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## **Last week's Proceedings -**

**3rd February, 2010**

Pres. Norman started the meeting at 1.02pm with a warm welcome to all attending members and guests. Our luncheon speaker - Ms Xania Wong would address us on the New World wine tasting for today's luncheon, with the assistance from her partner Eric Cheng from the Xantana Wine Society. Hon. Secretary Eric had a guest Mr Tong Wai Lam, his mentee student from HK PolyU.

A few special events followed:

- PDG Douglas Jackson from RC of Allander, Scotland (District 1230) came to visit us and exchanged banners with President Norman.

- Pres. Norman performed a pleasant duty to induct a new member - Rtn William Leung (classification of dermatoglyphics).

- Pres. Norman presented the Paul Harris Fellow recognition to PE Heman Lam (first time).

- Birthday celebration was organized for Rtn Tony Loy and PP Henry Chan was requested to be the birthday song leader; plus a birthday cake contributed by the Regal Hotel.

Acting SAA Rudy reported the red box collection on February 3 was HK\$1,500 (including the birthday boy contribution of \$200 from Rtn Tony).

PE Heman formally introduced our Guest Speaker, Ms Xania Wong who had her first taste of wine at the age of four; and she had traveled extensively in North and South Americas for wine tasting and being a qualified wine adjudicator from Spain. Xania showed a passion to bring us her good news on New World wines, and the idea of enjoying wine in a lifestyle living.

A show of hands survey indicated a wide spectrum of preference from the floor, such as PP Tim had a fond memory of the old vintage wine; PE Heman and PP Rudy were more receptive to the Australian & New World wine, PP John liked the German wine more; whereas PP Henry would welcome the best from both worlds (French as well as the New World wines).

Xania shared with us a few milestones from the New World wines:

- European settlement brought wine to the New World in Mexico, Argentina and South Africa in the 1600's.

- Wine evolved through "spontaneous generation," and proved in 1857 that wine was made by yeasts. This led to the discovery and development of different yeast types and properties and ultimately to better hygiene, and greater efficiency in wine production.

- A French wine disaster broke out in 1865 as a fungal disease (said to be indigenous to North America) was accidentally brought to Europe and caused root attacks problems in nearly all the vineyards there. You know what - Rtn Charles Bien won a bottle of Heron's nest wine from Xania because he was the only one able to tell us correctly about this vine killer incident.

- Grape growing with science in the 1900 (hybrid blended wines), leading brands from California and other American vineyards were appearing on some of the best restaurant wine lists alongside French, German and Italian listings. California wines were being regularly exported to Europe, Australia, Canada, Central America, Mexico and the

Orient.

- The famous Judgment at Paris in 1976 (filmed as a movie of Bottle Shock) - French wines were traditionally considered as the only quality wines in the world. But the Judgment of Paris, when California wine beat French wine in a blind taste test, had changed this monopole in the world of wine.

- In the 1980s, a group of Australian wine consultants - oenologists ("flying winemakers,") travel extensively and promoted the use of the small oak barrel and new vineyard technology into the winery - discovered that they could make two vintages in one year--one in the northern hemisphere in the fall and the other in the southern hemisphere in the spring--thereby doubling their wine production capacity.

- A mass market success was found in the year of 2003, for a new wine brand (YellowTail) to become the number one international sales (imported) wine to the USA. - produced by the Casellas from Yenda, Australia. In 2001, YellowTail sold 112,000 cases, a number that jumped to 7.5 million in 2005, helped by their distribution channel partners. Those young consumers were said to be buying New World wines, their choice based upon the grape variety and brand name recognition.

Contrasts in the old and new world wines could be found in a few aspects such as:

- Viticulture (for vine growing & grape harvesting)
- Vinification (starting with selection of the grapes and ending with bottling the finished wine)
- Style
- Packaging

Xania introduced a few key regions for New World wines to us, namely those wines produced outside the traditional wine growing areas of Europe, in particular from Australia / New Zealand; the Americas (South, Central and North America) such as from Argentina, Chile, Mexico, US and the Canada; as well as the South Africa.

There were some new wine exporting wine districts such as :

- Kosshu City, Yamanashi Prefecture Japan
- Shanxi and Shandong provinces from China
- Nashik District , Maharashtra State from India

Upon the completion of the new world wine presentation, we had the wine tasting for a wide variety of wines such as:

- Ivy - an India sparkling wine (with good cooling effect)
- Casa Valduga - another sparkling wine from Brazil
- Chantilli - a white wine (Chardonnay 2007) from India
- Duetto - another white wine (Chardonnay & Riesling 2008) from Brazil
- Tiger Hill - a red wine (Shiraz 2006) from India
- Dolium - another red wine (Malbec 2005) from Argentina

Rtn Teresa thanked Xania, our guest speaker, in the usual Rotary manners.

