

## Last Week's Proceedings - 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013

Our first luncheon meeting of the Rotary Year 2013-2014 began with IPP Nancy handed over the sash to President Jonathan who then kicked off his maiden chairmanship of the luncheon meeting with a big warm welcome to all 24 participating members and 5 guests. President Jonathan gave his opening speech:

IPP Nancy, PPs, fellow Rotarians and Guests,

Thank you and welcome to our 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon for the Rotary Year of 2013-14, it is my great privilege and honor to take up the post of President for Hong Kong Island East and join hands with you in serving the Community.

Rotary is all about services and fellowship, we have a great history of 59 years in giving service projects to the community and building great fellowship with our members and member's families.

Both active members and new members are the treasures of our clubs, so we must engage every members of our clubs to participate in our service projects, regular luncheons and fellowship event, I hope this year my service project and fellowship function could attract every Rotarian in our club to join at least one of our events.

As I mentioned previously throughout my dinner gathering with PPs, board members and officers, one of my major tasks is to gather all our active and current members, enhance our attendance by promoting good fellowship, service projects and gathering, I shall present my coming program of my year in next week luncheon, so members please come and give me advice and comments next Wednesday.



#### THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST LTD. 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

This coming Rotary year will be our Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I know that having a history of 60 years is not easy, our club has a lot of great leaders such as our PPs, throughout the years they all have contributed their time, money and efforts giving our club a great 59 years of great fellowship and services to the community.

I truly believe without the support from all PPs and Rotarians I will not have an opportunity to become a President from a Club that holds such strong history of success. I treasure this great opportunity to service our club as the President of the 60<sup>th</sup> Year, I shall do whatever I could to contribute to our club's success, and with the support from our board members and officers, we shall make a sparkling rotary year to come.

Last but not least, I will do my utmost to carry on the fine traditions of our club and continue giving good services to our community, and fellow Rotarians please do not hesitate to come to me with any advice and opinions, I shall adhere to all your comments. Thank you.

After his opening speech President Jonathan then introduced his guests being Rotaractor Ryan Tsang, who is also his personal assistant, and Charles Man, our potential member to be inducted next week. Then Hon. Sec. Carl Yau introduced his guest Sigma Leung and PP Eric Chin introduced his two guests being Rev. Benjamin Chan and Principal Alan Chow from CCC Kung Lee College (Principle Chow is the former Principal of our adopt-a-school Holy Carpenter Secondary School). We all put our hands together to welcome our guests.

We also welcomed back our Rtn. Francis Li, PP David Li, PP George Leung, PP Heman Lam, PP Tim Lui and Rtn. Sharon Lamport.

Then President Jonathan proceeded to unveil the new Sign Board showing the Rotary Theme and Logo of our Rotary Year of 2013-14.

PP Heman Lam was asked to report the result of the PP Hubert & PP Stephen Golf Tournament held on 24 May 2013. Then PP Stephen Liu presented the prize for the winners present at the meeting included Dir. Kevin Leung, Dir. William Wong, PP George Leung, PP Norman Lee & PP Uncle John Kwok.

Today we celebrated the belated birthday of Rtn. Francis Li with PP Tim Lui and PP David Li being chosen as the song leaders, followed by the birthday cake cutting.

President Jonathan made his announcements as follows:

- 1 Next week's luncheon on the 10th of July will be our club installation, we have invited District Governor Eugene Fong to come, and we will also induct two new members and I will give a speech about 2013-14 year plan of service projects.
- 2 District Installation will be held on next Saturday 2-5pm, 13 July at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and it is already **Full House**, total registrants have surpassed 580, and our club will have 14 members to attend.
- 3 Our member PP Hubert has been discharged from hospital after a minor operation and is in a fast speed of recovery.
- 4 Our Club's first Service Project is the visiting of our club's sponsored School in Fengkai 封開, Zhaoqing 肇 慶 together with HK Community College (HKCC) Rotaract Club (RAC), from July 6 to 9, 2013. Dir. William and I will lead the team, we have now 21 participants including myself, Dir. William & spouse Fanny, PP Henry, PP Rudy, Community Service Chair Kevin, Pamela Kwok, HKCC Professor and 13 students from RAC HKCC.

