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## Last week's Proceedings -

**2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2008**

After wishing everybody a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year of 2008 President Laurence chaired the luncheon meeting starting at 1.13 p.m.

Uncle John Kwok was asked to introduce our visiting guests being the Ambassadorial Scholars, Lily Wu and Sonia Siu, the visiting Rotaractor from Vancouver, Ms Claudia Li from Vancouver and her cousin Ms Emily Wong, and the son of President Laurence, Danny Chan.

We were happy to celebrate the birthday today for our Rtn. Peter Yeung who has chosen Rtn. Nancy as the song leader and has received a big round of applause and warm greetings from us after the singing of the birthday song.

President Laurence then reminded us the following upcoming events:

- Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon on Wednesday 13th February, 2008  
Rtn. Nancy Yee was asked to organize for the event in due course
- Visit DoTau Primary School in ZhaoQing, Guangdong Province in Mar. 2008  
PE Andy Wong was asked to organize this event together with our two Rotaract Clubs
- Fire-side gathering to celebrate our Club Inauguration Anniversary Apr. 2008  
More details would be provided in due course
- President Night hosted by IPP Paul Chan and President Laurence in May 2008  
The details to be announced up later.

SAA Heman Lam then made his SAA report of the Red box collection of HK\$1,300.

Ms Claudia Li, Vice-President of the Rotaract Club of New Westminster, Vancouver, from the District 5040, was asked to briefly introduce herself and her Rotaract Club.

Claudia said she have been with the club for over three years and have proudly watched it grow from three to twenty active members. They also helped start the Rotaract Club of Burnaby and continue to help foster it grow. Some highlights of her Rotaract Club include:

- Rotary District 5040 2007 Conference, Rotaract Club of the Year
- 2005-2006
  - Raised over 8000HKD for Rotary Shanghai's North Korean Wheelchair Project
  - Raised over 8000HKD for their project Operation Eyesight to provide money for sight-saving cataract surgeries to third-world countries
- 2007-2008
  - Helped organize and fund-raise for the District 5040 Roundtrip where Rotaractors from Mexico, Japan, Croatia, and the Philippines (just name a few) came to visit them and experience their District's culture on an all-expense paid trip
  - Members trained to teach the *Spread Knowledge not HIV* program to middle and high schools (still continuing today) to help reinforce the importance of safety and power of knowledge
- Currently they are working on their Rotaract Multicultural Cookbook and are in the process of collecting recipes from all around the world to reflect the multicultural beauty of District 5040 and other Districts around the world.

Claudia then closed her introduction by wishing us all a Happy New Year and exchanged banner with President Laurence after receiving a round of applause from us.

We continued exchanging banners with our visiting Ambassadorial Scholars, Lily Wu and Sonia Siu, then President invited Lily to speak to us. Her topic was "**I'm not in Kansas Anymore**" and was summarized as below:

My name is Lily Wu, one of the eight Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars inbound to Hong Kong. I'm representing District 5690, Kansas and Oklahoma, in the heart of America. The title of my presentation, "I'm not in Kansas Anymore" is taken slightly from the movie "The Wizard of Oz," as most people recognize Kansas from that movie.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship is funded by the Rotary Foundation and has been in existence since 1947. This scholarship award is a great honor bestowed upon about 800 students every year. It allows students to continue furthering their education abroad for either one or two years. Seven of the eight scholars in Hong Kong are one year Ambassadorial Scholars. We are chosen based on a number of criteria; among them are our leadership and academic skills, but more importantly, our heart for service.

During a year as an Ambassadorial Scholar, we not only pursue our academic goals but we also are a part of the Rotary family - engaging in Rotary events, service projects and meetings. One of our assignments is to give at least 10 presentations in the host country to further the message of goodwill and understanding. To help us connect with the host Rotary district and better adapt to the new environment, each scholar is assigned a host counselor. My host counselor is Immediate Past President, Lily Cheung, of the Rotary Club of New Territories.

I've been living in Wichita, Kansas since 1993. Kansas is quite unpopulated compared to Hong Kong with less than 3 million people living in the entire state. The city I live, Wichita, has less than 400,000 people and about 1,500 of them are of Chinese background. The two biggest industries in Kansas are manufacturing and agriculture.

An interesting fact about Wichita is that it is known as the "Air Capital of the World" because it is home to many of the major airplane manufacturing companies - including Boeing and Cessna. Another interesting fact about Wichita is that it is very entrepreneurial. The university I graduated from, Wichita State University, houses the very first Pizza Hut in the world because two entrepreneurs started it in my hometown.

