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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 -

27th January, 2010

The meeting was started at 12:55pm with President Norman heartily welcomed all attending members and guests. He then warmly welcomed back PP Hubert Chan, whom we all have missed very much. Subsequently, President Norman extended his welcome to visiting guests -- the speaker of the day, PP Con Conway, visiting Rotarian Eddie Leung from Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour, and Rotarian Peter Tse from the E-Club of District 3450.

President Norman then announced the following:

1. Uncle John Cup was completed on 22nd January with good results, almost all participants have won a prize. Trophies will be presented during the meeting.
2. The particulars of proposed member Mr. Leung Ka Yeung William has been circulated amongst members, if there is no objection, the membership of Mr. Leung will be accepted and induction will take place in the coming meeting.
3. The Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup that will be held on 3rd February at Happy Valley has received overwhelming response and is now full; those members who made reservation may contact Honorary Secretary Eric for details.
4. Early bird registration for District Conference has been extended to 15th February at Disneyland , President Norman urged members to register, he stated also that the room rate is very attractive.
5. We have received invitation from our sister club, the Rotary Club of Kawasaki South to attend their 50th Anniversary Ceremony on 8th April. IPP Andy was then invited to announce details of the event and subsequent package as follows:
 - Ceremony will take place at Kawasaki Nikko Hotel (1min walk from Kawasaki Station, which is about 18min JR ride from Tokyo), tentative program rundown is as below:
 - * 3:30pm Registration
 - * 4pm Ceremony
 - * 6pm Reception
 - Package, include flight and hotel accommodation, was suggested; it was proposed to leaving HK on 6th April and return on 9th April, staying in Shangri-la Tokyo. The tentative package cost is HK\$5600.
6. President Norman made a pre-announcement that District will organize a Singing Contest on 20th March as he is one of the organizing committee members. He extended his invitation to all members who are interested in singing to participate.
7. Received a call from Rtn. Jonathan that Rtn. Bill Lamport is on trip to Japan, that he is having a happy time; he plans to visit the club after the trip

Acting SAA HT Colin reported the red box donation to be HK\$2400 with HK\$500 from PP Hubert goes to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, topping our contribution to HK\$11,400, and thanked all contributors. President Norman also draw the attention of all members that some part of the world are experiencing natural disasters and needed our help, places like Mongolia, with heavy snow causing a vast amount of cattle frozen to death, and threatening their survival.

PP John Kwok then proceeded to present the trophies to all winners of the Uncle John Cup, they were also congratulated by our members; PP John was very delighted as he has won the Lowest Net Score for both Uncle Peter's Cup and his own tournament.

PP Henry Chan was invited to the podium to introduce our guest speaker PP Con Conway. Being the Past President of our Club in year 1982-83, PP Conway is very active in the sports field; he begins his involvement since 1962 and has been Vice-President of Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China since 1992. PP Conway has been participated actively in Squash and Hockey; he has represented Hong Kong in athletics and hockey and was a former Division One Squash player. PP Conway was formerly Hon. Recorder of the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, Chairman of the Hong Kong Hockey Association Umpires Section, and President of the Hong Kong Hockey Association. He is currently Honorary Life President of the Hong Kong Hockey Association, a member of the Asian Hockey Federation Finance Committee and member of the Sports Committee, Major Event Committee. PP Conway is well qualified to speak to us on the topic "Review of the East Asian Games & the Prospects for the Asian Games in 2019".

PP Conway began by expressing that it has been great to be back and Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East has always been a vibrant club. The reason for not being able to come back early was due to his taking over of the Honorable A. de O. Sales in the SF&OC as the number two person, and that there has been a lot of work and rework done during these challenging years. He was in Hong Kong in the 20's and actively involved in sports, he still holds Hong Kong records as an athlete and represented Hong Kong in squash and hockey.

PP Conway has been trying very hard in bringing a sports culture to Hong Kong, he reckoned that we spent HK\$40 Billion a year in illness and HK\$200 Million in Wellness, something has to be done. In his opinion, hospitals are places where one gets other diseases, and we should always get to the open air if we want to keep well.

In the review of the 2009 East Asian Games, it was a very big success! It demonstrated to the government what we can do in sports. It unified the community, showed that Hong Kong people like sports, and that it showed Hong Kong athletes can win. We were up against the top sports countries such as China, Japan, and Korea (CJK), to whom the East Asian Games has been a selection ground for them to select their athletes for the 2012 Olympics. Hence they were up against quality competitors, and the results were remarkable; with a total of 110 medals achieved, 26 were Gold, 31 Silver, and 53 Bronze, and Hong Kong ranked 4th, the best of the rest, behind CJK who ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Initially they were expecting 10 Gold Medals, and they got 26! Of all the athletes, PP Conway considered that the dancesport athletes were one of the fittest, and of all the medals achieved, he was happy to see that Hong Kong beat China in Hockey, and we achieved Gold medal in Football and Silver medal in Rugby.

