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Last week's Proceedings -

21st January, 2009

" Wishing You A Happy and Prosperous New Year "

The meeting began at 13:05 pm with President Andy greeted our guests and speakers, President Manny and Vice President (VP) Kathy Li Ka Chi from the Rotaract Club of Lingnan University.

President Andy made the following announcements:

1. There will be 10 members attending the District Conference on 20th and 21st February, as some members have not replied on hotel accommodations and golfing, he urged those members to get back to him ASAP or they will need to make their own arrangement.
2. The Joint Area 3 Dinner Party will be held on 26th February at Crown Wine Cellar with special guest Grand Pianist Warren Wills perform at the party. Cost of dinner will be HK\$600 per person and seats are limited to 50-60 seats, and non-refundable. Members and spouses are welcomed.
3. Uncle John's Golf Tournament will be held on 6th February, with golfing at Hong Kong Golf Club in Fanling and dinner at Craigenower Cricket Club. All members and spouses are welcomed.

A special announcement was made by President Andy that there were 3 bouquets of handmade roses by elderly home in Tuen Mun for sale under a special fund raising project organized by the Rotaract Club of Lingnan University. Each bouquet was sold at HK\$400 as fund raised for the elderly home. President Andy thanked Dir. Dr. Eric Chin, PP Rudy Law and PP John Kwok for their generosity in purchasing the bouquets.

Order forms were distributed amongst members for those who were interested to place further orders of the handmade roses each of which costs HK\$40. It was agreed unanimously to purchase 24 handmade roses to be distributed at our regular luncheon meeting on 11th February.

Acting Sergeant-at-arm PP Rudy reported a total of HK\$1,300 for red box collection and he thanked all members who contributed.

President Manny and VP Kathy were then invited by President Andy to the podium to share with us their visit to Taiwan. She began by thanking their mother club for the sponsorship and VP Kathy started the sharing as follows:

The project "2008 Happiness Life Happy Bag Elderly Home Visits" was held in Nov 2008, jointly organized with The Hong Kong Federation of Youth with 20 volunteers visiting elderly home in Lok Fu. The main purpose was to show care to the elderly who are living alone, learn how better to communicate with them, and see what their needs would be. Lessons were taken before the visit from social workers.

During the visit, happy bags together with daily necessities were prepared and distributed to these elderly; they spent time to talk with them to learn what they need, which would then be reported back to the social workers for follow up.

VP Kathy summed up that the visit changed their perspectives to a more optimistic life value and all participants treasured such a great experience.

President Manny then took over and reported their visit to Taiwan between 7th and 11th January 2009. The visit was jointly organized with Rotaract Club of Baptist University of which 33 students from both Rotaract Club attended. They visited two Orphanages in Taipei and Taoyuan respectively. Their objectives for the visits are as follows:

1. To bring the ideal of "Make Dreams Real" to the local children in Taiwan.
2. To bring happiness to children and service users in Taiwan.
3. To let us understand more of their needs and difficulties.
4. To train up the patience of our volunteers and show their awareness of the service users.

5. To develop the leadership ability and widen the horizons of our participants.
6. To develop and maintain friendships with other local people and participants from Baptist University.
7. To provide a chance for our participants to exchange our backgrounds, cultures and living styles with the local people.

President Manny reported that they lived in these orphanages during the visit, sang together with them, had picnics, played together; not only did they experience first hand, they also develop and maintain friendship with local people as well as the Rotaractors from the Baptist University.

From Yi Kuang Orphanage in Taipei, President Manny recalled their receiving a very warm welcome in the form of a dancing show from these orphanage children who were abandoned and either physically or mentally disabled. They felt touched. During their stay, they played and danced with them.

During their stay in Hong Hua Children's Orphanage in Taoyuan, they joined the 6 km run at 5 am for 2 consecutive mornings to start off their days. Together with the orphanage children, they ate outdoor, had circus show with them, the rotaractors designed banners while the children drawn and coloured them, and they designed games and played with the children.

President Manny said that all participants enjoyed themselves and at the same time, learned a great deal from these visits.