I hope you enjoyed getting a glimpse of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and a glimpse of a place I call home. Thank you.

After a few round of questions and answers President Laurence thanked Lily for her speech followed by a big round of applause from the audience. Meeting was then adjourned at 1:55 with Pres. Laurence proposed a toast to RI, coupled with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. All participants were invited for a group photo.

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## Rotary Potpourri

### Important Dates for the ensuing Rotary Year

During the fellowship gathering hosted by DGE Albert Wong for the incoming district officers and the Presidents-elect at the Miramar Hotel on the 21st December 2007, it was announced that the Presidents-Elect should marked down the following dates for district events :

1. 19th January 2008 (Pre PETS) venue and time to be advised;
2. 8th March 2008 (PETS part I) Venue and time to be advised;
3. 29th March 2008 (PETS part II) Venue and time to be advised;
4. 26th April 2008 (District Assembly) Venue & time to be advised;
5. 24th & 25th May 2008 (District Conference) at Airport Regal Hotel;
6. 10th June 2008 (Last JPM & JSM) Venue and time to be advised;
7. 15-18, 2008 (RI Convention in Los Angeles, Calif. USA);
8. 4th July 2008 (District Installation at Hotel Miramar, Kowloon.

### REMINDER

Annual General Meeting of each club should be held at the latest on 31st December of 2007 and they should report the names of the incoming president and Hon, Secretary to Rotary International headquarters immediately after the election of officers and directors of the club. Failing which, all communications for the ensuing year will be sent to the former President or Hon. Secretary.

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### Club News

In the evening of December 27th 2007 many of our Club members and their spouse have attended the wedding dinner party of the daughter Clara of our Past President Henry Chan. The party was held at the Hong Kong Jockey Club in Happy Valley, it was very well organized; the atmosphere, the service, the food and the drinks were all very nice. We have had a very good time of fellowship and we have shared the joy and warmth amongst ourselves and the family and friends of our PP Henry!

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## Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Who were our visiting guests today?

Answer:

2. Who were we celebrating the birthday this week?

Answer:

3. Who was asked to lead the birthday song?

Answer:

4. How many announcements President Laurence has made?

Answer:

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

Answer:

6. Who were our speakers today?

Answer:

7. Who was asked to organize the Chinese New Year Celebrating Lunch?

Answer:

8. Who was asked to organize the DoTau Primary School visit in ZhaoQing?

Answer:

9. How many district events have been announced under the Rotary Potpourri?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

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## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

### Smart Chinese

A Chinese walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer. He tells the loan officer that he is going to Taiwan on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000.

The bank officer tells him that the bank will need some form of security for the loan, so the Chinese hands over the keys to a new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank. He produces the title and everything checks out. The loan officer agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The bank's president and it's officers all enjoy a good laugh at the Chinese for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drives the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parks it there. Two weeks later, the Chinese returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41.

The loan officer says, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multi-millionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The Chinese replies: "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when return?"

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## Photographs of our meeting on

2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2008



PDG Uncle Peter, Rotary

Hon. Sec. Norman Lee, visitor Emily

Ambassadorial Scholar - Lily Wu & Pres. Laurence Chan



(L to R) Rtn. Eric, PP Hubert, PP Henry, Rtn Charles, PP Stephen & PDG YK

Wong & Rotaractor Claudia Li from Vancouver New Westminster



(L to R) Ambassadorial Scholar Sonia Siu, Rtn Nancy, visitor Danny (Pres. Laurence's son), PP Rudy, SAA Heman & Rtn Peter



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Lily Wu exchanged banner with Pres. Laurence



Birthday boy Rtn Peter Yeung received the congratulation from Pres. Laurence & Rtn Nancy led the birthday song



Rotaractor Claudia Li from Vancouver New Westminster talked about their club and their service projects



Ambassadorial Scholar Lily Wu from Kansas USA gave us a talk about her ambassadorial lives in HK and her home town



Ambassadorial Scholar Sonia Siu from Main, USA exchange banner with Pres. Laurence



Group photo



Members and their spouse enjoying



Another snap shot of the happy together scene of our members and

the fellowship and nice drinks at the  
wedding dinner party of our PP  
Henry's daughter Clara

their spouse at the wedding dinner  
party at the Race Course of Happy  
Valley

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