

Last week's Proceedings -

9 November, 2005

President Eddy started the meeting on time and called on Hon. Secretary Andy to introduce the visiting Rotarians and guests.

We had AG Eddie Leung and President CK Wong visiting us from Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour. We also have Rtn. Christophe Piganiol of the Rotary Club of Bugis Junction, Singapore as our regular visitor.

AG Hubert Chan introduced his friend Eric Chin who is his classmate for his doctor degree course..

President Eddy made a welcome back remark for PP Andrew Chen who had been traveling to the Mainland (and Fanling as well!). He also informed members of the Open Day for the Rotary Information Centre and he had organized our new members to visit the Centre in the next couple of days.

AG Eddie introduced the "Dining for Help" project which will be held on the 29th November 2005. "Dining to Help" is a fundraising project aimed at multiplying the donation and bringing fellowship and entertainment to participants. Rotary Clubs of Hong Kong Harbour and Hong Kong Island East, the two sponsor clubs will underwrite the entire costs of the event so that 100% of the dinner proceeds will be available for donation to the District's Disaster Relief Fund. The Fund has recently paid HK\$1 million to Medicins Sans Frontieres to support its relief operations to quake victims in India and Pakistan. The proceeds from this fundraising event will help replenish part of the Fund, enabling it to provide effective humanitarian aids at critical times. The perceived result will not be possible without the support of Rotarians, particularly those who are committed to serve ("dinner & drinks") for the evening, with the spirit of Service Above Self. A Past President who prefers to have his name remained anonymous has agreed to match the proceeds from Dining to Help for an amount up to \$300,000. So, let's show our support by promoting this meaningful event to our members and friends. You can help the unfortunate simply by coming to the dinner and enjoying a night of entertainment at an attractive price of \$300 each!

"Dining to Help" will take place on 29 November at the Regal Hong Kong Hotel, Cause way Bay, Hong Kong. For further details, please contact our President Eddy.

Then the acting Sergeant-at -arm Laurence Chan reported a total collection of \$700 for the Red-box donation.

The highlight of the meeting was the talk by Mr. Edward Stokes.

Mr. Stokes is a photographer, writer and author; an Australian but is an "old Hong Kong". He has traveled extensively in Asia. After completing a number of books on Australian history, together with photographs, in 1993 he moved to Hong Kong. In 1997, in collaboration with others, he found the Hong Kong Conservation Photography Foundation aimed to promote the scenery of the Hong Kong nature life and country parks, to raise awareness about heritage and nature conservation.

Following on the topic, he moved on to introduce the book of Hedda Morrison's photographs and Impression of Hong Kong in 1946 to 1947. Hedda Morrision was a famous photographer born in Germany. She came to Hong Kong in September 1946 right after the second World War. During her six months stay in Hong Kong, she captured a lot of photographs of Hong Kong. All her collection of photographs and the negatives were kept by the Harvest-Yenching Library of Harvest University.

Through the effort of Mr. Stokes together with the Hong Kong Conservation Photography Foundation, the Hong Kong University Press and a number of Donors, he produced this wonderful book which is a unique record of a now vanished Hong Kong - the most complete pictorial account of how the colony looked during the decades from the early 1930s to the 1950s.

Members can visit the website www.heddamorrison.com to view some of the photographs of the book.

Mr. Stokes mentioned that he works with PP Stephen's company to produce his office calendar with the aim to support the Foundation and the nature conservation.

The photographs raised a lot of interest and memory from our older members especially for our PDG Uncle Peter.

Rtm Tony Loy gave the vote of thanks to the speaker after the talk and he asked Mr. Stokes for the favour of a discounted price for the book if our members wanted to place a bulk order with him. Mr. Stokes kindly agreed to the request and PP Stephen would co-ordinate it with him.

President Eddy closed the meeting sharp at 2:00 pm by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of HK Harbour.

Rotary Information

District News

PDG Y K Cheng is chosen by The Rotary Foundation to be one of the recipients of the 2005 Distinguished Service Award which is the highest recognition of service. The Awardee will receive a cast bronze plaque mounted on a walnut base. Our heartiest congratulations to you, Y.K. We are proud of you.

