

**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Associate Member Governor  
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I repeat it often, as it remains true, that the management of the FCC is first-rate and, thankfully, requires very little interference from the Board. This makes our job on the Board generally smooth and uncomplicated. Sure, there's a tussle here and there, but despite our occasional ego-flexing, the operations team at the FCC elegantly and efficiently handles everything we throw at them. It has also been a true pleasure over my last 15 years as a member to get to know many many fellow members on a social basis and listen to complaints, criticisms, suggestions, and, yes, even praise for the FCC. As a member of the Board for the last 9 years, it has been a privilege to take advantage of these relationships and help to set a direction for the Club that most closely meets the needs of this highly diverse (and vocal!) membership. Although not every activity, program, menu item, or amenity suits everyone, the continued and growing membership waiting-list testifies to the fact that together we have all helped to create an outstanding venue – one that is inarguably envied worldwide.

Specifically, over the last year, I chaired the House Committee where the only major facility upgrades were new chairs and a new carpet for the Main Dining Room. Thankfully, we relied more on the taste of the other House Committee members than my own to help choose the colors and patterns. We've also continued to bring in a steady stream of entertainment and events – perhaps the most notable being the rebirth of the monthly Quiz Nights. Special thanks go to Annemarie Evans and especially Marilyn Hood for doing the heavy lifting on this and making my presenting of the quiz so smooth.

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, and the third learning 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 120 students since our inception 12 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. This past year they pooled their resources to contribute to their own scholarship for a new graduate.

This past year, the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union has joined us in supporting the PLK with a pilot rugby program for several of the PLK schools, and together with the British Lions will this year donate funds through our committee to convert and then operate 2 new rugby pitches for the use of the PLK school teams and the community at large.

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. INXS played for almost 2 hours, had the crowd dancing on the tables, and said it was one of the best gigs they'd played for many a year. This year, I get to geek out and meet Huey Lewis and the News – it's the 30th Anniversary (and re-release) of their album "Sports." (if it's possible to wear out a CD, I came close to doing it with this one in my 20s)

I know I've said it before, 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