

Last week's Proceedings -

8th February, 2006

President Eddy greeted everyone for a Happy Year of the Dog on our first luncheon after the Chinese New Year. Welcome back to Rtn Samuel who was back from Sydney and Rtn Eric who was back from New Zealand.

Our visiting Rotarian was our frequent visitor: Rtn Benny Ratnani from RC Hong Kong North East. PP Tim introduced his guest Mr Peter Yeung and our guest speaker Mr Henry Cheng was properly introduced later.

Pres. Eddy announced the PEST training for PE Paul and Incoming Club Secretary Andy on February 11, 2006 (Saturday).

Regarding the PDG Peter Hall golf tournament to be held on February 28 (Tuesday) in Fanling, our members can contact PP David Li for registration and details.

Meanwhile, PP Hubert reported the SSA collection of HK\$1,100 for the day. IPP Rudy contributed the Mark-Six "Lai See" to all members and guest attending the luncheon.

Rtn Eric performed his duty to formally introduce Mr Henry Cheng, our guest speaker for "Fung Shui about the Year of Dog". Mr Cheng was born in Shantou, China and undertook his formal feng shui training from a learned teacher when Henry was just about 20 years old. Mr Cheng widely traveled and his fame was known in the Feng Shui circle and thereafter doing consultancy to many local firms and even government organizations.

According to Mr Cheng, there would be a few general Feng Shui and fortune aspects in 2006:

* Mr Cheng expected the first half of 2006 would be good feng shui for HK but urged people to watch out for a turning point between August 2006 - August 2007. Mr Cheng expected the major industries in HK such as for property development and finance should be doing well as usual.

* The year of Dog should also be a good time for young people getting married "double spring" and leap month). For those who were born in the Year of Dog (e.g. HKSAR Chief Executive), they tend to look forward to 2006 as a year of many changes.

* Mr Cheng alerted us to watch out for the directions of the North, and South-east. There might be imminent risk such as for water, fire and disease etc.

* Mr Cheng explained about mis-conceptions for the possible "offending the Tai Sui" [Note: - Tai Sui is presumably of an intangible star which moves directly opposite of the planet Jupiter. When translated from Chinese, the Tai Sui is known as the Yearly God. There is a total of 60 Tai Sui.] - That Mr Cheng commented the Chinese Horoscope - personal stake (birthday and time) is more relevant to luck / risk factors.

Classification	Chinese Zodiac Sign
Offend	Dog
Clash	Dragon
Conflict	Ox & Goat

* Mr Cheng also explained as a matter of fact - why people even born on same birthday and time (presumably affecting life quality) would have different luck - because of the environmental (Feng Shui) factors differ. As good quality people might as well be hindered in backward environment.

During the Q&A time, PP Tim asked about the Feng Shui of China, that of course affect Hong Kong people as well. Mr Cheng explained that China (using the world map) is in middle of the world, though slightly closer to north_west; therefore China is overall in a good geography (said to be man_cheong position), and the environment facilitates China in both international trade and diplomatic exchange.

Again, PP Hubert asked about the Feng Shui of Taiwan President (Chen), that Mr Cheng indicated that it was difficult to tell about Chen's

personal fortune (as there seemed to be conflicting sources about Chen's birth data).

Pres. Eddy presented Mr Cheng a Polaroid photo of himself in action and IPP Rudy thanked our speaker Mr Cheng for his logical explanations in many feng shui aspects for the general interest.

Next week speaker would be our PP Tim, The subject of his talk is "The 2006-2007 Budget" and Pres. Eddy ended the meeting by making toast to RI coupled with RC of Hong Kong North East. There was group photo before the meeting adjourned.

Rotary Information

Rotary in China

The following questions were frequently asked by Rotary members but very few answers were considered satisfactory, e.g.,

- 1) When will the two clubs in China be chartered ?
- 2) Why other organization of the similar nature like Rotary be allowed to function freely and not Rotary clubs;
- 3) Are the two provisional Rotary clubs in China included in district 3450?

The news release dated 22nd January 2006 from RI Special Representative to China, Christopher Bo Bramsen served a perfect answer as follows:

"In November 2005, the Rotary International Board of Directors decided that the People's Republic of China fulfills the criteria for opening to the extension of Rotary clubs.

