

# Last week's Proceedings -

## 2nd March, 2011

Pres. Heman started the 33rd meeting by welcoming all attending members and guests. Today we have a birthday boy, PP Andy who had chosen PP Laurence Chan as his birthday song leader. After President Heman presented a birthday gift to our birthday boy we all sang together loudly to greet our birthday boy.

A Special announcement was made by President Heman that PE Eric achieved the 4th Duan (Level) of Chinese WuShu (Martial Art) Association. PE Eric explained that he participated in the assessment in Tai Chi Chuan and Tai Chi Saber and was granted the 4th Duan (equivalent to Intermediate Level) in front of 6 national adjudicators in Elizabeth Stadium on Feb 26, 2011. Before the assessment, PE had to submit a research paper in Tai Chi Chuan in 2000 words summarizing his eight years of learning experience.

President Heman then made the following announcement:

1. Vocational Visit 12 March to Giant Grouper/Link Cod Farm (lung dun) in Mei Po. We are arranging a trip to wetland of Mei Po. Details have been sent out to all, please bring along your family members and register with HS Jonathan

2. The IPP Dinner, in appreciation to our two splendid IPPs - Andy Wong and Norman Lee, both achieved President of the Year Award. The Dinner will be held at 7pm on 12 March, Saturday, after the vocational visit; venue would be The Chinese Club, The Chinese Club Building, 8-15 Floor, 21-22 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong. There will be a sumptuous seafood dinner organized by PP Paul, and Prize Presentation for Uncle John Golf Tournament. Please register with HS Jonathan, family members and guests are welcomed.

3. Hip Hop Dance Project visit to St. Louise on Feb 24 (Thur) PP John, PN Nancy, Dir. Anthony and myself attended, while PP John Kwok, Dir. Anthony Kwong, Rtn. William Leung, PE Eric Chin and myself visited the class at St. Carpenters Secondary School on 1 March. Dir. Anthony will report the progress in the coming luncheon meeting.

4. PP Andy and Rtn. William Wong spent an enjoyable lunch with Choi Jun School Students, for our project Happy Luncheon on 1st March. PP Andy briefed us on the progress of the project.

5. The foundation laying ceremony for the school that we planned to build this year under the name of LAMPORT will be held on the 4th March. Location of the school is in Guizhou where 210 students will be benefited. Dir. Kevin Leung, Rtn. William Wong, HS Jonathan and members of his family and myself will attend the ceremony.

6. Our 4 Clans Meeting will be held on 25 March at the Regal HK Hotel; so far, Rotary Clubs of HK Harbor, HK South, HK Northeast, Happy Valley, Causeway Bay, HK City North and HK Bayview will be participating. Please mark your diary.

7. District Conference on 19-20 March please call us to register. Rotary Got Talent - Ivan Chin has kindly agreed to perform for us. Also son and daughter-in-law of PP John Luk, Johnson and Lucia would be participating as well.

PE Eric was invited to report the visit to the Student Office of Lingnan University on Feb 28, 2011. The meeting was held between Dr. Veronica Tam, Head of SO and her colleague Carman who in charge of the Clubs in University and Pres. Heman, PP Andy and PE Eric. The meeting helped to build up relationship with SO to further arrange our members to provide services to LNU. Dr. Tam accepted our invitation to deliver a talk in our luncheon meeting on May 4, 2011.

Sgt-at-arms William Leung reported that the collection of Red Box was HK\$1,300 with special contributions from

birthday boy PP Andy and Chinese Wushu 4th Duan (Level ) awardee PE Eric.

President invited Rtn. Lawrence Ho to introduce speaker of the luncheon:

Miss Jennifer CIMAGLIA is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from RC of Northern Georgia. She is currently spending one year studying at the University of Hong Kong in the Master of Buddhist Studies Program.

Jennifer spent the past year working at the Vietnam Institute of Archaeology in Hanoi, Vietnam. She was designing a sustainable tourism master plan for Quang Nam Province in Central Vietnam. The project was part of the Vietnamese government's 20 year economic plan and focused on documenting and advertising the intangible heritage assets in the province as a means of poverty alleviation. In her off time while living in Hanoi, she enjoyed drinking avocado milkshakes alongside Hoan Kiem Lake, driving her motor scooter in the crazy traffic and bargaining with tailors on Silk Street in the old quarter. She also travelled all over Vietnam, to the North and South, to the mountains and the coast.

