

Last week's Proceedings -

10th January, 2007

We have a good turn out at our regular lunch meeting today when President Paul introduced our only visiting Rotarian Nancy Yee from Vancouver, China Town Rotary Club.

He reminded members that we are having a joint meeting with area 3 which will be held on the evening of 18th January 2007 at the Hong Kong Football Club, just next to The HK Jockey Club, Happy Valley, Hong Kong. This dinner meeting is organized by the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South and is declared an official visit by D.G. Tony Wong. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN EVENING MEETING and WILL REPLACE OUR NORMAL MEETING OF Wednesday the 17th January.

Our newest member, Rotarian Heman Lam was appointed acting Sergeant-at-Arms. The harvest of the day was \$1,600.00 as disclosed by his report. Well done Heman!

Pres. Paul made several announcements:

- 1. A final draft format for the one day "Lead the Way" District Conference has been set up. It will be a one day Conference to be held on Saturday, 26th May, 2007. The Conference will include a Leaders' Breakfast, a Foundation Lunch and a Governor's Banquet as a full package (Governor's Banquet will be a ticket event). Pre -Conference program / activities will be arranged in the week of 20 May, 2007. Conference venue: Kowloon Shangrila Hotel. Since the District wants to know if it is the Conference format being accepted by the majority of our district, should any Rotary Club not agree to the above-mentioned Conference format, please advise the District Governor by email on or before Monday, 15th January, 2007. Accordingly, the result will be announced at the January JPM to be held on 16th January, 2007.
- 2. The DG Visit of Area 3 will be held on next Thursday 18th January, we need to gather the number of participants to advise the organizer, Miss Lillian Lau, Executive Secretary of Rotary Club of Hong Kong South Tel: 25210488, before Thursday 11th January as they need to confirm with the Football Club.
- 3. The District Interact Committee Chairperson announced that this Rotary year, a number of Rotary Clubs have contacted her and indicated interest in setting up Interact Clubs. In fact, several Interact Clubs have just been formed. The Interact family has become bigger and bigger. They need to "interact" more in order to make the Interact family stronger and stronger. They would like to invite the Interact Advisors of our Club to the following snack party:

Date: Friday, 26th January 2007 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Venue: Rotary Information Centre

The regular Lunch Meeting on 17th January 2007 will move to 18th January 2007 as dinner meeting at Area 3 DG Visit on 18th January 2007 (Thursday) will be held at Football Club.

The highlight of the meeting was our speaker's time. He was officially introduced by President Paul. He was none other than our district 3450 district governor nominee, DGN Albert W. K. Wong who by profession is an International Professional Accountant, Financial Planner and Chartered Secretary. Hon. Associate of HK Baptist U – School of business; Founder President of HK Society of Economist Limited; Founder President of HK Society of Doctorate Limited; Member of HK Securities Institute 2005 Editorial Committee; Member of HK Securities Institute 2006 Professional Educational Committee; 2006 Listee of Marquis Who's Who in the World USA; etc. etc. Due to time constraint, we cannot enumerate all his titles but to cut it short to give our honoured speaker ample for his talk.

In order to have easy understanding of his talk, it was delivered both in English and Chinese and the audience can ask questions simultaneously. Albert prepared some points which related to tax exemption for members regarding "merit" and "demerit" of setting up a limited corporation, such as:

A Society /Club / Professional Organization incorporated inn Hong Kong under companies ordinance (chapter 32) as a Limited Company by Guarantee and not having a share capital.

Re qui re me nt

- At least two subscribers.
- Prepare a proper and suitable "Memorandum and Articles of Association".

Advanta ge

- With full protection for all members with limited liability (i.e. HK\$10 or less)
- Eligible to apply under Inland Revenue Ordinance section 88 for registration as a charitable organization (a/a waiver of business registration and fee, b/tax exemption for the donors and bear with the Charitable statues, thereafter, the club is eligible for apply government grant and work with some famous NGSs.

Disadvantage

- Annual statutory requirements (i.e. filing annual return to Companies Registry, Tax return to Inland Revenue Dept. and or Social Welfare Dept. as necessary.
- Keep proper books and accounts, prepare internal management account for annual statutory audit purpose and need to appoint an independent Auditor (no related).
- Appointed Directors are responsible for management/corporate governance.

Re qui re me nt

- Registration with the Police Headquarter Society Registration Section at Wanchai, Hong Kong and up dating the members information annually.
- Maintain minimum two members as responsible person of the club.

Advanta ge

- Easy for registration and easy filing requirement.
- Lower registration cost.
- No Statutory audit requirement for the books and account.
- No corporate governance/management requirement.

Disadvantage

- Unlimited personal liability for member.
- The club is not a legal body incorporation.

DGN Albert than took many questions from the floor and answered them very clearly. Pres. Paul then asked PP Henry to thank the speaker. Her asked all members to thank the speaker in the usual Rotary manner.

Pres. Paul then closed the meeting and proposed a toast to RI coupled with The Rotary Clubs of Kowloon West, and Vancouver Chinatown.

Rotary Information

RI Director for 2008-2010

To complete the report of the above subject, as appeared in our 24 issues of our Tung Feng Bulletin dated 20th December 2006, the election took place in Japan on 6th January 2007 under the supervision of PDG Miyaki, the convener of the election committee.

Candidate from Taiwan was PDG S.L. Hsieh while the other candidate was PDG Gloria Cheng from Hong Kong. Having gone through all the proper procedures, the committee decided to ballot by vote the best qualified candidate. Finally, PDG S.L. Hsieh was the winner and a report was made to the convener.

