



December 2015 Issue



Dear friends, may I wish you all the blessings of a wonderful Christmas time, and may this new year bring you joy and laughter.





Christmas is my favorite time of year because I have the opportunity to spend time with friends, and especially so when I can meet some long lost friends. I also enjoy receiving greetings from different parts of the world, and of course there are many gatherings and parties. It is really a feeling of warmth and love.

In December, RC Tai Po not only has a Christmas Party, but the AGM will be held on the 14th, and it is extremely important for our club as we shall vote to elect our future leaders!

Club Officers



Thanks to Rotary Foundation Chair PP Louis, our club has been named at the top in the District for years for donating to the Rotary Foundation. PP Louis has done a beautiful job! He easily attracts members to contribute to the Foundation, because he does it first! He will commit to donate before asking others to do so! An excellent example of leading by doing! Thank you brother.



Membership Deputy Chair Dorothy is a rising star of our club and the star of Master of Ceremonies. Not only that, Dorothy is the Team Leader of Team 1, organizing the Christmas Party on Sunday, 13th December. And she has also helped with the opening ceremony of the Tender Our Loving Care service project in October. Keep the energy, Dorothy!

New Member Wilson Woo

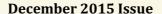


Welcome Wilson to our big family! We are all so excited that you have joined us! You are the first ever in RCTP history to join mother club as Rotarian from our own Rotaract Club. Hope you enjoy it and are proud to be a Rotarian!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



See you in 2016! Cheers!









Taking an elevator or a lift can let you witness a lot of different characters.







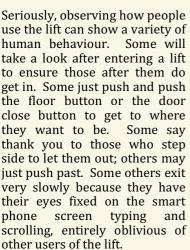
You are at the ground floor. If a lift is on the upper floors, you will press the button to get it come down. However, if the lift is already descending, continuously pushing the button won't really get it come quicker, no matter how much in a hurry you are because certain standards are input in the system and one certainly cannot mess with it by pushing the button whether hardly, repeatedly or otherwise.



It is not uncommon for the following to happen: when the lift arrives and the door opens, the anxious person may dash in (sometimes without waiting for people to exit from the lift) and continuously pushes the button of the targeted floor - as if pushing the button continuously will make the lift shoot up faster. The same anxious person would have made the lift door close and open, close and open ... thus knocking people who are entering the lift after him. Some people may tell him to be considerate and stop pressing the door close button... and it is not until he exits from the lift that those remaining in the lift exchange looks which say, "Finally, the moron is gone."

As an aside, you may have been told "how to survive when an elevator plunges": by having everyone jumping up, that we may *deceive* the elevator by creating (for the elevator) an impression that there was no one inside. This idea is funny, isn't it; but when I was a kid, I thought it worked!!











I recall the time when I was a kid, there were these ladies who *operate* the lifts. After you told them which floor you wished to go, they would press the button and politely tell you when you had arrived. I think these lift ladies still feature in Japanese Department Stores. The good thing is not only the personal touch but that the lift lady 'maintains order' in the lift. If the lift is overcrowded, she will tell people not to jostle in but wait for the next one. Without these lift ladies and if there are no security guard to man the queues, there will be people who force their way into a congested lift and refuse to budge even at the sound of the alarm bells. The lift will be held up, or worse, accidents may occur as a result of such selfish behavior.





It is a matter of simple courtesy but sadly, such despicable behavior is rather common place. Just spare a thought for the others and be responsible for one's own act, then such behavior would not have occurred. If more people follow the Rotary Four Way Test where we will consider, of the things we think say or do, whether it builds goodwill and better friendship; or whether it is beneficial to all concerned, then surely there will be a lot less unruly behavior and the world will be a better place.





Oh, on the brighter side of things, here are a couple of cute elevator graphics which will make your day. If only I could have seen them in any mall in Hong Kong











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Thanks to good work by our club Foundation Chair PP Louis, our club has been a consistent supporter of our Rotary Foundation with generous contributions (ranked top 2-5 in District) to Annual Program Funds for many years. We are an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club with contribution to Rotary Foundation by every member each year and also achieved 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club status during PP Dennis' year 2009-10. For the benefits of our new members, let's review some basic knowledge of the various recognition by Rotary Foundation to our donors so more members will continue to show more support.

