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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## Last week's Proceedings -

**28<sup>th</sup> November, 2007**

President Laurence kicked off the meeting at 1:20pm with a warm welcome to all those present at the luncheon, including our guests Shirley Fan and Mimi Chiu from Hong Kong Shue Yan College and PP Loop Litmaath from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong.

President Laurence made an open invitation to members and their guests to a fireside gathering at his home on December 1st. Late afternoon tea, Karaoke and a "Basin Food" dinner would be some of the interesting activities. Please sign up if you have not done so already.

PP George gave members an update on the Hebei project. Launched in 2005, this project aims to support 150 girls from poor families for their entire primary education. The donation has been well spent. Many girls are already on their way to junior high. PP George showed some of the students' thank-you letters and recent report cards to the audience. You will see some of them enclosed in this newsletter and can also see the rest at the reception desk every time when you attend our regular luncheon.

On December 7, PP George would be hosting a day trip to his golf club in Zhongshan. The event would include a round of golf for golfers and facial/massages for non-golfers. Members and their guests would come back after dinner either on the 8:30 or 9:30pm ferry.

Secretary Norman, who acted as the Sergeant-at-Arms, happily reported a handsome collection of HK\$1,000 for the day with 14 members attended.

PP John then brought us to the highlight of the meeting with his introduction of our speaker Ali Dignan. Ms Dignan is a registered nurse who received a bachelor of business communications degree from the Queensland University of Technology. After a few years of working in public relations and marketing for companies in HK, Ali decided to go back to nursing. She spent 6 years working at a private medical practice in Central. In December last year Ali took up a position with the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR) to support the ground breaking research undertaken by the company for diseases and illnesses that primarily affect people in this part of the world.

Ali's topic was on Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Cancer (鼻咽癌).

Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma "NPC" is a virulent and often terminal cancer that attacks people of Asian descent, particularly those from Southern China and Hong Kong. The current treatment for NPC is chemotherapy and radiation which although is 75% effective does have debilitating side effects. NPC is one of the top five causes of cancer death and often kills people in the prime of their life - between the ages of 40 and 45 years. Children can also develop NPC. There are approximately 1000 new cases of NPC each year in Hong Kong and Southern China.

Scientists have discovered that 99% of patients with NPC have the Epstein Barr Virus (EBV). Some of the antigens of the EBV appear to be present on the surface of the tumor cells. Scientists have also discovered that by taking the lymphocytes (a type of immune cell) from the patients and training them to recognize these EBV and then injecting them back into the patient, they will specifically recognize and destroy the EBV tumour cells. The procedure is non-toxic and non-invasive and has few debilitating side effects.

Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR), HKU and Queen Mary Hospital are undertaking a trial study on 30 patients who have advanced NPC. Blood from HK NPC patients is being flown to Brisbane and processed within the facility at QIMR there. Immune cells from NPC patients will be grown to stimulate an immune response to EBV. Once the cells have grown to sufficient quantity, they will be transported back to HK where they will be delivered back to the same patient and will target the NPC tumor to shrink and destroy it. It is using the patients' own blood cells to destroy the cancer - basically the body's own immune system defending itself - hence the name immunotherapy.

At the conclusion of Ali's presentation, PP Stephen formally thanked Ali on behalf of our Club for her informative speech and wished her every success on the historical NPC trial study in Hong Kong.

For the benefit of the audience, Rtn Tony came to the rostrum to further elaborate on the potential link between NPC and eating salty fish as well as the symptoms of NPC on patients.

President Laurence thanked Rtn Tony for his elaboration and reminded our members to come next Wednesday as Professor Dennis Lam would be our speaker next week talking about eye care.

President Laurence closed the meeting at 2:00 pm by proposing a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong.

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## Rotary Information

November is designated as The Rotary Foundation Month by Rotary International. Every year, our incumbent president has targeted a 10% of our membership to donate to The Rotary Foundation as a full Paul Harris Fellow or multiple PHF during the District Governor's official visit to the club.

