

Tai Post 大報

Monthly Bulletin of Rotary Club of Tai Po (Mar 2013 Issue)

President's Message

Ronald Chung



With our Millennium meeting to start the Chinese New Year on 2/18, followed by our 3 Gen joint meeting on 2/27 and our traditional Area 6 Spring Dinner Joint Meeting, our club concluded a series of Chinese New Year celebrations. I think our club is experiencing a bit of celebration and joint meetings fatigue.

Let's take a look at our calendar going forward.

For the Rest of March:-

Mar 18 is a regular meeting with our Rotaractor Iki Chan, who had won Area 6's sponsorship going to Hawaii's Peace Forum, as speaker to share her experience in Hawaii.



Mar 25 was originally a 3 club joint meeting among RC Tai Po, RC Tolo Harbour and RC Kowloon Tong. I think RC NT is also joining, so this time round, we will have a 4-club joint meeting.

The Main Event for the District in the month of April:-

The biggest date in April is, of course, the District Conference. It's never too late to sign up. This year, your support is not only for your club, but also the District Governor, as we are the DG club. Members of our club also play significant roles in the organizing committee. So, please do consider joining the



District Conference at the Mission Hills resort – get a couple of relaxing days, in a relaxing environment; be with members of our club as well as Rotarians from other clubs of the District.

For your information, as of the time of this writing, there are 17 people registered. The number sounded good as we have 29 members. But, when you look deeper (known as Level-2 analysis in my business,) that number included 10 Rotarians. The names on the sign-up sheet are familiar names... I am sure you can guess and get quite a few of these names, except myself, DS Peter (District official and dedicated Rotarian of RC Tai Po,) PE Francis (who's known in the district

as PP Francis because he is such an active contributor at the district level,) IPP Tsubaki (a key to fellowship,) PP Claire and PP Wilson (who are very close to the district and the organization of the event,) PP Man (our whip,) PP Frankie, PP Jacky and PP Ping. We actually should have two more members who will be there – our own DG Ken and PDG Anthony (that makes a dozen.)

The Rotaryannes made up the rest of the number. I am so proud of our Rotaryannes. Without them, literally, RC Tai Po will be missing the better half. They make RC Tai Po famous and well respected in the district. So, they definitely deserved to be recognized here. Thank you Ada, Alice, Connie, Creamy, Jackie, Mary and Wanda. You are a core reason why RC Tai Po is strong.

Otherwise, I am concerned and I have been very public with my concern and have voiced out this concern of mine many times – beyond the core and our supportive Rotaryannes, would you be satisfied with the current registration state for the District Conference?

State of Membership of RC Tai Po going forward:-

RC Tai Po appears to have a healthy membership base, but other than our regular core (and it is a very strong core – during this year as President I get to meet Presidents from other clubs and many Rotary Clubs do not even have half of the core that we have... so we are lucky... we don't just have members, we have a strong group of QUALITY members. However, this does not give me the luxury of feeling comfortable with our membership,) do we have the membership that the club can take to grow and move on? Can we build on this core? Have we built on this core? I am glad to see new members like Vikky and William joining us, but I would like to pledge for diligence and our looking deeper and ask ourselves, should we be satisfied with the current state of membership? Can we grow and move on based on this core? Ultimately, is RC Tai Po strong and healthy going forward?



Editor Says ...

Claire Mak



February has passed by very quickly. What feelings do you have for February?

It is a month which finishes most quickly as there are only 28 days in February – shortest of all months. Inherently, it looks *underprivileged* and only gets one more day in every 4 years.



To me February is “generous”. There are 12 months in a year; the big months have 31 days, the smaller months have 30. To tackle the indivisible 365 days, February hands over 2 of his without complaint!



As far as employees are concerned, February is the month they get paid on the 28th day of work; yeah! A plus of 3 days salary!



On the other hand, employers are likely to hate February. Month-end comes in no time and it is already time to pay rent, pay utilities, pay salaries... ..Payment D-day looms real fast!

In any case, February is a joyful month as a lot of festivities concerted in this month. Chinese New Year is usually in February, like in the current year. The Chinese New Year holidays are long and so the work days or school days are comparatively short. February also features St. Valentine’s Day and the Chinese Valentines’ Day.



