

Last week's Proceedings -

14th November, 2007

President Laurence started the meeting early at 1:15 pm as we would have four Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars as our speakers.

PE Andy introduced two visitors from Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East. They were Mimi Lau and Jackal Lee.

President Laurence welcomed back PP George who has been away somewhere for a while. President Laurence also made a special welcome to PDG YK.

The birthday boy for the day was AG Eddy Wong and PE Andy led the birthday song for him.

President Laurence made the following announcements:

- 1. The visit by RC of Osaka Jonan was very successfully and President Laurence gave a vote of thanks to PP Stephen, PP John Kwok and Dir. Eric for organizing the welcoming events and function.
- 2. The RC of Osaka Jonan had made a contribution in total of Japanese yen of \$150,000 for our community services fund and red box. Their President Umezaki san had confirmed that they would join the Playright project this year and would join the swimming class project for Choi Jun School next year.
- 3. On 18 November, U-heart, a charity organization building schools in the mainland for the poor districts, will hold a fund-raising concert and invited our members to join.
- 4. The District Sport Day will be held on 9 December 2007 and the host club will be our daughter club RC of Harbor. Our club had decided to be one of the sponsoring clubs and the ticket for the sport day is available for sale from PE Andy.
- 5. President Laurence and PDG Uncle Peter attended the 29th anniversary dinner of the RC of Hong Kong North at Mission Hill.
- 6. President Laurence will organize a fire-side gathering on 1st December in his house in Fairvie w Park, Yuen Long.
- 7. Choi Jun School will hold the inauguration meeting for the Parent/Teacher Association on 23rd December 2007 and invite our members to attend.
- 8. President Laurence gave a vote of thanks to Secretary Norman for his effort in organizing the Uncle Peter Community Service Award Cup to the students of Wah Yan College.

Then Sergeant-at arm Heman reported a total collection of \$1,300 for the Red-box donation.

The highlight of the meeting was the talk by four Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars.

They were: Sonia Siu from Boston, Jason Buhi from Washington DC, Caroline Lody from Nottingham, Central England and Matthias Muehlendy from Gottingen, Germany.

The Ambassadorial programme was started in 1947 and had arranged over 37,000 men and women to visit over 100 nations. The aim of the programme is to further international relationship, enhance friendly relationship and cultural exchange. These scholars are required to visit all the Rotary Clubs to introduce their countries and upon their return to the home countries, they would also talk to their own Rotary Clubs to tell them of the situation of their visited countries and what they learnt from their stay in these countries.

The following is an extract of the talk by these scholars:

- 1. Sonia is now studying in the University of Hong Kong for the Master programme for Social Services and Welfare. She had been studying in Washington & Lee University.
- 2. Caroline came from the home town of Robin Hood, Nottingham. The population of Nottingham is about 279,000 only. In her sponsoring club, the average age of Rotarians is 60 and she thought that Rotary Club should do more works in enhancing the image and PR for Rotary. She is now studying LLM law in the University of Hong Kong. She had been studying in Oxford University and she would like to be come a barrister specialized in Commercial law.
- 3. Matthias is from Gottingen, Germany and is studying Business Administration in the University of Science and Technology. In Germany, there are a total of 43,500 Rotarians. He gave some slide show of the beautiful city of Gottingen and Germany.
- 4. Jason is from Washington DC and is now studying law in the University of Hong Kong. His name Buhi was a Hungarian name. His sponsoring club is RC of Carroll Creek in Baltimore & Washington DC. He can speak Portuguese and is keen to learn Putonghua. He likes Chinese culture very much.

PP George then thanked our speakers for giving us lots of information of their countries, their background and their supporting Rotary Clubs.

President Laurence closed the meeting at 2:00 pm by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of Carroll Creek and Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Information

We have maintained a fine relationship with our sister clubs all the time, though language is a problem, especially those in Japan. However, we have joint projects and recommended WCS to them, such as the Sea School for many long years.

We exchanged visits frequently. The recent visit from our sister club - Osaka Jonan, Japan on the 3rd to 5th November 2007 proved to be most successful. We held lunch and dinner receptions at various places plus golf tournament for the delegates in the Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling. N.T. They fully enjoyed themselves and returned home safely.

After this wonderful sister club visit, many newer members would like to know how many sister clubs we have so far. The following particulars will provide a detailed list of all the sister clubs we have signed up:

Sister Club	Date Formed	Signed by both Presidents
R/C of Penang	26-Nov.1969	Dennis Ting / unknown
R/C of Niigata	7-Mar. 1973	D. Bailey / K. Yokoyama
R/C of Kawasaki-South	22-June 1977	B.Moosdeen / S. Tsurumi
R/C of Osaka-Jonan	25-Apr, 1979	R.Mahtani / K. Kitano
R/C of Makati North	28-June 1980	Sam Lam / C.F. Andrews
Vancouver China Town	27-Aug. 1992	G. Leung / Don Moe
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Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1.	Who	were	our	visiting	guests today?	

Answer:	
2. Who was our birthday boy today and who led the birthday song?	
Answer:	
3. How much we have collected for the Red Box today?	
Answer:	
4. How many of our members you can find from the photos of our luncheon today?	
Answer:	
5. What was the amount of contribution given by our sister club Osaka Jonan during their recent visit	?
Answer:	
6. In what extra form we have decided to support the Sport and Family Fun Day on 9th December 200	07?
Answer:	
7. When and where will be our next Fireside Gathering held?	
Answer:	
8. Who were our speakers today?	
Answer:	

9. Who was asked to thank our speakers today?

Answer:	
10. Name the seven sister clubs of our Club?	
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Meaningful Signs to Share:

At a Towing Company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

> On an Electrician's Truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

In a Nonsmoking Area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

> On a Maternity Room Door: "Push. Push. Push."

At an Optometrist's Office :

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Taxidermist's Window: "We really know our stuff."

At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In a Restaurant Window : "Don't stand there and be hungry, Come on in and get fed up."

> In the Front Yard of a Funeral Home : "Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station, "Thank heaven for little grills." ********

And don't forget the sign at a Chicago Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

In a Podiatrist's Office: "Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck : Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

Photographs of our meeting on

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