

## Last week's Proceedings -

## 16th February, 2011

The second meeting of the Year of Rabbit was very special as fine red wine from Burgundy provided by the speaker for everyone to enjoy before the meeting started. At 1:10pm, President Heman called the meeting and welcomed our speaker Mark Arrowsmith and thanked his kindness in providing the fine wine for us. He also invited PE Eric to introduce his wife Christine and his friend Johnny Chow to be our guests; afterwards Rtn. Teresa was invited to introduce her guest Robert Falls. President Heman also welcomed back Secretary Jonathan, PP Rudy and Rtn. Anthony.

The Birthday girl of the week was Rtn. Sharon and a birthday gift was jointly presented by Pres. Heman and HS Jonathan, they also led the birthday song. After the presentation of the gift, HS Jonathan received a present in turn for his wedding anniversary.

The following announcement was made by Pres. Heman afterwards:

1. Family Gathering (New Year Tuen Bi????) was held on 12 February at PP Laurence's home. 32 members and family attended. Roasting suckling pig was served and it was a joyful event for everyone.

2. IPP Norman, PP Andy, PP Laurence, PE Eric, PN Nancy and Rtn. William Leung and myself attended 12 Feb Choi Jun School Tuen Bi. There were 15 tables of parents, teachers and current and past students of Choi Jun School attended. Thanks to PN Nancy who contributed the table prizes.

3. Uncle John Golf Day is scheduled on 18 Feb 2011 Friday at HK Golf Club, Fanling, all golfers please register with HS Jonathan. Awards will be presented during our IPP Dinner on 12 Mar.

4. The destination for the Vocational Visit on 12 March is Link Cod Farm (lung dun) in Mei Po.

5. 19th February would be RC of Hong Kong's 80th Anniversary venue would be at J W Marriott. PE Eric PN Nancy, Rtn Dr. Freddie Wu and Rtn. William Wong will join. Any members who are interested to join please inform HS Jonathan or myself.

6. District Conference is scheduled on 19-20 March, anyone who is interested please call us to register. Rotary Got Talent - Ivan Chin has kindly agreed to perform for us. Also son of PP John Luk is considering.

PE Eric then reported on the Professional Talk on 5th March for members of Rotaract Club of HKIE and Lingnan U which will take place at Recreation Club of PCCW, Causeway Bay. Rtn. Sharon Lamport, who is the speaker of the event, also briefed us on the talk titled "Are you smarter than your interviewer?"

The Paul Harris Fellow Pin was presented to PP Paul.

Sergeant at arm William Leung reported the Red Box collection of the day was HKD \$2100, he thanked all the contributors for their generosity.

DG Jason then introduced the speaker Mr. Mark Arrowsmith, the senior wine broker from Berry Bros & Rudd. The talk was summarized as follows:

France has the area of Burgundy which produces elegant fragrant wines from the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grape. Burgundy is less than a quarter of the size of Bordeaux and has nearly doubled the amount of appellations. The implication is that there is hardly anything produced, what is, is sold straight into the market without wines being held back in the Domaine. There is a not really a secondary market for Burgundy, not because it doesn't age on the contrary, it is because consumers want to keep their Burgundies and enjoy in years to come.

Due to Napoleonic laws, which still exist today, a heavy death tax is imposed on land owners. So a family that may have owned a vineyard hundreds of years ago have had their land carved up by splitting it between siblings. Some vineyards are now owned by 30-40 different people, some land owners only have a few rows or grapes and make it un-commercial to make wines.

All red wines from Burgundy are made from Pinot Noir and the whites are made from Chardonnay, the wines get the names from the area they are grown, for example Chablis, Meursault and Puligny Montrachet are all the same grape variety but have a much varied style.

Some areas can be classified into 3 grades A.O.C. Premier Cru, Grand Cru. Some areas are only Grand Cru and some areas are only Premier Cru.

So if you own some rows of vines in a Grand Cru vineyard, no matter how good or in most cases how bad it is it can still carry the Grand Cru on the label. This is what makes Burgundy such a minefield to find good wines.

PE Eric thanked the speaker Mr. Mark Arrowsmith with the presentation of a small gift to him. Thanks was also expressed to PN Nancy for her generosity to provide gifts to the Choi Jun School.

