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THE POINT



NOW IT'S
TIME TO
SERVE

Challenges ahead

GET READY
TO GET FESTIVE

Key dates for coming events

Rotary
Club of Hong Kong North Point
香港北角扶輪社



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2019 – 2020

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Welcome

Message from President Elsa



The weather has now turned colder which always adds a special feeling to the coming festive season so I hope you are all keeping warm. It has been quite a busy first

few months for our club and I am learning my duties as I go along. Thanks to the guidance of those around me, and especially PFG Eric Chin. It is great to have his experience behind me. I also learn and see more by attending the monthly Joint Presidents Meetings (JPM) which allows me to meet with my fellow classmates, Presidents from the other clubs, and also to find out what is going on in the District and how we can involve as a club.

So Rotary is keeping me very busy, as it will you should any of you become President in future. But it is busy in a good and meaningful way.

The rapid growth of our club has been quite amazing, according to experienced Rotarians this is quite unusual in Rotary, and thanks in no small part to the connections of our members. We must ensure that we maintain a spirit of togetherness, and keep all members engaged on a regular basis.

Of course the other challenges we have been facing as a club are to do with what is going on around us in Hong Kong right now.

Sadly quite a few events have needed to be postponed because of disruption. Especially the Rotary training session we had planned, and also our North Point tour and service visit.

Nevertheless, we will reschedule and continue to plan activities for the coming months to keep our club and members engaged. Most especially we will be looking for service opportunities, and the colder weather does make me think of the elderly. I hope we will be able to spread some cheer during this time.

With that in mind in this issue of The Point we outline some of the activities for December. The coming Tai Chi Fun Day on December 14th, Horse Racing Day in Sha Tin on Dec 15th (thanks to Fellowship Director Edmund) and finally our big Christmas party at Deepwater Bay Golf Club on December 19th, and we hope to see all members there for that one.

We will continue to keep you busy in the coming months, do keep an eye out for dates, meanwhile may I take the opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas in advance.

See you soon.

P.Elsa

DATES FOR DECEMBER

With what's been going on in Hong Kong in recent months, we welcome some good spirit in the holiday season with friends, family and fellow members. Our club has some joyous occasions lined up, so mark your diary and try to join us in the coming weeks.

DECEMBER CALENDAR:

14th Dec – Tai Chi Fun Day at Prince Edward from 12pm to 2pm.

15th Dec – RC HKNP Horse Racing Day at Shatin from 12pm to 4pm.

19th Dec – Our Club Christmas Party at Deep Water Bay Golf Club from 7pm, DG Wilson will be our Guest



What's Going On

BADMINTON VS BEER?

A bit of badminton is always a good idea, and several members jumped at the chance to join PDG Eric and Colin recently for a bit of a knock around. Ada, Kin and Alex all turned up and the bunch were treated to dinner by Frankie afterwards. Just to put some of those calories back on with a few beers.





OKTOBER MEANS BEER

One thing you're guaranteed to experience in Rotary, is fun. Lots of it.

Oh, and did we mention beer? As demonstrated on October 10th when P Elsa and PDG Eric led a few of our members to experience and enjoy the delights of the annual Oktoberfest celebration hosted by Rotary Club of Shouson Hill.

It's a great way for our members to meet other clubs, with great beer and food to enjoy, as well as music. Look out for this next year.

