

Last week's Proceedings -

16th January, 2008

Again more time was given to our members for fellowship President Laurence chaired the luncheon meeting starting at 1.20 p.m.

PP Rudy Law was asked to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests by first welcoming our visiting District dignitaries, DG Peter Wong from RC Kowloon East, and DAG Wendy Mung from RC Peninsula, and then introducing his guests Paul Kan and Ben Ng. Also joining us today was IPP Mimi Lau from the Rotaract Club of HK Island East.

After a warm welcoming applause to our visiting Rotarians and guests by our members Acting SAA, PP Rudy Law, then made his SAA report of the Red box collection of HK\$1,600 including the handsome contribution from our DG Peter Wong and a special contribution from our Dir. Jason Chiu.

President Laurence announced the successful completion of the Uncle John Golf Cup Tournament and its following dinner gathering being held yesterday. Most of the prizes were presented last night at the dinner gathering as per the results posted in this newsletter. PP John Kwok was asked to present two left-over prizes to PP Stephen Liu being the "Closest to the Hole No. 5" and to our guest Ben Ng being "the closest to the Hole No. 17".

Immediately followed was our happy ceremony of inducting two new members, Mr. Gilbert Fung and Mr. Jackal Lee, both of them were from our Rotaract Club of HK Island East. We have the honor of invited DG Peter Wong to witness the induction held by President Laurence and to bin the two new members for us. Our Proposer, PE Andy Wong, has also received a Sponsor Pin from our DG Peter Wong afterwards.

The new members have chosen their names being Rotarian "Gilbert" and Rotarian "Jackal" and their classifications are "Toy Distribution" and "Financial Services" Planning" respectively. They have received a warm welcoming applause from our members and guests and have made a pledge to perform their obligations and duties as Rotarians under the mottos of Rotary: "HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST & SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

Then came the highlight of the day with IPP Paul Chan formally introduced our speaker Mrs. Mei Ng who is an UN Global 500 Laureate, Hong Kong"s Veteran Environmental Leader, China"s Sustainability Pathfinder. Mrs. Mei Ng shared her insights on how to redeem our climate debt, decode the inconvenient truth and embrace New Age Philanthropy and the title of her speech was:

"Decode the Inconvenient Truth, Redeem Our Climate Debt, Embrace New Age Philanthropy"

Redeem our climate debt! Mrs. Ng pleaded.

"Every time we turn on our computer...every time we drive our cars...every time we switch on the air cons...every time we take a flight to attend an overseas conference...every time we pay our electricity bills...we cannot deny that we are a carbon emitter."

"Carbon offset" our climate debt by helping fragile ecology and inhabitants to reduce climate risks and enhance disaster preparedness. It is time to pay back.

Decode the Inconvenient Truth! Mrs. Ng continued.

Climate heroes live in caves and mud dwellings are waking up from their coal burning past to herald a carbon free future.

Mrs. Ng witnessed Do-It-Yourself Environmentalism: women power into green power, pig waste into bio-fuel, toilet revolution that transforms village communities.

From city women to village women, from polluting past to sustainable future, the Shaanxi Mother Volunteers are truly inspiring sustainability pathfinders. They capacity build, they raise funds, they promote and build model biogas households.

Mrs. Ng recounted her face-to-face encounter with China's climate heroes. It was a moving story!

DIY Sustainability ushers in New Age Philanthropy.

New Age Philanthropy goes beyond charitable giving. It emphasizes self-help and self-sustainability.

Turning pig-waste-into-energy, turning biogas residue into organic fertilizer, turning smelly pigsties, toilets and smoky kitchens into hygienic home space, liberating women from fire wood gathering, empowering rural folks to embrace sustainable energy and farming has transformed neglected communities into New Age Villages.

A city-to-village goodwill that brings safer climate, cleaner village, green harmony! It's a fitting pledge to start 2008, the Green Olympic Year.

The China Village Biogas "Sunflower Project" has won international energy award as well as royal compliments from HRH Prince Charles.

Mrs. Ng invites donations for this meaningful project. Visit website www.cuncaoxin.org for info.

After a few round of questions and answers our Director Eric Chin was asked to thank the speaker followed by a big round of applause from the audience

Meeting was then adjourned at 2:05 pm with Pres. Laurence proposed a toast to RI, coupled with the Rotary Club of Kowloon East and the Rotary Club of Peninsula. All participants were invited for a group photo afterwards.

