

Last Week's Proceedings (30th March, 2005)

Pres. Rudy kicked off the meeting at 1:20pm.

Visiting Rotarians: PP Hubert greeted all guests and Pres. Rudy extended warm welcome to IPP William Fong Yan of Rotary Club of Hong Kong North, Chartered Pres. Herman Hu of Rotary Club of Admiralty and Rtn Vicky Chiu of Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, our sister club in Canada. Rtn Vick was deeply related to our Club as she was daughter of our member the late Rtn. Gary Chiu and also cousin of Dir. Jason.

Birthday Boy: It would be celebrating Pres. Rudy's birthday (1 Apr.), then since he had prematurely celebrated his birthday last week as reciprocal to AG Ada's nice gesture of coming to RCHKIE to celebrate her birthday, therefore, no birthday boy this week.

Announce mnet: PP John reported that the computer room equipment (donated by PP John to his village in Chuk Sau Yuen primary school in Zhongshan) is being set up. We would organise a trip to Zhongshan on 28-29 Apr. 2005 to attend the Inaugural ceremony on Thur. 28 Apr. 2005, and on the 29th, a golf game at the Hot Spring Golf Club with PP Geoge's help. Interested members please contact PP John.

Red Box Collection: Tres. Laurence reported the collection of the day was \$700-.

Speaker of the day: Rtn John V introduce Prof. Alfred Ho, executive director and professor of The Academy of Management Consultancy (AMC) to speak on: "Capitalizing on Your Subject Expertise through a Knowledge Hub for Mutual Benefits" Seniority is the honor for the knowledge, experience, and, perhaps more importantly, the wisdom that we have accumulated over time. For preserving the personal 'worth' we often tend to keep these intellectual assets to ourselves. Similarly, for guarding against an organization's interests, such IP (intellectual properties) are often closely kept.

There is, however, much economic and social asset wastage in the above practices. There is an English saying: "Why re-invent the wheel?" While some proprietary knowledge must be kept confidential and accessible only to the inmates of an organization, there are yet good practices that if turned into public knowledge would help enhance the general literacy and efficacy of the community as well as promoting the image and good will of the originator. The world is changing so quickly these days that any knowledge is rendered obsolete shortly. Knowledge requires people to assimilate, apply and refine as they learn from the feedback and end results through the interplay with the environment and circumstances. If you believe in the 80:20 rule, most of our knowledge, be it personal or organizational, are generic, with only a minority being specific — to your industry, to your organization, or to your unique setting. Much of our experience either gets obsolete over time or is simply forgotten after some time. And, as we retire, our personal treasure of accumulated experiences is often left rotten without benefiting any other people.

A model has now been developed to allow you to capitalize on your subject expertise so it will benefit yourself as well as the others – the users.

Through the Knowledge Hub, your experience is made 'explicit' (in Knowledge Management term) and converted into problem solutions in forms of learning programs, analysis tools, assessment instruments, etc. available to the end-users. The Hub provides the 'brain dumping' facilities as well as the marketing machinery directly and through franchises and distribution agents. You as the owner of the IP earn royalties from your contribution whenever they are used, and end-users benefit from sharing your practical wisdom in solving their problems.

Detail information is available at AMC's website: www.academy-mc.org, or contact Rtn John V.

Vote of Thanks to Speaker: Pres. Rudy thanked Prof. Ho for a very interesting and specialized talk and presented him with a photograph of himself in action.

Next week's program: PE Eddy informed the club that next week's speaker would be Mr. Brady Sidwell, a 2004-2005 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, to share the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Program with us.

Special Event: Pres. Rudy reminded members that RCHKIE was chartered on 6 April 1954. Our Club's 51st Anniversary would be coming on next Wed., April 6, 2005!!!!

In order to celebrate this historical moment, we would have BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST in our next Wed. luncheon. All members were urged to come to participate this special occasion.

Meeting Adjourned: Pres. Rudy adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI and coupled with Rotary Clubs of Hong Kong North, Admiralty and Vancouver, Chinatown.

