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Last week's Proceedings -

19th March, 2008

President Laurence started the meeting at 1:05 pm and invited PP Uncle John to introduce our visiting Rotarian Louisa Horne of the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside from Canada, Rotarian Ken Tranbarger of the Rotary Club of Torrey Pines from USA, our first lady Rotarianne Jennie and Albert Cham of Hong Kong Communications Equipment Co. Ltd to all members. They all received a big round of applause from us and President Laurence exchanged the club banner with our visiting Rotarian Louisa Horne.

A Paul Harris Fellow pin was presented to PP Henry Chan by PDG Uncle Peter as contributed by PP Rudy Law for the recognition of PP Henry's support in recommending a job in the Hong Kong Jockey Club to a graduated student from the school of the deaf as proposed by PP Rudy.

Then President Laurence invited SAA Heman to report the Red Box collection of today and SAA Heman reported that HK\$ 4,800 was collected including the donation of HK\$ 3,000 from our sister club, the Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan, from Japan and HK\$ 1,800 from all the Rotarians and guests of today.

In this luncheon meeting, our Guest Speaker was PP Hubert Chan who is the Chairman & CEO of the HKC International Holdings Ltd. He is also the Chairman of the Hong Kong Communications Association. PP Hubert has been a member of HKIE for over 20 years. The topic of the talk is "Home Automation System (智能家居系统)".

PP Hubert explained that Home Automation is to create a caring, comfortable, and communicative life style which includes:

- Application of automation techniques for the comfort and security
- Major control: Lighting, Air Conditioning, Curtain, Sensor, Alarm
- Additional functions in home automation can include:
 - the control of multi-media home entertainment systems
 - automatic scenes for dinners and parties
 - user-friendly control interface
 - RF(Radio Frequency)/Wireless control for ease of installation and use
 - Remote control of home appliances through Internet

The presented solution is using Automation techniques for Care, Comfort, Security and Communication of home residents. There are 5 major focus of the Home Automation solution: versatile Controller, Ubiquitous Communications, Securities, Elderly Care and Childcare.

Ubiquitous Communications - Home Appliances can be controlled by various media, such as, IP telephone, Soft phone, Mobile with WiFi, Internet, UMPC (Ultra-Mobile Personal Computer), analogue phone (Interactive Voice Response System). Some of the devices are also serving as a video door phone and surveillance monitor. Once the device is linked up with the controller, the IP based telephone will become part of the extension phone anywhere in the world (no IDD charges).

Versatile Controllers such as i-Home enabler: Integrated with electrical home appliances to enable home automation capability. Compatible to control by RF, Wi-Fi, Infra-Red or RS232 connectivity, strengthened by its analogue, IP and SIP telephony capability. One great benefit is zero IDD charge when using IP based telephony via Internet.

Security will cover security control by integrating with gas detector, fire detector, motion detector, door lock control, video door phone to avoid intruders, trigger the alarm and automatically report to the police by phone or by email when accidents like fire, gas leak, or intrusion are detected.

Regarding Elderly care, Panic/Pendant button can be connected to an i-Home enabler wirelessly, pressing the button will trigger the controller to dial out a pre-set number to the security guard station with alert message to ensure the elderly's safety at home.

In order to protect Childcare, the system has equipped with surveillance camera in the child room where parents can monitor their child status using kitchen TV, UMPC or even via Internet when they are away from home.

PP Hubert further highlighted the Z-wave technology was adopted in his i-home enabler as follows:

- Z-wave provides a wire-free environment between devices and I-home enabler
- Possible to turn normal electronic device into Z-wave enabled device
- Devices are monitored by I-home enabler and triggering alarm or phone call for assistances.

With the assistance of Hubert's colleague, Albert Cham, he demonstrated the various functions of the Smart Home system including the use of the mobile phone to dial in to control the home appliances like switching on/off the lights.

After PP Hubert's speech and lively demonstration, numerous questions were raised showing the interests attracted to the audiences. Then President Laurence presented a photo with a vote of thanks to Hubert.

President Laurence reminded us to come to our Club Assembly meeting scheduled next week to hear and discuss our latest club matters and project progress. He then adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm and proposed a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside, Rotary Club of Torrey Pines and the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. All participants were invited to take a group photo afterwards.

Rotary Potpourri

A message from RI President of 2008-2009

A maiden message from our incoming RI President Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee is reproduced hereunder for our reading :

"A hallmark of Rotary service has always been Rotarians' commitment to doing what needs to be done, Everyday, in tens of thousands of communities, we look around us to see how and where we can best help others.

The help we provide responds to many situations and takes many forms. On a club level, we might take books to a school, help a disabled person with errands, or volunteer in a jobs program. Together with other clubs, we are capable of projects with greater reach. And the participation of our entire network of clubs, along with the support of The Rotary Foundation, has allowed us to commit to our primary and most ambitious goal; the global eradication of polio.

When choosing our service projects, we do our best to work in ways that will have the most positive and most lasting impact. But to ensure a better world for many generations, we must begin by taking care of our youngest generation. This is why, in 2008-09, I will ask Rotarians everywhere to focus on the most precious resource of every community -- our children.

Every child deserves the chance at a healthy life. Unfortunately, every day, some 30,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. When I first learned this statistic, I thought that surely there had been a mistake, and the number was an error. Unfortunately, it was not. Every day, around the world, children die needlessly of pneumonia, measles, and malaria. Thousands die every day from the lack of a most basic resource, clean water. And many more die from a combination of factors, in which malnutrition and poverty play major roles.

