

Last week's Proceedings -

30th July 2008

The meeting started punctually with President Andy chaired this special occasion - the visit by District Governor Albert Wong.

At 11:30am prior to our regular luncheon meeting, our Board of Directors had a fruitful meeting with the District Team led by DG Albert Wong, with DS Eugene Fong, ADG Wendy Mung and DAG CK Wong. Our team was led by President Andy Wong with PDG Uncle Peter Hall, IPP Laurence Chan, PE Norman Lee, HS Heman Lam, HT PP Rudy Law, PP John Kwok, PP Paul Chan, PP Stephen Liu, and Dir Nancy Yee.

At 1:08 pm President Andy welcomed all who attended the luncheon meeting; he also extended his warmest welcome to our visiting signatory from District - District Governor Albert Wong (RC Kowloon West), District Governor Elect Ada Cheng (RC Wanchai), District Governor Nominee Jason Chan (RC The Peak), District Secretary Eugene Fong (RC Kowloon West), Assistant District Governor Wendy Mung (RC Peninsula) and Deputy Assistant District Governor CK Wong (RC Harbour).

PP John Kwok was invited to officially introduce our attending guests, they were: President Patrick Lam from RC of Hong Kong, member-to-be Mr. Ke vin Leung who in turn introduced his daughter Catia Leung, PP David Li introduced his son Christian Li, and IPP Laurence introduced his guests - Rotaractors Ebony Chung Man Fong and Kathy Li Ka Chi from Lingnan University, and SAA Gilbert Fung introduced his guest Colin Chan, ex-Rotaractor of RC HK Island East.

The birthday boys for this special occasion were PP John Kwok and Rtn. Kenny Chan. Dir. Nancy Yee was chosen as the song leader, and we all sang from the top of our voices to greet the birthday boys.

SAA Gilbert Fung reported the red box donation of HK\$ 3,700 and with heartfelt thanks to all contributors including handsome contributions from DG Albert Wong, DGE Ada Cheng and PP John Kwok.

President Andy then proceeded to the induction ceremony and invited SAA Gilbert Fung to escort member-to-be Kevin Leung to the rostrum. He then called upon proposer Hon. Sec. Heman Lam to introduce the background of Kevin Leung to us. President Andy then invited the presence of DG Albert Wong to witness the induction and also to present the member badge to Kevin after a big welcoming applause from us all.

The highlight of the day was the speech delivered by DG Albert Wong, who started with presenting a letter of appreciation and recognition to President Andy for the Club's contribution in serving the District.

He then continued by presenting the Certificate of Appointment to our beloved PDG Uncle Peter, who serves as the Chairman of District Public Recognition (Initial Planning) Committee 2008-09; and another Certificate of Appointment to PP Eddy Wong as the District Public Relations Ambassador for Area 3 in 2008-09. He thanked both again for their commitment in serving the district.

DG Albert Wong reiterated his duty on reviewing the club plans with each club so that they are in line with the direction of the District as well as Rotary International. He complimented that President Andy had presented a very complete club plan and he was very satisfied with it. He pointed out that RC of HKIE continued to grow in membership with focus on member retention and he has very good faith for the membership retention in our club.

DG Albert Wong also suggested to have a joint club meeting between his club, RC of Kowloon West, and RC of Hong Kong Island East in the future to share fellowship amongst our members. DG Albert Wong stated that the District will arrange membership seminar on September 13 to provide more information to understand on membership growth as well as retention, and how rotary create membership as well as creating new clubs which is the direction of RI and he invited members to join.

DG Albert Wong commented that our club has laid down plans to organize some good quality Community Projects targeting the well beings of children. He revealed that through his recent finding, the mortality rate of Hong Kong children is very low but children's accident rate is very high, he therefore urged all presidents of District 3450 to come together for a district project on this topic and he advocated support from all members.

DG Albert Wong thanked all Past Presidents and members being the donors for contributing to the Rotary Foundation and he reminded that the funds will be channeled back and used for Matching Grant, where clubs with projects run locally and with other countries would be benefited.

Public relations has always been important to corporations as well as NGO's like Rotary, and DG Albert Wong has created a Public Recognition Committee to recognize the outstanding Rotarians who have been doing a lot in servicing the community, and it would be his mission that our District could propose these outstanding members to HKSAR as well as Mainland Government to be awarded by our government.

