



TUNG FENG

香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

Last week's Proceedings -

30th January, 2008

President Laurence chaired the luncheon meeting starting at 1.18 p.m. and welcomed everyone attending the meeting. He then made a special welcome to PP Tim Lui and led the floor to congratulate him for his recent successful election as a member of the **National People's Congress** (全國人民代表大會), the highest state body and only legislative house in the [People's Republic of China](#).

Then PE Andy Wong was asked to formally introduce our visiting Rotarian and guest being Mr. Munya Chiura from the Rotary Club of New Tampa in Florida, USA and Rotarianne Jennie Ma, the wife of our President Laurence. They all received a big round of applause from our members. President Laurence presented a Club banner to our visiting Rotarian who was asked to briefly introduce his Club to us.

We have a birthday boy today, who is our Rotarian Tony Loy. PP Tim Lui was asked to lead all of us to sing the birthday song to Tony who received a big round of applause and warm greetings from our members.

SAA Heman then announced the Red Box collection of today being HKD 1,000.

President Laurence then reminded us again that the meeting on 6th February 2008, the day of the Chinese New Year eve, would be cancelled.

We were all reminded to bring along our friends and family members and come early at 12pm on 13th February, 2008, being our first meeting after the Chinese New Year, to have a celebration for the beginning of Lunar New Year with activities specially organized by Rotarian Nancy. Lucky prizes will be given to all participants this time. This will also be a good opportunity for our members and their friends and family members to meet for fellowship. Members were urged to email to our Hon. Secretary Norman Lee about their intended participation on or before 6th February for early booking of a bigger room for our meeting.

President Laurence then announced the speaker of today, being our PDG Uncle Peter, who was introduced as our 'walking encyclopedia' to talk to us about Rotary. His speech is summarized as follows:

The R.I. theme of this Rotary Year is "Rotary Shares" hence I am sharing with all of you about the Rotary knowledge. This is a rather dry subject but it is worthwhile to know about it, especially the leaders of the club.

- I wish to touch on the weak point of Rotary nowadays. We are loosing members all over the Rotary world though we induct female members. At present, we have 58 Rotary clubs in our district 3450 with a membership of around 1700. Some of the clubs have less than 10 members. RI has been suggesting to merge the small clubs, but somehow, it does not materialize with various reasons, such as finance and names of the club. We can maintain the number of members of 1700 is just by creating new clubs, such as R/C of Metropolitan HK and HK Financial Centre as well as Taipa in Macau. Monthly attendance of our club ranked around the 30th place. The best attendance club goes to R/C of Kowloon East. For HKIE, we have inducted three new members during this Rotary year.**
- As announced in 2007 at the Salt Lake City R.I. Convention by General Secretary Ed Futa, the percentage of clubs having meeting worldwide is as follows:**

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| Lunch meeting..... | 35% |
| Breakfast meeting..... | 10% |
| Dinner meeting..... | 46% |
| Coffee meeting..... | 9% |
| | 100% |
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Coffee meeting means no food provided which is to minimize cost. Some of the meetings are held in club-house instead of hotels which are quite acceptable. Rotary has about 1.2 millions members throughout the world, divided into more than 500 districts and 34 Zones, spread out in more than 165 countries and regions with approximately 31,000 Rotary clubs under the umbrella of Rotary International.

- R.I. dues and District Dues should be paid promptly semi-annually, failing which, the club is not in good standing and could be suspended or terminated.**

A change in calculating Rotary Pro-rata Dues has been recently adopted. Formerly, pro-rata dues were only paid for members who joined a club after 1st October or 1st April of each semi-annual period. At present, each new member will be billed at 1/12 the annual rate for each full month of club membership.

4. The attendance rule should be observed by all members except those excused by the board, or reached the "magic" figure of 85. Attending other Rotary Club's meeting or any meetings on district levels, or Interact and Rotaract clubs, plus overseeing a Rotary project are considered make-up attendance. The easy way for a make up attendance is to brow through the E-Club at any time convenient to you for at least 30 minutes. Home club attendance must be 30% half-yearly. A mah jong game or golf tournament by a group of members is not considered as make-up attendance. In case of doubt, please refer to the District Governor.

It is not mandatory to have a Rotary identity card for each member. For good order sake, our club issued half yearly an identity card to each member. Member may be asked to produce an identity card when making up overseas.

5. I like to turn to the subject of The Rotary Foundation. Every Rotarian Every Year means that each member pays US\$100 per year to the Foundation until it reaches the full amount of a Paul Harris Fellow which means ten years. A straight contribution of US\$1000 qualifies for a Paul Harris Fellow. Additional US\$1000 qualifies for a multiple PHF. Recognition pins and medals will be awarded according to the amount contributed. Total accumulation of PHF contributions up to US\$10,000,- qualifies for a Major Donor.