President Andy thanked members for their generous contribution and reported that the Club sponsored approximately HK\$400 and HK\$1,000 for the environmental bags and the Taiwan Trip respectively. He also urged President Manny to write up an article before 9th February regarding the visit and send to the district office for publishing in their newsletter.

President Andy reminded that there will be no meeting on 28th January as it will be Chinese New Year public holiday, he then closed the meeting by making a toast to Rotary International and RC of Hong Kong Island East.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm followed by a group photo with the attending members and guests.

Rotary Potpourri

Rotary Information-section of the Rotary Awareness Month

Rotary International has designated the following months for us to observe during the year. It was called by the week but, later, changed to name it by the month. For example, this January is called Rotary Awareness Month, A list of the special months is reproduced for information.

January - Rotary Awareness Month

February - World Understanding Month

March - Literacy Month

April - Magazine Month

June - Fellowships Month

August - Membership & Extension Month

September - New Generations Month

October - Vocational Service Month

November - Rotary Foundation Month

December - Family Month.

While making our New Year resolution, we may include the following items, such as

1. Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals people who make decisions and influence policy.

2. Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

3. International Awareness

With more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

4. Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership to-day. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with the like-minded professional and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

5. Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

6. Family Foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

7. Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from to-day's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education and service.

8. Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test.

9. Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skill that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire and guide others.

10. Diversity in Membership

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious and open to all cultures, races and creeds.

RI Theme for Rotary Year 2009-2010

RI President-Elect John Kenny unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the international Assembly, an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA for incoming district governors as follows: "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

Email:

1. Who were our visiting guests today ?
Ans)
2. Do we have birthday boy celebration today ?
Ans)
3. Where will our upcoming Joint Area 3 dinner meeting held ?
Ans)
4. What is the venue for the Uncle John Golf Tournament fellowship dinner ?
Ans)
5. How much we have collected for the Red Box ?
Ans)
6. What have been purchased for charity and by whom during the meeting ?
Ans)
7. Who were the topics about from our two speakers ?
Ans)
8. RI has called January 2009 the "Rotary Awareness Month", what is February 2009 called for?

Joke

Subject: The Five Minutes Management Course (the remaining lessons)

Following from the last bulletin we give you the remaining lessons of the five minutes management course as below:

Lesson 3

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing.

A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, 'Can I also sit like you and do nothing?'

The eagle answered: 'Sure, why not.'

So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Moral of the story:

To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Lesson 4

A turkey was chatting with a bull.

'I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree' sighed the turkey,

'but I haven't got the energy.'

'Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?' replied the bull.

'They're packed with nutrients.'

The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree.

The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch.

Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree.

He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

Moral of the story:

Bull Shit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there...

Lesson 5

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field.

While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him.

As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out!

He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy.

A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate.

Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him.

Morals of the story:

- (1) Not everyone who shits on you is your enemy.
- (2) Not everyone who gets you out of shit is your friend.
- (3) And when you're in deep shit, it's best to keep your mouth shut!

THIS ENDS THE FIVE MINUTE MANAGEMENT COURSE

Photographs of our meeting

on

21st January, 2009



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, PE Norman Lee & Pres. Andy Wong



Hon. Sec. Heman Lam, Rotaractors Pres. Manny Lee & Kathy Li from Rotaract Club of Lingnan University



(L to R) Dir. Dr. Eric Chin. PP George Leung & PP Stephen Liu



(L to R) PP Rudy Law, PP Henry Chan & Rtn. Tony Loy



(L to R) IPP Laurence Chan, Dir Nancy Yee, Rtn. Anthony Kwong & Rtn. Kevin Leung



Rotaractor Pres. Manny Lee shared with us their recent Taipei Int'l Service trip visiting two orphanages



Rotaractor Kathy Li shared their experience of visiting the single elderly homes in Lok Fu PP John Kwok has bought a bunch of flowers knitted by those people lives at the Tuen Mun elderly home to help for their fund raising



PP John Kwok, Dir. Eric Chin & PP Rudy Law all bought a bunch of knitted flower to support Rotaract Club of Lingnan University to raise fund for the elderly home



Group photo with members and guests

