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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## **Last week's Proceedings -**

**17th August, 2010**

On 17 August, 2010, led by AG Henry Chan, Area 3 Clubs organized an Inter City Meeting in honour of RI President Ray Klinginsmith. Every year, it is our District 3450's privilege to have the RI President to visit us. In fact, it is not easy for each RI President to visit Hong Kong year by year. Before the official banquet, Hong Kong Tourism Board hosted a VIP cocktail reception to receive our VIP RI President Ray and the Rotary International Coordinator PDG Duane. Almost 100 guests attended this cocktail reception and the Executive Director of HKTB Mr Anthony Lau welcomed the visit of RI President Ray and briefly introduced Hong Kong as a worthwhile visiting place for all walks of tourists from all over the world.

At the beginning of the Meeting, the RI Dignitaries and DG Jason marched in to the Banquet Hall. PP Uncle John acted as the Chief SAA proudly led the group entered into the venue. The ballroom was filled with more than 400 Rotarians and guests. All of them gave a warm applause to our RI President Ray. As usual, after introduction of RI President by DG Jason, RI President delivered his enlightening speech with special emphasis on the 2011 RI Convention to be held in New Orleans next June. The fun followed by the vote of thanks made by PDG YK Cheng. His humorous response to RI President's speech made all participants full of laughter.

Hong Kong Island East has 16 members joining this function which was also replacing our regular luncheon meeting of 18th August 2010 for this special occasion. Several of us were acting as SAA and Organizing Committee so the public relations work was passed to our PE Eric to mingle with three potential community-based Rotaract Club board members. These young potential Rotaractors were full of enthusiasm and well impressed by this function. During the meeting, the District Foundation Committee also recognized the Major Donors in our District. With his continuous support to the Rotary Foundation, PP Uncle John was also presented a Major Donor certificate in this important rotary occasion.

The Inter City Meeting adjourned at around 10:00 pm after the group photo by area in our District with the RI President. RI President Ray finally finished a hustle and bustle day after visiting Guangzhou for Rotary extension possibility in Southern part of China, paying visit to Heep Hop Society in Hong Kong within his short stay in Hong Kong. All participants wished him all the best in the rest of this Rotary year and left with good Rotary memory.

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## **Rotary Potpourri**

### **What RIBI stands for**

From the RI website, there is an article about the formation of the RIBI which is worthwhile reproducing for general information.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, known as RIBI, is a unique group within the worldwide body of Rotary. Often misunderstood, its status has been hotly debated over the years.

After Stuart Morrow introduced Rotary to Dublin in 1911 he quickly moved on to form clubs in Belfast and then crossed the Irish Sea to do the same in Scotland and Northern England. As Morrow was prolifically forming these clubs, others were starting the Rotary Club of London, which also set about planting sister clubs.

In October 1913, representatives of the Rotary Clubs in London, Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh,

Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast and Birmingham met to discuss how they work together to develop the movement. On 4, May 1914, those self-proclaimed "Founder Clubs" formed the British Association of Rotary Clubs (BARC) "to standardize Rotary principles and practices by all Rotary clubs in the United Kingdom" (which included the whole of Ireland at the time), BARC was not affiliated with the International Association of Rotary Clubs, it was autonomous and self-governing, with its officers elected by its member clubs. "It is a far cry from Chicago, " wrote BARC's Honorary Secretary Thomas Stephenson. British Rotary methods and if we may it without offence, British government." Within two months of BARC's formation, Europe was at war. Communications with the United States had been difficult from the beginning, but during wartime it was almost impossible to maintain timely correspondence between Rotary's Chicago headquarters and clubs and members in retain. Rotary grew in Britain despite the war, and the infrequent contact with Chicago strengthened the British clubs' reliance on BARC and their acceptance of it as their Rotary resource and governing body. The British association urged all member clubs to also join the International Association of Rotary Clubs, and most of them did so. But because of the war, most U.S. Rotarians had no mechanism to make their British colleague feel included in the international movement.

