

## Last week's Proceedings -

# 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Pres. Paul opened the meeting early by asking Rtn Peter II to introduce visiting Rotarians and guests. He welcomed Rtn Frank Milford (Gloucestershire, UK) who also introduced his spouse Barbara, and Pres. Kalid Razack (HKNE). He then invited PP Rudy to introduce his guests who were Mr. Roy Chan, the brother of PP Hubert and his other guest Mr. Ken Tam both from Hong Kong.

Pres. Paul then announced that on our trophy presentation for the PDG Peter Hall Golf Tournament in the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> January that PP Tajwar was not able to attend. Therefore today we presented him his trophy for the "Low Gross Score Trophy".

Pres. Paul also announced that Rtn Dr. Tony is passing out pamphlets for the his talk on Rick Warren, the author of the best selling book "The Purpose-Driven Life" which may interest our members.

There were two birthday boys, namely PDG Y.K. Cheng and Rtn. Peter Yeung who donated handsomely to the red box. PP John Kwok was invited to lead the singing of the birthday song.

Pres. Paul then invited Rtn Frank to come up to receive our club banner as a memento of his visit.

Then Pres. Paul introduced our guest speaker for today as Dr. Eric Li who is the elder brother of our own PP David Li. Dr. Li is an accountant by profession and is the senior partner of his firm Li, Tang, Chen & Co. He was a member of the Legislative Council of the HKS AR (1991-2004). He has been appointed to many, many committees among them is the Chairman of the Hong Kong Sports Institute.

Dr Li started by saying hardly anyone know Eric Li as a sportsman and many people wonder why sports interested Eric Li. He said that since Hong Kong Government abolished the Sports Development Council and the Urban Council, the sport scene has really suffered. Secondly, in the past the sports scene has really made people proud of themselves in Hong Kong. These are the reasons that made him go into sports.

As a background to his talk he showed us a video on the Hong Kong Sport Institute. After wards his comments briefly is that the Hong Kong Sports Institute is a platform to promote sports in Hong Kong. He further commented that some of the sports stars from Hong Kong are already in the top 10 in world ranking. They not only help the young and up coming stars but also help some others who are older to get a further chance to compete in world rankings.

Also they have promoted training facilities. He said that the Hong Kong Government has already committed \$4 billion to him to rebuilt the Sports Institute within 5 years after realizing the importance of sports.

One thing he made clear to us is that sports are very big business worldwide. Places like Australia and UK it is a multi-million dollar business. For example the recent contract signed by David Beckham is a case in point. Even sports club are bought and sold like in the stock market. The point is government need not support it on a long terms basis. All government need to do is to start off the sport and it will run by itself. You can't treat our sportsman like welfare recipients. What they need is a chance to train and contribute their talents and after a few years they will retire from sports and then they will need a job. In fact in Australia many of their top ministers were former top athlete in their youth who were trained to be competitive in their life. This should be the target of the Institute in Hong Kong.

He further hopes that our top athletes can be a role model for our youth of today. The role model should not be like the skinny singers of the pop world. We want our role model to be strong, athletic and healthy. We should adopt a sport for our company image such as Chartered Bank sponsoring the Marathon, Hang Seng Bank for table tennis, and Bank of China for Badminton.

One big purpose of the Sports Institute will be the ability to retain our sports talents to stay in Hong Kong instead of being attracted to go overseas where their values are strongly sought after. The facilities can offer equal opportunities to our top athletes to perform for Hong Kong's own glory.

Dr. Li then asked for questions from the floor that he answered thoroughly.

Pres. Paul then presented the speaker with a photo of himself.

Pres Paul then asked Acting SAA PDG Uncle Peter to report on his harvest for today. He reported a collection of \$1,300.

Pres. Paul then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of Glouce stershire, UK and HKNE.

### **Rotary Information**

#### **December is Rotary Family Month**

In order to observe the Rotary Family Month, we have organized the Peter Hall Cup Golf Tournament on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to be played in the Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling within our club members. But due to unforeseen circumstances, we have to reschedule the tournament to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007. The players were divided into four flights teeing off in the early morning at Eden Course as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> flight composed of PP Henry Chan, PP George Leung and PP Stephen Liu;

2<sup>nd</sup> flight composed of PDG Peter Hall, PP Taj Shadikhan, PP Rudy Law and Rtn. Norman Lee;

3<sup>rd</sup> flight composed of PP Andrew Chen, PP Hubert Chan, Rtn. Eric Chin and Rtn.Heman Lam;

