP



John Mulligan



Joshua Yau

RC TP Speakers



Students & Speakers
packed the auditorium

**From: Ng Wing Chee [mailto:weng@ttca.edu.hk]
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2012 7:29 PM
Subject: Many thanks!**

Dear Dr. Chung and all Rotarians,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all your generous help to make our Career Expo a successful one on last Saturday. Your sharing on your profession means a lot to our students. We received very positive feedback from both students and teachers. Thank you very much! We are looking forward to having our next partnership programme in the near future. All the best!

May God bless you all!

Regards
Ms Ng WC, Andra



Post Careers Expo Lunch – Courtesy of Joshua Yau

Youth Corner

District Interact Workshop

24 November 2012

On 24 Nov 2012, the 48th Joint Interact Council held the District Interact Training Workshop from 10 am to 12:30 pm in Stewards Pooi Tun Secondary School. 60 Interactors and 20 Rotarian / Teacher Advisers joined the event. PDG Peter Wong gave a warm welcoming speech while DG Kenneth Wong did a very clear introduction of the theme of this Rotary year. DAG Eric Chin and Rotarian Joseph Tse ran the workshop for Rotarian and Teacher Advisers while PP Wendy Mung held the workshop for Interactors. Our Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy was well represented by 3 teachers in charge and 4 students.



Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy Installation on 1 December

Ping Leung

Our Interact Club at Tsung Tsin Christian Academy held its 2012-2013 Installation Ceremony on 1st December 2012. The mother club was represented by our New Generation Chair PP Ping, PDG Anthony, DS Peter and Rotarian Caren.

Their incoming Board Members are headed by President Hugo Lee and two Vice Presidents Ian Chan and Elton Ng. The other team members are Hanna Lo (Treasurer), Vivian Ho (Secretary), Winnie Wu and Manson Lam (Welfare), Christie Lai (Contact) and the Service Committee members are Kaka Leung, Annie Lai, Marco Lau, Noelle Lo, Ben Ng and Unique Wong.

IPP Kirsten Hui reported an eventful year for 2011-2012 and we wish them a successful year ahead.



2011-12 TTCA Interact officers with teachers in charge and Rotarians



The 2012-13 TTCA Interact Officers with PDG Anthony and PP Ping



2012-13 President Hugo Lee addressed the audience



IPP Kirsten Hui was duly recognised



The 2012-13 TTCA Interact Officers and all guests



Sasha's daughter Valerie Chu was the MC of the day



Hugo and Kirsten met our Rotaractors Jolly and Jodhy

Regular Meeting

26 November

Rylarians Wing Cheng and Rita Lam addressed club members



Service Chair PP Jacky promoted two upcoming service events: 潮看TEEN空 Opening Ceremony & Sunshine Teens Health Talk



Industrious Sergeant Vikky won the body lotion set donated by Sincere; but with Sincere not around, CP Donald performed the honour on her behalf and presented Vikky with the raffle gift.



CP Donald started a discussion about the vital effects of *personal touch* in communication and acting President Francis demonstrated it right away.



10 December

Speakers Jason Ho & Scarlett Cheng from the Blind Union field questions from the floor.



President Ron thanked the speakers with the club memento



Rtn Patrick Fong won from PE Francis the raffle gift of a very comfortable set of Linen House Quilt Cover.





Nov Winners (100% attendance):



FRANCIS AU, CAREN CHAN,
RONALD CHUNG, PEARL
DANG, ANTHONY HUNG,
PETER LAM, WILSON LAM,
CLAIRE MAK, ARMSTRONG
SHEA, JACKY SUNG, VIKKY
TAM, LOUIS TANG,
MASAYUKI TSUBAKI,
KENNETH WONG

We Miss You
in Nov
Manabu Kiyama,
Sincere Yip,
Patrick Yung



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

5/11 66.6%
9/11 73.3%
19/11 60.0%
26/11 63.4%

Average attendance :
65.8%

On leave in Nov

I'll be back soon.



Roger So,
Ada Wu

Upcoming Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Venue</u>
7 Jan 2013 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Topic: THE ONE AWARD Speaker: IPDG David Harilela	3/F Chinese Restaurant, Royal Plaza Hotel, Prince Edward Rd. W.
14 Jan 2013 (Mon)	7:00 p.m.	Topic: Rotaract District Service Project "ROTARY ON SERVICE 36" Speaker: members of District Rotaract Committee	3/F Chinese Restaurant, Royal Plaza Hotel, Prince Edward Rd. W.
27 Jan 2013 (Sun)	9:30 a.m.	3rd HK Bowling Tournament for All cum 2nd Blind Bowling Tournament	Hong Kong Bowling City, G/F, Hong Kong International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay
25-27 Jan 2013 (Fri - Sun)	---	Rotary Global Peace Forum	Hawaii, USA

HKBSF 香港盲人體育總會
香港盲人體育總會主辦

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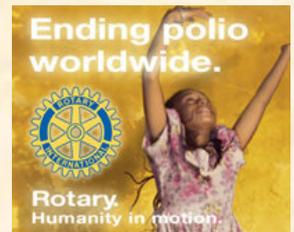
第三屆共融之樂保齡球比賽

第二屆香港盲人保齡球錦標賽

活動目的: 1) 推廣有關共融的訊息及體驗視障球手的才能。
2) 給予平等機會讓視障人士發揮其體育潛能。

活動詳情: 日期: 2013年1月27日
時間: 上午9:30-下午1時
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Is There A Santa Claus?

The famous editorial, first published by The New York Sun in 1897, written by Francis P. Church in response to a question from Virginia O'Hanlon



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Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there

were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the

supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

by Francis P. Church

Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.



Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no

Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

