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LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - 03 DECEMBER 2014



We are entering the holiday season, a time of togetherness, of giving and rejoicing. So what better way to kick it all of with a joint gathering amongst friends and fellow Rotarians? On this early December evening meeting we



were delighted to share the company, as well as some very good wines, with members of Rotary Club of Lan Kwai Fong for an educational, enjoyable time.

Pres. Norman declared the joint meeting open at 7:55 pm, starting with a welcome remark for Mr. Brian Brown, The Managing Director of the International Trade & Investment office of British Columbia in Hong Kong. As well as our old friend, Ms. Mavis Yao from Rotary Club of Westwood Village in LA, and President Jacky and his 23 members of LKF. Also welcomed were the guest speakers of today, Mr. Charles



Soulisse Plou the Co-Founder of LS Wine Group, and his partner Denise Lam, PE of Rotary Club of Kwun Tong. There was no birthday celebration this week and the red box collection for today was HK\$900.



Rotarian Teresa introduced the speaker, Co-Founder of LS Wine Group, Mr. Charles Soulisse Plou, who is a French Canadian with not only a taste for adventure but also for wine.



fine wines he had brought along, with the description of the vintage and the characteristic of each wine. He also told us how he started his business in Hong Kong and his vision for his wine shop in the Gold Coast that he wants to bring to here.



Pres. Norman then presented a small gift to our speaker as a token of appreciation and Rtn Maggie Shum gave a vote of thanks to Charles

Following her

introduction.

Charles

introduced

himself and

we all tasted

some of the

a n d appreciation for his sharing and his kind introduction of himself and his family business.



Next week's speaker is Mr Victor KWOK, Senior School Development Officer (Career Guidance) and Dr Hanna LAI, School Development Officer (Career Guidance), they will talk about The Business-School Partnership Programme of the



Education Bureau. Besides the normal speaker, we have also invited Principal Lee of Choi

Jun school who will bring along 3 medalist of the Seoul Asian Paralympic game to have some sharing with us, so members please join us next Wednesday for this interesting topic.

The meeting was then adjourned at 10:00 pm with a toast to Rotary Club of HK Island East, Rotary Club of Lan Kwai Fong & Westwood Rotary Club in



LA , followed by a group photo session.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輸社週報 Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

SPOTLIGHT ON: Mr. Charles Soulisse Plou

Charles was educated in his family's own vineyard which measures around 100 hectares in the Loire Valley in France. He is the 20th generation of this winemaking family. In fact, his family used to deliver the wines to Francois the 1st (King of France, 1515-1547)!

During his business school in Paris, he want for an exchange program in the University of Florida in US. Charles travelled to Sonoma and Napa Valley to visit the vineyards for a couple of days. He did his internship in Miami and he participated at the 7th Annual Miami International Wine Fair.

At the end of his BBA program, he seceded to make his final internship in Shanghai (China) as he was very interested to be involved into the booming market in China. After his experience in Asia, he went with his father to Ireland to set up an exchange program between French and Irish schools to permit students to benefit from each others' culture.

Back home, Charles wanted to work in the winery's business, and he now realised how the world of wine was so fascinating. He dealt with multicultural customers such as Russian, American, British and Chinese.

After a few years of this, he wanted to obtain a final diploma and he want to the Bordeaux International Wine Institute for the sake of getting an MBA in Wine Marketing and Management. After his graduation, Charles wanted to go back to Asia so as to trade wine and spirits in the most diversified and multicultural of cities: Hong Kong.

He eventually started to promote his own family as Brand ambassador for Plou & Fils in Hong Kong to 'decodify' the language of wine and share its personal knowledge to the customers.

Charles' vision for Hong Kong

- A Private Cellar in a nice location -Gold Coast
- Bring a French atmosphere to Hong Kong
- Introduce the Hong Konger to the discovery of the Appellations
- Choose the best value for money wine
- Promote small & independent winemakers
- Communicate about the "Terror"









OUT & ABOUT

CARE VISIT



Through the Care Visit, we not only bring the necessary daily items to the family, it is more important to bring our warmth and care to them. The volunteers took time in each visit to listen to them. Most of these families are classified as low income, and some single parent families with children of special need and care. It is an invaluable experience for the volunteers especially the young ones to understand that there are many people out there waiting for support and care. While we are enjoying our privileges of having a decent life, we should spare our caring heart to those mostly ignored in the community. Hong Kong Island East will continue the service spirit by organizing more meaningful projects to reach out and to serve the community.

On Dec. 6, 2014, a sunny afternoon, Pres. Norman together with his 2 kids, Adrienne and Christian, joined the 3rd Care Visit. PE William and his spouse Fanny were also on the list of volunteers. Ms. Marsha Tung, who had joined our luncheon meeting a couple of times also joined the Care Visit team. As usual, we split into 2 teams on 2 separate vans to deliver the small electrical







appliances that the families have applied for, we have also prepared a goodies bag for each family. Since it is the Christmas season, we have also brought along a small Christmas present for the families with children to bring more joy with our visit.



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DISTRICT NEWS



New Members' Orientation Nite

Date & Time: Friday, December 12, 2014 18:30-21:30

Venue: Room 5-7, Craigengower Cricket Club, 188 Wong Lai Chung Road, H.K.

Cost: HKD300



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The 3rd Care Visit is scheduled on Dec. 6th afternoon.
- 2. Joint meeting and Christmas party on Dec. 17th. Lan Kwai Fong, Admiralty, Soho HK and Kowloon Central will join HKIE for the Christmas party. The venue is the ELCID restaurant in Causeway Bay. It will be a dinner meeting. The cost is HK\$420 nett. We can bring our own wines. Kids under 16 only pay HK\$280. It will be a great party, please bring your family and friends.
- Christmas carol singing organised by RC of HKNE and RAAS is scheduled on Dec. 14, 2014 in Tseung Kwan O. Anyone interested to sing or donate money, please contact Pres. Norman.
- 4. RC of Kawasaki South's 55th Anniversary celebration party will be held on April 7th, 2015. Those who are interested to visit our sister club, please register with Pres.

THE LAST LAUGH

On Proper English

In a Bangkok Temple

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

Cocktail lounge, Norway:

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

Doctor's office, Rome:

SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES

Dry cleaners, Bangkok:

DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

In a Cemetery:

PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS, FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations:

GUÉSTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE, OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.

On the menu of a Swiss Restaurant:

OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

In a Tokyo Bar:

SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS.

Hotel, Yugoslavia:

THE FLÄTTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE, IS THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

Hotel, Japan:

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

Advertisement for donkey rides, Thailand: WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON YOUR OWN ASS?

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: Every Wed. 1st week at 7:30 pm. Other weeks at 12:30 pm

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