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TUNG FENG

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

Last Week's Proceedings (12th January, 2005)

It was the second meeting of the year in our club, and President Rudy was in the chair. We started the meeting in the Yee Tung Heen and were served Thai food, included Thai curry.

Attendance was only 15 for club members. However, we had several visitors, with 2 roses gracing our thorn bush. They were AG Ada Cheng (yes, again) of Wanchai, PP Peter Tse of TST East (our top honorary member, whose attendance in RCHKIE puts some of our own members to shame), PP Cynthia Lee of Peninsula South, and Rotarian Makoto Ichikawa of Kyoto, Japan. Rotarian Makoto told us that in fluent English he came from one of the oldest town in Japan, with history tracing back more than one thousand years. His own club has about 230 members, and also meets on Wednesday lunch.

The birthday boy was PDG YK, and his birthday song was led by AG Ada, both Chengs, and from the same town. There was some disagreement as to whether one should call the other Aunt, or the other calling one Uncle. Eventually it seemed appropriate to settle as Brother and Sister.

Sergeant at Arms Uncle Peter recorded \$1400 for the Red Box, with 500 from the birthday boy.

President Rudy announced that the DG of Rotary Clubs in Aceh, Indonesia in District 3400 will come to HK to address us..

IPP Alfred Tsang (Peninsula) of Salvation Army will come to speak to our meeting next week.

As the meeting was a club assembly, reports were made and opinions expressed. PE Eddy reported that the tree planting project in Africa, coordinated by a French Rotary Club, had a set back with change of guard of the local person in charge plus the funds not coming in as promised, but will proceed nevertheless. Our club donation towards the tsunami disaster victims totaled at 2400 Kg, and were air freighted out last Friday to Sri Lanka.

Director Andy reported that we, in conjunction with the Rotaract Club of HKIE, gave the students of the Victoria Park School for the Deaf a Christmas Party at the Brazilian BBQ (no mention of Samba nor soccer). A future project of teaching English in a Chung Shan school is envisaged.

Treasurer Laurence told us that the club funds now stands at 1.085M, down from 1.3M last year (current account 91K, savings 148K, timed deposit 623K, JPY 233K). We have 35 members, but only 2/3 have paid up the dues for 2005 first half.

Secretary PP John remarked that attendance is down, and we lost 2 members in December. There will be a make up opportunity on 24 Jan at HK Harbour club, for some to attend together. But in the long run, new blood will be needed in the club for survival.

PP George presented us with a possible community project, with helping rural Chinese primary school girls in a Hebei county. The 150 girls in two village schools were all in great poverty or orphans. They could not go on with their primary schooling unless assisted. It was estimated that each girl would need 300 to 1200 Yuan RMB to finish her primary school education, depending whether she was in primary 3, 4 or 5. The funds needed were estimated at 120 to 150 thousand HKD per year and it would be administered and controlled by a responsible person. As girls in the future in China will be well sought after, it would be prudent to help these under-privileged ones now.

Several members then spoke on the matters club service and Tung Feng Bulletin. These included Rtn Tony, Director Jason, President Rudy, PP John, Uncle Peter. The opinions expressed were directed towards a review of the new system from July 2004, where six teams of members take turns to look after the meetings, one month at a time. Maximal participation of members was desirable, as it enhanced sense of belonging, achievement, and cohesiveness. Maybe the biggest problem was the writing of the Bulletin. We already have a part time help for it's production, but a member still need to write it out as editor first. Additional help, such as having the secretary at the meeting to record (and the editor edits the proceedings later), telephone dictation, whole meeting recording typed out etc. were all suggested, but costs will escalate, and an editor is still required. A show of hands revealed that quite a few members still read the Tung Feng in every meeting, and the tradition of 52 years was decided to continue rather than scraped. To record the editor's name in the issue he did might be helpful in recognition and responsibility. In fact, we have been able to continue so far due to the unfeigning efforts of our two old faithfuls, Uncle Peter and PP John, with Rotary Information and Jokes and Cartoons (of all shades of cleanliness) week after week, and all the year round. It was also pointed out that projects, such as the disaster aid, were important, as they brought about achievement, meaning and purpose in life, to share with our children and younger Rotarians.

The meeting ended with a toast to the Rotary Clubs of Kyoto, Wanchai, TST East, and Peninsula South.