I would like to see reducing the child mortality rate become a key goal of club and district service projects in the year ahead.

This is why the RI theme for 2008-09 is Make Dreams Real. Food and water, health care and schooling, the chance at a long and full life -- this is the unrealized dream of too many children. In 2008-09, I ask you to Make Dreams Real for these children and their families, and to work with me toward the Rotary dream of a happier, healthier, and more peaceful world.

The great majority of childhood deaths occur in the developing world and that is where the most work must be done. But every single Rotary club can also do its part to help keep the children in its own community safe and well. Even in the wealthiest countries, there are children without access to medical care. Every day, children die for want of simple technology such as smoke detectors, bicycle helmets, and car safety seats. And in every part of the world, children still face the threat of polio -- and remain at risk until we keep our promise of making the world polio-free.

As a parent, I know how precious our children and grand children are to us. We love them, care for them, and protect them as well as we are able. As a Rotarian, I believe that we also have a responsibility to love, care for, and protect the children in our communities -- and everywhere in the world.

For the last few years, RI's presidents have chosen to continue a consistent set of service emphases, focusing every year on projects in health and hunger, water and literacy. There has been a good reason for this decision. These are areas where true progress can be made with the wise use of Rotary resources. These are also areas where the need is tremendous, and the ability of Rotarians to help is great.

I plan to keep these emphases but to ask the entire family of Rotary to make special effort, in this Rotary year, to focus on projects that will make a difference in the lives of children.

To this end, each one of these three emphases is inextricably linked with the others. Safe and available water immediately and drastically reduces a child's risk of death from waterborne illness -- the cause of 6,000 deaths daily. Good nutrition is necessary for healthy growth and improves a child's resistance to disease. And the ability to read and write gives a child a better chance at raising the next generation in prosperity and health.

Rotary is a truly global network of volunteers. Our structure allows us to partner with clubs around the world, combining the skills and resources necessary to supply the right help in the right place at the right time. Our organization is uniquely able to tackle a goal as ambitious as a reduction in the child mortality rate -- but only if we work together, if we take advantage of our own resources, and those available to us through other clubs and our Rotary Foundation, then we will have the potential to make a real difference -- and to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children."

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. Where were our two visiting Rotarians coming from?

Answer:

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

Answer:

3. What was presented by Uncle Peter and to whom?

Answer:

4. Who was our speaker and what was the topic about?

Answer:

5. What is the program of our next week's luncheon meeting?

Answer:

6. Who is our RI President for the year 2008-2009?

Answer:

7. What is the Presidential theme of the Rotary year 2008-2009?

Answer:

8. Everyday how many children under the age of five die from preventable causes?

Answer:

9. What was advocated by our RI President of 2008-2009 as a key goal of club and district service projects in the year ahead?

Answer:

10. Our RI President of 2008-2009 has stated that the waterborne illness has been the cause of how many deaths of children daily?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Apartment Rental

A married businessman meets a beautiful girl and agrees to spend the night with her for \$500.

He spends the night with her but before he leaves, he tells her that he does not have any cash with him, but he will have his secretary write a check and mail it to her, calling the payment "RENT FOR APARTMENT." On the way to the office he regrets what he has done, realizing that the whole event was not worth the price. So he has his secretary sent a check for \$250 and enclosed the following typed note:

Dear Madam:

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$250 for rent of your apartment. I am not sending the amount agreed upon, because when I rented the apartment, I was under the impression that;

- 1) it had never been occupied;
- 2) that there was plenty of heat; and
- 3) that it was small enough to make me feel cozy and at home.

However, I found out that it had been previously occupied,
That there wasn't any heat, and that it was entirely too large.

Upon receipt of the note, the girl immediately returned the check for \$250 with the following note:

Dear Sir,

- 1: First of all, I cannot understand how you expect a beautiful apartment to remain unoccupied indefinitely.
- 2: As for the heat, there is plenty of it, if you know how to turn it on.
- 3: Regarding the space, the apartment is indeed of regular size, but if you don't have enough furniture to fill it, please don't blame the landlady.

Send the rent in full or we will be forced to contact your present landlady...

Photographs of our meeting on

19th March, 2008



Hon Sec Norman Lee, visiting Rotarians (Mr Ken Tranbarger from Rotary Club of Torrey Pines, USA & Ms Louisa Horne from Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside, Canada)



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, speaker PP Hubert Chan & Pres. Laurence Chan



(L to R) PP Henry, Rtn Nancy, PP Rudy, AG Eddy, PP Stephen, Rotarianne Jennie, Rtn Tony & Rtn. Kenny



(L to R) SAA Heman Lam, Rtn Jacke1 Lee, Rtn Eric Chin, PE Andy Wong



Pres. Laurence exchanged banner with visiting Rotarian Ms Louisa Horne from Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside, Canada



PDG Uncle Peter presented a Paul Harris fellow pin to PP Henry as sponsored by PP Rudy



SAA Heman Lam reported this week's handsome Red Box collection

PP Hubert, the speaker of this week, gave us a talk of the Smart Home System



Mr. Albert Cham, PP Hubert's colleague, demonstrated how the Smart Home system works

Smart Home System is so easy to use. Just one "Click" in your computer's floor plan, your home's appliances are all under your control



Group photo with members, guest & visiting rotarians

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