District News

A Mac au Tower Walk had been arranged on the 23rd March 2005 in Macau, SAR to raise fund for the Hepatitis B project in aid of the new born babies in Mainland China. This ten-year programme had been in its half way, therefore, we still have to raise HK\$2,000,000.00 per year.

This Tower Walk or Climb is to run up the 233 metres high tower from ground level. It is a good exercise for health but it is rather difficult to accomplish. Anyway, Rtn. Ken Lai of the Rotary Club of Kowloon North East was the first one to finish the race and he was declared champion with an award of a Macao Tower replica made of imitation crystal.

The runner up was Past President Kenneth Chow of the Rotary Club of Tsuen Wan. It was estimated that a sum of around Hong Kong Dollars One Million being raised for this Hepatitis B project.

Thanks to all the participants and donors who had made this project successfully completed.

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Congratulatory Messages

From Director Paul K.C. Chan:

A historical event for Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East and a momentous occasion in recognition of a deserving PDG for his incessant service above self as a Rotarian. Congratulations. PDG Y.K.

From President Rudy Law:

It is a happy news indeed. Rudy was advised by PDG Uncle Peter that PDG Y K would be receiving the following award on May 18 (Wed) in an Inter-City meeting from Past RI President (1999-2000) Carlo Ravizza (also Foundation Chairman) Milano Sud-Ovest, Italy:

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award.

Four complete Rotary years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. This is the Foundation's highest service recognition, a recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend be youd the district level and over an extended period of time. Award recipients receive a cast bronze plaque mounted on a walnut base.

Congratulations to PDG Y K and we are proud that PDG YK is the single award recipient this year from District 3450 and he would also be the third one in Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East to receive this TRF Distinguished Service Award (following PDG Uncle John Yuen and PDG Uncle Peter Hall)

Joke

Looking for office help

A local business was looking for office help. They put a sign in the window saying:

HELP WANTED Must be a good typist and be good with a computer. Successful applicant must be bilingual. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A short time later a lovely golden retriever dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it, whined and pawed the air.

The receptionist called the office manager. He was surprised, to say the least to see a canine applicant. However, the dog looked determined, so he led him into the office.

Inside, the dog jumped up on a chair and stared at the manager expectantly.

The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you must be able to type."

The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to quickly type a perfect business letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager, gave it to him, then jumped back up on the chair.

The manager was stunned, but told the dog, "That was fantastic, but I'm sorry. The sign clearly says that whoever I hire has to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down again, went to the computer and proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs, produced a sample spreadsheet and database, then presented them to the manager.

The manager was dumbfounded! He said to the dog, "Hey, I realize that you are a very intelligent applicant and have fantastic talent, but you're a dog -- no way could I hire you."

The dog jumped down and went to the sign in the window and pointed his paw at the words, "Equal Opportunity Employer."

The exasperated manager said, "Yes, I know what the damned sign says. But the sign also says you have to be bilingual."

The dog looked him straight in the eye and said, "Meow."



Photographs of our meeting

on

30th March, 2005



Our guest speaker was Mr. Alfred Ho of the Academy of Management Consultancy speaking to us on "Capitalizing on Your Subject Expertise through a Knowledge Hub for Mutual Benefits"



PE Vicky Wong (Chiu) of the Rotary club of Vancouver Chinatown our sister club. She is the daughter of our former member Gary Chiu visiting us.



(L to R) PE Eddy, guest speaker Mr. Alfred Ho, and Pres. Rudy.



(L to R) Hon Sec John, Vicky Wong (Vancouver Chinatown) and IPP William Fong Yan (HKN)



PP Herman Hu (Admiralty), Hon Tres Laurence, PP's George, Hubert, and Dr Tony, and PP J.L..



(L to R) PDG Y.K. and Editor for March Rtn John Yao.



Group Photo of our meeting with Pres. Rudy, Visiting Rotarians and guest speaker on 30th March, 2005.

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