



On 4 Mar morning when I was awaiting to run in the Ultramarathon, the weather was very humid and misty. In fact, coming into March the weather becomes warm and humid, reminding us that spring has come.

There is a saying 「一年之計在於春」 (make your whole year's plan in the spring). It is therefore no coincidence that the Government publishes its budget plan in the spring season. This year the focus of various stakeholders is on how to make use of the fiscal surplus of over HK\$130 billion. Different parties have different appeals but the general opinion (including that of the Government) is that such fruit of economic prosperity should be shared among Hong Kong citizens, one way or the other.

I am not interested in engaging in a debate on which way to go and this is not the cup of tea of Rotary either. However, I would like to look at this issue from another angle. This substantial surplus is said to be the fruit of economic prosperity of Hong Kong. So in theory Hong Kong should not have poverty. But is it really the case?

We have learnt from the news that in recent years more and more people are forced to live in subdivided flats 「劏房」, or in industrial buildings where the safety for habitation is at risk (these people are collectively referred as "substandard living tenants"). One may say that those substandard living tenants are either the new migrants from Mainland or asylum seekers / torture claimants from South Asia who do not have the ability to earn a living in Hong Kong (and so they should not come). While a portion of the substandard living tenants do belong to the aforesaid categories, the fact remains that a substantial portion are local Hong Kong citizens of the lower class.



Besides, according to a recent news report, the number of homeless persons staying overnight at 24-hour restaurants (usually McDonald and hence the term "McRefugees") has risen 5.7 times in 4 years: from 57 in 2013 to 384 in 2017. Further, the overwhelming response to the kind acts such as giving free meal boxes to persons in need by Sham Shui Po Ming Gor also signifies the poverty issue among the lower class in Hong Kong.

In the past, critics seem to put the blame on the substandard wages. This has led to the enactment of the minimum wage legislation. However, since such enactment, the above poverty phenomenon still exists and is seen to be exacerbating.

While alleviation of poverty is the primary aim of the Government and many NGOs have already been working on this issue, this factor per se should not prevent our club, or Rotary to contribute to this service area. Otherwise we should do nothing in Hong Kong as virtually any type of social service should be looked after by the Government or some other NGOs. So far our club has worked on youth projects, elderly projects, green projects, etc. Yet to my understanding, at least in recent years, we have not worked on a project focusing directly on alleviation of poverty in Hong Kong. Should this be one of our next foci?

An article in The New Yorker entitled “China’s Selfie Obsession” discussed how the photo-editing app, Meitu (美圖), took over (young) people. As a tool to enhance photos/selfies, the Meitu app is installed on more than a billion phones—mostly in China and the rest of Asia, but also increasingly in the West where Meitu seeks to expand its presence. It was estimated that more than half the selfies uploaded on Chinese social media have been edited using Meitu’s products. This App is a driving force behind the selfie craze.



Editor Says

Claire Mak



Rotarians like taking photos and are not shy to take selfies at all. PDG Peter Pang, with his natural long arms, better than an extendable selfie stick, seems to have mastered the best selfie skills. Francis also likes taking selfies and it is almost inevitable that his head is depicted prominently in the forefront of the photos.



There is nothing wrong at all with selfie. The development of this Meitu app is to be applauded because everyone wishes to show the best in front of others. It takes a bit of practise and setting though. I recall that PP Vikky had once set the Meitu to a level of getting long lashes on everything, irrespective of the object or the gender. So both men and women in the photos all got doe-eyed indiscriminately; and a teapot in the photo also got long lashes and a blush to the amusement of all of us! No doubt the App is very user-friendly. Even the elderlies can handle Photoshop with ease. But, like everything else, if done in extreme, the demerits come about from an addiction to using the app.

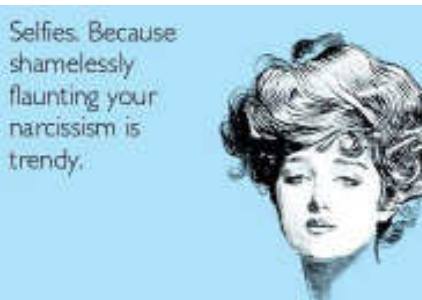
We are naturally skeptical about anything which may get one addicted. So no matter how light the editing goes, if it reaches an extent that people may feel uncomfortable or worried using unedited photos, then the alarm bell rings. This is because photo editing (or the lack of it rather) seems to negatively impact on one’s mind. Particularly so when it is the young people who are so affected. Their fresh and youthful appearance is a natural beauty which does not call for all the unnecessary “enhancement”! Why *deface* and thus defeat natural beauty for a totally unblemished yet plastic look? So unreal. So eerie!

If selfie is a form of narcissism, then there are, by conservative estimation, more than 5 hundred million narcissists in China! If all of them exercise a bit of self-restraint, then with a little help from the photo-editing app, striking a few poses for selfies can be interesting. What is undesirable though is that such photo-shopped selfies become an indispensable vanity.

