

Last week's Proceedings -

24th September, 2008

Pres. Andy opened the meeting by welcoming everybody. He then introduced our Club guest, an Ambassadorial Scholar of Rotary, Mr. Eddie Walneck. Pres. Andy announced that the PR Workshop organized by our Rotary District will be held on Sept 27, 2008 in Mira Hotel and encouraged members to participate. He also reminded us that there would be no regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday 1st October 2008 due to holiday.

Today we have two birthday boys, PP Andrew Chen and PE Norman Lee who have chosen PP George Leung as their birthday song leader. After President Andy presented a birthday gift to our birthday boys we all sang together loud to greet our birthday boys.

Then acting Sergeant-at-arm Colin Chau reported the Red Box collection which was amounted to HK\$ 1500 and thanked the donors whole heartily for their donations to the Red Box.

The regular meeting this week was well attended by fifteen of our own members which enabled us to hold our first club assembly as planned. Pres. Andy then asked PE Norman to formally chair the Club Assembly with full agenda in his hands.

To start the ball rolling, PE Norman was invited to the rostrum to initiate the club assembly. Norman gave a short briefing in the agenda of the club assembly.

Rtn Heman, Director of Community Services, reported that there would be two projects under his supervision, the Swimming Project and Pretty Bakery Project for the Choi Jun School.

The details of the Choi Jun School Swimming Projects are as follows:

1. Objective is to sponsor the Swimming Team of Choi Jun School for practices as well as coaching to boost their health, confidence and self-esteem

2. This year we are co-sponsoring with Rotary Club of Hong Kong South who will share HK\$15,000 of the project cost

- 3. We also have obtained the District Simplified Grant for this project in the amount of US\$2,000
- 4. Total sponsorship would be HK\$50,000 to be given out in 2 payments
- 5. The outlaid by Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East would be around HK\$19,400
- 6. The Swimming Classes begin from 11 Sept 2008
- 7. So far, 31 students have been registered for the swimming classes
- 8. Cheque presentation ceremony is scheduled to be held on the afternoon of 11 Oct 2008, details to be released later.

The plan for Pretty Bakery Project is as follows:

- 1. To train students to work independently
- 2, To train students to be skillful bakery worker
- 3. To broaden their view of job selection
- 4. To enhance better relationship with their family

5. It is the vision of the school that "Our students can make use of their abilities in making cookies or cakes to earn coupons. Then, they save up these coupons to exchange food or commodity for their family, to show their care for the family."

The mechanism was briefly described as follows:

1. One coupon would be given to students who produced a dozen of oat-cookies, carrot raise cake, coconut tar or producing one New York Cheese Cake

2. The coupons can be used to exchange commodities like table-salt, tooth-brush, 2-kg white rice.

3. Period of the project from 1st Sept 2008 to 30th June 2009 with Phase 1 training period from 1st Sept 2008 to 30th Nov 2008 and Phase 2, production period from 1st Dec 2008 to 30th June 2009.

4. Target students would be 40 Secondary Students of CJS and 10 leavers of the school.

5. Amount of donation would be HK\$14,400 covering the cost of materials

6. Working with Rotaractors of Lingnan University to utilize the produce for fund raising. Details to be worked out later.

7. Many thanks to PP Dr. Hubert Chan for his generous support for this project and over the years with Choi Jun School.

PE Norman then reported that Uncle Peter Foundation - Wah Yan College Scholarship which was a continuous annual program and our Directors would attend the speech day of the School in Nov., 2008.

Dir. Eric Chin reported that there would be three projects under International Services which are:

1. Playright: playful booklet for Hospitalized Children (joint project with Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan)

2. The Amity Foundation: Village Clinics project in Guizhou - Joint Project with RC of Hong Kong South

3. Hebei female primary student educational support project.

Project 1: Playright: playful booklet for Hospitalized Children Project Objectives:

1. To relieve stress and anxiety arising from hospitalization and to make it a more positive experience for the hospitalized children

2. To provide emotional support and show concern from others through the caring messages inside the booklet

3. To provide self manageable fun activities and bring smiles to the children

4. To cultivate the spirit of care and cooperation among hospital, community and NGOs sector to serve the children in need

5. Hospital Play Specialist (HPS) will design the contents of the playful booklet for meeting the psychosocial and developmental needs of the child patients.

