

### Last week's Proceedings -

## 19th July, 2006

Double happiness happened on our 3<sup>rd</sup> regular lunch meeting as President Paul welcomed a beautiful Rotarian Candy Fong from the Rotary Club of Metropolitan, Hong Kong who made her maiden visit to our club. She enjoyed our fellowship tremendously.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Happy occasion for President Paul was to induct the first new member into our club in the person of Mr. Herman Lam. PDG Peter Hall escorted Mr. Lam to the rostrum for the induction ceremony. Particular of our new member is published in this bulletin.

Being a guest for the last time, Rtn. Herman Lam presented his short speech after the induction. He was welcomed into the big Rotary family by all members present. Congratulations to you, Rtn. Herman! We all hope you will enjoy our fellowship.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms was happy to report the in-take for the Red-Box to-day which came to a total of \$1,100.00.

There were numerous announcement by President Paul as follows:

- a. Nominations for Ambassadorial Scholarships for 2007-2008 and endorsement by Rotary Club selection by Sub-Committee in Aug/Sep 2006. (Deadline of Applications is end of July 2006. We have now received an application for the Ambassadorial Scholarships for 2007-2008 by Law Siu Chun. President Paul proposed to appoint IPP Eddy to review the application of Law Siu Chun and report to the Board of Directors in due course.
- b. Nomination of Members to Serve on the Nominating Committee for DG 2009-2010 (Deadline 25/8/2006). There was a nomination by PP George Leung from the floor during the regular luncheon meeting that PP Uncle John be nominated by RCHKIE to serve on the said Nominating Committee for DG 2009-2010.
- c. As the District Foundation Seminar that took place on Saturday, 15 th July 2006 was quite successful and very well attended, the District has decided to repeat the said District Foundation Seminar on 12 August 2006 (2nd Saturday in August 2006)
- d. The First-ever Flag Day of District 3450 organized by RC of HKCN Community Service Fund Limited will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2006 and a Photo Session of this event will take place at Shatin Town Hall at 7.00 a.m. on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2006. DG Tony will attend the said Photo Session to give support to the volunteers, and indicated that DG has in stock 500 pieces each of the Theme Tie and Theme S carf and that DG is prepared to give on first come first serve basis one piece of Theme Tie or Theme S carf to each donor who donated HK\$100 or more towards the Flag Day event. President Paul requested those members who wish to give HK\$100 or more towards the Flag Day event to notice him as soon as possible so that he could provide DG with a list of such donors from our Club and claim the relevant Theme Ties and/or Theme Scarves accordingly.
- e. Rotarian Eddy Au has organized The 4 th Hong Kong Magic Festival 2006, which will take place at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre Hall 2 from 11 th -13 th August 2006 from 10:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Part of the admission proceeds will be donated to the District Disaster Relief Fund. Members who wish to obtain further details should contact President Paul or Hon. Secretary Andy.
- f. Intercity Meeting to be held in around August 2006 in conjunction with the visit of RI President Fleet. PDG Moses Cheng and PDG Uncle Peter Hall are presently organizing this Intercity meeting.
- g. Another Intercity Meeting to be held on around 20th to 23rd November 2006 in conjunction with the visit of RI President Bill Boyd. President Paul reminded members to watch out for these important Intercity Meetings.
- h. RI Convention will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 in Salt Lakes City, Utah, USA.

#### Highlight of the meeting

The guest speaker of today was none other than our own member, Director Norman Lee. He was presented to the rostrum by President Paul who also thanked him after his talk on Point of Sales. (Please see his subject appeared in this bulletin,) At 2.00 p.m., President Paul adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with the name of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan, Hong Kong. A group picture with the speaker and visiting Rotarian plus our newly inducted member was taken.

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#### **Vocational Talk**

Rtn. Norman Lee was invited to give a vocational talk last Wednesday (19-7-2006) Club members have the opportunity of knowing Norman better after his short speech.

Norman is the founder and Managing Director of Infrasys (HK) Limited which was acquired by Epson, a Japanese high tech company since 1998. Epson owns 51% of the company while the remaining shares are withhold by the founders. The company has received numerous Awards for his outstanding performance and the market acceptance. In 2002, Infrasys won over hundreds of software applications from over 11 countries and received the Best Business Application Award from the Asia Pacific International Communication and Technology Award.