The chairman of The Rotary Foundation of our club is PP Herbert Chan. In case you wish to contribute to become a PHF or multiple PHF, please contact him direct. It is very simple. You can pay by your credit card in order to save the trouble to purchase a US bank draft. Another easy way is to contact PDG Peter Hall and he shall do all the necessary work for you. It takes sometime for The Foundation to process your donation and to send you the recognition badge and folder. Please start to pay the US\$1000 now to include your name within this Rotary year.

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**4-Clan Rotary Clubs Joint Meeting**

According to the announcement of President Laurence Chan that we shall have a joint lunch meeting with our sponsored Rotary clubs at the Regal Hong Kong Hotel on 5th December 2007 known as the 4-clan meeting. Details are being worked out to have a smooth gathering with all the clubs confirmed to participate. Questions have been put up by our members for explanation why we style it as a 4-clan meeting. Listed below is a full family tree chart of the clubs branched out by HK Island East for your information.

<u>Original Club</u>	<u>Sponsored by</u>	<u>Chartered</u>	<u>Founder President</u>
HK Island East	H.K. Club	6th April 1954	John Yuen
HK South	HK Island East	30th May 1973	Dennis Ting
HK North	HK Island East	16th Sept. 1978	Rocky Sze
HK Northeast	HK Island East	19th Sept.1983	Moses Cheng
HK Harbour	HK Island East	25th Mar. 1987	Patrick Poon
HK City North	HK North	29th Sept. 1987	T.O. Yip
HK Bayview	HK Northeast	16th Apr. 1994	Lawrence Lam
Causeway Bay	HK City North	21st Nov. 1995	Stephen Hui
Bayview Sunshine	HK Bayview	13th Mar. 1996	Alvina Lam
Happy Valley	HK Northeast	23rd Oct. 1996	Julian Liew
Quarry Bay	HK South	5th Apr. 1995	Jacques Tschudin

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**2007 Rotary Institute**

A Rotary Institute will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 30th November to 2nd December 2007 in Shangri-La Hotel, 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail. The Rotary Institute is open to all Rotary members and their guests. Those members who have never been to a Rotary Institute, especially new members should try their best to attend to widen your Rotary knowledge. Please contact our Hon. Secretary Norman Lee for registration as soon as possible.

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**Electronic Make-up Questions**

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

1. How many visiting Rotarian and guests we have today?  
 Answer:

2. Which club is our visiting Rotarian coming from?  
 Answer:

3. Which project progress was reported by PP George?  
 Answer:

4. What was announced by PP George as our upcoming fellowship event?  
 Answer:

5. How much we have collected for the Red Box today?

Answer:

6. Who is our speaker today?

Answer:

7. What is the topic of our speaker today?

Answer:

8. Who should you contact in our Club in case you want to contribute to the Rotary Foundation?

Answer:

9. Which are the 4 children Clubs of Rotary Club of HK Island East?

Answer:

10. How many grand-children Clubs our Club has and who are they?

Answer:

11. How many grand-grand-children Clubs our Club has and who are they?

Answer:

12. Where and when will the Rotary Institute held from 30th Nov. to 2nd Dec. this year?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

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## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

### Best short joke

An elderly couple were attending a church service.

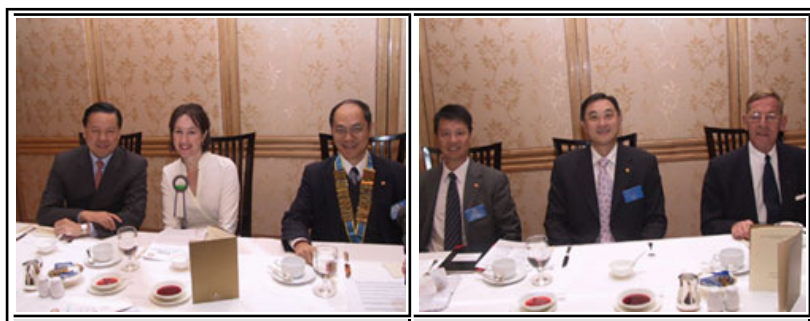
About half way through, she leans over and says to her husband, "I just let out a silent fart, what do you think I should do?"

