

# Last week's Proceedings -

# 28th July, 2010

President Heman started off the fourth regular meeting at 1:07pm by welcoming DG Jason Chan and his District Officers including DGE David Harilela, DS Allen Au, AG Henry, DS Andy, DS Norman and PR Committee member Nancy. Pres. Heman then welcomed back PP Hubert, PP David and Rtn Francis. IPP Norman was also asked to introduce his wife Isa as his guest. They all received a big welcoming applause from our attending members.

There was no birthday member to be celebrated.

President Heman announced that there was a District Visit meeting led by DG Jason held before the regular luncheon meeting today (please see our Rotary Potpourri for the details). RI President's visit to Hong Kong will be held on 14th August to 18th August. Area 3 will host the Intercity Meeting on 17th August in Holiday Inn Hotel in Tsimshatsui, Kowloon. Registration has already started and any member who is interested please contact PE Eric.

President Heman reminded the members that there is going be a change of meeting date from 18th August to 17th August due to the Intercity Meeting. Also there is going to be a DG Visit to Ulaanbaatar in August 2010 headed by DG Jason. He further announced that there is a Vocational Visit on Saturday 21st August 2010 to the "Dialogue in the Dark" and a fellowship dinner is going to be held afterwards.

SAA PP Rudy reported the red box donation of HK\$1,800.

President Heman introduced our guest speaker, DG Jason. DG Jason stated that the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East was his first District Visit as the Club is well prepared for that. The major goal of the visit was to motivate the members to work together instead of telling them what to do or what not to do. He recalled that the District Installation was a great success. Over six hundred members turned up at that evening. DG Jason noticed that there were few new members inducted in the first meeting of the year. DG Jason reminded that it is going to be the Membership Development Month in August. The goal is to gain one new member per club between July this year and January next year. In other words, there will be 63 new members in District 3450 by January 2011. DG Jason also enjoyed to see more new members coming from the second generation. The second generation members did not necessary to be in the same club of the first generation. DG Jason mentioned about the membership retention. Good fellowship and meaningful projects were important factors to the retention. Members had to focus on what the Rotarians were good about at all times. New traditions in some cases might be good idea to help the members to stay longer in the club. DG Jason noticed that the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East held at least four golf tournaments a year where the members could get together or in some cases new or potential members were introduced. DG Jason was happy to see that the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East had conducted a few community service projects held in China especially in some poor areas. DG Jason mentioned that the PR will be one of his prime goal to promote the Rotary Club locally which included mass media coverage, websites, newsletter and vocational visits.

PP Hubert asked DG Jason how to deal with clubs under twenty members and the strategy of retention. DG Jason mentioned that there were around five to six clubs with low membership. It was difficult to pin point especially during the beginning of the year. DG Jason mentioned that it was not up to the Governor to merge such low membership clubs. The best way was try the best in membership retention. Uncle John asked about the future of the Rotaractors and how to maintain their interests in Rotary after they graduated. DG Jason thought that the best way was to make examples and role models to the Rotaractors and encourage them to join more Rotary activities and events. Two ways communications were very important between the Rotaractors and their Rotary Clubs. President Heman thanked DG Jason for his District Visit and his talk about the vision of the District for this coming year. The meeting was adjourned at 2pm with a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Clubs of The Peak, Kowloon Golden Mile, HK Island West and HK

# **Rotary Potpourri**

#### DG Jason visited HKIE and met with the Board Members

DG Jason Chan, DGE David Harilela, DS Allen Au, AG Henry paid their first official visit to our club on July 28, 2010. President Heman and his team consisting PDG Uncle Peter, PE Dr. Eric, IPP Norman, PP John, PP Dr. Rudy, PP Laurence, PP Andy, Dir. Nancy and Dir. Anthony extended our warm welcome to their visit.

Before luncheon meeting, a private meeting was held between two parties at 12:00 noon. President Heman kicked off the meeting by introducing the team of the board members and his year plan regarding membership development, Service Projects, Rotary Foundation, Leadership Development, Public Relations, and Club Administration.

DG Jason highly appraised the member-get-member promotions of our club such as 4 golf tournaments to invite potential friends, fellowship event such as horse race dinner and the invitation of spouse of members to celebrate the anniversary of wedding. These events would not only increase numbers of member but also would solicit support from spouses to members for retention.

During the meeting, DG Jason revealed that he would try all efforts to attend Clubs' events to show his support. He had allocated funding to provide PR support by sending a photographer to any club who had reported their projects activities/visit so that District would arrange appropriate PR activities/promotion to the public and government officials regarding the background and details of the services done by our members.

Regarding The Rotary Foundation, DG Jason briefly mentioned about the Future Vision Plan of RI and the possible change of structure to simplify the Foundation programs and processes. Quoting the example of the Distinguished Speaker CL Leung Talk arranged by our club last year, DG Jason mentioned that he had a very good impression to our club for inviting the heavy-weight speaker to promote the image of our club and Rotary as a whole. DG Jason expressed his confident in our club of a positive membership growth this year.

President Heman expressed the great appreciation for the visit of DG Jason and his team. The DG visit meeting was adjourned at 1 pm. All participants then move to the Victoria function room to start the luncheon meeting where DG Jason met all members and delivered his speech.

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## **Electronic Make-up Questions**

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

Name:

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Who were the District Officers accompanied DG Jason to visit our Club today ? 1. Ans) 2. Who were welcomed back by Pres. Heman ? Ans) 3. Who was the guest brought by IPP Norman to the meeting ? Ans) 4. On which date and where is Area 3 hosting the upcoming Intercity Meeting ? Ans) 5. What happen to our regular luncheon meeting on 17th August 2010 ? Ans) 6. When are we hosting a fellowship event to visit the "Diaologue in the Dark" ? Ans) 7. What was the Red Box collection ? Ans) 8. Who was our speaker for the luncheon meeting today ? Ans)

Submit

### Joke

#### Subject: I told you so!

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away.."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. The duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested... "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room.

He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head....

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room.

A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "£150!" she cried, "£150 just to tell me my duck is dead?"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been £20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now £150."

# **Photographs of our meeting**

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### 28th July, 2010





Rtn. William Leung & Hon. Tres. PP Rudy Law



Rtn. Kenny Chan & Dir. Nancy Yee



PP Eddy Wong & PP Uncle John Kwok



DG Jason Chan gave his first DG Visit speech to our Club



Group photos with DG Jason Chan, DGE David Harilela, DS Allen Au, members & visiting guests

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