

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILSON WOO



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It's my great honour and privilege to be the President of Rotary Club of Tai Po for the year 2021-2022. I have to tell you that I had never thought about it 20+ years ago when I was the President of Rotaract Club of Tai Po. When I was young, Rotarians impress me as the symbol of commitment, who can contribute a lot of time to Rotary, including community works or services and attending club meeting every week in addition to district events and service



activities. They shoulder a lot of responsibilities and serve to make changes. I wondered how they juggled between their work, family, and Rotary, which seemed impossible to me. However, I realized that it was possible when I joined mother club and became a Rotarian in 2014. I enjoy very much every meeting which gives me the chance to meet our fellow members, new friends, and keep abreast of the latest trends and other knowledge from our great and wonderful speakers.

As of 1st of July and with the start of my presidency, my new chapter in Rotary Life has begun. I can feel the bonding among all fellow members is getting stronger and more united. I wish they all enjoy every moment that we are together, like the fellowship night we just had. At the same time, I have more interaction and bonding with District and Area 6 Club Presidents. We had some wonderful and goofy moments while attending PETS training, District Conference and District Installation, and Joint Presidents Meeting. With the leadership of our principal, DG Keith CHOW, all presidents including Area 6 classmates become more supportive and vow to serve to make changes.



Taking this opportunity, I'm glad to announce that our 30th Anniversary Celebration & Installation of our club together with our satellite club will take place on 14th Aug 2021. May I invite you and your beloved family to join this big day for celebration, please. I look forward to seeing you all. Once again, thank you so much for your unconditional support!

Yours in Rotary,

Wilson

EDITOR SAYS



CLAIRE MAK

July ushers in a new Rotary Year where we “Serve to Change Lives”.

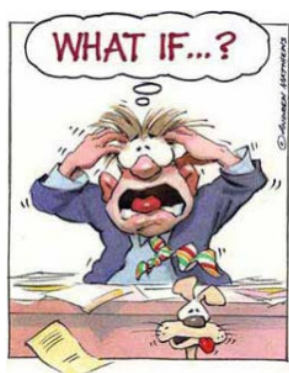
We do service projects year after year but the impact on the service targets can be impressive or it may also be negligible. So for this year, we have the pretty tall order: to do life-changing services.

How do we assess whether the service has actually “changed lives”? I assume it must mean a significant improvement to the service targets: or it may mean an elevation of the service giver (ourselves). Of course,



at the other end of the spectrum, a change may be so devastating that one’s life is forever destroyed. It should be noted that changes are not always readily welcomed. It may not be perceived as necessary and more importantly, it may not be perceived as an improvement.

We may need to start with some adjustments in our mindsets. I think you must have experienced the following: It suddenly rains. You recall you have left the windows open when you left home. Will you drop everything you are doing and dash home to shut the windows? I think this unlikely because you must be tied up with something else which is why you are away from home and so you won’t likely make a special trip home to shut the windows. Not adopting this first solution, you may fall into the next phase of the scenario: that you worry about rain dripping in, wetting your belongings, soaking your bed ... etc. and then blame yourself for neglecting to close the windows – or maybe blaming others for this matter. In short, you magnify the negative consequences and destroy your previously good mood and possibly those around you. Then, and more usually so, there will be the third phase: and that is, you finally reach home and find, to your relief, that everything remains in order; well, maybe a drop of rainwater here and there, but nothing of consequence. You then realise that you have been worrying for a whole day for nothing.



Let’s think. How many times have you worried uselessly? For instance, you may find yourself sleepless on the eve of exam announcements. You worry about getting low grades or the results will not qualify you for your preferred university. But frankly the results would have already been printed on the result slips awaiting distribution. Howsoever you worry won’t change a thing. Another example: some people may feel wary about going on an overseas trip. Will anything happen to the plane? What if we cannot find the car company, what if the hotel was not as good as it appears on brochures ... In the end, nothing untoward has happened and so all the worries are but a waste of time!

Without a crystal ball, it is understandable that one is apprehensive about what is going to happen. In order to strike a useful balance, one should be prepared for any reasonable downside but not to over-worry about possible adversities. Sometimes, it comes down to a moment of choice and for one to choose wisely. My training as a solicitor asks that we assess both the merits and the demerits of a case: to go for the strong points and be prepared to deal with the weak ones. If the circumstances cannot change, then maybe change how one perceives the matter and then handle any problem spot on. We may need to change our attitude before we serve to change other’s lives.