This is a busy and romantic month for lovers. So even though February is short, it is nevertheless, eventful.



More so for RCTP! February saw us passing our 1000th mark on 18 February 2013. A lot of former members came out from hibernation and joined us and our

mother and baby clubs to celebrate the auspicious occasion at our Millennium Party. This is surely a warm and joyful event by any account.

Also took place in February was our 3-Generation Joint Clubs meeting. It is a time for family reunion; a time to pay filial respects and a time to have a fun get-together.

According to Wikipedia, “February” has its origin from the Roman month *Februarius* which was named after the Latin term *februum* meaning *purification* via the ritual *Februa* which was held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar. February is thus considered a time for purification and cleansing. It marks the end of the long cold Winter and the fresh start when people should be washing up and be purified to receive the onset of the Spring vitality.



At a time when President Ron is about to fill out the presidential citation form or PE Francis making his club plans, we should take stock of our inadequacies and have those cleansed to rekindle the lively and constructive spirit of RCTP!



Now comes March. Let’s march on with faith and fervour!

Rotary Information

Peter Lam



Let's go back to some basic Rotary knowledge for this month's Rotary information.

Rotary mottoes

Other than the *Four-Way Test* which is often emphasized, there are two mottoes widely used in Rotary. Rotary's official mottoes, *Service Above Self* and *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*, trace their history back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, He Profits Most Who Serves Best was approved as the Rotary motto at the second convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America, in Portland, Oregon. It was adapted from a speech made by Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon to the first convention held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."



Arthur Frederick Sheldon, the Rotarian whose convention speech inspired Rotary's secondary motto, One Profits Most Who Serves Best.

The Portland convention also inspired the motto *Service Above Self*. During a convention outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: *Service, Not Self*. Pinkham invited Paul P. Harris, who also was on the boat trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase *Service, Not Self* was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 RI Convention in Detroit, slightly modified versions of the two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: *He Profits Most Who Serves Best* and *Service Above Self*. The 1989 Council on Legislation established *Service Above Self* as the principal motto of Rotary, because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. *He Profits Most Who Serves Best* was modified by the 2004 Council to *They Profit Most Who Serve Best* and by the 2010 Council to its current wording, *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*.

Rotary Firsts

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago on 23 February, 1905
- The first regular luncheon meetings were at the Oakland, California club, chartered in 1909
- The first Rotary Convention was in Chicago in 1910
- The first Rotary club outside of the USA was formed in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was formed in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911
- The first Rotary club in non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in 1957 for contributors of US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation
- The first Rotary Convention held outside the USA was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921
- The first head of state to address an RI Convention was US President Warren G. Harding in 1923 at St. Louis, Missouri, USA

At your Service

潮看Teen 空 Hotel Visit

20 February 2013 @ Regal Airport Hotel
Jacky Sung



The first 潮看Teen 空 Visit was held on 20 February, 2013, Wednesday. A total of 26 students from NT Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School visited Regal Airport Hotel that day.

Among these 26 students, 50% are Form 5 students and another 50% are Form 3 students. Vikky, Timmy, Meipo and Jacky from Rotary Club of Tai Po joined this visit as well.

Following the presentation of Ms Elaine Cheng, Director of Human Resources of the hotel, the students were separated into two groups and

the hotel tour started. Similar to last couple of years, the students had the chance to see those luxury suites, like honey moon suite, duplex suite, etc., and hotel working areas, such as laundry room, back office, maintenance room, etc.. The visit finished at around five.





Centenary Challenge Cup



Claire Mak

The Centenary Challenge Cup was held at the Happy Valley Suite, 3/F, Happy Valley Stand on 20th February 2013. Registration for this event was absolutely full and the box was packed by over 240 Rotarians and guests from 24 Clubs.

Both the Chairman and CEO of HK Jockey Club attended the toasting ceremony in the early evening. Rotarians also took the opportunity to celebrate the birthday of Rotary together. The Cup race, for Class 3 horses over 1650 meters, ran as Race 6 at 9:45 pm on the day. Attending RCTP Rotarians had shared a joyous evening with good food, good fellowship and a bit of winnings here and there.