He replies, "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."

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## Photographs of our meeting on

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2007



PP Tim, Speaker - Ali Dignan - Pres.  
Laurence

Hon. Sec. Norman Lee, PE Andy  
Wong & PP Joop Limaath from  
Rotary Club of HK



(L to R) Rtn. Jason Chiu, AG Eddy  
Wong, Rtn. Kenny Chan, PP George  
Leung & PP Hubert Chan



(L to R) PP Stephen Liu, Shirley Fan  
& Mimi Chiu from Shue Yan  
University & PP Rudy



PP George Leung reported the Hebei  
Mountain girl students project  
receiving a lot of thank you letters  
from the students



Group Picture with members &  
visiting guests.

敬爱的香港扶轮社区的叔叔阿姨：

你们好！

你们从香港寄来的赞助物品，昨天下午我已经收到。手捧着你们寄来的学习用品，我激动得热泪盈眶。这是我学习不可缺少的常用的物品，它蕴含着你们对我的爱与关怀，我深深地感谢你们对我的关心。

在你们的关心和帮助下，上学期升级考试，我语文考了193分，数学考了100分列全班第一。升入六年级以来，我的成绩都保持在90分以上，升入重点中学，我充满了信心。

暑假里，我读了许多书，其中俞永刚奶奶的话对我启发很深，她说：“柔弱的枝条，嫩绿的叶子，在肥沃的土壤里扎根，在和煦的阳光下成长，在明天长成大树，聚成森林，长成祖国有用之材。”奶奶的谆谆教导我一辈子记心中，时时用俞奶奶的话提醒自己，鼓励自己，刻苦学习，成为国家的栋梁之材。

叔叔阿姨，我一定不辜负你们对我的期望，努力学习，成为祖国的有用之材。

此致

敬礼！

学生：王淑荣

2007年11月14日

香港扶轮社的叔叔阿姨：

你们好！我就是大连地逸夫小学的五年级学生——杨茹。今天我收到了你们资助我的好多东西，使我感到万分荣幸，我向你们表示深深的谢意。

这几年，由于发生了好多件出人意料的事情，使我们的生活条件日渐下降，明显不如以前了。是许多的好心人给予了我帮助，从此，让我感受到了社会的温暖。

自我上学以来，每次考试的成绩都名列前茅，但是我从来都没有骄傲过。这次考试我还取得了第一名呢！语文考了87分，数学考了98分。我相信，你们对我的帮助一定会使我的信心倍增的。我一定要好好学习，用自己的成绩来回报社会，决不会辜负你们对我的期望的。

敬祝各位叔叔阿姨：  
身体健康，万事如意！

大连地逸夫小学学生：杨茹

2007年11月13日

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香港扶轮社的叔叔阿姨你们好：

我叫赵君，是贫困山区的一个孩子，而且又失去父亲，靠母亲一人养活我们兄妹几个，还供我们念书。家里条件可想而知，就是用一本一柬笔也很不容易，更没有奢望背上一个新书包。看到别的同学每天高高兴兴上学，看到他们的文具、书包，我心里难受极了。我想，这一切可能永远不会属于我，是你们——香港扶轮社的叔叔阿姨们，在我伤心的时候，给了我温暖和希望，当我把这一切带回家时，一家人高兴得抱在一起，都流出了激动的泪水。叔叔阿姨们，看到你们送来的东西，我除了感谢激动外，更重要的是让我树立了信心，一定要好好学习，争取考上大学，不辜负你们对我的殷切期望，叔叔阿姨们，请等我的好消息吧。最后我在深情对你们说一句：谢谢！

此致

敬礼

赵君

2007年11月9日