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Message from Charter President PDG Eric

I chartered the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point because I would like to capitalise on my 13 years experience in Rotary, and set out with a diversity of talent comprising professional, business and organisation leaders and youth executives



The idea was to co-create and shape the club from the start — forming its culture, establishing its unique traditions, setting its service priorities, and making it our own.

As a Past District Governor in 2016-17, I fully understand the importance of membership development. Thus, I took the action to charter a new Rotary Club to align with Rotary International's Vision : "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

My dream is to increase the diversity of the club with various nationalities and cultures, invite more female members, and provide more opportunity to those female Rotarians taking up the helm in club. We also want to nurture our young generation by sharing our members' vocational experiences to become community leaders in serving humanity. With flexibility in our club meetings format to attract more talented members.

We would like to build up a solid ecosystem where we shall explore a rewarding club life for our members, and pursue new project possibilities in our district and oversea districts.

We are living in the internet technology era where speed is the key to success,. We shall move fast in membership growth and focus in membership retention in the same time.

We shall sponsor a Rotary Club and Interact Club in our first year of charter. Our goal is to become a high quality platform to meet more leaders in the area, interact, and connect each other so we can open up to hearing fresh ideas.

To engage with our community differently and make a high impact in the lives of others will be our commitment.

We shall also Connect with leaders around the world by building up sister clubs with international service projects. Certainly, It is a highly dynamic and vibrant club !

Eric

Message from President Elsa

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me in setting up the club as President, including CP PDG Eric Chin, PP Peter Pan, PP Chris Kyme and the Board members.



I am very excited about the opportunity to work with so many dedicated and talented members within this club, as well as across the whole of Rotary District 3450. As this is my first ever bulletin message as President, I will start by focusing on the club vision. The vision of Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point is aligned with that of Rotary International, and our objectives and priorities are as follows:

- 1) We are a new club; our first priority is our club internal affairs, setting up and membership. Every member should get to know every member well enough to become a big family.
- 2) Grow and diversify our membership and participation, this can help us in creating a platform to share our values with the people who need our help.
- 3) Engage members to provide sustainable community services to the people who are in need through our diversity of professionals and creating measurable impacts to the community.
- 4) To grow and nurture the young executive Rotarians to be next generation leaders who can serve the world better.
- 5) To sponsor a Rotaract Club to train Rotaractors becoming future leaders in various fields via our platform.

This is more than enough to get us started and keep us busy in our first year. I look forward to joining hands with all of you in taking the club forward and thank you for your support.



A STAR IS BORN

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW A ROTARY CLUB GETS STARTED?

On July 9th 2019, Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point was officially born.

That's the day when PDG Eric met with District Governor Wilson Cheng so he could officially sign the official certificate that records our club.

It was historic too, we were the first new club to be chartered *anywhere in the world* for this Rotary Year.



Some key facts about our club

As our club gets started on its journey into the future, it's worth knowing a few of the key details which are part of its launch. Things we can all feel proud of when we meet the Rotary community.

We are number one!

Rotary Club of Hong Kong North Point was the first club chartered on 1-7-2019 in Rotary International for the Rotary year 2019-20.

We are 103!

We are officially the 103th Rotary Club in D3450.

We are diverse

Up to October 21, there were 44 charter members. with over 6 nationalities, 20 vocational classifications and over 40% female members.

Ladies first

Our First year President, after Charter President, is a lady - President Elsa Wong who took up the helm on 13-7-2019.

We are Rotaract

RI approved our sponsorship of a community based Rotaract Club of Hong Kong North Point on 9-10-2019 with 15 charter Rotaract club members. Charter President is Jason Lo.





ROOKIE STARS 2020

One of the most important events in our Rotary calendar year is the Rookie Stars Dance Contest, for which we are lead club, with CP PDG Eric at the helm. The event will take place on February 23rd 2020. Not to be missed (and a lot of fun!).



What's Going On

WHEN DINING, GO DUTCH!

As a club, it's important we keep up our fellowship events as this is how we all get to know one another.

On September 26th our own Jennifer Chan hosted a 'Dutch Cultural Dinner' at the Orange Tree restaurant in Central, and great food and wine was enjoyed by all.

We encourage more such evenings so if you have any ideas of something that broadens our culinary horizons as well as gets us all together, please do suggest!



What's Going On

MEET THE PARENTS

Every club is born from somewhere. And for our club, our parent club is none other than Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East.