The details of the booklet:

1. Size: A5 (4c for the cover and 1c for the contents) at 200gm paper

2.. No. of pages: 20

3. Contents: (a) Paper games (b) IQ questions (c) Therapeutic drawing & colouring (d) A page of sticker with encourage wordings. Encourage wordings from different kinds of people, e.g. Rotarians and healthcare professionals, etc.

- 4. No. of copies: 2,000
- 5. Completion date: April 4, 2008

Overall Service outputs include:

1. No. of beneficiaries: Playful Booklet: 2,000 child patients in the pediatric wards of Princess Margaret Hospital and Caritas Medical Centre

Possible Rotarian Participation:

1. Write foreword of the booklet from the Chairman of Rotary International.

- 2. Write encouraging message from different Rotarians.
- 3. Rotarians present in the ceremony of the project.

The total budget will be HK\$ 32,000. Rotary Club of Osaka Joan was invited to jointly sponsor this project which is under their active consideration.

Project 2: The Amity Foundation: Village Clinics project in Guizhou

1. Jointly with RC of Hong Kong South

- 2. Budget offered by RC HKIE: HK\$ 15,000
- 3. Clinic No. 1028
- 4. Amity Village Clinic 1000

- 5. Location: Xianchang village, Majiang county, Guizhou Province
- 6. Number of beneficiaries: 2471
- 7. Duration of the construction: 6 months
- 8. Total estimated budget: RMB ¥44,000
- 9. Grant needed: Around HK \$50,000

Characteristics of our project:

1. 3 sources of support: Donors, county governments and the villagers themselves

2. Professional Involvement: Public health experts are involved

3. Sustainability: Village doctors will work under the management of the county hygiene department once the clinics are built.

4. Supplementary items: the Amity Foundation will further facilitate : (a) training for medical staff, (b) pharmaceutical management,(c) efforts to popularize health education, (d) the improvement of hygiene in villages (e.g. creating safe water supply, using methane fuel, etc.)

5. Goal: increase the standard of hygiene in rural villages

Capital Management

1) 50% of the subsidies will be given out in the first month of the project. Once the clinic is completed and it meets the standards, the remaining 50% will be given out.

2) Majiang County Medical Bureau will submit project progress report and financial reports to Guizhou Provincial Medical Department and Amity Foundation.

Estimated Budget Total RMB¥ 52,000 (a) Grant Needed RMB¥ 44,000 (b)Matching resources from the County RMB¥ 8,000

Budget Breakdown

		Unit	Amount	Price	Total price
1	Construction material				
1.1	firebricks	piece	20,000	0.4	8,000
1.2	cement	ton	20	440	8,800
1.3	freestone	M3	60	45	2,700
1.4	silica	M3	60	45	2,700
1.5	crushed stones	M3	40	40	1,600
1.6	windows and doors	set	5	300	1,500
1.7	bricks	M3	30	20	600
1.8	steel bars	ton	1.6	4800	7,680
2	water and electricity installation	M2	60	15	900
3	labour	working day	160	80	12,800
4	transport for project inspection	¥			2,520
5	other expenses for project inspection (communications, meal, and accommodations)	¥			2,000
	Total				52,000

Project 3: Hebei Primary Students

The budget will be HK\$ 30,000. There are 152 primary students enjoyed the benefits in this project. PP George further explained to us that the education program for female primary school students would be provided with stationery instead of tuition fee because of the change of policy that all school fees would be subsidized by government starting September 2007.

After all the Service Projects reporting, PP John Kwok gave his report on the Club Administration Services that the attendance was up to standard. There are 39 members now as we have inducted 2 new members so far in this year. He hoped that the target for net gain of 2 members per annum for the next 3 years would be fulfilled.

Regarding the financial update, Hon. Treasurer PP Rudy Law presented that currently RCHKIE had received most of the dues from members. He estimated that our financial status would be sound. The Club would open a second bank account for better fund management purpose.

Dir. Jason Chiu reported that he was exploring a vocational visit and invited members to provide recommendations.