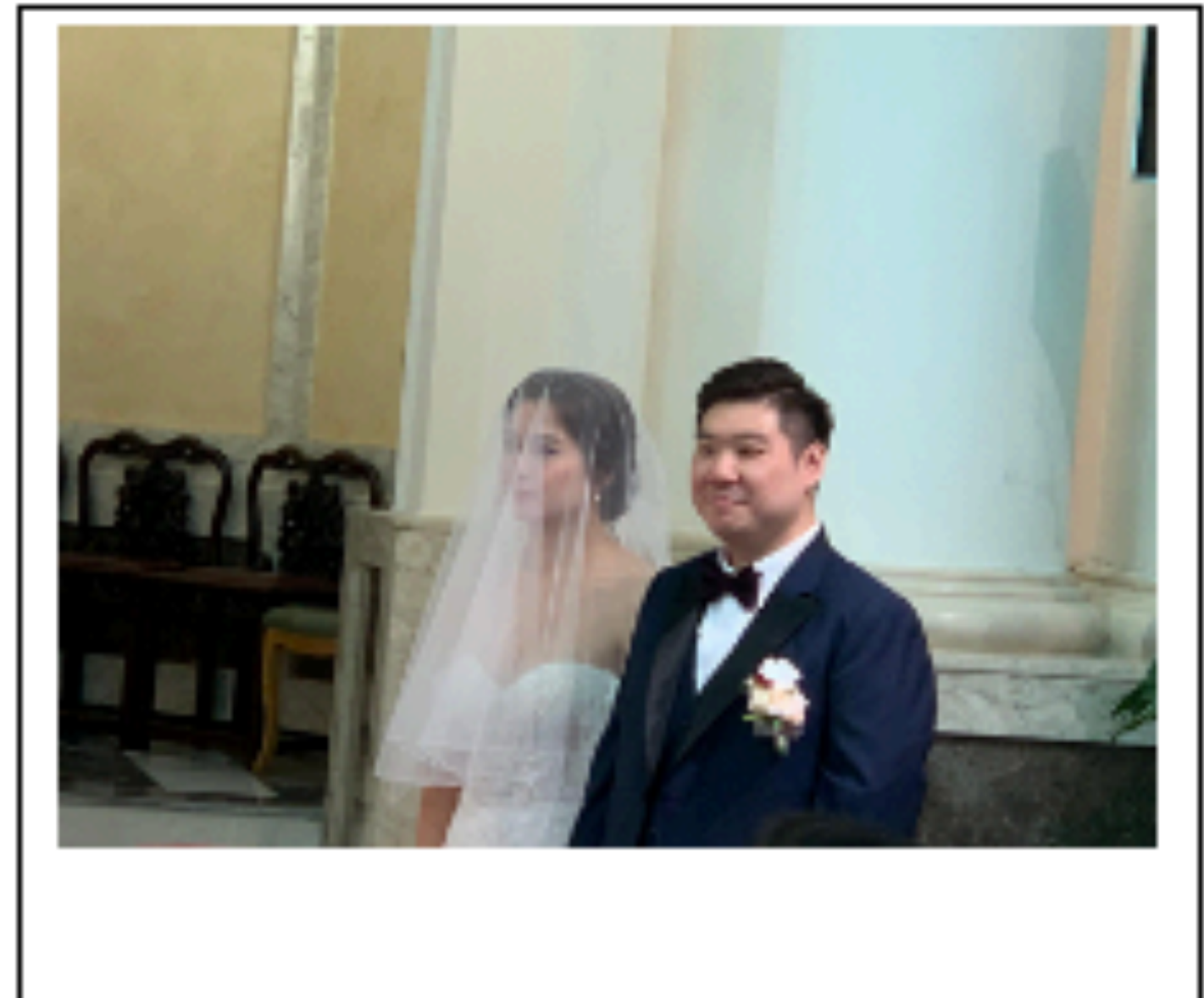


OUR BEST WISHES TO ERIC AND JULIANA

Members turned out on Saturday November 23rd to help celebrate the wedding of our own Eric Tam and his newly wedded wife Juliana.

The ceremony took place at St Margaret's Church in Happy Valley on a beautifully sunny day.

We wish the happy couple a very happy future together (providing Eric is still free to turn up for our meetings!).



HOW TO STAY YOUNG BY DR. ADA WONG

One of the most interesting aspects of joining our new club is how we all get to know each other. One of the key decisions made early on was that we will invite our own members to be the speaker each month. That way we get to know more about them, plus, we might learn something.

Take Ada Wong for example. Ada is CEO of ACP Consulting. She looks healthy enough. But who would ever have imagined that, in fact, Ada is fitter and healthier than appearances can tell. In November, she shared her story with us.

