

President Rudy & the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East wish everyone a

Kung Hei Fat Choy

Last Week's Proceedings (2 February, 2005)

This was the last meeting of the year of the Monkey. President Rudy opened the meeting by greeting everyone "GOOD EVENING". We all understood that his heart was already in Singapore where he would be seeing his family the following day.

There were 15 members, one visiting Rotarian & two guest speakers attending the meeting. President Rudy welcomed our visitor, President Larry Ballenger from the South Ukiah Rotary Club in California, who was asked to say a few words about their club.

Rev. Larry is the Centennial President of his club this year and Ukiah is an Indian word meaning Deep Valley. It is famous for its winery and huge red wood trees. President Larry has brought a banner to exchange with our club.

President Rudy welcomed PP David Li for rejoining the meeting after a period of absence abroad and announced this week's birthday boy, Rtn Tony Loy. Rtn Tony has chosen the sexist voice in our club to be the birthday song leader - none other than our PP Uncle John Kwok!

President Rudy announced that a Walk for Charity Event would be held by Rotary Club of Harbour on 06 March. Several members immediately signed up to support the event; they were PP Tim, PE Eddy, Dir Andy, Dir Laurence, PP Hubert, Rtn Tony, PP David Li & PP John Kwok. The total contribution is HK\$2,200 and President Rudy will walk with his daughter, Jacqueline to support this event.

President Rudy reminded members about the District Conference which will be held on 19 - 20 March at Hong Kong Inter-continental Hotel. He urged members to sign up as soon as possible as the deadline for confirmation is 05 Feb.

Dir. Andy reported that two thank you letters were received from two students from City University of HK and Lingnan University to thank us for the donation to the bursary.

PDG Uncle Peter as the acting Sergeant-at-Arms reported the collection of HK\$1,000 (The contribution including Birthday boy Rtn Tony, Dir Andy, President Rudy, PE Eddy, Dir Laurence, PP Tim & PP John IV).

Dir Andy introduced the speakers Mrs. Cynthia Brown & Elsa Lai. Mrs. Cynthia Brown is a volunteer, Honorary Advisor & Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee of the End Child Sexual Abuse Foundation.

Mrs. Brown gave a presentation on the background of the End Child Sexual Abuse Foundation and the issue of Child Sexual Abuse in Hong Kong. The Foundation was founded by Ms Siao Fong Fong who is an actress and trained in the US to be a child Psychologist. She also worked in HK hospitals and had conducted a lot of research on the topic. She believed that the best practice was to teach the young kids about personal safety.

Child sexual abuse is increasing in Hong Kong particularly with peer sexual abuse in primary and secondary schools which is unique in Hong Kong. Poor sex education may be a cause. Mrs. Brown shared details of the programs offered by the foundation to help alleviate the problems faced by young victims and their families. The work of the Foundation cover the following areas:-

1. Mobile Classroom

- Tour primary schools and children and youth centres in Hong Kong
- Run by Education Officers to teach children how to protect themselves
- An interactive educational approach is used with a variety of multimedia equipment to make learning an interesting experience

2. Family and Public Education

- Through lectures, seminars, carnivals and the media, ECSAF helps society to understand the danger of child sexual abuse (CSA). New programs are developing now to suit different age of young kids.

3. "Hugline" (Tel: 2889 9933)

- Social worker offers information, resources and counselling services

4. Counselling

- Not only to the victims, but also for family counseling.

5. Library Corners

- Set up in the Shatin Public Library and ECS AF Centre
- The only collection in Asia of materials of CSA
- Contain related literature reference books, research papers, newspaper clippings, CD ROMs and videos

6. Research

- Work with local universities to work out some programs to suit the Hong Kong needs rather than copying the overseas models

The Foundation does not receive any financial support from the Government and programs are supported by fund raising activities. Members were invited to support the upcoming Walkathon on 6 March organized by Rotary Club of HK Harbour.

At the end of her speech, our speakers, Mrs. Brown, & Ms Elsa Lai were kind enough to answer a few questions from our members and they found the questions are to be very useful for them.

President Rudy thanked the speaker on behalf of our club and the members who supported the walkathon fund raising because part of the donation will go to ECSAF's funding. Program chairman for February Dir Andy announced that there will not be a meeting next week during the Chinese New Year public holiday. The speaker on 16 February will be Angela Ellermeier who is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in 2004-5 and the topic of her talk will be "German Gourmet". President Rudy announced that there would be a fireside activity at Director Laurence's home either 19 or 20 Feb. Details will be sent to members by email.

President Rudy then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of South Ukiah of California.

