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## Last week's Proceedings -

1<sup>st</sup> August, 2007

President Laurence Chan started the meeting at 1:15 pm with a warm welcome back to Rotarian Kenny from Toronto after visiting his family.

Before he proceeded to main report, he reminded all members today is the first day that Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East starts our luncheon in Regal Hong Kong Hotel after many years in Hotel Excelsior. President Laurence also took this opportunity to present position pins to Hon. Secretary Norman Lee and Club Foundation Committee Chair PP Hubert Chan. Afterwards, he also circulated around the Club Banners he received from his visit to Rotary Club of Makati North two weeks ago. President Laurence also reported that there would soon be a District Golf Tournament organized by Rotary Club of Peninsula South. Since it is a Charity event, he encouraged all interested Rotarians to support.

Sergeant-at-Arms Heman reported the harvest of the day that amounted to HK\$1001.

The Guest Speaker of the day was PDG Raymond Wong and PDG Uncle Peter introduced him as a splendid rotarian who served as PDG for two terms in 1987-1989. He is also a member of Rotary E-Club of District 3450 and a surgeon that had been on RI and TRF committees & Task Forces every year since 1989, from member to international vice chair. This year he acts as coordinator to 2 RI & TRF committees, and advisor to one TRF task force. PDG Raymond is also a recipient to the International Award for a Polio Free World for his work in international polio eradication. In addition, he is also one of the writers on the memoirs of eradication of Polio in the Western Pacific Region (by WHO & Rotary). PDG Raymond presented "Update on Polio Plus Program from Rotary International".

PDG Raymond told us when he was in vacation in Thailand a month ago. He accidentally read a newspaper that reported a Polio case was found in Australia on 14 July 2007. The patient was a Pakistan who returned back to Canberra after visiting his home country a few weeks ago. He thought that Australia would definitely control the spread of Polio due to its strict policy in controlling infection.

He then introduced to us that the Polio Virus was found in 3000 BC as per the Hieroglyphics of Egyptian tombs. The Poliovirus has 3 serotypes and will make upper respiratory infection and attack nerves of the spinal cord, thus cut off communication between brain & peripheral muscles, which shrivel and die. Human being is the only host of this type of virus. The virus can be prevented by inexpensive vaccine OPV @US\$0.8 per dose. The Polio Eradication program was launched more than 20 years and has attempted to certify Global Eradication. However, it returns again recently in many poor countries. PDG Raymond pointed out why RI failed to stop Polio recently. There are three major reasons: 1. The cost of asking people to take vaccine precaution is 10 times higher than the vaccine cost itself. Therefore, promotion and education etc cost too much money to make it a success. 2. Many people in Muslim countries refused to take the Polio vaccine and it happened that they are the ones who require that kind of prevention much. 3. Frequent wars in certain countries create difficulties in launching Polio Plus program there.

During the Council on Legislation in RI on 26 April 2007, a major resolution 07-68 was made as "To endorse and re-affirm Polio Eradication is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International". This Polio Plus program has been launching for more than 20 years in 200 countries with 20 million volunteers involved. As a result, over 20 billion children were immunized due to this project. By the time the world is certified Polio-free, Rotary contributions to polio eradication will reach nearly US\$650 million.

RI realized that there are a lot of by-products created by Polio Plus Program (PPP). It stimulates membership growth and makes many non-Rotary countries accept Rotary. Not only does the PPP nurture community leadership, but also get international recognition for Rotary's capacity to do the impossible. At the same time, RI gets consultative status at UN & WHO. Because of this PPP, many other NGOs to follow suit as well.

In order to clear Polio, RI believes the following critical success factors: 1. Good Vaccine; 2. Excellent Surveillance; 3. NGO & GO cooperation; 4. Mass Media; 5. National Immunization Days; 6. Peace.

Apart from illustrating the RI Vision for 2010 and its 7 strategic goals for achieving global eradication, PDG Raymond also presented some statistics on the recent Polio Cases in Endemic Areas at 1 July 2006. Nigeria, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan ranked the first four highest cases countries. He also notified us that Polio Plus Fund no longer requires any money because RI has enough money for vaccines, and enough partners organization support, but assistance is required for Polio Plus Partners Program. The purpose of setting up Polio Plus Partners is to support fellow Rotarians' polio eradication efforts in polio-endemic and high-risk countries. Polio Plus Partners is to establish social mobilization by creating awareness of polio immunization. Therefore, leaflets, radio and television ads, billboards, caps, megaphones, t-shirts, aprons to identify etc, media posters will be used. For all interested rotarians, you can find a project to support by going to Rotary's website:

[www.Rotary.org/foundation/polioplus](http://www.Rotary.org/foundation/polioplus).

For 2007-2008, RI requires at least US\$5 million to fund this Polio Plus Partners program. In order to support Polio Plus Partners, RI offered the following incentive:

- **District Designated Funds (DDF):** donate available DDF to support projects on the Open project list. (Also matched 50%, 11/06)
- **Cash contributions:** cash contributions are matched US\$.50 for each US\$1.00 donated.