DG Albert Wong complimented that our club has a good system in place for Club Administration; and he also stressed the importance of continuity of clubs and that in District level they have DG, DGE, DGN, DGNN and wished that RC of HKIE would follow.

DG Albert Wong urged members to participate in District Functions in particular District Conference; as there were voices from Clubs for more involvement in the programs, he would consider to install more programs with more participations of local clubs together with those core sessions as required by RI, and he would discuss with the Organizing Committee in that approach. He also disclosed that the District Conference 2009 would be held in Macau, and the team would work closely with RC of Macau, and try to get incentives in value higher than the registration fee. He also received confirmation from the Macau Special Administrative Region that Chief Executive Ho Hau Wah has agreed to be the GOH of the event subject to final confirmation in due course.

DG Albert Wong reminded us on the RI theme of this year focusing on reducing the mortality of children all over the world and he thanked President Andy Wong, the officers and all members of RC of HKIE for our support.

President Andy Wong in turn thanked DG Albert Wong and the District Team for coming to visit us today. President jokingly said that it felt like an one year examination, and hope to be as relaxed and relieved as IPP Laurence when his term ends. He complimented DG Albert Wong and his team for their enthusiasm in their Rotary service and that they thoroughly enjoyed the servicing work. He also stated that it is also the motivation of our Past Presidents as they gained happiness in helping the local community so that we have a better world to live in. He will most likely enjoy this year with his team members to help more people in our community in making the dreams real.

President Andy Wong invited all members and guests to rise and toast to RI couple with Rotary Clubs of Kowloon West, Wanchai, The Peak, Peninsula, Harbour, Hong Kong and Hong Kong Island East.

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

Rotary Potpourri

Back to Rotary Basic

As at 31st December 2007, Rotary had a membership of 1,210,648 members with 32,912 Rotary Clubs worldwide, divided into 532 districts and 34 Zones. The number of members are important and it is how a RI director is elected according to the membership of each Zone.

The 2007 Board Zones Review Committee studied into the world membership and realigned that each Zone should compose of 35,432 members with 10% more or less calculation.

To simplify the subject, we only concentrate on our new zone with effect from 1st July 2008 since we received no objection to place the former Zone 4-B to a new Zone named Zone 10-B comprising of the following 8 districts:

District 3450 - 1,626 members (Hong Kong, Macao & Mongolia)

District 3460 - 3,307 members (Taiwan)

District 3470 - 1,625 members (Taiwan)

District 3480 - 2,916 members (Taiwan) District 3490 - 1,967 members (Taiwan)

District 3500 - 2,110 members (Taiwan)

District 3510 - 2,001 members (Taiwan)

District 3520 - 3,190 members (Taiwan)

Total membership is 18,742 for Zone 10-B while the membership in Korea under Zone 10-A is 16,330 members.

In the new alignment from 1st July 2008, the structure of nominating a RI director (every 8 years) remains unchanged. For example, PRIVP Gary Huang served as RI director in the year 2000-2002, Jackson Hsieh will serve in the year 2008-2010 and the nominee will be from Zone10-B for the year 2016-2018.

The Rotary Institute for the new Zone 10-B will hold its Institute with the old Zones 6B and 7B in the English language whereas Japan and Korea will hold their Institutes in Japanese and Korean separately.

Just for information, Hong Kong was selected for the 3rd time to hold the Rotary Zone Institute when PRIVP Gary Huang was the RI director. PDG Arthur Au was appointed Chairman and PDG Peter Hall as Hon. Treasurer.

Note: (1) If no objection is lodged with Rotary International on or before the 1st day of May 2008 by over 50% of the Rotary Clubs in each zone, the new alignment of the new zones will come into effect as from 1st July 2008.