So it was only fitting that we go to say hello, and CP PDG Eric and P Elsa led a team of members to join them for their regular lunch meeting on October 2nd.



One of our first service projects kicks off on November 23rd with a guided tour around the North Point area. It will take place from 10am to 12.30pm for the first stage, taking in some of the district landmarks. Followed by lunch, and from 2pm-4.30pm, we will visit the Federation of Youth office in Shauckiwan. For more information, contact Service Director Anne. Do come along, discover our home area and get involved.

LET'S GO NORTH POINT!



WALKING TO END POLIO

On Saturday October 19th, members of RC HK North Point joined forces with Rotarians from District 3450 at the Peak, to walk in support of End Polio Day.

This has been one of Rotary's greatest achievements and something to feel immensely proud of.

Rotary, the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. In 2007, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation joined Rotary in its commitment to ending polio.

Since 2013, the Gates Foundation has matched every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication 2-to-1, up to \$35 million per year. Rotary, with matching funds from the Gates Foundation, has contributed more than \$1.6 billion to end polio.

Since we started the fight against polio, we've reduced the number of polio cases by 99.9 percent and reached more than 2.5 billion children with the vaccine.

There are fewer polio cases today than ever before, but we will not stop until we reach zero. If polio is not eradicated, hundreds of thousands of children could be paralysed. Global health care costs would rise dramatically, and many children's quality of life would be drastically diminished.



Serving the community

Service Director Anne Loh has been working hard to line up some interesting ways for us to get involved in the community and start doing some good. We spoke with her about what's coming up and how we can all join in



What will be our key areas of focus for service in this first year?

I think we should focus on serving youths from age 10-16, with a view to enlightening them with visions of career opportunities in the digital era. For example, how to become a KOL on You Tube, how to start a business via social media, robotic design, SMART life, electronic gaming. Topics like these where we know they will have an interest and where we have experienced people who can step in and help.

We've talked about focusing on the North Point area, why is that important?

Well, since we have started our chapter in this area, we can engage NGOs, schools, and community groups naturally. It makes sense for us to begin by looking into our own neighbourhood.

Are there any groups in need of help and support you have identified so far?

After contacting several NGOs in the North Point area, there is a large group of youths at the grass-root level lacking social resources and network ties. Although a number of young people are associated with community centres, they do not have a connection with professionals in the business sector. This is where we can help.

How can members help, what areas of support will you be looking for?

I am looking for support from members of RC HK North point in the following ways:

- Befriend youths by volunteering as inspiring guest speakers, being academic advisors for college development, and mentors for career development
- Offer company visits, college visits, field trips, conference, and party experiences to our young friends in the area
- Organise training or workshops related to soft skills, social skills, and innovative ideas for youth

The community service team strives to sustain our members' participation in volunteering by design and deliver impactful services to our targeted beneficiary groups.

NORTH POINT – A BRIEF HISTORY

What do we know about North Point, the home of our club? It's a fascinating area, full of historic corners and back alleys that tell stories from the past. The origins of North Point began way back in 1880, when the British Forces set up a battery there (military variety, not Duracell). With its deep water and high shoreline, it was an ideal location for shipping companies, warehouses and a quay. In 1919, Hong Kong Electric Company closed down the power station in Wan Chai and built a new one in North Point.

In 1921, a sugar refinery began to be built, but was later changed into a residential property because of the Canton-Hong Kong strike, in the area which is currently Chun Yeung Street. And in 1935, King's Road was opened to traffic and drove the development of this area. Thus, North Point became a new industrial district.

By 1950, North Point was the most populous area of the world, and during the early 1950s, was attracting settlers from various parts of China, including Shanghainese and from Fujian and Guangdong. Those early immigrants came to make Hong Kong their home town, and in order to support the family, they had no choice but to work hard and eventually become the basis for Hong Kong's economic take-off in the 1970s and 1980s. Consequently the ethnic groups in North Point are very strong. And although since those days the immigrants and their subsequent generations have become genuine Hong Kong people, their early life culture is still preserved in the streets and alleys.



The North Point district shares similar values with Rotary as an organisation, being societies that induced cultural fusion. In fact, the site of the City Garden Hotel where we meet was a location for Luna Park in North Point in the 1950s, and Rotary Club of Hong Kong hosted a charity ball at the same location. How is that for a connection?