The photos appearing in Tai Post and RCTP Facebook page are mostly the efforts of industrious PP Peter Lam. Other than adding light to or cropping the size of the photos, I seldom do anything else to them because as they are, they almost always captured the most natural moment of our services and fellowships. Less is more.



Are they taking a SELFIE?



Let us look at how Rotary clubs in London support the emergency medical services there. Indeed a very good Rotary Public Image project that benefit the community!

London's Air Ambulance has lift off with Rotary Support

from Rotary News Great Britain & Ireland Jan. 2018

Rotary members in London raised more than £38,000 to purchase the vehicle for London Air Ambulance, which provides an advanced trauma team for the 10 million people who live and work in London.

Helen Antoniou and Trevor Johnson, members of the Norwick Park and Epping Rotary Clubs, championed the project, which has successfully delivered the vehicle to London's Air Ambulance in less than a year.

The Helivan will be used to transport kit and equipment to educational talks and community events in London, and replicates some of the interior of London's Air Ambulance helicopters.

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This vehicle will be used to engage communities with the life-saving service and works the charity does, and inspire children to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers.

Helen commented, “This high profile project is a wonderful achievement, and demonstrates just how effective Rotary is, and how Rotary clubs can actively make a difference to their community.”

Rotary's support for London's Air Ambulance and the Helivan included a three year service plan for the Helivan, as well as a medical equipment, iPad with Wi-Fi and cellular access, facilitating the use of the 'Helimed' app and life-size cardboard cut outs of emergency service personnel.

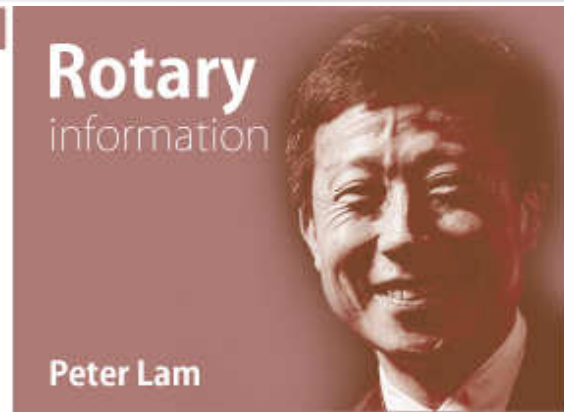
London's Air Ambulance CEO Jonathan Jenkins said, “The whole charity is extremely grateful to all the Rotary clubs in London who have fundraised to make the Helivan a reality.”

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“We will use the Helivan to take our message to where it matters; to the people whose donations enable us to provide our service. Thank you to all the Rotary members that donated to this exciting project.”

London's Air Ambulance is the charity that delivers a 24/7 advanced trauma team to London's most critically injured. It treats on average five critically injured people in London each day, performing medical interventions at the roadside which are normally only found in a hospital emergency department. The service costs £8.7million per year, the majority of which has to be found through fundraising.



Regular Meetings in the past five years: March 當年今月: 三月例會

Do you remember 2013 - 2017?

MARCH



by PP Peter Lam

REWIND



At 6 Mar. 2017 meeting, our former member Xie Jun (now CP of RC Shenzhen) introduced his friend Stephen Lui to speak to us on the topic of drinking water.



Wilson Woo spoke to us about HK Fire Services at 7 Mar. 2016 meeting. Besides his wife Joanna, his old friends Alex Tsang (now member of RC Central) and Alex Fan (police inspector and PP of Rotaract Club of Tai Po) showed up to support.



PP Dennis Lo was the 財神 at our 2 March, 2015 (初十二) meeting and members were excited to receive lai see as well as to share the special mixed (撈起) cold noodle dish!



On 10 Mar. 2014 meeting at Royal Garden Hotel, we were glad to have former member Dr. Patrick Yung as our speaker on his profession and many doctors including charter member PP KM Chan, CM Yu, Joan and Peter Pang were there to support!



2012-13 President Ron Chung with his classmates at a joint meeting with Rotary Club of NT, Tolo Harbour, Kowloon Tong and Kai Tak. Ron's classmate Wilson Cheng of RC Kowloon Tong is now our DG Nominee (DG 2019-20)!

Pilgrimage - Jordan and Israel

Wanda Ngan

Instead of having a leisure trip for Chinese New Year, we decided to have a pilgrimage trip to Jordan and Israel where we have learnt from the Bible studies in high school. Petra, Dead Sea, Massada, Jerusalem... all sound familiar but are far away from us.



Jordan and Israel are just separated by the Jordan River. Yet, there is much difference between two countries. Jordan is a rubbly country with not much green, no petroleum and no natural gas. Life is much harder in Jordan. Israel is a country with a lot of green. It exports high technology, natural gas and flowers to the nearby places. It is also the biggest diamond trading place in the world.