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation may recognize one Rotarian from each district with the Citation for Meritorious Service each year. Nominations are solicited from district governors and RI directors. This award is given only for demonstrated active service to the Foundation over a period of more than one year. Awardees will receive a certificate in a walnut frame. The recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service award is our own PDG Dipo C. Sani. Congratulations!

Report on District Rotary Foundation Seminar

A District Rotary Foundation Seminar was held on the 5th November 2005 at the Hotel Miramar, Kowloon, cohosted by the R/C of Kingspark Hong Kong and R/C of Queensway which attracted around 150 attendees, including four members from our club, viz., PDG Peter Hall, PDG Y K Cheng, P.E. Paul Chan and Rtn. Norman Lee.

It started promptly by the seminar convenor, PDG Gloria Cheng with her welcome speech, followed by DG Peter Wan with special remarks while PDG John Wan touched on the District Foundation Goals.

We were fortunate enough to have the Rotary Regional Foundation Co-ordinator (RRFC) PDG Dens Shao from Taiwan, ROC to up date us with the Foundation latest information. With the help of the power-point, he illustrated different aspects of the Foundation, such as Donor Recognitions as follows:

1. Each year, Rotarian and their clubs contribute to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund and the Permanent Fund. The Annual Program Fund provides support for the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. The Permanent Fund serves as an endowment guaranteeing that the Foundation's work toward international understanding and peace will continue in perpetuity. Without the ongoing support of Rotarians, the Foundation and its vital programs to alleviate suffering, foster greater cultural understanding and eradicate polio worldwide would cease to exist. As an expression of appreciation, The Rotary Foundation presents various recognitions to donors and clubs. This presentation outlines the qualifications for each level of recognition and the form of recognition presented.

2. Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Qualification: Gifts of US\$1000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund or other restricted gifts from a donor or a combination of donors.

Recognition: Paul Harris Fellow medal set (lapel pin and medallion) and a personal certificate.

Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Qualification: Given to individual with US\$2000 or more Foundations points.

Recognition: There are eight levels of recognition for contributions ranging from US\$2000 to US\$9000. Paul Harris Fellow pins with one to five simulated sapphire (blue) stones and one to three simulated ruby (red) stones.

100% Paul Harris Fellow Club Recognition

Qualification: All dues-paying members of a Rotary club must be Paul Harris Fellows.

Recognition: A large banner featuring the bust of Rotary's Founder Paul Harris. The club's name is engraved on a plaque permanently displayed at Rotary International World Headquarters.

Memorial Paul Harris Fellow

Qualification: Gifts of US\$1000 or more contributed to the Annual Program Fund or other restricted gifts in the name of someone who is deceased.

Recognition: Customized memorial Paul Harris Fellow certificate. Certificate is similar to the traditional Paul Harris Fellow certificate, but the wording has been changed to read: "This gift will provide a living memorial..."

Annual Program Fund Club Banners

Qualification: Top three clubs in each district in two categories: Annual Programs Fund contributions and Per Capita Annual Program Fund contributions,

Recognition: Six banners (first, second and third place in each category) are sent to each district governor in

September. The banners are imprinted with the district number.

Certificate of Appreciation:

Qualification: Gifts of US\$1000 or more to the Annual Program Fund or other restricted gifts given in the name of a non-Rotary related group or business organization.

Recognition: Customized Certificate of Appreciation

Benefactor Recognition

Qualification: Written notification that a donor has made a provision in his or her will or estate plan naming the Foundation's Permanent Fund as a beneficiary; or anyone who makes an outright gift of US\$1000 or more to the Permanent Fund.

Recognition: Personalized certificate and insignia.

Bequest Society

Qualification: An individual, or a couple, who places the Permanent Fund in their estate plan for a minimum of US\$10,000 and notifies the Foundation in writing of irrevocable bequests, revocable bequests, and Whole and Universal Life Insurance products.

Recognition: A personalized crystal and simulated Diamond Circle pin corresponding to the donor's range.

Major Donor Recognition

Qualification: When an individual or couple has contributed a combined personal outright gift(s) of US\$10,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, Permanent Fund and/or restricted gifts.

Recognition:

A personal crystal and simulated Diamond Circle pin that corresponds to the appropriate level for the donor and his or her spouse.

