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## Last week's Proceedings -

**18th February, 2009**

President Andy welcomed our visiting Rotarians - PDG Anthony Hung from RC Taipo and Pres. Peter Pang from RC of New Territories. We were glad to have four guests, being Rotaractors from Lingnan University, IPP Manny Lee and President Jacky Chan; as well as the two Ambassadorial Scholars Mr Brian Hoffman and Mr Eddie Walneck, both from University of Hong Kong.

Welcome back to PP John Luk. Birthday Boy was our standard Rotarian Tony Loy, who picked Pres. Andy to be his birthday song leader.

Pres. Andy reported 11 of our members attending the District Conference in Macau this weekend. Also PP John Luk had kindly agreed to sing in our 55th Anniversary Dinner on April 3, 2009 (Friday night) at World Trade Club in Causeway Bay; when PP Hubert Chan had consented to perform violin to accompany PP John Luk's singing.

Meanwhile for the anniversary dinner, all RCHKIE members were free to attend and they could bring along their guest for a dinner cost of HK\$600 per person.

SAA Jackal reported that the Red Box collection was HK\$1,600, including handsome contribution (\$300) from the birthday boy Tony.

IPP Manny Lee of Lingnan University Rotaract Club (LNU) reported that their 2009 Valentine's Day fund raising activity for Lok Fu Elderly Home had successfully obtained HK\$15,000 through their efforts, and all hand made flowers were sold out.

Also the Rotaractors from LNU had visited the Choi Jun School bakery class and ordered 20 dozens of cookies from the school.

Pres. Andy exchanged banners with Pres. Peter Pang (RC of NT) and Mr Brian Hoffman (from Louisville of Kentucky District 6710, studying at HKU master's degree in international relations as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar).

Brian Hoffman introduced his home club from Louisville of Kentucky, a place many members knew for their fried chicken (KFC) and horse racing (Kentucky Derby).

Brian made a brief presentation on President George Bush who happened recently being ranked 36th in the list of popularity of the US presidency (out of 44).

Presumably, the September 11 terrorist attack to World Trade Center had somehow changed the ideology and action from Pres. Bush. When Bush's anti-terrorism action in Afghanistan was granted much rapport with United Nation sanctions and NATO military support, Bush was apparently giving more unilateral decision on his Iraq subsequent actions.

Nevertheless, Pres. Bush had a more positive relationship with Asia, known for his economic co-operation with China and lending strong support to the Beijing 2008 Olympics. Pres. Bush also made a clear stance on his decision not to support any political activities towards Taiwan independency movement.

Another Ambassadorial Scholar was Eddie Walneck (sponsored by Rotary Club of the Gila Valley, Arizona - District 5500), also studying the master program at HKU for international relationship and public affairs. Eddie contrasted the Obama approach with Bush, since the new presidency inauguration (January 20, 2009). Obama's change was more with his bi-partisan approach (willing to work with Republican party); focus on economy issues (stimulation plan); and involvement of multilateral dialogue with his allies.

Pres. Obama had a strong team including, VP Biden (ex-foreign relations committee chairman in the US Senates), Hillary Clinton, Gates for cabinet position, and Jones, Rice, Holbrooke, and Mitchell in his inner circle team.

Pres. Obama seemed to have more attention to Asia, as Hillary had her first overseas trip to cover Asia countries including South Korea, Japan, Indonesia and China. China was praised as a responsible economic power in the recent G7 summit and the China influence to contain North Korea missiles testing capability was also noted.

During the Q&A section, a few questions were raised from the floors and triggered good response for discussions. They were such as:

(1) How the US stimulation package was greeted by the public?

(2) Was their low passport holding percentage correlated to unilateral view in US?

(3) Was the US economic recovery plan effective, when compared to the counterparts in Asia?

A note of thank was put forth by Rtn. Colin and thanking the speakers in our Rotary manners. Last but not least, golf trophy presentation was made to PP Hubert for his championship (gross score) and to PP Henry for his first runners-up (net score).

Pres. Andy adjourned the meeting and made a toast to RC Taipo, RC NT, and RC Louisville, Kentucky.

The guests and members were asked to stay for a group photo.

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## Rotary Potpourri

### World Understanding Month

From the special list of Rotary International, you will note that February is designated as the month for World Understanding. It recalled that in 1981-82 the then RI President Stanley E. McCaffrey's RI theme was most appropriate as follows:

*WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE THROUGH ROTARY.*

During this month, clubs should concentrate in organizing projects to enhance world peace by inviting ambassadorial scholars, Group Study Exchange team members or consulates of different nations to present a talk in our club meetings in order to eliminate possible conflicts among countries.

