

Last Week's Proceedings – 5th July, 2006

William Lamport, at the first regular luncheon meeting of our Club of the Rotary Year 2006-2007.

President Paul announced that:

- (1) the regular luncheon of our Club scheduled on 26th July 2006 will be moved to the District 3450 Handover Ceremony – Leaders' Night to be held on 22nd July 2006 at 7pm on 6th Floor, 1 Trademart Drive, Hongkong International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong, and that our Club has booked a table for 12 members to participate in this momentous event and our client will subsidize those members who attend this event in that each of the participating members need only to pay a sum equivalent to the regular luncheon fee of HK\$260 and our Club will pay for the balance amount.
- (2) the Ronald McDonald House in Hong Kong will be organizing a Charity Raffle Ticket Sale 2006 and members who wish to purchase the Raffle Tickets in support of this charitable event or require further information should contact our Hon. Secretary Andy or President Paul.
- (3) our Club received an Invitation from Rotary Club of Makati North ("RCMN") for their Installation Ceremony and Dinner to be held at the Peninsula Hotel in Manila on 26 Jul 2006. A delegation from our Club, currently consists of PP and Mrs. George Leung, PP Uncle John, IPP Eddy and President Paul, will attend the Installation Ceremony of RCMN. We would certain like to have a strong delegation from our Club to participate in the Makati North Change-over Ceremony. Members of our Club who wish to join our delegation to participate in this auspicious event of RCMN should contact our Hon. Secretary Andy or President Paul before our next regular luncheon meeting on 12th July 2006, so that proper prior arrangements

can be made accordingly. Arrangements for souvenirs/donations will be decided upon by our Board.

- (4) Victoria Park School for the Deaf (“VPSD”), the historical and perennial project initiated and successfully carried out and supported by our Club ever since the inception of our Club in 1954 and well over half of a century will be closed down in around August 2006, due mainly to the lack of students with severe hearing disabilities and lack of funding from the Education Department. Our Club has since the past two years made certain proposals to the School Council of VPSD for alternative users and/or projects of our Club so that our Club will have the opportunity to carry out other project(s) with the use of the piece of the land which, through the tremendous efforts of and application by our Club in around 1954, was granted to a corporate vehicle organized by our Club, as well as the building premises, which our Club funded and built and have since housed VPSD over the past 50 years, but these proposals have been declined by the School Council of VPSD. Upon the initiation of PP George, our Club has arranged with Principal Lun of VPSD for our members to visit on 12th July 2006, immediately after our regular luncheon meeting, VPSD and the said land and building premises perhaps for the last time before the closing of VPSA, and to take some group photographs whereof for sentimental or other reasons.

Red Box Collection : PDG Uncle Peter reported that the collection of the day was HK\$1,800.

President Paul presented a birthday gift to our birthday boy Rotarian Andrew and all our members joined in to sing a birthday song to celebrate the birthday of our splendid Rotarian Andrew.

Speaker of the day: President Paul began his speech by addressing the need to care for those who are deprived and less fortunate as compared to those of us who live in an affluent society of the west world. President Paul further drew reference from the Rotary Theme “Lead the Way” chosen by RI President William B. Boyd (2006-2007) who indicated that the said Rotary Theme is an affirmation of his belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time, with main emphases on *Clean Water, Health and Hunger, Literacy, and Rotary Family*.

President Paul presented his proposed Club Plan for Rotary Year 2006-2007 in response to the Rotary Theme of RI President Boyd in (a) sustain and increase in membership base; (b) implement successful projects that address the needs of the community in Hong Kong and elsewhere; (c) support The Rotary Foundation; and (d) develop leaders to serve Rotary beyond the club level.

President Paul further expanded on the way and means to sustain and increase in membership

base by (1) developing a retention plan with good and interesting speakers at our luncheon meetings and arrange joint meetings with those Rotary Clubs, which also have their regular meetings on Wednesdays during lunch time, so as to increase participation at such joint meetings without disrupting the schedules of the members of these Rotary Clubs and for that matter the schedules of our members; and (2) appointing a committee on club membership to identify and develop potential new members of good quality; (3) recognizing Rotarians who sponsor new members; and (4) encouraging Rotarians to join and help to develop Rotary Fellowship.

