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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 -**

**20th January, 2010**

President Norman began the meeting at 1:00pm and warmly greeted all attended members and guests. He heartily welcomed back PP George, and extended his welcome to visiting guests -- the speaker of the day, Ambassadorial Scholar Miss Ashley Allman, visiting Rotarian Ms. Joanna Li from Rotary Club of St. Ive's and her brother Mr. Sonny Li from Rotary Club of Causeway Bay.

President Norman then announced the following:

1. There is only one vacancy left for Uncle John Cup which is to be held at Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling on coming Friday, 22 January; fellowship dinner, starting at 7:30pm, will be held at CRC, Causeway Bay in the evening. P Norman urged all members, family and friends to join this wonderful event and register with Hon. Secretary Dr. Eric Chin.
2. P Norman and PP Henry together with their spouses Rotarianne Isa and Rotarianne May attended the wedding ceremony of the son of Rtn. Kishu in Bangkok. They have represented the Club and delivered the warmest congratulations to Rtn. Kishu and the wedding couple together with members wedding gifts.
3. President Norman encouraged all members again to join the Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup that will be held on 3rd February at Happy Valley. Cost per person being HK\$600, and he extended his best wishes to all members who joined and participated in the betting game.
4. Members who have not submitted their membership dues are again reminded to pay the club dues and prepaid luncheons before the end of the month.

Acting SAA Hon. Treasurer Colin reported the red box donation, which will go to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, with a total amount of HK\$10,900, and thanked all contributors with special thanks to P Norman, PP Tim Lui, PP John and PE Heman for their handsome contributions.

HS Eric then proceeded to the podium to introduce speaker Miss. Ashley Allman, Ambassadorial Scholar of 2009-10, sponsored by Rotary Club of Ottumwa, District 6000, who arrived in September last year, actively involved in Rotary activities in Hong Kong, and recently joined District's NID (National Immunization Day for Polio) program in India; Miss Allman will share her experience as an Ambassadorial Scholar and her recent experience.

Miss Allman began by thanking our club giving her the opportunity to introduce herself, her homeland and her experience. She is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by RI District 6000 and the Ottumwa Rotary Club and is currently hosted by Rotary Club of Mid-Level.

Miss Allman came from Iowa, an agricultural state in the US with a population of 3 million, with 88% farmland, the state is a leading producer in corn, pigs, and soybeans in the nation. Ashley said that she loves warm weather, but where she came from the weather is unpredictable - very cold winters and hot & humid summers. Her hometown, Eddyville, Iowa has a population 1,100 people, and she actually live on a farm outside of Eddyville. Eddyville is known for its plants of Cargill and Ajinomoto.

Ashley grew up on farm most of her life. Their farmland has 200 acres, raising and selling cattle; they also grow and sell corn and soybeans. She has an amazing family - her father, a semi-driver and farmer, her mother a hospital secretary, 3 sisters with herself being one of the twin, 8 nieces and nephews. Family is very important to her and she is very excited to return home to share with them her experiences.

She attended and graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and received Bachelor of Science degree in May 2009 in Agricultural Biology. During her university life, Ashley involved in many clubs and organization while at Iowa State University, including three study abroad trips (to Australia, Spain, and Sweden). She is passionate about studying abroad because without it she would not be in Hong Kong on a Rotary Scholarship now.

Ashley first found out about Rotary almost two years ago when she applied for this scholarship, and it is at that moment that she learned that Rotary is such an amazing organization! At her Outbound Scholar Orientation last year before coming to HK she was told this by a Rotarian: "The amount of money is minor compared to the contribution you will make..." It's an amazing feeling knowing that we all believe in them so much and invest in them so that they can give back to the community now and also for the rest of their lives.

Ashley then talked about her Sponsoring Club- Ottumwa Rotary Club. The Rotary Club of Ottumwa has 113 members; the club provides college scholarships for local students, dictionaries for primary school students, projects involving keeping the city of Ottumwa "beautiful". The Sponsor District: District 6000 has 63 clubs and about 4,500 Rotarians.

Here in HK, she is attending The Chinese University of Hong Kong as a student in Master of Arts in Anthropology (the study of cultures). While in Hong Kong, Ashley has been involved with many activities, including: many charity balls, DRFS in September, District Golf Tournament, Coastal Clean-up with Rotary Club of Wan Chai (beach clean-up), event with RC of the Peak with women and children in a shelter, Anti-Drugs project with Rotaract Clubs, carnival/games event with host club (Rotary Club of Mid-Level; host counselor is IPP Shirley Kong) that promoted healthy living to kids, working with her former university to raise money for AFS (Alliance for Smiles) and their upcoming missions (surgery on children and adults with cleft pallets), NIDs in India in January 2010, she also plans to start teaching English to some local students.

