

**Bio & Policy Statement**  
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It's been a fairly quiet year on the House Committee. The entertainment in the Club has been first rate, with special thanks going to Allen Youngblood and the wide variety of talented performers he continually spoils us with. Of course, who can forget the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and the amazing job that Hillary King and our quite outstandingly, remarkably (insert your own hyperbolic adverb here) capable FCC team achieved on the slimmest of budgets. And, of course, the Quiz Nights continue to run to packed houses – a special thanks to my cohorts in question-time, Marilyn Hood and Philip Nourse.

The big upcoming facility upgrade is the renovation of the ladies room, which will happen shortly. We actually took lengthy pains to actually garner actual comment from actual ladies. Although there will be an awkward 2 weeks or so of unisex ablutions, we believe we have addressed all concerns that have been long-suffered for so long, and we're confident the new Ladies' Room will be a joy to the eye...and nose – yes, all the plumbing is being replaced to solve THAT particular problem.

On the Charity Committee, which I've co-chaired for quite some time, our fundraising efforts go from strength to strength, allowing us, with the help of our generous donors, our educational advisors at HK Poly U, and the Po Leung Kuk, to continue the operations at the original Language Training Program at the Po Leung Kuk orphanage, the Children's Learning Centre in the Lei Muk Shue district of Kowloon, The Sprouts Foundation English Services Centre in Tai Wai, and just a few months ago, the Secondary English Services Centre in Tai Wai. These centres serve some of the poorest areas of Hong Kong, and a large group of children at risk of being failed by Hong Kong's notoriously rigid and competitive school system. This is in addition to our scholarship program for kids graduating from the PLK system. By now we have helped to make tertiary education possible for over 130 students since our inception 13 years ago. Perhaps most heartwarming of all is that the students who were inducted early on, are now in their 30's and have formed their own alumni society. The last 2 years they pooled

their own resources to contribute their own scholarship for a new graduate.

Last year, the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union joined us in supporting the PLK with a pilot rugby program for several of the PLK schools. This year, work has begun on converting space in Yuen Long into a rugby pitch for the use of this program.

For anyone unaware of the goals and activities of our Committee, please indulge me here and allow me to direct you to our website where more information, including this past year's Annual Report, can be found. <http://www.fcchkcharityfund.com>

The Charity Fund is always looking for more members to get involved in any way they can. Please get involved if you would like to help in the effort.

Last year's Ball was again a big hit. I totally geeked out being able to introduce Huey Lewis and the News on stage...but more importantly, we broke our previous fundraising record by bringing in HK\$10 million for the programs. I'm pretty sure with The Jacksons this year, we can top that again.

I know I've said it before (OK, I say it every year), but this project continues to be a helluvalotafun. But underpinning that is the profound satisfaction that we as a Club are helping to make a profound difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in Hong Kong.

And for that, all of us in the FCC can be proud.

I thank you for your support these past years and for your kind consideration in this.

Sincerely,

Andy Chworowsky