

Last week's Proceedings -

8th September, 2010

President Heman started the 10th meeting at 1.05 p.m. with a warm welcome to our members and guests. He invited PP Andy to introduce his guests Lily Agonoy and her husband Mr Stanley Yau. PE Eric introduced his friend Dr. Dennis Wat. President Heman then introduced his better half Olivia.

Today we have two birthday members, PP Stephen Liu and Dir. Nancy Yee. Dir. Nancy invited Rtn. Sharon as their birthday song leader. After President Heman presented a birthday gift to our birthday members, we all sang together loudly to greet them.

President Heman made the following announcements:

- 1. Uncle John, PE Eric and Pres. Heman attended the District Rotary Foundation Seminar on 4 Sept at Regal HK Hotel. It was very informative.
- 2. DGN Kenneth Wong was invited to promote "Sports Carnival for Children and to Welcome the 16th Asian Game" which is to be held on 25 September at Hong Kong Jockey Club Shatin Racecourse. The carnival is co-organized with The Brighter Future Foundation and The Guangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee with the aim to influence young people to pursue a healthier and fulfilling life through sports activities and to stay away from drugs. He urged all club presidents to promote in their clubs as well as Rotaracts and Interacts clubs, making cash sponsorships, and/or help set up and operate game booths.
- 3. The Hong Kong Peace Festival as initiated by PDG Albert Wong. The Festival will be held between 18-23 September with activities and fun in different parts of the city, with International Culture Show & Ethnic Food Fair at Charter Road, Central on 23 September. The Festival is sponsored by United Nations and presented by Peace International Foundation in association with JCI HK, Arts with Disabled Association HK and RI District 3450.
- 4. Rotary Information Centre Update Questionnaires are distributed now. The deadline for return of questionnaire is 30th Sept. Kindly return to our HS Jonathan for consolidation.
- 5. It was a successful event held on Sept 3 for our Uncle Peter's Golf Tournament and fellowship dinner. There were 20 participants in the golf game and 33 members and guests attended the fellowship dinner gathering. The dinner had a surplus of HK\$ 896 which was donated to the Red Box today.
- 6. Joint Membership Development & New Members Orientation Workshop. It will be held at the Hotel Holiday Inn Golden Mile on Saturday Oct 9, 2010. Registration starts at 11:30 am. Workshop finishes at 4:45 pm.
- 7. Group Study Exchange Program 2010-2011. D7780. Portland, Maine, USA is the destination of our outbound GSE team. It was decided that GSE 2010-11 has a vocational focus on Medical health care and related professions. Inviting application on GSE team leader.
- 8. District 10k race, beneficiary Senior Citizen Home Safety Association, separated into 2 categories (1) General Public(2) Rotary Fundraising Group including Corporate Team and Individual.

Date: 7 November 2010 (Sunday)

Venue: Shatin Sports Ground, Yuen Wo Road, Shatin

Time: 8:00am

Closing for enrolment: 23 October 2010

The Acting Sergeant-at-arm PP Laurence was asked to report to us the Red Box collection which was amounted to HKD 2,396 with generous contribution from birthday members, members and surplus of HK\$ 896 from the Uncle Peter Birthday dinner party.

PE Eric introduced the speakers Mr. Raymond and Viola Wong, the founders of Benji Centre, who are entrepreneurs in social enterprise to reveal to us the story behind the founding of Benji's Centre and the sweat and joy in funding the centre from Leonidas, a fresh Belgian Chocolate retail chain.

Rayment told us that Benji's Centre was founded in 2004. It is the first and only charitable organization providing professional and individual speech therapy to children with communication problems from low income families in Hong Kong. Benji's Centre is providing over 200 children with intensive individual therapies, and has helped over 680 children since its establishment. 70% of children in the Centre enjoy free admission; the remaining 30% pay a fee equal to half of the private therapy charge, so that they can integrate into the community.

The Centre's major source of funding comes from Confiserie Benji Ltd (Recognized social enterprises), the sole reseller of Leonidas fresh Belgian chocolates in Hong Kong and the operator of La Parole Restaurant, after deducting the necessary expenses, 100% income will be contributed to Benji's Centre.

There are 5 shops of Leonidas operating in HK. Raymond also runs a French Restaurant La Parole and Leonidas Chocholate and Café in Tsing Yi. Outdoor activities were also arranged to the needy children.