Rotary Club of Tai Po Millennium Party 18.2.2013

Claire Mak

What does "1000th" connote? Aging? Repetition? Out of date? Or rather: Energy? A fresh new chapter? Sustainability? I think it was the latter values that permeate our Millennium Meeting!

RC Tai Po reaches its 1000th meeting on 18 February 2013. Our Club weathered some 22 years of active service and fellowship and has, during those years, produced 2 governors and given birth to 2 baby clubs, a Rotaract Club and an Interact Club.



On 18 February, we held a sizable party to thank our Mother Club and celebrated the occasion with our off-springs. We made good use of this opportunity to rekindle some old friendship by inviting former members to come along. It was indeed a pleasure to catch up with long-time-no-see Justin Harkiewicz, David Loie, Patwood Yau, John Wong, Wilfred Kam and Brenda (and James of course); Raymond Choi, Gorman Ngai's whole family, Christopher So and also Matthew and KM ... etc. Acquaintances from friendly clubs and also our Rotaractors also came in numbers.



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The occasion happens to be the 9th Day of the Chinese New Year so the evening started off literally with a BANG - or multiple BANGs really - with an auspicious Lion Dance. The forefathers of our Club like PDG Arthur Au and CP Donald Yap were invited to speak and they recounted the early days when the club was founded. Sister Club PP Braces updated us on potential Matching Grant program on Cambodia water well and our mother and baby clubs presented us with their gifts of appreciation. The Band played some oldies and the highlight of the evening was the God of Fortune (a very much down-sized one though) giving out lai sees (with mark-six tickets) and wished everyone good health and good fortune.



Everyone was jovial at the 1000th Meeting and the evening ended on a high-spirited note as everyone toasted to RI, good health and many more millennium to come.



3 Generations Joint Dinner Meeting 27 Feb 2013

Claire Mak

The family of Rotary Clubs of Peninsula, Tai Po, Peninsula South, Peninsula Sunrise, Central and SoHo held their 3 Generations Joint Meeting on Wednesday February 27 at The Banqueting House.



The Meeting was attended by over 120 Rotarians and spouses. Our very own Vikky Tam was one of the MCs of the evening. The evening started with DG Kenneth updating us on District matters. Presidents of the 6 clubs not only did the routine reporting; they (with the exception of our Pres. Ron) also showcased services which were done in the past months or in their club history.



There was then the recognition of the CPs and DG's Special Representatives of the clubs before the meeting was declared close by PDG Arthur who also toasted to the good health of all present.



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What then spiced up the evening was the performance by ADA pianist Lee Hin who, despite being seriously visually impaired, was exuberant in his piano performance and singing. There was also hip hop dancing by a group of teens from Tin Shui Wai and the evening finished off with lucky draws. Our members Patrick, Peter, Jacky and Anthony were amongst the lucky winners.



As with all family reunions, there were lots of catching ups, well wishes, laughter and of course, photo-taking.



At your Service

潮看Teen空 After Camp Gathering on 2nd March 2013

Jacky Sung

After 3 days and 2 nights of adventure camp in Jockey Club Cheung Chau Don Bosco Youth Centre 長洲鮑思高青年中心, 14 Form 3 participants, social workers and teacher returned to NT Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School in the Saturday afternoon of 2nd March. Our PP Claire, PP Peter, Rotarian William and Bebe, PP Jacky, Principal Tang, and few other parents were invited to join the gathering.

Social worker Wendy Poon of the Salvation Army spent about 40 minutes reporting on the details of this camp, followed by the sharing of four students. They spoke on their experience from various training events like blind tasks, solo night walk, the junk trip ordeal and various confidence trainings.

Then all participants in this gathering were divided into two groups for further sharing on what the students had learnt, what they treasured from the experience and their outlook to life. We were told that all students in this project had joined the "Sunshine Teens" project a couple of years ago. According to the teachers and social workers, the behaviour and self-confidence of these students improved a lot after joining "潮看Teen空".

The project is not yet over. There will be another visit and closing ceremony before the end of this school year. We will keep all members informed about the future activities later.