Diamond Circle Pin Recognition

Qualification: Major Donor, cumulative personal contributions of US\$10,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, other restricted gifts, and/or the Permanent Funds. Bequest Society, written notification that their estate plan has designated The Rotary Foundation for a minimum of US\$10,000 or more.

Recognition: A Diamond Circle pin corresponding to the level of the gift. Major Donors receive two pins as a couple. Bequest Society to individual(s) enrolled in the Society.

Hall of Honor Portrait

Qualification: Cumulative personal contributions of US\$250,000 or more to the Annual Program Fund, other restricted gifts and/or the Permanent Fund.

Recognition: Donor's portrait hung in the Hall of Honor at Rotary International World Headquarters.

3. Group Sessions:

There were three group sessions for discussion of (a) Foundation Supported Programs, (b) Educational and Cultural Programs and (c) Fund Raising Programs.

4. Launching of Paul Harris Society

This is a new Program starting from this year. Any person promised to donate US\$1000 each year to the Foundation is qualified a charter member of the Paul Harris Society provided he or she becomes a member of the said Society within this year.

A total of 24 charter members of the Paul Harris Society have been recruited and recognized by the presentation of the relative certificates and insignia by RRFC Dens Shao during the Seminar.

5. Questions & Answer Forum

One of the questions from the floor touched on the subject of "members of Paul Harris Society". If a member of the Paul Harris Society fails to continue to donate US\$1000 due to financial problem, what is his/her status. The reply is he/she cannot be a member anymore. A suggestion from the head table was to effect insurance in case necessary. See Photo in the colour section of this bulletin.

6. Closing remarks and presentation of souvenir by DG Peter Wan to RRFC Dens Shao ended the Seminar followed by a group picture of all the attendees. See Group Photo of All Attendees in the colour section.

Joke

LOVEMAKING TIPS FOR SENIORS

- 1. Put on your glasses. Double check that your partner is actually in bed with you.
- 2. Set timer for 3 minutes, in case you doze off in the middle.
- 3. Set the mood with lighting. Turn them ALL OFF!!
- 4. Make sure you put 911 on your speed dial before you be gin.
- 5. Write partner's name on your hand in case you can't remember.
- 6. Keep extra Polygrip close by so your teeth don't end up under the bed.
- 7. Have Tylenol ready in case you actually complete the act.
- 8. Make all the noise you want. The neighbors are deaf too.
- 9. If it works, call everyone you know with the good news.
- 10. Don't even think about trying it twice.

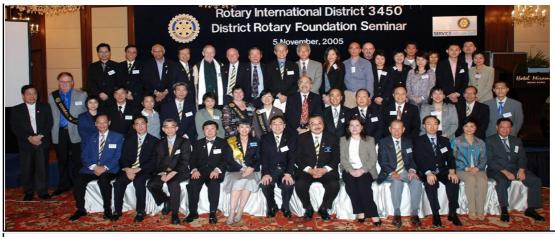
Photographs of our meeting

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One of the questions from the floor touched on the subject of "members of Paul Harris Society" from none other then our PDG Uncle Peter.



Group Photo of all Attendees



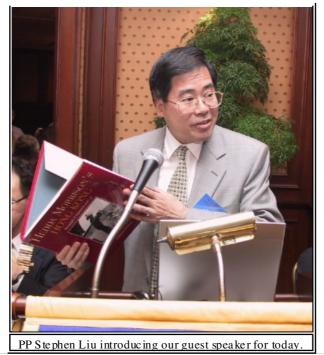
Our guest speaker today was Mr. Edwar Stokes who talk on the Hedda Morrison book on her impression of Old Hong Kong 1946 to 1947.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Mr. Edward Stokes, and Pres. Eddy



(L to R) Hon Sec. Andy, Pres. C.K. Wong (HKH) and DAG Eddy Leung (HKH).





(L to R) PP's Tim Lui, Stephen Liu, Andrew Chen, Hubert Chan, and his guest Mr. Eric Chin.



(L to R) Rtn Christophe Piganiol (Bugis Junction, Singapore), Rtn. Norman Lee, IPP Rudy Law, Dr Tony Loy, Rtn. Charles Bien, and PP George Leung.



(L to R) Hon Tres. Laurence Chan, PP John Kwok, and PP Henry Chan.



Group Photo of our meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Guest Speaker, Pres. Eddy, visiting Rotarians and our members on 9th November, 2005.

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