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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 -

4th February, 2009

The first luncheon meeting in the Year of OX was called to order by Pres. Andy Wong at 1 pm. We had welcome back to Rtn Peter Yeung & PDG YK Cheng. Pres. Andy did the make-up birthday gift presentation & birthday song to PDG YK accordingly. PP Henry Chan was very generous to supply the Mark-Six "Red Packet" to every one joining the luncheon, which might turn out to be a really big "Laisee" from the Mark Six jackpot on the coming Thursday night.

We had a visiting Rotarian, PP James Cunningham from RC Templestowe, Victoria of Australia. Pres. Andy made a presentation of our club banner to PP James. There were two visitors, being the Speaker, Ms Laura Wong, an ambassadorial scholar from District 5320 (Southern California) attending the HKU this year as well as Mr. Edward Walneck (also from HKU), the ambassadorial scholar being hosted by Hong Kong Island East.

Acting SAA Rudy reported the Red Box collection was HK\$1,200 with a generous contribution from PDG YK, and 11 Rotarians.

PP Eddy introduced Laura Wong to us, her topic was "Music to medicine: some notes on science". Laura attended the University of Southern California (USC) with a double major of music (piano) and biology. Laura had the sponsorship from the Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club, California (District 5320) and with her R.I. scholarship to study for a Master of Public Health degree at HKU, with a concentration in Infectious Disease Epidemiology & Control. Upon her completion of the MPH degree, Laura planned to pursue her MD program at the Northwestern University in Chicago thereafter.

Laura presented her family background, being the third generation of an ethnic Chinese family, living in Southern California, Orange Country, a place being famous for their citrus fruit, the Hollywood Studio and also a hub of highway and railway transport in the West Coast. Laura spent one year in Mandarin study and she shared with us her family photos (an extended family tree from both of her parents), and Laura suggested her community being enriched by both Spanish and Roman Catholic influence.

Laura's music interest being piano performance, and now mostly as a hobby; and Laura took on an assistant director role from the Children's Choir at the St. John's (Anglican) Cathedral in Hong Kong. Whereas her interest in Biological Science had led her to pursue a career in public health, with a wider scope and focus to the community issues such as tropical diseases (tuberculosis, polio etc) and popular diseases (diabetes and heart attacks etc).

Laura attributed her success to obtain the RI scholarship being related to her research interest in Polio and her previous research work on polio-virus replication at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda.

Her HKU thesis would be entitled "Effects of Influenza Vaccination and Temperature Screening of Day Care Children - A Mathematical Model". The research topic of Laura was stimulated by her six years old young sister, being in the child care center and was contracted with influenza occasionally. Laura would like to see some statistical model being established and to measure the significant effects from variables such as child isolation (after temperature screening in the child care centre) and vaccination.

Hong Kong seemed to be a right place for Laura research work as the HKSAR Government had since the November of 2008 launched a flu vaccination programme and flu vaccination subsidy scheme, about 270,000 and 80,000 doses of flu vaccines have been administered to eligible target groups. The HK flu vaccination subsidy schemes would run until March 31 of 2009. Therefore real data could be accessible through the Public Health Department.

When Laura was being asked her impression of her USC vs. HKU studies, she found her undergraduate programme at USC being more teaching oriented, whereas her graduate work at HKU was more research oriented and with lots of research materials to digest. Nevertheless, Laura appreciated the HKU teaching faculty's British humour and got along well with her fellow students.

Laura shared us a warm experience in her Shanghai visit, Shanghai being the birth place of her Grand Mother, so Laura was equipped with a valuable tool (the hand drawn map from her Grand Mother's memory) to search for those places of interest; as a result Laura reported back to her Grand Mother about her first hand witness of those changes in Shanghai. Laura had a wonderful presentation and the floor had responded with interesting questions about her studies. Our members thanked Laura in our usual Rotarian manners.

Pres. Andy ended the luncheon on time and reminded us the PP John Kwok golf tournament on February 6 (Friday morning) in Fanling and dinner at CCC. Regarding the next week programme, it would be arranged by Rtn Nancy on the "Fung Shui" topic related to the Year of OX.

Pres. Andy made a toast to RI, coupled with the RC of Templestowe, Victoria, Australia and the members and guests were invited to stay for a group photo.

