

Last week's Proceedings -

26th October, 2005

As our annual event, the board had decided to reschedule our regular lunch meeting at the Excelsior Hotel to the Hong Kong Jockey Club for our Rotary Horse Racing Night. The idea is to enhance better fellowship in our club. Thanks to our club director, PP Henry Chan for organizing this party. The attendance was fair, but it induced a visiting Rotarian to join the fellowship. He was none other than Rotarian Christophe Piganiol of the Rotary Club of Bugis Junction, Singapore who happened to visit our club. Total number of members and guests was 21 altogether.

Fellowship cocktail started at 6.30 p.m. followed by buffet dinner at 7.00 p.m. while horse racing began at 7.15 p.m. Some were enjoying having fine food and wine while others were hassled to the betting booth for betting or collecting their winning money. There were eight races in the evening, but fortune was unkind to us, therefore our Red box was not benefited. Just a consolation prize, all members who are members of the HK Jockey Club simultaneously, received a gift from the Jockey Club - a Plastic Wine Bottle Holder. It was quite a pretty and useful gift. At this juncture, PP John Kwok did a bit of advertising for his company - Wing On Department Stores - by dishing out pamphlets of numerous items for special presale to the VIP guests. (the serge ant-at-arms will go after him next week).

There was no quiet moment throughout the evening. Roaring and shouting by all of us while the animals were speeding to the winning post. Our member, Rotarian Kenny Chan supplied us with special tips, but it did not work out as expected. He advised us to come next race meeting for better luck. There is always hope when there is horse racing.

Anyway, we did enjoy a fruitful fellowship night. The party ended with a smiling face from all of us, though we did not rob the Jockey Club. Good-night, till we meet again on the 2nd November 2005 at The Excelsior, said President Eddy Wong.

Rotary Information

District Rotary Foundation Seminar

Each year, a district Rotary Foundation Seminar will be held with the Regional Foundation Coordinator as our guest speaker to update Rotarians on changes in Foundation programme or policies. This Rotary year, we have the honour to have PDG Dens Shao, RI Regional Foundation Coordinator to talk to us. Particulars are as follows:

Date 5th (Saturday) November 2005

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Venue : Hotel Miramar, Pent House, Tsim-Sha-Tsui, Kowloon,

Rotary Club of Kingspark and Rotary Club of Queensway are joint-host for this Foundation Seminar. President-Elects, Vice-Presidents, Tre asurers or Secretaries, International Service Director and Foundation Chairman should attend. New members wishing to learn about the Foundation should be encouraged to participate. Registration including lunch and coffee break is \$250 per person. Agenda for the Foundation Seminar (2005-2006) is stated here under.

10.30 a.m. Registration and fellowship

Plenary Session

11.00 a.m. Welcome by DRFS Convenor PDG Gloria Cheng Opening Remarks by D.G. Peter Wan "Why Are We Here ?" by PDG John Wan

11.15 a.m. "The Rotary Foundation - What's New" by RRFC Dens Shao

12.15 a.m. "Where is your money going ?" Announcement by Secretary General

12.30 p.m. Lunch Recognition of Major Donors and new PHFs

Group Session

2.00 p.m. Group I - Humanitarian Programmes. tsunami experience, Hepatitis B, NIDs, Resource Person - IPDG Alexander Mak Moderator = PDG Gloria Cheng

Group II - Educational and Cultural Programmes Scholars and GSE Resource Person - PDG YK Cheng Moderator - PDG Johnson Chu

Group III - Fund Raising Resource Person - Major Donor C. Chair Grace Young Moderator - PDG Jones Wong

3.15 p.m. Coffee Break

3.30 p.m. Q & A and Closing Remarks by RRFC PDG Dens Shao Vote of Thanks - DG Peter Wan and Presentation of Souvenirs

4.00 p.m. Adjournment

Letter from D.G. Peter Wan

"Dear Present & Past Leaders, fellow Rotarians,

Greetings from Manila. I met DG Faiz Kidwai from District 3270 of Pakistan and Afghanistan in te Rotary Institute and sadly learnt that the situation in the affected areas is still very bad. No doubt, rehabilitation work will be enormous. In their District alone, Rotarians are busy mobilizing every possible resources and network to help in the disaster relief work. They rolled up their sleeves, put their hands, heads and pocket together to help, a real live example of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". Pls visit their website WWW.rotary3270.org for their relief work which warrants our salutation. They are appealing for urgently support from other Rotarians in whatever way possible.