Special thank to PP Hubert who sponsored HKD10,000 for the stationery to the students, and special thank to PP Henry who sponsored HK\$10,000 for our Rotaractors' traveling expenses, also thank you Dir. William for arranging the whole trip for us.

5 District has informed that the Board of Directors of the Rotary International (RI), at its June meeting in Lisbon, has reached a decision regarding redistricting of D3450 which places Guangdong Province of

People's Republic of China within Rotary District 3450 and accordingly the boundary description of D3450 is revised as follows:

District 3450 HONG KONG, MACAU, MONGOLIA, and The PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—Guangdong Province.

\*\*In accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.015, the General Secretary is requested to notify the clubs in District 3450 of the change. Any clubs in D3450 that wish to object to the decision should send their objection to RI within 30 days ......6th July.

6 Our sister club Rotary Club of Makati North President Christophe Bellinger would like to invite our Club to join them at Le Cabaret (less expenses), to be held at the Dusit Hotel, in Makati on 14 September 2013. This event is being organized by his wife's Theatre as a fund raising for their feeding program, but it will also serve as President Christophe formal induction. The proceeds of Le Cabaret will all go to their feeding program. Members who are interested to join please enroll to Hon. Sec. Carl Yau on or before 12<sup>th</sup> July.

After President Jonathan's announcements our Sergeant At Arm Jonah Cheung reported a total collection of Red Box amounted to HKD 2,800 today included the handsome contributions from our President Jonathan and our birthday boy Francis Li.

Then come the highlight of today's meeting for President Jonathan to deliver his vocational talk.

He took the opportunity to let us all to know more about his background, experience and family, and also about what his father had taught him when his father was still alive, for example his father always reminded him that "you must remember where do you come from". Highlights of his vocational talk are summarized as follows:

My grand father George Lamport was born Gontran Serge Lamport in Mauritius 1894. My grandfather sailed from Mauritius and jumped ship in Shanghai in1912. He would have been no older than 17 at the time. He found employment with the Chinese Maritime Customs from May 1912. His grandmother gave birth in Shanghai to Auntie Cathy, Uncle Johnny, Auntie Lulu, My father Willy (also known as Bill / Wellie / Flicker Lamport), Auntie Nora and Uncle JamesMy father, Uncle Johnny and Uncle James have passed away and my three Aunties healthily living in the States now.

I was born 1973, October. I have a family of four, my wife Emmy, two sons Jayden 6 years old in Oct, and Brenden 3 years old. Below is the brief history of studies and works:

- Graduated from King's College Hong Kong in 1990 when I was 17 years old
- Original study plan was further study in overseas
- Oct 1987 economic crisis hit my family (the Black Monday global equities market crash)
- Due to financial difficulties, I decided to start my Career instead of continue study
- My mother went back to work to support my younger sister, she was 12 years old at that time
- I decided to move out and rent a single room taking care of myself not giving my family further financial pressure when I was 18
- My first job was an office assistance (office boy) hired by a traditional trading firm located in Sheung Wan
- My duty: Took care of all general office works such as warehouse labor, tea lady and messengers etc..
- Luckily I have chances to communicate with lots of overseas customers and learnt a lot of experiences in import/export business which helps me to run my own business later
- From 1991 to year 1996 I stayed in trading field but switched to different field of trading including metal trading, time pieces, clock movement trading, garments etc..
- In year 1996 to 1999 I moved to new field when I was 23 which is property selling
- In 1996 to 1998 I was hired by Hong Kong Property, and left Hong Kong Property when I was a branch Manager and joined Jones Lane Wootton (later called Jones Lane LaSalle) in the same year
- When I was doing quite well in Jones Lang I met my first big change of my life
- Around mid of 1999 I was 26 years old I was approached by a stranger who is a Singaporean entrepreneur, he introduced himself a deal maker
- He hired me as his Personal Assistant and needed me to leave Hong Kong within two to three weeks and work with him in the States
- I accepted his offer and left Hong Kong within two-three weeks