4<sup>th</sup> flight composed of PP John Kwok, Secretary Andy Wong and Paul Kan.(PP David Li was unable to join due to sudden illness)

The tournament played off with the Pieory system and the scores were computerized by PP Hubert Chan's office with the following result :

#### BEST GROSS SCORE

<u>Place</u>	Score	<u>Winner</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	91	Taj. Shadikhan
$2^{nd}$	97	George Leung
$3^{rd}$	101	Andrew Chen

#### BEST NET SCORE

<u>Place</u>	<u>Score</u>	Winner
1 <sup>st</sup>	76.4	He man Lam
$2^{nd}$	77	Hubert Chan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	78.6	Stephen Liu

All the contestants and families together with the non-golfers and families joined together for fellowship dinner at the Craigengower Cricket Club, Cause way Bay Hong Kong. Before the dinner, prizes were presented to the winners with various prizes for Longest Drive, nearest pin and also a bobby prize. PP Taj Shadikhan was unable to join the function, therefore, the best gross score prize was presented to him during our regular meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> instant by PDG Peter Hall assisted by PP John Kwok.

Just to bring you up-to-date of this tournament, a short history and the winners of all these years were enumerated hereunder.

This Uncle Peter Cup Golf Tournament was started in 1991 and the winner could keep the trophy for one year. A replica of the trophy was given to the winner for his keeping permanently.

Year	Winner
1991	Jack Lau
1993	Dave Cheung
1995	Samuel Wong
1996	Y. K. Cheng
1996	Dave Cheung
1998	Hubert Chan
1998	Taiwar Shadikhan
2001	Andrew Chen
2002	George Leung
2003	David Li
2004	David Li
2005	Tajwar Shadikhan
2006	David Li
2007	He man Lam

The above names were engraved on the trophy for record.

Three tables of Chinese dinner were arranged by PP Stephen Liu where we enjoyed fine fellowship among members and their family members. After filling our stomach with palatable food and nice wines, the party adjourned and we all went home at around 11.00 p.m.

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### **Electronic Make-up Questions**

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

1. Who introduced the visiting Rotarians today? What were their names and which club did they come from?

Answer:
2. Who were the two guests introduced by PP Rudy?
Answer:
3. Who were the two birthday boys today?
Answer:
4. Who was our guest speaker today? and what did he talk about?
Answer:
5. What was the SAA collection for today?
Answer:
6. What was the theme in the Rotary Calendar celebrating this month?
Answer:
7. What did we do in this month to promote the theme?
Answer:
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### Jokes

#### The Pope

A shy gentleman was preparing to board a plane when he heard that the Pope was on the same flight. "This is exciting," thought the gentleman. "I've always been a big fan of the Pope. Perhaps I'll be able to see him in person."

Imagine his surprise when the Pope sat down in the seat next to him for the flight. Still, the gentleman was too shy to speak to the Pontiff. Shortly after take-off, the Pope began a crossword puzzle. "This is fantastic," thought the gentleman. "I'm really good at crosswords. Perhaps, if the Pope gets stuck, he'll ask me for assistance."

Almost immediately, the Pope turned to the gentleman and said, "Excuse me, but do you know a four letter word referring to a woman that ends with the letters u-n-t?"

Only one word leapt to mind ...

"My goodness," thought the gentleman, "I can't tell the Pope that.

There must be another word." The gentleman thought for quite a while, then it hit him. Turning to the pope, the gentleman said, "I think the word you're looking for is 'aunt'."

"Of course," said the Pope. "Do you have an eraser?

## **Photographs of our meeting**

on

24<sup>th</sup> January, 2007

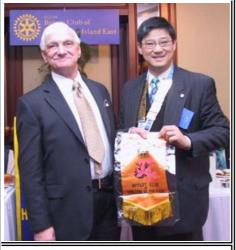


Our guest speaker was Dr. Eric Li, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Sports Institute who spoke to us about the sports scene in Hong Kong.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Dr. Eric Li, Pres. Paul.





Rtn Frank receiving one of our club banner from Pres. Paul.



Our two birthday boys are PDG Y.K. and Rtn Peter II receiving their birthday present from Pres. Paul while PP's Tim and John IV lead the birthday song.



PP Tajwar receiving his Low Gross Score trophy from PDG Uncle Peter witnessed by PP John IV.



(L to R) Rtn. Peter II, guests of PP Rudy, Mr. Ken Tam, and Mr. Roy Chan, Rtn Dr. Tony, PP's Tim, Stephen, and Dir. Norman.



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