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Last week's Proceedings -

27th February, 2008

President Laurence Chan started the meeting at 1:30 pm and he introduced his wife Rotarianne Jennie Ma and IPP Mimi Lau of Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East to all members.

Then he invited the Birthday Boy of this week, PE Andy Wong, to receive the birthday gift and PE Andy incidentally chose President Laurence to be the song leader as well. Afterwards, he announced that the club received a banner from a visiting Rotarian of Rotary Club of Tampa who came to our luncheon in January and received our Club banner. After circulating the banner to all members, he invited SAA Heman to report the Red Box Contribution today and SAA Heman reported that HK\$800 donation was received.

In this luncheon meeting, our Guest Speaker was Rotarian Gilbert Fung, our newly inducted member, to present his vocational talk. President Laurence invited AG Eddy to formally introduce Rotarian Gilbert to us. Rtn. Gilbert is a former member of the Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East and has been working in the toy industry for 7 years. Before joining the toy industry, he received education from a university in New Zealand with a double degree on both Commerce and Computer Science. His topic today was "Toy Industry in Hong Kong".

Rotarian Gilbert shared with us that Hong Kong toys have been well known to children and their parents around the world. Many toy items are on wish lists all over the world during Christmas. Over the years, Hong Kong toys have built reputation for quality, safety and affordability. Now Hong Kong becomes the second largest exporter of toys, including re-exports.

He addressed to us that the challenges of toy industry are as follows:

1) Costs have been rising faster than expected due to rising RMB exchange rate and surging oil prices. Now the toy industry is facing shortage of skilled labor too. On the demand side, there is increasing concern of 'Green Manufacturing' and safety issue. All these incur rising costs to our toy industry.

2) The recession of the global economy may result buying less, especially for those high price ticket items.

However, we can also treat these challenges as opportunities. Children are growing up faster than last generation before and young kids are keen to play video games and computer. The good thing is you don't have to be a child to enjoy playing games. This is a potential market capturing the matured adults to be customers as well.

After Rtn Gilbert's speech and the Q & A session, President Laurence presented a photo in action to him. Rotarian Jackal Lee was also invited to present a vote of thanks to our speaker. President Laurence announced that our next week's speaker would be Rotarian Jackal Lee for his vocational talk too. President Laurence then adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm and he proposed a toast to Rotary International, coupled with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. All participants were invited to take a group photo afterwards.

Rotary Potpourri

More about the Rotary Foundation

After the Rotary Foundation Thanksgiving Night attended by the Foundation Trustee, PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, it is appropriate to follow up further his goal by quoting the talk by TRF Chairman, Robert S. Scott at the 2008 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

The dreams of past Rotarians have become the present, just as the dreams of to-day Rotarians will bring a better future, said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Robert S. Scott.

Speaking to the audience of incoming district governors, Scott discussed the 2007-08 Foundation goals.

1. Finish the job of polio eradication,
2. Fulfill the promise of Every Rotarian, Every Year,
3. Reconnect with Foundation Alumni and
4. Peace is possible.

"I inherited a set of goals that I wholeheartedly believe in and support," Scott said. Trustee Bhichai began the year as Foundation trustee chair and sought Scott's input in developing the goals before stepping down in July.

The Foundation's most important goal in 2007-08, and one close to Scott's heart, is ridding the world of polio. "I firmly believe that polio eradication is possible," he said.

Continuing all the Foundation's work is crucial, he explained, which is why it is important for every Rotarian to contribute every year.

Foundation alumni can also donate and may eventually become Rotarians, making them a vital source of support. That's why reconnecting with them is the third goal. "Alumni are a forgotten resource in Rotary." said Scott, who encouraged the governor elect to invite their district alumni to the first all-day Rotary Alumni Celebration at the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles.

To achieve the first goal, Rotarians must work together to show that peace is possible. Though it may seem unattainable. Scott told his audience, "you are an example to the world, showing that men and women of diverging views can indeed break bread together in an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship. Yes, peace is possible."

Rotarians have dreamed of and created the Foundation, its scholarship and peace studies programs, and the polio eradication effort. Over the past ten years, said Scott, "a conservative estimate is that every Rotary has directly affected the lives of 20 million to 30 million people, and then we have had the ripple effect of two billion children having been immunized against polio.

Through the graduates of the peace studies programs, the eradication of polio, and the generosity of donors, the family of Rotary will fulfill the promise of the 2008-09 RI theme and Make Dreams Real.

Reminder to all members of HKIE

Please be informed that PP & Director John Kwok has updated the membership directory of our club in a loose leaf booklet. Should there be any discrepancy or mistake in your page, kindly notify PP John Kwok immediately so that a new page will be issued to you as replacement.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Who were our visiting guests today?

Answer:

2. How much we have collected for the Red Box today?

Answer:

3. Who was our birthday boy today and who led the birthday song?

Answer:

4. Which overseas Club has sent us a banner?

Answer:

5. Who was asked to introduce the speaker to us?

Answer:

6. Who was our speaker today and what was the topic about?

Answer:

7. Who was asked to thank our speaker today?

Answer:

8. Who will be our speaker in the following week?

Answer:

9. Name any three of the Rotary Foundation goals for 2007-2008?

Answer:

10. What was ready for distribution to our members as prepared by our Club Admin Director?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

The Half-Wit

A man owned a small farm in Indiana.

The Indiana State Wage & Hour Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board."

The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board.

Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night.

He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to - the half-wit," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the farmer.

Photographs of our meeting on

27th February, 2008



PE Andy Wong, AG Eddy Wong & PP John Kwok



PDG Uncle Peter, Rtn. Gilbert Fung & Pres. Laurence Chan



(L to R) PP Stephen Liu, AG Eddy



(L to R) Rtn. Jackal Lee, PE Andy

Wong, PP Rudy Law, Rotarianne Jenny Ma & IPP Rotaractor Mimi Lau

Wong, SAA Rtn Heman Lam & Rtn Tony Loy



(L to R) Rotarianne Jennie Ma & IPP Rotaractor Mimi Lau



Birthday Boy PE Andy received a birthday gift from Pres. Laurence



AG Eddy Wong introduced the speaker of the week, Rtn Gilbert Fung



Our speaker of the week, Rtn. Gilbert Fung gave us a vocational talk about his business



Group Photo with members, visiting guests & speaker

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