The line of business concentrated on POS (Point of Sales) for hotels, restaurants and clubs, locally and abroad. The following are some of the prestigious customers of his company:

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, Intercontinental Hotels and Resorts Starwood Hotels and Resorts HK Jockey Club HK Golf Club Aberdeen Marina Club Hong Kong Disneyland Maxim's Caterers Hong Kong Catering

Norman has started his company with focus on Chinese Restaurant automation. His first success was the successful implementation of computerized procedure for many traditional Chinese restaurants in HK. The first private club was installed for the HK Golf Club in 1995, which started the private club sector since then. A major draw of attention was in 1999 when the company won the HK Jockey Club among many in the market. The Shangri-La Hotel group was the first major International Hotel selected Norman's company as the POS standard. While the Hong Kong Disneyland first come to HK for system study in 2003, Norman had the chance to present his system to their IT and F&B team and successfully convinced the US delegates to select his system as the only locally developed IT solution for the Park's POS system. Infrasys now has over 30 dealers and over 2,500 installations worldwide.

Norman's talk was informational and interesting. Many questions were raised on the floor. Norman reminded all of us to check the price on the promotion menu care fully when you eat out in a restaurant. Many of the restaurant owners nowadays know how to take advantage of the computer's flexibilities. Many promotional pricing are restricted to some conditions which are easily configured in the system.

### **Rotary Information**

A Rotary Foundation Workshop organized by PDG Alexander Mak was held on 15th July 2006 focusing on various Foundation Grants Program by RI senior staff, Mr. Steve Townsend.

The Rotary Foundation was initiated by past RI President Arch Klumph in 1917 who wished to do good in the world. It had been carried out in a small scale until the death of our Rotary Founder, Paul Harris in 1947 when memorial gifts poured in to honor him. It is now one of the biggest Foundations in the world.

The workshop concentrated chiefly on Rotary grants. Though we used only a few hours of discussion of how to apply for the Foundation grants and what is the hurdle we have been facing. No red tape should involved, if the application is clear according to the guideline as given below.

The following items are eligible:

- 1. Projects already undertaken and in progress, existing projects, activities Primarily sponsored by a non-Rotary organization, or projects already completed;
- 2. Fundraising activities, expenses related to Rotary events such as district Conferences or anniversary celebrations or entertainment activities that do not include a humanitarian aspect;
- 3. Projects that support purely religious functions at churches and other places of worship;
- 4. Unspecified or cash donations to beneficiaries or cooperating organizations;
- 5. Purchase of land or buildings;
- 6. Construction or renovation of any structure in which individuals live, work, or engage in any gainful activity. This includes buildings, containers, mobile homes, or structures where individual carry out any type of activity such as manufacturing processing, maintenance, or storage, including provision of new services or upgrade of facilities;
- 7. Provision of plumbing or electrification inside buildings;
- 8. Establishment of a foundation, permanent trust, or long-term interest-bearing account;
- 9. Transportation of vaccines or immunizations by hand over national border;
- 10. Land mine removal;
- 11. Purchase and distribution of birth control devices and ultrasound equipment for use in sex determination;
- 12. Postsecondary education activities, research, or personal or professional development;
- 13. International travel (except Volunteer Service and 3-H Grants);
- 14. Salaries for individuals working for another organization;
- 15. Rotary signage;
- 16. Operating or administrative expenses of another organization ands
- 17. Contingencies, miscellaneous expenses.

# Criteria for applying DDF Matching Grant sponsorship for 2006-2007. Total DDF Matching Grant Sponsorship: US\$50,000.00.

1. US \$2000 Minimum Grant

2. US \$2000 – 8000 Approve on rolling basis

- 3. US \$8001 25,000 Approve by DRFC in September and February Competitive Grant)
- 4. Competitive Grant Deadline for submission on 18 Sept & 19 Feb.
- 5. Contribution from the Club applicant must match the DDF sponsor portion
- 6. Preference is given to clubs which serve as host partner for projects taking place locally and Matching Grant projects carried our in Ch eligible for this DDF.

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#### Dead Line

Please observe the dead line date of any application. Do not misunderstood that an application has been approved when the Foundation allocated a number on the application. It only means an acknowledgment but not an approval.

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#### Submit your Report

It is important to submit to the Foundation the progress of the project as well as the completion, failing which, no new application will be entertained in future.

After attending the workshop, all attendees should have a better picture of applying for a matching grants for the intended project. The Question and Answer session were most informative and practical.

#### Report of the District Installation of D.3450

A most dignified and entertaining "Change of the Guards" ceremony was well organized by DGN Albert Wong, held at the Hong Kong International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon on the 22nd July 2006 where over 600 Rotarians and guests attended. District Governor and Presidents of 2006-2007 were installed in the presence of the our guest of honour, Mr. Zhow Jun Ming, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong SAR together with the VIP guest, The Hon. Frederick Ma, J.P., Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of Hong Kong SAR. The VIPs and the district leaders were piped in by a Scottish ceremony.