It all started in 2001. Ada was always tired, felt overweight and weighed 150 pounds. She embarked on a health & fitness programme to get in shape. She did get down to 106 pounds during 2001, but found it difficult to keep up.

“During 2016 May, I started a bet with my daughter Florence, as she teased me I that had a big belly and I had a frame (beauty belongs to young women and not for a middle-aged woman)”

The bet was – could you get your figure so slim you can wear a bikini?

“During the early of Nov 2019, I took the final bikini photos in Singapore (sorry, not available for public viewing). Florence declared her loss in the bet after she saw the photos during the middle of November.”

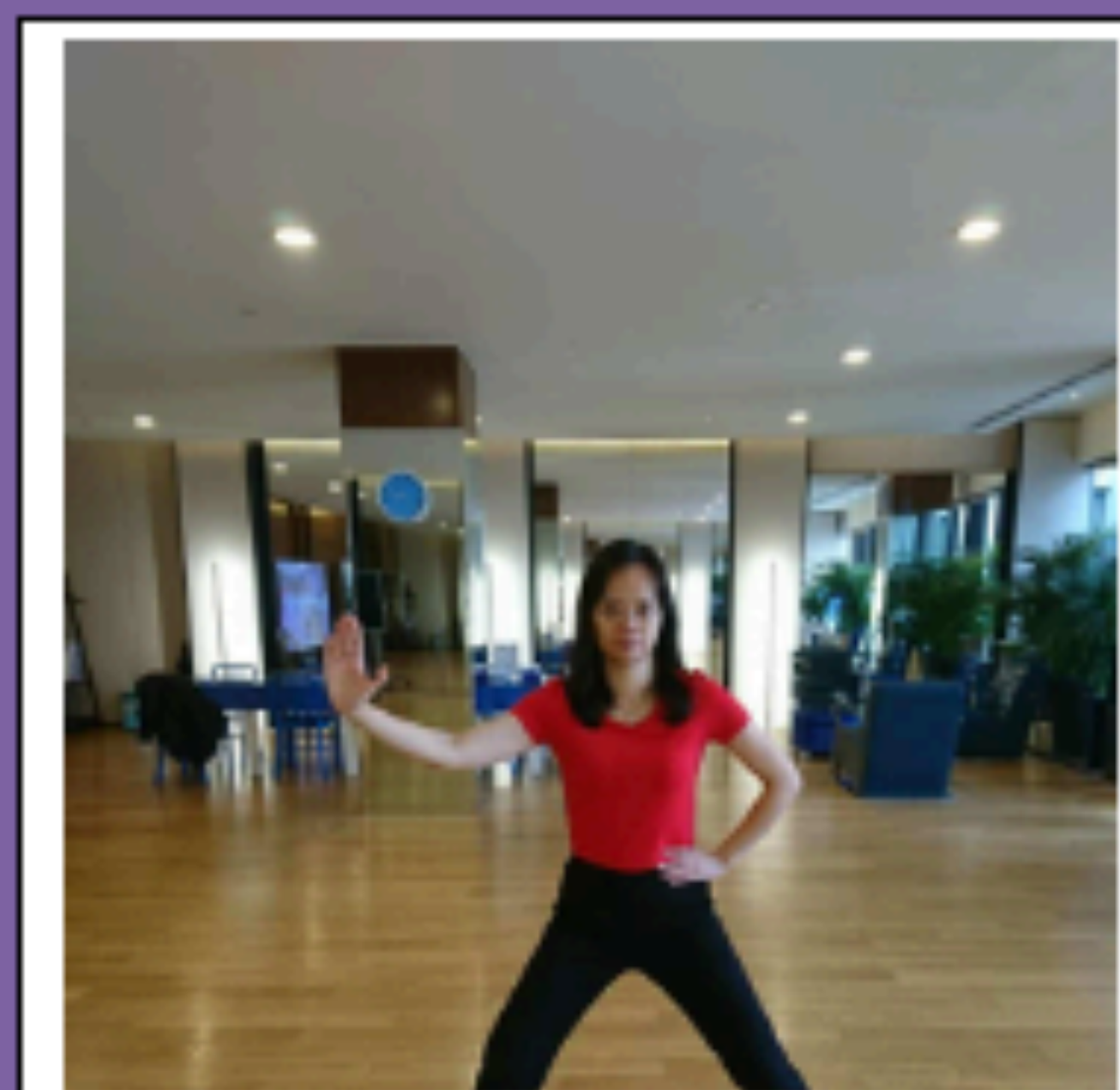
All in all, Ada has shown us that where there's a will there's a way (as long as there are no ice creams or desserts around).

