

Last Week's Proceedings -29th June, 2005

This is a special day for President Rudy because it is the last day on which he will host the meeting as president, President Rudy said that he was particularly nervous because he had to give his report as president. However, he should not be, as his report was well written and reproduced below.

Before you read the report, the writer would like to record the following:

- Members observed that there were “lions at the gate”! Indeed, we met them everywhere, in the hotel lobby, lifts and the streets. They were referring of course to the big “Lions Club Conference” held in Hong Kong.
- Welcome back for PP John Kwok, who had been to the U.S.
- Very good wines were given by President Rudy (presented by Uncle Peter) to Team leaders.
- PP George gave an update report on the future of Victoria Park School for the Deaf. He was happy to announce that by skilful manoeuvre (as advised by PP Henry), our club managed to secure a resolution from the committee of the School to consider the proposal of allowing the present site of the School to be used by HKEDS. He stressed that the aim of our Club is to secure the present site for a worthy cause (and not to surrender it to the HK Government) and the Club is open-minded about any proposed use. Congratulations and thanks to VP Paul Chan, PP George and PP Henry for their hard work.

President's Report

Dear members,

Time flies, I am glad to have my presidential duty nearly done in a few days time, which is a pleasant one and with a fond memory.

Award Presentation

I have brought with me six (6) 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon and six (6) 2003 Chardonnay for the recognition of the following 12 members who have done marvelous job.

- **100% percenter (based on PP John's statistic)**

PDG Peter Hall	PP John Kwok
IPP Henry Chan	HT Laurence Chan
Dir Andy Wong	PE Eddy Wong

- **Team leaders (for their leadership in the last 12 months)**

Team One - Dir Andy Wong	Team Two - PE Eddy Wong
Team Three - Rtn Tony Loy	Team Four - Rtn John Yao
Team Five - Dir Jason Chiu	Team Six - PP Desmond Cheung

Outstanding Achievement of the Club and Our Members

- IPP Henry Chan –Individual Citation “Four Avenues of Service”
- PDG YK Cheng –The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award
- PP John Kwok – nomination to an award in District 3450 “Reconition of Rotarian of over 25 years of membership”
- HK Island East was awarded the District 3450’s Presidential Citation
- Tung Feng won the District 3450 English Bulletin Award
- [Thanks to PP John Kwok, and Dir Andy, the club has the Tung Feng bulletin being published weekly, thanks to PP Li for loaning us his capable Elsa Li as the editor.]
- Hosting the Inter-City Meeting on May 18, 2005 (with 230 people attending), in honor of TRF Chairman & Past RI President Carlo Ravizza (chaired by PE Eddy Wong & VP Paul Chan, assisted by PP John Kwok, Dir. Andy Wong, Rtn John Yao, and HT Laurence Chan, PP Li and our Chief SAA, PP Hubert Chan & MC – PP George). Thanks to the support of our 10 daughter and grand daughter clubs and AG Ada Cheng.

An encouraging remark from PDG Uncle Peter: *“After toiling and moiling in such a short period, I think we have accomplished a good job in organizing the Inter-City Meeting which is to my satisfaction.”*

