

Last week's Proceedings -

9th January, 2008

This time President Laurence chaired the luncheon meeting starting at 1.18 p.m. giving more time to our members for fellowship.

Uncle John Kwok was asked to introduce our visiting Rotarian Francesco Cavazzoni from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South. President Laurence then reminded us to enroll for the Uncle John Golf Cup Tournament and the following dinner gathering to be held on the same day on Tuesday 15th January 2008.

SAA Heman Lam then made his SAA report of the Red box collection of HK\$800.

There came the highlight of the day with IPP Paul Chan formally introduced our speaker Dr. Chow Pak Chin who is one of the first surgeons who brought this operation to Hong Kong in 1996.

Dr. Chow graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong 30 years ago. He received his basic ophthalmological training in Hong Kong since 1980. He was awarded the "Li Po Chun Charitable Fund Scholarship" in 1985 and further his training in the U.K. for one year. He has eye specialist qualifications of Ireland, the U.K., and Hong Kong.

He started his own private practice in 1989 but still contributes much of his time and energy to professional and public services.

He was the Vice- Chairman of the Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society 89--91, and the President of the Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association 93--95

He is the incumbent President of The Hong Kong Association of Private Eye Surgeons, the Hon. Treasurers of the Hong Kong Medical Association as well as The College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong. He is an Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Visiting Associate Professor of the Shantou University Medical College.

Dr. Chow is always a zealous supporter of community services, organizing a lot of public education campaigns and giving health talks.

His charity works extend to our mainland. Being the "Honorable Ophthalmologist of the Sight First China Action" project since 1997, he performed and taught Chinese Ophthalmologists to perform eye surgeries all over China including remote areas e.g. Tibet, Ganshu etc. This project, over the last 10 years, performed 4.5 million cataract operations and is proclaimed by the World Health Organization to be "The largest and most successful blindness-eradicating campaign in history". He is also the Vice-Chairman of a new project to further help the Chinese eye patients called "Project Vision".

In recognition of all these contributions, he is rightly awarded the "Caring Physician of the World" by the World Medical Association in 2005, the "Prevention of Blindness Award" by the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmogy in 2005, and the Hong Kong Humanity Award in 2007.

After a warm welcome of applause from the audience Dr. Chow then gave a brief introduction to the structure of the eye comparing it to a camera. He went on to explain short-sightedness, astigmatism long-sightedness and presbyopia.

History of the development of refractive surgery was touched on and followed by the basic principle of our modern operation ---LASIK. [LASIK is the acronym for Laser-Assisted in Situ Keratomileusis, a type of refractive laser eye surgery performed by ophthalmologists for correcting myopia, hyperopia, and astigmatism].

The procedures were demonstrated, with the help of cartoons, from the pre-operative assessment, the operation itself to the post-operative care including how a patient would feel and what he/she should or should not do.

The safety, precautions, benefits, limitation, side effects and possible complications of LASIK were explained and also the suitability of a person to have it done was discussed.

After a few round of questions and answers our Rotarian Dr. Tony Loy was asked to thank the speaker followed by a big round of applause from the audience.

Meeting was then adjourned at 1:59 pm with Pres. Laurence proposed a toast to RI, coupled with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South. All participants were invited for a group photo afterwards.

Fund raised during the 80th Birthday of PDG Peter Hall

With a special idea to celebrate the 80th Birthday of PDG Peter Hall on 6th September 2005, our club's third PDG Y. K. Cheng suggested to hold a birthday party at the Hong Kong Country Club to raise Special Fund for the community in honor of PDG Peter Hall with the assistance of PP Henry Chan. All donors participated at this event while PDG Moses Cheng performed the solo singing as others presented the history of the birthday boy. Still and movie cameras flashed throughout the evening.

It was a very successful event when we raised a sum of HK\$398,333 from donors of our club members, past and present, together with Rotary friends and spouses. For good record sake, we reproduce hereunder the names of the donors and the amount:

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Chan Hubert	HK\$50,000	
Chan Laurence	6,000	
Chen Andre w	50,000	
Y. K. Cheng	3,000	
Fu, C. Y.	3,000	
Kwok John	20,000	
Lam Samuel	31,000	
Loy, Tony	3,000	
Wong Andv	3,000	
Wong Eddy	3,000	HK\$172,000
Lam William (ex-member)	HK\$1.000	
Cheung Kam Tim (ex-member)	1,000	
Rame sh Mahtani (ex-member)	1.000	3.000
Hall Peter	HK\$5,000	
Hall Anastasia	20,000	
Hall Tere sa	20,000	
Hall Isabel	20,000	
Hall Emily	20,000	
Au Arthur & Victoria	3,000	
Ye ung Jason & Rebecca	5,000	
Moses & Betty Cheng	5,000	
Wong Raymond and Vivien	2,000	
Hung Anthony and Mary	1,000	
Ko Ying	2,333	
Lee Nelson	20,000	HK\$123,333
R/C of HKIE	HK\$100,000	HK\$100,000
	Grand Total	HK\$398.333

The total amount is put in fixed deposit account with the Citibank of Hong Kong Ltd. to yield interest which will be used for educational purpose. The initial payment of HK\$8,740 was contributed to Wah Yan College, Hong Kong for the community service scholarship.

Hon. Secretary Norman Lee will inform the donors about the usage of the interest accordingly by email.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Who was our visiting Rotarian today?
Answer:
2. What events were reminded for next week by President Laurence?
Answer:
3. How much we have collected for the Red Box?
Answer:

4. Who was asked to introduce our speakers today?

Answer:		
5. Who was our speaker today and what was his topic about?		
Answer:		
6. Who was asked to thank our speaker?		
Answer:		
7. What was the subject mentioned in our Rotary Potpourri today?		
Answer:		
8. How much was the total amount of fund raised as mentioned in the Rotary Potpourri?		
Answer:		
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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Oral Sex: The young fellow was about to be married and was asking his grandfather about sex. He asked how often you should have it. His grandfather told him that when you first get married, you want it all the time... and maybe do it several times a day. Later on, sex tapers off and you have it once a week or so. Then as you get older, you have sex maybe once a month. When you get really old, you are lucky to have it once a year...maybe on your anniversary.

The young fellow then asked his grandfather, "Well how about you and grandma now?" His grandfather replied, "Oh, we just have oral sex now." "What's oral sex?" the young fellow asked. "Well, Grandpa said, "She goes to bed in her bedroom and I go to bed in my bedroom, She yells 'Screw you', and I holler back, 'Screw you too!"

Photographs of our meeting on

9nd January, 2008



(L to R) Rtn. Peter Yeung, PP Henry Chan, PP Hubert Chan, Rtn. Eric Chin & Rtn. Tony Loy

(L to R) PE Andy Wong, PP Rudy Law & SAA Heman Lam



IPP Paul Chan introduced the speaker Dr. Chow Pak Chin



Speaker Dr. Chow Pak Chin gave us a talk about "Update in LASIK"



Rtn. Tony Loy gave a vote of thank to Group picture with speaker & visiting our speaker.



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