

# Last week's Proceedings -

## **7th August, 2009**

The Club re-scheduled our Wednesday luncheon to August 7, 2009 (Friday) night; joining the InterCity Meeting in honour of RI President John Kenny (from Grange mouth, Scotland), held at the Grand Ballroom of Holiday Inn Golden Mile in Kowloon.

Our members went to the Hotel early at 6:15 pm for the cocktail reception and the photo session with RI Pres. John Kenny and his wife Mrs June Kenny.

President Norman had a pleasant duty to perform; to induct our second lady member Teresa on stage, being witnessed by DG Ada and RI Pres. John. Teresa was thrilled to join many new members from various clubs, welcome to the big family of Rotary.

Island East had a table, with:

- PP Eddy (District Secretary General)
- IPP Andy Wong (AS Area 2 & 3)
- Pres. Norman Lee
- PE Heman Lam
- HT. Eric Chin
- PP John Kwok
- PP Rudy Law
- Rtn Jonathan Lamport
- Rtn Henry Cheung
- New Member Teresa Ho

Whereas, PDG Uncle Peter, PDG YK & Rotarianne Irene joined the head tables with RI. President John Kenny. PDG YK (appointed Special RI Representative to China) was the aide to assist RI President John for his Taiwan visit & next week visit to the RC of Beijing & Shanghai in China.

RI Pres. John Kenny gave an encouraging speech on our 2009 the me "The future of Rotary is in your hands":

- The RI initiatives for polio eradication must be the priority; with helps from Gates Foundation gifts (in the form of challenge grant of US\$255 millions) & many governments participation.
- The Rotarians would continue our focus for Clean Water, Health & Hunger, as well as Literacy projects.
- The Four Avenues of Service still has much relevance on present day values such as for Vocational Service; the project emphasis of business ethics and becoming a better citizen.

The InterCity meeting was also an occasion for the Rotary Foundations to recognise:

- 100% PHF Club RC of Kingspark Hong Kong
- 100% Major Donor PHF Club RC of Kowloon East (36 members) being also the first 100% PHF club in the world.
- RI President John then recognized and thank a dozen Major Donors level 3 whose contribution to RI are in \$100,000 range.

The event ended around 10:45pm and was enjoyed by all.

# Rotary Potpourri

#### Membership & Extension Month

In August every year in Rotary, we observe this Membership and Extension Month by focusing to recruitment of new members and formation new clubs.

The Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new membership slogan - "Each Rotarian; Reach One, Keep One," at its June 2009 meeting

The slogan emphasizes the need for Rotarians to focus on both recruitment and retention in their membership growth efforts.

Reach One reminds us that because Rotary membership is by invitation, it is essential that each Rotarian reaches out and invites someone to join

Keep One reminds us that it is not sufficient to simply sponsor someone into Rotary, we must also see that the new members become active and involved Rotarians. We know this is an essential element in membership retention.

This new slogan complements the board's long-termed membership strategy, which was also adopted in the June meeting

Member sponsor and retention recognition at its January meeting, the RI Board adopted a new member Sponsor and retention Recognition program, which became effective 1 July. The program, also part of the long-term membership strategy allows Rotary club presidents to nominate and recognize individuals for sponsoring new members while focusing on retention. There are several award categories:

- 1. Gold pin and certificate. For Rotarians bringing 25 members into any Rotary club, with 20 still active after six years;
- 2. Silver pin and certificate. For Rotarians bringing 10 members into any Rotary Club with eight still active after four years;
- 3 Bronze pin and certificate. For Rotarians bringing five members into any Rotary Club, with four still active after two years.

We hope this new suggestion will help to recruit more new members into Rotary.

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# **Electronic Make-up Questions**

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

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Email:
1. How come our meeting was changed to Friday this week ? Ans)
2. What did Pres. Norman do that is special this week ? Ans)
3. How many of our members attended this meeting ? Ans)
4. Who was the Guest of Honour at this meeting ? Ans)
5. The Guest of Honour made three important announcements briefly name them ? Ans)
6. This meeting was also an occasion for Rotary Foundation to recognize three important matters, name them ? Ans)
Submit

**Joke** 

An 80-year-old Italian goes to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks,' how do you stay in such great physical condition?'

I'm Italian and I am a golfer,' says the old guy, 'and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. I have a glass of vino, and all is well.'

'Well' says the doctor, Tm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Father when he died?'

'Who said my Father's dead?'

The doctor is amazed. 'You mean you're 80 years old and your Father's still alive. How old is he?'

'He's 100 years old,' says the Old Italian golfer. 'In fact he golfed with me this morning, and then we went to the topless beach for a walk and had a little vino and that's why he's still alive. He's Italian and he's a golfer, too.'

'Well,' the doctor says, 'that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your Father's Father? How old was he when he died?'

'Who said my Nono's dead?'

Stunned, the doctor asks, 'you mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! Incredible, how old is he?'

'He's 118 years old,' says the Old Italian golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, 'So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?'

'No, Nono couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today.'

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. 'Getting married!' Why would a 118 year- old guy want to get married?'

Who said he wanted to?'

## Photographs of our meeting

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(L to R) AG Wendy, PP Rudy, Rtn. Teresa, Pres. Norman, Hon. Sec. Eric, IPP Andy, PP John, CDS Eddy & PE Heman



Rotary International President John Kenny gave his speech in the InterCity Meeting



AG Ada led all the Club Presidents to do the new member induction ceremony



After the New Member Induction ceremony was completed, Pres. Norman & Rtn. Teresa waved the hands with cheerful smiles



Rtn. Teresa was so lucky to have picutre taken with RI Pres. John Kenny



PDG Uncle Peter sit at the head table with RI Pres. John & Mrs June Kenny with DG Ada Cheng



Close up of 2009-2010 Club Presidents with RI Pres. Mr & Mrs. John Kenny



Group photo of 2009-2010 Club Presidents with RIPres. Mr & Mrs John Kenny



Our club's group photo with RI Pres. Mr & Mrs. John Kenny & DG Ada Cheng



Our club's group photo

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