On the Service Project front, President Paul proposed to (1) appoint a committee of club members to identify and organize meaningful and worthwhile service projects; (2) review our Club's current and ongoing service projects; (3) assess our Club's fundraising activities; (4) recognize Rotarians who provide leadership to our Club's service projects; and (5) use the resources of The Rotary Foundation to fund in part of the service projects.

As part of our support of The Rotary Foundation, President Paul further proposed that our Club (1) appoint a committee of club members to oversee our support of and contributions to The Rotary Foundation; (2) schedule presentations to inform club members of service opportunities available through Rotary Foundation programmes; (3) encourage members to participate in the District Rotary Foundation Seminar; (4) recognize club member's financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation; and (5) encourage Paul Harris Fellow contributions including, where appropriate, the use of bonuses that have been acquired and accumulated by our Club through the past contributions by our members to The Rotary Foundation.

With a view to future betterment of our Club, President Paul proposed to develop leaders in our Club through (1) encouragement of committee chair to attend and participate in the District Assembly; (2) the enlisting the expertise of our Club's Assistant Governor and Deputy Assistant Governor (on this front, we are indeed very fortunate that our IPP Eddy will the Deputy Assistant Governor of Area 3 to which our Club belong for Rotary Year 2006-2007); and (3) encouraging new members to assume positions of leadership; and (4) visiting other clubs to exchange ideas.

President Paul further reported on the activities of our Club for this Rotary Year thus far:

Boat Trip on 1.Jul.2006 – Our Club organized a boat launch on 1st July 2006 (our team of Rotarians and family members consists of a total of 20 participants) in conjunction with the Canada National Day Regatta with 4 Boats and a total of over 70 participants in all, with sumptuous seafood luncheon at Lamma Island, and some of our members and their family merrily frolicked in a mid-summer dip in the cool waters of South Bay before we returned to shore at the Aberdeen Boat Club late in the afternoon.

Rotary Family Project – Home of Loving Faithfulness (“HOLF”) in Sheung Shui, New Territories for Donation of Industrial Class Washing Machine and ancillary equipment with joint application for District Simplified Grant by Rotary Club of Hong Kong South and our Club. This joint project has already been tentatively approved by the respective Boards of the participating Rotary Clubs. The joint Application for District Simplified Grant will be submitted before the deadline on 17.Jul.2006.

President Paul reported that in around 1965, two English women, Wendy Blackmur and Valerie Coniber, offered a home for life to severely mentally and physically handicapped children who were abandoned at birth or later as their families were unable to care for them. The Home of Loving Faithfulness (“HOLF”) in Sheung Shui, Hong Kong is located on a 1.25 acres plot of land on which there have been constructed in stages over the years several houses now being operated as homes to children with varying disabilities, including Down’s Syndrome. HOLF is operated by a team of long-term volunteers who believe that the source of their provision is supplied by GOD, a generous Father, who meets all their needs in answer to faithful prayer and service. We are given to understand that Wendy Blackmur, Valerie Coniber and several full-time volunteers receive no salaries and appeals for money are never made by HOLF, and that unsolicited gifts from individuals, churches and other organizations are the only funding of HOLF.

We are further given to understand that one of the equipment that is most needed by HOLF is a fully functional industrial class washing machine to replace the current one which has dutifully served HOLF during the last twelve (12) year (especially during the summer months when the washing machine is practically running 24 hours a day and seven days a week), but recently not without constant and repeated repairs and maintenance being done at alarming repair charges and expenses and with entailing insufferable downtime of the washing machine. The District Simplified Grant together with contributions from the participating Rotary Clubs will help to defray the costs of the said replacement industrial case washing machine (inclusive of delivery and installation charges).

Water Projects – President Paul proposed to submit an application of Matching Grant in respect of certain Water Project(s) in Mainland China, with participation perhaps by RC of Makati and/or RC of Penang and/or other sister-club(s) and further donations by Rotarians of our Club as well as other Rotary Clubs of District 3450 towards such Water Project(s) should members of our Club consider it worthwhile so to do.