There were 9 countries and locations participated in the East Asian Games, they were: China, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Chinese Taipei, North Korea, Mongolia, and Guam. There were 22 Sports in competition:

1. Aquatics	9. Football	17. Taekwondo
2. Athletics	10. Hockey	18. Tennis
3. Badminton	11. Judo	19. Volleyball
4. Basketball	12. Rowing	20. Weightlifting
5. Bowling	13. Rugby 7s	21. Windsurfing
6. Cue sports	14. Shooting	22. Wushu
7. Cycling	15. Squash	
8. Dancesport	16. Table Tennis	

The East Asian Games has been a success, there were 511 members, including 383 athletes in the Hong Kong delegation. 2,100 athletes competed in 262 events within the 22 sports. The Opening & Closing Ceremonies were top class - Count Jacques Rogge, President of IOC hailed the opening ceremony as "brilliant". However, criticism was rife as a large number of stadiums/gymnasiums were below the accepted standards for a major multi-sports games at the highest levels. PP Conway reminded that the cost of organizing the East Asian Game has been 1/200 of Beijing, Hong Kong is the greatest place, and we should not be hindered by this culture of complains.

In the development of sports in Hong Kong, PP Conway reckoned that we should be starting in the depth, training up younger athletes for future games; he considered that sports competition in teams is gaining importance, but Hong Kong has not been in team sports. He said that Rtn. Alex Ling has been working in the tennis area, whose father William Ling has been his mentor in this club.

PP Conway believed that if we were to organize the Asian Games in 2019, we would be expecting a better one than the Guangzhou Asian Games in 2010. He went on to explain the scale of the coming Asian Games:

- There will be 474 competing events for the 42 sports, with 28 Olympic Sports and 14 non-Olympic Sports

- 90 competition & training venues with 12 newly-constructed venues & auxiliary venues and 78 renovated venues
- There will be 8 non-competition venues (include: Asian Games village, main media centre, etc)
- 45 participating nations & areas
- 14,000 participants including athletes, coaches & officials
- 7,000 journalists & media staff
- 50,000 paid staffs and about 1/4 million volunteers
- 3,000,000 spectators & visitors

He further compared the cost of hosting an Asian Games

For Guangzhou

- opening Nov 12, 2010, closing Nov 27, 2010
- built the Guangdong Olympic stadium (chief stadium)
- built additional 11 new stadiums & gymnasiums & upgraded 32 existing ones
- total venue cost estimated to be around RMB 2 billion

For Hong Kong

- would require the Kai Tak Stadiums as major venues:
 - * 50,000 seat main - multi-purpose stadium
 - * ancillary 5,000 seat stadium
 - * 1,500 seat indoor stadium
- all at Kai Tak
- many new gymnasiums needed & upgrades to existing ones
- estimated costs in the range of HK\$2 billion

As for the prospects for Hong Kong to host the Asian Games 2019, PP Conway stated that the following would be needed:

- facilities / infrastructure
- athletes / officials accommodation
- community awareness & spirit

It is particularly important for funding of elite athletes now for a games that will take place in <10 years' time.

When asked for why it takes another 10 years to host the Asian Games for Hong Kong, PP Conway replied that there are quite a number of International Sports Competitions sponsored by the Olympic Committee, such as Youth Olympics, Asian Indoor Games, etc, hence Hong Kong would have time to get ready for hosting one of the top international game. When asked of how he sees Chinese athletes in 10 years time, he responded that China has good structures: they build up their kids as athletes, they fly their parents to visit them during weekends, they have blogs so that the kids can communicate with their parents; they even allow time to write on their blogs; hence there will be pools of athletes for the future games. United States and Europe have been complaining that China bleeds medalists, and PP Conway believes that China will be producing the top medal winners, and they will remain to be so over time.

Uncle John thanked PP Conway for very interesting talk, and he further stated that now we know who he is. President Norman subsequently presented PP Conway with a photo in action as souvenir.

Next week speaker would be Miss Xania Wong, who will introduce New World Wine and there will be a couple of bottles for tasting.

President Norman then proposed a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour, E-Club of District

There being no other businesses, the luncheon meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Rotary Potpourri

The Last Issue of the Rotary World Magazine is Out

Beginning with the April 2010 issue, Rotary World will be replaced with ROTARY LEADER, an interactive, online publication featuring practical information and links to help club and district officers meet the challenges they face every day. Current club presidents, district governors and subscribers who have provided accurate e-mail addresses will receive Rotary Leader automatically, but any Rotarian may subscribe to this free publication at any time.

