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LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - 06 August 2014



PP Eddy Wong chaired our first dinner meeting of the rotary year of 2014-2015, and we were delighted to welcome six guests. PP Hubert introduced us to his better half Josephine, and also Sebastian, Sarah and Keith. PE William introduced us to his better half Fanny. President Norman invited his wife Isa of whom we are all familiar with, and also his DBA classmate Patricia.





We celebrated Uncle John and Kevin's birthdays. DG Belinda and PDG Anthony even came to wish Uncle John a happy birthday and a huge longevity bun (with many small longevity buns within it) courtesy of Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbor was presented as a gift. We also celebrated PE William's



wife's birthday with a special happy birthday song and cake. The birthday boys were also presented with the newest Rotarian gift, a special rotary flask.

The Red Box totalled \$1,900

in donations.

And it was in such good and happy company that we all enjoyed a rather sumptious seafood dinner, and we owe a special thanks to Rotarian Johnny for treating us with such lovely seafood at a special price.

IPP Jonathan shared his experience in France, which was not quite what we were expecting (see more about that elsewhere in this bulletin). It

in this bulletin). It turns out he was doing business with a Frenchman who was also a Rotarian, a member of the rotary club of Toul! The RC of Toul was also a club with similar history to Hong Kong Island East (approximately 60 years) and with 50+ members. They also



had just began introducing the monthly dinner meeting. So IPP Jonathan was warmly invited to their dinner meeting. You may check out the photos here.

Our guest speaker was Mr Tony Leung Hung Wah and he was introduced by Rotarian Charles. Mr Leung is a well known producer, director, screen writer and actor. He has produced many hit movies



including the famous 飛虎隊之人間有情starring queen of Hong Kong pop Sammi Cheng and later新房客which was nominated for the award for most creative producer.

Mr Leung was given token of thanks from RCHKIE and Rotarian Raymond gave the thank you speech.

The dinner meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm with a toast to Hong Kong Island East.

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Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

SPOTLIGHT ON - LIFE ASSOCIATION LIMITED



As well as being a well known producer, our guest speaker - director, screen writer and actor Tony Leung Hung Wah, is also the founder and president of Life . Association Limited (www.lifeal.org). Life Association Limited is an NGO with the mission of targeting to help the rehabilitation of young offenders, marginal youth as well as the minority groups in the society going through a

Human Reborn program, building up their confidence as well as providing them with skills on the show business.

Since the film classes started approximately two years ago, there have been two hundred and thirty students passing through the classes. There are two types of classes, beginners to advanced and also a graduated students' association. Many of the youth learn to respect others and are infused with new skills and hope as they learn to work together and work on a film project with limited budget. Although many of their films are mini projects, for some of the youth it is their first time to achieve something for a long time.

Mr Leung also shared his difficulties in starting his first class of 23 students. When he first started it was very difficult to engage the NGOs and rehabilitation centers to nominate successfully rehabilitated youths to join the class even though it was provided as a non profit service. This was because the centers were protective of the youth and there was risks involved in the youth relapsing to drugs and would ruin the center's reputation or may even harm innocent others'. After much convincing, Mr Leung got together a class of 23 students. He recalls he was very strict on attendance and discipline and that graduation of the film course was based on 12 weeks on good attendance with maximum two weeks' absence and the students' must be punctual. The first class was successful and 21 students graduated. They eventually staged a live drama at the Hong Kong Town Hall after 3 months of weekly practice, three times a week. The show ended with hope and the drama students in tears of joy and touched hearts.

Mr Leung believes that through his cause and educating marginal youths through film, it teaches the youths to

work in teams, to respect others, to dream and have hope for the future. Life Associations latest project is <u>酒青298-03</u>. It can be seen in cinemas currently at the HK Kitec.



A lesson on life

During this luncheon, it was planned for IPP Jonathan to share with us some of his experiences from his trip to France. Of course we were all expecting to hear about the delicious food and fine wines. But Jonathan shared a different kind of experience with us which, while somewhat harrowing, carried with it a very strong and meaningful message about life. About the preciousness of life and how we should treasure and make every moment count by fulfilling our time with what we truly enjoy and believe in.