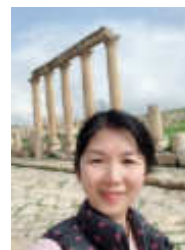
Dead Sea is the place that I had always wanted to go. I finally arrived there on the first day of my trip. However, I was disappointed. Dead Sea is located between Jordan and Israel but the side at Jordan has a lot of stones and the sand is not fine all. The side at Israel has better coastal line. The mud and sand are finer. The famous Dead Sea skin products are all from Israel, not Jordan.



Despite Jordan being a poor country, we can still enjoy many historical sites. Petra is one of the UNESCO sites. It was a city built in the 2nd Century BC. The SIQ is the entrance to enter the city which is very narrow and only allows one single carriage to pass through. There are four segments in Petra and we can use either horse, carriage or camel to travel through. We decided to walk on foot through the SIQ to Monastery and through to the Treasury. The total distance is 10 kilometers and we only had less than four hours for this walking trip. Another name for Petra is the Rose City due to the color of the stone out of which it is carved. In fact, part of the Indiana Jones movie was shot there.



Second to Petra on the list of my favourite destinations in Jordan is the ancient city of Jerash which was built 6500 years ago. It lies on a plain surrounded by hilly wooded areas and fertile basins. Conquered by General Pompey in 63 BC, it came under Roman rule. Hidden for centuries in sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years, Jerash reveals a fine example of the grand, formal provincial Roman urbanism that is found throughout the Middle East, comprising paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, theatres with 5000 seats, spacious public squares and plazas, baths, fountains and city walls pierced by towers and gates.



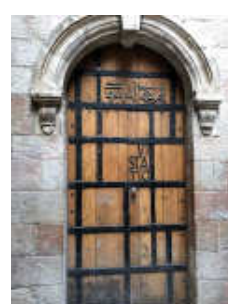
On the way to Israel, we stopped at Jericho. It is believed to be one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world and the city with the oldest known protective wall in the world.



Beside Petra, Massada is another UNESCO site that we visited. Herod the Great built palaces for himself on the mountain and fortified Masada. A casemate wall was around the top of the plateau with many towers, and the fortress included storehouses, barracks, an armory, a palace, and cisterns that were refilled by rainwater. Three narrow, winding paths led from below up to fortified gates. The siege of Masada by troops of the Roman Empire at the end of the First Jewish-Roman War ended in the mass suicide of 960 people.



Jerusalem is the place that I had always wanted to go and is the most popular city in Israel. There are four quarters inside the Jerusalem Old City: Muslim, Christian, Armenian and Jewish quarter, each assessable by different gates; except the Golden Gate where the Dome of Rock is located. It is a Muslim temple with Golden Dome. The famous "Wailing Wall" is on the western bank of the old city which is inside the Jewish Quarter. We saw a lot of devout believers do their prayer and hit their heads on the wall. Many of them have tears in their eyes. Men and women use different entrance to go inside the area of the wall. After the "Wailing Wall", we traced our footsteps on the Stations of Cross, the same route that Jesus had walked with the cross on his back.





Another great place to visit is Caesarea which is a magnificent site, with amazing ancient harbour ruins, beautiful beaches, and impressive modern residences side by side. Caesarea is originally an ancient Herodian port city located on Israel's Mediterranean Coast about halfway between Tel Aviv and Haifa. The site has recently been restored to create one of Israel's most attractive and fascinating archaeological sites. The restored Caesarea amphitheater hosts modern-day concerts during the summer months, whilst the Old City has a range of boutiques and restaurants. Caesarea Aqueduct Beach is one of the best beaches in Israel.



Haifa is one of the must-go destinations in a trip to Israel. It is the third largest city in Israel. If I had not been there, I would never know that there is a religious faith: "Bahai" Bahá'í World Centre, on Mount Carmel's northern slope, is its landmark. Comprising the golden-domed Shrine of the Báb, terraced gardens and administrative buildings, the World Centre is the holiest site of pilgrimage for the members of the Bahá'í Faith, as well as the faith's central administrative center. The gardens are stunning and well worth visiting if you are in Haifa.



Sea of Galilee is in Tiberias where Jesus had performed miracles such as Five Loafs & Two fish and walked over the sea. To me, it is a fresh water lake fed by River Jordon.

Apart from the historical visits, we did visit modern sites too. We visited Caliber 3 which is a training camp for Israel soldiers. We tried easy physical training and self-combat, but most exciting of all was having a real gun to shoot! The sound of shooting gun is quite loud.



Tel Aviv is the second most popular city in Israel. It is on the coastal line of Mediterranean Sea and is known as the most liberal city in Israel. Being known as "The Miami of the Middle East" the city is another must-go destination in your trip to Israel.



There are still a lot to say about this trip; but I will save the words until my next visit... ..