Club presidents-elect, district governors-elect, club secretaries and assistant governors are especially encouraged to subscribe.

Like Rotary World, Rotary Leader will be published in nine languages - English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. Rotary Leader will be an online-only publication; print editions will not be available.

Because Rotary World is transitioning to an electronic publication, paid subscriptions and corrected mailing labels are no longer being accepted. This publication is not available for purchase.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

1. Who was welcomed back today ?

Ans)

2. Who were our guests visiting us today ?

Ans)

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

Ans)

4. What was the Red Box collection today ?

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 next luncheon meeting on 3rd February 2010 ?

Ans)

Joke

Subject: UPS

One Monday morning the UPS man is driving the neighborhood on his usual route. As he approaches one of the homes he noticed that both cars were in the driveway. His wonder was cut short by Bob, the homeowner, coming out with a load of empty beer and liquor bottles.

"Wow Bob, looks like you guys had one hell of a party last night," the UPS man comments.

Bob, in obvious pain, replies "Actually we had it Saturday night.

This is the first I have felt like moving since 4:00 am Sunday morning. We had about fifteen couples from around the neighborhood over for some weekend fun and it got a bit wild."

"Hell, we all got so drunk around midnight that we started playing WHO AM I."

The UPS man thinks a moment and says, "How do you play WHO AM I?"

"Well, all the guys go in the bedroom and we come out one at a time with a sheet covering us and with only our 'privates' showing through a hole in the sheet. Then the women try to guess who it is."

The UPS man laughs and says, "Damn, I'm sorry I missed that."

"Probably a good thing you did," Bob responded. "Your name came up seven times....."

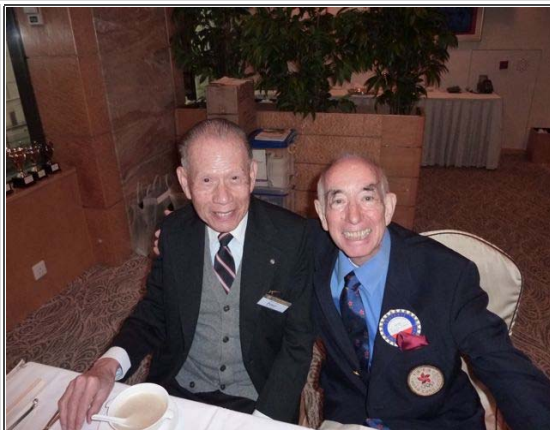
Photographs of our meeting

on

27th January, 2010



Pres. Norman Lee, Hon Sec. Eric Chin & IPP
Andy Wong



PDG Uncle Peter Hall & our speaker - former
PP Con Conway



PP Henry Chan, Rtn. Peter Tse from E-club & visiting guest, Mr. William Wong



Rtn. Alex Ling & PE Heman Lam



PP Hubert Chan & PP Henry Chan



PE Heman Lam won longest drive & the 1st runner up in the low gross score



PDG Uncle Peter won the 1st runner up in the low net score

PP Rudy Law, Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy & Rtn Peter Yeung



PP Eddie Leung from RC of HK Harbour & Rtn. Teresa Ho



Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin, IPP Andy Wong & PP John Kwok



Visiting guest won the shortest drive on hole #9



PP Rudy won the closet to the pin at hole #3



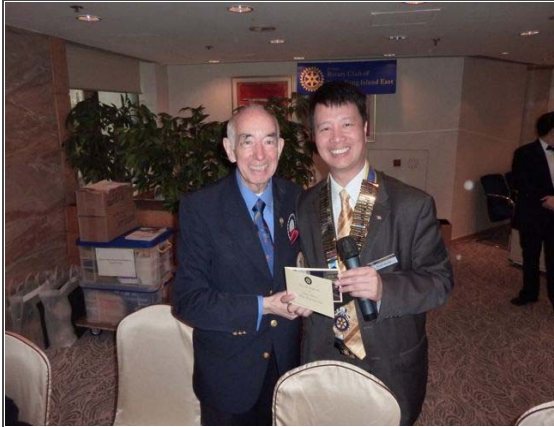
Hon. Sec Dr. Eric Chin won the Booby Prize



Pres. Norman presented the trophy to our PP John Kwok who was the Champion (Low Net Score) of his Uncle John Cup golf tournament



Our speaker of the week, PP Con Conway



Pres. Norman Lee presented a photo in action to thank PP Con Conway for his interesting talk about the East Asian Games held in HK last December



Group photos with members, visiting Rotarians & guests

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