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Last week's Proceedings -

29th July, 2009

President Norman kicked off the meeting at 1:03 pm and warmly welcomed our visiting guest and member-to-be Ms. Teresa Ho of Regal Hong Kong Hotel, who will be inducted at the Intercity Meeting. He also greeted our speaker Mr. Kevin Chiu and his colleague Miss. Bernice Chan from World Vision Hong Kong.

PP Stephen Liu was invited as song leader in celebration of our birthday boys PP Uncle John, and Director Kevin Leung; birthday gifts were presented accordingly.

Acting SAA Gilbert reported red box collection as HK\$1,400; he thanked all donors for their support and with special thanks to PP Uncle John for his generous contribution.

President Norman reminded all of the following events:

1. On 7th August, at the Intercity Meeting being held at the Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hotel in honour of our RI President John Kenny who is visiting our District, Pres. Norman urged all members to join and witness the induction of our new members Ms. Teresa Ho. Currently we have 2 more seats left for the table that we reserved. For members who would like to join now please reserve your seats with Hon. Secretary Dr. Eric Chin.
2. The installation of our Rotaract Club of Lingnan University will be held on 8th August, at the Baptist University, together with other Rotaract Clubs; Pres. Norman invited all members to join with him at this event.
3. The Area 3 joint dinner meeting with DG Ada Cheng will be held on 29th August at Regal Hong Kong Hotel, kindly take note that our regular luncheon meeting on 26th August will be postponed to that date. In the morning, our board of directors will have a meeting with DG Ada to discuss our club plan.

Our speaker Mr. Kevin Chiu was then introduced by PE Heman who covered the topic of "Water and Sanitation. Mr. Kevin Chiu has been serving in World Vision Hong Kong since 1996. For the past 13 years, he has the opportunity to visit many countries in Asia and Africa that were hit by disasters and suffered from severe poverty. He is most impressed by the generosity of the Hong Kong people to help the poor and needy around the world.

Before joining World Vision, Mr. Kevin Chiu had 11 years of commercial working experience in Marketing and Management. He received his Bachelor degree and MBA at the University of Alberta, Canada. Kevin is a Christian, married, and has two teenage daughters studying in secondary school.

Mr. Kevin Chiu began by thanking us in inviting him back to speak to us and of our interests in their Water Project. He then proceeded to show us a video commentary about the importance of providing clean water around the world.

Mr. Chiu pointed out the stunning fact that 1 in 6 people in the world don't have access to clean, safe drinking water; that is around 880 million people without safe drinking water.

Out of 2.2 million unsafe drinking water deaths in 2004, 99% were children under age of 5. 17% of under-five deaths were attributable to diarrheal diseases, which is primarily caused by inadequate sanitation, making it the second largest killer of children, after pneumonia, thus it kills almost 4,500 children per day.

Drinking water coverage

Countries in sub-Saharan Africa face the greatest challenges in drinking water. Trends indicate that most countries are on track to meet the MDG (Millennium Development Goals) drinking water target, except in sub-Saharan Africa Water and Poverty Report from UNICEF/WHO in 2008 on Progress of Drinking Water and Sanitation indicated that there is a disparity between developing and developed region. About half of the 884 million live in Asia and still use unimproved drinking source.

In China, 330 million people lack access to safe drinking water. Desertification, worsened by excessive withdrawals of surface and groundwater, is growing especially in northern China.

With 20% of the world's population but only 7% of global water resources, China meets with a severe challenge (same amount of water as Canada but 40 times the population). More than half of China's 660 cities suffer from water shortages, which is affecting 160 million people. 90% of cities' groundwater and 75% of rivers and lakes are polluted. Waterborne diseases have created a rising number of premature deaths.

In 2005, the Chinese government acknowledged that 50,000 environmentally related protests occurred that year, many of which were related to water degradation. Minister of Water Resources Chen Lei said in 2007 that China is already suffering a shortfall of water supply of around 40 billion cubic meters annually because of climate change and that there has been both increased flooding and drought.

If present trends are not reversed in China, World Bank forecasts by 2020 there will be ~~30 million environmental refugees~~ due to water stress.

World Vision is involved in improving sanitation and drinking water because they are:

- Vital to human health
- Contributes to social development
- Contributes to personal dignity
- Generates economic benefits s Help the environment
- Achievable
- The most cost effective public health interventions to reduce childhood mortality

World Vision Hong Kong has supported 18 Area Development Programmes in China and sponsored 36,300 children in FY09 as well as 73 other projects in China such as Toilet Construction, Household Drinking Water Systems, Water Conservation Systems, Special Irrigation Systems, Biogas Systems, Planting and Farming Trainings, etc.

Regarding the Water Project in Longchuan County in Yunnan, the location is a county of 9 villages with a total population of 170,000 out of which 12,400 are children of age 6-12 and 4/5 are poor students living on mountainous areas.

The school - Longchuan Minzhu Primary School is of size over 28,000 sq meter, and 505 students from 12 classes. In Autumn this year, they are expected to expand to 600 students and all of them are boarding students.

