

Last Week's Proceedings (6th July, 2005)

This is the first meeting of the Rotary Year 2005-06 and a big day for President Eddy. There was a quick and simple handover ceremony at which IPP Rudy handed over the President's Sash to President Eddy and received the PPP in from President Eddy; and outgoing Secretary PP John Kwok handed over the Sash to Secretary Andy Wong with a big smile on his face. President Eddy took the floor and extended a warm welcome back to Rotarians Heron Chan and Francis Li.

PP Tim Lui introduced visiting Rotarians - DAG Eddie Leung from RC HK Harbour, PP Cynthia Lee from RC Peninsular South and PP David Cotterill (Eckington, Derbys UK)

PP David Li led the birthday song for Rotarian Andre w Shek who then received his birthday gift from President Eddy. PP C Y Fu and Rotarian John Yao made a late claim for their birthday gifts and they were directed to see the Sergeant.

President Eddy reminded members that those going on the junk trip on 9 July should arrive Queen's Pier before 4:00 PM, and that the luncheon meeting next week has been replaced by the District Installation to be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 12 July at the HK Convention Centre and members attending should sign up with PP John Kwok.

PP George Leung also reminded members that President Eddy will officiate the graduation ceremony of the Victoria Park School for the Deaf at 2:00 PM on Tuesday 12 July. Members are invited to attend and a tour of the school would be provided at 1:30. The school building was donated by our Club some forty years ago and it would cease operation in August next year.

PP Hubert Chan announced that the red box collection was \$2,500 and he extended special thanks to PDG Y K and DAG Eddie for their contribution.

President Eddy gave a report on his attendance at the RI Convention in Chicago followed by a brief of his plans in the coming Rotary Year.

Report on RI Convention

July 17 Arrived Chicago and attended a dinner gathering with all other HK members. In the meeting, we were informed that the Rotaract Clubs in District 3450 won the RI Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Project Award by their project "We Care, We Smile Project". Only HK and India got this recognition from RI. We are all proud of them.

July 18 Starting from early morning, we gathered together to participate in the Centennial Parade. It was a lot of fun and everybody enjoyed in very much.

After the parade, I went to visit the "House of Friendship" Within the house of Friendship, I also submitted the letter from HKIE to the Rotary Time Capsule.

In the afternoon of that day, I was invited to participate in the House Warming Program from local Chicago Clubs. My hosting club is RC of Arlington Height. They invited us to a Horse Racing event on a Saturday afternoon. I only bet in one race because there was a horse named "Eye on Eddy". Luckily it was the Champion and I won 30 US dollars. After the house warming program, I had dinner with their members in Chicago city.

July 19 During the noon time, most of the HK delegates joined a RI He adquarter Tour.

The Opening Ceremony was held in this afternoon. The Theme of this Opening Plenary Session was "Celebrate Rotary" Due to a large size of participants. This session repeated three times in order to accommodate each and every one to have this experience.

July 20 Monday The Peneary Session II is "The First 100 Years" Rotary historical development was introduced in 3 hours. It includes also the interview of the author of the book "A Century of Service", of which we also have one copy. Any one interested, please call Uncle Peter.

In the afternoon, I attended two different workshops in order to learn more about how to manage Rotary Club.

In the evening, there w was a Chicago centennial celebration event. It was taken place in the Field Museum of Natural History. It was a disaster and after eating the dinner box, I left.

July 21 Tuesday, In the morning, the Plenary Session III was "Rotary Today" General Secretary and Treasurer made their reports to all

members. Presentation of Rotary Clubs and Cooperating Organizations was also done. At the latter plan of this session, RI Foundation also made presentation and introduced several Rotary Foundation-supported Projects, including the success of Polio Plus program.

In the afternoon, I continued to attend workshops related to Membership Development, Retention and Recruitment and Fund Development Workshop.

July 22 Wednesday In this last day, The Plenary Session IV is themed as "The Next 100 Years"

Apart from the keynote address by 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Awardee Professor Wangari Maathai, there were also introduction of RI P Elect and election of 2006-2007 RI President. The RI P Elect will be William Boyd from New Zealand.

During the lunch time, I attended the luncheon of RC of Chicago. The first Rotary Club in the World. I was very impressed by the Guest Speaker and I will share during my speech at the end of the day.

In the afternoon and evening time, The Closing Ceremony was done in two sessions.

That concluded my Experience in RI Centennial Convention. It was significant different from my experience in last year Osaka RI Convention. Shouldn't I attend this RI convention, I will not know so much about Rotary and become so touched about What Rotary can achieve.

President Eddy's plans for 2005-06 Rotary Year

De ar PDG YK, Past Presidents, fellow Rotarians & Guests,

It is indeed my pleasure to stand here to present my 1st Presidential Report to all of you. RC of HKIE has 51 years history and has a lot of good tradition and dedicated members. Being the President of this Club is not an easy job. However, it provides good fellowship and serves the community at large. This makes my job more meaningful because I take pride in servicing all my good friends and have the opportunity to plan and organize value-added community projects in the coming year.

To make our Club work more effectively, I have to explain to you the Organization Structure of the Board of RC of HKIE as follows:

When your names are called, please rise to be recognized.

