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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 -

14th September, 2005

Our Acting President, PE Paul knocked the bell at 1:20pm to start the meeting.

Our new member, Rtn. Charles, extended warm welcome to everyone, and especially to our guest speaker, PP William Fong Yan of Rotary Club of Hong Kong North.

Birthday Boys: It was the birthday of two of our devoted Past Presidents: PP Stephen and PP J.L. who chose PP John IV as the camera man and Rtn John V (event of 3 Johns again!?) to lead the singing of birthday song to celebrate their birthday!

Announcement:

1. Treasurer Laurence reported that Uncle Peter's Fund, up to 14 Sep. 2005, was HK\$400,000! Additional contribution would always be welcome.

2. PP Stephen announced:

(A) our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Penang would be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on 12 October, 2005, and inviting us to visit them on their anniversary. Interested members please contact PP Stephen.

(B). District Rotary Foundation Seminar 2005-2006 would be held on Saturday, 5 November 2005 at Hotel Miramar, members and especially new members be encouraged to attend the seminar. Please contact PP Stephen for draft programme and registration.

On behalf of the Rotary Foundation, PDG Peter Hall presented to IPP Rudy Law, a multiple PHF pin qualifying him as a One-ruby contribution individual.

Red Box collection: PDG Uncle Peter reported the collection of the day was \$1,000-.

Speaker of the Day: After (briefly) introduced the speaker by Rtn John V, PP William Fong Yan delivered his speech of " PUTTING FIRE INTO DIAMONDS ~ CHOOSING THE CUT THAT SPARKLES ":

The value of diamond is determined by the 4 Cs which are color, clarity, carat and cut.

In the normal color scale, i.e. from colorless to increasing tints of yellow, it is represented by letters D E FX Y Z. Color grade D represents the grade of diamonds that are colorless. The color grade Z represents those stones that have a very noticeable tint of yellow. In this color scale, the less tint of yellow the diamond has the more valuable it is. However diamonds that display a distinct color vividly fall into the fancy color category and may fetch prices that are many times more than those in the normal color range.

Clarity refers to the inclusions that a diamond has. The fewer the inclusion, the more valuable is the diamond. Stones that do not have noticeable inclusions when viewed under 10 times magnification with a trained eye are considered Flawless or Internally Flawless. Stones that have inclusions with increasing ease of being seen are graded as Very Very Small Inclusions (VVS1, VVS2), Very Small Inclusions (VS1, VS2), Small Inclusions (S1, S2), Inclusions (I1, I2, I3) and Rejections (Rej)

Carat refers to the weight of a diamond. One carat weighs 200mg, and is originated from the name of the seed of a Mediterranean tree, the carob or locust, that has a remarkably consistent weight of 200mg. Other factors being equal, the heavier the diamond, the higher price per carat it can fetch.

Cut is the most important factor that can lead to the display of the beauty of diamonds. It is also the factor that is the least understood by most. A well cut stone will reflect and refract most incident light back to the observer's eyes for maximum brilliancy, fire and scintillation. A poorly cut stone will let incident light escape through its sides or bottom and give a dull and lifeless appearance. The presentation explained in more detail the significance of cut and what to look for when choosing a diamond.

Vote of Thanks to Speaker: After a long Q & A session, PP Hubert not only thanked the Speaker for the very informative and interesting speech, he also disclosed that he had had a summer job (of course when he was very young!) as a diamond polisher! Next week's program: PP George would talk about our Hebei Community Project.

Meeting Adjourned : Acting Pres. PE Paul adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong North.

Rotary Information

Announcement from RI

The 2005-06 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2007-2008, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated

Rtn. Donald E. Osburn

of the Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland, USA, for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2007-2008.

Club's News

IPP Rudy Law of our club is now designated a one-ruby Paul Harris Fellow after receiving the recognition from The Rotary Foundation through PDG Peter Hall at our regular lunch meeting on 14th September 2005.

Joke

CURE FOR SUNBURN

A guy falls asleep on the beach for several hours and gets horrible sunburn. He goes to the hospital and is promptly admitted after being diagnosed with second degree burns. He was already starting to blister and in agony. The doctor prescribed continuous intravenous feeding with saline and electrolytes, a sedative, and a Viagra pill every four hours.

The nurse, rather astounded, said, "What good will Viagra do him?"

The doctor smiled, "It'll help keep the sheets off his legs."

"Old Man Joke"

A 70 year old man was having his annual checkup and the doctor asked him how he was feeling. "I've never been better!" he boasted. "I've got an eighteen year old bride who's pregnant and having my child! What do you think about that?"

The doctor considered this for a moment, then said, "Let me tell you a story. I knew a guy who was an avid hunter. He never missed a season. But one day went out in a bit of a hurry and he accidentally grabbed his umbrella instead of his gun."

The doctor continued, "So he was in the woods and suddenly a grizzly bear appeared in front of him! He raised up his umbrella, pointed it at the bear and squeezed the handle."

"And do you know what happened?" the doctor queried.

Dumbfounded, the old man replied "No".

The doctor continued, "The bear dropped dead in front of him!"

"That's impossible!" exclaimed the old man. "Someone else must have shot that bear."

"That's kind of what I'm getting at..." replied the doctor.

Photographs of our meeting

on

14th September , 2005





Our guest speaker this week is PP William Fong who talked about "Putting fire into diamonds - choosing the Cut that sparkles"



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, guest speaker Mr. William Fong Yan, and Acting Pres. Paul.



(L to R) Hon Sec. Andy, PP Stephen, and Rtn John V.



Our birthday boys today was PP's JL and Stephen here being serenaded to by Acting Pres Paul and Rtn John V.



PP Stephen introducing our guest speaker.



PDG Peter congratulating our newest Ruby Paul Harris member now known affectionately as "One Ruby Rudy".



(L to R) IPP Rudy, Hon Tres. Laurence, Rtn Charles and Rtn Kishu.



(L to R) PP JL, Rtn Charles, PP's Tim and Hubert and Hon Tres. Laurence.



(L to R) PP's JL, Tim, Hubert, and Rtn Dr Tony.



(L to R) Hon Tres. Laurence and PP John IV and a mysterious member eating very diligently.



Group Photo of our members with PDG Uncle Peter, guest speaker and acting Pres. Paul on 14th September, 2005

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