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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 -

18th October, 2006

The 15th Rotary meeting of the year was started by President Paul at 1:20pm. The total number of members in attendance was 14. There was only one visiting Rotarian, PP Kelvin Wong of Rotary Club of Admiralty. There were no visitors and no birthday boys.

Pres. Paul made 8 announcements as follows:

1. District Vocational Service Seminar will be held on 24th October, 2006 at the Marco Polo HK Hotel.
2. Group Study Exchange (GSE) Program is a one month programme for self development for young professionals and the venue will be in London, England - Deadline for team member application has been extended to 15th November, 2006.
3. District Bowling Tournament will take place on 12th November, 2006.
4. District Horse Racing Day will take place on 16th December, 2006 [Organized by Rotary Club of Kwai Chung].
5. Our visit to the Home of Loving Faithfulness Fellowship is tentatively changed to 18th November, 2006 due to coordination amongst four participating Clubs of our Rotary Family.
6. Fundraising Project of RC of HK Harbour Charity Ball will be held on 21st October, 2006.
7. "Hong Kong & Macau O! Day" Fund-raising event is scheduled on Saturday, 21st October, 2006.

PP John Kwok reminded us about the charity ball on 21st October, 2006 at the Regal Airport Hotel. The event was sponsored by someone (PP John is the sponsor). He urged those who had signed up for the event must show up. Those no show guys will need to pay back the HKD1,500 per seat for the event.

Acting SAA PP Rudy reported the collections for the red box at HKD900.

Today's meeting is a continuation of the debate 2 weeks ago. The topic is on the admission of female members to Hong Kong Island East. It is a rather controversial topic which had invited vigorous discussion 2 weeks ago.

Rtn Tony had started off by inviting our visiting Rotarian, PP Kelvin Wong of RC of Admiralty to share his point of view on this topic. RC of Admiralty has female members, the Club is trying to maintain a balance of Male and Female members with at least one third on either side. The perfect balance would be half and half. Female members are more active in general. Since there are female members, the kind of entertainment programs will have concerned with ladies involvement. The draw back is that some potential members may be reluctant to join a club with female members.

PP Hubert speaks with a neutral standpoint. He knew quite a few dedicated female Rotarians who have contributed a lot to the District. He shared some of his findings from the Web that out of the top 10 highest attendance clubs in the district, 5 of them have female members. It shows that the female factor has no effect on the attendance.

PP George mentioned that he enjoyed very much the fellowship of Island East because it is a male only club. However, he suggests that we should not object to any potential members because of the gender. He further emphasized that he will accept female member if she is really good. His preference of a male only Club still persists.

PP Stephen said that the world is changing, so is Rotary. He shared the experience in his company that the majority of the recently hired work force is female. He believed that one day his company will be managed by female. He is definitely for the idea of acquiring female members into Island East. He suggested that we should not vote on this issue, there is no argument point.

Rtn Tony asked PDG Uncle Peter when did Rotary accept the first female member. PDG Uncle Peter answered without delay, 1989.

PP Henry was speaking as Director of membership, he urged us to go out searching for good candidates, no matter male or female.

IPP Eddie welcomes the ideas of female members in Island East. He quoted an example that he knew a few good female candidates for membership recruitment. However, he is reluctant to recruit them because he felt that this will create a controversial debate in the Club. These few female candidates had joined another Rotary Club which has female members. He urged all of us to show our courtesy and sincerity in meeting female guests and we should target these female guests for membership recruitment.

Rtn Kishu has been with the Club for 23 years. He had come across many discussions on this issue. However, he had never heard of any strong arguments against female members. There are female soldiers to fight in Iraq, female CEOs (One recent famous female Indian CEO of Pepsi), female astronauts, why not female Rotarians of Island East.

PE Laurence emphasized we should not vote on this topic because it is not legal. Instead, he suggests we should vote whether we should actively searching for female candidates to join our Club.

Rtn Herman quoted an analogy of his 15 year old daughter choosing to switch from a girl school to a co-ed school. He feels that as long as the school provides a good education environment, it doesn't matter if it is a girl school or co-ed. He suggests we should vote on each individual's personal preference.

Dir Norman is neutral on this topic. He also supported the idea of not having a vote on this topic. He suggested someone should take the initiative to nominate a female candidate and we all can learn through this process. Once the first female member is accepted, we will attract more.

PP Uncle John supported the idea of inviting the first female member, but he further added that we should invite one group of female members to ensure the successful recruitment.

