



MERRY CHRISTMAS

& A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We want to announce that our club will not meet on

24th & 31st December because of the Holidays

We will resume our normal program starting on January 7th

**What Happened at our meeting
on
17th December, 2003**

Pres. Henry opened the meeting early (1:10pm) because we had our AGM in our program for today. We proceeded to our AGM which was the election of officers for next Rotary year. He appointed PP Tim to be the election officer. PP Tim immediately nominated PP Li to be the scrutineer of the election. PP Tim announced that he had received a list of nominees and he proceeded to read it off. He said that there were only one candidate for the President, and one candidate for the PE and VP. Also there were 6 candidates to be directors which is just enough to fulfill the requirements. He proceeded to pass out the ballots to all members present. He then collected the ballots to count them with PP Li. In the meantime we proceeded with our normal program.

Pres. Henry then asked VP Robert to welcome our visitors. VP Robert welcomed AG Meggy Tseung (Peninsula Sunrise) to our meeting. Then PP Li came forward to report on the SAA collection which amounted to over \$2,340. Pres. Henry made a startling statement by announcing the birthday boy for today was himself and Dir. Paul Chan. He then called upon AG Meggy to lead the birthday song,

Pres. Henry then called upon our program chairman Rtn Dr. Tony to introduce the speaker of the day. Dr Tony gave a brief introduction of Rabbi Lee Diamond. The subject of Rabbi Diamond's speech was "The Hebrew Language".

Rabbi Diamond told us that the origin of the Hebrew Language started in Ancient Mesopotamia with the beginning of the Jewish history which began about 4,000 years ago in the time of Abraham as he departed from Mesopotamia. This started the separation of culture and thus the separation of languages. These cultures were under the strong influence of Arcadian and Mesopotamian languages. If you look at the Middle Eastern languages that emerge from this period you will find similarities. Example - Ur- Names of Gods. Example words like Shalom Aleichem, Abu Allah etc.

The Hebrew Bible is the best representation of classical Hebrew. He then showed us a typical Hebrew script which shows that the writing is read from right to left instead of left to right. The scripts which consists of consonants and below these scripts are the vowels character to help you pronounce the words. Biblical Hebrew is the basis of all future Hebrew. It was the language of the nation from the time of Abraham, reaching heights in the time of the preparation of the bible. It was the spoken language of the nation of the Jewish people from the time of Abraham. It was influenced by Semitic language throughout the early history of Israel. It was the spoken language of the 1st State of Israel in 1200 BC and continued to be spoken as long as Jews were in Israel.

In 586 BC Jews went into first exile. This was the beginning of Aramaic language. The language was spoken again when Jews returned to Israel in 538 BC. Aramaic continued to be spoken in Diaspora. The language was influenced by Greek, Latin etc with the different conquerors which invaded Israel. Hebrew became the language of Religion and scholarship after the Roman destruction of Israel and the long exile. Commentaries on the Bible developed in Hebrew. The Mishna in Hebrew and the Talmud - Hebrew and Aramaic were continually used by scholars and in prayer. It was the binding force of dispersed Jews always.

It was renewed with the reemergence of a national homeland in the late 1800's and early 1900. The language served to build the state if Israel and the ingathering of exiles after 1948 and Independence of the State of Israel. It is spoken by all Jews of Israel today and understood by some Diaspora Jews and decoded by many others. It is still the primary language of prayer. It is still the language of national unity and the culture of the Jews today.

PP Tim then thank the speaker for a very interesting talk. He then announced the results of the election which is printed above.

Pres. Henry announced the end of today's program by asking everyone to stand and proposed a toast to Rotary International coupled with the name of the Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise.

Rotary Information

2003 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting held on December 17 2003 (Wednesday) at the Excelsior Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Henry Chan called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. President Henry appointed Rotarian Eddy Wong as the recording secretary of the meeting. The names of the attending members were listed as per attachment herewith enclosed. President Henry invited PP David Li to introduce visiting Rotarian AG Maggie Tseung from Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise.

In accordance with the constitution of the club, 1/3 of the total membership formed a quorum of the Annual General Meeting. The club had 40 members at the time of AGM. After roll call of members, 21 members were present at this meeting. There was a quorum to start the AGM. The total voting strength would be 21, where simple majority was 11 and two third votes was 14.

2. Adoption of Agenda of Annual General Meeting

The AGM agenda was proposed by PE Rudy Law and seconded by Rotarian Tony Loy. There being no objection from the floor, motion was carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes of 2002 Annual General Meeting held on 11 December 2002

Club Secretary brought to the members attention that there was a typo error in the second sentence of the first paragraph of the minutes, i.e. President Stephen should read as "President Chris". Rotarian Alex Ling proposed to adopt the amended minutes and PP John Kwok seconded. There being no objection from the floor, motion was carried unanimously.

4. Matters arising from minutes of last Annual General Meeting

There being no matters arising from minutes of last AGM, President Henry announced to move to next agenda item - election of 2004-2005 Executive Committee.

5. Election

President Henry appointed PP Tim Lui to take charge of the election of the 2004-2005 Executive Committee members. PP Tim also invited PP David Li to be another scrutineer for the election. PP Tim announced that there required no voting for President since Rotarian Rudy Law had been the President Elect and he Ipso Facto declared Rotarian Rudy Law as President of Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East for the Rotary Year 2004-2005.

PP Tim circulated the election ballot papers to all attending members for voting the President Elect, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Directors.

