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LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - 12 November 2014



At Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East we are accustomed to enjoying fine cuisine at our regular luncheon meetings, but this week the experience was taken to a whole new level – level 31 to be precise. Where we delighted to sample the creative delights of 2-star Michelin chef Mauro Uliassi. A 4 course meal at a special discounted price of \$500 through the special arrangement of PP David Li.

So while we were sampling the first delectable pleasures, President Norman declared the meeting open at about 12:50 pm and handed over the chairmanship to PP Uncle John Kwok.



Uncle John first introduced all the visiting Rotarians and guests as follows:

PP Francis Cheung from RC of Tsimshatsui,
Benjima Li (Mentee of PP Rudy Law)
Christian Davidson Li (son of PP David Li)
Isa Hall (wife of President Norman)
Christine Wu (wife of DGN Eric Chin)
Angela Wong (wife of PP Andy Wong)
Cynthia Leung (wife of PP George Leung)
Elsa (colleague of Teresa Ho)
Jackal Cheung (son of visiting Rotarian PP Francis Cheung)

Uncle John then announced a special warm welcome back for our member Gilbert Fung. There was no red box collection for today, there was no birthday boy either, and there was no formal speaker but - there was a 2-star Michelin chef! And Rtn Teresa then invited Chef Mauro Uliassi to come out to meet and



greet with us. He answered a number of questions raised by our members, taking the time to have a few photos with us before returning to the kitchen to prepare our food.

Paulus Cheung, the restaurant manager, explained the details of each course so that our members could fully appreciate the dishes and understand the essence of each.

In addition to the good food, we also had fine wines which were sponsored by LS Wine Group for our 60th Anniversary dinner and his director Charles Soulisse Plou was in the restaurant, and he also came in to greet our members. And it was after such a wonderful lunch, that the meeting ended at 2:30 pm.



Next Week the programme will be back to down to earth (well, back down to one of the usual venues) and the speaker will be our potential member Mr. WK So, who will talk to us about the Hong Kong Housing Market.



SPOTLIGHT ON: Chef Mauro Uliassi



Mauro Uliassi, 2-star Michelin chef at Senigallia in Italy is supremely talented with the cuisine of Le Marche, a region of Italy located on the Adriatic coast. He brings together classic dishes using ingredients from both land and sea, uniting them in a single language. With

fresh daily seafood from the Adriatic, he interprets the ingredients with modern techniques and polished recipes. But it's not all about seafood; the region is also famous for its game, fruit and vegetables.

Mauro Uliassi gained his first real kitchen work experience with Cordon Bleu Chef Lucio Capannari. Then, after several experiences at high-level restaurants and 10 years of teaching at the Hotel Management and Catering School "Panzini" in Senigallia Italy, Mauro and his sister Catia opened the "Uliassi" restaurant in 1990.

The restaurant soon became an authentic gourmet restaurant. Mauro's encounter with the great masters of Spanish cuisine Ferran Adria and Martin Berasategui represented another turning point in his career – a refined cuisine totally and exclusively dedicated to the no-frills, uncompromising enhancement of flavours.

His impressive CV reads as follows:

- Chef of the year 2000 and 2009
- Two Michelin Stars
- Fifth position of the Espresso Restaurant Guide
- Kunfenan Award in Goteborg 2008
- Member of Grande table du Monde
- Rated among the top 10 restaurants in Italy

For information, visit his website at:
<http://www.uliassi.it/index.html>



OUT & ABOUT

Leaders future and present

On Saturday November 8th, Rotarian Chris of HKIE joined a gathering of various future Rotary leaders at the Rosedale Hotel in Causeway Bay for the Rotary Leadership Institute Part 1. The day kicked off with an inspiring introductory speech by DG Belinda Yeung, followed by the first session from our own DGN Eric. Other presenters included PDG Anthony Hung and AG YC Ho. The run down also involved a spot of role play to explore the do's and don't's of running a Rotary Club meeting. Rotarian Chris represented our club well, asking important questions like "What time is lunch?"



Giving care

On Saturday November 8th, Pres. Norman, Rtn Kishu, PE William and spouse Fanny together with their friends joined the Care Visit, dropping in on six grateful families to deliver electrical appliances together with our goodie bags. Keep up the good work!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Rotary Happy run is scheduled on Nov. 30, 2014 at Shatin. Over 60 participants from the HKIE family will take part.
- AGM of RC of HKIE will be held on Nov. 26, 2014. Notice has been served via email. Please arrange your schedule to attend the AGM and elect the officers for 2015-16.
- The District golf tournament is scheduled for Dec. 19. This year is very special. We are playing the game with the Lions Club. There are only limited flights available, please register with Pres. Norman asap.
- 5th Board meeting was held on Nov. 12 at 7:00pm in Uncle John's office.

THE LAST LAUGH

A blind man enters a Lesbian bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a drink. After sitting there for a while the blind guy yells to the bartender: "Hey, wanna hear a blonde joke?"

A deathly silence transcends the bar.

In a deep, husky, menacing voice, the woman next to him says: "Before you tell that joke, you should know something. The bartender is blonde, the bouncer is blonde, and I'm a 6' tall, 200lb blonde with a black belt in Karate. What's more, the woman sitting next to me is blonde and she's a weight lifter. The lady to your right is a blonde and she's a pro wrestler.

Think about it seriously, Mister. You still wanna tell that joke?"

The blind man pauses to think, and says, "Nah, not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."



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