The meeting was adjourned on time and we invited all guests and members to hold a glass for our group photo taking. A toast was made to RI coupled with the RC of Allander, Scotland and RC of HK Island East. Pres.

Norman announced that our next week's programme would be DG Ada visiting us and February 17 (Wednesday) luncheon meeting would be cancelled because of the Chinese New Year period.

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## **Rotary Potpourri**

### **The 2010 International Assembly Ended**

Incoming district governors left the 2010 International Assembly in San Diego, California,

USA, inspired to begin building communities and bridging continents.

The 2010-2011 RI theme announced by President-elect Ray Klinginsmith struck a chord with many of the district governors-elect who attend the six-day annual training event.

We expect to hear from our district governor-elect Jason Chan upon his return to district 3450 to share his view with us about the new RI theme and learn more about his experience.

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## 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. A PDG came to visit us from abroad today who was he and where he came from ?  
Ans)
2. Who was inducted as our new member today and what was the chosen classification ?  
Ans)
3. Who was presented the Paul Harris Fellow recognition for the first time today ?  
Ans)
4. Who was our birthday boy today and who was asked to led the birthday song ?  
Ans)
5. What was the Red Box collection today ?  
Ans)
6. Who was our speaker today and what was the topic about ?  
Ans)
7. Who was asked to introduce the speaker to us ?  
Ans)
8. Who was asked to thank the speaker for us ?  
Ans)

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## Joke

**Subject: At the Pearly Gates**

Bob came home drunk one night, slid into bed beside his sleeping wife, and fell into a deep slumber.

He awoke before the Pearly Gates, where St. Peter said, 'You died in your sleep, Bob.'

Bob was stunned. 'I'm dead? No, I can't be! I've got too much to live for. Send me back!'

St. Peter said, 'I'm sorry, but there's only one way you can go back, and that is as a chicken.'

Bob was devastated, but begged St. Peter to send him to a farm near his home.. The next thing he knew, he was covered with feathers, clucking, and pecking the ground.

A rooster strolled past. 'So, you're the new hen, huh? How's your first day here?'

Not bad,' replied Bob the hen, 'but I have this strange feeling inside. Like I'm gonna explode!'

'You're ovulating,' explained the rooster. 'Don't tell me you've never laid an egg before?'

'Never,' said Bob.

'Well, just relax and let it happen,' says the rooster. 'It's no big deal.'

Bob did, and a few uncomfortable seconds later, out popped an egg! Bob was overcome with emotion as he experienced motherhood. He soon laid another egg-- his joy was overwhelming.

As he was about to lay his third egg, he felt a smack on the back of his head, and heard his wife yell.

"BOB!!!, wake up. You shit the bed!!! "

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## Photographs of our meeting

on

3rd February, 2010



PDG Uncle Peter, Speaker Xania Wong & Pres. Norman Lee



Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin, PDG Douglas Jackson from RC of Allander from Scotland & guest speaker Eric Cheng



Dr. Eric Chin's visiting guest Knox Tong & CDS PP Eddy Wong



Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy, PE Heman Lam IPP Andy Wong & Rtn. Teresa Ho



PP Laurence Chan, PP Rudy Law, New Member - William Leung & Rtn. Charles Bien



PP Tim Lui & PP Henry Chan



Rtn. Kevin Leung & Rtn. Anthony Kwong



Pres. Norman Lee exchanged banner with PDG Douglas Jackson from RC of Allander from Scotland



Birthday boy Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy received the gift from Pres. Norman Lee, PP Henry Chan led the birthday song



Birthday boy Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy cut his birthday cake



Pres. Norman Lee inducted our new member - Rtn. William Leung & Hon. Sec. Eric Chin put the Rotary Pin on Rtn. William's jacket



New member - Rtn. William Leung made a short speech to thank all the members



Pres. Norman Lee presented the certificate to welcome PE Heman became a Paul Harris Fellow



Rtn. Teresa Ho, Guest speaker Xania Wong & her colleague, Eric



Guest speaker Xania Wong gave us an interesting talk about New World Wine



Pres. Norman Lee presented a photo in action to thank Xania & Eric for the talk and brought us some wine for tasting



Group photos with members, visiting guest & guest speakers

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