PE Norman Lee announced the planned activities for the coming year which was listed as follows:

1. 55th anniversary party which will be held on April 3, 2009

- 2. Visit sister club Osaka Jonan in May, 2009
- 3. Uncle John golf tournament
- 4. More Karaoke fellowship
- 5. Joint meetings with other Clubs (e.g. join luncheon meeting with HK Harbour on 06 Nov, 2009)

After a few round of questions and answers PE Norman Lee handed back the meeting to President Andy.

Pres. Andy thanked PE Norman for his chairing the Club Assembly meeting.

President Andy then asked everyone to stand up and raised a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of HK Island East.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm and President Andy invited all Rotarians and Guests for a Group Photo.

Rotary Potpourri

Change of Staff in RIC

Since all the Rotary clubs in Hong Kong and Macau areas bought the present premises in 1985, we employed one executive secretary and one assistant to man the office of RIC (Rotary Information Centre). The longest paid staff working in RIC was Connie Yu and one assistant Loretta.

In order to upgrade the professional staff of RIC during the reign of D.G. Peter Wong, the existing executive secretary Connie Yu who had been with RIC for eighteen long years was terminated and replaced by a higher qualified personnel, Sonia So. Looking for a greener pasture, Sonia resigned after several months of service with RIC. Also, later, Loretta resigned. A new executive with a higher caliber, Melody Kwok was hired. Unfortunately, due to personal reason, she offered to quit the job as well.

A set of new staff was taken in as replacement. Misses Harina, Tammy and Noel. All of them tendered their resignations within months of service. Now, we have to recruit new hands again. For the time being, DG Albert Wong has agreed to lend two of his staff, Carla and Celia to assist with the affairs of RIC on a part time basis. RIC is now looking for recruitment of new hands again.

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Electronic Make-up Questions

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

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 Who was our visitin Ans) 	ng guest today ?	1
2. Who were our birthda Ans)	ay boys and who led the birthday song ?	
3. When and where will Ans)	the District PR Workshop of the year be held ?	
4. How many of our memb Ans)	bers have attended our Club Assembly today ?	
5. Who was our acting S Ans)	Sergeant-at-arm today ?	
6. What was the Red Bo: Ans)	x collection of today ?	
7. Who chaired our Club Ans)	b Assembly ?	
8. Who were reporting (Ans)	on the Community Service and International Service Projects ?	
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Be careful of your dreams...

Ralph came home drunk one night, slid into bed beside his sleeping wife, and fell into a deep slumber.

He awoke before the Pearly Gates, where St. Peter said, 'You died in your sleep, Ralph.

Ralph was stunned..'I'm dead? No, I can't be! I've got too much to live for. Send me back!

St. Peter said, 'I'm sorry, but there's only one way you can go back, and that is as a chicken.' Ralph was devastated, but begged St. Peter to send him to a farm near his home.

The next thing he knew, he was covered with feathers, clucking, and pecking the ground.

A rooster strolled past. 'So, you're the new hen, huh? How's your first day here?'

'Not bad,' replied Ralph the hen, 'but I have this strange feeling inside. Like I'm gonna explode !'

'You're ovulating,' explained the rooster. 'Don't tell me you've never laid an egg before?'

'Never,' said Ralph. 'Well, just relax and let it happen,' says the rooster. 'It's no big deal.'

Ralph did, and a few uncomfortable seconds later, out popped an egg! Ralph was overcome with emotion as he experienced motherhood. He soon laid another egg his joy was overwhelming. As he was about to lay his third egg, he felt a smack on the back of his head, and heard his wife shout....

'Dammit, Ralph! Wake up.

You're shitting in the bed!' J J J J

Photographs of our meeting

<u>on</u>

24th September, 2008







(L to R) Ambassadorial Scholar Edward Walneck & PP Eddy Wong

(L to R) Birthday Boys PE Norman & PP Andrew received the gift from Pres. Andy and PP George led the birthday song_____



Acting SAA Rtn. Colin Chau reported the Redbox collection



Dir. Eric reported the International projects on Playright, Amity Foundation & Hebei Mountain Schools



PE Norman chaired the 1st Club Assembly



PP John Kwok reported on the Club attendance



Hon. Sec. Heman reported the Choi Jun School projects



Hon. Tres. PPR udy reported the Club's financial status



Group photo with members & vising guests

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