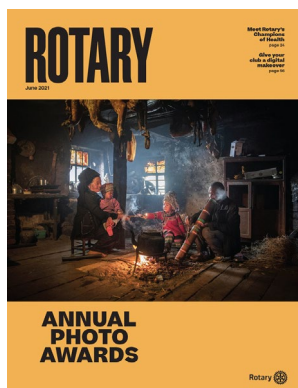


ROTARY INFORMATION

The Rotary Magazine 2021 Photo Awards

In a time of separation, our winning photographers used their cameras to make connections

From RI news and Rotary Magazine June issue



It was a challenging year for photographers. Once the pandemic hit, travel plans had to be changed or cancelled. That was reflected in many of the submissions for Rotary magazine's 2021 photo awards: Many more photos than usual were taken close to home, sometimes as close as the backyard. We did see breathtaking images of some photographers' journeys, many from the days before the pandemic limited travel. Others took this year to experiment with extreme close-ups of a flower petal or a bird in flight. Many photos captured the way COVID-19 has transformed our world and our daily lives. And, perhaps reflecting the fundamental optimism of Rotarians, there were many images of hope, joy, and simple beauty.



PETER LAM

Our judge, photojournalist Barbara Davidson, evaluated the photographs with an exacting eye. "I look for use of color as an element of composition, I look for degrees of tones in black-and-white images, and I look for strong composition and an advanced level of photography as craft," Davidson says. But the technical achievement has to be in service of something. "The images that stand out invite one to linger on the photograph and successfully inspire an emotional response." In addition to the winners and honorable mentions that appear in this issue, the magazine will feature more of the photos submitted by our readers throughout the coming year.

First place

Photographer: Hansruedi Frutiger
Rotary Club of Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Location: Yuanyang County, Yunnan, China



Second place

Photographer: Luca Venturi
Rotary Club of Siena Est, Italy
Location: Siena, Italy



Third place

Photographer: Randy Nickerson
Rotary Club of Oshawa, Ontario
Location: Longsheng County, China



Honorable mention

Photographer: Steve Begnoche
Rotary Club of Ludington, Michigan.
Location: Ludington, Michigan





FLASHBACK

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

LAST MEETING OF THE ROTARY YEAR



Glad to have PP David Loie joining us at 2018-19 President Patrick Fong's last meeting on 28 Jun. 2019 at KCC. CP Donald & Anne, PP Man & Jackie as well as PP Francis Au were also present and received gifts from Patrick.



At 26 Jun. 2017 meeting, 2016-17 President William Yim and our past and future leaders congratulated PP Jacky Sung on becoming our honorary member.



Last meeting of Ron Chung's presidency on 24 June, 2013 at Royal Garden Hotel. Our 2nd baby club RC SoHo HK's (formed in 2012) CP Chris Tsang joined us but PP Kenneth Wong could not attend as he was too occupied as our District Governor that year!



2019-20 President KF's last meeting (Appreciation Dinner) on 29 Jun. 2020 at KCC Pavilion was more like a theme night party with singing performances by many. Thanks KF for the special gift of the cartoon figure sketches of members & spouses!



Henry was one of our lucky draw winners at our last meeting at KCC 25 Jun. 2018 chaired by 2017-18 President Roger So. The prize was a "good number" RMB dollar note donated by Roger. KF, Wanda and Creamy were the other winners.



2014-15 President Natalie toasted to members including sergeant-at-arms Jimmy Wai on 29 June, 2015 at Royal Garden Hotel. That evening Rotaractors from Tai Po club including Scarlet and Tony gave us report of their International Service trip to Philippines.



