

Last week's Proceedings -

2 November, 2005

President Eddy started the meeting on time and called on Rtn. Lawrence to introduce the visiting Rotarians and guests.

We had Rtn P.D. Jain visiting us from Rotary Club of Mumbai Versova India. He brought along with his daughter Pragya Desai as well.

AG Hubert Chan introduced his friend Eric Chin and PP Tim Lui introduced his guest Peter Yeung who is the ex. Partner of Coopers.

Finally, PP David Li introduced his son Christian Li who came back to Hong Kong during his term break for his study in UK.

Our speaker for the day was PP Nicholas Pirie from RC of Hong Kong South.

The birthday boy was PP Tim Lui. He requested PP David and his son to lead the birthday song for him.

President Eddy invited PDG Peter Hall to present the hard bound copy of last year's Tung Feng bulletin to IPP Rudy Law as a token of appreciation for his services to the club last year. Another copy was presented to PDG Peter for his collection.

Then the acting Sergeant-at -arm PDG Peter Hall reported a total collection of \$1,400 for the Red-box donation. The attendance for the meeting was 15 members.

President reminded members of the coming Rotary Foundation Seminar on 5th November 2005 and encouraged more members to attend.

The highlight of the meeting was the talk by PP Nicholas about the District Leprosy Project in Sichuan. PP Nicholas is the District Project Co-ordinator.

The project is for the setting up of health care facilities in five leprosy village in Sichuan PRC.

The project had so far got donation of over \$750,000 from the RC of HK South and another \$1.6 million from the Kadoorie foundation. Other donars include RC of HK North East, HK Habour, Quary Bay, Kowloon North and Victoria.

There are about 9000 leprosy patients in Sichuan. One major problem in the leprosy villages is the lack of health care facilities and personnel. Limited inputs from the government have left the people affected by leprosy and their families with minimal medical services.

The project aims at setting up basic health care in these villages by stages. In the first 3 years, they aim at anchoring the model of health care in five of the nineteen leprosy villages in Liangshan Perfecture in Southern Sichuan.

The project team will consist of doctors and other volunteers and they will train up the health care workers recruited form the leprosy and their families in the project villages. Their primary role is to assist the leprosy in ulcer treatment and self care scheme. They will also assist in early detection, patient management and health education if need.

To facilitate these activities, they have to build the basic infrastructure, namely a health care clinic in each of the five project villages. They also help to build a shoe workshop in Xi Chang site.

The project hopes to reduce the major disability rate from 70% to 25% and the number of new cases from 150 per annum to 25 per annum especially for children.

The annual budget for the project is about \$150,000 and PP Nicholas asked the Club and Rotarians to make donation towards this meaningful project.

Apart from money, other forms of donation are all welcome including socks and toothbrush form the airlines, old clothes, etc.

Our PE Paul Chan gave the vote of thanks to the speaker after the talk.

President Eddy closed the meeting at 2:10 pm by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of HK South and RC of Mumbai Versova India.

Rotary Information

Rotary International has designated November as the Foundation month. Therefore it is most appropriate for our district to hold a District Rotary Foundation Seminar on the 5th (Saturday) November 2005 at the Miramar Hotel, Kowloon.

Talking about the Foundation of RI, we must not forget the originator - Arch Klumph, father of the Foundation. Just a little bit of history, we would like to know how the Foundation was established.

In 1917, RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world."

The response was polite and favourable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later, the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of US \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the a balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years, it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached US\$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to US\$50,000. In 1937 a US\$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for The Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honour the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954, the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965, a million dollars was received.

Just imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than US\$40 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

Of course, there are many changes in the Foundation Fund Raising and its operational programmes. A new invention has been introduced recently in order to raise more fund for the Foundation. It is called the Paul Harris Society.

Come to the District Rotary Foundation Seminar on the 5th November 2005 at the Miramar Hotel to widen your Foundation knowledge.

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Joke

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY? (written by kids)

(1) You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. -- Alan, age 10

(2) No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. -- Kristen, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

(1) Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. -- Camille, age 10

(2) No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. -- Freddie, age 6 (very wise for his age)

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

(1) You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. -- Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

(1) Both don't want any more kids. -- Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

(1) Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. -- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

(2) On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that Usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. -- Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

(1) I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. - Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

(1) When they're rich. -- Pam, age 7

(2) The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that -- Curt, age 7

(3) The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. -- Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

(1) I don't know which is better, but I'll tell you one thing. I'm never going to have sex with my wife. I don't want to be all grossed out. -- Theodore, age 8

(2) It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. -- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

(1) There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? -- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is......

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

(1) Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. -- Ricky, age 10

Photographs of our meeting

on

2 November, 2005



Our guest speaker was PP Nicholas Pirie of the Rotary Club of HK South. His talk was on the Health Care Facilities in Five Lebrosy Villages in Sichuan, PRC



(L to R) Hon Sec Andy, Ms. Pragya Desai daughter of Rtn P.D. Jain (Mumbai Versova, India)



Pres. Eddy exchanging club banners with Rtn P.D. Jain.



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PDG Peter presenting the bound copy of last year's bound copy of the Tung Feng Bulletin to IPP Rudy Law.

Pres. Eddy presenting the same bound copy of the Tung Feng Bulletin to our custodian of our club records to PDG Uncle Peter.



Our birthday boy is none other then PP Tim Lui here being serenaded to by PP Li and his son Christian and accompanied by Pres Eddy.



AG Hubert reporting on our Area 4 plans.

PDG Uncle Peter reporting on the Sargeant-At-Arms collection for today.



(L to R) Mr. Peter Yeung guest of PP Tim, PP Li, Dr. Tony, Hon Tres. Laurence, PP Hubert and his guest Mr. Eric Chin.



(L to R) PP Stephen, IPP Rudy, PE Paul, PP Li holding on to his son Christian, PP Henry.



(Lto R) PP Stephen, Rtn Kenny and IPP Rudy.



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