Recognition by Rotary Foundation



Your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. We recognize donors to express our gratitude for your commitment and offer individual and club recognition, as well as naming opportunities that let you honor a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift

Individual recognition

- Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, when you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund.
- Benefactor, when you include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans or when you donate \$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.
- Paul Harris Fellow, when you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name. You are recognized as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow with each additional gift of \$1,000.
- *Paul Harris Society member*, when you give \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.
- Bequest Society member, when you give \$10,000 or more via your estate plans. All society members receive recognition from the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and donors can choose to receive an engraved crystal recognition piece and a Bequest Society pin. Recognition items commemorate giving at these levels:

Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999, Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999, Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999

Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999, Level 5: \$250,000 to \$499,999, Level 6: \$500,000 to \$999,999

Level 7: \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999, Level 8: \$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999, Level 9: \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999

Level 10: \$10,000,000 and above

• *Major Donor*, when your cumulative donations reach \$10,000. You can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant. Recognition items commemorate giving at these levels:

Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999 Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999

Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999

Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999



• Arch Klumph Society, when your cumulative giving reaches \$250,000. We will invite you to an induction ceremony at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA and include your picture and biography in the Arch C. Klumph Society interactive gallery. You will also receive invitations to society events, along with membership pins and crystals that commemorate giving at these levels:

Trustees Circle: \$250,000 to \$499,999, Foundation Circle: \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999, Platinum Chair's Circle: \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999

Chair's Circle: \$500,000 to \$999,999
Platinum Trustees Circle: \$2,500,000 to \$4,999,999
Platinum Foundation Circle: \$10,000,000 and above

Club banner recognition

- 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, for clubs in which all dues-paying members are Paul Harris Fellows. This is a one-time recognition.
- 100% Paul Harris Society Club, for clubs in which every dues-paying member contributes a minimum of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or global grants within a Rotary year
- 100% Foundation Giving Club, for clubs in which every dues-paying member contributes to The Rotary Foundation, and the average contribution is at least \$100 to any Rotary Foundation gift designation
- Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY)/Sustaining Club, for clubs in which every dues-paying member contributes at least \$100 to the Annual Fund
- Top Three Per Capita in Annual Fund Giving, for the three clubs in each district that give the most, per capita, to the Annual Fund. Clubs that give at least \$50 per capita are eligible.







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Tai[†]Post

As we are approaching our 25th Anniversary next year, let's look back at some old photos and learn about our history. To welcome our first ever former Rotaractor (PP) Wilson Woo joining our club as Rotarian this month, let's review some old photos with our Rotaractors and perhaps Wilson can also refresh his memory on his growth and personal development throughout the years. Welcome back Wilson to our Rotary big family. We are proud of you!





Our first formal planning meeting for formation of our Rotaract Club of Tai Po in Wanchai Harbour View Hotel 1996. (Can you recognize Wilson Woo at the centre back and RC Central CP Fonia next to Jacky Sung & Matthew?)



Sept 1997 Rotaract Club of Tai Po charter night at Shatin Jockey Club. (Wilson Woo & CP Donald's younger son Damian in the back row!)



Elderly home visit May 2007 organized by our Rotaractors and participated by Rotarians and scholar Ayumi Yamashita.



Wilson Woo with 98-99 President Peter Lam and fellow Rotaractors at RI Convention in Singapore June 1998.



Rotaract Club meeting at TST Mariner's Club Feb. 2008 which was well participated by Rotarians.







New Member



Wilson WOO 胡遠光
Date of Birth: 10 August
Spouse: Joanna

Sons: Alok, Bono and Coen

Current Post: Assistant Divisional Officer of Mobilizing and Communications

Group for the management and enhancement of the operational efficiency of Control Centre, the Hong Kong Fire Services

Department.

Career: Worked with building services system design in consulting firms

and contracting works for swimming pools before joining the department. Since 2001, Wilson started his firefighting career and performed firefighting and rescue operation duty in frontline.

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Achievements: Bachelor degree and Master degree in Building Services Engineering from the Hong Kong

Polytechnic University. Corporate member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and a registered professional engineer. Currently pursuing PhD Degree and research topic

focuses on the application of domestic sprinkler in Hong Kong.