- I was hired by him related to a Company called E-cell Technology
- E-Cell Technology was a JV with Hong Kong listed Company Kwong Sang Hong (0535) and a Company called AMP Inc a Fortune 100 firm at that time
- E-Cell was funded by Kwong Sang Hong at that time
- I worked as a PA and also a General Administrator in E-Cell US Home office located in Reston, Northern Virginia, USA
- My duty is to set up the operating offices in US, also serving 13 board members all over the world, I am the only full-time employee at that time
- E-Cell develops DSL modem marketed Asia, at that time most of the people in Asia are using 56k dial-up model
- The founder of E-Cell who was my biggest boss is an Indian named Javad Hassan, when I was in the States, I am his driver, cooker, cleaner and also the coordinator between US and Asia
- I was quite happy working in the States, learning a lot of things which I never encounter in Hong Kong before
- I returned to HK to extend my VISA after 6 months, however, in year 2000 the IT crisis, dot-com stocks were overvalued, which created an "Internet bubble"
- E-Cell lost his continue funding From Kwong Sang Hong after the bubble burst, I forced to stay in HK and later the JV was terminated, and I lost my job
- In year 2000, I was down and out, hardly to find a job, months after months
- Instead of sitting at home, I tried to work all kind of jobs
- Finally, I hired by a chain promotion company, started to be a door to door salesman, street salesman
- Throughout 9-12 months, I have been selling Broadband network in all commercial and industrial area in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories
- I also sell pizza coupon in the street such as Star ferry, MTR Station, Mong Kok etc..
- During that period of time, working 15 hours a day, earning less than 10k a month, I learnt how to maintain good attitude in any situations and what meant survive
- My saver came in year 2001, it was my father, at that time he was semi-retired and own a small trading company named Lynter International Ltd. with a small turnover and barely able to hire one staff
- We have no office and no staff, at that time I was living alone in a small studio, so I make my home as Lynter's office
- I started with a small salary just barely survive but Lynter provides me a very big platform to implement different new business ideas
- From 2001 to 2003, most of the time I stationed in China monitoring the productions of our associated factories, I lived in ShanDong Laiwu and Laixi, Hebei Shijiazhang and Handan, Hunan ChangSha etc., during that period of time I have learnt the technology of factories and different business culture in Southern and Northern part of China
- In 2003 I made an important face to face meeting with our biggest customer in France and gave him my new proposal
- From 2003 to 2007 I have built Lynter 15 times bigger than the year I joined, my father was delighted and fully retired in year 2005-2006
- In year of 2008, another global financial crisis hits us, mainly hits the US and European market, our customers got burned as well and we took times to recover
- Indeed, the crisis was strong but we stayed strong, and we are still one of the biggest supplier of casting manhole covers in Europe
- In year of 2010 my father passed away, and I continue the business till now
- In 2007 we have diversify our business into 3 areas
- First area is our core business, exporting casting products such as Manhole covers, fittings and pipes to European market
- Secondly we represents other friendly factories and be their distributor in Europe such as LED indoor outdoor lightings and construction materials
- Third area, we provides consultant service for European cooperation who interested to setup a procurement base in China, we provides logistic, quality control and staff training etc..
- We are the bridge for our European customers, we provide them the ground work and help them to build their procurement foundation in China, helping them to understand the working and the procurement culture in China.

Many photos have been presented to recap both the snapshots of the past and the present regarding his family and his works.

President Jonathan ended his vocational talk with a conclusive speech as follow:

I would like to make a conclusion before I end my today's talk, I will be 40 this year and I am lucky that I have lots of mentors in my life. I have a lovely family, lots of good friends over the world, and have the experience in involving different kind of businesses, presently my future goal is take good care of my family especially my two sons, keep working hard with good attitude, do services to community through Rotary and have a good balance in life.