At long last, Rotarians and Rotary Concern groups of district 3450 have the opportunity to meeting the first female trustee – Carolyn Jones in person during her 9 days visit to our district. PDG Alex Mak had organized many functions for her explaining and promoting of the Rotary Foundation. Such as meeting young generations leaders, The Rotary Foundation Workshop, touching on the PolioPlus. It was just a non-stop schedule for her since arrival and attended Rotary meetings. Macau was the last leg for her itinerary as well. It was interested to learn that there were only four countries which still have poliomyelitis - India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Africa.

Just an extract of what she said as follows:

"I have often dreamed about being a trustee, but I never dreamed it would come true "says Carolyn Jones, Rotary International trustee. But sometimes dreams do come true as they did last year when 2005-06 RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer appointed Jones along with Peter Bundgaared and Jonathan B. Majiyagbe, to serve on the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees, beginning 1 st July 2005. As anyone who knows Jones can tell you, however wishing had little to do with her receiving the appointment.

A member of the Rotary Club of Anchorage East, Alaska, USA, since 1987, Jones has served RI as district governor, RI training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, task force member and vice chair, and committee member. She is also a two –time Council on Legislation representative. Before retiring in 1998, Jones spent 23 years as assistant attorney

general for the State of Alaska Attorney General's office and seven years as its supervising attorney. Her appointment as trustee marks the first time a woman has been named to this position since The Rotary Foundation was formed 88 years ago.

No stranger to what can be accomplished through the Foundation, Jones raised more than US\$620,000 to fund 30 humanitarian projects for needy children in Russia during her year as governor of District 5010 (Yukon Territory, Canada, Eastern Russia, Alaska, USA) The plight of these youngsters, many of them orphans, came to her attention during a 1997 visit to the pediatric cancer ward of a neglected hospital in the Siberian city of Tomsk.

As a trustee, Jones will be able to help other Rotarians fulfill their dreams of imposing the lives of those in need through the many programmes of the Foundation. "I know some people would like to be RI presidents and some people would like to be RI directors.....but really the job I thought was the best was to be a trustee," she explains. "It's the heartbeat of Rotary, it's what we're all about."

The temperature is so low that she got a bad cough during her sojourn in Hong Kong. She had a lot to promote the Foundation through preaching Rotary. We all wish her good health when she returns home.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. We had only one visitor this week, who was she and where did she come from?
Answer:
2. Who was our appointed SAA this week and how much was the collection?
Answer:
3. Pres. Paul made three announcements, briefly name them.
Answer:
4. Who was our guest speaker today? What Rotary club did he come from?
Answer:
5. Briefy what was his talk about?
Answer:
6. Who was the two candidates for RI Director 2008-2010 and who won?
Answer:
Name: Email:
Submit

Jokes

Joke at the Wal-Mart

One day, in line at the company cafeteria, Joe says to Mike behind him, "My elbow hurts like hell. I guess I'd better see a doctor."

"Listen, you don't have to spend that kind of money," Mike replies.

"There's a diagnostic computer down at Wal-Mart. Just give it a urine sample and the computer will tell you what's wrong and what to do about it.

It takes ten seconds and costs ten dollars . . A lot cheaper than a doctor."

So, Joe deposits a urine sample in a small jar and takes it to Wal-Mart.

He deposits ten dollars, and the computer lights up and asks for the urine sample. He pours the sample into the slot and waits.

Ten seconds later, the computer ejects a printout:

"You have tennis elbow. Soak your arm in warm water and avoid heavy activity. It will improve in two weeks. Thank you for shopping @ Wal-Mart."

That evening, while thinking how amazing this new technology was, Joe began wondering if the computer could be fooled.

He mixed some tap water, a stool sample from his dog, urine samples from his wife and daughter, and a sperm sample for good measure.

Joe hurries back to Wal-Mart, eager to check the results. He deposits ten dollars, pours in his concoction, and awaits the results.

The computer prints the following:

- 1. Your tap water is too hard. Get a water softener. (Aisle 9)
- 2. Your dog has ringworm. Bathe him with anti-fungal shampoo. (Aisle 7)
- 3. Your daughter has a cocaine habit. Get her into rehab.
- 4. Your wife is pregnant. Twins. They aren't yours. Get a lawyer.
- 5. If you don't stop playing with yourself, your elbow will never get better!

Thank you for shopping @Wal-Mart

Photographs of our meeting

on

10th January, 2007



Our guest speaker today was DGN Albert Wong speaking to us about Tax Exemptions and our Club Constitution and By-Laws.



 $(L\ to\ R)\ PDG\ Uncle\ Peter,\ DGN\ Albert\ W.\ K.\ Wong\ (KW),\ Pres.\ Paul.$



(L to R) Hon Sec Andy, Rtn Nancy Yee (Vancouver Chinatown), PP Stephen.



(L to R) PP's J.L., and Rudy.



 $(L\ to\ R)\ R\ tn\ Herman,\ IPP\ Eddy,\ Rtn\ Heman,\ Dir.\ Norman.$



 $(L\ to\ R)\ R\ tn\ Ke\ nny,\ PP's\ George,\ Hubert,\ Tim,\ He\ nry,\ Dir.\ Jason.$



Our group photo of our members with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Paul, Guest speaker, visiting Rotarian on 10th January 2007.

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