When the war ended, many U.S. Rotarians expected clubs in Britain to embrace the Chicago-based International Association of Rotary Clubs. Yet those clubs felt they already had an efficient association, by 1918 BARC included 30 clubs, arranged into six districts. Over the next several years, some insisted that BARC be banned so that every Rotary club in the world would fall under a single administrative body: Rotary International.

The situation was initially resolved at the 1921 convention in Edinburgh. Delegates decided that when 25 or more clubs existed in one country, they could apply to the International Convention for authority to become an administrative unit. British and Irish clubs immediately applied for recognition as a territorial unit. They submitted their proposed constitution and bylaws to the 1922 Los Angeles convention-choosing the name "Rotary International - Association for Britain and Ireland" and it was adopted. But in 1927, the Ostend convention in Belgium eliminated the provision for further territorial or administrative units, leaving RIBI as the sole example of an organization within the larger body. RIBI might be anomaly, but a continues. In 1964, strong objection was again raised to RIBI's administrative territorial unit status. The matter was vigorously debated in the Council on Legislation in Toronto, Canada. The primary concern was the president that allowed RIBI different officers and financial arrangement and the threat that other regions might also demand administrative unit status.

In 1966, at the next Council meeting, the matter was resolved in a display of Rotary friendliness RIBI adopted RI titles for district governors and other administrative arrangements. A sharing of RI dues compensated for administrative duties performed for RI by RIBI.

A club council, rather than a board of directors, governs British Rotary clubs and a district council helps the governor administer the district. Each district governor, along with an elected treasurer, vice president and president, comprise the General Council, RIBI's governing body. RIBI is divided into two RI Zones, which as with the rest of the Rotary world, are eligible to elect a director to sit on the RI Board. Four past presidents of RIBI have been elected RI president.

The organization has seen many changes in the world over its century of service. Yet just as the power in Rotary resided in the local club back in 1905, so it does today. Rotary International I not something separate and apart from the clubs, but is the clubs, collectively. Wrote Ches Perry in 1957. "And in a still more inclusive sense, (Rotary International) is the Rotarians who constitute the clubs." As Perry recognized the individual Rotarian and club propel and ride the strongest currents of the Rotary River.

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### **Bravo to the New Board of Directors of Community Base Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East !**

We are very pleased to announce that the Com Based Hong Kong Island East Rotaract Club's new Board of Directors was formed in his 1st Board meeting on Aug, 19, 2010.

President Heman kicked off the meeting by addressing all the new board members who have made a wise decision and commitment to serve the community in leading the Rotaract Club of HKIE.

The new board members nominated are as follows:

President: Knox Tang  
President Elect: Sophia Zou  
Secretary: Suki Yan  
Treasurer: Angus Yiu

During the meeting, the Year Plan was adopted with the Mission to reactivate Rotaract Club of HK IE to be one of the best Rotaract Clubs in District 3450 within 3 - 5 years in terms of sustainable growth in membership and quality of service projects.

They will commit to the Roles to achieve the goals as follows:

1. Support Mother Club
2. Support and build up relationship with Rotaract Club of Lingnan U so as to recruit and select LNU Rotaractors into Com Based Rotaract Club

In Quarter One, they will set up organization structure well, select service projects and arrange installation ceremony in late September and October. In Q2 and Q3, they plan to confirm the Service Project they like to serve and start running one project for community services. In Q4, they will make review and evaluation, selecting new projects for 2011-12 and prepare to apply DSG for next year project 2011-2012. During the first year, they will receive regular training from Advisors PP Andy, PE Dr. Eric and other advisors in order to enable them to run the Rotaract Club properly with loyalty, discipline and commitment.

