

Last Week's Proceedings (12th July, 2005)

The normal luncheon was moved to the District Installation at the HKCEC in the evening. However, our Rotarians were so busy in this day because a few of us attended the Graduation Ceremony of the Victoria Park School for the Deaf in the afternoon.

PDG Peter Hall, PP John Kwok, PP George Leung, PP David Li, PP Desmond Cheung, Hon. Secretary Andy Wong, Hon. Treasurer Laurence Chan, Rotarian John Yao and President Eddy Wong formed a delegation to attend this ceremony. At 1:30 pm most of us arrived in the School and the Principal Lun led the HKIE Rotarians to have a school tour and let all of us understand how the students have their lessons in this school. The Donation Stone of HKIE in 45 years ago was also shown to us to let us be reminded of the contribution of our predecessors.

Starting from 2:30 pm, the Graduation and Prize-Giving Ceremony commenced. President Eddy was invited to be the Guest of Honor for this event. He gave a speech to encourage all the students to work hard and be a good student in the near future. Principal Lun also presented the school development in the past twelve months and followed with the prize presentation and performance by the school students. It was very meaningful for all the HKIE members to understand more about the education development for hearing-impaired children in Hong Kong.

In the evening, 12 HKIE Rotarians also attended the 2005-2006 District Installation. It was an enjoyable evening attracting 680 rotarians from the District 3450 to attend. After IPDG Alex presented his concluding speech and reviews of the past activities in his term of office. He started to present several important awards for a few clubs and a few distinguished Rotarians. Our Past President John Kwok was awarded as one of the five recipients for "Commitment to Service in Rotary for 25 Years". All HKIE Rotarians felt so honored with our PP John for his significant contribution to Rotary in the past 25 years. After that, the Induction Ceremony began immediately. Following by the induction of DG Peter Wan, all the IPPs of the Clubs in District 3450 handed over their Presidential Sashs to the current Presidents. Our IPP Rudy also released his heavy responsibility and handed the important task to President Eddy on the stage. The District Installation ceremony ended after taking several group photos with all the Presidents and District Officers. Everyone was very happy because the dinner would be served immediately. All the participants in the District Installation enjoyed very much because they could meet a lot of friends and socialize with each other at a relaxed atmosphere. It was a great success for fellowship in this evening.

Rotary Information

Meet our New RI President (2005-2006)

Members who attended the Inter-City Meeting on 13th January 2005 in Miramar Hotel, Hong Kong must have met our new RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar.

He is a food broker, the former owners of Gust. F. Bratt AB. He has been a member of the boards of several companies and served as chair of the board of a local private school. A Rotarian since 1974, Stenhammar is a member of the Rotary Club of Goteborg. He has served RI as director, district governor, chair of both the Permanent Fund Committee for Europe and RIBI and the Presidential Celebration Committee - Peace and Tolerance, general coordinator of the Literacy and Education Task Force, member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force and PolioPlus National Advocacy adviser.

The RI theme for his year is "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

It is also the first time in Rotary history that a RI Convention co-hosting by two countries, namely:

Malmo, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark on 11-14 June 2006 under the leadership of a Swedish RI President.

A photo is reproduced in this bulletin of our new RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and our old PDG Peter Hall



PDG Uncle Peter pictured here with RIPresident Elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar at the Intercity Meeting for the President Elect on 13th January, 2005

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Here are three Jokes

A very old man lay dying in his bed. In death's doorway, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands.

With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven. There, spread out upon newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man? Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table. The aged and withered hand, shaking, made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those," she said, "they're for the funeral."

"TOWEL HEADS"

Recently I received a warning about the use of this politically incorrect term, so please note: We all need to be more sensitive in our choice of words.

I have been informed that the I slamic terrorists, who hate our guts and want to kill us, do not like to be called "Towel Heads" since the item they we are on their heads is not actually a towel, but in fact, a small folded sheet.

Therefore, from this point forward, please refer to them as "Little Sheet Heads."

Thank you for your support and compliance on this delicate matter.

Some times old customs are good!

Behind Every Man

Barbara Walters of 20/20 (USA -ABC Television) did a story on gender roles in Kabul. Afghanistan. several years before the Afghan

conflict. She noted that women customarily walked 5 paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands.

From Ms. Walters vantage point, despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to walk even further back behind their husbands and are happy to maintain the old custom. Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, "Why do you now seem happy with the old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?"

The woman looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes and without hesitation, said "Land mines."

Photographs of our meeting

on

12th July, 2005

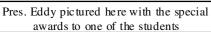


Pres. Eddy speaking at the gratuation of the Victoria Park School for the Deaf.



Pres. Eddy presenting the diplomas to the students.







Another student



And two more



A stone plaques comme morating the building of the school in 1959.



A stone plaque dedicated to Mrs. Wilson Wang wife of PP Wilson Wang.



and lastly the stone plaque of the Rotary club of HKIE's



2005-2006 INDUCTION OF NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENTS OF CLUBS IN D3450



A very happy Pres Rudy waves to us on his final duties as the President of our club. Peeking from behind is PE Eddy Wong.



The Induction ceremony is now done. We have a new president of our club in Pres. Eddy Wong.



Pres. Eddy proposing a toast to the Rotary Club of HK Island East.



The Induction party members in a group photo without (?) our new President Eddy. How Come?



Our PP John received a special award from RI that is the "Commitment to Service Award" here presented by DG Alex.



A Group Photo of our New Pres. Eddy and our members here with the New District Governor Peter Wan and his wife on the 12th of July, 2005.

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