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Last week's Proceedings -

4th January, 2006

It was the first meeting of the year 2006, and 15 members with two visitors (one became a member later in the process) attended.

Music and images filled the hall before the president announced the opening of the meeting, as our speaker, PP John Luk started early to educate us on the Chinese and western operas.

President welcomed back PP Andrew from Bangkok and himself from Egypt (no, he did not bring back the pyramids). The visitors were Christian Li, son of PP David; and Eric Chin, guest of PP Hubert. Eric was later inducted into the club as a member. Eric's classification was IT Training, and he was the Founder and CEO of Futurecyber Group Limited.

The club was called to a 30 second of silence in memory of Past President and charter member William Nichol, who passed away in December 2005 in Vancouver.

Acting SAA PDG Uncle Peter reported the day's take at \$800. PP David informed the club that the Uncle Peter's Cup in golfing tournament was scheduled at 28 Feb 2006. It was to be played according to PP John's rules, but to PP David's calculation- the interpretation of which was open to some discussion.

The highlight of the day came as PP John Luk presented his study on the contrast and comparison of the Chinese and western butterflies, ie, the Liang-Zhu legend with the famous violin concerto vs the Madam Butterfly by Puccini (actually more Japanese than American, but sung in Italian). PP John did a splendid job with musical CD, VCD, DVD, and spoke in English and Cantonese (he could have done it in Italiano and Nihongo but the audience would not have understood him.) To give the unadulterated full flavour, his Powerpoint presentation would be produced in full if you are interested, please ask John Kwok for a copy.

PP John concluded that the Liang Zhu was "sad and beautiful" (??) and the Madam Butterfly was "sad but not beautiful" (????). Some of the audience wished that maybe one day PP John will speak to us on "beautiful and not sad" (???, not Marilyn Monroe nor Lin Dai).

PP Stephen thanked the speaker and the meeting was closed at 2:02pm.

Rotary Information

RI News

The Provisional Rotary Club of Beijing sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hong Kong and the Provisional Rotary Club of Shanghai sponsored by Rotary Club of Taipei have been dragged on their "Provisional Status" for years.

Eventually, RI granted them the official Rotary Club status from November 2005 deleting the word "Provisional" after the recent RI board meeting.

RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer appointed a past Ambassador to China, Mr. Brenson to be his special representative to these two club for a period of three years. Hence, the said two clubs are no longer within the district 3450.

Mr. Brenson will visit Beijing on 10th January 2006 and Shanghai on the 11th Jan. 2006 for the purpose of presenting the charter certificates to the two Rotary clubs respectively.

RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar will visit Mainland China on 22nd May 2006. The Rotary Club of Shanghai will hold a Charter Ball on the same day for the celebration.

There is no information about the charter night from the Rotary Club of Beijing at this present moment.

District News

There have been no new Rotary Club established in Hong Kong area for years. Good news suddenly erupted that a new Rotary Club is being organized by the name of Metropolitan Hong Kong, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hong Kong.

Provisional meeting will be held on each Thursday at lunch time at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Central, Hong Kong. Its charter president is PP Tang Kam Tim of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Sunrise. Membership of this provisional Rotary Club is around 30 in number, mostly of young and energetic persons from different classifications. The date of the charter is aimed at 23rd February 2006.

There is another new venue for members to "make-up" attendance.

Electronic Make-up Questions

You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following 7 questions:

1. Pres. Eddy welcome back two members. Who were the two members?

Answer:

2. The club called a 30 seconds of silence in memory of our Past President. What is his name?

Answer:

3. Our club inducted a new member today. What is his name?

Answer:

4. PP David Li announced that Uncle Peter's Cup golf tournament will be played on what day?

Answer:

5. PP John Luk gave a very interesting talk today. What was the subject: (choose one)

- a) Comparison of different types of butterflies.
- b) The comparison between Puccini's opera Madam Butterfly and the Liang-Zhu legend.
- c) He sang Emperor's part.

Answer:

6. RI finally granted official club status to two Rotary Clubs in China. What are their names?

Answer:

7. Our district formed a provisional Rotary club. What is the name of this club? Where do they meet?

Answer:

Instruction:

Please copy these 7 questions click the following URL [John Kwok](#) and paste it to the email and answer these questions and then click send.

Joke

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere..... But she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" She said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

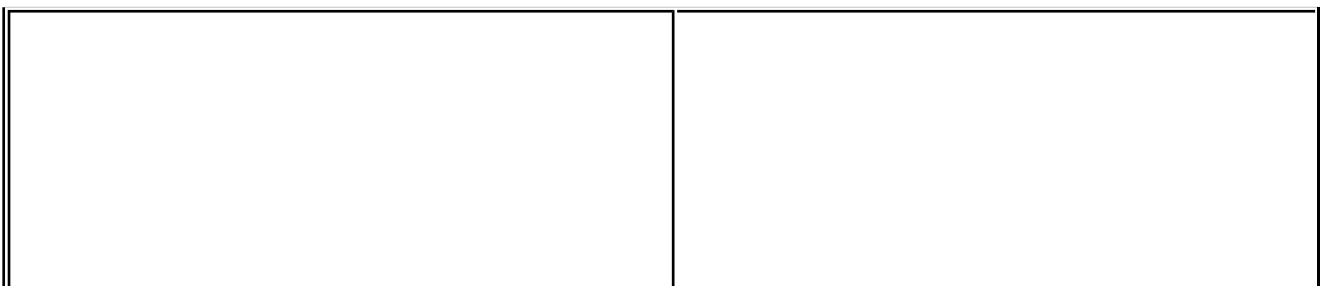
Photographs of our meeting

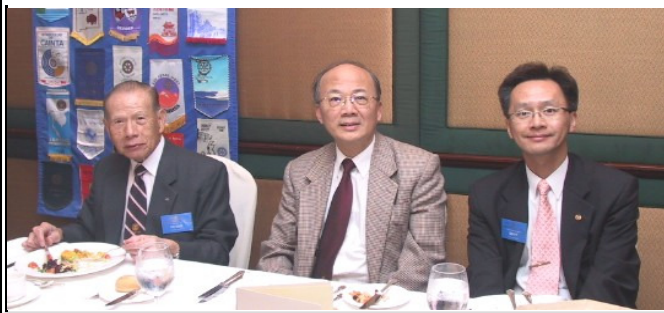
on

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Our guest speaker is none other then PP J.L. who spoke on Madam Butterfly, the opera NOT the flying bug.





(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, PP John Luk, and Pres. Eddy



(L to R) Hon Sec. Andy, new candidate Eric Chin, and PP John.



PP Hubert introduce the new member to our club member, with Pres Eddy and Hon Sec Andy looking on.



Pres. Eddy pinning new member Eric Chin.



Pres. Eddy welcoming new member Rtn Eric into our club.



New member Rtn Eric thanking everyone for welcoming

him to our club.



(L to R) PP David Li, his son Christian, PP Stephen, Hon. Tres. Laurence, IPP Rudy.



(L to R) PP's Henry, Tim, Hubert, Rtn. Dr Tony, and PP Andrew.



Group Photo of our meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Eddy, guest and our members on 4th January, 2006

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