We can all do it with determination and self awareness.

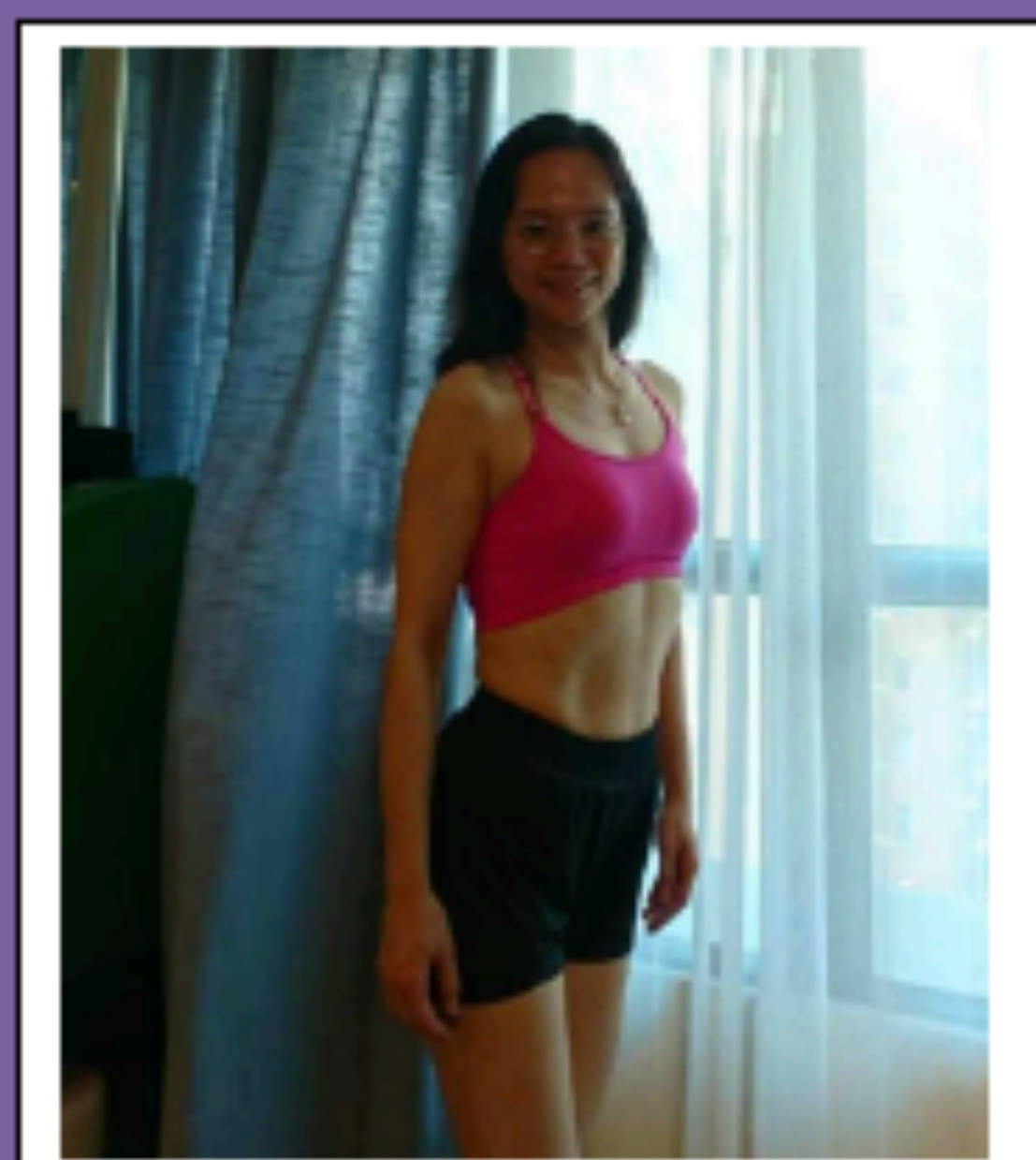
Before



During



After



International service

Director for International Services Ben Capell has been approaching his role with great determination since coming on board, researching possible areas we can help. He has just announced two new projects that our club will be involved in, so we wanted to find out more.



Tell us more about the projects Ben

“The first is in Mongolia and involves a Community Center Library (Ger Innovation Hub) a project for supporting the education of the rural population that, due to loss of livelihood, is migrating to Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia). There is a big shortage in school facilities there, and our support will help establish a learning centre for those in need.

The second project is in the Philippines and involves supporting the Cardio Vascular Surgical Mission there. This includes training local surgeons and medical staff to perform cardiovascular heart operations in rural hospitals where they lack these capabilities. The project also includes offering free heart operations to the needy poor population.”

Great work, how can we help as members?

“Well, money always helps. Each project needs financial support, and our club will be donating US\$1000, so every dollar we raise members can go towards doing some good. This continues our mission to serve others.

In addition, there will be opportunities to contribute also in presence. For example, when a club member travels to Mongolia, s/he can visit the center and we can check about the possibility to provide a lecture or discuss with the students. Also, people can bring donations, such as books. As for the project in the Philippines, our club members are invited to visit the Philippines heart center and see the work.”

How will we measure the success of our efforts?