Rotary Information

R. J. P.

Past RI President Rolf Klarich Dies

Past RI President Rolf J.V. Klarich of Helsinki, Findland, died on 20th January 2005. He served as RI president in 1980-81. A Rotarian since 1953, Klarich was a member of the Rotary Club of Helsinki-Helsingfors. He also served RI as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and trustee chair, district governor, International Assembly group discussion leader, information institute counselor, group discussion leader, and committee member and chair.

Klarich, a retired confectionary manufacturer held several civic and industrial organization offices. For his service as British consul of Finland's Oulu Province and his work to promote international understanding, the former RI president was made an Honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

A memorial service will be held for family and close friends at the Old Chapel in Helsinki on 12th February 2005. Klarich is survived by his wife, Katarina (Kathy(), and daughters, Veronica, Yvonne and Birgitta.

The RI theme for his year was "Take Time to Serve".

Rotary Information II

The Centennial District Conference will be held on 19th to 20th March 2005 at Hotel Inter Continental, T.S.T. Kowloon. Official opening will be gin at 2.00 p.m. on the 19th March. Members of the R/C of HKIE are urged to participate at the district conference as the club will subsidize the registration fee which includes lunch and coffee breaks.

The following are the highlights of the Conference:

- 1. RI President's Personal Representative Theodore D. Griley II (Rotary Foundation Trustee) and his spouse, Dori will attend throughout the Conference.
- 2. Guest of Honour: Dr. Emily Y. Y. Chan (President of Medicine Sans Frontier and one of the 2004 The Outstanding Young selected by Junior Chamber International Hong Kong.)
- 3. Guest Speaker for New Generation: Mr. Michael Hui
- 4. The theme of the district conference is:

"Honour the Past. Celebrate the Present and Brighten the Future"

2004-2005 District Awards of RI District 3450.

Rotary Clubs in district 3450 are invited to submit reports of the following items marked with a tick for the District Awards competition.

- (a) Family of Rotary
- (b) Literacy and Education
- (c) Water Resources
- (d) Health Concern
- (e) Vocational Service
- (f) Community Service
- (g) International Service
- (h) World Community Service
- (i) Ecology

Note:

- 1. Please deliver the project reports to Rotary Information Centre at 14th floor, Capital Commercial Building, 26 Leighton Road, Cause way Bay, Hong Kong,
- 2. The District Awards Committee Meeting will be held in the first week of March 2005,
- 3. Clubs receiving the best project awards shall make a power-point or video presentation of their projects on the second day of the District Conference on 20th Mar. 2005 (Sunday)
- 4. District Awards other than the above shall be submitted on or before 30th April 2005 and the presentation of the Awards will be held sometime in May 2005

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Announcement

- (a) Due to the Chinese New Year holidays, our regular lunch meeting on Wednesday, the 9th February 2005 will be cancelled.
- (b) Our regular lunch meeting on Wednesday, 23rd February 2005 to be rescheduled to the 24th (Thursday) February 2005 in order to have a joint Lunch Meeting with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour at the Regal Hotel, 31st floor, Restaurant Zefferino, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong at 12.45 p.m. for l.00 p.m.

Cartoon



"Life isn't like a bowl of cherries or peaches...

it's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn your ass tomorrow."

Photographs of our meeting

on

2nd February, 2005



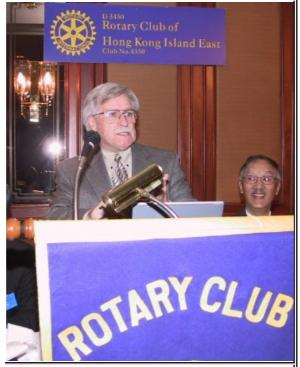
Our guest speaker this week was Mrs. Cynthia Brown of the End Child Sexual Abuse Foundation speaking to us about Child Sexual Abuse in Hong Kong.



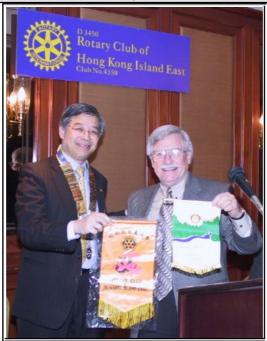
(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Mrs Cynthia Brown, & Pres. Rudy



(L to R) Hon Sec John, Ms. Elsa Lai, & the Rev Larry Ballenger (South Ukiah Rotary Club of California).



Pres. the Rev Larry Ballenger telling us about his Rotary club.



Pres. Rudy exchanging club banners with Rev Larry.



Pres. Rudy presenting Dr Tony with his birthday present while Hon Sec John leads the birthday song.



(L to R) PE Eddy, PP's Henry, Tim with Dir Andy enjoying the meeting.



(L to R) PE Eddy, PP Tim with PP Li making a showing.

(L to R) Rtn Sam, Dr. Tony, PP's JL, Hubert with Hon Tres. Laurence.



Group Photo of the meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Rudy, our guest speaker and guest and visitor and our members on 2nd February, 2005.

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