The Rotary Foundation received a US\$100 million Gates Foundation Challenge Grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar for dollar, over a period of three years.

The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication. Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history and we are committed to helping reach that goal.

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102- year history. Since 1985, Rotary has made polio eradication its top priority and has contributed US\$633 million to the effort.

Rotarians world wide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point and it is rewarding to see our approach in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We hope that this shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation will challenge other donors, including foundations, governments, and non-governmental organizations, to step up and make sure we have the resources needed to rid the world of polio once and for all.

Although the initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries, viz. Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. Polio cases represented by that final 1 percent are the most costly to prevent, due to the geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict, cultural and other factors.

To cut the long story short, I ask you all to note that PP Hubert Chan is our Club Rotary Foundation Chairman, any donations you wish to make will be much appreciated, just put up your hands and we shall do the rest.

Some of you may ask the question why should we send our money to the United States instead of using it locally. Please understand that every dollar we remit to The Rotary Foundation, 50 cents will come back to our district's usage for the promotion of Rotary projects locally. This is called District Designated Fund (DDF) open for all Rotary clubs' application. This DDF fund is managed by a district committee under the guidelines of the District Governor. The other 50 cents of your contribution will be used by the Foundation for Humanitarian, Educational, Peace programs and etc.

I am open for questions now which I will try to answer to your satisfaction.

After the speech there were many rounds of questions from the floor and they were all answered thoroughly by PDG Uncle Peter. President Laurence formally thanked our PDG Uncle Peter for his informative speech followed by a big round of applause from our members and guests to thank our speaker.

Meeting was then adjourned at 2:03 pm with Pres. Laurence proposed a toast to Rotary International, coupled with the Rotary Club of New Tampa, USA. All participants were invited for a group photo afterwards.

Rotary Potpourri

Latest Rotary News

The incoming RI President is Dong Kurn LEE for the year 2008-2009 and the RI theme is 'MAKE DREAMS REAL'. He is a Korean. The RI Convention of his year will be held in Birmingham, UK.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Who was specially welcomed today and why?

Answer:

2. Which Club and where was our visiting Rotarian coming from?

Answer:

3. Who was our visiting guest today?

Answer:

4. How much we have collected for the Red Box?

Answer:

5. Which date was announced as our next meeting?

Answer:

6. Who was our speaker today and what was the topic about?

Answer:

7. How many Rotary Clubs and how many Rotarians we have in District 3450 as of today?

Answer:

8. What are the four different kinds of meetings we usually have worldwide amongst Rotarians?

Answer:

9. Since 1985 how much money Rotary has contributed to eradicate polio?

Answer:

10. Who is our Incoming RI President for the year 2008-2009 and where is he from?

Answer:

11. What is the theme for the year 2008 -2009?

Answer:

12. Where will be the RI Convention held for the year 2008-2009?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo,(and he doesn't travel light), the driver noticed that the Pope was still standing on the curb at the Rome Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino Airport.

'Excuse me, Your Holiness,' said the driver, 'Would you please take your seat so we can leave?' 'Well, to tell you the truth,' said the Pope, 'they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and I'd really like to drive today.'

I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen?' protested the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning. 'Who's going to tell?' said the Pope with a smile!

Reluctantly, the driver got into the back as the Pope climbed in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regretted his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floored it, accelerating the limo to 205 k.p.h. (Remember, the Pope is German.)

'Please slow down, Your Holiness!' pleaded the worried driver, but the Pope kept the pedal to the metal until they heard sirens.

'Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my license -- and my job!' moaned the driver. The Pope pulled over and rolled down the window as the cop approached, but the cop took one look at him, went back to his motorcycle, and got on the radio.

'I need to talk to the Chief,' he said to the dispatcher. The Chief got on the radio and the cop told him that he's stopped a limo going at 205 k.p.h.

'So bust him,' said the Chief. 'I don't think we want to do that, he's really important,' said the cop. The Chief exclaimed, ' All the more reason!'

'No, I mean really important,' said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, 'Who do you have there, the mayor?' Cop: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'A senator?' Cop: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'The Prime Minister?' Cop: 'Bigger.'

Well,' said the Chief, 'Who is it?'

Cop: 'I think it's God!'

The Chief was even more puzzled and curious, 'What makes you think it's God?'

Cop: 'His chauffeur is the Pope!'

Photographs of our meeting on

30th January, 2008





Pres. Laurence congratulates our birthday boy, Rtn Tony Loy. PP Tim Lui led the birthday song.



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Group photo of members & guests

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