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NEW MEMBER



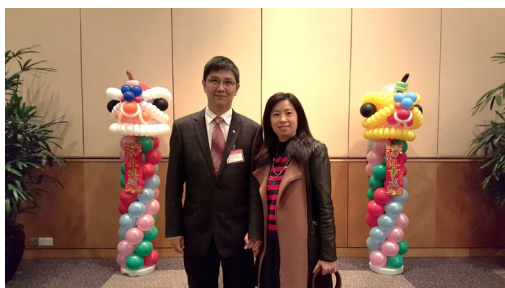
Jules Jiu 姚沛康

Spouse : Dara Chong
Sons : Nicholas & Felix, who are respectively 27 & 22 years old
Date of Birth : 21 September
Classification : Accountancy
Induction : 28 June 2021

I am a practising CPA in Hong Kong and have been operating my own CPA firm for more than 20 years. I am a director and senior partner of another CPA Limited company for 5-6 years. I am the Chairman of Chinese Executive Club (CEC), a sub-club of Hong Kong Management of Association comprising entrepreneurs, senior executives and scholars in Management. In CEC, I learn a lot about management and have widened my social connection.

I enjoy travelling, no matter long distances or short trips, on business or vacation because I enjoy the culture, food, landscape of different countries. Travelling with family and friends is an enjoyment.

I also do running for my health purpose. I always keep running 2-3 times per week outdoors around for 30-45 minutes each time, all the while listening to music when I run.



District Conference

19-20 June 2021

Chairman Gabriel Kwan, Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po Companion

June 19-20 was a sunny weekend when hundreds of District 3450 Rotarians gathered at Regal Airport Hotel (of course masks were worn according to social distancing rules) to attend the District Conference. As a Rotaractor I have heard about the event for many years, but to have a chance to witness it first hand was definitely an invaluable experience for me.



The event began with the open declaration by DG Eric Chak, followed by a speech presented by the guest of Honour Professor Chan Ka Leung, Francis, SBS, JP, Dean of the CUHK Faculty of Medicine. The topic of the speech was "The Future Development of Medical Professionals in Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area". Professor Chan mentioned that given the recent development of the Greater Bay Area, there are and will be more and more opportunities for HK doctors. However there are concerns from medical professionals on whether the medical system and the relevant legislations in the Greater Bay Area can protect their legal rights.

P.S.: By the end of the event I was surprised to learn that Professor Chan is an alumni of my alma mater SFXC too!



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During the Saturday breakout session, I was honoured to be invited by PDG Kenneth to share stories of RCTP and satellite club with P Sally in session 3: Membership. One cannot imagine how nervous I was to speak in front of such a gathering of senior Rotarians. Our sharing focused on the elements vital for the successful setting up of a satellite club: Mentorship, Companion, and Flexibility.



District Governor's Banquet



The second day began with the opening of the Rotaract District Conference presided by DRR Alan Yip. What impressed me the most in the morning was the open forum for Rotaractors and Rotarians. I was also happy to meet two CUHK university-based Rotaractors. The short but interesting 45-minute chat that we had was a good opportunity for me to better understand how the young university fellows think - though it suddenly also dawned on me that my good old youthful days have passed and my university days seem a lifetime ago.



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Year End Wrap Up Meeting

28 June 2021

Claire Mak

Over 40 people including members, honorary members, past presidents, spouses, satellite club members and a new member participated at the last regular meeting under the *Rotary Opens Opportunities* year. It was an evening of old friends filling out 2 rooms of the Regal Kowloon Hotel (could not help splitting up as the COVID measures were still in force) for a good wrap up dinner get-together.



This last meeting on 28 June 2021 under the presidency of outgoing president Sally had to start with PE Wilson doing the formalities on her behalf as she was detained by having to perform an urgent surgery. But as soon as she arrived slightly after 8 o'clock, Sally duly took over and shared with us the good news about her outstanding achievements in the past year: our club gaining 9 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze awards, in addition to being recognized for two 10-year Service Projects, and a couple of Multiple Paul Harris. Further, Sally herself was recognised as Outstanding President with Distinction.



RC Tai Po did very well in expanding Membership. We are the only club to have established a satellite club in the past year and on the day, we inducted a new member into our club. We had CP Donald to do the honour of inducting new member Jules Jiu in the presence of his wife Dara and us all; and also the belated pinning of Dr. James Cheng. Our Satellite club members gathered to cheer him on. After brief speeches, both offered their first red box contribution.



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Of course, Membership achievements would not go unnoticed. PP Vikky, as the proposer of new member Jules, received a special pin from District Membership Chair PDG Kenneth who also praised Sally for her membership expansion efforts.