The new board will be supported by President Heman, Advisors PP Andy, PE Dr. Eric, PP Rotaract Club HKIE Mimi Lau and Immediate Past Internal VP (Rotaract Club LNU) Kathy Ng. Advisor PE Dr. Eric who selected and recruited the new board members expressed his enthusiasm towards the new board and said, " Our goal is to coach the new board of young leaders to become one of the best Rotaract Clubs in District 3450 within 3 years. In addition, we hope that we shall nurture an Ambassadorial Scholar amongst them representing our Club and District in the near future." Advisor PP Andy added that they could enrich their knowledge in leadership and team building and build up a strong network with other Rotaract Clubs in HK in the process of serving the community. Then Advisor PP Mimi Lau (Rotaract Club HKIE) shared her experience of developing the Com-Based Rotaract Club and advised the new members in following the society registration requirements whilst Advisor IPIVP (Rotaract Club LNU) Kathy Lam reminded members on some key issues of the installation and recruitments of members.

After the board meeting, in celebrating this joyful moment, PE Dr. Eric hosted a Japanese gourmet dinner with all the new board members and advisors. They had a fabulous fellowship gathering until 11 pm. All of them have rolled up their sleeves and prepared to do a great job! Let us fully support the future leaders of our young generation who look forward to meeting our members too.

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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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1. Who led the organizing of the Intercity Meeting on 17th August 2010 ?  
Ans)
2. How many guests have attended the cocktail reception prior to the Intercity Meeting ?  
Ans)
3. The cocktail reception was sponsored by which organization ?  
Ans)
4. Who introduced the RI President to the Intercity Meeting participants ?  
Ans)
5. How many Rotarians and guests have attended the Intercity Meeting ?  
Ans)
6. Who thanked the RI President after his addressing speech ?  
Ans)
7. Who from our Club was presented the Major Donor certificate by RI President ?  
Ans)
8. How many of our Club members have attended the Intercity Meeting ?  
Ans)

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## Joke

### **Subject: Pregnant Blonde**

A blonde walked up to the information desk in her local hospital and said, " I, need, to see the upturn, please. "

" I think, you mean the 'intern,' don't you? " asked the nurse on duty.

" Yes, " said the girl. " I want to have a contamination. "

" Don't you mean 'examination,' " the nurse questioned her again.

" Well I want to go to the 'fraternity ward,' anyway. "

" I'm sure you mean the maternity ward. "

To which the blonde replied " Upturn, intern, contamination, examination fraternity, maternity.... What's the difference? All I know is I, haven't demonstrated in two months, and I think I'm stagnant. "

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## Photographs of our meeting

on

17th August, 2010

**Intercity meeting 2010 in Honour of Rotary  
International  
President Ray Klingensmith on 17th August, 2010**



(L to R) Pres. Heman, PDG Uncle Peter, PP Rudy and PE Eric



Three Sergeants-at-Arm, IPP Norman, PP John and PP Eddy



(L to R) DG Jason Chan, RI Pres. Ray Klinginsmith, PDG Uncle Peter and PDG Tony



(L to R) Henry, DG Jason, RI Pres. Ray and Pres. Belinda



Group Photo of our members with RI Pres. Ray



Mr. Anthony Lau, Exec. Director, Hong Kong Tourism Board giving his welcome speech



All PDG's pictured here with RI Pres. Ray and RI Rotarian Coordinator Duane



PDG's and RI dignitaries with the working members of the organizing committee



Pres. Heman gathering all Club Presidents to briefing session



Picture of the backdrop and the IVP table



PP John proudly leading the VIP march in



RI Pres. Ray at the march in followed by all the Presidents of the clubs



RI Pres. Ray giving his speech to the Intercity meeting



View of the head table with DG Jason and PDG's



PDG Y.K. giving his vote of thanks to RI Pres. Ray



DG Jason giving RI President his souvenir



PP Solomon graciously receiving his Major Donor level 5 (US\$500,000) trophy from RI Pres. Ray



All major donors receiving their certificates from RI Pres. Ray



PP John showing his major donor level 1 certificate



IPP Norman here with Dir. Nancy



Dir Nancy shown here with PP Eddy



Dir Nancy with Pres. Heman



PE Eric, Pres. Heman and PP Andy with the future Board of Comm. Base Rotaractors



Major Donor level 5, PP Solomon Lee with our Dir. Kevin



Dir Nancy with Rtn. William and PP John



Dir Nancy with RI Pres Ray Klinginsmith

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