

Last week's Proceedings -

26th February, 2009

We have moved our regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday 25th February 2009 to a Joint Meeting of Area 3 on Thursday night of 26th February, 2009.

On 26 February 2009, all 6 Clubs in Area 3 of District 3450 had a Joint Meeting in Crown Wine Cellar in Deep Water Drive at the southern part of the Hong Kong Island. Before the Joint Meeting, all the members and guests had a cocktail reception after their arrival. The venue was very special because it was a ruined Military Storage Place during war time. Now it was renovated to be a wine tasting and dinner place.

At 8:10 pm, all the participants were seated for the program to start. First of all, the Fellowship Director of RC of HK South introduced President of RC of HK South Francesco Cavazzoni to introduce the Guests in this Meeting. He recognized that IPDG Peter Wong, PDG Tony Wong, DS Eugene Fong, AG Wendy Mung and DAG CK Wong to the participants. Subsequently, he invited each President of the Clubs in Area 3 to introduce their members. All together 80 participants attended this function from the following 6 Clubs:

RC of Happy Valley

RC of Hong Kong Harbour

RC of Hong Kong Island East

RC of Hong Kong Northeast

RC of Hong Kong South

RC of Quarry Bay

President Francesco also announced that the net proceed of this function would be donated to the District Project "Child Safety Prevention".

Members from different clubs were assigned in the assigned tables. Therefore, each of us can mingle with members from other Clubs. All the participants chit chatted together with fun during the dinner time.

After everybody enjoyed the good food and wine, the program highlight of the meeting came. Mr Warren Wills started to play piano for all the participants.

Warren Wills is a composer, musical director, and performer who has worked with many of the world's best cabaret, opera, jazz and classical artists. Warren has played and composed for the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), as well as Woody Allen in New York City, and has toured extensively in Europe, Asia and the US, with appearances on MTV in the Middle East. Apart from getting a lot of musical awards, most recently he was composer and musical director of "Ella and Marilyn", the musical play written by Bonnie Greer celebrating the relationship between the two iconic divas Marilyn Monroe and Ella Fitzgerald at the Stratford East Theatre in London.

His solo piano performances pay tribute to the giants of piano from Bach and Beethoven, through Brubeck to Jerry Lee Lewis, and are described as "dazzling and electrifying" by The Guardian and with "haunting power" by the Financial Times.

Warren, 47, was born in Australia into a musical family. His work has convinced him that music has more power than people realize. "Over the ages it has supported wars, brought peace, promoted violence and soothed troubled souls. I believe music is underused as a powerful force. Used positively, it is utterly transforming" he says.

During his one hour performance, he played more than 10 pieces of music in various styles. He earned a lot of round of applauses from the audience after each song. All the participants were attracted by his excellent performance. After his performance, President Francesco invited their PR Committee Chairman John Ball to present a vote of thanks. After this wonderful evening, the HKIE members, including President Andy, IPP Laurence & his anne Jennie, PE Norman, PP John, PP Eddy, Secretary Heman, Rotarian Nancy and Gilbert, all claimed that they were stunned by Warren's performance and enjoyed very much in this Joint Meeting. We all have had a wonderful fellowship time with our other Club members and guests of the Area 3 too. The meeting adjourned after a toast to RI coupled with all the participated clubs of the night.

Rotary Potpourri

District Assembly of D. 3450

After the successful 49th District Conference held in Macao on 21st - 22nd February 2009, here comes the District Assembly which falls on Saturday, 18th April 2009 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, 4th floor, Shatin Club House, New Territories, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Club officers, committee chairs and new club members should attend. The submission deadline is 6th April 2009.

Each club is entitled to 8 (eight) free registration and additional ones will be charged at HK\$250 per head with light breakfast, tea breaks and lunch included.

The coming District Assembly is to provide the following aims:

1. A Training Session.

With our PDGs and PPs as trainers and facilitators, the latest training programs and experience sharing sessions concerning aspects of Rotary services will be put in place to facilitate both the incoming Club leaders and new Rotarians to learn how to serve the Clubs and community through Rotary.

2. Sharing Session.

District Governor Elect Ada Cheng will take this opportunity to share with us the theme and special emphasis of Rotary year 2009-2010.

3. An Open Forum

Rotarians are encouraged to express their views on important issues such as District Budget which will be raised and deliberated. Voting delegates of all clubs in the district will cast their votes on those important issues after discussion.

4. A Free and Attractive Event.

To encourage participation, District Governor Elect Ada Cheng has kindly offered to give souvenirs to all participating Rotarians and the organizing committees of District Assembly 2009.