(2) Prior to the regrouping of the zones before 1st July 2008, Zones 4-B, 6-B and 7-B consist of the following countries:

Afghanistan,

Bangladesh

Brunei,

Cambodia,

Indonesia,
Laos,
Macau,
Malaysia,
Mongolia
Pakistan,
Philippine s,
Singapore,
Taiwan and
Thailand.
(3) Time is flying. We are having our Taipei Zone Institute to be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from 17th - 19th October 2008 organized by convenor and RI Director, Jackson Hsieh, at the Grand Hotel, Taipei. RI President D.K. Lee and spouse Young together with TRF chair Jonathan Majiyagbe and spouse Ayo will attend the said Institute. The deadline for registration is 10th September 2008.
Electronic Make-up Questions You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following questions:
1. How many members have attended the meeting with DG prior to our luncheon meeting today?
Answer:
2. How many officials from the District Office have attended our luncheon meeting today?
Answer:
3. How many guests we have received today?
5. How many guests we have received today.
Answer:
4. Who were our birthday boys and who was our song leader?
Answer:
5. How much we have collected for the Red Box?
Answer:
6. Who have received a letter of appointment from our DG today?
Answer:
7. Who was inducted as our new member today?
Answer:
8. Where will our next District Conference be held as disclosed by our DG today?
Answer:

Hong Kong,

D. Who will likely be the Guest of Honor of this upcoming District Conference?
Answer:
10. As of December 31st 2007 how many members and clubs we have in Rotary worldwide?
Answer:
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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK
rish castaway
One day an Irishman, who had been stranded on a deserted island for over 10 years, saw a speck on the horizon.
He thought to himself, "It's certainly not a ship." As the speck got closer and closer, he began to rule out even the possibilities of a small boat or a raft.
Suddenly there strode from the surf a figure clad in a black wet suit. Putting a side the scuba tanks and mask and zipping down the top of the wet suit stood a drop-dead gorgeous blonde!
She walked up to the stunned Irishman and said to him,
Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a good cigar?"
Ten years," replied the amazed Irishman.
With that, she reached over and unzipped a waterproof pocket on the left sleeve of her wetsuit and pulled out a fresh package of cigars and a lighter.
He took a cigar, slowly lit it, and took a long drag.
Faith and begorrah," said the castaway, "that is so good!
d almost forgotten how great a smoke can be!"
'And how long has it been since you've had a drop of good Powers Irish Whiskey?" asked the blonde.
Frembling, the castaway replied,
Ten years." Hearing that, the blonde reached over to her right sleeve, unzipped a pocket there and removed a flask and handed it to him.
He opened the flask and took a long drink.
'Tis nectar of the gods!" shouted the Irishman. " 'Tis truly fantastic!!!"
At this point the gorgeous blonde started to slowly unzip the long front of her wet suit, right down the middle. She looked at the trembling man and asked,
'And how long has it been since you played around?"
With tears in his eyes, the Irishman fell to his knees and sobbed,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Don't tell me that you've got golf clubs in there too!"

Photographs of our meeting on



(L to R) Dist. Sec Eugene, Hon. Sec. Heman, Uncle PP John, DG Albert, Pres. Andy, AG Wendy & DAG KC Wong



RC of HK Island East officers had a meeting with DG Albert & the District officers



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PDG Uncle Peter, DG Albert Wong & Pres. Andy Wong



Hon Sec Heman, DGE Ada Cheng & DGN Jason Chan



(L to R) Dist. Sec. Eugene, PP Eddy, Dir Jason, Rtn. Kenny, PP Henry, PDG Y.K. Pres. Patrick from RC of HK, PP Paul & PP Stephen



(L to R) PE Norman, Hon. Tres. PP Rudy, PP David, Dir. Nancy, AG Wendy, Rotaractor of Lingnan University (Ebony Chung & Kathy Li), IPP Laurence, visitor Christian (son of PP David), Rtn. Kevin Leung & his daughter (Catia)



Rotaractor Ebony Chung & Kathy Li (both from Lingnan University) photo with Dir Nancy Yee & IPP Laurence Chan



While Rtn. Kenny & PP Uncle John showing the birthday gift received from Pres. Andy, Dir Nancy led the birthday song for the two birthday boys.



Hon Sec. Heman introduced our new member Rtn. Kewin Leung accompanied by SAA Gilbert



DG Albert put the Rotary Pin & the badge on Rtn. Kewin Leung



After the induction ceremony, Rtn. Kevin Leung spoke to us with his enjoyable smile





DG Albert gave a speech to our members

PDG Uncle Peter received a Letter of Appointment from DG Albert for his designated service in the District



PP Eddy Wong also received a Letter of Appointment from DG Albert for his designated service in the District



Group photo with DG Albert, the District team, Rotarians, Rotaractor Club members, visiting Rotarians & guests

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