Following Raymond's presentation, Viola also shared her experience in running the center and the social enterprise business which was well recognized by Social Welfare Department. She expressed her proud and satisfaction of the progress and would like to solicit more support with humble from different parties who can contribute to more needy children in Hong Kong.

After a round of questions and answers session from some members including Rtn. Tony, PP Andy, PP Hubert and IPP Norman, Raymond extended his invitation to our members to visit his chocolate factory too.

PP Dr. Hubert was invited to thank the speaker and President Heman presented the speaker with a picture taken during his speech.

President Norman adjourned the meeting punctually at 2.05 p.m. after asking everyone to rise and give a toast to Rotary International coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. Group photo was taken accordingly.

Rotary Potpourri

Peter Hall's Cup Golf Tournament

In a clear sky on 3rd September 2010, the Peter Hall's Golf Tournament was teed off at the Eden Course of the HK Golf Club in the early morning around 8.00 a.m. There were five flights with members of HKIE and guests. Lucky enough, the weather changed bad after all of us have finished the game with refreshment at the dining room. Thanks should go the PP John Kwok who took care of the whole pairing according to their handicap. The result of the game is as follows:

Closest to the pin:

Hole No.3 --Stephen Liu Hole No.17 --Henry Chan

Longest Drive:

Hole No.7-- Andrea Leung Hole No, 16 -- Tajwar Shadikhan

Shortest Drive

Hole No. 7-- Peter Hall Hole No.16 -- John Kwok

Booby Price -- Rosa Hung

Best (Gross)

Winner Andy Wong

1st Runner Up Kevin Leung 2nd Runner Up George Leung

Best Net

Winner William Wong 1st Runner Up Stephen Liu 2nd Runner Up Tajwar Shadikhan

The prizes were presented to the winners during a fellowship dinner in honour of PDG Peter's 85th Birthday as well as celebrating his 50th years in Rotary at the (CCC) Club, Causeway Bay. There were three tables of Chinese cuisine with birthday buns, while President Heman was chosen to lead the birthday song. To make more fun of the party, President Elect Eric Chin provided free wines for the participants to guess the right taste by entering the specific forms. The winning table went to the head table of PDG Peter. The whole event finished at around 11 p.m.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:
Email:
1. PP Andy brought two of his friends to the meeting who were they ? $\mbox{{\sc Ans}})$
2. Who did PE Eric introduce to us at the meeting today $$? Ans)
3. Who did Pres. Heman introduce to us at the start of the meeting $$? Ans)
4. Whom we have celebrated for their birthday today and who led the birthday song $\ ?$ Ans)
5. Name any two of the events announced by Pres. Heman today ? Ans)
6. What was the Red Box Collection ? Ans)
7. How much was contributed to the Red Box from the Uncle Peter Golf Tournament's fellowship dinner $$? Ans)
8. Who were our speakers for the luncheon meeting today ?
Submit

<u>Joke</u>

Subject: So, How's Your Day Going, Bunkie?

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly.

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife in bed with the gardener and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"

Photographs of our meeting

on

8th September, 2010

08 September, 2010 Luncheon Meeting Photos



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Guest speaker - Raymond Wong & Pres. Heman Lam



PE Eric Chin, Guest speaker -Viola Wong & PP John Kwok



PP Tim Lui, Rtn. William Wong & PP Laurence Chan



PP Stephen Liu, Dir Nancy Yee & Dir. Teresa Ho



Visiting guest - Lily Agonoy, Stanley Yau & our First Lady -Olivia Kan



Visiting guest - Dr. Dennis Wat & Rtn. Sheron Lamport



IPP Norman Lee & Rtn. Tony Loy



PP Henry Chan & PP Hubert Chan



Rtn. William Wong - the Champion of Uncle Peter Golf Tournament







Pres. Heman Lam presented the birthday gift to birthday boy & girl - PP Stephen & Dir. Nancy

PE Eric Chin introduced the guest speakers of the week





Guest speakers - Mr. Raymond Wogn & his wife, Ms Viola Wong gave us a talk about the work of Benji Centre and the touching story behind this social enterprise



Pres. Heman Lam presented a club souvenir to thank their talk to our club



PP Hubert Chan gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Raymond Wong & Mrs Viola Wong on behalf of the club



Group photos with members, speaker & visiting guests

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