Area 6 Spring Dinner 11 March 2013

Claire Mak,

As one approached the Royal Plaza Hotel Ballroom in the early Monday evening of 11th March, which happens to be the 30th day of Lunar First Month, one would be assailed by the sounds of greetings, laughter and mahjong. The 8 clubs of Area 6 was having their joint meeting cum Spring Dinner!

reaping an unearned fortune: so long as you feel contented and do good deeds, luck will be on your side.



The formal meeting started with DG Kenneth imparting District news followed by the individual club reporting by the 8 presidents. PP Kenneth Chow updated everyone on the Area 6 Water (Matching Grant / Non-Grant) Projects and PP K L Cheng kept members abreast about the District Conference and appealed for registration and placing of advertisement.



A sumptuous and well-selected dinner followed during which RC HK Sunrise and RC Channel Islands performed the new members' induction ceremony. It is worth mentioning that RC Channel Islands successfully lured back 4 of its former members - a feat RCTP should definitely try to emulate.



Birthday celebration took place for March birthday stars and our Caren and Ping were being congratulated. Caren actually had her birthday on the day! Then came the engaging 'lantern' quiz featuring the Chinese character "蛇". With the concerted efforts of all RCTP members, the game was won by the two tables of RCTP. As the dinner neared the end, the same sounds of greetings, laughter and mahjong filled the air.

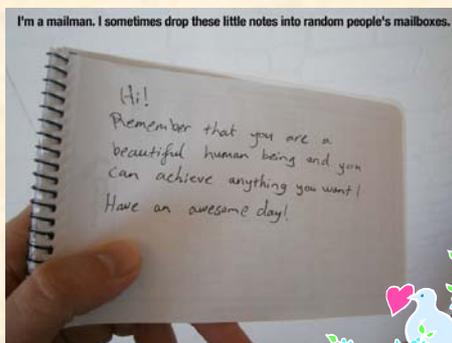


PP Ho Lai Chuen then invited fung shui master Yeung Tin Ming on stage to give the keynote speech. He predicted the fortunes of Hong Kong people in the Year of the Snake and meticulously explained how he came up with the prophecies. July appears to be the dooms month and 8 October is a significant date to watch out. In any case, he stressed that fung shui prophecy is to avoid/lessen damage rather than for



PEACE and KINDNESS

Take a look at the following touching incidents of Peace and Kindness and get reminded of the Theme of our Rotary Year: *Peace Through Service!* There are good things going on in the world, we just don't hear about them often enough.



During a protest in Brazil a general said "Do not fight, please, not on my birthday..." then, a group of protesters made a surprise for him



A father and mother kissing their dying little girl goodbye. If you are wondering why all the medic people are bowing: in less than an hour, two small children in the next room are able to live thanks to the little girl's kidney and liver.



Faith in Humanity: Restored

Youth Corner

Our Mind Change Our Taste-- Chocolate Tasting Workshop -- 20 Jan 2013

Iki Chan



As most of the people, we always ask about the origin and the percentage of chocolate before we eat it. Asking questions about the food we eat is good but after this chocolate tasting workshop, I found the new philosophy of chocolate- eating without thinking is the best way to enjoy the taste of chocolate.

Living in a materialistic society gives us a strong sense of high-end living style while at the same time deteriorating our satisfaction of life. Tasting chocolate is not the same as tasting wine, there is no manner and steps to follow. Eating chocolate like a child or in your own way is the best to maximize the joyfulness.

Thanks to our Mother Club's sponsorship (around \$1,400) we have a chance to co-organize a chocolate tasting workshop with the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers - Mechanical, Marine, Naval Architecture and Chemical (HKIE-MMNC) Division on 20 Jan 2013 at the Youth Square in Chai Wan.



In this workshop, we tasted 7 raw chocolate and 6 handmade chocolate bonbons. The representative from Goossens introduced us the history, the way of tasting, the ingredients, the production procedure as well as the difference between Dark, Milk and White chocolate. However, what impressed me the most is not the secret of the chocolate history or the production method, but the attitude of tasting as well as living.



Instead of emphasizing branding or market value, we should sometimes use our pure heart to taste our life. Good things are not necessarily expensive. The worse things can be the good if we open our heart to see the world. Having too many presumptions or being too rational sometimes makes things worse in reality. Tasting without asking will, to a certain extent, increase our enjoyment of food and our life.