Ashley passionately shared her experience with NIDs in India. NID was the most amazing thing she has ever experienced - being able to change the life of a child (multiple children) with just two drops of a polio vaccine is absolutely priceless. She reiterated her commitment to Rotary by saying that "My future as a Rotarian is a definite because Rotary is amazing!!"

Living in HK, according to Ashley, is so different from home in terms of the city life and the food. She currently sharing a flat that is 395 sq feet with another scholar... so much smaller than home! But she has adjusted well. The food is so different too. She was seriously expecting the Chinese food that she got at home (fried rice with beef and broccoli), but that wasn't the case! Living in a city with 7 million, riding the crowded MTR on a daily basis, and being the minority has been such a rewarding experience. She can't wait for the remainder of her time here and to get involved in various local and international club projects!

PP Laurence was then invited to thank Miss Ashley Allman. He reiterated that The Future of Rotary is indeed in our hands as Miss Allman is becoming a Rotarian very soon. He thanked her sharing Iowa with us and he encouraged her to join forces in projects in Hong Kong. P Norman then exchanged banner with Miss Allman.

President Norman announced that the speaker next week would be our ex PP Anthony Conway, who will be talking to us on the topic of "Review of East Asian Game and the prospects of Asian Game in 2019"

President Norman then proposed a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Ottumwa, St. Ives, Causeway Bay and Hong Kong Island East.

There being no other businesses, the luncheon meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.

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## **Rotary Potpourri**

### **Rotary International Theme for 2010-2011**

During the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly, RI President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith announced the 2010-2011 RI theme as follows :

### **Building Communities - Bridging Continents**

#### **Club News**

The Uncle John Golf Cup competition which was played off at the Old Course of the Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling on 22nd January 2010 was successfully completed and the results are as follows:

*Low Gross Scores*

1. David Li
2. Heman Lam
3. Norman Lee

*Low Net Scores*

1. John Kwok
2. Peter Hall
3. Stephen Liu

Longest Drive (9th Hole) : David Li

Longest Drive (17th Hole) : Heman Lam

Shortest Drive (9th Hole) : William Wong

Shortest Drive (17th Hole) : Peter Hall

Closest to the Pin (3rd Hole) : Rudy Law

Booby prize : Eric Chin

Two tables of Chinese dinner were arranged at the Chinese Recreation Club, in the evening when the golf players and non-golfing members with family attended with a triumphant spirit over the tables served with old vintage of Red Wine. The happiest man was the winner of the tournament - Uncle John for the second time winner in succession. The prizes will be awarded to the winners at our Rotary Lunch meeting on 26th January 2010 at Regal HK Hotel.

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## 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 guests visiting us today ?

Ans)

2. Who was welcomed back ?

Ans)

3. Name any two announcements made by Pres. Norman during the meeting today ?

Ans)

4. What was the Red Box collection today and what will it be dedicated for ?

Ans)

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

Ans)

6. Who was asked to introduce the speaker to us ?

Ans)

7. Who was asked to thank the speaker for us ?

Ans)

8. who was invited to talk to us on the coming luncheon meeting on 27 January 2010 ?

Ans)

## Joke

### Business Logic

Father: I want you to marry a girl of my choice

Son: 'I will choose my own bride!'

Father: 'But the girl is Bill Gates's daughter.'

Son: 'Well, in that case.....ok'

Next Father approaches Bill Gates.

Father: 'I have a husband for your daughter.'

Bill Gates: 'But my daughter is too young to marry!'

Father: 'But this young man is a vice-president of the World Bank.'

Bill Gates: 'Ah, in that case...ok'

Finally Father goes to see the president of the World Bank.

Father: 'I have a young man to be recommended as a vice-president.'

President: 'But I already have more vice- presidents than I need!'

Father: 'But this young man is Bill Gates's son-in-law.'

President: 'Ah, in that case...ok'

This is how business is done!!

Moral: Even If you have nothing, You can get Anything. But your attitude should be positive.

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**Photographs of our meeting**

**on**

**20th January, 2010**





A group of Rotarian led by Pres. Norman to welcome our Ambassadorial Scholar - Ms Ashley Allman



PP George Leung, Rtn. Joanne Li from RC of St. Ives, Australia & IPP Andy Wong



Ambassadorial Scholar - Ashley Allman, Dir. Nancy Yee & Pres. Norman Lee



PP Laurence Chan & Rtn. Kenny Chan



Dir Nancy Yee, PE Heman Lam & Rtn. Tony Loy



PP Tim Lui & PP Rudy Law



PP Stephen Liu & PP John Kwok



PDG Peter Hall & Ambassadorial Scholar



Rtn. Joanne from RC of St. Ives, David Li from RC of Causeway Bay & PP Tim Lui



Pres. Norman Lee exchange banner with Ambassadoria Scholar Ashley Allman



Group photos with members & visiting Rotarian

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