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LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS - Feb 07, 2018

The meeting came to order at 1:01pm. Members attending were: PP George and his guest Rotarianne Cynthia, PP David, PP Hubert, PP Rudy, PP Eddy, PP Andy, PP Norman with Guest his wife Rotarianne Isa, Rtn. Tony, Rtn. Jason, Rtn. Kevin, Rtn. Freddie, Rotarianne Vivian, and P. Stacy. P. Stacy opened the meeting with sharing the highlights of the Hip Hop Rookie Star contest. It was a great event.

The club welcomed two Rotaractors, RAC THEI President Kenny and RAC District Committee Member Charlotte. Charlotte gave a mini presentation about the World Rotaract Week. PP George introduced the speaker, the speaker was Andy Ho. Andy Ho is the CEO of HK Dog Guide Association, with him he brought a guest name Jean and her guide dog Bella. Everyone in the room was so happy and also very engaged with Bella. Andy delivered a very through talk about Guide Dogs, the situation in Hong Kong, and possible obstacles that Guide Dogs encounter.



For example, there are 170,000 visually impaired individuals in Hong Kong, supposingly if 10% of all visually impaired individuals did infact have a guide dog, that would mean there would be 1,700 guide dogs in Hong Kong. Currently there are 27 guide dogs. Guide dogs are typically Labrador Retrievers. Labrador Retrievers are smart and more hardworking than other breeds. Furthermore, Labradors love their food so they are easier to train as well (with food as an incentive). When it comes to selecting Guide dog candidates – not all Labradors can be guide dogs...in fact by practice, selected guide dogs are likely to be 6th or 7th generation guide dogs (meaning that their parents and parents parents were guide dogs too!)



Jean shared her experience of having Bella in her life. For example, Bella helps Jean know when the elevator reached the ground floor.

Both Andy and Jean spoke about the obstacles of visually impaired in Hong Kong. There are varieties of visually impaired conditions, for example tunnel vision. People with tunnel vision can read their iphones...they can see close distances, so sometimes when they use a Guide Dog they are under so much judgement and scrutiny from the public. A visually impaired man and his guide dog were not allowed on the public bus in Discovery Bay and Andy had to go talk to the municipality to explain the situation.

The Q&A session was very colourful and even many of our members stayed behind after the meeting to speak with Andy, Jean and Bella more. Rtn. Freddie thanked the speaker. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05p.m.



RED BOX: \$800

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President

PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today's Red Box Donation

On February 6th 2018, Hualien in Taipei was struck with a 6.0 Richter scale. Our sister club the Rotary Club of Southsea Taipei is raising funds to support the relief effort. The Board proposed (and voted in favour for) the motion that today's Red Box February 14th 2018 will be allocated to Hualien Earthquake relief.

2. Butterfly Park tree Planting + Fellowship Lunch – Sunday, February 25th 2018

RI President has set a target that every Rotarian in this world plant 1 tree, and if that were the case there will be 1.2 million trees. On February 25th 2018, Area 3 Rotarians and Family will gather together to plant 400 trees (the target). The venue is:

Fung Yuen Nature and Culture Education Centre, 150 Fung Yuen Road, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong

Time: 9:30 – 12:30pm

Fellowship lunch afterwards

Our Club pledged to plant 50 trees, hence this is a free event!

To register please contact P. Stacy

3. District Conference – June 2 – 3 2018

District Conference is an Annual event that is a great way to meet other Rotarians in the District and find more about what it means to be a Rotarian! If you like to register, please contact PE Gilbert to register before the Early Bird deadline February 26th 2018.

THE LAST LAUGH

Be prepared to have a taste of your own medicine!

Huang Fu was a rich farmer who was terribly ill behaved and behaved very badly with his farmhand Chen. One day Huang Fu told Chen to buy him a bottle of wine, to which the poor farmhand pleaded that he had no money. Huang Fu being the man that he was, opined loftily, that anyone could get wine with money; but it would take real talent and skill to get wine without money.

Days went on. Chen kept thinking and brain storming as to how he can sort out this problem with the nasty Huang Fu. Then one day Chen went up to Huang Fu and handed him the empty bottle and smiled politely and wished that he hoped that Huang Fu enjoyed the heady wine.

Dismayed, seeing the empty bottle Huang Fu angrily asked Chen that how can one enjoy the wine when there was none?

Smiling, Chen replied calmly that just as it took real talent and skill to buy wine without money, similarly it took real talent to enjoy a bottle of wine when there is none in the bottle.

Huang Fu was aghast, choked on his words, but could not utter a single word more!

Therefore, always be prepared to test your own medicine.



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