Last but not least, my father Rtn. Bill is the one who introduced Rotary to me, in my childhood, I didn't see my father often, sometimes once a week, sometimes twice a month, but thanks to him, I am armed with different skills and knowledge that I could never learn from school.

I remembered he brought me to a night club when I was 13 years old, and before he passed away we still visit several night clubs occasionally, sometimes with friends, sometimes with business partners and sometimes only him and me, he educated me by showing me in actions all kinds of social skills and people relationships throughout our night lives, and those useful skills are very important and useful when I travel around the world making business globally.

Due to his non-traditional father and son's educations, it helps me walk through a lot of difficult moments in life, he influences me a lot of how to be a good person with a good heart, he shows me good attitude when down and out, and how to be a fighter in front of competitors, also, he always pound to be a Rotarian and take every Wednesday luncheon an important occasion before he moved and lived in China, I truly believe in him and always keep in mind as my guidance in life. Thank you.

President Jonathan also shared with us lots of his family photos and also the photos and process of his current business and attracted a few interesting questions and answers with our members after his talk which was well received by all participants.

After we all put our hands together again to thank President Jonathan's vivid presentation of his vocational talk PP George Leung was asked to say a few words in the memory of President Jonathan's father, also our beloved Rotarian, Bill Lamport whom for those we know him in our Club was also remembered as a faithful Rotarian, a respectful friend and a committed member.

President Jonathan adjourned our meeting punctually at 2 p.m. after leading us to make a toast to Rotary International coupled with the Rotary Club of HK Island East and also he reminded us of our Club's next week's luncheon program being the Club Installation, the induction of two new members and he will give a speech to us about our 2013-14 year plan of service projects. Then all members and guests stayed behind for a group photo.

# EAUGH FOR THE WEEK

#### Subject: TV or Mobile, We all have a choice!

Wife is like TV girlfriend is like MOBILE (Cell phone)

At home watch TV go out bring MOBILE

No money, sell TV

Got money change MOBILE

Sometimes enjoy TV but most of the time play with MOBILE

TV is free for life but MOBILE if you don't pay, the services will be terminated

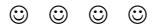
TV is big, bulky and most of the time old! But MOBILE is cute, slim, curvy and very portable at any time

Operational cost for TV is often acceptable but for MOBILE is high and often demanding

TV got remote MOBILE don't have

Most important, MOBILE is two ways communication (talk and listen) but with TV you MUST listen to it (either you want to hear nagging or not)

Last but not least! TV do not have virus, but MOBILE, yes, they do have VIRUS!.



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ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m. at Regal Hong Kong Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

#### 03 July 2013 - Luncheon Meeting Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



PP Uncle John Kwok, PP Eric Chin & Pres. Jonathan Lamport



IPP Nancy Yee, Hon Sec. Carl Yau & Dir. William Wong



PP David Li, Rtn. Francis Li & PP Norman Lee



PP Tim Lui, Visiting guest - Principal Alan Chow & Rev. Benjamin Chan from CCC Kung Lee College



Dir. Stacy Ho, PP Andy Wong & Dir. Teresa Ho



PP Laurence Chan, PP Stephen Liu & Rtn. Tony Loy



Dir. Kevin Leung & SAA Jonah Cheung



Hon. Tre. PP Rudy Law & Rtn. Dennis Wat



PP George Leung & PP Heman Lam



Rtn. Sharon Lamport & Dir. Stacy Ho

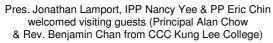


IPP Nancy Yee put the President sash on Pres. Jonathan Lamport and congratulated him.



Pres. Jonathan Lamport officially announced this year RI Theme & Logo.