1. Organization Structure:-

President: Eddy Wong

Imm. Past President: Rudy Law

Vice President/President Elect Paul Chan

Secretary: Andy Wong Treasurer: Laurence Chan

Directors:

Club Services John Kwok Community Services Desmond Cheung International Services Stephen Liu Membership Services Tim Lui Program Henry Chan Vocational Services Jason Chiu

Club Advisor: Peter Hall PP Council Chairman: Andrew Chen

2. District Officers related to HKIE:

Area 4 (not Area 3 in 2004-2005)

AG Hubert Chan (RC of HKIE) Deputy AG Eddie Leung (RC of Harbour) DG Peter Wan (RC of Tolo Harbour)

3. 2005-2006 Rotary International

President: Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar (Sweden)

Theme: Service Above Self

4. RI Convention 2006:

Malmo-Copenhagen (Sweden/Denmark) 11 - 14 June 2006

Early Registration Deadline: 31 December 2005

5. 2005-06 District Goals - HKIE's response:-

The District 3450 has set up a lot of goals. After reviewing all of them, the board has decided to focus on the following few in order to ally with what our District would like to achieve.

A. Membership: - To increase by one net growth at a total of 36 members by 1 April 2006

In fact, I was also appointed as one of the Membership Ambassadors in District 3450 for Area 4, I need to help promote the importance of working hard on "membership" area within a Club. I hope our Club will lead by example and induct more new blood and breed more successors to our Club.

- B. Services Projects under the following areas: -
 - * Literacy: Project to help the poor female pupils from the mountain of Hebei Province to complete their primary school education.
 - * Water Resources: No planned project yet. AG Hubert has introduced World Vision to me and we can consider to sponsor "Wells" for poor families in Northwestern part of Mainland China. The board will discuss this matter later.
 - * Sponsoring a candidate for RYLA: Target to look for suitable candidates from our Rotaractor Clubs.
- 6. Luncheon Venue & Lunch Fee:-

Hotel Excelsior & HK\$240.00 per person

7. Board Meeting & AGM Date

Board Meeting: Every 2nd Thursday of each month

Proposed AGM Date: 14 December 2005 (Wed.)

8. Membership Fee for 2005-2006:-

Same as last year, HK\$3,000 per six months

9. RI Foundation Fund Goal for RC of HKIE in 2005-2006:-

5 Paul Harris Fellows

10. Program Arrangement for Luncheon and Tung Fung Bulletin Preparation in 2005-2006:-

Handled by 6 Teams and all members are grouped in different teams. Each team is responsible for one-month program in every 6 months.

Team Work is required to make our Luncheon a success.

11. Club Assembly Dates:

17 Aug 2005,

16 Nov 2005,

15 Feb 2006 &

17 May 2006

12. Planning for Different Areas

* International Services (PP Stephen)

Apart from the visit to RC of Makati North in Manila in the latter part of July, we will also consider to organize a overseas trip, eg. Penang or Kawasaki. At present, PP George, PP John and Dir. Jason had showed interests to go to Manila on 21 July 2005. Any interested members and golf fans, please let me know your intention. Then, we can better arrange the itinerary for you.

* Vocational Services (Rtn. Jason)

Taipo - Visit Money Printing Factory. Involve Rotaractor Clubs. Date to be confirmed around end of Feb or early Mar in 2006.

De smond reported CLP offering a site visit to Daya Bay.

* Community Services (PP Desmond)

Literarcy - Reading English project

* Membership Services (PP Tim Lui)

At least increase by 1 net member.

* Club Services (PP John)

We will try our very best to increase our attendance rate of members.

* Program (PP Henry)

Have already tasked to 6 different capable teams.

* Secretariat (Rtn. Andy)

Membership card - will issue soon to members

* Finance (Rtn. Laurence)

Will issue Membership Due Notice to all members soon.

* RI Foundation (PDG Peter)

Interested donors, please let Uncle Peter know.

Any supplement from the board of directors?

13. Incoming District Events for Board Members to Attend:

Please mark in your dairy for attendance:

- * 12 July 2005 (Tuesday) evening District Installation at HKCEC
- *18-19 March 06 (2-day event) District Conference
- *16 April 06 (1 day event) District Assembly

During my visit to the Rotary Club of Chicago during the RI Centennial Convention period, I was very impressed by the speaker in the luncheon. The speaker was Past RI President Cliff and his topic was "When did you become a Rotarian?" I was very impressed by his speech and moved myself.

My fellow Rotarians, what is your answer? It is quite different from the answer of the question "When did you join Rotary Club?" Can you exactly tell us the date of both questions? He used a story to illustrate this concept. That is

A Club President asked an inactive member, who is a business owner of a medium size factory, to help out a community project. The work is very simple. Just to deliver some food stuff to the poor family in their community during X'mas time. The member rejected the request several times and finally was convinced that it was a simple job only and agreed to do it. His main reason for rejecting the request is because he thought he was a boss of a company and was willing to do such a simple task.