It is time to initiate a Rotary Exchange or support for PolioPlus and other Rotary Foundation programme. World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the fourth avenue of service as Rotary continues to spread goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

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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. How many Rotarians from other clubs visited us today? Ans) 2. How many Rotaractors visited us today? Ans) 3. How Many Ambassadorial Scholars visited us today? Ans) 4 Who did we welcome back today? Ans) 5. Who was our birthday boy celebrated today? Ans) 6. Who will be singing and playing the violin during our 55th Anniversary Dinner? Ans) 7. How much we have collected for the red box today? Ans) 8. Who were our speakers today? Ans) 9. What was the RI theme for the Rotary year 1981-1982? Ans)

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## Joke

**The Best Smart Ass Answers of 2008 !!**

**SMART ASS ANSWER #6**

It was mealtime during an airline flight. 'Would you like dinner?' the flight attendant asked John, seated in front.

'What are my choices?' John asked.

'Yes or no,' she replied.

#### **SMART ASS ANSWER #5**

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets.

As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her.

Without missing a beat, she said, 'Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub.'

#### **SMART ASS ANSWER #4**

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked a stock boy, 'Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

The stock boy replied, 'No ma'am, they're dead.'

#### **SMART ASS ANSWER #3**

The police officer got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window.

'I've been waiting for you all day,' the officer said.

The kid replied, 'Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could.'

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

#### **SMART ASS ANSWER #2**

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway and noticed a sign that read: Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it, the bridge is right in front of him and his truck gets wedged under it. Cars are backed up for miles.

Finally a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, 'Got stuck, huh?'

The truck driver says, 'No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas.'

#### **SMART ASS ANSWER OF THE YEAR 2008 !!**

A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam. 'Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!'

A smart-ass student in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, 'What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?' The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering.

When silence was restored, the teacher smiled knowingly at the student, shook her head and sweetly said, 'Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand.'

#### **A BONUS EXTRA**

A woman is standing nude looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

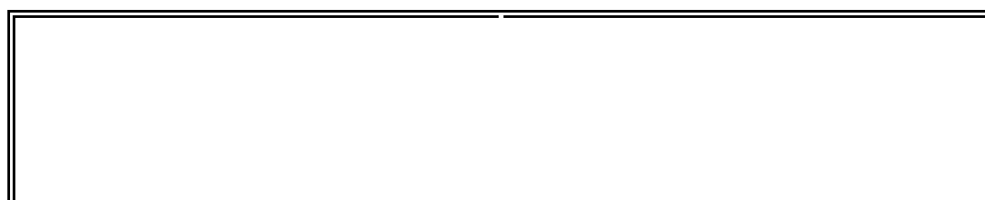
The husband replies, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.'

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## **Photographs of our meeting**

**on**

**18th February, 2009**





(L to R) Hon. Sec. Heman Lam, Ambassadorial Scholar Eddie Walneck & Pres. Peter Pang from Rotary Club of New Territories



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Ambassadorial Scholar Brian Hoffman & Pres. Andy Wong



(L to R) Rtn. Jackal Lee, Rtn. Kevin Leung & Rtn. Colin Chau



(L to R) PPEddy Wong & Dr. PP Hubert Chan



(L to R) PDG Anthony Hung, PP George Leung, Dir. Jason Chiu, PP Eddy Wong, Dr. PP Hubert, PP John Luk & PP Henry Chan



(L to R) IPP Manny Lee & Pres. Jacky Chan from Rotaract Club of Lingnan University



(L to R) PP George Leung & Dir. Jason Chiu



Pres. Andy presented the birthday gift to Rtn. Tony Loy



(R to L) Pres. Andy exchanged club banner with Pres. Peter from RC of New Territories



(R to L) Pres. Andy exchanged club banner with Ambassadorial Scholar Brian Hoffman from RC of Prospect/Goshen from Kentucky, USA



PP John Kwok presented the trophy to Dr. PP Hubert, Champion of the gross score at Uncle John Cup Golf Tournament



PP John Kwok presented the trophy to PP Henry, 1st runner up of the net score at Uncle John Cup Golf Tournament



IPP Manny Lee from Rotaract Club of Lingnan University gave us a brief report on their community service projects



Ambassadorial Scholar Eddie Walneck joined with Brian Hoffman to give us a talk during the luncheon



Ambassadorial Scholar Brian Hoffman gave us a talk about the changes from Bush to Obama: The future of US Foreign Policy



Rtn. Colin Chau gave a vote of thanks to the two Ambassadorial Scholars



Group photo with visiting Rotarians, Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotaractors and members

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