President of Rotaract Club of Taipo In 2000/01

Classification: Fire Services

Induction: 7 December 2015

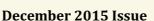
Membership Team: Team 1













Strive for the Summit

(潮看TEEN空計劃啟動禮)

Kick-Off Ceremony

by Minghay



This year's kick-off of our long-term project Strive for the Summit (SFTS) took place on November 18th, a hot and humid day for this time of the year indeed. When we entered the event room via the domestic science room in NT Heung Yee Kuk Tai Po District Secondary School, the air was filled with the smells of yeast and sweat as our participants were given a task to create their own pizzas under the supervision of domestic science Insir

We were joined by Headmistress Ms. Lee Fung Lin, Vice Principal Tsang Sir and representatives of Salvation Army (Ms. Wendy Poon and Ms. Kennis Ngai) to participate some culinary action.

The participants were prepare mouth watering snacks for the core of this event that would take place in the room next door.

....'It's time to roll up our sleeves' ..

previous chapters of the SFTS projects, the scope of this year's SFTS project remains its focuses on:

- Arousing participants' motivation in learning and discovering their interest
- Strengthening bond between parents and their children
- Nurturing the participants' sense of belonging to their school and establishing their self-esteem

An added feature to this year's project is to broaden participants' horizons through main

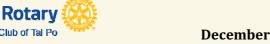
land study tour that will take place in early 2016.

As the hands of the clock approached 5pm, parents and guardians of most of the participants have arrived one by one and it was time to put all mini pizzas into the oven so that they could be savoured during the official opening ceremony and a couple of ice-breaking exercises for parents and participants to get a glimpse of what to expect in our new season of SFTS.



The event kicked off with speeches by the MC Wendy, representative of Salvation Army Kennis, Headmistress Ms. Lee, and last but not least our President Vikky. A short recap 'on past years' highlights were shown on screen as a 'warm up' to this year's journey and shed light to participants and their parents on what to expect in the coming year.







Be a gift to the world

Once the ceremo was officially nv kicked off, MC Wendy presented the day's which program consisted three of rounds of selfexpression exercises.

Before we were allowed to savour the yummy mini pizzas which the participants had worked so hard on, we had to form discussion groups with a good mix of Rotary members, participants, parents and school staff.



I felt I was 'back to school' again when forming tables in clusters and have groups sitting around them.

During group discussion we used a small survey to find out what the participants expect from SFTS. This was just a medium to start conversing with our participants. Personally I sensed many of them were extremely introvert. To verify my speculation I asked one of the mothers. She replied that her son is extremely

talkative when he is with his friends and she really hopes that her son could be as talkative at home as with his friends so that the parent would know how and when to encourage and to motivate him to do better in school - not only just score-wise but also social-wise.



Unfortunately the time left for our group discussion was limited and I am sure we will focus more on the communication between participants and their parents in the latter stage of SFTS, which I truly think is the core of this program. We should allocate more time in our future gatherings so that we can hear parents/guardians speak out and fine-tune SFTS to get the maximum results out of this long term service.









Outing With 100 Elderly Jacky Sung



The second service of the Tender Our Loving Care Project, a day-trip to New Territories East with elderly from YWCA, was held on 22 November (Sunday). A total of 156 participants joined the event, including 100 elderly aged over 65, 52 members, Rotaractors and guests of RCTP and 4 social workers from YWCA.



The group visited the Lookout Tower (回歸塔) in Tai Po first, then we went to Fung Ying Seen Koon (蓬瀛仙館) in Fanling, to enjoy a very delicious Chinese vegetarian lunch organised by Rotarian Jason. Game Master, our PP Claire, had arranged a few games for the elderly to share the fun.













After lunch, the group moved to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Shatin, elderly were very excited to see the exhibition on Antiques, Cantonese opera history and Bruce Lee's Kung Fu Art and Life. On behalf of RCTP, Project Chair PP Pearl gave out a gift bag to every elderly as a highlight to finish our day-trip.























District Rotary Foundation Seminar and Grant Management Seminar

Louis Tang



About 110 Rotarians attended District Rotary Foundation ("RF") Seminar and Grant Management Seminar on 21 Nov 2015 which was graced by Regional RF Coordinator, Past District Governor Tony Chang. Showing our Club's usual support to RF, 5 members attended the seminar, namely, President Vikky, RF Chair Louis, PDG Kenneth, PP Wilson and Rtn. Dorothy.

RF gives important financial resources to Rotarians to overcome challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition etc. RF adheres to good governance and control procedures over its activities and thus has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofit organisations in the United States.

