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

## Last week's Proceedings -

**5th January, 2011**

This week we have moved our weekly meeting to the dining party at the Racing Course of the HK Jockey Club in Happy Valley Hong Kong instead of the usual luncheon meeting at the HK Regal Hotel. PP Henry has booked a private box for us at the Racing Stand B with lots of delicious food served in a buffet style starting at 6.30pm.

At around 8.00pm after a few rounds of delicacies from the plates and several trials of luck on the racing betting games Pres. Heman announced the opening of our first meeting of the year 2011 with a warm welcome to all attending members, their spouses and family members and guests.

Our attended members and guests include: Pres. Heman, Uncle John Kwok; PP Stephen and Rotarianne Christina plus their son Alex and daughter-in-law Wendy; PP Henry; PP Rudy; PP Laurence and Rotarianne Jennie; IPP Norman and Rotarianne Isa plus his mother Oi Fung Lee and his brother Simon Lee; PE Eric and Rotarianne Christine plus their daughter Fiona, his two sisters Miranda and Agnes and his friends, Connie Hui and Albert Kwok; Pres. Nominee Nancy and her guests Andrea, Rosa, Norris and Wendy; Dir. Kevin; Rotarian William Wong and Rotarianne Fanny; Rotarian Freddy and also our visiting Rotarian Lawrence Ho from the Rotary Club of Bangkok South and his wife Melo.

After wishing every member and guest a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year Pres. Heman thanked PP Henry for his kind arrangements of the Racing Night gathering and then made his announcements as follows:

1. Nomination for District Governor 2013-2014 is now open. Deadline would be at 5pm, 18th February 2011.
2. National Immunization Day will be held from 22nd January 2011 in New Delhi. PP Andy will help in organizing the travel arrangements.
3. A bowling competition hosted by Hong Kong Blind Sports Association and Co-organized by Rotary International District 3450, sponsored by Labor & Welfare Bureau will be held on Sunday 16th January 2011 from 10am to 1pm at HK Bowling City, G/F, HK International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay. The main objectives of the event is to raise the self-confidence of people with visual impairment through equal participation in sports training and sports tournament and to arouse the public awareness on the needs and abilities of people with visual impairment. Any interested party please contact HS Jonathan.
4. Rotarian William Wong is helping the Education Bureau on the promotion of the New Academic Structure; recently they make a calendar card both in Chinese and in English to let more people understand the new education 334 system. If members who are interested to support and contribute to this promotion they can contact Rotarian William to arrange for the calendar cards deliver to them so that they can distribute them in their office or give them to their clients. Rotarian William distributed some of the cards to the attending members and guests.
5. Uncle John Golf Day which was initially planned to be held on 21st January 2011 will be postponed to 18th February 2011, at HK Golf Club, Fanling, details to be announced later.

Pres. Heman also concluded that there was a remaining fund of HKD 860 after settling all the expenses of the night and it was decided to contribute them all to the Red Box. With some match up funding, the total contribution to Red Box was HK\$1,000.

Pres. Heman then adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm with a toast to Rotary International coupled with Rotary Clubs of Bangkok South and Hong Kong Island East.

All members and guests were invited to continue to enjoy their food, racing games and a special guided tour to the paddock to see the horse parade at close distance. All members and guests have enjoyed a wonderful fellowship gathering and dinner with some indirect contributions to the charity through some betting too.

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## **Rotary Potpourri**

### **Are we moving out to a new Premises for RIC ?**

Before we move out to a new premises, I would like to write an article of RIC for general information.

The history of Rotary Information Centre (RIC) can be traced back to a very modest and slow beginning in 1973-74. In that year, District Governor John Yuen entered the name and telephone of the then District Secretary, now PDG Peter Hall (HK Island East) in the Tourists Association guide book under the heading of Rotary.

From then on, visiting Rotarians from abroad started to call Peter Hall regarding Rotary venues and time. The enquiries gradually increased in volume until Peter Hall suggest some other alternative ways to handle various enquiries for information.

On 25th November, 1977, the RIC was established with its first office situated in Kai Tak Commercial, Connaught Road West, Hong Kong. The late DGN C.K. Lo (HK Club) and PP Baker Moosdeen (HK Island East) were requested to serve as supervisors.