4-Generation Joint Meeting

23 February 2018

Claire Mak

This year's 4-Generation Joint Meeting, which actually straddled 3 generations this time, was held at Yue Cuisine, 8/F, HK Scout Centre, on Friday, 23rd February 2018, right on Rotary's 113th birthday! Members from Rotary Clubs of Peninsula, Tai Po, Peninsula South, Peninsula Sunrise, Central, SoHo HK and Kowloon Central *reunited* as one family and most members heeded the request to dress in Chinese costume.



The event commenced with a speech and well wishes by DG HW and club updates from the 6 presidents and one President Elect. Once such formalities were concluded with an auspicious group toast, members tuckered into the Chinese feast. Many members were also seen moving from table to table, enthusiastically catching up and drinking to good health and good fortune of each other.





As the toasting and cheering faded into solemnity again, induction of new members took place. We were pleased to witness 2 high flying new members joining our baby club RC SoHo HK and another one being initiated into RC Kowloon Central. The proposers were also duly recognised.



It was then time for group games. We had contestants from each table who vied to be "The Most" in whatever the MC had in mind – No real contest but to conjecture good fun and good laughs.



God of Fortune went around table by table to give out red packets to everyone and showered well wishes to all who flanked by him. The jovial atmosphere was complemented with the raffle draw and our club won no less than 4 of the prizes!



This year's 4-Generation Joint Meeting could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of the presidents of the 7 clubs. Congratulations to everyone involved. Even though rather uneventful, it was a warm and successful evening for this clan of members from this Peninsula line of Rotary District 3450.

Star Reaching Program 2017-18 “Tackle Home” Closing Ceremony 24 February 2018

Claire Mak

Our long-term service project with the Tai Po District Youth Outreaching Social Work Team of the Hong Kong Children & Youth Services “The Star Reaching Project” 摘星計劃 of 2017-18 concluded on 24 February 2018 with the Award Presentation Ceremony. The Theme this year, “Tackle Home” 「打理頭家」, focused on fostering family relationship. Throughout the past half year, the activities under the Project were all family-oriented, encouraging the exchange of parent vs child experience and also parent-and-child joint ventures.

Rotarians and guests arrived at Steak Workshop and busied themselves signing in on the cookies and admiring the delicate models on display which depicted the best moments in life of the service targets.



HKCYS Social worker Yellow, one youth member and one parent formed the MC team for the Award ceremony. After speeches and recap of past events, both the youths and the parents were duly recognised for the efforts they put in to this project. Of course, the cooking competition gave rise to winners and the awards of cookie medals are a delightful treat. But more importantly was the fact that they all emerged as life winners, all having defeated their former selves and rekindle enhanced family relationships. Congratulations.



At the same time the youth-and-parent teams put their heads together, mustered best cooking skills and added plenty of imagination to try and win us to voting for their dishes as the best.



Rotary Hong Kong Ultramarathon 2018

4 March 2018

Marco Ho

Rotary Hong Kong Ultramarathon took place on the 7th March this year. The route took place along the west bound of Lung Wo Road, each lap was approximately 2.2km. For our 50km Rotary Club Relay Team, we were running 25 laps among 8 members starting at 7:30am. Our Relay Team members were PP Matthew, Michiko, PP Wilson's spouse Wanda, President Roger, Rtn Marco, PP Vikky, PDG Kenneth Wong's daughter Amy, and Sergeant at Arms Benjamin.



City Marathon is a total different beast from trails and tracks, and the Rotary Hong Kong Ultramarathon offered us a unique opportunity to see the true beauty from the Central of Hong Kong that are usually teeming with taxis, cars, buses, vans etc. Instead, it was filled with Rotarians, their families and friends, with love and joy. Between IFC Mall, City Hall, Central Barracks, Tamar Park, Central Government Offices, Citic Tower and the Fenwick Pier, the route takes in a lot of great sights and locations that we ignore in our daily life as we all know Hong Kong is such a fast-paced city.

slices, and sponges filled with cold water to cool down runners. Besides nutrition, there were loads of police, medics and even photographers and reporters that were standing at every corner along the route.



Anyone who has seen Central on a regular day will appreciate how busy and chaotic the roads can be, so we should take our hats off to the organisers that all roads were closed and strictly policed, all parked cars were gone, and that the race was ridiculously well supported with water, energy drinks, snacks like banana pieces and lemon





The 50km Rotary Club Relay Marathon started at 7:30am, and morning is always good for running as the sun is barely shining, so the temperature was around 13 degrees, and with a bit of wind to cool down runners' body heat, it could be considered a comfy run. Our first runner was PP Matthew, and it was absolutely amazing that he was contributing 10km to the team, which are around 5 laps and each lap is actually more than 2km. So he is in fact running about 11km.

Michiko was running as our second leg, and she was also running 10km for the team. She managed to finish her 10km run at around 10:00am. During her run, the sky started drizzling, yet thankfully since our Rotarians and their families and friends were turning up to support our team, the rain did not last long at all.