Rotary Potpourri

PP John Kwok Golf Tournament

Traditionally, our club had two golf tournaments fellowship each year. January 15th 2008 was chosen to be our 2nd golf fellowship played at the Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling, known as John Kwok Golf Tournament. We have five flights all together and teed off from 9.24 a.m. continuously. All golfers labored under the fine weather to complete the 18 holes at the Eden Course with golf carts and caddies. At the request of PP John Kwok, he invented a brand new system known as "Shortest Drive", though we were playing the Peorlia rules. PP David Li commented that this was tailor made to suit the elderly golfers. One must consider that the golf ball must be on the fairway by the first stroke. Any OB is not counted. PP Hubert Chan was in charge of the scores calculation at the end. The following were the results of the event:

The winners of the Best Gross Score were

1. David Li	87
2. Stephen Liu	93
3. George Leung	94

1. Hubert Chan

The winners of the Best Net Score were

2. Jason Chiu3. Norman Lee	73.8 74.4	
Closest to the Pin - do -	(Hole 5) (Hole 17)	Stephen Liu Ben Ng
Longest Drive - do -	(Hole 7) (Hole 16)	Norman Lee Jason Chiu
Shortest Drive	(Hole 1) (Hole 16)	John Kwok Peter Hall

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PP John Kwok hosted a party for all players after the game at the Club House.

A fellowship dinner with the golfers and non golfers plus families was held at the Craigon Crower Club, Happy Valley where the presentation of prizes were being awarded to the winners by PP John Kwok and President Laurence Chan. Rtn. Heman Lam was helping to take photos. The men's table created the loudest voice. Those golfers unable to join our fellowship dinner the same evening will be presented the prizes at the regular lunch meeting at Regal Hong Kong Hotel.

Pictures of the event can be found in this bulletin.

As usual, there was plenty of good food arranged by PP Stephen Liu for two Chinese styled tables while Rtn. Eric Chin provided at his expense, the French Red Wine. All participants enjoyed the fellowship party until 10.30 p.m.

We are looking forward to another Golf Tournament to be followed by fellowship gathering in order to cement better fellowship among our newer members.

District News - PP Ann Lee Hussey's personal fight against Polio

District 3450 was very happy to have PP Ann Lee Hussey, a Polio Survivor, visited Hong Kong and Mac ao last week. She talked on her personal fight against Polio in her childhood and her commitment to eradication of polio.

In her first NID [National Immunization Day] trip to India, before becoming a Rotarian, she saw crawlers, young and old, begging in the streets, dragging themselves by their hands and arms with legs twisted in unimaginable contortions, some actually wearing sandals on their hands and feet and walking on all fours like an animal.

Because of the Post Polio Syndrome, a polio survivor finds extreme fatigue pain in joints and muscles previously thought to be unaffected begin to fail. A normal person participating in 11 NIDS, Ann Lee is more like participating in 22 NIDS for her muscles because of a polio survivor has few ere muscles left to work than normal people.

All the above SHARING is extracted from the speech given by Ann Lee Hussey in her visit to our District 3450 last week.

Let's SHARE our resources to help ERADICATE POLIO together.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Who were our visiting Rotarians today?
Answer:
2. Who were our visiting guests today?
Answer:
3. We have inducted two new members during the meeting who are they?
Answer:
4. Who is the proposer of the two new members?
Answer:
5. What are the classifications of the two new members?
Answer:
6. Who has been asked to pin the two new members?
Answer:
7. How much we have collected for the Red Box?
Answer:
8. Who was asked to introduce our speaker today?
Answer:
9. Who was our speaker today and what was the topic about?
Answer:
10. Who was asked to thank our speaker?
Answer:
11. What are the two subjects mentioned in our Rotary Potpourri today?
Answer:
12. Who were the champions of the "Best Gross Score" and the "Best Net Score" of the Uncle John Kwok Golf Tournament?
Answer:
Name: Email:
Submit

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director how do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

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"No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON, OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?

Photographs of our meeting on

16th January, 2008



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Speaker - Mrs Mei Ng & President Laurence Chan



PE Andy Wong, DG Peter Wong & DAG Wendy Mung



Speaker Mrs Mei Ng shared her project in China - Sunflower program - Construction of Rural Methane Ecological Demonstration Household



PP John Kwok presented the golf trophy to Mr Ben Ng played at Uncle John Kwok's cup at HKGC



PP Stephen Liu received the trophy of "Closest to the pin" from PP John Kwok



President Laurence held the induction ceremony to the two new members, Rtn Gilbert Fung & Rtn. Jackal Lee proposed by PE Andy Wong



DG Peter Wong put the Rotary pin on Jackal Lee to welcome him to become a Rotarian



DG Peter Wong put the Rotary pin on Gilbert Fung to welcome him to become a Rotarian



PE Andy received the Sponsor pin from DG Peter Wong for proposing Gilbert & Jackal to become a member of RC of HKIE



(L to R) Dir Jason, Rtn Gilbert, Rtn Jackal, PP Stephen, PP Hubert, Dir Eric & IPP Mimi from Rotaract Club of HKIE



(L to R) Rtn. Tony, visitor Paul Kan, AG Eddy, PP Rudy, visitor Ben Ng & IPP Paul Chan



Group photo with speaker, visitors & members

Golf Tournament



PP George, PP Rudy, Uncle Peter & Dir. Jason



Uncle John, PE Andy & the guests



Two guests with PP Hubert and PP Desmond



Uncle John, Dir. Eric, Sec. Norman & guests





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