

Kingspark Snapshot



Kingspark Camp 2010 – 11 (16 – 18/7)

Supported by 11 members, friends and their families, our Kingspark Camp has been successfully held in Zhangmutou (樟木頭) and Qingyuan (清遠). With a total of 51 participants, we learnt and served through our visit to President Stephen's shoes & bags factory and painting of 'Little Bags' together with the children of a Children Home. By all means, we also enjoyed the Waterworld, exciting Rafting and visit of the Gold Dragon Cave full of stalactite (鐘乳石). With good food and unlimited supply of beer for the whole trip, special thanks must be extended to our IPP Michael and President Stephen who have bought us 'Qingyuan Chicken Meal' and '鱈龍宴' respectively.

Touching Sharing by Ms. Jade Kwan (關心妍) – Reported by Fiona, PR Committee

What a pleasurable and enjoyable evening with Jade in the house!

The RC of Kingspark had the honor to invite Ms. Jade Kwan, a female pop singer, to be our guest speaker at a joint club meeting with the RC of LanKwaiFong on July 21 at the Mira Hotel. With the participation of our Rotaractors and children, family and friends of our fellow Rotarians we had a full house of audience 50+!

Ms. Kwan's topic was "Positive Energy" and having listened to what she'd gone through since her childhood days to her bitter sweet journey as a pop artist and now an active supporter of gospel music and charitable acts her valuable sharing became that much more interesting and awakening.

Ms. Kwan's grew up in a single parent family and immigrated to Vancouver in her teens. As her mother was struggling through working day and night flying between Hong Kong and Vancouver

to support the family Jade was in quest for love. It was then when she first got to taste what she thought was love and care. As years went by Jade then realized these amiable friends she once hung out with were merely acquaintances because they weren't there for her during her tough times.

After graduated from university Jade participated in her first singing contest to pursue her dream as a singer and there she won her first champion. She officially joined the performance industry in Hong Kong two years later. With her gifted voice and fabulous singing techniques she received phenomenal feedbacks as a new artist and that same year (2002) she won most of the awards & champions in the local singing industry.

The miracle didn't last long. Due to various commercial and political reasons with her then record company Jade was very quickly became neglected. Much of a spiral effect, bad news came one after one and soon her popularity she managed to win over the previous two years started to fade. She had no records to produce and no events to attend. Just when the world turned its face from her a few "angels" appeared. These Christian friends of Jade helped her through her trough by involving her with different types of charitable activities to help those who were in needs. To Jade, there's no better circumstance to use her gifted voice to comfort and touch the souls of those who were less fortunate. For the first time in many years, Jade experienced love. Only this time around it was a different type of love. The love of giving, understanding, caring and supporting filled her heart and it was then she decided to make this her mission to spread around the message of love. When there is love, there is positive energy. When there is positive energy, the world would be a much better place.

Ms. Kwan's sharing is definitely one of the most impressive and touching stories I have heard in recent years. Her persistency with the search of her dream as a vocal artist, the pursuit of happiness and positive energy, the never-give-in attitude towards the malpractice throughout the entertainment business, and last but not least her willingness to share... Ms. Kwan surprised us by singing to us a song that was recorded in her last album live. That was such angelic voice and everyone in the room was touched. What was also amazing was that our youth and Rotaractors had raised many meaningful questions at the Q&A session following Jade's sharing and these questions also helped revoke our attitude and philosophy of our own lives.

Rotaract Installation

Last Saturday, President Stephen led us (Dominic, Edward, Joyce, Patrick, Peter, Ted and me) to attend the installation ceremony of our Rotaract Club. Being our service partner and one of the most active Rotaract Clubs in the District, our Rotaract Club has already produced 5 District Rotaract Representatives (i.e. equivalent to DG of Rotary Clubs) since its establishment. If you wish to know more about our Rotaractors, you are always welcome to join their meetings and activities.



Coming Up Events

District PR Workshop will be held on Saturday 7th August. I will be there and please feel free to let me know if you wish to join.

Our **Service Visit** to Kwan Kai Ming Memorial Chung Hok Elderly Centre will be held on Saturday, 14th August. Being a good opportunity to serve our community, please come with your family and register with PP Dominic.

An **Inter-city Meeting** in honour of Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith will be held on 17th August at Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hong Kong. As R.I. President will recognize both the Bequest Society members and Major Donors, please don't hesitate to let me know if you wish to become one of them.