The meeting was adjoined at 2:05pm with a toast to the Hong Kong Island East. We all stayed for a group photo.

## **Rotary Potpourri**

#### **Uncle John Kwok Golf Tournament**

On 18th February 2011, the Uncle John Kwok Tournament was played at The Hong Kong Golf Club in Fanling under a misty and cold day with four flights, namely,

Flight 1, Gordon Lee, Hubert Chan and David Li,

Flight 2. Fok Kinsen, Eric Chin, William Wong and Jonah Cheung,

Flight 3. John Kwok, Andy Wong, Suzan Chan Yuet Ying (VIP) and

Flight 4. Peter Hall, Herman Lam, C.P. Cheung (VIP).

You will notice that some of the names mentioned above are not members of our club. Due to the fact that several Golf Club members of HKIE were unable to take part in this golf game, so we have to invite outsiders to sponsor.

This was the first time ever that we played with two VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) invited by President Heman with their professional trainers. It was interesting to note how they played blindly with a tee off of over 200 yards.

The score sheet will be announced when completed.

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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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Who were the guests introduced by PE Eric ? 1. Ans) 2. Who was the guest of Rtn. Teresa ? Ans) 3. Who were welcomed back by Pres. Heman ? Ans) 4. Who was celebrated for the birthday and who led the birthday song ? Ans) 5. Who was celebrated the wedding anniversary ? Ans) 6. State any two of the announcements made by Pres. Heman today ? Ans) 7. Who was pinned a Paul Harris Fellow today ? Ans) 8. What was the Red Box Collection and it was reported by whom ? Ans)

Submit

## Joke

#### Subject: David Letterman's Top Ten Reasons Why Golf Is Better Than Sex....

#10... A below par performance is considered damn good.

- #9... You can stop in the middle and have a cheeseburger and a couple of beers.
- #8... It's much easier to find the sweet spot.
- #7... Foursomes are encouraged.
- #6... You can still make money doing it as a senior.
- #5... Three times a day is possible.
- #4... Your partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you play with someone else.
- #3... If you live in Florida, you can do it almost every day.
- #2... You don't have to cuddle with your partner when you're finished.
- And the NUMBER ONE reason why golf is better than sex...
- #1... When your equipment gets old you can replace it!

## **Photographs of our meeting**

#### <u>on</u>

#### 16th February, 2011

16 February, 2011 RC of HKIE Luncheon Meeting Photos





PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Guest speaker Paul Arrowsmith & Pres. Heman Lam

Hon. Sec. Jonathan Lamport, PN Nancy Yee & PP Uncle John Kwok

Dir. Anthony Kwong, visiting guest Johnny Chow & PE Eric Chin



Rotarianne Christine Wu, PE Eric Chin & Rtn. William Leung



Dir. Kevin Leung, PP Stephen Liu & PP Rudy Law



Dir. Jason Chiu & PP George Leung



Rtn. Sharon Lamport, Rtn. William Wong & Rtn. Laurence Ho



PP Hubert Chan, AG Henry Chan & PP Eddy Wong



Rotarianne Christine Wu & PP Andy Wong



Rtn. Dr. Freddy Wu & Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy



Rtn. Dr. Freddy Wu, Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy & PP Paul Chan



PP Tim Lui & Rtn. William Wong



Birthday girl Sharon received a birthday gift from Pres. Heman Lam, her brother Jonathan led the birthday song



Prs. Heman Lam presented a wedding anniversary gift to Hon. Sec. Jonathan Lamport



PP Paul Chan received his Paul Harris Fellow pin from PDG Uncle Peter



Pres. Heman Lam also presented a wedding anniversary gift to PP Paul Chan



Rtn. William Leung reported the Redbox collection of the week



Dir. Jason Chiu introduced the guest speaker of the week





Guest speaker Paul Arrowsmith gave a talk about wine from Burgundy area



Pres. Heman Lam presented a club souvenir to Mr. Paul Arrowsmith

On behalf of the club, PE Eric Chin gave a vote of thank to Mr. Paul Arrowsmith



Group photos with members, guest speaker and visiting guests

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