Four Area of Services

➤ **Community Services**

1. Multimedia Room project (HK\$350,000) for the HK School for the Deaf (now renamed as Chun Tok School) was organized as our 50th anniversary as well as our club's Centennial Service Project. [Chaired by PP Hubert Chan & IPP Henry Chan]
2. Zhaoqing DuTou School Visit – the club sponsored 10 Lingnan University Rotaractors to do a summer school teaching there in July 2004; plus PP Hubert donating RMB10,000 for reading books, sport equipment, and arts & crafts items. PP Stephen & Watanabe SAN of RC Osaka Jonan donated HK\$4,000 bursary for pupil (HK\$2,000 each for 2004 & 2005).
3. The school council of Victoria Park School of the Deaf notified us that the Government would only allow the school to operate till August 2006, due to the future needs to integrate hearing repaired pupils to normal schools. Regarding the alternative use of the VPSD school premises in August 2006, VP Paul Chan was appointed to the school council and our board of directors had met in June 2005 and supported a proposal by the HKEDS, (meeting the training needs of the community, with the financial support of social welfare funds), to make full use of the school premises in August 2006.
4. The club had organized a X'mas BBQ party for the VPSD pupils and donated a bursary of HK\$5,000 to their needed pupils.
5. Bursary – With the William Ling & Bunny Wang memorial funds (in spite of low interest income), the club continued to provide HK\$5,000 bursary to the HK Polytechnic University, the HK City University. There was also HK\$5,000 bursary to the Lingnan University because of our support to the LNU Rotaract Club there. Meanwhile, there was a HK\$5,000 scholarship bestowed to United College of HK Chinese University, from previously committed funds.
6. Scholarship – PDG Uncle Peter also brought to my attention that there was a Rotary Foundation Scholarship in honor of our late PDG John Yuen, we would thank PDG YK to keep us informed and to advise us in future about how to assist in that regard.

7. The Rotaract Clubs of LNU and HK Island East – thanks to Dir. Andy Wong, he had spent considerable time to provide guidance to these young people. The LNU Rotaractors received a grant from the Rotary Foundation to sponsor their Taiwan exchange project.
8. We have fulfilled our goal of five PHFs as pledged for this Rotary Year.

➤ **International Services**

1. The Club donated cash HK\$40,000 and Dir. Jason Chiu was generous to match the Club and donated HK\$20,000 also to the District 3450 Tsunami Relief Drive.
2. In response to DG's request– our club had also completed a Sri Lanka Tsunami Relief Project in January 2005, shipping out condensed milk (1,398 kg, free), milk bottles (600, free), and instant milk powder (900 kg, purchased), thanks to our team efforts to get the project completed, with free Cathay Pacific air passage to ship there, for the local distribution by Salvation Army. Thanks to the personal contributions from HT Laurence Chan, IPP Henry Chan and PP John Kwok, each for HK\$10,000 for the purchase of the instant milk powder. [Chaired by PE Eddy Wong, assisted by Dir. Andy Wong & Rtn John Yao]
3. An encouraging remark from IPP Henry, *“We should congratulate ourselves for a job well done and we should be proud of our team. We all now have a story to tell our children and grand children to show them what Rotary is about and how much we enjoy Rotary.”*
4. The tree planting project in Angola (Equator) was cancelled, due to insufficient participation and the club expected to receive refund thereafter. from Melun (France) Rotary Club.
5. Rudy joined PP John Kwok and PP Tajwar to attend the RC Makati North annual event in July 2004.
6. We are glad to have PDG YK and PE Eddy representing us to attend the Centennial RI Convention in Chicago.

➤ **Club Services**

1. Christmas party – thanks to our ex-member Joseph Chan & PP John Luk to lead the X'mas carols.

2. CNY fire-side - thanks to HT Laurence Chan to host the Yuen Long Poon Choi special dish (盆菜)
3. The club has 35 members now and I regret not able to recruit new members in the past 12 months. Nevertheless, we look forward to some potential new members in next few months.
4. There were two joint luncheon meetings with RC Harbour (our daughter club), that was well attended by members and with fun.
5. The PDG Uncle Peter golf tournament was held in Fanling and PP Li, PP Andrew, and PP Hubert, who were the champion and the first and second runners-up of the year.
6. PP John Kwok also invited our members to visit his Zhongshan School project (computer room and PCs set up) and a golf tournament, a fun event for many of us.
7. We were happy to report that the 3-year audit between July 2001- June 2004 were being prepared by the Li Tang Chen & Co., CPA
8. The board of directors had also appointed Li Tang Chen & Co., CPA for the audit period of July 2004 – June 2005
9. The club is having sound financial health, with bank balances as of May 31, 2005 (based on a summary from HT Laurence Chan – a total balance in HK\$1,129,589.55).
10. Current Account – HK\$94,272.37
11. Saving, Statement Account – HK\$198,105.90
12. Fixed Deposit Account – HK\$623,710.46
13. Foreign Currency Account (Yen) – HK\$213,500.82 (HK\$ equivalent)

