

# Last Week's Proceedings (16th March, 2005)

The Special Observance for the month of March is earmarked as World Rotaract Week. As 2 Rotaract Clubs were waiting to gave their reports, Pres. Rudy started the meeting as early as 1.15pm.

Visiting Rotarians: Pres. Rudy extended warm welcome to Rtn. Tony Luce of Princeton, Corridor, and our old friend Rtn. Benny Ratnani of Hong Kong Northeast.

Visiting Rotaractors: Warm welcome were extended to 4 Rotaractors of Rotaract Club of Lingnan University: Jamie Mei Yee Tsang, Keith Ka Kin Ting, Carrie Lai Chun Yiu and Ann Yung; and 4 Rotaractors of Rotaract Club of HK Island East: Robert Lee, Mimi Lau, Titima Runguphan and Micheal Kar.

Visiting guest: IPP Henry introduced his guest, Ms Delia Lai of Hong Kong University, who was assigned as an observer of IPP Henry's daily activities (a chaperon?)

Red Box collection: PDG Uncle Peter reported the collection of the day was \$700-.

Other event: A bulletin of the South Ukiah Rotary Club in California was circulated, in which featured in the front page gracefully was a reprint of a full page of our "Tung Feng" of 2 Feb. 2005 edition in color, by their President Larry Ballenger who visited our Club on 2 Feb. 2005.

Talk of the day: .Today, we had 2 of our Rotaract Clubs to brief us their activities:-

Rotaract Club of Lingnan University:

Carrie Yiu gave us a detail activity report of their Taipei 5 days international service exchange tour of "Open Our Eyes: To Feel, To Share, To Experience". With co-operation of Taipei's Ivy Rotaract Club and Rotaract Club of Taipei Castle, a series of community services were performed during the visits to the following 3 organizations:

-First Children Development Center of First Social Welfare Foundation-helping the mentally/physically disadvantaged students with handic apped supplementary facilities.

-Creation Welfare Foundation-Taipei's biggest neomorts care center for neomorts and the related family members. -

- The Taipei City Psychiatric Center and the Daily-care Teenager Psychiatric Center - an education center for teenagers with mental disabilities.

Jamie Tsang submitted their Annual Report of 2004/2005 . Keith Ting described the coming activities of 2005/2006 .

Rotar act Club of HK Island East:

Robert Lee and Mimi Lau reported activities completed as of today, and upcoming events, including:-

- -Celebration of World Rotaract Week cum Centennial Walkathon Sun. 13 Mar. 2005 (Sunday).
- "We Care We Smile" Centennial Project of Rotaract District: Representatives of HKIE participated in this 2 days simile
- collection activity, about 10,000 smiles were collected and over HK\$100,000 was rasied.
- -Helping Fund-raising for Hong Kong Kidney Association.

- Annual Christmas Party for Victoria Park School For The Deaf: on December 19, 2004 (Sunday), 80 participants enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon.

Both Rotaract Clubs extended their appreciation to Dir. Andy Wong for his outstanding leadership.

Vote of thanks to Speakers: Pres. Rudy thanked the speakers and the Rotaractors for the informative reports and for the job well done.

Next Week's program: Mr Gabriel Cheng of First Pacific Davis would give a talk of "Outlook on the Commercial Property Sector 2005 and Beyond".

Meeting Adjourned: Pres. Rudy adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI and coupled with the Rotary Club of Princeton Corridor and Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast.

## **Rotary Information**

#### **Transfer of Membership**

Do you know a Rotarian who is moving soon, or who has moved recently? Because Rotary clubs are autonomous, membership cannot automatically be transferred from one club to another. However, guidelines have been updated and systems implemented to assist with membership transfers.

A club can grant a member a leave of absence for up to one year to find a club in a new community.

A relocating Rotarian can find prospective clubs in a new area by accessing the Official Directory or the Club Locator at www.rotary org; asking the current club secretary to contact prospective clubs on the member's behalf, or completing the Rotarian Relocation Form, available on the Membership section of the RI Web site.

The Rotarian Relocation Form can be submitted online or downloaded and sent to RI via fax or mail. The Membership Development staff of RI Headquarters screens and forwards them to the new location's district Governor and membership chair. After review, district leaders may forward this information to the appropriate club. Once information is received, club leaders can contact the individual.

Provided an individual meets all membership conditions, they can be sponsored for membership in a new club by their former club, via a letter from the secretary, or by a member of the former club or the new club.

Clubs inviting a relocated member to join follow the same process as for any prospective member, with two exceptions, effective with the 2004 Manual of Procedure. A relocating Rotarian can be proposed for membership even if his or her classification is filled, and clubs are exempt from paying prorated per capita dues for relocating Rotarians.

A Rotarian must have his or her membership terminated in the former club prior to being recorded as a member of the new club. The secretary or president of the new club can report the individual as a new member using the Membership Data Form or via the Member Access function on RI's Web site. To maintain membership history, the form should include the previous club name and membership identification number, which is available from the former club or the mailing label of The Rotarian magazine. Simultaneously, the former club will need to terminate the individual's membership.

For more information, contact Club and District Administration staff, who are listed on the Club-District Support section of the RI Web site.

For further review, access article 5, section 2, RI Constitution; section 4.030 and 17.040.2., RI Bylaws, article 6, section 4 and article 11, section 2, Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

### Joke

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden, he said out loud, "Lord, grant me one wish." The sky clouded above his head and in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing', and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied. "You want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?"



# **Photographs of our meeting**

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Hon Sec. Jaime Tsang of Rotaract Club of Lingnan U addressing us.





PE Keith Ting of the Rotaract Club of Lingnan U.

Ms Carrie Yiu (Dir. International Service.)



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Hon Sec Jaime Tsang (Rotaract Club of Lingnan U) and Pres. Rudy.



IPP Robert Lee and VP Mimi :Lau Both from the Rotaract club of HKIE enjoying the meeting.



(Back Row L to R)IPP Robert Lee, Michael Kan,VP Mimi Lau (all from Rotaract Club of HKIE), (Front Row L to R)Dir.(Club Service)Titima Runguphan, Ann Yung (both from RC of HKIE), Carrie Yiu (Dir. International), Hon Sec.Jaime Tsang & PE Keith Ting (three from RC of LNU). All smiling happily.



(L to R) Ms Delia Lai (guest of IPP Henry), IPP Henry and Dr Tony.



(L to R) Hon Tres. Laurence, Rtn Bennay Ratnani (HKNE), RTn Tony Luce (Princeton Corridor), PP's George, Stephen, Ms Delia Lai (HKU), IPP Henry.



Group Photo of our meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Rudy and Rotaractors and visiting Rotarians and our members on 16th March 2005



We have three Paul Harris members this year (Far right, Pres. Rudy, Hon Tres. Laurence & Dir Andy) Also Pictured with them are Pres Theresa Chan and Rtn Benny Chan both from Hong Kong Harbour, here getting their recognitions at the District Conference on 20th March 2005 with RI President's Personal Representative

The Rotary Foundation Trustee Theodore D. Griley II and PDG John Wan.

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