To actively promote this Polio Plus Partners program, RI pledges that all districts to support by giving DDF, all clubs chartered after 1 July 2003 to support this program and all Rotarians while making contribution to the Rotary Foundation should let know that they have another option.

Finally, PDG Raymond told us that RI would like to challenge all Rotarians, clubs, and districts to be a 2007-2008 Polio Plus Partner by the following:

1. 10% of available DDF;
2. All Rotary, Rotaract, Interact Clubs to have a PPP program by March 2008
3. All clubs chartered after 1 July 2003 to take part in PPP
4. Through district leadership, to request all new members to donate;
5. Encourage all Rotarians that view PP as their primary interests to make another donation.

After PDG Raymond's presentation, President Laurence invited our Club Foundation Chair PP Hubert to give our vote of thanks. PP Hubert told us when he first joined Rotary in 1986, he heard of this program and understood that RI had given a lot of effort to conquer it for the benefit of many children in the world. It is unfortunate that we have to fight Polio once again. However, he quoted a statement from the head of WHO, Mrs. Margaret Chan, and believed that we will sooner or later make this world Polio free. In order to support the Polio Plus Partner program, he committed to donate US\$1,000 dedicated for this program and asked other rotarians to support PPP as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm by President Laurence with a Toast to RI coupled with E-Club and Hong Kong Island East.

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## **Rotary Information**

### **Reminiscence of The Rotary Information Centre (RIC)**

The origin of the Rotary Information Centre (RIC) can be traced back to a very modest and slow beginning in 1973-74. In that year, D.G. John Yuen (R/C of Hong Kong Island East) registered the name and telephone number of the then District Secretary, Now PDG Peter Hall (R/C of HKIE) in the Hong Kong Tourist Association's guide book under the heading of ROTARY.

From then on, visiting Rotarians from abroad started to call Peter Hall regarding Rotary meeting venues and time. The enquiries increased in volume until Peter Hall cannot cope up with such demands. An alternative measure should be implemented to handle these enquiries.

On 25th of November 1977, the Rotary Information Centre was started in a small scale with its first office situated at Kai Tak Commercial Building, Comaught Road West, Hong Kong. The office space was owned by a Rotarian who offered the District to use it free of charge.

The late DGN C.K. Lo (HK Club) and PP Baker Moosdeen (HKIE) were elected to serve as supervisors. The original purpose behind the Rotary Information Centre is to provide, as the name implies, information through the establishment of a central resource centre; information about Rotary to the general public, information about Rotary events, news, speakers, etc.

As the temporary office site was not well centralized, it was decided to move the Centre to the YMCA, Kowloon with the kind assistance of Rtn. Bernard White (Kowloon Club), the then Secretary of the YMCA in 1978. PP Paul Young (HKS) was elected to serve as the supervisor.

At one of the 1980-81 Joint Presidents Meetings (JPM) it was then decided that there was a need to have an independent office with a paid secretary to run the Centre under the supervision of a Supervisory Committee. PP Philip Kwok (HK Club) was invited to serve as Chairman.

Through the generosity of Chairman Philip Kwok, the RIC was located, free of charge, at the Wing On Life Building in Central, with one full time paid secretary employed by the RIC. The maiden paid secretary was Ms. Susanne Chiang.

Gradually, office space in Wing On Life Building became insufficient for our use, and the JPM decided to acquire its own premises which could also be used for all their functions and meetings. This dream, finally materialized at the present location as mentioned above.

The Rotary Information Centre was established in 1985 by the 23 Rotary Clubs in Hong Kong and Macao which raised up to HK\$600,000.00 with the surplus sum accumulated from conferences and Rotary events all the years, to purchase the present office of approximately 1000 sq. feet. The Centre is located on the 14th floor, Capital Building, 26, Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. The names of the 23 clubs in Hong Kong and Macau are listed hereunder :

Rotary Club of Hong Kong  
Rotary Club of Macau  
Rotary Club of Kowloon  
Rotary Club of HK Island East  
Rotary Club of HK Island West  
Rotary Club of Kowloon West  
Rotary Club of Kowloon North  
Rotary Club of New Territories  
Rotary Club of Kowloon East  
Rotary Club of HK South  
Rotary Club of Kwun Tong  
Rotary Club of Victoria  
Rotary Club of Peninsula  
Rotary Club of Tsuen Wan  
Rotary Club of HK North  
Rotary Club of Hou Kuong  
Rotary Club of HK Northeast  
Rotary Club of Shatin  
Rotary Club of Kowloon Northwest  
Rotary Club of Tsimshatsui East  
Rotary Club of HK Northeast  
Rotary Club of Macau Central

In order to finalize the purchase of the Centre, each of the following Rotarians donated HK\$5,000.00 towards this worthy cause :

- PDG Sir Kenneth Fung (1961/62)
- PDG Hari Harilela (1965/66)
- PDG John Yuen (1973/74)
- PDG S. H. Sung (1975/76)
- PDG Ira D. Kaye (1977/78)
- PDG Peter Hall (1981/82)
- PDG Philip Lai (1983/84)
- PP Dennis Ting (1973/74)
- PP George Chu (1975/76)
- PP Samuel Lam (1979/80)
- Pres. Eoghan McMillan (1985/86)

Owned by the said 23 clubs as mentioned above, the premises was furnished by dedicated Rotarians, such as copying machine, refrigerator, tables and chairs as well as carpet, free of charge. The official opening was performed by PDG Peter Hall on 14th December, 1985 witnessed by many Rotarians and friends. A picture of the opening ceremony can be found in the premises.

