

Last week's Proceedings -

16th December, 2009

With President Norman being absent due to his business endeavor in Singapore today we have President Elect Heman Lam acted as our Club President for his first time to chair our luncheon meeting. He started the meeting at 1:01 pm by welcoming back our Rotarian Alex Ling and thanked all our attending members. He also welcomed our three guests, as introduced by PP Laurence Chan, being Karen Lai, Kristy Wong and Kellie Au from the Rotaract Club of the Lingnan University.

Then we celebrated our three birthday boys, Rtn. Alex Ling, PP Hubert Chan and Hon. Tres. Colin Chau, with Hon. Sec. Eric Chin and Dir. Nancy Yee being chosen to led the birthday song.

Acting Sergeant-at-arm PP Rudy Law reported a handsome Red Box collection of HKD 1,750.

Acting President Heman then made the following announcements:

- 1. We have invited the Rotaractors of Lingnan University to give a performance show in the X'mas party of Choi Jun School to be held on Friday, the 18th December 2009. Some of our board members would also attend and stay for lunch at the school.
- 2. We will join the Christmas Party to be held on Christmas Day for the children in the Duchess of Kent Hospital in Tai Hau Wan, Hong Kong with Hon. Sec. Eric Chin, Dir. Kevin Leung and Dir. Nancy Yee being the Santa Claus to present gifts donated by our Club to the 150 children there and our Rotaractors of the Rotaract Clubs of Hong Kong Island East and Lingnan University being part of the helpers on site.

Then came the highlight of today's meeting with Acting President chaired the Club Assembly for the second time of the Rotary year. Chief District Secretary, PP Eddy Wong, was representing our District Governor Ada Cheng to witness our Club Assembly. The reports as made by the respective board members and committee chairpersons are summarized as follows:

Hon. Secretary Dr. Eric Chin reported his works in coordinating and organizing club events such as Sister Club Visit to Osaka Jonan, Uncle Henry Cup, Signature Speaker Meeting etc., and in assisting the execution of our service projects for the year such as tutorial service project for the Changing Young Lives Foundations, All Night Net Walkers Project for Youth Outreach etc.

He has attended other activities in the District such as the Chartered Night of the Rotary Club of Central with President Norman and the Rotary Leadership Learning Institute Part 2 with PE Heman, the Rotary 10 KM Race with his daughter Cherry Chin participated and completed the race with a raised fund of HK\$ 8,400 for the District's End Polio project. He also briefed us his upcoming activity involvements such as Santa Claus for the Choi Chun X'mas party and the Duchess of Kent Hospital X'mas party and the Uncle John Cup.

Then Dir. Kevin Leung reported the community service projects covering the Water Project in Longchuan County in Yunnan, PRC where there are 9 villages with a total population of 170,000 and 4 out of 5 of the 12,400 children in the age of 6 to 12 are poor students living in the mountainous areas.

The project objective was to provide the boarding students, which will grow from 600 students to 1000 students in 5 years, of Longchuan Minzhu Primary School with clean water for drinking and proper hygiene, such as shower and toilet flushing.

With a project cost of HK\$61,800, 5 x 4000 litre stainless steel water tanks together with water pipes and necessary

parts, 3x water pumps and 10x Solar pipes would be built. These will cater for school's future expansion: estimated to reach 1,000 students (full capacity) within 4-5 years with improved health because of better sanitation and minimize exposure to water-borne diseases

Another reported Community Service Project by Dir. Kevin was the "Rotarian In Action" project called the Anti-Drug Abuse - All Night Net Walker Project which is a joint project with RC of HK Harbor and the service partner, Youth Out Reach (YO).

The total budget is HK\$ 43,300 (50 % being shared with RC HK Habor) and is aimed to search for 8,000 youngsters and convey anti-drugs message to them with a target to let workers directly chat and share with about 800 youths-at-risk and to refer 100 youngsters to YO Crisis Centre or other appropriate agencies for follow up work and also to provide job referral or school information to 100 youths.

Rotarians in Action highlights:

Midnight Outreach-Dec 12, 2009 (Sat)

- Dir. Kevin & HS Dr. Eric
- YO Social Worker Ah Lun and Carlos
- 9:30 2 pm
- Target Location: Yung Shing Court, Fanling, one of the serious teen drug-abuse area in NT
- Mobile Service Truck
- RHKTV shooting team accompanied

Outreach Experience

- By 11 pm, there were over 20 teens got contacted with the Mobile Service Truck.
- Busily chatting and playing with them to build up rapport and communications.

