

Last week's Proceedings -

16 November, 2005

President Eddy started the meeting on time and called on PP Stephen to introduce the visiting Rotarians and guests.

We had Rtn Henry Pearson visiting us from the Rotary Club of West Wizzal in UK. We also had our ex. Island East member John (VI) Wagner visiting us from USA.

AG Hubert Chan introduced his friend Eric Chin who had just put in the application form for joining our Club. PP John Kwok introduced his guest Mr. Austyn Crites who was a Rotary Scholar before and had been living in Chengdu, Sichuen for one year. He is looking for business / job opportunity in Hong Kong and he speaks fluent Mandarin.

The birthday boys for the day were none other our President Eddy and our PE Paul Chan. They invited PDG Uncle Peter to present the birthday gift to them and the birthday song was led by AG Hubert Chan and DAG Henry Chan.

"Dining to Help" will take place on 29 November at the Regal Hong Kong Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. President Eddy said that the ticket sale so far was far from satisfactory and he would call on every member to support this event in the next couple of days.

Then the acting Sergeant-at -arm PDG Uncle Peter reported a total collection of \$1,000 for the Red-box donation. Our ex. Member John Wagner topped it up to \$1,100 by following our club tradition.

Then we had the Club Assembly chaired by our PE Paul Chan.

He first invited PP John Kwok to come out to talk about the club services issues.

John voiced out his concern on the low attendance rate and urged members to keep up with the attendance requirement of 60 %. PDG Uncle Peter reminded John to added the members' attendance in Board meetings and Rotary functions. AG Hubert suggested to the Board if an advance payment of 70% of the lunch meal be paid upfront to avoid the club being charged by the hotel for meeting the guaranteed minimum number. PP Stephen reminded members to make up to other clubs if they could not come to the meeting. Also make up in the eclub is an alternative. Hon Secretary reminded members that there was a hyperlink to the e-club address in his weekly message to members for the speaker programme. Rtn Tony Loy made a remark that the weekly email from Hon Sec. on speaker programme was very good and efficient.

Our AGM was set on 7 December 2005 to avoid the possible disturbance to our regular meeting due to the WTO meeting in mid December. Hon Sec. Andy reminded members to put in the nomination form for office bearers before the end of November.

PP John asked for help to the December programme as PP Desmond Cheung failed to attend the meetings in most of the time. IPP Rudy and PP Henry volunteered to help.

Also, as PPDesmond was not presented, there was no report on community services. In fact, we did not have any community services project so far for our club.

Hon. Sec. Andy reported on behalf of Laurence on the financial situation of our club. There was approximately \$1.5 million in our accounts which included the foundation funds for PDG Uncle Peter, William Ling and Bunny Wang. He kept on reporting on the two service projects being organized by our two Rotaract Clubs. One is for sending Christmas cards to Thailand and the other one is making scarfs for old people.

PP Stephen briefly reported on the activities for International services which included the planned visit to Makati North which was cancelled at the last minutes due to politic instability in Philippines, the recent visit to out sister club in Penang and the tentative visit by the RC of Osaka Jonan next May.

PP George asked if there would be any annual function for our club this year. PP John was entrusted to organize our Christmas party which was scheduled to be held on 21 December.

President Eddy closed the meeting at 2:00 pm by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of West Wizzal, UK.

Rotary Information

RI Nominating Committee to Reconvene

Following the meeting of the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2007-2008 in mid September, Rotary International received a formal complaint alleging improper activities during the nominating process. The RI Board of Directors reviewed the allegations at its November meeting.

The Board agreed that, to protect the integrity of the nominating process, a new Nominating Committee will be convened on 5th December 2005 to select a nominee for president of Rotary International in 2007-2008. All candidates will remain eligible.

The Board also extend the deadline for challenges to the committee's selection to 1st January 2006.

(The writer witnessed three such challenges since he joined Rotary in 1960)

District News

A District Rotary Week was convened from 7th to 11th November 2005 in the Rotary Information Centre, 26 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. More than 150 new/old Rotarians went up to the Centre and to see for themselves what activities have been doing in the RIC (Rotary Information Centre) District of ficers were there on duty to answer all questions asked. Many Rotarians were happy to meet PDG Uncle Peter at the Centre explaining the first establishment with our own premises since 1985. The architect of the exhibition was none other than our own PDG Anthony Hung who created this fantastic idea. It was both educational and informative in line with Rotary. Members requested to repeat the same exhibition every year.

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District 3450 has successfully obtained approval from the Hong Kong Jockey Club to stage the Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup on an annual basis. This year, we have the Rotary Challenge Cup on the 17th December 2005 at Sha Tin Racecourse from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at \$500 per person including lunch buffet and unlimited supply of house wine and soft drinks.