Rotarian Makoto, after the meeting, explained the Japanese word of Tsunami. Tsu (津) means sea shore, and Nami (波) means wave. Rotary is for international understanding and learning!

A report by Pres. Rudy on the Inter-City Meeting on 13th January

The RI president elect Stenhammar came to HK on January 13, 2005 to grace the Inter-City meeting, he demonstrated his unorthodox traits, by showing his official jacket, being reversible (blue & yellow). The evening was attended by more than 320 people. RIPE told us he has an emphasis on consistency, that the future programmes on literacy, clean water and health would all be focused in parallel.

The official 100th birthday is on Feb 23, 2005 (Wednesday), RIPE Stenhammar proposed to donate a big buffet to the Food Bank (the Greater Chicago Food Depository is a not-for-profit food distribution center working to feed hungry people in Chicago); and a very humble dinner as well for the Chicago centennial celebration, telling people that we still remember the issue of hunger in the world.

DG Alex reported his recent trip to Meulaboh and Medan in Indonesia, visiting the Salvation Army medical team being sponsored by our donations. He reported touchy and personal observation of a few incidences from the tsunami victims. DG Alex commented on the tsunami relief work of a few clubs including the Rotary Club of Macao and Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East.

DG Ritje from District 3400, Indonesia (a dentist, being first female member in RC of Bali) was also invited to the Inter-City Meeting.

She reported the work done by the local Rotarians in the asian tsunami and showed some pictures (including Satellite images) in Aceh before & after the disaster, very contrasting. The food relief is urgent in their first 2 months, then it seems their future work is more on building resettlement house, orphanage & schools in next 6 months time. Many victims are fishermen, currently jobless - the proposed micro-credit programmes may help them start small business, but their transition would not be easy.

Rotary Information

Rotary International District 3450 "We Care About You" Campaign

Send 100,000 Wishes to the Surviving Children in the South Asia Earthquake and Tsunami and Help Raise HK\$1 million

To All Primary & Secondary School Students in Hong Kong:

The disastrous earthquake and subsequent tsunami has claimed more than 150,000 lives and left millions homeless in South Asia. The Hong Kong Community has generously offered assistance and raised significant funds of relief for the affected. Rotary International District 3450 (Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia) has raised more than HK\$1.5 million so far and donated HK\$1 million to The Salvation Army to support their three medical teams in Indonesia. We have additionally sent 500 tonnes of water, condensed milk and instant milk powder to the disaster areas.

Whether or not you have supported the relief work through donations or other means, you can now send 'caring messages' to the children victims to show that you care about them through 'We Care About You' campaign by sending in a well-wishing card. And you can help raise much needed relief funds along the way. For every card that you send in, Rotary International District 3450 will make a money donation on your behalf.

Your support and participation is needed !

Details of the campaign are as follows:

- Rotary International District 3450 will create a well-wishing card with the 'We Care About You' message in seven languages (English, Chinese, Thai, Malay, Indonesian, Singhalese and Indian).
- Students can show their care by adding messages in words or drawings.
- The well-wishing cards will be collected from the school on 14 January 2005 by courtesy of DHL.
- Student representatives will be invited to take part in a ceremony to place the cards on specially-created well-wishing trees. (details of the ceremony to be announced shortly).
- The well-wishing cards after display will be sent to the children victims by The Salvation Army.

Rotary International District 3450 (Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia) will donate HK\$10 for each card received, up to a maximum of HK\$1 million, to international relief organizations including the UNICEF, RED CROSS and THE SALVATION ARMY, for vital relief work including the purchasing of medical supplies and daily necessities such as non-perishable food for the victims.

Act now and show your care to the millions who survived the tragedy, who not only need your material support, but also your spiritual support.

Principals and teachers are welcome to encourage the participation of your students. For enquiries, please contact the Rotary Information Centre at 14th floor, Capital Commercial Building, 26 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Tel: 2576-8882, Fax: 2895-5926. Email : ric@rotary34560.org.

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Jokes & Cartoon



Typical macho man married typical good-looking lady and after the wedding, he laid down the following rules:

"I'll be home when I want, if I want and at what time I want and I don't expect any hassle from you. I expect a great dinner to be on table unless I tell you that I won't be home for dinner. I'll go hunting, fishing, boozing and card-playing when I want with my old buddies and don't you give me a hard time about it. Those are my rules.