Then it was time for Sally to show appreciation to members for support in the past year. She thoughtfully prepared white Rotary caps all personalized with members' names for each member. They were given out in batches according to birth months. September birdies appeared crowded!



Lucky winners of the raffle prize of 2 exquisite bottles of Sake given out by PP Tsubaki and Connie were Natalie and Jacky respectively. Congratulations!



Satellite members also received from Sally organ donation MTR cards! Whereas Rtnn. Wanda got her Ultra Marathon medal.



With a little bit of parting grief, Sally wished PE Wilson all the best. The latter then gave a Vote of Thanks to Sally on behalf of all members. Sergeant Dennis Lo gave his report. The meeting then ended with Sally doing her final toasting. Cheers everyone to the conclusion of a fruitful year under the reign of outgoing President Sally.



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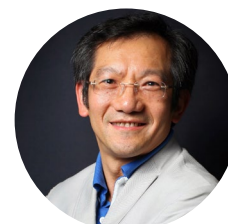
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2021-22 District Installation

10 July 2021

Claire Mak

Hampered by the COVID-19 concerns, the 2021 District Installation on 10th July 2021 was a much watered-down event. I say so even when I was one of the 2 Emcees at this afternoon event which was not only devoid of food and beverage; there was no entertainment either.



Still, the Convention Hall at the old wing of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre was rather *packed* with Rotarians - all wearing face masks. RCTP was quite well represented with a total of 11 of us attending. This day marks a very special and memorable one for all incoming and outgoing Presidents and Rotary leaders. Regrettably presidents and Rotarians from Macao, Mongolia and the PRC were unable to make it to the venue but they, and others who could not attend physically, could join the event virtually via YouTube live.



Guest of Honour Bernard Chan GBM, GBS, JP spoke about the ever-changing Hong Kong. He said events in the past couple of years showed clearly that nothing can be taken for granted and we must all be on the alert. Then Outgoing Governor Eric Chak recounted a celebration of achievements of the past year; whereas Incoming Governor Keith Chow gave an encouraging speech about his plans for comprehensive service ideas in the future. We have had "Rotary Opens Opportunities" and shall strive to "Serve to Change Lives" this year.



The highlight of the day came when the Governors performed the changeover followed by outgoing Presidents' installation of their successors.



The Award presentation session got RCTP members ecstatic when IPP Sally was crowned one of the Presidents of the Year! Very well done Sally and a real big hand to you! Thank you for being an outstanding president in the past year. Also welcome on board Wilson to be our leader.



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RCTP Fellowship Dinner

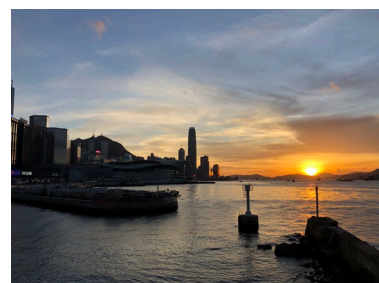
10 July 2021, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Claire Mak

The Pandemic has stalled a lot of activities in the past year. Even though we met almost weekly either on Zoom or physically, we have been missing the RCTP well celebrated fellowship. So once CP Donald sounded out in late June that he would much prefer to have a fellowship dinner rather than attending the District Installation, President Wilson acted on cue and arranged a Fellowship Dinner on 10 July 2021, right after the District Installation. The number of sign-ups quickly surged to almost 30 in no time. The Dinner took place in the relaxing Royal Yacht Club, and RCTP had enjoyed a cheerful and long awaited get-together!



Members downed beers, took in the beautiful sunset and engaged in lively banter. CP Donald brought along a precious bottle of FOV wine which attracted a few wows. CP said that good wines of this sort should be shared with good friends! Indeed, the full two litre of exquisite wine was almost fully consumed before dinner started.



There was no particular run-down for the evening. Who needed one when there was all the catching up to do? President Wilson and PP Frankie offered money for lucky draw. Winners were all smiles over with their good luck. At one time, much missed PP Wilson Lam joined via phone as Wanda put him through.



