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Last week's Proceedings -

17th August 2005

The 7th meeting of the year started promptly on 1:05pm with President Eddy presiding. Heavy rains, overseas trips and overland trips of members reduced the number of attendance to 15, just making the hotel requirement.

PDG John Wan, PDG Raymond Wong were welcomed by the members, and our meeting boasted the presence of 4 PDGs including our own PDG YK and PDG Uncle Peter. One visiting Rotarian, Mariana Liu from Monterey Park, California, returned to our meeting and gave us some suggestions about the Club Bulletin. We had one visitor, Mr Norman Lee, whose fellowship we enjoyed.

There was no birthday boys, and the Acting Sergeant-at-Arms PDG Uncle Peter reported the day's contribution at \$800.

This week being our Club Assembly, the areas of services were reported with IPP Rudy in the chair.

For female literacy programme, we have the Hubei Project in which 150 school girls in dire poverty will be supported by funds of our club through their primary school education. Their fees will be paid year by year from the fund. The target was almost met, with shortfall of ten thousand only. President Eddy will go with PP George to Hubei later this week for a site visit and report back next week. It is a known fact that of all the social welfare programmes, literacy in the young female is the most cost effective, and our club is doing just that.

Next, PP Hubert reported on the Ningxia water cellars project which our club started in 96/97 with World Vision. The project was well received locally and the cellars were of great use in the past 7+ years. Further 140 cellars were in plan to be set up by World Vision for the whole village area, allowing one cellar per family. The cost is \$1,400 per cellar, and our Club has already approved for ten cellars. There will be a meeting on this project later in October with a speaker from World Vision. PP Hubert also reported a school visit where 100 handicapped students studied with 800 normal primary students in the area.

The PDG Uncle Peter special Fund of our club now stands at more than 200 thousand HKD- the more the better, of course!

PP Stephen reported that due to the political situation in the Philippines, the planned trip to Makati North was cancelled. However, they may come to visit us later this year. Osaka Jonan Club indicated that they will come to us in May 2006. There are no special occasions in any of our sister clubs this year.

Our club has already increased the number of Paul Harris Fellows by four so far this years, ie President Eddy, IPP Rudy, PP John, PP Hubert. One more to go and our club will have satisfied the quota for the year.

PDG John Wan remarked that the Rotary Foundation Workshop on 29 August is for people to attend to learn how to do things, rather than a seminar for information. There is a goal that each Rotarian should donate USD100 per head per year.

Director Jason report that we aim to have 1-2 special events this year, and the present suggestion is to visit the Printing Press for the HK Monetary Bills (~HK Mint) in 2006. Further suggestions are welcomed.

Treasurer Laurence reported that the club is in good financial health. The various measurements of the said health are available from Laurence on request.

IPP John informed us that the luncheon fees will be increased to \$260 as from 22 August. So will be the most expensive Roast Pork Rice in HK. The good news are that we can have the minimum quota of 15 (like this meeting), we have started to have a new menu, the hotel has not managed to kick us out etc. (The Excelsior is beaming with guests, this time not from the western countries but from our northern cousins.) We have already inducted two new members this year (thanks to Director Jason), with a possible third in view. However, club attendance has dropped to 45% so far, whilst it was 57% last year.

PDG Raymond Wong remarked that we can always make up by the e-club in Hong Kong, please see the District Website.

Time flew, and we closed the meeting at 2:05pm with a toast to the clubs of Kingspark, Kowloon East, Walton-on-the-Thames , (really an e-toast) and Monterey Park of California.

Thought for the day:

The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet their pride is labour and vanity, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

- Moses, circa 1500 BC.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The board of Directors at our last meeting have reluctantly accepted the new charges from the Hotel as follows:

The charges for our weekly lunch at the Excelsior Hotel will increase from \$240 to \$260 starting from the 22nd of August, 2005. However, our minimum guarantee will remain the same.

Rotary Information

Polio Eradication:

Although we are in the final lap to eradicate polio in this world, it seems very unlikely that we can kick Polio out of the globe in 2005 as scheduled. Like Indonesia, a Polio free country for ten years has more than ten cases of Polio disease through importation recently.