Wanda, PP Wilson's spouse who is also an experienced runner, is our next relay runner, who finished her 2 laps effortlessly with the support of RCTP's member under 20 minutes.

Next up is our President Roger. He personally told me that he did not have the time to pick up running for the past few years yet he did a great job to finish his 4km for the team.

As the fifth leg of the relay team, I have tried to stay fit for the past few months, and hopefully I would not drag down the team overall time. I tried my best to finish the 6km for the team as fast as I could and handed over the baton to PP Vikky just before 12:00 noon.



PP Vikky told me that it was her first time to participate in Rotary Ultramarathon. I hope she did enjoy her 2km run and we hope to see you again next year. Also I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for collecting and distributing the runner kits for our team.

Amy, who is the daughter of PDG Kenneth, is the seventh leg of our team and she showed us with her great willpower that she finished 4 laps for the team, which is almost 9km, not to mention she was running at the hottest time of the day.



Last but not least is our Club Team Captain, Benjamin. It is not an easy thing to do as the last leg of our team and ran for 6km while surround by fewer runners over time. Luckily, a lot of our Rotarians, families and friends were still cheering and waiting to witness the moment that our team finished the race. At 1:49pm, he finally crossed the finish line! Again I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Benjamin for his contribution serving as our captain.



By the time the marathon finished, we had a late Dim-sum lunch with sister club.



PP Furniture and PP Story from our sister club, RC Taipei, joined our Tai Po Rotaractors and our Rtn. Wilson Woo for another team in the race.



Rotary Hong Kong Ultramarathon is a very challenging event that will test the runners' mental and physical wellbeing. I hope to see more new runners participate next year because we need you!

Area 6 Spring Dinner 春茗

5 March 2018

Claire Mak

Area 6 Rotarians gathered for Spring Dinner in the ballroom of Royal Plaza Hotel on the evening of 5th March 2018. Before the formal dinner meeting, some members had fun challenging each other on the mahjong tables; while others had the pleasure greeting old friends and catching up.



Our Dorothy and Wilson Woo are the MCs of the evening. At the start of the dinner meeting, Governor HW was invited to share with us a few updates on District matters. Once again he harped on the need to increase membership and encouraged Area 6 to step up the effort on registration for the Centenary Challenge Cup and the District Conference.



God of Fortune went round the tables to shower good fortune on everyone with real lai sees! If you find this God of Fortune chubby and amiable, you have got to thank our PP Louis! He rushed to get changed soon after his rounds around the tables - drenched all in sweat himself!



The Dinner Meeting then reached a highlight when we had the pleasure of Feng Shui Practitioner Dr. Lee Shing Chak (李丞責) giving us his prediction of the coming year, tips on home feng shui and how to avoid calamities. He spoke for almost an hour and explained in detail how he derived his analysis basing on the 60-year cycles (which he says always repeat themselves) in conjunction with the 5 elements and the four directions. He considered the coming year to be a turbulent one for the property market with ups and downs throughout the year. For the shares market, the months to be wary seem to be in third quarter. He predicted the winning team for the coming World Cup Soccer but warned us to just gently capitalize on the prediction. On more personal level, he analyzed the fortunes and well-being of each zodiac sign and set markers on what to have for good tidings and what to avoid to fend off poor luck.



A few lucky members even got special gifts from Dr. Lee to better their chances to achieve their goals. For instance, Kam Tung got the special love charm set; and Mary received a delicate water-revolving guan yin for blessed fortune.



Then came the exciting game of "mahjong tile-guessing" when we had Wilson Lam and Armstrong Shea representing RCTP. Unfortunately, they lost to other more seasoned mahjong players of Area 6 in speed and accuracy.



The really lucky ones won the raffle draw and took away lai sees of different denominations. The evening ended with members drinking to the good health of one another and well wishes for an auspicious year ahead.



Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup

7 March 2018

Ron Chung

It's that time of the year again, a Wednesday night in early March. Wednesday nights are, of course, racing nights, and the district hosts its **annual fellowship in racing**, the Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup, on 7th March. This is now an annual event that has been around for over a decade, credit to the district officials who started it, especially, PP KL!



I have attended this event on and off, as much as I can. Every time we do this, we got, perhaps, winnings from the HKJC, but that's rare. Regardless, we are guaranteed that we can take away with us **great memories from fellowship**: fellowship with our own members from RCTP; and Rotarians from Area 6; and Rotarians from our own 4-Gen clubs; and Rotarians from around the district. How can it not be memorable?



There are, once in a blue moon, the odd events that I actually take away **something extra**. A few years back, I remember picking up a Lei-see by the District from a special lucky draw because it was close to Chinese New Year. That's what we call a "black swan" event in the world of finance, because people pretty much did not think that black swans existed.

