

Last week's Proceedings -

11th November, 2009

President Norman kicked off the meeting at 1:05 pm sharp. President Norman first welcomed back Rtn Gilbert Fung who had been away and missed several meetings. He continued to introduce the guest Ms. Fanny Choi who was the Assistant Director of Regal Hotel Catering Department.

Members noted that there was no club bulletin on the table though the web version was published already.. It was only happened once in the blue moon. PP John Kwok apologized for what had happened and took up full responsibility for such a mistake. He promised that members would receive the bulletin in next week meeting.

President Norman made the following announcements:

- 1. Our PDG Uncle Peter Hall golf tournament would be held on 4 December in Fanling Golf Club.
- 2. Our AGM would be held on 25 November and nomination for office bearers was being sought.
- 3. Our next week guest speaker would be the Hon. CY Leung and members were urged to invite more friends to join our meeting to show our support. DG, AGs and other Club Presidents would also join.
- 4. The Wah Yan Speech Day would be held on 12 November at 5:30 pm. Uncle Peter Hall Community Service Project Award would be distributed to the students. The Club Board Meeting would be held at 8:00pm in Moon Koon Restaurant after the ceremony.

The birthday boys for the week were our PP Tim Lui and PP Paul Chan. A birthday cake was prepared for these two splendid Rotarians and PP John Kwok and Rtn. Nancy were asked to lead the birthday song.

Hon Treasurer Colin reported a total collection of \$1,800 for the Red-Box.

PP Stephen showed a video of PP Hubert's appearance in the Cable TV's financial news programme but due to time constraint, we had to defer the show to a later date.

Then the highlight of the day was the vocational talk by our Club's second lady Rotarian Teresa Ho.

Teresa is the Director of the Catering Department of Regal Hotel, Causeway Bay.

Teresa graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, US in 1990 (same University as our President Norman who was graduated in 1985). She studied the BSc in Hotel Restaurant & Travel Administration.

She likes designing food menu and venue décor and enjoying interaction with customers. She enjoys cooking and exploring cuisines of various kinds (but we wonder how she can keep to such a slim shape body!).

She gave some industry facts on the hotel and tourism business for members' information:

- 1. The tourism industry contributes 3-4% of the GDP and provides about 200,000 jobs in Hong Kong.
- 2. There are over 170 hotels with more than 60,000 rooms in Hong Kong (how is it compared with Macau?).
- 3. 2009 is a difficult year for hotel business due to the global financial crisis but the situation is improving.
- 4. The revenue allocation of hotel is roughly 65% for room rates, 30% for F&B and 5% for others.
- 5. The main income for catering services of a hotel is 35% wedding banquets, 30% business meeting and training, 12% company annual and spring dinner, 10% graduation dinner, 5% for Christmas party, 2% for birthday party and 2% for full month dinner.
- 6. The Causeway Regal Hotel is the flagship of the Regal Group. There are four other Regal Hotels in Hong Kong (airport, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon City and Shatin) and three in Mainland China (two in Shanghai and one in Chengdu).

Members were very interested to test the cooking skill of Teresa and all are looking forward to have a chance to try.

Rotarian Nancy thanked our speaker for her informative talk and then President Norman closed the meeting at 2:00 pm sharp and

Rotary Potpourri

November is Rotary Foundation Month

As we are observing Rotary Foundation month, we like to report that we have at least five new Paul Harris Fellows or multiple PHFs during this Rotary year, which reached our target under the able effort of our club foundation chairman, PP Laurence Chan.

Mostly, we aimed at the contribution to become a PHF, while neglecting the importance of becoming a member of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society. The following is an invitation to join this society.

The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society is dedicated to those very special friends who have had the foresight and wisdom to remember the Foundation in their estate plans with a significant bequest of US\$10,000 or more. We salute your gracious gift and offer our heartfelt appreciation by extending an invitation of membership in a society that is changing lives through your legacy of hope, the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society.

The history of the Rotary Foundation contains significant examples of some very special individuals who helped establish the Foundation as a leader in providing humanitarian and educational programmes worldwide.

Becoming a member of the Bequest Society is a simple process. Membership occurs when an individual or couple has placed the Rotary Foundation in their estate plan for a minimum of US\$10,000. By completing a Bequest Society Card and sending it to the Foundation, a donor will be recognized according to the following giving levels:

Level One - (US\$10,000) One Diamond Pin plus Bequest Society Crystal;

Level Two - (US\$25,000) Two-Diamond Pin plus Bequest Society Crystal;

Level Three-(US\$50,000) Three-Diamond Pin plus Bequest Society Crystal;

Level Four - (US\$100,000) Four-Diamond Pin plus Bequest Society Crystal;

Level Five - (US\$500,000) Five-Diamond Pin plus Bequest Society Crystal

Level Six - (US\$1,000,000) Six-Diamond Pin plus Bequest Society Crystal.

Let us give a thought in joining The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society as a member.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:
Email:
1. Who was welcomed back to our luncheon meeting ? Ans)
2. Who was the guest introduced by Pres. Norman ? Ans)
3. Who were our birthday boys this week and who led the birthday song ? Ans)
4. Name one of the announcements of Pres. Norman made at the meeting ? Ans)
5. What was our Red Box collection today ? Ans)
6. Who was our speaker today and who was asked to introduce the speaker ? Ans)
7. Our speaker was graduated at the same University of our Pres. Norman but in different years, what were the years ? Ans)
8. Who will be our speaker next week ?

Joke

This is a "BEST JOKE" award winner in UK

One Chinese person walks into a bar in America late one night and he saw Steven Spielberg. As he was a great fan of his movies, he rushes over to him, and asks for his autograph.

Instead, Spielberg gives him a slap and says "You Chinese people bombed our Pearl Harbor, get out of here." The astonished Chinese man replied "It was not the Chinese who bombed your Pearl Harbor, it was the Japanese". "Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese, you're all the same," replied Spielberg.

In return, the Chinese gives Spielberg a slap and says "You sank the Titanic; my forefathers were on that ship."

Shocked, Spielberg replies "It was the iceberg that sank the ship, not me." The Chinese replies, "Iceberg, Spielberg, Carlsberg, you're all the same."

This particular joke won an award for the best joke in a competition in Britain.

Photographs of our meeting

<u>on</u>

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PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Rtn. Teresa Ho & Pres. Norman Lee



Hon. Sec. Eric Chin, Dir Nancy Yee & PP Uncle John Kwok



IPP Andy Wong (back) PE Heman Lam, visiting guest Fanny Choi & Rtn. Tony Loy



PP Laurence Chan, Rtn. Gilbert Fung & Dir. Kevin Leung



Rtn. Jonathan Lamport, PP Tim Lui, Dir Jason Chiu & DS PP Eddy Wong



PP Stephen Liu, PP Uncle John Kwok & Hon. Tres. Colin Chau



This week's birthday boys, PP Paul Chan & PP Tim Lui, Dir Nancy & PP Uncle John led the birthday song



This week's speaker, our Rtn. Teresa Ho gave us a vocational talk about her job at Regal HK Hotel



Dir. Nancy Yee thanked the speaker on behalf of the club



Pres. Norman Lee presented a photo in action to Rtn. Teresa Ho



Group photos with members & visiting guest

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