PDG Uncle Peter was the last one to speak. Nobody has ever submitted any application to nominate a female member. Island East has no right to object any nomination of female candidates. The Equal Opportunity Ordinance of the Hong Kong Law clearly stated that we have to consider female candidates. He urged anyone with a potential candidate to submit their application. Let the board decide.

President Paul wrap up with a statement, "If there are good candidates, please proceed".

President Paul announced that next week's speaker will be a guest of Norman Lee, Mr. Yasukawa of Seiko Epson Corporation. The topic will be on Digital Arts produced by Epson Technology.

After a toast to the Rotary Club of Admiralty and HKIE, the meeting was closed at 2:08pm.

Rotary Information

Humanitarian Projects

Rotary is focusing on Humanitarian Projects, such as the district project – "Hepatitis B program". This project is to immunize new born babies in China against Hepatitis B and try to eliminate this dreadful disease in the near future.

In order to promote the image of Rotary, all Rotarians should observe the following dates in our daily life :

Stand Up against Poverty
World Food Day &
World Run Day

Stand Up Against Poverty falls on 15th and 16th October 2006. Fight Hunger: Walk the World is teaming up with the United Nations Millennium Campaign to set an official Guinness World Record for the greatest number of people to stand up against poverty. The millennium Campaign is an interagency initiative of the United Nations that supports citizens' efforts to hold their governments accountable for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of Millennium Development Goals, and to demonstrate the growing global support for the eradication of poverty. With this symbolic action, people around the world will deliver an important message to governments and policy makers; poverty and hunger have no place in this world and citizens working together can root it out.

Reciprocally, the Millennium Campaign along with *Walk the World*, Make Poverty History and the ONE campaign are working together to ensure the International Community does not forget its commitment of having the proportion of chronically hungry people in the world by 2015.

To the part of the "Stand Up" Guinness World Record, all you have to do is sign up and then stand up for one minute in support of the Millennium Development Goals in the 24 hour period between 10.00 am GMT, 15 October and 10.00 am GMT, 16 October. Sign up and Stand Up Against Poverty.

World Food Day:

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations celebrates World Food Day each year on 16th October, the day on which the Organization was founded in 1945. The World Food Day and Telefood theme for 2006 is "Investing in agriculture for food security" World Food Day activities are organized mainly by participating countries, and since its creation, it has been observed each year in more than 150 countries. Most countries have established National Committees to promote, plan and execute activities at national level.

World Run Day:

The running world will be putting its best foot forward when runners from all corners of the world unite on Sunday 5 November to participate in World Run Day – To End Child Hunger.

Anyone can join, whether running alone or in a group. For more information or to register for an event to The World Run Day website. Proceeds of the run will be contributed to the World Food Programme school feeding projects in developing countries. It only costs US\$34 to feed a child for a whole year through the work of WFP.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. How many members showed up on this date?

Answer:

2. We had one visiting Rotarian, who was he and what club did he come from?

Answer:

3. Pres. Paul made 7 announcements, name 5 of them.

Answer:

4. Who was the SAA today and what was his collection?

Answer:

5. What was the program for today?

Answer:

6. What was the majority of our members' opinion?

Answer:

7. What was the Rotary Information on today?

Answer:

Instruction:

Please copy these questions click the following URL [John Kwok](#) and paste it to the email and answer these questions and then click send.

Jokes

The woman is shopping for a bra, but she has an unusual problem. One of her breasts is much longer than the other one. The lingerie saleslady notices her customer's deformity and says, "I notice one of your breasts is longer than the other. How did that happen?"

"To be honest with you," says the shopper, "my husband can't sleep unless he has my breast in his mouth. That explains why one is so much longer than the other."

"How odd," says the clerk, "my husband does the exact same thing but my breasts are the same size."

"Yeah," says the shopper, "but I bet you don't sleep in twin beds."

Photographs of our meeting

on

18th October, 2006





PP Kelvin Wong (Adm) began our debate on the subject of Women members in HKIE.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter and Pres. Paul without our guest speaker.



(L to R) Acting Hon Sec. John IV, PP Kelvin Wong, Rtn Herman.



(L to R) PE Laurence Chan, PP Rudy, Dr. Tony.



(L to R) PP's Henry, George, Hubert, Dir. Norman, IPP Eddy and PP Stephen.



Our Group Photo of our members with PDG Uncle Peter, Visiting Rotarian, Pres. Paul on 18th October, 2006.

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