At any rate, let's get back to the event for this year. **RCTP gambling team** was led by PDG Kenneth, together with the long standing, consistent supports from PP Peter; PP Wilson and his better half (the better and healthier looking Rotaryanne Wanda), and the always supportive PP Dennis and Rotaryanne Lancy. PP Natalie showed her support as well even though she's now frequently tied up with District work (do remember supporting her at the upcoming District Conference), Rotaryanne Creamy was so supportive, she came alone by herself as PP Frankie was pulled away by a last minute business trip. Then, there was our future leader, PE Patrick; and myself and Rotaryanne Alice.

As usual, I did not get anything from the HKJC with the races, but there was something more precious which a few of us get. Does anyone know that our **DG is very good at picking horses**? We all know that he is a career statistician with the Hong Kong Government. Apparently, his knowledge and experience represent quite an edge on the odds.

Since our President this year is of the legal professional, we shall present the evidence.

Exhibit #1 is from **Race #3**. Before the race, PDG Kenneth came from the District VIP table to the RCTP table and offered advice he obtained from DG at his table. Ken told us that DG suggested horse no. 8, King Beautiful. This was a very extraordinary pick, since the horse was ridden by an experienced, well respected and well followed jockey, Doleuze. In addition, the horse was trained by a very well respected trainer, John Size. Given all that, the odds for King Beautiful to win was at 12x, meaning that the betting public has significant reservation about #8. DG, on the other hand, counter to public's view, suggested that #8 is a

must include in all bets, according to PDG Kenneth. DG's reason, according to statistics, #8 is a distance runner, and 2200M certainly qualifies as a distance race, and was very suitable for #8. Since I was a late arrival and the race being my first race, it would be more appropriate for me to go around to say "hi" to our mother club, our baby clubs, Area 6 clubs before this race. So, I decided to sit out the race and just watch with the others. It was certainly a long race, taking over 2 minutes (2' 17" 86, to be exact), but it was an exciting finish, with #4, the eventual winner, leading the straight, and #8 coming from in the back, chasing and closing in, getting the 4th spot, the 3rd, spot and just missed out at the finishing line. Guess what, anyone who followed DG's advice, putting a bet on #8 for the Place (3.2x return), the Quinella (38.85x return), would have done well. Hats off to DG providing sound, solid advice! (I wish I had taken action based on that advice.)

the racing community, PDG Kenneth found time to stop by and offered DG's insight again. This time, instead of a somewhat of a long odds, DG suggested locking in on the odds on favourite. For Race 5, the odds on favourite is #2, Har Har



Heart, by again a leading jockey, Moreira, and again from the respectable stable of John Size. The only challenge is, the winning odds is only a 1.9, not very interesting. So, I decided to skip that advice. How did I bet? I followed "tradition." PP Wilson, one year, won big, by **betting on horses 3, 4, 5, and 10**, since we ARE Rotary District 3450, and this is THE Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup, so, I bet on 3, 4, and 5 for place. I dropped #10, since, technically, it is not the "0" in 3450.

RACE 3 (474)

Class 4 - 2200M - (50-40) Going: GOOD
 LARCH HANDICAP Course: TURF - "A" COURSE
 HK\$ 620,000 Time: (14:45)(28:13)(1:02:28)(1:26:46)(1:53:45)(2:17:06)
 Sectional Time: 14:45 22:66 24:15 26:18 24:89 24:41

Multi-Angle Race Replay | Pass Through Analysis | Aerial/Virtual Replay

Plc.	Horse No.	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Actual Wt.	Declt. Horse Wt.	Draw LW	Rating Postion	Finish Time	Win Odds
1	4	FOOD DAY (A233)	N. Haveler	C. S. Smith	129	1066	3	-	4 5 5 5 5 1 2 13:26	4.2
2	6	KING BOUNTY (L165)	J. Donaghy	J. Size	123	1135	11	12	12 12 12 9 4 2 2 17:36	12
3	10	AUTAGETY (G206)	N. T. Wu	J. Ho	113	1069	12	9	5 5 4 3 1 3 2 18:00	6.7
4	8	SMART BARTY (A185)	N. Callan	C. Fowles	126	1242	5	2-14	6 6 6 7 7 4 2 16:25	3.2
5	5	J. FENCE (V254)	M. F. Poon	C. W. Cheung	121	1138	3	4	7 9 9 12 12 3 2 18:21	48
6	12	ROCK THE TREE (P272)	W. M. Lau	D. E. Ferrero	112	1032	10	4-54	6 7 9 10 8 6 2 18:52	48
7	2	HAPPY BOCKY (S147)	K. Teakins	A. Lee	133	1111	1	-5	6 6 7 8 10 7 2 18:07	17
8	7	HAPPY CONTENTS (T381)	K. C. Leung	R. Gibson	122	1188	7	5-54	11 10 10 11 11 9 2 16:09	16
9	3	FREEMAN CHAMPION (L187)	C. Y. Ho	C. Fowles	151	1133	6	5-52	10 11 11 8 3 9 2 18:75	32
10	6	SHARIC YEAH (M109)	Z. Pater	C. H. Yip	127	1082	4	7-34	3 2 3 4 9 10 2 19:10	42
11	1	CLOUD NINE (L416)	M. Chadwick	A. T. Millard	135	1163	6	8	2 4 1 1 2 11 2 18:15	15
12	11	PHOENIX (V409)	J. Moreira	A. Luo	116	1075	7	13-14	1 3 2 2 4 12 2 19:31	12
WV		SHARIC PROGRESS (B379)	J. Moreira	F. C. Lau	118	1016	-	-	-	-