Then, Jenny Cimaglia spoke about her work and impressions from living in Vietnam for one year.

Jenny explained that she came to Vietnam as a Luce Scholar, sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation of New York City. The Henry Luce foundation sends young American leaders to Asia for a year-long work exchange program. As part of this exchange, Jenny spent her year working for UNESCO, at their field office in Hanoi.

Jenny explained that she chose Vietnam for many reasons, including the Vietnam war, Vietnamese-American relations, French colonial history and communism.

While in Vietnam, Jenny worked on a sustainable tourism project which focused its work in Quang Nam province, Vietnam. Jenny told us about this province in central Vietnam. There are two UNESCO World Heritage Sites located in this province, they are My Son and Hoi An.

My Son is an archaeological site, a series of temples which, like Angkor Wat, was founded by the Cham people. Hoi An, the other UNESCO World Heritage Site in Quang Nam province, is a small city situated on a river. It was a trading post during the colonial period, and retains a great deal of historical architecture. However, Hoi An is prone to flooding during monsoon season and My Son has many structural problems due to damage suffered as a result of bombings during the Vietnam War. The project that Jenny worked on helps to protect and to integrate these two sites.

Jenny also went on and shared some more personal insights to Vietnam, other than just her work. She also shared some impressions which she thought were especially important. These memories included how large of a difference still exists between North and South Vietnam-especially how much mistrust there still exists between Northerners and Southerners. Jenny also discussed the cult of personality of Ho Chi Minh, how big and strong and present he still is in the minds of many Vietnamese.

The last and most important thing Jenny wanted to leave us with as part of her presentation was what an impact her friendly reception as an American in Vietnam made on her. Jenny emphasized the difference between the Vietnamese attitude towards the Vietnam War and the American attitude towards the Vietnam War. She said that she learned a great deal about history, forgiveness, and moving on from the Vietnamese over the course of the year she spent there.

After her presentation, Jenny opened the floor to questions and received several interesting questions from our club members.

Rtn. William Wong represented the club to formally thank for the informative talk by Jenny.

The next week's speaker will be Mrs. CHEUNG ANG Siew Mei, JP, an Executive Director of Christian Action and she will provide a brief introduction of the whole organization and services of Christian Action in Hong Kong and Mainland China:

Finally, President Heman then asked everyone to stand up and raised a toast to RI coupled with the RC of Northern Georgia and Rotary Club of HK Island East.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm and President Heman invited all Rotarians and guests for a Group Photo.

# **Rotary Potpourri**

#### RI Theme of the Rotary Year 2011-2012

RI President Elect Kalyan Banerjee announced the 2011-2012 RI Theme on 17th January 2011 during

the International Assembly held in San Diego, Californian USA as

#### "REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY".

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#### Summary of School visits for the ????Fun (Hip Hop Dance for Fun) by Dir. Anthony Kwong

The school visit to Holy Carpenter Secondary School, 10 Tai Wan Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon, was on 1 March 2011 at 5:00 pm. President Heman Lam, Uncle John Kwok, PE Eric Chin, Rotarian William Leung and Director Anthony Kwong joined by Ling, the Director of School of Hip Hop and Ms. Tsang, Director of Arts of Holy Carpenter Secondary School. Ling and Ms. Tsang showed us around during the visit. There are total thirteen lessons in the Hip Hop Dance class and it was the fourth lesson on the day of visit. There are twenty three students participated in the Hip Hop Dance class. They include Hong Kong citizens, new immigrants and get-back-to-school students. Besides of Ling, two instructors from School of Hip Hop teaches the students street dance steps in the class. The synchronously dance steps with background music were impressive during the visit. The Hip Hop Dance classes helps students to build positive self image and strengthen their self confidence. The ability to perform in front of other people give them a goal to achieve and develop their team spirit. The peer relationship is good among the students. The principal of Holy Carpenter Secondary School, Mr. Alan Chow also came along during the visit to cheer the students on and show his support to the program.

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Rotaract Club of HKIE hosting a Professional Talk and BBQ to 50 young University graduates Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East hosted a professional development talk to over 50 University Students from LNU, HKUST, PolyU, HKU and received a very positive response on March 5, 2011 a Saturday afternoon in PCCW recreation Club in Causeway Bay. LNU outgoing board and incoming board members with Com-based board members all have attended.

