

## Last Week's Proceedings – 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2006

This was to be the last meeting of the Rotary Year 2005-2006 under the presidency of President Eddy. Welcome Back to PP John Kwok who had been to California, USA.

President Eddy started the meeting with a reminder of the boat trip organized by PE Paul on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006. Obviously, there will be more news of that later on.

PP David then conducted an auction of 2 very different items. Firstly, there was a book written by Mr. Joop, a fellow Rotarian, called "Far East of Amsterdam". Mr. Joop had been in Hong Kong for a long time and his book must be fascinating. President Eddy had the privilege of winning this at the price of HK\$200.00

The next item was a vintage brandy, which had been around for quite awhile and should therefore taste wonderful. Rotarian Charles won this for HK\$300.00

Adding the sum collected from auction, the total collection came to HK\$2,000.00.

Then came President Eddy's report which is reproduced below:

Dear PDG Uncle Peter & YK, Past Presidents, fellow Rotarians & Guests,

Time flies and I still remembered clearly that I presented my 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Report to all of you on 6 July 2005. In the past 51 weeks, the board and myself had worked hard to achieve what our goals we have set at the beginning of this Rotary year. It is not an easy task to complete so many things in a year and if without the dedication of all members, we could not achieve the results as of today.

When I took up the presidency, I realize that membership is a critical success factor to our Club. Thus, I specially assigned PP Tim Lui as the Membership Director, a post that we seldom have somebody fully responsible for the duties in the Club. Thanks to the cooperation of all members, we have successfully inducted 5 new members in this Rotary year. Most of these new members

are actively involved in the Club Affairs recently. This also helps us achieve the District Goal of reaching ONE NET Member gain by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006. For this reason, we got 2 District Awards and 2 RI Awards on this area.

They are:

From District 3450:

1. Award for Highest Membership Growth (in number)
2. Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Membership Growth (in percentage)

From Rotary International:

1. Membership Development and Extension Award (in grateful appreciation for contribution made in membership development by achieving the highest retention rate in District 3450 during 2005-2006)
2. Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives (for its innovative approach to membership growth and development during 2005-06 in RI District 3450)

I hope the Membership work will continually prosper in our Club so that new blood and successors can be cultivated from time to time. Thanks to all the new member introducers and Membership Director PP Tim Lui's hard work.

In this Rotary year, we have completed two Community projects. The first one is "Hebei Education project for poor female pupils in the mountain area". We have successfully solicited about HK\$150,000 for the tuition fee of 150 female pupils to complete their primary education in the following 6 years. The benefited pupils were all from two provinces close to Beijing. PP George and I made a visit to these schools and paid visit to the students and found that our money solicited was very worthwhile spending on this new generation. Thanks to PP George, HS Andy and all the donors to make this project a success. Our Club will continue to follow up the progress in the coming 5 years. The project also won the "Best Literacy & Education Award" in the 46<sup>th</sup> District Conference.

The second one is related to "Water Resource". Through the cooperation with World Vision, we sponsored to build "Boreholes and Motorized Pumps in a community in Kenya". The project will benefit 10,000 to 20,000 people to have clean water to use in the future. I have to thank PP Hubert for his generous sponsorship for the funding requirement of this project. Without his support, the project cannot be tied together with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. This meaningful project also won the "Best World Community Service Award" in the 46<sup>th</sup> District Conference.

With no doubt, the persistence and hard work done by various teams in our Club, we have produced our Newsletter "Tung Feng" week by week. Its extensive coverage and interesting content attracts readers not only from our Club but also many other Rotarians. They are always longing from our Newsletter in the web. We have never missed any issue so far and the good record helps us to win another award "Best Club Bulletin (English) Award" in 46<sup>th</sup> District Conference.

For the Rotary Foundation contribution, I have to thank our Chairman PDG Peter Hall for his coordination and hard work to achieve our 5 Paul Harris Fellow goal this year. We are one of the 23 Clubs that can fulfill our Rotary Foundation commitment in this year.