Now, it is for our District to demonstrate our usual good teamwork, compassion and speed and above all, put "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" into action timely. Hopefully we can raise more funds on top of the \$1M given to MSF already, and be able to support other relief agencies including our fellow Rotary clubs in the affected countries.

Pls share this e-mail with your fellow Rotarians in your Club. I hope all Rotarians in our District can consider making a generous donation. Can all Club Presidents please let your AG have an indication of your club's donation so far and perhaps an indication of your Club's likely donation. This will enable the Disaster Relief Committee have an idea where we stand at the moment. I look forward to your strong support. Thank you very much.

Your Governor, Peter Wan."

District News

Our District 3450 is holding a Rotary Open Week at the Rotary Information Centre in the week commencing 7th November 2005.

This is seen as a service that the district is providing to clubs in membership development and retention. By giving Rotary members more basic knowledge about Rotary. Some Rotary activities exhibits will be displayed showing the basics of Rotary, the 4-way Tests, 4 avenues of service, district and club.

All are welcome, especially those who have never been to the Rotary Information Centre since joining Rotary, Please remember "When and Where" as follows:

Date : 7th to 11th November 2005, (weekdays from 5 pm to 9 pm Saturday, from 9 am to 5 pm)

Venue, Rotary Information Centre, 26 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong 14th floor, Capital Commercial Building.

Please note that district officers will be there on duty to answer your questions. Such as who owns the premises and how is it operated, etc., etc. Your comments are most welcomed.

Attending the above Seminar, a make-up will be credited to your attendance requirement.

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Reports on Vocational Service Seminar

On the 25th October 2005, a district Vocational Service Seminar was conducted, hosted by the Rotary Club of Peninsula at its regular luncheon meeting at the Marco Polo Hong Kong Hotel, Kowloon.

A large gathering was created to listen to the D.G. speech and other moderators on vocational service. DG Elect Tony Wong touched on the subject of Rotary Volunteers. The following were his explanations.

What is Rotary Volunteers ?

1. Rotary Volunteers is a program me that encourages and facilitates Rotarian participation in all types of volunteer activities. As volunteers, contributing their time and skills, Rotarians put Rotary's ideal of Service

Above Self into action.

2. Rotary Volunteers is one of Rotary International's nine structured programmes designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process.

3. Rotary Volunteers serve wherever needed:

- a) At home, assisting with their club's community service projects;
- b) Abroad, assisting humanitarian missions

Due to limit of time, the meeting ended at 2.00 p.m. with votes of thanks to all the speakers.

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Joke

Male/Female trivia-chuckles

You may not know this but many non-living things have a gender.

1) Ziploc Bags are Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

2) Copiers are Female, because once turned off; it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.

3) A Tire is Male, because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated.

4) A Hot Air Balloon is Male, because, to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.

5) Sponges are Female, because they're soft, squeezable and retain water.

6) A Web Page is Female, because it's always getting hit on.

7) A Subway is Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

8) An Hourglass is Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

9) A Hammer is Male, because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.

10) A Remote Control is Female. Ha! You thought it'd be male, didn't you? But consider this - it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying!

Pass these on to both male and female friends of yours so that they can have a chuckle too.

Photographs of our meeting

on

26th October, 2005



Pres Eddy with Hon Tres Laurence and Hon Sec Andy and their wives at the races at Happy Valley in the background. (Front L to R) Jennie, Laurence, Andy and Angela.



(Front L to R) Rtnanne Christina, PDG Uncle Peter and Rtnanne Eileen Law. (back L to R) IPP Rudy Law, Rtn Norma Lee, PP Stephen Liu and Rtn. Ray Choi.



(front L to R) Guest, Rtnanne Eileen Law, PP Stephen. (Back L to R)PDG Uncle Peter, IPP Rudy Law, Rtn Norman Lee, Pres Eddy Wong, PP Tim Lui, Hon Sec Andy Wong, and Hon Tres Laurence Chan.



(Front L to R) R tnanne Angela Wong, Guest Cecelia Lee, Rtnann Mae Kwok. (Back L to R) R tnanne Jennie Chan, Hon Tres Laurence Chan, PP Tim Lui, PP John Kwok and Pres Eddy.



Finally the guest of PP John (L to R) Mrs. Cecelia Lee, Rtnanne Mae Kwok, and Ms Sonata.

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