The day when he performed his duties and delivered the food to one of the poor families, he became a different person. When he knocked the door and a girl opened the door. He looked inside the poor family and present the food to this little girl. She smiled and becomes very happy. And then told him that she knew his name. He felt very surprised and the girl said, "You must be the Angel. My mother told me last night the one who will give us food is the Angel of our family. He was very moved. He did not know that his action of delivering food to this family is so meaningful to them. He immediately left the house and drove to a supermarket nearby. He bought a lot of food which could be consumed for 1 week and sent to this family.

He then called his President and told him he wants to be a Project Chairman for the Club. He wanted to something to improve the poor family's life in their community. He became very active since then and became the President of the Club and offered a lot of his time to help out the community.

My fellow members, when did this member become a Rotarian after his joining the Club?

It is not until he involve in the Club Business and ask for the position of being a Chairman. You will find happiness not until you find a way to serve others.

Fellow rotarians, Rotary does not have weapons for wars. Rotary Works for the instrument for peace. We can touch the life of the needy and some one need us to take care.

During our term of office, we would like to provide good service to all of you. In return, we need your active participation and involvement. When all of us are involved in what we really want to do, we will experience the spirit of Rotary. Then, you will become automatically involve in our Rotary movement. Fellow Rotarians, RC of HKIE needs you to make it stronger. With your active involvement, both you and the Club will grow significantly to excel. Let's work hard on "Service Above Self"!!!

I promise you I will dedicate myself to be the President of RC of HKIE and I hope you will also commit yourself to be a TRUE ROTARIAN from this moment. Let's work hand in hand to make a better world. Thank you!!!

President Eddy closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with RC HK Harbour and Peninsular South.

Is this a great crystal ball reading or not??? From PP Tim Lui

I did a presentation on the 2004/05 Budget Outturn in March of this year and guess what: the Government announced the final result today as follows

	Tim Lui (PwC) Prediction	Government Final figure
	HK\$bn	HK\$bn
REVENUE	262.8	263.6
EXPENDITURE	242.8	242.2
SURPLUS	20.0	21.4

John, I hope you agree that my firm was pretty good at this bearing in mind that we were not priviledged to any information that the government had. In fact, when Financial Secretary Henry Tang delivered his budget speech in March, he was still quoting a surplus figure of HK\$12 bn only!

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

After three weeks in the Garden of Eden, God came to visit Eve.

"So, how is everything going?" inquired God.

"It is all so beautiful, God," she replied, "the sunrises and sunsets are breathtaking, the smells, the sights, everything is wonderful, but I have just one problem. It is these breasts you have given me. The middle one pushes the other two out and am constantly knocking them with my arms, catching them on branches and snagging them on bushes. They are a real pain, reported Eve. And Eve went on to tell God that since many other parts of her body came in pairs, such as her limbs, eyes, ears, etc., she felt that having only two breasts might leave her body more "symmetrically balanced," as she put it.

That is a fair point," replied God, "but it was my first shot at this, you know. I gave the animals six breasts, so I figured that you needed only half of those, but I see that you are right. I will fix it up right away."

And God reached down, removed the middle breast and tossed it into the bushes.

Three weeks passed and God once again visited Eve in the Garden of Eden. Well, Eve, how is my favorite creation?"

"Just fantastic," she replied, "but for one oversight on your part. You see, all the animals are paired off. The ewe has a ram and the cow has her bull; all the animals have a mate except me. I feel so alone."

God thought for a moment and said, "You know, Eve, you are right. How could I have overlooked this? You do need a mate and I will immediately create a man from a part of you. Now let's see....where did I put that useless boob?"

Now, doesn't THAT make more sense than that stuff about the rib?

Photographs of our meeting

on

6th July, 2005





(L to R) PDG YK, Pres. Rudy, and PE Eddy.



(L to R) Hon Sec Andy, DAG Eddy Leung (HKH) and PP Hubert.

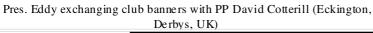


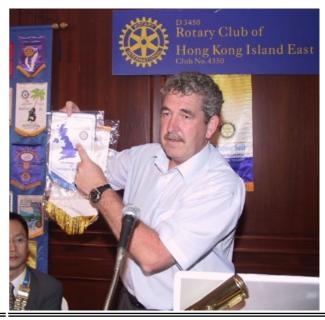
Pres. Eddy putting the Past President's pin on IPP Rudy.



John IV happily putting the Hon Sec sash on the new Hon Sec Andy's neck







PP David pointing to the site of Eckington where his club is located.



Happy birthday is sung by PP Li to Rtn Andrew II while Pres Eddy gives him his birthday present.



A belated birthday present is given to Rtn John V.



Also one is given to PP CY Fu.



(L to R) PP's George, Henry, Tim and Rtn Francis and PP Li.



(L to R) PP Cynthia Lee (Peninsula South) PP C.Y., Hon Tres. Laurence and PP David Cotterill (Eckington, Derbys, UK)



(L to R) PP J.L., Rtn Dr Tony, Rtns Heron and Andrew II.



Our Incoming Board of Directors and officer for 2005-2006.



Our group Photo of Pres Eddy, IPP Rudy and visiting Rotarians and our members on 6th July, 2005.

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