This week's Birthday boy is Rtn. Francis Li. PP Tim Lui & PP David Li led the birthday song



PP Uncle John Kwok photo with this year's RI Theme & Logo



Incoming Rotarian Charles Man will be inducted in next week. PP Eddy Wong & visiting guest Sigma Leung

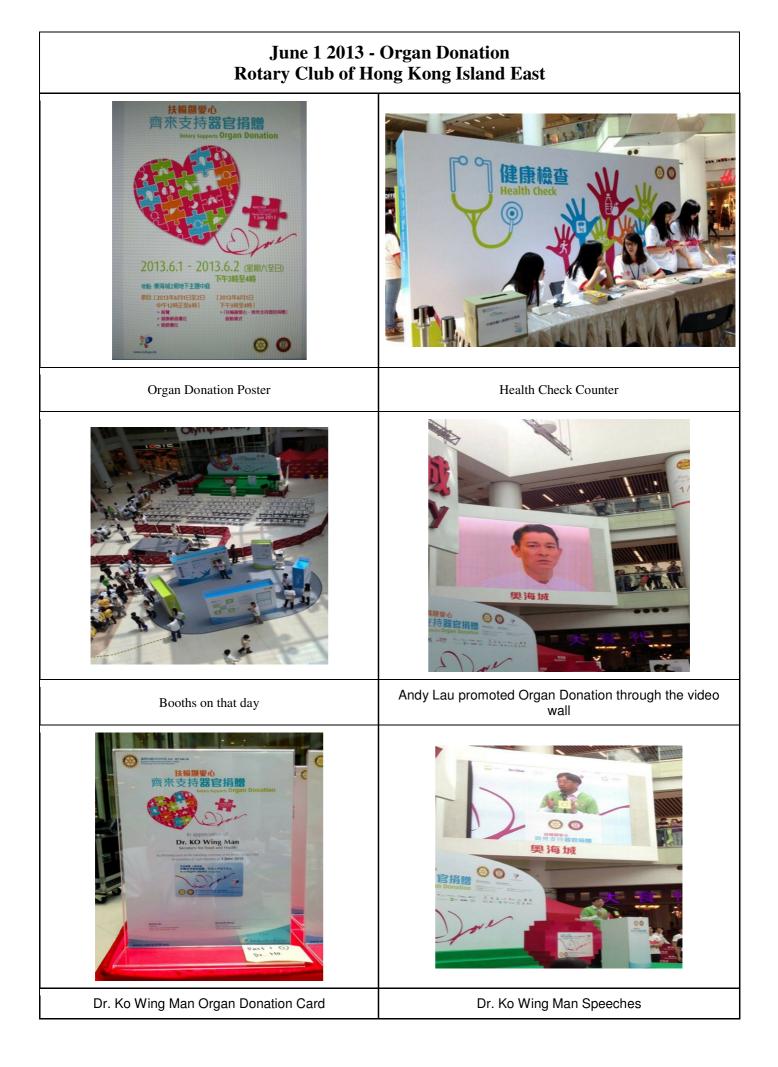
### Result of PP Hubert & PP Stephen Golf Tournament held on 24 May. 2013 Reported by PP Heman Lam



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Group photo with members and visiting guests.





### June 1 2013 - Organ Donation Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



Pres. Nancy with DG Kenneth and Pres. Raymond Au & his member Lawrence from Kowloon East



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Pres. Nancy with DGN Belinda Yeung



Pres. Nancy with Area 3 AG Eddie Wong





Pres. Nancy with PP Stanley Mok from HK Sunrise





Pres. Nancy with AG Wendy Lee, Presidents Michael Chu & Dominic Chu. All from Area 6.

Rtn. Dr. Ricky Chan from HK Harbour with our Pres. Nancy



Pres. Nancy with Pres. Winnie from Peninsula & Pres. Raymond from Kowloon East



6 Presidents of this year





Pres. Michael & Pres. Dr. YC Ho with our Pres. Nancy

Pres. Nancy with Pres. Jenny from Tolo Harbour

### June 1 2013 - Organ Donation Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East







Some members from HKIE & Pres. YC Ho from Peninsula South

Pres. Nancy with AG Eddie & PP Grace from HK Harbour & PP Charlie from HK Sunrise



Pres. Nancy & Hon Secretary Stacy in promoting Organ Donation Card



Pres. Nancy with Com-based Rotaractors



Pres. Nancy with Lingnan Rotaractors



Pres. Nancy with HKCCS Rotaractors



Part of the participants (above) & HKIE's family participants (below)

