

## Last Week's Proceedings – 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2005

Pres. Eddy chaired the luncheon meeting and performed the following welcoming activities:

- Rtn Tom Osgood from Redding, California of USA visited us and delighted to be presented with our club banners.
- Welcome back to Rtn. Bill Lamport, who spent most of his time in North China for his Shandong factory up there. He brought Jonathan (his 4<sup>th</sup> son) as his guest, who is planning his wedding on January 16, 2006 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.
- PP Hubert presented his guest, Eric Chin who was a frequent visitor to our luncheon in the last few months.
- PP Tim was greeted by members for his appearance in the Hong Kong Economic Journal this morning, regarding his views on government taxation.
- Our birthday boy was PP Hubert and his selected birthday song leaders were PP George and PP John Kwok.

Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East had its annual general meeting on this day and attended by 18 members: they were PDG Peter Hall, PDG YK Cheng, Pres. Eddy, VP Paul, HS Andy, HT Laurence, PP Andrew, PP Tim, PP John, PP Hubert, PP George, PP Tajwar, PP CY, IPP Rudy, Rtn Bill, Rtn Charles, Rtn Tony, and Rtn Norman. Hence a quorum was established for the meeting.

The AGM agenda was proposed by IPP Rudy and seconded by Rtn Tony, and passed with unanimous votes. PP Andrew was invited to chair the election, with PP Hubert assisting him to do the voting counts. The election was conducted in an efficient manner, starting on 1:25 pm and ending by 1:40 pm.

The election results were as follows:

- President Elect elected for 2006-2007: Laurence Chan (unanimous vote)
- Honorary Secretary elected for 2006-2007: Andy Wong (unanimous vote)
- Honorary Treasurer elected for 2006-2007: Rudy Law (unanimous vote)
- The six directors elected for 2006-2007:
  1. John Kwok (16 votes)
  2. Jason Chiu (unanimous vote)
  3. Norman Lee (unanimous vote)
  4. Stephen Liu (unanimous vote)
  5. Tim Lui (unanimous vote)
  6. Henry Chan (unanimous vote)

With an advice by PDG Uncle Peter, PP Andrew announced the President Elect 2005-2006 Paul Chan who should be automatically the President for 2006-2007, without voting since he is a President-Elect.

President to be Paul made his thank you speech, by expressing his gratitude of the members voting and promised to bring in more interesting speakers and to organize more frequent activities during his presidency in 2006-2007.

President Elect to be Laurence also thanked the members support and promised to work harder on recruiting new members in 2006-2007.

While there were still 15 minutes left, PP John Kwok reported on two club matters

- PP John had set up the electronic make-up facility on the web (trial basis until end of December this year); the objectives were to boost member attendance and encourage readership (hit rate) of our club bulletins on the web. The make up requirement was to answer 5 factual questions after reading the current bulletin. PP John reported there were three members already started using this electronic make up facility. There were a few comments from our members as follows:
  - ✧ PP George suggested a limit (mix of actual attendance and electronic make up)
  - ✧ PDG YK reminded us there was a mix of chat-room meeting and electronic make up of the e-Club in Hong Kong.
  - ✧ PP CY asked if the make up be granted despite all 5 attempted questions were wrong, PP John promised to show leniency.
  - ✧ PP Tajwar suggested to the electronic make up to allow for making comments, as an alternative to answer 5 questions.
  - ✧ PP Hubert asked if PP John to add verification to discourage electronic make up done by secretary instead.
- PP John also proposed the club to consider prepaid luncheon fee for members to consider in Year 2006-2007.
  - ✧ PP Tajwar commented that he did try 50% prepaid luncheon fee a few years ago, which was cancelled later because of administration difficulty.
  - ✧ Rtn Tony suggested to use attendance sheet for counting purpose and the club might consider rewarding free lunch to those high attendance members.
- HS Andy reported that the Victoria Park School for the Deaf Christmas party budget of HK\$8,000 was funded by members in 24 hours (including contributions of PP Henry, Rtn Tony, Rtn Samuel, PP John, Pres. Eddy, IPP Rudy, HT Laurence and PP Tim). Nevertheless, due to the school location was in the neighborhood of the WTO protest zone, therefore the tentative date of December 17 for the X'mas party would be delayed to Chinese New Year or thereafter, making the Santa redundant this time.
- PP John Kwok reported the December 8 (Thursday) board meeting would discuss the cancellation of December 14 luncheon, due to the possible WTO impact, members would be advised in due course.
- PDG Uncle Peter made a response to PP Hubert previous comment on merging daughter clubs to boost membership. PDG Peter mentioned a pre-requisite of sound accounting record and free of financial liability before the pursuit of such club merging. PDG Peter also brought our attention of an imminent new club to be chartered (minimum of 25 members) for their success of new member recruitment.
- Visiting Rtn Tom Osgood made a comment of his Redding club experience, that he was aware of the various club personality; such as his district having a new club chartered a year ago by a group of young members who tended to enjoy some social drinks before their club meetings.
- Rtn Bill made a comment of his concern of preserving the Club's name in case of merging any daughter clubs.