An Extra-ordinary & Unique Outreach Experience

- The aim is not to counsel them but rather build up their willingness to trust the YO outreach team
- Promote the "brand awareness" of the YO which has a 24 hours crisis center offering helps to teens at risk.

Update Progress

- The program started in Oct 09
- The accumulated no. of youth visited is 1,154
- The good news is that YO has successfully referred 48 Teens in needed to 'The Hang Out', 'Crisis Centers' and 'YES' (where we refer them jobs afterwards) for further follow up.

Then Dir. Anthony Kwong reported on the Changing Young Lives Project (a Tutorial Service for Local Underprivileged Children) conducted by the service partner, Changing Young Lives Foundation (CYLF).

The project objective is to provide tutorial services to students of low-income or single parent families between age 8-14, some of them are New Mainland immigrants, to strengthen the children's learning ability and to promote their positive thinking. There are volunteer participations from the members of our club and our rotaracters from the Lingnan University. The project is co-sponsored by our sister club, the, Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan, in Japan.

Since Oct - Dec 2009, CYLF recruited 27 children from Pak Tin Estate or the neighbourhood of the Sham Shui Po district in Kowloon.

The focus group Profile is:

- Total 27 students (18 Boys and 9 Girls)
- 11 students under Primary 3
- 13 students (Primary 4 6)

- 3 students (Secondary 1 - 3)

Two teachers are employed for each class, they are university undergraduates working as part-time. Our rotaractors, staff of our member and interns from HKU are helping out as well. We are still looking for more Rotaracts / volunteers for tutoring service and are still looking for 2 organizations to sponsor for their 2 activities room.

Then Acting Pres. PE Heman reported on the Choy Jun School (Adopt-A-School Partner) Projects. Three projects are to be conducted this year

- Swimming Above Self
- Pretty Bakery
- Healthy Teeth.

Swimming Above Self

This year (2009-10 Academic Year) the budget required would be HK\$35,000 and in addition to the planned swimming classes there will be a Swimming Gala joint hands with 3 other special schools for the mildly mental handicapped planned at a tentative date on 24 April 2010, Saturday morning.

Pretty Bakery Project (Extension)

Aimed to train students to work independently, to train students to be skillful bakery worker, to broaden their view of job selection and to enhance better relationship with their family. Planned activities include a visit conducted on 15th December 2009 with IPP Andy, HS Dr. Eric, Dir. Nancy and Dir. Kevin to the Bakery Training Centre in North Point, Kai Di Cake Shop being set up by the Choi Chun School recently.

Healthy Teeth Project is being put on hold and more information will be given in due course.

PP John Kwok was then asked to make his Club Admin. Committee Chair Report as follows:

--- Attendance

November 2009, attendance rate was 77%, this is encouraging and is largely due to in addition to more members are attending our club meetings, many members have started to use our website to do make-up each week too

- --- New Badges were made for our members
- --- Bulletin was updated
- ---Golf Tournaments for 2009-10
- * Uncle Henry Cup (held on 21 Aug 2009)
- * Uncle Peter Cup (held on 5 Dec 2009)
- * Uncle John Cup (To be held in Jan 2010)
- * Uncle George Cup (Date to be confirmed)
- * Uncle Andrew Cup (Date to be confirmed)

Dir. Nancy Yee followed Uncle John to make her report on the Public Relations Area as follows:

- This year Focus: communicating with The Public & Reach Out to other Clubs such as Area 6 Joint Dinner Meeting on Aug 10, RC of HK Sunrise BBQ gathering with Yuen Long District Students on July 24, luncheon meetings of RC New Territories, HK Harbor etc.
- The Public: Advance the recognition & enhancing Rotary's Public Image
- Mass appeal of media coverage by inviting 22 reporters to attend our distinguish keynote speaker Mr. JP CY Leung in our luncheon meeting in November 2009.

Dir. Nancy has also joined the District Conference Committee in drafting the incentive plan to boost the number of participants in our coming 50th District Conference. She remarked at the end of her report by stating that there's nothing that can't be done if we hold our hearts together as "The Future of Rotary IS IN YOUR HANDS".

Hon. Treasurer Colin Chau then gave his Report on our Club Financials and showed us that our Club's financials are

in good order.