Prior to the installation, the Chinese national anthem and the Rotary song were played by a group of Hong Kong Scouts followed by the address of the outgoing district governor, Peter Wan.

The new District Governor Tony Wong for the year 2006-2007 delivered his maiden speech of commitments for his year and appealing for supports from all Rotary members of the district.

Other non-government organizations representatives, viz., Dr. Jimmy C. H. Wong, JP, from Lok Sin Tong, Ms Fiona Cheung Sum-yu from Yan Oi Tong, Dr. Leung Chi-hung as well as Ms M.H. de Senna Fernandes from Macau Government Tourist Office also graced the occasion. Past district governors with their spouses and also district leaders were among the group.

There were three special awards granted to the three recipients by IPDG Peter Wan, on the stage, such as the best Rotaractor of the last Rotary year, the ever hard working conference chairman, PP Ada Cheng and last but not the least, the best President of the year in the person of President Eddy Wong of Hong Kong Island East. We are proud of you all! President Paul Chan led the club members, PDG Peter Hall, P.E. Laurence Chan, PP John Kwok, Hon. Treasurer Rudy Law, PP Stephen Liu, directors Jason Chiu and Norman Lee to congratulate IPP Eddy. (don't forget the Red Box, Eddy!)

The Chinese style banquet started on time. Singing, magic show, dancing and other entertainments lasted for the whole evening. Photographers were busy all the time. The sound of Cheers were exchanged on every table. Before we got hangover at the handover dinner, we left home after all the enjoyment at around 11.00 p.m.

**Auld Lang Syne** 

## **Electronic Make-up Questions**

#### You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following 7 questions:

1. Why did Pres Paul called this meeting a "Double Happiness meeting"?

Answer:

2. What was the SAA collection amount for this week?

Answer:	
4. Pres Paul also announced the date and place of the 2007 RI Convention. Where and when is this event?	
Answer:	
5. Who is our speaker for today and what is the topic of his talk?	
Answer:	
6. What is the Rotary Information on this week?	
Answer:	
7. DDF? What does this mean? (If you don't know, please ask some one to explain it to you).	
Answer:	
Instruction:	
Please copy these 7 questions click the following URL John Kwok and paste it to the email and answer these questions and then click send	
Jokes	
Dentist	
A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office.	
The man said to the dentist, "Doctor, I'm in one hell of a big hurry! I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for ugo play golf. So forget about the anesthetic and just pull the tooth and be done with it. I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"	is to
The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this sure is a very brave man, asking me to pull his tooth without using an to kill the pain."	ythin
So the dentist asked him, "Which tooth is it, sir?"	
The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, Honey, and show the doctor which tooth hurts."	
Golf Partner	
A fellow comes home after his regular Saturday golf game and his wife asks why he doesn't include Tom O'Brien in the games anymore.  The husband asks, "Would you want to play with a guy who regularly cheats, swears up a storm over everything, lies abhis score, and has nothing good to say about anyone else on the course?"	out
'Of course I wouldn't," replies the wife.	
"Well," says the husband, "neither would Tom O'Brien."	
Photographs of our meeting	
on	
19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2006	

3. Pres. Paul made 8 announcements. The first one concerns an Rotary Ambassidorial Scholar Candidate, what is this

Answer:

candidate's name?



Our speaker for today is none other than our own Rtn Norman Lee who spoke to us about Point of Service which his company has developed for the catering industry.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Rtn Norman Lee, and Pres. Paul.



(L to R) Hon Sec Andy, Dr. Tony, and PP John IV



(L to R) Mr. Herman Lam, Rotarian Candy Fong from the Rotary Club of Metropolitan, IPP Eddy, PP Tajwar, and Rtn Eric.



 $(L\ to\ R)\ Dr\ Tony,\ Dir.\ Jason,\ PP\ Stephen,\ PE\ Laurence,\ PP's\ George\ and\ Hubert.$ 



Group Photo of our members with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Paul, and visiting Rotarian on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2006.

## We inducted a new member into our club today



# **At the District Installation of Officers for 2006-2007**



IPP Eddy receiving yet another award





IPP Eddy showing his best Club Award with Uncle Peter and the rest of our members. (L to R) Dir Norman Lee, IPP Eddy, Pres. Paul, PDG Uncle Peter, Dir Jason, PE Laurence, PP's Rudy, Stephen and John IV.

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