➤ **Vocational Services**

1. I wish myself & our club members would have spent more time to help organized some projects, dedicated to the Vocational Services. With so many member talents existing, I believe this could be an area that we might do well. Let us keep our fingers cross and hope for something better coming up soon.
2. Thanks to the guidance of PDG Uncle Peter and the many helps from our members. I am extremely fortunate to have the chance to work with the club and serve the community in the past 12 months. Let's look forward to a new leadership from PE Eddy soon.

Rotary Information

The Opening of the RI Chicago Convention

The 2005 Centennial Convention was duly opened on schedule in Chicago, USA, as per report by the RI World Headquarters.

In a festive and poignant opening plenary session, Rotary International President Glenn Estess Sr. and world leaders welcomed thousands of Rotarians to the convention with a call to “Celebrate Rotary”.

The program began against a panoramic backdrop of five gigantic video screens projecting stunning images and videos from Rotary’s past and present. Dancers and singers soon swooped into the area with a rendition of the popular “*Celebration*” bringing the crowd to its feet. “The great wheel of Rotary has turned through a hundred years and brought us back to where it all began” said Master of Ceremonies Roger Climpson of the Rotary Club of Lane Cove, Australia.

The in a stirring moment, five senior Rotarian brought to the stage the Centennial Bells which began journeys around the globe at the 2003 RI Convention. They called the Convention to order by simultaneously ringing the ceremonial bells. Adding a new twist to the traditional opening flat ceremony, a group of cyclists swarmed in on vintage blue bicycles carrying 168 flags from around the globe. The cyclists represented countries from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe and included new additions to the Rotary family Equatorial Guinea and Tajikistan.

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, U.S. President George W. Bush and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan sent video letters of congratulations. Annan praised Rotary for its hard work in polio eradication and for supporting peace. “You remind us of the true meaning of the word humanitarian, by uniting around the things we have in common as human beings.” I hope Rotary will keep going on and going strong for centuries to come.”

Calling the convention the “biggest family reunion in the world,” Estees discussed the Rotary Service Above Self ethic using a health project of the Rotary Club of Vapi as an illustration. “Rotarians never look at a problem, shrug their shoulders, and walk away,” Estess said. “They give the problem a hard look and then roll up their sleeves and get to work.”

A colorful video honored all of Rotary’s past president highlighting the organization’s one hundred-year history. After the video, dozens of past presidents, current and incoming directors and trustees, and their spouses came on stage to wave to the thousands present, representing the past and the future.

The plenary halls echoed with rhythm and color as the percussion group Jelly Eye performed. The acclaimed Trinity Irish Dancers and Grammy award winning duo of Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. concluded the festivities. Also apart of the plenary was a segment on the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004 that featured interviews with Southeast Asian Rotarians who were involved in the immediate relief efforts.

Sunday’s events also included the Race to the Finish 8K run/5K walk. Symbolizing the dedication and persistence of Rotary and its global partners in the race to eradicate polio, more than 700 runners and 3,300 walkers from over 80 countries – most of them Rotarians - laced up for the annual run/walk on Sunday morning to raise money for PolioPlus. The lakefront race near Soldier Field brought in an estimated US\$50,000 for polio eradication, according to Mike Ericksen, a Host Organization Committee member who set up the event.

In the men’s category, Scott Sommers, from the Chicago suburbs, was overall winner of the run with a time of 29.41 minutes. Isidro Cuexas, of Mexico City, came in second at 30.14 and Scott Favara third at 31.02. Cindy Moore, of Cincinnati, Ohio, topped the women runners coming in at 36.01 minutes. Sarah Newman finished second at 37 minutes, and Julia Poccia finished third at 37.02



LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A Doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water.

But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake."