The topic of the talk was "Are you smarter than your interviewer?" - Interview Skills which was lectured by Rotarian Sharon Lamport, an experienced head hunting professional. The talk will take place at the Recreation Club of PCCW at No. 108 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, HK, Saturday Afternoon, 5th March, 2011 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The talk was focused at general interview skills, proper manner, image and dress code as well as some cases sharing.

Project In charge Dir. Alfred Leung kicked off the talk with an introduction. Then Rtn. Sharon initiated an ice breaking session dividing all the attendees into 4 Groups led by Rotarians PP Rudy, PN Nancy, Dir Colin and PE Eric and RAC PP Mimi to share the experience of interviewer and interviewees. Role play was done to invite attendees to be interviewed and Rotarians led the discussion for improvement.

Sharon further demonstrated the Do's and Don'ts of interviews with 20 short video clips cast by Sharon, her colleagues and our Rotaractors Alfred, Henry and Suki. The videos were entertaining with insights sharing to sharpen the interview skills. Yonder guidance from Sharon, they spent many evenings to produce the video and Rortaract Club Dir. Henry also spent many efforts in editing the video to make it a professional presentation to all.

PP Rudy, Dir Colin, PN Nancy, RAC PP Mimi and PE Eric were invited on stage to share their tips of attending interview form employer/management perspectives to equip attendees' confidence.

Rotarian Sharon and PP Rudy further provided consultation of attendees CV individually on each own resume to recommend improvements in the CV writing.

After the talk, nearly 40 participants moved to the roof top of the Club and started the fellowship BBQ. All have fun time with chatting and networking for the inter University students. Dir Alfred also led a group to play American Pool and had great times. Daughters of Rtn. Lawrence Ho, Stacy and Elizabeth, and her friend also attended the BBQ.

PE Heman, Dir Kelvin and his wife Catherine arrived at the Club for BBQ at 8pm upon returned HK from the Guizhou visit so showed support to the event. We also expressed our appreciated for the booking of the venue and arrangements by Dir. Kelvin's friend Ricky who is a member of the PCCW recreation club.

Great recognition were extended to Rtn. Sharon, Attending Rotarians: PN Nancy, PP Rudy and Dir Colin, Persons-In-Charge Alfred, Kathy, Henry and RAC board members and sponsors from board of advisors including Pres. Heman, PP Andy, PP Laurence and PE Eric. This is a great project working in harmony between Rotary Club and Rotaract Club of HKIE to bridge the generation and link the Professional Development training and service to the youth. The event ended at 11 pm.

Rtn Sharon will provide after event consultation for any attendee who has question to contact her for further advises.

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### **Electronic Make-up Questions**

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

Name: Email: 1. Who was birthday boy today and who led the birthday song ? Ans) 2. Who was the special announcement made by Pres. Heman about ? Ans) 3. When and where is the upcoming Vocational Visit held in March 2011 ? Ans) 4. When and where will our IPP Dinner be held this month ? Ans) 5. Name any two of our members participated in the Hip Hop Dance project recently ? Ans) 6. Who joined the recent Happy Luncheon project with Choi Jun School students ? Ans) 7. How many students will be benefited from our upcoming Guizhou School project ? Ans) 8. When and where will our 4-clans meeting be held and name any three of the clubs that are joining ? Dne1

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### <u>Joke</u>

Subject: \*Italian Bank Robber\*

A hooded armed robber bursts into a Bank in Italy and forces the tellers to load a sack full of cash.

On his way out the door with the loot, one brave Italian customer grabs the hood and pulls it off revealing the robber's face.

The robber shoots the guy in the head without hesitation!

He then looks around the bank to see if anyone else has seen him. One of the tellers is looking straight at him. The robber walks over and calmly shoots him in the head.

Everyone by now is very scared and looking down at the floor. "Did anyone else see my face?" calls the robber.

There follows a tense silence. Then an elderly Italian gent, looking down, tentatively raises his hand and says:

\*"I think maybe my wife caught a glimpse."\*

# **Photographs of our meeting**

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### 2nd March, 2011





Group photo with members & guest speaker











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