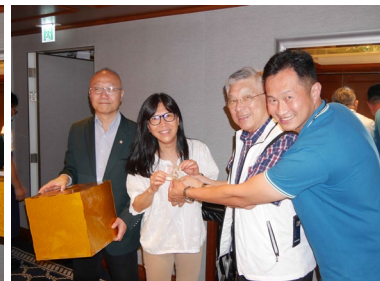
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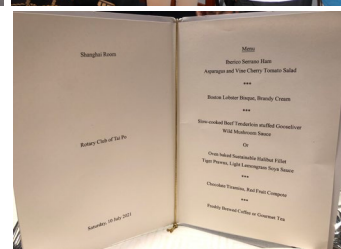
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The menu for the day was lovely – Iberico Serrano Ham Asparagus and Vine Cherry Tomato Salad, Boston Lobster Bisque, choice between Slow-cooked Beef Tenderloin stuffed with Goose liver Wild Mushroom sauce or Oven baked Sustainable Halibut Fillet, Tiger Prawns, light lemongrass Soy Sauce followed by Chocolate Tiramisu and Red fruit complete and complete with coffee or tea.



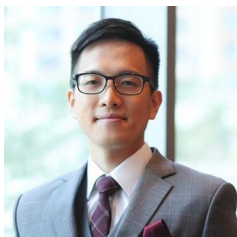
Coupled with red wines, whisky and beers, all gave a boost to the atmosphere.



Thanks to President Wilson, members were able to enjoy this much needed fellowship dinner meeting. Hopefully more gatherings are in the pipeline as President Wilson stressed: in the coming year, his idea is for members to have great fun! Cheers!

Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po - Companion 2021-22

Tony Luk
Chairman
Classification: Accounting



Gabriel Kwan
Immediate Past Chairman cum
Membership Chair
Classification: Accounting



Viola Chow
Vice Chair cum Service Chair
Classification: Education



Sharon Choi
Service Chair
Classification: Financial Planning



James Cheng
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Classification: Paediatrician



Scarlet Li
Secretary
Classification: Psycholinguistics



Gary Yeung
Service Chair
Classification: Treasury Management



Jodhy Mak
Treasurer
Classification: Orthopedic Surgeon



REGULAR
MEETINGS

5 July 2021

REGULAR MEETING AND CLUB ASSEMBLY



President Wilson kick-started the first regular meeting under his presidency.



Welcome newly inducted Jules and wife Dara; and welcome back long-time-no-see Henry.



Rtn. Henry gave remarks about proposed joint project with sister club RC Makati San Lorenzo.



PP Louis demonstrated Qi exercise which he has just started learning. Rtn. Henry and PP Frankie tried to imitate.



At Club Assembly, President Wilson went through proposed Service Project and introduced members of his team.



PP KF offered an exquisite bottle of Italian red wine for raffle draw and President Wilson was the lucky winner!

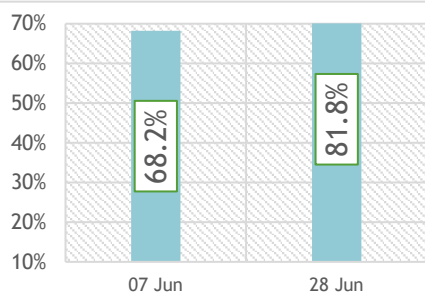


Members raised queries and gave comments as the Club Assembly progressed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2021



Average attendance: **75 %**

JULY

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JUN 2021 Perfect Attendance

Anthony Hung	KF Tam
Natalie Kwok	Vicky Tam
Peter Lam	Louis Tang
Dennis Lo	Kenneth Wong
Sally Luk	Wilson Woo
Armstrong Shea	Frankie Wu
Claire Mak	William Yim



**SASHA CHU
WILSON LAM
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Claire Mak
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Date	Time	Event	Venue
19 JUL (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Topic: Rotary Protocol Speaker: PDG Anthony Hung	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST
26 JUL (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Topic: Practising CPA Life in HK ~ SMP Version Speaker: Rtn. Jules Jiu	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST
2 AUG (MON)	19:00	Regular Meeting Topic: Tips about Real Estate in Greater Bay Area 大灣區置業知多啲 Speaker: Dooby Li	Montparnasse Room, 2/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, TST
14 AUG (SAT)	18:30	RCTP 30th Anniversary Celebration cum Installation of RC Tai Po and Rotary Satellite Club of Tai Po- Companion	Silver Ballroom, Hotel Icon, 17 Science Museum Road, TST East, Kowloon

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