The School was relocated to new site in 2007 and as it is situated on higher ground thus resulted in difficulties in getting water from lowland. The existing water tanks in school cannot be used for water conservation/ usage and only the water tank situated near the canteen is in use for drinking and cooking. Students need to carry water by buckets and because of the shortage, they take an average of one shower per week, and they seldom take shower in winter time. Sanitation becomes a very serious problem also as no water at toilets of student dormitory, and existing shower facilities do not function either.

The project aims to build a provision of 5 x 4000 litre stainless steel water tanks, with 3 x water pumps and necessary pipe and parts, plus 10 x solar pipe for shower in winter. This water conservation system would cater the School's future expansion: estimated to reach 1,000 students (full capacity) within 4-5 years, and greatly improve health of students and staffs because of better sanitation and minimize exposure to water-borne diseases

Project costs HK\$ 82,353 with local matching of HK\$20,553 and World Vision seeking for the RC of HKIE sponsorship of HK\$61,800.

Pres. Norman inquired by what means did World Vision came to learn this project from the school, and Mr. Kevin Chiu replied that they have been working continuously in the area for a long time and there are students under sponsorship at the school and that's how they came to realize their needs.

IPP Andy queried how the water conservation system be maintained, and Mr. Kevin Chiu responded that they would have staffs working at the county who would perform the maintenance for them.

Rtn. Jason officially thanked the speaker for pointing out to us the importance of water and sanitation, the need around the world and in particular China. He stated that one of the areas of focus in Rotary is providing clean Water to areas in need and our Club is also committed to assist in the project. Rtn. Jason said he has just visited the area over the weekend, he found the area interesting and a very nice place for golfing as well. He urged members to give their full support to the project.

President Norman announced that there will be no luncheon meeting on 5th August as it is moved to the Intercity Meeting on 7th August at the Holiday Inn Golden Mile and he urged members who want to attend to sign up ASAP, cost would be HK\$590.

President Norman then made a toast to RI coupled with Hong Kong Island East.

There being no other businesses, the luncheon meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Rotary Potpourri

Let's End Polio Now

According to news released by local newspaper, we are delighted to learn that Nigeria, West African Muslim clerics join battle against polio recently, though some of the religious leaders still practice to forbid to have the children being vaccinated against polio.

In the past, the clerics believe the Polio Vaccinations were a western plot to make Muslims infertile or infect them with aids. Now, as the numbers of Polio are increasing yearly, a big new anti-polio push is under way in Africa's most populous country and this time. some Muslim clerics have made themselves part of the solution. joining community leaders, health workers and

the victims themselves in waging the war to end Polio.

There are still four countries with polio records, namely, India, Pakistan, Afganistan and Nigeria. With the help of The Rotary Foundation, The Bill Gate and Melinda Foundation, and various generous donations from around the world, Polio will be kicked out of the globe pretty soon.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

Email:

<p>1. Who will be inducted into our club at the Intercity Meeting ? Ans)</p> <p>2. Who was our guest speaker and who introduced him ? Ans)</p> <p>3. Who were the two birthday boys today ? Ans)</p> <p>4. What was the SAA collection today ? Ans)</p> <p>5. Pres. Norman made three announcements, briefly describe them ? Ans)</p> <p>6. Briefly tell what was the subject of our guest speaker ? Ans)</p> <p>7. Who thank the speaker ? Ans)</p>
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Joke

This is really bizarre!!!!

Just try this.

It is from an orthopedic surgeon..... This will boggle your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't. It's preprogrammed in your brain!

1. While sitting where you are at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.

2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction!

I told you so!!! And there's nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so. Send it to your buddies to frustrate them too.

Photographs of our meeting

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29th July, 2009

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PDG Uncle Peter & Speaker, Mr. Kevin Chiu, CEO of World Vision Hong Kong



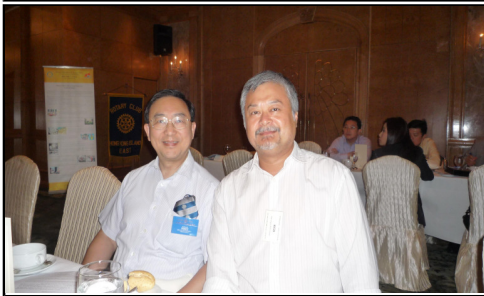
Pres. Norman Lee, Hon. Sec. Eric Chin & IPP Andy Wong



IPP Andy Wong & PP Uncle John Kwok



Birthday boys Kevin & PP John received the birthday gift from Pres. Norman. PP Stephen led the birthday song



Rtn. Tony Loy & Rtn. Kevin Leung



Rtn. Gilbert Fung, Rtn. Peter Yeung & PP Henry Chan



PP Stephen Liu, Dir. Jason Chiu & Rtn. Gilbert Fung



Rtn. Jonathan Lamport, Rtn. Henry Cheung & PE Heman Lam



Vising guest, Theresa Ho & Bernice Chan



Our speaker of the week - Mr. Kevin Chiu from World Vision



Dir. Jason Chiu gave a vote of thanks on



Pres. Norman present a picture in action to Mr. Kevin Chiu



Group photo with members, speaker & visiting guests

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