The luncheon was adjourned by Pres. Eddy at 2 pm and with a toast made to RI, coupled with RC of Redding, California of USA. The new board of 2006-2007 and the guests were invited for group photos.

## Rotary Information

### District News

#### Update on Support to South Asia Earthquake Victims

##### A letter from D.G. Peter Wan

“Dear District Leaders,

It has been a while since I last communicated with you on the South Asia Earthquake Disaster Relief efforts. There are several things I wish to bring you up-to-date.

a) Report from Medicins San Frontieres (MSF)

MSF has given me a letter summarizing their activities in the earthquake-affected areas in Pakistan. A copy of the letter for your information (please click the web link – [http://www.rotary3450.org/service/Pakistan/letter\\_from\\_MSF.jpg](http://www.rotary3450.org/service/Pakistan/letter_from_MSF.jpg)).

You will notice that a lot have been done by MSF and we are fortunate to be able to associate with them and provide them with part of the funds with which the relief work are carried out.

b) Supporting work of Rotarians in Pakistan and India

The District has been in contact with the District Governor of District 3270- (Pakistan & Afghanistan) and learned from them the relief work they have been doing and the support they need from us. Few proposals have been put forward to us for consideration including sending blankets to Karachi, construction of a school, providing construction kits for rebuilding and providing vocational kits for rehabilitation of victims. The immediate support we have agreed is to provide them with 2,000 blankets. At the same time, we have contacted RI Director Sushi Gupta who is based in India and asked him to assist in sourcing 4000 blankets in Delhi at US\$3.1 each, 2000 for the victims in Pakistan and 2000 for those in India. US\$12m500 has been allocated in this regard and money is being remitted to him and he will make arrangement for the blankets to be delivered to those in need.

We shall assess the other proposals and decide later how the District will be involved. We shall keep you informed on the progress.

c) Donation received to-date

The latest figure of donation from the Rotarians and friends is HK\$1.8 million not including the proceeds expected to raise from the Fundraising dinner to be held to-morrow night. The most encouraging aspect is that almost all clubs in Hong Kong and Macao have participated in this campaign. Thank you all for your efforts.

d) Earthquake in China

We have heard of the earthquake in Jiangxi, China that occurred last Saturday. Unfortunately, disasters have not stopped. The District is monitoring the situation. As you know, a delegation of the District is visiting the Ministries in Beijing this week including the Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA). Should the disaster be confirmed serious and help is needed, we will take the opportunity in making a donation to the victims through MCA like what we have done in the past. I will no doubt keep you informed on what we will do.

This is my report for the time being. If you have any observation, please let me know.

Regards,

Peter Wan  
District Governor 3450”

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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A woman walks into the Doctor's surgery, but doesn't like the way he's looking at her. When he tells her to undress, she asks him to turn out the lights before she disrobes. After he turns out the lights, she asks where shall I hang my clothes? The doctor replies "hang them up over here, just next to mine"

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A University student delivers a pizza to an old man's house, and the old man says "I suppose that you want a tip"? That would be appreciated, says the student, but the other guy who does deliveries told me not to expect more than \$5.00, because people are very stingy. The old man looks hurt. Well, to prove him wrong, here's \$10.00. By the way, what are you studying asks the old man? Applied psychology, says the student with a sly smile on his face !