Originally we planned to visit our sister club, Rotary Club of Makati North in July last year. However, it was cancelled due to unstable political situation in Philippines at that time. Subsequently we paid our courtesy visit to Rotary Club of Penang in order to attend their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This visit helped us understand more about the club development of this sister club in Malaysia. In May, I also led a delegation to RC of Shanghai to attend their Gala Dinner and Fund Raising Golf Tournament. It was a lot of fun and also had an opportunity to witness the Rotary movement in Mainland China. Although we expected visits from RC of Osaka Jonan and Penang throughout the year, they could not make it and we could not show our hospitality to our Sister Clubs this year.

In April, our Vocational Services Director Jason had arranged a very interesting visit for us to the Hong Kong Note Printing Company in Taipo Industrial Estate. It is a very educational project. After the visit, we also have an enjoyable fellowship in Shenzhen with all the participants. Thank you very much for Director Jason's arrangement and hospitality.

In 2005-2006, our Administration Team, the Secretary, Treasurer and Club Services Director, had done a lot of behind the scene work. They have worked hard to make sure everyone receive the Meeting Notices, collect all Club dues, make sure all the bulletins ready for you during the luncheon. They are someone who did a lot of work but nobody may know. I would like to thank Hon. Secretary Andy, Hon. Treasurer Laurence and Club Service Director PP John Kwok. Without their continuous contribution, our administration will not function so smoothly in the past months.

In 2005-2006, we also have a few rotarians who have been actively participated in our Rotary functions and qualified as "100 Per Center" of this Rotary year. Before I presented to those 100 Percenters, I want to recognize those borderline cases and they are:

Rtn Tony Loy	93%
Rtn Norman Lee	91%
HT Laurence Chan	91%
PP Henry Chan	91%
PP Tim Lui	85%

In order to encourage them to work harder in next term, I also have souvenirs for them.

Following are the true 100 Percenters:

PDG Peter Hall  
PP John Kwok  
PP Stephen Liu  
IPP Rudy Law  
HS Andy Wong  
And myself.

I would like to invite them to come out to receive a souvenir from myself in order to recognize their active participation in the past 12 months. They are all role models for other Rotarians. I hope you'll challenge yourself to be a 100 percenter in the coming Rotary year.

**PAUSE FOR PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIRS**

During my presidency, I think I owed a lot of the dedicated rotarians. They are:

1. IPP Rudy - He has shown great support and prompt response to my requests. I thank him very much for his patience and endurance on me.
2. Advisor PDG Peter – He has persistently reminded me of what I may have overlooked throughout the year. This helped me avoid many possible mistakes. Thank you Uncle Peter.
3. AG Hubert – He has guided me from the District level and assisted me in all levels within the Club by introducing members and financially supporting the Club for a smooth running. I thank him from my bottom of my heart.
4. Of course, all the hardworking Board Members.

In my term of office, I have to also say thank you to all HKIE members for your full support in helping us either organize the projects, or financially contribute to projects. Your generous supports made us ease the financial pressure for the projects and Club financial situation. Your participation in our activities also made the Club become more popular. From my observation, those who love to join, they will be here and there. Although we actively urge members to join various activities, we still cannot move most of the members to step ahead and participate in more activities other than normal luncheon. In order to create higher team spirit, I do hope our members can participate more in Club and District activities so that you will know more about Rotary and gain more from the organization. Active participation will definitely help you become a better Rotarian.

Since the average age of our members are above 50, I can see that there is less energy level than the members of other Clubs. Perhaps most of you are heavily in their business and family commitment, we could not easily push you to join more recreational, or social events together with fellow rotarians or friends from other Clubs. However, I think we need more opportunities to create fellowship.

Participation in Rotary is utmost essential for you to become a true Rotarian. I hope all HKIE members should seize the chance to participate more so as to show your support to the Club and the board members. This echoed my quote for the story in my 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Speech:

“When did you become a Rotarian?” Because it is quite different from the answer of the question “When did you join Rotary Club?”

I hope all members will remember this story or at least to find out the true answers and their respective dates for themselves.