Note: Special statistics index

Dividend	Pool	Winning Combination	Dividend (HK\$)
WIN	4	-	42.50
PLACE	4	-	17.50
	6	-	32.00
	10	-	28.00
QUINELLA	4,8	-	368.24

Race Running Position Photos

For the results, as you can see in the result table below, our DG got it right, again. #2 came in first. Hats off again to DG for a good pick, this time, the pick was a favourite. The evidence from both cases, suggested that it is no fluke. DG can pick long odds, as well as odds on favourites.

As for my bets, none of 3, 4, or 5 came in place. So, I did some charity work. But even more ironic, remember that I dropped #10? It came in 3rd and placed, and the payoff for the place was... drumroll please, 104 HKD for each 10 dollar bet.

RACE 5 (482)

Class 4 - 1650M - (60-40) Going: GOOD
 THE ROTARY CENTENARY CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP) Course: TURF - "A" COURSE
 HK\$ 880,000 Time: (28:41) (50:06) (1:17:55) (1:40:79)
 Sectional Time: 28:41 24:03 24:49 23:24

Multi-Angle Race Replay | Pass Through Analysis | Aerial/Virtual Replay

Plc.	Horse No.	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Actual Wt.	Declt. Horse Wt.	Draw LW	Rating Postion	Finish Time	Win Odds
1	2	UPPER HALF HEART (A224)	J. Moreira	J. Size	132	906	1	-	4 3 4 1 1 1 40:79	1.9
2	1	THE JUDGE (A147)	Z. Pater	C. Fowles	133	938	10	34	10 9 5 2 1 40:00	6.6
3	10	ASSASSINATION (G207)	A. Sanna	L. Ho	157	1137	11	1-18	11 18 11 3 1 41:01	38
4	12	MONEY WINGS (G251)	K. Teakins	F. S. Lau	156	958	7	1-12	2 2 2 4 1 41:04	11
5	8	WU FOR SHANTY (W244)	C. Y. Ho	K. W. Lau	124	983	2	2	1 1 1 5 1 41:12	35
6	4	LION HUSBAND (A196)	K. C. Ng	A. S. Luo	126	1108	3	3-12	6 5 7 5 1 41:19	11
7	3	SOBBING DANCERS (S275)	K. C. Leung	N. L. Man	139	912	12	3	3 4 5 7 1 41:29	98
8	3	CHARITY WINGS (B503)	M. F. Poon	C. S. Shum	154	1105	8	3-14	5 11 8 8 1 41:30	10
9	6	NEVER BETTER (T140)	N. Rooster	P. C. Sullivan	120	1168	9	3-12	12 12 12 8 1 41:35	21
10	7	MR. KOOL (T235)	J. Roper	F. C. Lau	124	902	8	3-14	8 1 9 10 1 41:41	29
11	11	MEGA TREASURE (A237)	M. J. Young	A. Luo	153	944	-5	4-24	7 9 10 11 1 41:50	29
12	5	HERO I CON (M53)	D. Whyte	C. H. Yip	127	1130	4	8-14	5 6 6 12 1 42:10	14
WV		PHENIX (A197)	M. F. Poon	K. J. Hall	123	926	-	-	-	-

Note: Special statistics index

Dividend	Pool	Winning Combination	Dividend (HK\$)
WIN	2	-	18.50
PLACE	2	-	12.00
	1	-	20.00
	10	-	104.00
QUINELLA	1,2	-	73.50

Race Running Position Photos



But, could that be just an isolated incident? Could it be just luck? Our President certainly would want more evidence to be convinced.

Exhibit #2 is from **Race #5** (I sat out Race #4 as well, again, socializing). This was an important race, as this is THE Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup. With the district dignitaries busy running around representing Rotary to

It was a fun meaningful night, I did charity work! As in prior years, I took away this time ... DG, with his statistical background and experience, is really good at picking horses.

Finally, in addition to the personal lessons that I am not very good and DG is very good at this game, there is a more general lesson for all. **Statisticians**, such as DG, **know their numbers, finance PhDs**, such as me, **has no edge at the money game, but are good for charity work**. I shall, as they say, rest my case.