Our district's total contributions up to 30 November 2015 amounted to US\$ 11.5m and has been recognized as one of the most generous districts in the world. In Rotary Year 2010-11, our district's per capita contribution amounted to US\$ 994.7, which was the highest globally. For many years, our district has always been ranked as the first in our Zone 10b, including 7 Taiwan Districts in Rotary Year 2014-15. This is attributable to great support from our Rotarians, including (a) 10 Arch C. Klumph Society members, (b) 81 Major donors, (c) 87 Paul Harris Society members, and (d) 23 EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) Clubs.

RF reciprocates its support to our District Projects and sponsored a total amount of US\$105,593.

Important recognitions were made during the seminar, namely (a) The RF Citation for Meritorious Service to Past President Dominic Ko of Rotary Club of Kingspark, (b) 100% PHF Clubs for RC of HK City North and RC of The Peak, (c) Top 3 APF per Capita Giving Clubs for RC of NT, RC of Peninsula South and RC of The Peak, (d) Arch C. Klumph Society member for PAG Dominic Chu, (e) Level 4 Major Donor for DG Peter Pang, (f) Level 2 Major Donor for DGE Eric Chin, DS YC Ho, and PP Ares Leung, (g) Level Major Donor for PP Benny Tam, (h) 8 new Paul Harris Society Members (including President Vikky and PP Louis), (i) 15 EREY Clubs (including RCTP), and (j) 16 100% RF Sustaining Member Clubs in Year 2014-15.

At breakout sessions hosted by PDGs John Wan, Ada Cheng, Eugene Fong, DAG Eric Chak, 3450 Rotary Alumni Association (President Ken To and Past Scholars Sezen Chong, Heidi Luk and Helen Keung), participants were brought up to date on different RF programs as well as how contribution is transformed into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Generally speaking it was a very fruitful event.











District PR Seminar

Claire Mak

"When we talk of promoting Rotary, we have to do it through effective channel such as getting the media to tell our Rotary stories... What and how: To make News?"

This promotional message of the District PR Seminar attracted my attention and I guess that of Sally, Jason and Pearl as well. That's why we attended the Seminar on 5 December and, with the benefit of a sharing by Ms. Bonnie Chiu (趙麗如), Associate Head, Department of Journalism, Hong Kong Baptist University and formerly TV News anchor and a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, we had had a pretty fruitful afternoon.













We got a glimpse of what makes news these days and, like it or not, they evolved to include: subjective view-points, strong visual elements and even sarcastic pieces and parody.

Understand how the journalists work and feed them news with soundbites will help get our messages out. And when faced with negative publicity or if you are suddenly thrust in the limelight for the "wrong" reasons, you must understand the situation and get one spokesperson to deal with the media with setting a positive line-to-take. What you must NOT do are: dodging questions, tell lies or asking them not to write.

Before the seminar ends, members were asked to think and be ready with the "elevator conversation" for telling concisely "What is Rotary?" I think the answer from PP Stanley Mok is a very good reference. He summarised it in 4 points:

Rotary is-



One Organisation;

Two basic themes - fellowship and service;

Three measures - Give money, give effort, and give attendance (出錢; 出力; 出席); and Four (plus one) Avenues of Service - Club service, Vocational service, Community service, International service and Youth service.

That will be enough to start the conversation and arouse interest in further discussions.













Interact Club of Tsung Tsin Christian Academy Installation

Jacky Sung

Tsung Tsin Christian Academy (TTCA) Interact Club 2015/16 Installation Ceremony was held on 8th December, 2015 (Tuesday) in their Joshua Yau Auditorium. Principal Ms Jenny Kwan and Vice Principal Ms. Andra Ng of TTCA, PDG Anthony, President Vikky, Youth Service Chair Peter, Deputy Youth Service Chair Jason and IAC TTCA Advisor Jacky were there to witness the installation.

The ceremony began with a brief working report by Immediate Past President Jerry Cheng. Jerry expressed a big disappointment for not having their signature project "City Hunt" in his year due to poor weather on the day chosen, although they had done a lot of preparation work beforehand. After a very inspiring speech by our President Vikky, PDG Anthony presented certifications to all Immediate Past Board Members. Anthony encouraged all Interactors to broaden their view and people network by contacting and working with overseas Interact Clubs.



President Samuel Chiu made closing remarks and promised that he would do his best to serve the Club by working together with the new Board. Samuel presented his year project plan, which includes the "City Hunt" to be held on 20th December, 2015 (Sunday). They would fully utilize most materials they had prepared in the previous year with some modifications. A trial run will be conducted before the big day, and they welcome all Rotarians and members from Tai Po Interact Club to join.