Finally Acting President PE Heman concluded the Club Assembly by thanking all members of the board and all chairpersons of the respective committees for their contributing efforts and all our club members for their continuous support to our club's activities.

He announced that in the coming luncheon meeting on Dec 23, we have our Christmas Party for the club and welcome all members to attend and to bring along their family members and friends to join too. He then adjourned the meeting at 2.08 pm and asked all members to make a toast to Rotary International coupled with the Rotary Club of HK Island East. All participants were invited for a group photo afterwards.

Rotary Potpourri

R/C of New York Turned 100

Established on 24th August 1909, the New York Club is Rotary's sixth oldest club and has more than 120 members. This club recently celebrated its centennial celebration at the Union League Club of New York.

"This is a celebration of our club's historic impact on New York City, the United States and the world" said Areadio Casillas, past president and centennial celebration chair.

It is a very rare occasion indeed.

Club News

Pres. Norman Lee, PE Heman Lam, IPP Andy Wong, Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin, PP Laurence Chan and his wife Jennie Ma have attended the Christmas Party of Choi Chun School on Friday 18th of December 2009 together with 12 Rotaractors of the Lingnan University who have given a performance show of Christmas Songs to the students and invited them to dance on stage too.

During the party there were performances from the students of the Choi Chun School as well as students from several other schools. Our Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin was dressed as Santa Claus to present gifts donated by our club to the students and greeted them and the audiences "Merry Christmas" in seven languages, in Spanish, Italian, French, Japanese, Filipino Tagalo, English, and Putonghua in addition to Cantonese.

It was fun and Santa Claus Dr. Eric admired the eagerness of learning of students of Choi Chun School. Santa Claus Eric said, "After my demonstration of saying Merry Christmas in 7 languages interactively with the audiences and students, it was so encouraging that three students approached me and asked me how to say "Merry Christmas" in French again while we were cheering and dancing on stage."

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1. Who chaired our Club Meeting today ? Ans)
2. Who was welcomed back ? Ans)
3. Name any two of our visiting guests today and where they come from $\ ?$ Ans)
4. Who were our birthday boys today and who led the birthday song $$? Ans)
5. What was the Red Box collection today ? Ans)
6. Name any two of the announcements made today ? Ans)
7. Who have reported in the Club Assembly ? Ans)
8. What was announced about the meeting of next week ? Ans)

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Joke

A little old lady goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, I have this problem with gas, but it really doesn't bother me too much. They never smell and are always silent.

As a matter of fact, I've passed gas at least 20 times since I've been here in your office. You didn't know I was passing gas because they don't smell and are silent.

The doctor says, "I see, take these pills and come back to see me next week."

The next week the lady goes back. "Doctor," she says, "I don't know what medicine you gave me, but now my gas.....although still silent... smells terrible."

The doctor says, "Good!!! Now that we've cleared up your sinuses, let's work on your hearing."

Photographs of our meeting

<u>on</u>

16th December, **2009**

Luncheon Meeting Photos on 16 Dec., 2009



Rotaractors of Lingnan U, Kristy, Kellie & Karen, Rtn. Alex Ling, PP Hubert Chan & Rtn. Tony Loy



Rtn. Kevin Leung, IPP Andy Wong, Dir. Nancy Yee & PP Rudy Law



DS PP Eddy Wong, Rtn. Anthony Kwong, Hon. Tres. Colin Chau & Rtn. Gilbert Fung



Rtn. John Yao, Rtn. Kenny Chan & Lingnan University Rotaractors, Kristy, Kellie & Karen



Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin, PP Laurence Chan & PP John Kwok



Acting President PE Heman Lam & Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin



PDG Uncle Peter Hall



Three birthday boys, Hon. Tres. Colin Chau, Rtn. Alex Ling & PP Hubert Chan received the birthday gifts from Acting Pres. PE Heman. Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric & Dir. Nancy led the birthday song



Hon. Sec Dr. Eric Chin presented his Changing Young Lives Foundation report in the Club Assembly



Rtn. Kevin Leung presented his Community Service report in the Club Assembly



Dr. Nancy Yee presented her Public Relations report in the Club Assembly



Group photo with members & Rotaractors from Lingnan University

RC of Hong Kong Island East joined with RC of Makati North & RC of Phililla Central - Donation of Food Packs for Typhoon Victims







Choi Jun School Talent Show & X'mas Party 2009 Joint with RC of HK Island East & Rotaract Club of Lingnan U









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