The premises was handed over to a group of supervisory committee members each year, free of rental, to operate the Centre with the help of a paid executive secretary - Miss Wendy Lok. When Wendy resigned in 1987 and migrated to the USA, she was succeeded by Miss Carrie Cheung for a short period and later replaced by Miss Nikki S.Y. Lui. who later also migrated to New Zealand. Ms Connie Yu was to replace her until end of June 2007. Connie was the longest serving executive secretary for 18 years in RIC. As workload is increasing, RIC employed another assistant. Ms. Loretta Au from 1st April 1994 until the present time. The daily administration of the Centre is now under the hands of the two paid staff.

From 1st July 2007, the Centre recruited a new executive secretary - Ms Sonia So.

The Title Deed of the said premises dated 5th November 1985 is lodged in the Centre under the care of the Executive Secretary.

The Centre had gone through a massive renovation to make space for meetings and the executive secretary. It is now a modern office with glass door and aluminum/glass partition plus up-to-date air conditioning.

Remember, this is your Rotary Centre. The full registered name is The Rotary Information Centre, Limited. Visit and make use of it whenever possible. You are cordially welcome !

From the memory of Peter Hall

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## Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Who was welcomed back by the President of RC HKIE?

Answer:

2. What was so special about today' s meeting?

Answer:

3. Who were pinned by the President of RC HKIE and for what positions they will hold?

Answer:

4. What was circulated to the members during the meeting?

Answer:

5. How much we have collected for the Red Box?

Answer:

6. Who was our speaker of the day?

Answer:

7. What was the subject of the speaker?

Answer:

8. What will be the amount of contributions by the time the world is certified Polio-free?

Answer:

9. In order to support the Polio Plus Partner program, what has PP Hubert committed to do?

Answer:

10. The official opening of our current Rotary Information Centre was performed by whom and when?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

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## Jokes

### GHOST SEX!

A professor at the University of Kentucky was giving a lecture on the super-natural. To get a feel for his audience, he asks:

"How many people here believe in ghosts?"

About 90 students raise their hands.

"Well, that's a good start. Out of those of you who believe in ghosts, do any of you think you have seen a ghost?"

About 40 students raise their hands.

"That's really good. I'm really glad you take this seriously. Has anyone here ever talked to a ghost?" About 15 students raise their hand.

"Has anyone here ever touched a ghost?"

Three students raise their hands.

"That's fantastic. Now let me ask you one question further...Have any of you ever made love to a ghost?"

Way in the back, Bubba raises his hand. The professor takes off his glasses, and says "Son, all the years I've been giving this lecture, no one has ever claimed to have made love to a ghost. You've got to come up here and tell us about your experience."

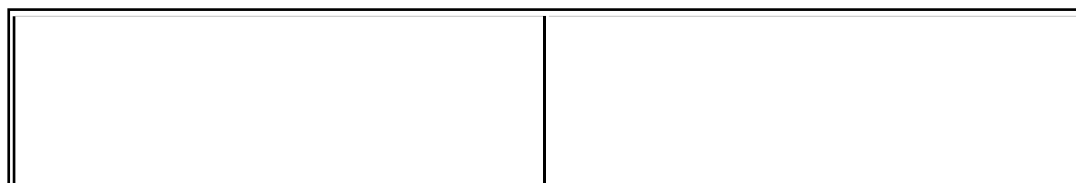
The big redneck student replied with a nod and a grin, and began to make his way up to the podium. When he reached the front of the room, the professor asks, "So, Bubba, tell us what it's like to have sex with a ghost?"

Bubba replied, "Shiiiiit!! From way back thar I thought you said....."Goats!!!"

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## Photographs of our meeting on

1<sup>st</sup> August, 2007





Members at the new luncheon meeting venue - Regal Hong Kong Hotel



PDG Uncle Peter, Guest speaker PDG Raymond Wong & President Laurence



Hon. Sec. Norman Lee & IPP Paul Chan



Welcome back to Rtn. Kenny Chan from Canada



Pres. Laurence present a pin to Hon. Sec. Norman



Pres. Laurence present a pin to our Rotary Foundation Chairman - PP Hubert Chan



Rtn. Heman Lam as the SAA reported the Red Box collection.



President Laurence making the announcement.



PDG Uncle Peter introduces our guest speaker - PDG Dr. Raymond Wong to our members



Our guest speaker - PDG Dr. Raymond Wong



PP Hubert thanks the speaker



Group Photos

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