ROTARY IN NORTH POINT



Today, from iconic buildings such as the Sunbeam Theatre and new disused State Theatre, to important landmarks such as Java Road, the past, fascinating history of North Point is apparent for all to see, with shiny new developments, residential buildings and hotels popping up, the transformation continues.

Meet the Member

Alex Au

About me

"I am a freshman in the field of social services. My classification is in the field of training services, so, providing training courses to the public, such as baristas, florists, etc"

About Rotary

"To me, Rotary acts like a second family to me. This year I am the IPP of Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East, and I have joined Rotaract since 2013.

Time flies, Rotaract has become part of my life from my college life to now being a freshman in a full club.

Rotary has helped with my skills for my workplace and my profession, such as event planning interpersonal skills, etc.

Also, Rotary provides the platform for trying to do the things that I thought it was impossible and difficult for me to do."



"For the future, I hope I can keep my passion for social services, and through Rotary to help those people in need. Wherever they are, I hope I can reach out and provide my help to make a difference for them.

About life

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23, King James Bible)."

Meet the Member

PP Peter Pang



About me

"I am currently the Co-Owner and Associate Director of Hong Kong Broadband Network Limited (HKSE 1310). I was previously Director of Y5ZONE in where I was driving the company's revenue through sales and business development.

In 2006, I formed The I.T. People Association of Hong Kong (ITPA). ITPA is a non-profit organization made up of a group of like-minded IT professionals, people in the I.T. industry who want to unite the industry elite to provide services and effectively safeguard the interests of practitioners and promote IT industry development in China & Hong Kong. ITPA has more than 2,000 IT professional members.

With over 30 years of experience in the ICT industry, I have a very broad network of people in this industry, and I actively involve in many ICT related associations, as well as take up many social responsibility roles. "

About Rotary

"I joined Rotary in 2015, and was a club president in 16-17. Over the years, I participated to many voluntary projects, because I like to help the people in need, where I experienced a lot of joyful moments. The first time I joined a Rotary club meeting, I proactively asked the friend who invited me: how can I join Rotary?

I found Rotary was very different, I especially like the 4-Way Test, which is also my own core values; I like Rotary's community services, which is not just to contribute money, but also our professional knowhow and our people network.

The first service project I involved was called "Life Decode", we provided service to some students of a secondary school in Yuen Long. When we met the kids, we found that they were lacking in self-confidence and social belonging. We found that many of them had a significant improvement in people skills. This experience was very important to me, and become my Rotary story to support me to conduct community services in Rotary in the coming years. I'm the District I.T. Committee Chair this year, it is one example of serving the community using my professional knowhow."

About life

"My motto is "Givers Gain" in Chinese 捨得. Giving must be from the heart and must be genuine in order to gain in return. What you put out there will come right back to you."

Meet the Member

Ben Capell



About me

"I am originally from Israel, yet have actually lived in various countries, including the U.S., Japan, Spain, Turkey. I moved to Hong Kong with my wife of (close to 6 years) and we really enjoy our time here. I established a consultancy (BeCap) in Hong Kong that focuses on helping companies improve their business results through the implementation of excellent People Management practices. My main focus areas are Post Mergers & Acquisitions Integration, International Collaboration, Leadership Development and Diversity & Inclusion. I enjoy sports, mostly Surfing and so, in between projects, I do my best to squeeze in trips to the Indonesian Islands or other surf destinations. "

About Rotary

"I am a new member and still in the learning process. I am very impressed with the people who have joined the clubs, who are very friendly, intelligent, and passionate. Also, there is such a positive energy around helping. I remember that in one of my first meetings a Rotarian asked for help with some community volunteering activity he had organized. In less than 5 minutes he got most of his needs covered through the help offered immediately by other members. This was fantastic to see.

I personally hope to get a few outcomes. First, I would like to get more involved in Hong Kong. Do more than just work and pleasure, and I think this is a great opportunity to contribute to the community. Then, I also enjoy meeting new people. As a foreigner who works for his own business, I have not had much chance to develop a network of local friends, and Rotary definitely offers many options to do so. "

About life

"I make sure I can balance the effort I put into my profession with some time to myself, my wife and hobbies . I also try not to think too much long term, beyond a few years ahead. I think life has plenty of surprises and it's best just to let it unfold. For example, I would never have imagined that I will end up in Hong Kong, it is a great experience that was not even an option a year before moving here."

If you have any
interesting topics for
The Point, please email
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