In this term, I am proud that with the assistance of all of you, our Club also won the “Presidential Citation” for 2005-2006. The certificate and awards are here. This is the glory for ALL OF US. I hope you will feel the pride as well.

The slogan of Rotary International in 2005-2006 is “Service Above Self”. Although the term is gradually to an end, I hope the spirit of “Service Above Self” will always be in your heart.

The curtain is down today but it will soon be open again in July for President Elect Paul. At that time, our President Elect will “Lead the Way” and hopefully bring our Club to another level of success. I enjoyed being your President in 2005-2006, but it was the journey that I treasured, not just the title or position. Through this journey, I know more about Rotary spirit, more about COMMITMENT, FAITH & TRUST, and FRIENDSHIP AND UNSELFISH CONTRIBUTION.

Last but not the least, I truly believe that PE Paul will try his efforts to create a new horizon for all of us in the coming months. Wish him all the best and

Thank you!!!



## Rotary Information

As announced in the last issue of this bulletin, an excerpt of economist, Jeffrey Sachs' speech is reproduced hereunder for members to share his view..

“There is a common ground between Rotary’s vision and the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals, which outline a bold, global plan for world free of poverty, disease, and hunger by 2015, said the 14th June keynote speaker at the 2006 RI Convention, economist Jeffrey Sachs. “Our generation is the first in the history of the world that can realistically say that we can lead to the end of extreme poverty on the planet to our time,” said Sachs. Besides being the renowned author of *The End of Poverty*, he is the special advisor to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and head of the UN Millennium Project.

Eight Millennium Development Goals were adopted by all of the world’s leaders in September 2000. Sachs called the goals the only true route to peace on the planet at a pivotal moment in history.

The biggest obstacle in accomplishing the goals, he said, is defeatism on the part of world leaders – a group who doesn’t understand the connection between the goals and global peace and security.

“Many of leaders say we can’t even get started” he said. “I don’t know if speaking to the world’s leaders helps, but speaking to you does help. You are truly the world’s leaders.”

He likened the program’s courageous goals to Rotary’s ongoing partnership to eradicate polio. “It is your example of action that I use every day to try to convince world leaders, communities, and businesses that we can accomplish these great goals,” Sachs said. He praised Rotary’s community-based network of Rotary clubs as an admirable model of how to get things done for the good of humanity.

Some 78 Millennium Villages in 10 African countries are serving as models for the goals program. He urged Rotary clubs or districts to partner with the villages for straightforward projects, for example, providing inexpensive bed nets to fight malaria or even setting up village clinics.

“Rotary is the on-the-ground service provider. It’s the one that gets into the villages.” He said. Your demonstrated leadership in putting the drops of vaccine into the mouths of children in all parts of the world is the model of service to bring an end to extreme hunger and disease.”

“I want Rotarians all over the world to know, please count on me. We count on you,” he said. “Thank you so much for what you do.”

Sach invited Rotarians to contact him with questions or to get report.

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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

**"Stirring Pasta"**

Maria had just gotten married and, being a traditional Italian, she was still a virgin. On her wedding night, staying at her mother's house, she was nervous. But her mother reassured her.

"Don't worry, Maria. Tony's a good man. Go upstairs and he'll take care of you. I'll stir the pasta." So up she went.

When she got upstairs, Tony took off his shirt and exposed his hairy chest. Maria ran downstairs to her mother and said, "Mama, Mama, Tony's got a big hairy chest."

"Don't worry, Maria," said her mother, "all good men have hairy chests. Go upstairs. He'll take good care of you. I'll stir the pasta." Up she went again.

When she got up in the bedroom, Tony took off his pants exposing his hairy legs. Again, Maria ran downstairs to her mother, "Mama, Mama, Tony took off his pants and he's got hairy legs!"

"Don't worry. All good men have hairy legs. Tony's a good man. Go up stairs and he'll take good care of you. I'll stir the pasta." Up she went again.

When she got up there, Tony took off his socks and on his left foot he was missing three toes. When Maria saw this, she ran downstairs. "Mama, Mama, Tony's got a foot and a half!"

"You stay here and stir the pasta," said her mother. "I'll go upstairs!"

