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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 (9th March, 2005)

Pres. Rudy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to this meeting. Although the turnout is small and we are missing PDG Uncle Peter who is occupied in welcoming the RI dignitaries, we still have the cream of our club showing up to listen to a very interesting speaker.

Pres. Rudy then celebrated the birthday of our Director Jason Chiu by giving him his birthday present. He asked Jason to choose his song leader. He picked Dr Tony to lead his birthday song.

Pres. Rudy then made two announcements:

- 1) The first was about the Walkathon organized by our baby club Hong Kong Harbour. Pres. Rudy lead our participants in this event and succeeded to raise HK\$2,400 for HKH's charity.
- 2) The second announcement is about the Computer Room equipment donated by PP John to his village in Chuk Sau Yuen primary school in Zhongshan. This is a 30 PC network to teach the students computer skills. We will also invite our Rotaractors from Lingnan and HKIE to help teach the students English in addition to the use of the computer.

While we are there in Zhongshan we will organize a golf game at the Hot Spring golf course with PP George's help.

Pres. Rudy then called upon Hon Tres Laurence to report on the SAA collection. He announced a very good harvest including the birthday boy's contribution for a total of \$1,000.

He then continued to introduce our speaker for today who is Mr. Peter Hung, VP of Marketing of the New World Telecom Ltd. He will tell us what is new in the VoIP world.

Mr. Hung told us a startling story. He said he telephoned his wife who is in San Francisco by dialing a local telephone number thus avoiding the IDD charges. He then asked, "What does this mean to the IDD world?" They will soon go away.

How does this work? To put it very simply you can think of a telephone message as a digital package, which is delivered through the Internet much like your e-mail messages. You are connected to your destination through Internet addresses.

While the traditional kind of telephone connection is your own 100% dedicated connection. You own each connection, which goes through many switches on the way to your final destination through wires.

When you compare the cost factors, you are comparing your IDD charges to something that is nearly free.

The key question with this VoIP service being free is how can one sustain such a line of service? The answer is VoIP can carry besides voice but also Data & Multi-Media where the traditional wire service you cannot. You can drag your message into any folder on your computer. To the end user, you are not limited to one location. We can access our messages at any location where a broadband is located.

However, this free service brings up several issues:

- 1) OFTA have licensed about 10 traditional wired telephone services. Now you opened up the field to all parties. How do you control this?
- 2) The numbering system needs to be addressed. Right now we have only 8 digits for our telephone address. We will need to increase this to 11 digits to distinguish our number for interconnection.
- 3) Interconnection charges will have to be addressed.

LIC -Local Charges
LAC- Local access charges
USC - Universal Service Charges.

Mr. Hung then opened the meeting by inviting questions from the floor.

There were many very intelligent questions, which was answered by Mr. Hung.

Pres. Rudy thanked Mr. Hung for a very interesting talk and presented him with a photograph of himself in action.

Dir Andy then informed the club that next week's program would be a visit from our Rotaractors to give us a talk about their movement this year.

Pres. Rudy then reminded everyone about the next big function which is our District Conference which will be held on the 19th -20th of March at the Inter-Continental Hotel in TST. He then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to RI coupled with all the Rotary Club in the World.

Rotary Information

World Rotaract Week (7-13 March)

What is Rotaract ?

Rotaract was created by the Rotary International Board in 1968 which was designed to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential in clubs of young men and women, aged between 18 to 30.

The first Rotaract club was chartered by the Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A. Rotaract is flourishing around the world. With over 7,700 Rotaract clubs and 177,000 members, there is Rotaract in almost every country where there is Rotary.

World Rotaract Week, 7 to 13 March, is an opportunity for all of us to reach out and make sure Rotaractors feel that they are part of the Rotary family. Sponsor joint projects with local Rotaract clubs. Invite Rotaractors to club meeting and propose them for membership. Rotaract is a path to Rotary and it is our responsibility as Rotarians to keep that path clear and inviting.

A Rotaract club can exist only when continuously supervised, guided and counseled by a Rotary club. The programmes of Rotaract are built around the motto "Fellowship through Service".

We have two Rotaract clubs, viz.,

- (a) Rotaract Club of Lingnan University (Academic Base)
- (b) Rotaract Club of HK Island East (Community Base).

Our Rotaract advisor is Director Andy Wong who rendered proper guidance to these two Rotaract clubs.

RI Distinguished Service Award

Through District Governor Alex Mak's office, we are proud to learn that our PDG Yan Kee Cheng has been selected to receive the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award from among the 50 recipients of this year worldwide for his dedication and exemplary services rendered.

Well done, PDG Y K, we are proud of you to have glorified our district by your many ways of support towards the Rotary Foundation.

The presentation will be performed by The Foundation Chairman, Past RI President Carlo Ravizza when he visits Hong Kong on the 18th May 2005.

Joke

Guinness Book of Records

Sleeping Beauty, Tom Thumb, and Quasimodo were all talking one day.

Sleeping Beauty said, "I believe myself to be the most beautiful girl in the world."

Tom Thumb said, "I must be the smallest person in the world."

Quasimodo said, "I absolutely have to be the ugliest person in the world."

They decided to go to the Guinness Book of World Records to have their claims verified.

Sleeping Beauty went first and came out looking deliriously happy. "It's official, I AM the most beautiful girl in the world,"

Tom Thumb went next and emerged triumphant, "I am officially the smallest person in the world."

Photographs of our meeting

on

9th March , 2005



Guest speaker Mr. Peter Hung, VP New World Telecom Ltd talking about VoIP.



(L to R) PE Eddy, Mr Peter Hung, and Pres. Rudy.



(L to R) Hon Sec John, Hon Tres. Laurence, Dir Jason.



Dr. tony leads the birthday song for Dir Jason while Pres Rudy looks on.



(L to R) Dirs Andy, Stephen, PP J.L., Dir Hubert, PP Tim and Dr. Tony



Group Photo of Pres. Rudy with members of our club and guest speaker on 9th March, 2005.

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