Funds are still required to carry out National Immunization Days in India, Indonesia and Africa for children to receive the oral polio vaccine. Rotarians from district 3450 are ready to participate in these coming NIDs. within this year.

During the second Rotary Foundation Seminar held on the 9th August 2005 at the Bankers Club, D.G. Peter Wan stressed that one of the proudest programmes in Rotary is the Rotary Foundation. The programme of the foundation is divided into two parts, viz., Humanitarian and Educational as follows:

Humanitarian:

- 1) PolioPlus Grants;
- 2) PolioPlus Partners Grants;
- 3) Humanitarian Grants;
- 4) 3-H Grants;
- 5) Matching Grants and
- 6) District Simplified Grants.

Educational:

- 1) Ambassadorial Scholarship;
- 2) Rotary Grants for University Teachers;
- 3) Rotary Centers for International Students in Peace & Conflict Resolution;
- 4) Group Study Exchange;
- 5) Rotary Foundation Alumni.

To learn more about the operations of the Rotary Foundation, please attend the coming Foundation Seminar, hosted by the Rotary Club of Happy Valley, on the 29th August 2005 at 7.30 p.m. at the Bankers Club, Gloucester Tower, 43rd floor, Hong Kong at HK\$250.00 per head for registration and fellowship dinner.

Questions and Answers period will be arranged, so please ready to ask questions which have been storing in your mind. Questions such as the total assets of the Foundation or how is the donation being used, etc. Satisfactory answers will be given by the District Rotary Foundation Committee chair or its committee members, backed up by resource persons such as D.G. and /or PDGs.

This seminar is organized specially for club members in Area 4, therefore, your participation is cordially invited to enhance the awareness and understanding of The Rotary Foundation.

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LAUGHS FOR THE WEEK

Subject: Fw: The Hypnotist

A woman comes home and tells her husband, "Remember those headaches I've been having all these years? Well, they're gone."

"No more headaches" the husband asks. "what happened??"

His wife replies, "Margie referred me to a hypnotist. He told me to stand in front of a mirror, stare at myself and repeat 'I do not have a headache; I do not have a headache, I do not have a headache.' It worked! The headaches are all gone."

The husband replies, "Well, that is wonderful."

His wife then says, "You know, you haven't been exactly a ball of fire in the bedroom these last few years. Why don't you go see the hypnotist and see if he can do anything for that?" The husband agrees to try it.

Following his appointment, the husband comes home, rips off his clothes, picks up his wife and carries her into the bedroom. He puts her on the bed and says, "Don't move, I'll be right back." He goes into the bathroom and comes back a few minutes later and jumps into bed and makes passionate love to his wife like never before. His wife says, "Boy, that was wonderful!"

The husband says, "Don't move! I will be right back." He goes back into the bathroom, comes back and round two was even better than the first time. The wife sits up and her head is spinning. Her husband again says, "Don't move, I'll be right back."

With that, he goes back in the bathroom. This time, his wife quietly follows him and there, in the bathroom, she sees him standing at the mirror and saying, "She's not my wife. She's not my wife. She's not my wife!"

Funeral Services will be held on Monday

Photographs of our meeting

on

17th August, 2005



PDG John Wan took the opportunity to speak on the Rotary Foundation Workshop on 29 August.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, IPP Rudy, and Pres. Eddy.



(L to R) Acting Hon Sec John, PP Henry, Hon Tres. Laurence.



(L to R) Dir Jason, and the three PDG's, Y.K. Cheng, John Wan, and Raymond Wong graced our meeting.



(L to R) PP Hubert and Visiting Rtn. Mariana Liu (Monteray Park, CA, USA)



(L to R) PP Stephen, Dr Tony, guest Norman Lee, PP Hubert and Rtn Mariana Liu (Monteray Park, CA USA)



Group Photo of our meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Eddy and visiting Rotarians and guests and our members and two PDG's on 17th August, 2005.

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