Booking forms should be sent to President K.L. Cheng at klcheng@hkjc.com or by fax 2966-7795. The deadline for booking is set on 13th December 2005.

As the capacity in the Jockey Club Box is limited to 28 tables only, seating will be assigned on a first-come first served basis. Any overflows or late booking will be allocated to the Private Boxes located on the 7th floor.

Please note that admission badges are free.

Club News

As announced by our Past President and major donor Samuel S. Lam that a twin girls arrived to his son Kevin and daughter-in-Law Sabrina on the 9th November 2005. The elder sister is 4 lbs 14 oz and the younger one 5 lbs 8 oz. Mother and daughters are in good health. President and members of Hong Kong Island East jointly send our best wishes to the proud parents and overjoyed grand father and mother, our heartiest congratulations. We are looking forward for the "fullmoon" party soon.

You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following 5 questions:

1. What is the name of our former member visiting us this week?

Answer:

2. What was the total Sergeant-at-arm's collection for this week?

Answer:

3. The Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2007-2008 in mid September, Rotary International received a formal complaint. What was that complaint?

Anwer:

4. An event happened on the 7th to 11th November 2005 in the Rotary Information Centre, what was that event called?

Answer:

5. Club news. Some special event happened to one of our Past President, what is his name and what was the event?

Answer:

Instruction:

Please answer these 5 questions and your answers and copy and paste it to your email address it to by clicking the following URL John Kwok

Joke

Subject: hitman

Golfing Hitman

There are these friends who play golf together every Saturday. One Saturday they are getting ready to tee off when a guy, by himself, asks if he can join them. The friends look at each other and then look at the guy and say, "Sure."

So they tee off. About two holes into the game, the friends get curious about what the guy does for a living. So they ask him. The stranger tells them he's a hitman. The friends all laugh.

The guy says, "No really, I am a hitman. My gun is in my golf bag. I carry it everywhere. You can take a look at it if you like."

So one of the friends decides to check it out. He opened the bag and, sure enough, there is a rifle with a huge scope attached. He gets all excited and says, "WOW!

I bet I can see my house through here! May I look?" The hit man replies, "Sure."

So the guy looks for a second and says, "YEAH! You can see my house! I can even see through! the windows into my bedroom. There's my wife, naked. Isn't she beautiful? WAIT! There's my next door neighbor! And he's naked too!"

This really upsets the guy, so he asks the hitman how much it would be for a hit. The hitman replies, "I get \$1000 everytime I pull the trigger."

The guy responds, "\$1000??? Well, ok. I want two hits. I want you to shoot my wife right in the mouth. She's always nagging at me and I can't stand it. Second, I want you to shoot my neighbor in the penis, just for screwing around with my wife."

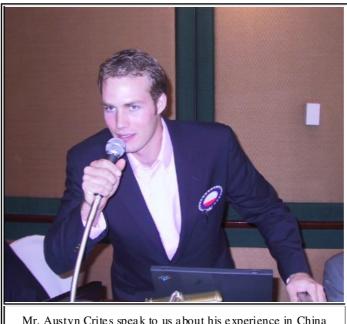
The hit man agrees, gears up and looks through the scope. He's looking for about five minutes until finally the man starts to get really impatient and asks, "What are you waiting for?!?

The hitman replies, "Just hold on..... I'm a about to save you a thousand bucks!"

Photographs of our meeting

on

16 November, 2005



Mr. Austyn Crites speak to us about his experience in China

where he has traveled extensively learning to speak Putunghua.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, PE Paul, and Pres. Eddy.



(L to R) Hon Sec. Andy, Rtn Henry Pearson and our exmember John Wagner.



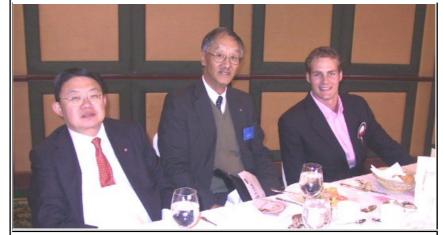
Rtn Henry Pearson (West Wizzal, UK) receiving our banner from Pres. Eddy



We had two birthday boys in PE Paul and Pres. Eddy here receiving their birthday presents from PDG Uncle Peter with PP's Henry and Hubert leading the birthday song



(L to R) PP's Tim, Henry, Stephen, and Rtn Norman, PP's George and Hubert.



 $(L\ to\ R)\ PDG\ Y.K.,\ PP\ John\ I\ Vand\ Rotary\ Scholar\ Austyn\ Crites.$



Group Photo of our meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Eddy and visiting Rotarian and guests on 16th November, 2005.

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