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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 -**

**10th September, 2008**

President Andy started the meeting at 1.15 p.m. with a warm welcome to our members and guests.

PP Rudy was asked to introduce his guest Mr. Bowen Lau, also a golfer, and IPP Laurence was asked to introduce his wife Jennie; we all put our hands together to welcome them to our meeting.

President Andy then introduced the Ambassadorial Scholar, Ms. Laura Wong, from USA and studying Biology and Music in the University of Hong Kong. Then he exchanged banners with Laura and also with our speaker of the day, Mr. Eddie Walneck, the visiting Ambassadorial Scholar having our IPP Laurence as his host counselor on behalf of our Club during his 9-months stay in Hong Kong.

President Andy made the announcements as follow:

1 International Peace Day on 21st Sept held on Luk Yau Hall in the University of Hong Kong

2 Membership development seminar on 13th Sept held on Kowloon Renaissance Hotel and Rotary Foundation seminar on 20th Sept held on Mira Hotel in Tsimshatsui, Kowloon

3 Make Dreams Real singing contest, targeted fund-raising of USD 250,000

4 Rotary club of Hong Kong City North flat day will be held on 11th October 2008.

We have two members to celebrate their birthday together today; they were birthday boy PP Stephen and birthday girl Dir. Nancy. After President Andy presented a birthday gift to them PP Tim was chosen to be the song leader to lead us to sing the birthday song.

After our greetings to the birthday boy and girl, Sergeant-at-arm Jackal was asked to report the Red Box collection of the day which was amounted to HKD 1,300.

Then came the highlight of the day, IPP Laurence was asked to introduce the speaker to us.

Our club had the pleasure of having an Ambassadorial Scholar, Mr. Eddie Walneck, speak to us. Our club has been appointed the host club for Eddie during his studies at the University of Hong Kong in the Masters program of International and Public Affairs. He gave an introductory speech about himself entitled, "From Humble Beginnings to Harvard to China and Beyond". Eddie first thanked the Rotary Foundation for making this opportunity possible and the support of his sponsoring district and club, District 5500 of Southern Arizona and the Gila Valley Club. Also he thanked IPP Laurence Chan for being a great host advisor. Eddie introduced his background talking about his hometown Safford that currently has a population less than 10,000 and has an economy that is dependent on copper, cotton, and cattle. Also he made comparisons between Hong Kong and Graham County, the county where his hometown is located that is roughly 12 times larger than Hong Kong and has a density of about 3 people per square kilometer compared to Hong Kong which has 6,352 people per square kilometer.

Eddie stated that his parents and his upbringing in small-town America taught him the value of hard work and to always do his best. In addition Eddie talked about applying those values to when he applied to and was accepted to Harvard University. While at Harvard, Eddie studied International Relations, the history of China, and the histories of many other countries and regions. Also Eddie talked about how lucky he felt to have received a Harvard education where he was able to learn from some of the most intelligent professors in the world and to study with a student body that was incredibly intellectual and interesting. Furthermore, Eddie briefly spoke about the fact that going to Harvard gave him the opportunity to meet with former President Bill Clinton, but stressed the true value of a Harvard education was the learning process with professors and other students in and outside of the classroom.

When asked by a member, why he decided to go to China? Eddie stated that he felt that after 4 years of college where his primary way of learning was from books, the least he could do was spend four years learning about the world first-hand. The decision came about when one of his professors told him that his understanding of China would benefit immensely by going to see it first hand. In this vein, Eddie decided to go to China for a year and received the Chinese Government Scholarship to study Chinese for one year in Beijing, China. During his time there he also traveled a lot going to Tibet for over a month, and to several other places including Yunnan and Xinjiang.

After his time in China, Eddie said that he wanted to learn more about Asia and decided to teach history and English in Seoul, South Korea. He said this opportunity gave him a chance to place things he had learned about China in the context of what was taking place in the larger community of Asia. Eddie stated that he continued to learn about the world by spending two months in India and three months in Mexico.

While in Hong Kong Eddie's goals are to learn more about China and Asia through his classes and daily life, get very involved in a Rotary service project, and to improve his Chinese as much as possible. Eddie ended his remarks by thanking Rotary for their support and encouraging members to continue to support the Ambassadorial Scholar program because it promotes true international exchange that is needed in today's world.

After a few round of questions and answers Sergeant-at-arm Gilbert Fung was asked to thank the speaker and President Andy presented Eddie with a picture taken during his speech.

President Andy adjourned the meeting at 2.03 p.m. after asking everyone to rise and give a toast to Rotary International coupled with Rotary Club of Newport Beach Sunrise, Rotary Club of Gila Valley and Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East.

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## Rotary Potpourri

### Rotary Potpourri Council on Legislation (COL) in year 2010

The last Council on Legislation was held in 2007 represented by PDG Vincent To of district 3450 to attend the COL. It was resolved at the 2007-2008 district conference that PDG Y.K. Cheng will represent our district at the COL in 2010.

Every three years, Rotary International's Council on Legislation meets to debate and vote on legislation submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council and Conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, and the RI Board. The Council has the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents and to adopt resolutions. Each district sends a representative to the meeting, and every club and district may propose legislation.

Please take note that club proposals must be endorsed at a district conference and that RI must receive proposed legislation for the 2010 Council on Legislation no later than December 2008. There are over 500 districts in this Rotary world and it will be a large gathering of learned Rotarians who put their heads together to work on the suggested items brought forward at the council.

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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 were our two visiting guests today ? Ans)
2. Who were our two visiting Ambassadorial Scholars ? Ans)
3. Who were our two birthday members we celebrated today ? Ans)
4. Who led the birthday song ? Ans)
5. When will be the International Peace Day ? Ans)
6. When and where will the Membership development seminar be held ? Ans)
7. When and where will the Rotary Foundation seminar be held ? Ans)
8. How much was the Red Box Collection today ? Ans)

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## Joke

**Subject: Golf Story**

Ed and Dorothy met while on vacation. and Ed fell head over heels in love with her.

On the last night of his vacation, the two of them went to dinner and had a serious talk about how they would continue the relationship.

It's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut, ' Ed said to his lady friend.

I eat, sleep and breathe golf, So if that's a problem, you'd better say so now.

Dorothy responded, 'If we're being honest with each other, here goes... I'm a hooker.'

I see,' Ed replied, and was quiet for a moment.

Then he added,

'You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee off.'

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## **Photographs of our meeting**

**on**

**10th September, 2008**



(L to R) Hon. Sec. Heman Lam, Laura Wong - an Ambassador Scholar from Southern California sponsored by Rotary Club of Newport Beach Sunrise & PP John Kwok



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter & Mr Edward Walneck - an Ambassador Scholar - from Safford, Arizona sponsored by Rotary Club of Gila Valley



(L to R) Dir Nancy, Rotarianne Jennie, IPP Laurence, PP Tim & PP Stephen



(L to R) Visitor Bowen Lau, PP Rudy, Rtn Jackal, Rtn Gilbert, PE Norman & Rtn. Tong



Birthday boy (PP Stephen) & Birthday girl (Dir.



Nancy) received the birthday gift from Pres. Andy



Pres. Andy exchanged the banner with Ambassadorial Scholar Laura Wong



SAA - Jackal Lee reported the Red Box collection



PP Tim & Pres. Andy led the birthday song for Dir Nancy & PP Stephen



Pres. Andy exchanged the banner with Ambassadorial Scholar Edward Walneck



IPP Laurence introduced this week's speaker, Ambassadorial Scholar - Edward Walneck



Group photo with members, Ambassadorial Scholars & visiting guests

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