“Firstly, we need to be realistic and remember that the money we provide is, of course, only a part of a bigger financial effort to support the project. Each project will have their own success criteria: The health project in the Philippines measures success using the health outcomes of operated children, number of children operated on and number of trained professionals. In Mongolia, success will mean that the centre offers children a safe and warm community space for their extracurricular learning activities i.e. available books, programed learning activities, overall operation.”

ROOKIE ON DA RADIO, YEAH!

For anyone who knows PDG Eric (so, basically that's all of us), it comes as no surprise to know that he's never been shy of a bit of publicity (understatement of the year) and especially when it comes to spreading the good word about what we do.

Recently he was invited onto RTHK radio to talk about the coming Rookie Stars Dance Contest 10th anniversary. (Photos: Eric with radio Ms. Wong, Vice Principal , 道慈佛社楊日霖紀念學校 Buddhist To Chi Fat She Yeung Yat Lam Memorial School, and (centre) Dorothy Lee, RTHK producer)



Meet the Member

Colin Chau



About me

I grew up in Australia and started learning Cantonese in university before coming to Hong Kong. Early in my career, I became a mentee to the then Chairwomen of Chinachem Group, Ms. Nina Wang, who gave me ample opportunities to learn from managing her investments, attending board meetings and establishing L'Hotel.

After Ms. Nina Wang passed away, I briefly worked in UBS AG and then moved onto helping a HK shipping tycoon to supervise his investment department as well as setup of policies & procedures to implement his single-family office.

Currently, I am with a startup company in managing global investment across asset classes with bespoke methodologies.

In my free time, I enjoy going out for jogging, recreational sports and meeting new people.'

About Rotary

"The symbol of a gear designed with 24 teeth, 6 spokes and 1 keyhole thoroughly describes Rotary with each Rotarian member being the key factor in every club.

Teamed with members within our Rotary Club, we could initiate good ideas for the benefit of society or mankind. If its effect were meaningful, the original club could work with other Rotary clubs to expand it geographically just like a gear-to-gear engaged to multiply the impacts.