The RI Board requested the President of Rotary International, Mr. Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, to appoint a Rotarian as Special Representative for a three year term to provide guidance for Rotary in China, Ambassador Christopher Bo Bramsen has accepted this appointment.

1. Government Relations: As one of his most important responsibilities, the RI Special Representative to China will pursue the official registration of Rotary clubs in China and address other governmental issues with Chinese officials as needed.

The Special Representative has appointed an Advisory Committee, chaired by Serge Dumont, Past President of the Rotary Club of Beijing (provisional), to assist him in his role as Rotary International's liaison with Chinese government officials. The members of the committee will serve for a three-year term (2005-2008).

Many major and important Rotary projects have been carried out in China during the last 20 years. Furthermore, Rotarians from abroad who live in China have formed two Rotary clubs in Beijing and Shanghai. These two clubs composed of non -PRC nationals, have functioned on a provisional basis as forerunners for future Rotary clubs, while official registration is pending. Regulations governing non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that would allow Rotary to properly register are currently going through the legislation process in the People's Republic of China.

The chartering of the Rotary clubs in Beijing and Shanghai during the first part of 2006 is considered to be an internal procedure in Rotary, and will not change their status vis-à-vis the Chinese Authorities. RIP Stenhammar will visit China during the month of May and present the two clubs with their charter documents.

2. Guidance to Rotary clubs: In addition to pursuing official registration of Rotary clubs in China, Special Representative Bramsen has been asked to provide guidance to the Rotary clubs in China, in a capacity similar to the role of a district governor, and report on this work directly to the RI president. Rotary is not officially registered in China, and at this time the two clubs are not assigned to any Rotary district. No new provisional clubs in the PRC are considered for the time being.

The Special Representative has put together a Rotary China Team (separate from the SR Advisory Committee) that, for a three-year period, will function like a district leadership team to coordinate public relations, finance, RI programs, Rotary Foundation activities, extension, membership development and training. Serge Dumont will serve as the deputy team leader."

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Electronic Make-up Questions

1. We had a frequent visitor to our club, What is his name and which Rotary Club does he come from?

Answer:

2. Pres Eddy made an announcement on the PETS training, who are the two officers from our club should attend? What is the date of this event?

Answer:

3. Who is our guest speaker today and what is the subject of his talk?

Answer:

4. Today's Rotary Information is on Rotary in China, RIP Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer appointed whom to be his Special Representative.?

Answer:

5. This Special Representative have two important responsibilities What is the most important one?

Answer:

6. The Special Representative has appointed an Advisory Committee chaired by a PP of the Rotary Club of Beijing, what is his name?

Answer:

Instruction:

Please copy these 6 questions click the following URL John Kwok and paste it to the email and answer these questions and then click send

Joke

First-year students at Med School were receiving their first Anatomy class with a real dead human body. They all gathered around the surgery table with the body covered with a white sheet.

The professor started the class by telling them: "In medicine, it is necessary to have 2 important qualities as a doctor. The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving the human body." For an example, the Professor pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger in the butt of the corpse, withdrew it and stuck his finger in his mouth."

Go ahead and do the same thing," he told his students. The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking a finger in the butt of the dead body and sucking on it.

When everyone had finished, the Professor looked at them and told them, "The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger and sucked on my index finger. Now learn to pay attention."

Photographs of our meeting

on

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Our guest speaker is Mr. Henry Cheng who spoke on the Fung Shui in the Year of the Dog.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Guest speaker Mr Henry Cheng, and Pres Eddy.

(L to R) Hon Sec. Andy, PP John IV and PE Paul Chan.



Pres Eddy presenting our club banner to the guest speaker Mr. Henry Cheng and a photo of himself.



(L to R) IPP Rudy, Frequent visiting Rotarian Benny Ratnani (HKNE), PP JL and Rtn Sam Wong.



(L to R) PP Tim, Hon Tres. Laurence, PP Hubert, Dr. Tony, Rtn Eric and guest of PP Tim, Mr. Peter Yeung.



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