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## Rotary Potpourri

### Exciting News from DGE Ada Cheng In International Assembly, San Diego.

"I am very excited to share with you the news that Bill Gates announced to attendees at the International Assembly this morning that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed an additional US\$255 million to Rotary International to help end polio worldwide. Rotary will raise another \$100 million, bringing the total that the two organizations have pledged to the polio eradication effort to \$555 million.

The two Gates Foundation challenge grants now total \$355 million. Rotary International's matching effort in response is called Rotary's Million Challenge, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

Bill Gates's appearance was rather unexpected to all of us, especially to the District Governors-elect, who attended the International Assembly. It was a wonderful experience to hear from himself directly about his trip to India.

The British and German governments to-day also committed a total of \$280 million in new funds to fight polio.

DGE Ada (from San Diego)"

#### Club's News

(1) Rtn. M Ates Yucel, former member of our club, who resigned on 20th June 2002 and returned to Turkey, has joined the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Sisli of District 2420, phoned back during the Lunar New Year to send his best greetings to our old members for a bright and prosperous year of the Ox.

(2) Our PP David K. F. Li suffered a slight injury while playing golf at the Palm Island Golf Course, in China. We all wish him a rapid recuperation and participate at the John Kwok Golf Tournament.

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## Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

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| 1. Who were our visiting guests today ?<br>Ans)  |
| 2. Who were welcomed back by President Andy ?<br>Ans)  |
| 3. Who was our birthday boy celebrated today ?<br>Ans)   |
| 4. What were distributed by PP Henry to our attending members in the luncheon meeting ?<br>Ans)  |
| 5. How much we have collected for the Red Box ?<br>Ans)  |
| 6. Who was our speaker and what was the topic about ?<br>Ans)  |
| 7. How much more the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have recently contributed to Rotary International to help end polio worldwide ?<br>Ans) |

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## Joke

***Subject: Really Drunk***

A man goes to a party and has too much to drink.

His friends plead with him to let them take him home. He says NO -- he only lives a mile away.

About five blocks from the party, the police pull him over. They check his license and ask him to get out of the car and walk the line.

Just as he starts, the police radio blares out a notice of a robbery taking place in a house around the block.

The police tell the party animal to stay put, they'll be right back and they run around the corner to the robbery.

The guy waits and waits and finally decides to drive home. When he gets there, he tells his wife he is going to bed, and to tell anyone who might come looking for him that he has the flu and has been in bed all day.

A few hours later the police knock on the door.

They ask if Mr. Smith is there and his wife says yes. They ask to see him and she replies that he is in bed with the flu and has been there all day.

The police still have his driver's license. They ask to see his car and she asks why.

They insist on seeing his car, so she takes them to the garage.

She opens the door. There, sitting in the garage is the police car, with all its lights still flashing.

True story; told by the driver at his first AA meeting.

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## **Photographs of our meeting**

**on**

**4th February, 2009**



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Ambassadorial Scholar - Laura Wong & Pres. Andy Wong



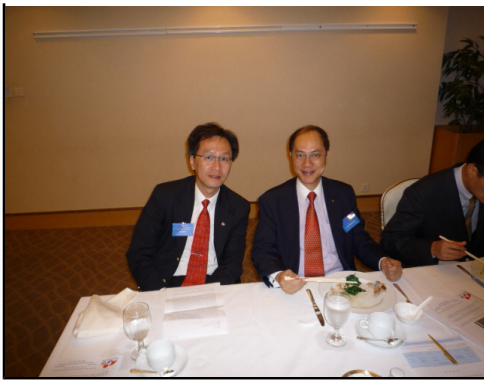
Hon. Sec. Heman Lam, visiting Rotarian PP James Cunningham from Rotary Club of Templestowe, Australia and Ambassadorial Scholar Eddie Walneck



(L to R) Dir. Nancy Yee, Rtn. Colin Chau & Rtn. Anthony Kwong



(L to R) PP Hubert Chan, PP Henry Chan & Rtn. Peter Yeung



(L to R) PP Eddy Wong IPP Laurence Chan



(L to R) PDG YK Cheng & PP Rudy Law



Pres. Andy presented a birthday gift to PDG YK Cheng



Pres. Andy presented our club banner to PP James Cunningham from RC of Templestowe, Victoria, Australia



PP Eddy Wong introduced the speaker



Our speaker, Ambassadorial Scholar, Laura Wong from Southern California



Group photo with visiting Rotarian, Ambassadorial Scholars and members