After counting the votes from scrutineers, the voting results were as follows:

<i>Position Sought</i>	<i>Candidate</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>against</i>	<i>abstain</i>	<i>result</i>
President Elect	Robert Lai	21	0	0	elected
Vice President	Jason Chiu	21	0	0	elected
Hon Sec.	John Kwok	20	1	0	elected
Hon Tres.	Laurence Chan	21	0	0	elected
Director	Hubert Chan	21	0	0	elected
Director	Stephen Liu	21	0	0	elected
Director	Eddy wong	21	0	0	elected
Director	Clark Lu	21	0	0	elected
Director	Andy Wong	21	0	0	elected
Director	Paul Chan	21	0	0	elected

6. Any Other Business

President Henry thanked the hard work of scrutineers and congratulated all the elected incoming officers.

7. Adjournment

There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Henry Chan Eddy Wong
Chairman Secretary

List of Members attending the 2002 Annual General Meeting of Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East

1. Chan, Henry
2. Chan, Hubert
3. Chan, Paul

4. Chan, Laurence
 5. Chen, Andrew
 6. Chiu, Jason
 7. Chow, Stephen
 8. Fu, C.Y.
 9. Hall, Peter
 10. Kwok, John
 11. Lai, Robert
 12. Law, Rudy
 13. Li, David
 14. Ling, Alex
 15. Loy, Tony
 16. Lui, Tim
 17. Luk, John
 18. Narain, Kishu
 19. Shadikhan, Tajwar
 20. Wong, Andy
 21. Wong, Eddy
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Joke & Cartoon

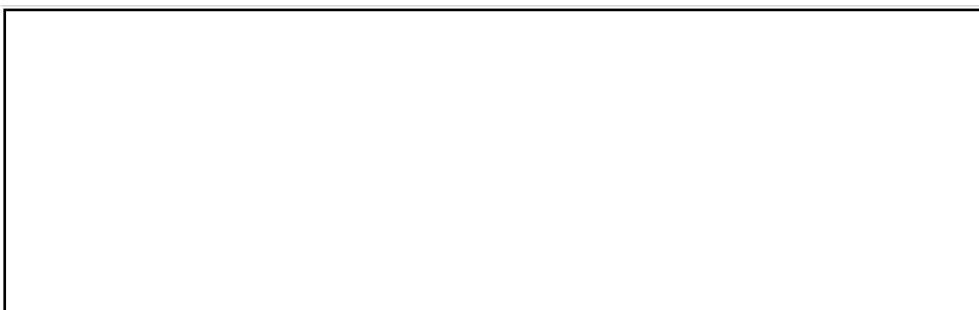
Photographs of our meeting

on

17th December, 2003



Our guest speaker was Rabbi Lee Diamond who spoke on the Hebrew Language.

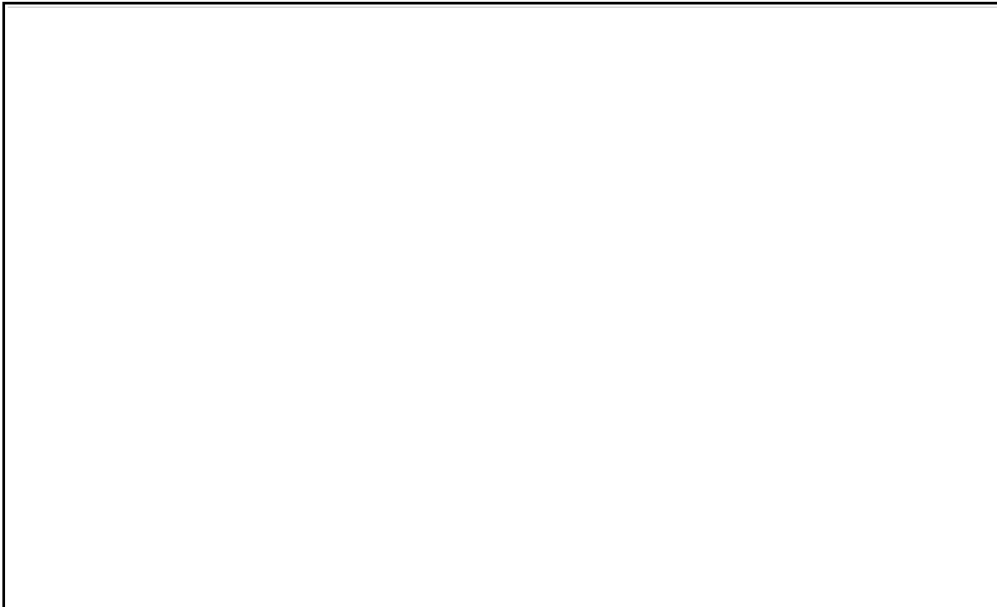




At the left head table were PDG Uncle Peter & guest speaker Rabbi Lee Diamond.



At the right head table were Hon. Sec Eddy, AG Meggy Tseung & PP Tajwar.





Our birthday boys were none other than Dir Paul & President Henry with birthday song leaders AG Meggy & PP Li.



(L to R) Dr. Tony, PP Andrew, PP J.L., Rtn Alex, PP Hubert, & PE Rudy.



(L to R) Dir Laurence, Dr. Stephen, Rtn Kishu & VP Robert.



PP Tim reported on the result of the election.



The Board of directors for 2004/2005 here all lined up with PE Rudy & Pres. Henry.



Our group Photo with PDG Unde Peter, Pres. Henry, & Speaker and all members & one visitor on 17th December, 2003

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