Youth Corner

JOYFUL MOMENTS WITH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED KIDS SERVICE PROJECT @HON CHI ASSOCIATION 25/11, 1/12, 3/2

Jodhy Mak



This Service project was totally different from those we had before. Our service targets turned "younger"! We were serving 2-6 year-old pre-school children this time. They are no ordinary kids, they aren't physically and mentally healthy, they aren't living in a complete family, they aren't properly brought up, but they are as joyful and loving as ordinary kids like you or I once was.

The service centre is at the top of the Pinehill village, a hill next to Tai Po Hospital.

The whole Pinehill village is all over the small mountain. This "Hill" is small but is doing "big". It provides all sorts of services, education and training to children and adolescence with intellectual disabilities, namely residential care and special education for pre-school kids, vocational service for adolescence...

The service centre, Hong Chi Pinehill Pre-school Centre, provides mainly year-round residential care and education for disabled children aged 0-6 who are orphans or whose families have difficulties taking care of them. We are serving



those with congenital disorders, e.g. Down syndrome, Cri-du chat syndrome, Cerebral palsy, Autism...

Our service brings joy and love to them. Due to their physical and mental disabilities, we communicated by simple words, physical contact, eye contacts... We drew pictures and painted "福" with them, played hide and seek, rode bicycle and played group games... To be honest, it is physically and mentally challenging for me. The

kids are so energetic and I was physically challenged!!! It was also quite an experience expressing my thoughts and feelings to the loving kids this way.

Participants and I were able to bring our warmth and happiness to the unfortunate kids. And the kids also brought us a lot of fun! This was a meaningful service project. Not only was it full of joy, we appreciated how blessed we are: to be born healthy and in a complete and loving family. We should treasure them as much as we can.



Regular Meeting

25 February 2013



Visiting Rotarian Johnny Tan of Rotary Club of Makati San Lorenzo exchanging memento banners with Pres. Ron and accompanied by PP Pearl.



Rtn Johnny Tan gave a brief account of the projects undertaken by RC Makati San Lorenzo.



Ambassadorial Scholar Dr. Samantha Gale gave a passionate recount of her sponsoring club, her life, her studies and her visions.



Dr. Samantha Gale fielded questions from the Floor.



Lucky Wanda won the set of Crabtree & Evelyn toiletries given out by Rtn. Timmy .



Rtn. Sincere and DG Kenneth were warmly welcomed back by PE Francis and Pres. Ron.

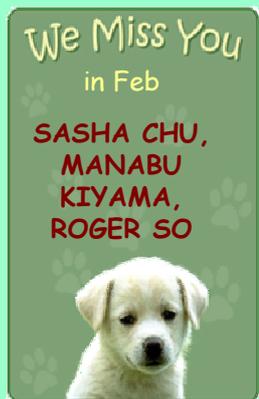
Upcoming Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Venue</u>
23 Mar 13 (Sat)	8:00 pm	Rotary Youth Sing For Peace Concert	Kowloon Bay Int'l Trade & Exhibition Centre
25 Mar 13 (Mon)	7:30 pm	Joint meeting with RC Kowloon Tong & RC Tolo Harbour Speaker: Cheung Suk Man (Advanced Practice Nurse) Topic: Success Factors and Future Development of Organ Donation in Hong Kong	Regal Kowloon Hotel
15 Apr 13 (Mon)	7:00 pm	Club Visit by RC of Hong Kong Harbour	Chinese Restaurant, Royal Plaza Hotel, Prince Edward Rd. W
19 Apr 13 to 21 Apr 13	7:00 pm	53rd District Conference	Mission Hills Convention Centre, Dongguan, China

Feb Winners (100% attendance):



FRANCIS AU,
CAREN CHAN,
RONALD CHUNG,
PATRICK FONG,
ANTHONY HUNG,
TIMMY KWONG,
PETER LAM, WILSON LAM,
CLAIRE MAK,
JACKY SUNG, VIKKY TAM,
KENNETH WONG,
FRANKIE WU



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

4/Feb 63.3%
18/Feb 80%
25/Feb 66.7%
27/Feb 53.3%

Average attendance :
65.8%

On leave in Feb