5. A Convenient Venue.

With ample parking spaces for those who plan to drive, we will also provide free coach service from Hong Kong and Macau Ferry Terminal at Central to the HK Jockey Club, Kowloon, with an additional pick up point at MTR Station of Kowloon Tong, near the Ideal Hotel.

The 49th District Assembly is organized by the Rotary Clubs of :
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HK Island East

HK South

HK North

HK Northeast and

HK Harbour

under the organizing chairmanship of IPP Laurence Chan of HK Island East, who can be reached by telephone No. 9181-8663 or by email at Laurence89@yahoo.com

Club News - The 2008-2009 District Conference in Macau

11 of our Club members as led by President Andy Wong have attended the two days District Conference held at the Venetian Hotel in Taipa of Macau starting 21st February 2009. The Conference was successful and they all enjoyed the fellowship as well as the all the conference programs and activities organized. Please see the photos enclosed.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:	
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1. How many other clubs have joined this special meeting ?
Ans)

2. How many of participants have attended the joint meeting today ?
Ans)

3. Where was this joint meeting held ?
Ans)

4. The net proceed of this joint meeting function will be donated to which District Project ?
Ans)

5. Who was asked to perform at the meeting after the dinner ?
Ans)

6. How many of our members and spouse attended this joint function ?
Ans)

7. When will be the 49th District Assembly held this year ?
Ans)

8. How many members are free to join the 49th District Assembly from each club ?
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Joke

Subject: NAG NAG BLOODY NAG

An attorney arrived home late, after a very tough day trying to get a stay of execution for a client who was due to be hanged for murder at midnight.

His last minute plea for clemency to the governor had failed and he was feeling worn out and depressed.

As soon as he walked through the door at home, his wife started on him about, "What time of night to be getting home is this? Where have you been? Dinner is cold and I'm not reheating it." And on and on and on.

Too shattered to play his usual role in this familiar ritual, he went and poured himself a shot of whiskey and headed off for a long hot soak in the bathtub, pursued by the predictable sarcastic remarks as he dragged himself up the stairs.

While he was in the bath, the phone rang. The wife answered and was told that her husband's client, James Wright, had been granted a stay of execution after all, Wright would not be hanged tonight.

Finally realizing what a terrible day he must have had, she decided to go upstairs and give him the good news.

As she opened the bathroom door, she was greeted by the sight of her husband, bent over naked, drying his legs and feet. "They're not hanging Wright tonight," she said. To which he whirled around and screamed,

"FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WOMAN,

DON'T YOU EVER STOP?!"

Photographs of our meeting

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26th February, 2009



Rtn Nancy Yee, Pianist Warren Wills, PE Norman Lee & PP John Kwok



(L to R) Rotarianne Jennie Ma, IPP Laurence Chan, Rtn. Ken Wu & PE Norman Lee



(L to R) Pres. Francesco, Pres. Marina, AG Wendy Mung, Pres. Wendy, Pres. Andy, Pres. Virginia, DAG CK Wong & PDG Tony Wong



(L to R) Pres. Andy Wong. IPDG Peter Wong & AG Wendy Mung



(L to R) PE Norman Lee & Rtn. Gilbert Fung



Pianist Warren Wills during his performance



Rtn. Kevin Leung, PE Norman Lee & Dir. Dr. Eric Chin at the District Conference



All the club presidents of 2008-2009 are on the stage to welcome our honorable guests





The Chief Executive of Macau, Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah

(L to R) RI Representative & Director, VP John Germ, Macau Chief Executive - Mr. Edmund Ho & DG Albert Wong



Group Photo with the 2008-2009 Presidents and the honorable guests



Pres. Andy Wong & RIRepresentative VP John Germ



Members of HKIE at the District Conference. We should have 11 members, can you find out who is the camera man?



This is one of the photo at the dinner banquet. PDG Uncle Peter is at the head table. You should know who is the camera man now.



Photo with PDG Anthony Hung & Rotarianne Mary Hung, AG Wendy Mung & all the participants from Hong Kong Island East





RI Representative VP John Germ gave us an opening speech at the conference

King of HKIE, PP John Kwok with a chandelier crown on his head





& Pres. Wendy insist to stand next to hims for Leung photo, our members can only stand aside

PP Uncle John always so popular with girls, see our daughter club, HK Harbour, PP Grace Morning breakfast meeting at one of the local restaurant led by Rtn. Kevin





Multiple Paul Harris Fellows: - PE Norman Lee & PP John Kwok

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