When CP PDG Dr. Eric Chin told me of chartering a Rotary Club with experienced Rotarians (PP Chris Kyme & PP Peter Pang) and Elsa to be president, I felt it was time to rejoin the Rotary family after being away since 2015.

In Hong Kong now, it seems our future generations have displaced their aspirations; I hope to work with our Rotary club to stimulate positiveness back into youth & young adults."

About Life

"No matter what adversities you are encountering now, staying positive is the key for good things to happen. Keep smiling and let it boost the morale of others for a bright future!"

Meet the Member

P.Elsa Wong



About me

I am Managing Director of NEC Hong Kong Limited (NECHK), a leading Japanese based technology company in providing one-stop solutions/services for various industries in Hong Kong and Macau.

I got my Bachelor Degree in Engineering at the University of Sydney, and my Master Degree of Computer Science at City University. I completed my Executive MBA at Kellogg HKUST.

About Rotary

For me, Rotary links and connects people together. So far I have found it quite amazing to learn more about the Rotary network and how it can help the needy. As we move forward, I would like to learn more about how we can contribute to make the world better.

About Life

A person's capability is unlimited only if you stretch it.

Meet the Member

Jennifer Chan



About me

I am originally from Hong Kong, but I grew up in Holland, and hence I speak fluent Dutch. My business experience includes corporate banking in European banks, and today I am the founder and CEO of Delta-Think(HK) Ltd, which provides business strategy advisory advices to corporations for business expansion in public and private sectors. In 2010 I was selected as one of "China's 100 Outstanding Female Entrepreneurs".

About Rotary

I was invited to join the Rotary decades ago, and until very recently (4 to 5 years) my impression about Rotary was two-fold: a very well organized, good running charity organization that focus on local community services with mainly professional with respective age and dominated by male. This impression was changed by Eric Chin whom I know from HKGCC as fellow committee leadership. After joining his Facebook, I saw his involvement of setting up a younger and more female-friendly club. Another trigger point for me was the commitment involved. I knew no better than there will be a meeting once a week. With the travelling schedule there is no way I can comply with that. Eric reassured me that some new clubs only have meetings once a month. The last trigger point was that my older daughter went to university in Sept in year which enables me to free more time to do community service work. So I gave it a try. After joining our club I do feel the involvement is different than other NGO/networking organizations. The relationship between our members is closer, perhaps because we are all founding members of this club, but also the intensity of the activities. I am impressed by the organizational skills, professionalism and efficiency of our club, I mean given the limited resources and yet so many things have accomplished in such a short period. Simply Amazing.

For me, serving the community is the key reason to join. However, I already see the additional benefit to meet more friends, to get to know the extended Rotary family. I am so glad to see our club's effort to get connected to youngster and female, I am confident I can add value to them and at the same time I am sure I will learn a lot from them as well. So really looking forward to contribute in this area.

About Life

My life so far is not very typical. Born in HK, went to the Netherlands when I was 9 and then came back to HK after my university study in Rotterdam. Also the fact that my parents are from a rural area in New Territories and therefore still very traditionally minded (my father didn't want me to go to university as he was convinced that girls don't need to be educated), that made me to achieve something in life as a girl. Life philosophy is a big word. I tend to see the world as: nothing is impossible if you are adaptive and well prepared for it. In Dutch we have a saying: the road to heaven is better than the heaven itself. I have been so many fellow entrepreneurs working so hard the whole life and eventually get what they want but forget some other important things on their road to success, that is a pity. If we can enjoy all those little moments of happiness, life can be even more enjoyable.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Why does a club need a bulletin? Well for one it's a great way for us all to keep in touch with what's going on. It's our voice, the centre of our club community. But a club bulletin has long been an important factor in Rotary clubs all over the world. Have a look at the one here, 'The Pagoda', which was the bulletin of Rotary Club of Shanghai in the 1950s. What a fascinating insight into a club's history. One day, someone will be looking at this copy of The Point, and thinking "Wow, what was it like to be in that club at that time in Hong Kong?"



If you have any interesting topics for The
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