IPP Jonathan had a close-to-death experience on his flight on Air-France to Lisbon. During that time his plane was constantly struck by lightning which caused the whole aircraft to be in emergency mode for more than 2 hours.

At one time the plane was struck so hard the air hostess was thrown into the ceiling and back onto the floor. The whole plane was dark and lights were flashing and people were screaming.



After moments of panic, IPP Jonathan decided that he would try calm himself down and immersed himself in a movie on his iPad. He focused all his attention there and was able to concentrate on the movie and forget about what was happening. After the two hours of near death experience, the plane was very lucky to evade danger and land safely. When IPP Jonathan stepped off the plane he was still in a daze. But, as he now recalls upon his return to Hong Kong,



he has a completely new outlook on and life and the world. His words of advice are, "When we are close to death we suddenly realize that previously we had focused our attentions and grudges on many things that were not important. Facing death, all of that which seemed so stressful and mind-consuming did not seem so important any more. Life is very valuable and we never know what will happen to us next. Thus we should make use every moment of our lives to do what we truly enjoy as life is so very precious." We should all drink to that, and needless to say we're all very happy to see our IPP Jonathan back with us safe and sound.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. Rotaract training seminar was held on Aug. 2, 2014 in HKCC campus. All three of our Rotaract clubs' officers have joined. DGN Eric chaired the training. Pres. Norman delivered his opening remarks. Rtn Chris and Sec. Avis also provided insights into how to promote activities and achievements and some excellent leadership training. PE William shared his experiences in project coordination and PE Shirley of RC of Causeway Bay helped out in the introduction session.



2. Pres. Norman and PE William will visit RC of Makati North during their installation on Aug. 13th, 2014..

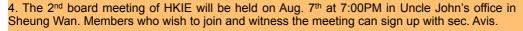
3. RI President Gary Huang will visit HK and Macau from Aug. 13 to 16. An Intercity meeting is organized on Aug. 15th, 2014. The board of RC of HKIE has approved to move our regular luncheon meeting from Aug. 13th to join the dinner Intercity meeting on Aug. 15th. All members are encouraged to join this event to meet our RI leaders.

Date: Aug. 15th, 2014

Time: 6:30PM

Venue: Regal Airport Hotel

Cost: HK\$650



5. Please be informed that John Germ is the choice of Nominating Committee as our RI President 2016-17.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ UNCLE JOHN, KEVIN & FANNY

THE LAST LAUGH

HOW TO SPEAK ABOUT WOMEN AND BE POLITICALLY CORRECT:

- 1. She is not a 'BABE' or a 'CHICK' She is a BREASTED AMERICAN.'
- 2. She is not 'FASY' She is 'HORIZONTALLY ACCESSIBLE.'
- 3. She is not a 'DUMB BLONDE' She is a 'LIGHT-HAIRED DETOUR OFF THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY.'
- 4. She has not 'BEEN AROUND' She is a 'PREVIOUSLY-ENJOYED COMPANION.'
- 5. She does not 'NAG' you She becomes 'VERBALLY REPETITIVE."
- 6. She is not a 'TWO-BIT HOOKER' She is a 'LOW COST PROVIDER.'

HOW TO SPEAK ABOUT MEN AND BE POLITICALLY CORRECT:

- 1. He does not have a 'BEER GUT' He has developed a 'LIQUID GRAIN STORAGE FACILITY."
- 2. He is not a 'BAD DANCER' He is 'OVERLY CAUCASIAN.'
- 3.. He does not 'GET LOST ALL THE TIME' He 'INVESTIGATES ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS.'
- 4. He is not 'BALDING' He is in 'FOLLICLE REGRESSION.'
- 5. He does not act like a 'TOTAL ASS' He develops a case of RECTAL-CRANIAL INVERSION.'

(Loved this one!)

6. It's not his 'CRACK' you see hanging out of his pants - It's 'TROUSER CLEAVAGE.'



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