Any comments?"

His new bride said, "No, that's fine with me. Just understand that there will be sex here at seven o'clock every night whether you're here or not."

Photographs of our meeting

on

12th January, 2005



Rtn Makoto Ichikawa telling us about the Rotary Club of Kyoto.



PP John IV updating members about the status of our membership and attendance of our club.



PDG Uncle Peter summed up the status of our club.



Program Chairman for January telling us what to expect in the rest of this month and how our club is being run.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, AG Ada Cheng (Wanchai) & Pres. Rudy.



(L to R) Hon Sec John, Rtn Makoto Ichikawa (Kyoto) & PP Cynthia Lee (Pen South)



Rtn Ichikawa exchanging club banners with our Pres. Rudy.



Our birthday boy was none other then PDG Y.K. Cheng here being sung to led by AG Ada



Two friends meeting together by making up at our club. AG Ada & PP Cynthia Lee.



(L to R) PP's George, Hubert, Peter Tse(TSTE), Tim, Stephen & PDG Y.K.



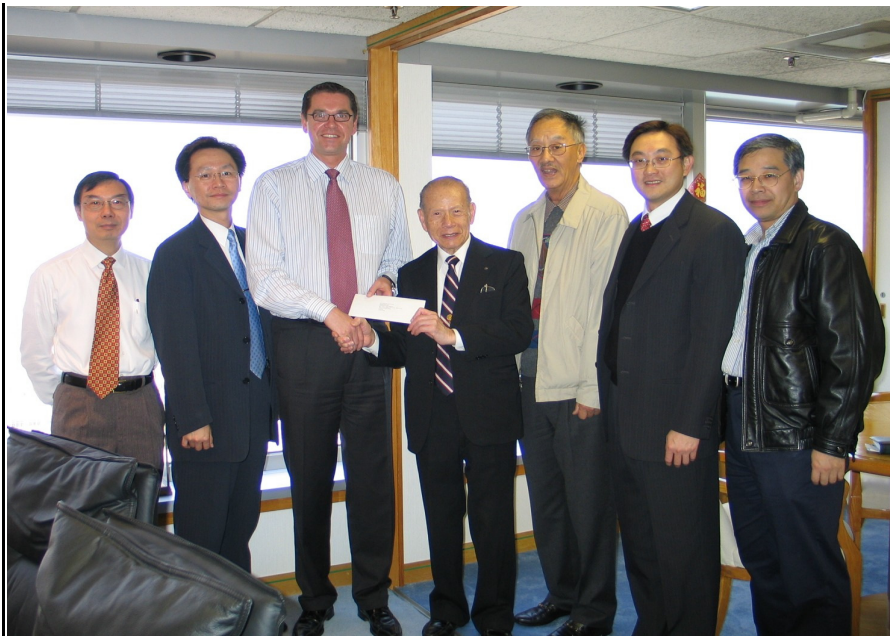
(L to R) Dir Andy, PE Eddy, Rtns Kenny, Tony & Dir Jason.



(L to R) Dir Jason, Rtn John V, & Hon Tres. Laurence.



Group Photo of our meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Rudy & visiting Rotarians & our members on 12th January, 2005.



Sorry about leaving this picture of our presentation of a letter of thanks out of last week's bulletin. This is a letter of appreciation to Friesland Food who gave us the condensed milk for the disaster relief to Sri Lanka (L to R) Mr Stephen K Lau, Marketing Division Manager of Friesland Food Ltd, PE Eddy, General Manager Frank van Amelsvoort of Friesland Foods Ltd, PDG Uncle Peter, PP John, Dir Andy & Pres. Rudy.



PDG Uncle Peter pictured here with RI President Elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar at the Intercity Meeting for the President Elect. on 13th January, 2005.



Picture of our members taken with PDG Uncle Peter are (Front Row L to R)PDG

Arthur Au, PDG Uncle Peter, RIPE's Assistant Paco Francesco Creo, (Back Row L to R) Hon Sec John, PE Eddy, Hon Tres Laurence, & Pres. Rudy.



Group Photo of Area 3 club Representatives with RIPE Stenhammar & DG Alex & DGE Peter Wan.



Group Photo of all Areas of District 3450 Rotary club taken with RIPE Stenhammar on the 13th of January, 2005.

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