Literary Project - Hebei Female Primary Students Literary Project – Perennial Project in which certain members of our Club have contributed to this five-year project to fund the tuition fees of many female primary students in various rural areas in the Province of Hebei from Primary One to Primary Five. This Literary Project was initiated by our PP George last Rotary Year and was organized by our IPP Eddy. We shall continue with this project this

Rotary Year as part of the response to the Rotary Theme and emphasis of RI President Boyd on Literacy.

President Paul indicated that he would look forward to the support of and to working with each of the members of our Rotary Club (especially our Board of Directors and Office Bearers) and would try his best to foster our fellowship and to make this Rotary Year once again a productive one in Rotary Service.

Next week's program: President Paul has invited Mr. Eric Chan, Assistant Director (Conservation) of the Environment Protection Department as our guest speaker to talk to us above the Nature Conservation Policy of the Government of HKSAR.

Meeting Adjourned: President Paul proposed a toast to Rotary International coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. when President Paul invited the new Board members and Officer Bearers and guest for group photographs.



Rotary Information

1. In order to brush up our knowledge of the Rotary Foundation, RI has arranged a senior staff, Mr. Steve Townsend to visit Hong Kong on 15th (Saturday) July to present an up-to-date information of the Foundation, especially on the subject of the various Foundation Grants.

The venue will be at the Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel, Kowloon. All members, especially club foundation chairs, club presidents and district officers are most welcome. The programme is scheduled as follows:

1300-1400 Registration

1400-1600 Session 1

Opening Remark

New Approach by District Foundation this year

Introduction of District's Foundation Team

Foundation Public Relations on Club Level

Introduction of Mr. Steve Townsend, RI Grant Co-ordinator

Presentation by Mr. Steve Townsend

Various Grants Programme in brief
Review of recent changes
Matching Grants & District Simplified Grants
Stewardship

1600-1615 Coffee Break

1615-1730 Session 11 – Open Forum
Moderator- PDG Alexander Mak
Resource Person Mr. Steve Townsend

1730-1800 Session 111 - Joint Projects Opportunity among Clubs

2. District 3450 Installation

District Installation of district governor, club presidents and district officers will be held on 22nd (Sat) July 2006 at the International Exhibition and Trade Centre, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.

3. Club Activities

To start the fellowship ball really rolling, our new President, Paul Chan organized a launch picnic for our members with families on the 1st day of his taking the chair (1st July 2006) starting from Aberdeen Boat Club to Shuk Kwu Wan where we have lunch in a sea-food restaurant. The following members took part in the fellowship gathering :

President Paul Chan and Wife Elizabeth with daughter
PDG Peter Hall
PP John Kwok
PP Rudy Law and daughter
PP George Leung and wife Cynthia with 2 daughters
Hon. Secretary Andy Wong
PE Laurence and wife Jennie
Rtn. Norman and wife Isabel with 2 kids
Rtn. Charles Bien & wife Ann

After filling up our stomach, we sailed to South Bay for a dip, chatting and sleeping under the bright hot sun. We all returned to shore at around 5.00 p.m. with full enjoyment.

4. Club news

We are proud to announce that IPP Eddy Wong of our club has been appointed Deputy Assistant Governor for the Rotary year 2006-2007 looking after the following Rotary clubs, viz., Happy Valley, Hong Kong Harbour, Hong Kong Northeast, Hong Kong South, Quarry Bay and Hong Kong Island East which are all grouped under Area 3


LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

General Truths & Rules about Golf:

Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

Never try to keep more than 30 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing

No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all of your many other errors.

If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.

Golfers who claim they don't cheat also lie.

Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.

A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponents luck.

It is surprisingly easy to hole a fifty foot puttfor an 8.

Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts.

It's not a gimme if you're still away.

The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

There are two kinds of bounces; unfair bounces and bounces just the way you meant to play it.

You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two-inch branch 90% of the time.

If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental.

Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

If you want to hit a 7 iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay-up just short of a water hazard.

A gushy reporter told Jack Nicklaus, "You are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?" Nicklaus replied, "The holes are numbered"