The original concept, purpose behind the RIC was to provide information through the establishment of a central resource centre; information about Rotary to the General public, information about Rotary clubs in Hong Kong to visiting Rotarians and information to all Rotary clubs regarding news and speakers, etc.

In 1978, it as decided to move the Centre to the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon with the assistance of Rtn. Bernard White (Kowloon Club) the then secretary general of Y.M.C.A. while PP Paul Young (HK South) was appointed to serve as supervisor.

At one of the 1980-81 Joint Presidents Meetings (JPM), it was then decided that there was a need to have an independent office with a paid secretary to run the centre under the supervision of a supervisory committee. PP Philip Kwok (R/C of Hong Kong) was invited to serve as chairman.

Through the generosity of chairman Philip Kwok, the RIC was located free of charge, at the Wing On Life Building in Central, with one full time paid secretary employed by RIC.

Gradually, office space in Wing On Life Building became insufficient and the JMP decided to acquire its own premises which could also be used for all their meetings in addition to the already established office/information services. The dream finally materialized at the present location in the Capital Commercial Building, Causeway Bay. The purchase price was HK\$600,000. The opening ceremony was officiated by Past District Governor Peter Hall on 14th December 1985. With the initial savings of around \$150,000 from the past years, all the 23 Hong Kong and Macau clubs contributed to the cost on a pro-rata basis. HK\$400 per member for clubs in Hong Kong and \$200 per member for Macau clubs.

Due to wear and tear of the premises, furniture and fixture since the establishment from 1985, the present supervisory committee considered a renovation is necessary. With the generous support of Rotary clubs and Rotarians alike, the committee decided to close the Centre for several months to carry out the necessary refurbishment.

The Centre becomes a prestigious shape with new partitions for the executive secretary and office assistant together with a large meeting room capable to hold a Joint Presidents Meeting.

It was entirely due to the confidence and hard work of the Supervisory Committee members of the year 2000-2001 that this renovation was made possible.

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

Name:

Email:

1. Where did we host our first weekly meeting of the year 2011 ?

Ans)

2. How many members have attended our weekly meeting today ?

Ans)

3. Who was our visiting Rotarian from oversea and where he came from ?

Ans)

4. Name any two of the Rotariannes attended our meeting this week ?

Ans)

5. Name any two of the lady guests attended our meeting this week ?

Ans)

6. State any two of the announcements made by Pres. Heman today ?

Ans)

7. What was the Red Box Collection, where it comes from ?

Ans)

8. On which date the RIC has set up its first office in Hong Kong ?

Ans)

Submit

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**Joke**

**Subject: Newfie Luck**

Eugene, a furniture dealer from St. John's Newfoundland, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home.

To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table; asked him something in French (which Eugene couldn't understand); so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down. He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music. They ordered dinner..... after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

To this day, Eugene has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

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**Photographs of our meeting**

5th January, 2011

05 January, 2011 RC of HKIE - Racing Night



PP Stephen & Christina, his son Alex and daughter-in-law Wendy with PP Henry



Visiting guest Rosa & Andrea, PN Nancy & IPP Norman



Visiting Guest Rosa Hung



Pres. Heman Lam chaired the meeting



Rotarianne Isa, IPP Norman & Dir Kevin



PE Dr. Eric Chin & his family members



Members & visiting guests are enjoying the fellowship & the horse racing



Visiting Rotarian Lawrence Ho & his wife



Pres. Heman & his guest Peter Lau



PE Eric, PP Henry, Pres. Heman & Albert Kwok



Dir. Kevin, Rotarianne Jennie,  
PP Laurence & PP Uncle John  
Kwok



Rtn. William Wong & his wife  
Fanny



Dir Nancy with her guests Norris  
& Wendy



Dr. Freddie Wu, Wendy, Norris,  
PN Nancy & Pres. Heman



Pres. Heman & his guest Peter  
Lau



Rotarianne Christine & her  
daughter Fiona Chin



Hon. Tres. Dr. PP Rudy Law



Guests Wendy and Norris



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Group photo of all the member of Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East visiting guests