Every guest was very pleased with the outstanding performance of our Interactors, and trusted that IAC TTCA will have a very successful Interact year.





















Tsung Tsin Christian Academy Interact Club 2015/16 Installation Ceremony

December 8, 2015 4:30 – 5:30 pm Joshua Yau Auditorium (JYA)

Master of Ceremony : 5B Au Yeung Kit Wa Clara

Welcome & : Ms Kwan Oi Chu

Opening Remarks Principal, Tsung Tsin Christian Academy

Address : Ms Vikky Tam

President, Rotary Club of Tai Po

Past President's Report : Cheng Cheuk Yiu Jerry

2014/15 President of TTCA Interact Club

Certificate Presentation : PDG Anthony Hung

Past District Governor, Rotary District 3450

Recognition (Pin) : Cheng Cheuk Yiu Jerry

2014/15 President of TTCA Interact Club

Introductory Remarks : Chiu King Sam Samuel

2015/16 President of TTCA Interact Club

Reception

(Photo-Taking and Refreshments)

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R egular meetings

23 November 2015



PDG Kenneth and PP Wilson narrated what happened on their "Adventurous Tibet Trip" accompanied by breathtaking photos ably arranged by Chloe.



PP Jacky reported on the Outing with the elders under the "Tender Our Loving Care" project.



President Vikky showed us the fruits of our Area 6 Joint Water Project in Gan Su province: fully organic apples grown and irrigated made possible by the water facilities we implemented.



Many happy returns November Birthday girls, Sincere, Pearl and Sally!



Kenneth's guest Tomson won the raffle gift given by PP Jacky and took away a pack of tea leaves.

30 November 2015



Mr. Philip Yang, Hon. Chairman of the HK International Arbitration Centre, made easy for us an otherwise heavy and difficult subject "International Arbitration in Hong Kong

PDG Anthony was happy to present Mr. Philip Yang with a Swarovski crystal Pei Pa which he gave out for raffle draw.



PP Louis gave a cogent Vote of Thanks, because even though Louis himself had had experienced arbitration in the past, the speaker illuminated him on the intricacies which he had not appreciated before.



and its role in Asia.



PP Claire promoted the District PR Seminar.







7 December 2015



Welcome home-grown Rotaractor Wilson Woo to the RCTP Family. President Vikky performed the solemn joyful Induction Ceremony as witnessed by District Membership Chair PDG Jones Wong and our CP Donald Yap. Proposer Dennis was duly recognised and members and TaiPo Rotaractors turned up in numbers for this significant occasion.











Red box almost overflowed: welcoming back Francis, Ron, Tsubaki and Armstrong; congratulating Wilson's admission; and PDG Jones' birthday.



When he spoke on "The Art and Beauty of Photography", Speaker Mr. Chris Chan shared with us the use of colour, lighting, long-short shots and photo-shop to accentuate the theme of a photo.



PDG Jones celebrated his birthday us and was specially congratulated by P Vikky, PP Jacky and PP Wilson.



Guest Heidi Luk won the raffle gift of a lovely stool given out by Jimmy.

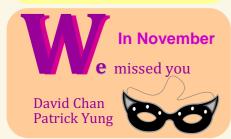








Wilson Woo on 7th December 2015





100%

FRANCIS AU, CAREN CHAN, PEARL DANG, ANTHONY HUNG, NATALIE KWOK, PETER LAM, DENNIS LO. JASON LO, CLAIRE MAK, ROGER SO, VIKKY TAM, LOUIS TANG, KENNETH WONG, FRANKIE WU, **MINGHAY YU**



NOVEMBER 2015

Average attendance: 72.12%

coming events

Time Event Venue Day 4 JAN Speaker: Mr. Jackson Tin Topic: 250 KM Challenge Royal Garden Hotel, TSTE. 7:00 p.m. (MON) Across the Sahara Desert Royal Garden Hotel, TSTE. **11 JAN** 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Ms. Kam Ling Topic: The Modest Luxury of Sri Lanka (MON) **24 JAN** 10:00a.m. 6th HK Bowling South China Athletic (SUN) Tournament for all cum Association Bowling Centre, 5th HK Blind Bowling 88 Caroline Hill Road, **Tournament** Causway Bay, Hong Kong Royal Plaza Hotel, Mongkok **25 JAN** 7:00 p.m. Area 6 Joint Clubs Meeting (MON) Speaker: Secretary

Justice Mr. Rimsky Yuen





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