Plastic & You

Caren Chan

Plastic pollution has now become a global concern as plastic debris have reached all oceans of the world with adverse effects on marine organisms and biodiversity as well as on human livelihoods and economy. Marine plastics result from inadequate waste disposal infrastructure and management and also a lack of public knowledge about their environmental impacts.

There is a growing concern that toxic chemicals from plastic debris are making their way into the food chain. Plastic particles have been found in hundreds of species of marine organisms, including many species of fish and shellfish sold for human consumption. A recent study found plastic in one out of every four fish purchased from markets in the United States and Indonesia. Globally, average per capita fish consumption is nearly 20 kg per year and seafood equates to nearly 17 per cent of the world's protein consumption, so there is a potential pathway for human exposure to plastic.

The project Plastic & You is to raise awareness towards plastic waste and deliver educational message on environmental protection; to draw crowd and let participants feel the severity of the plastic issue, show green solutions in practice and collect innovative green ideas from public.



Three pillars of the Project

1. Education Exhibition Signage and Green Forum
2. Plastic Oceans Movie
3. Games/VR Game

It is challenging to chair this green project to lead our RACTP, RAC-WYS, IAC & TTCA. I started from the scratch in many aspects; not much knowledge about the subject, not budgeted initially and the first time to work with a group of youngsters which has time constraint. It is the noble vision that brings us forward. It is the meaningfulness of the Project that attracted sponsorships and support throughout the workout.

I am writing to seek your support in bringing in friends to participate in the Event on April 21 & 22, 2018.

You can be assured you will have a Fun, Fulfilment and Fellowship weekend.

Last but not least I take this opportunity to thank our club sponsors

PP Peter Lam for the Go Green T Shirts

Hon Member, Matthew Yum for the 500 prizes for the game players.



12 March 2018 Club Assembly

Regular meetings 大埔



Welcome back PP Tsubaki from leisure trip abroad and also long time no see Honourary members PP Charles and PP Ping!



PDG Anthony was the lucky one this time, winning the Fine Bone China Cup and Saucer set given out by Rtn. Wilson Woo.

Happy birthday March Stars: PP Ping, PP Tsubaki and Caren. Very belated birthday greeting to PP Charles as well. Thanks all for giving Birthday Red Box.



The issue of Membership Development and Retention was the main focus and various members including PP Charles, PP Ping, PDG Anthony, PP Peter, PP Tsubaki, PP Armstrong, IPP William, as well as Wilson Woo, Caren, Benjamin all spoke out. A key message was that with the changing of time, we should revisit the need for changing meeting format / frequency, financial commitment by members to cater for new younger members, and members who travel frequently or have work commitment.



day	time	event	venue
25 MAR (SUN)	9:30 a.m.	Area 6 Tree Planting	Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po
	1:00 p.m.	BBQ Fellowship after Planting	Lam Tsuen, Tai Po
26 MAR (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Speaker: Mr. Larry Lai Topic: The values of intangible Cultural Heritage "Leaf whistling"	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
6 APR (FRI)	7:00 p.m.	4 th Theme Night Theme: "RCTP Family Reunion Night"	Yakitori Nishiki, 1/F, Regal Kowloon Hotel, 71 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon
9 APR (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Speaker: PP Wilson Lam Topic: One Belt, One Road: Cultures and Opportunities.	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan
16 APR (MON)	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Speaker: IPP William Yim Topic: "A Biotech Game"	Fincher Room, KCC, 10 Cox's Road, Jordan



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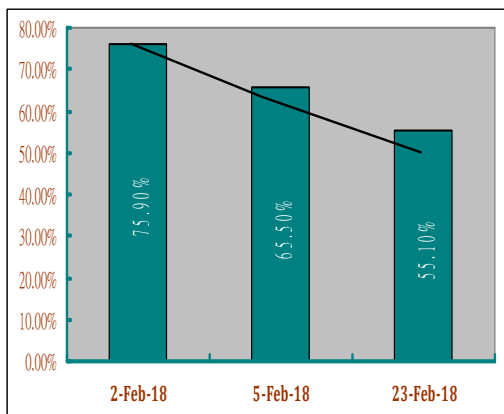
Theme Night - Family Reunion

Date: Friday, 6 April 2018
Time: 7-11pm
Venue: Yakitori NISHIKI, Shop No. 103 1/F, Regal Hotel TST E
Price: \$600 (\$500 will be subsidized to members and spouse)

A February 2018
ttendance

CAREN CHAN,
PEARL DANG,
PATRICK FONG,
ANTHONY HUNG,
NATALIE KWOK,
PETER LAM,
DENNIS LO,
CLAIRE MAK,
ROGER SO,
KF TAM,
KENNETH WONG,
WILSON WOO,
FRANKIE WU,
WILLIAM YIM

Average attendance: 65.5%



February

MingHay Yu

Leave of Absence

In February

We missed you

Sasha Chu,
Masayuki Tsubaki,
Henry Wang

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