

Last week's Proceedings -

10th March, 2010

The meeting started at 1:00pm and President Norman warmly greeted all attending members and guests. He then introduced a Rotarian guest: Rtn. Benny Ratnani from RC of Hong Kong Northeast. He further invited PP Laurence to introduce members from Rotaract Club of Lingnan University including External Vice President Nancy Chan and Past External VP Karen Lai.

President Norman then made the following announcements:

1. District Conferences would be held on April 17 and 18. There were 11 members and 4 Rotaractors from Lingnan University enrolled.

2. The Singing Contest held by District would be held on March 20, 2010. Enrolment was still open if member has interest.

President Norman presented a Paul Harris Fellow pin to HS Eric who achieved the PHF + 2 level for recognition of his contribution to support the Rotary Foundation.

Acting SAA reported the red box collection was HK\$ 1,000 and thanked all contributors.

PP Laurence introduced Past EVP Karen Lai, Rotaract Club of Lingnan University who was the first speaker in the luncheon. Karen reported the International Service 7 Days trip to Sichuan in late Dec 2009 and January, 2010. With the purpose of fulfillment of cultural exchange with Sichuan University and promote the sense of belongings to the country, they started to prepare applying funding from HKSAR in early mid of 2009. The organizing committee held two trainings for the participating Rotarctors including receiving training in Changing Young Life Foundations on learning how to motivate children's learning behavior. They were well received by the partnering students in Sichuan University which had a big campus. They visited the Sichuan University attached Primary School and provided games on balloon riding and learnt the local dialects from kids. They further visited a Primary School which was rebuilt after the earthquake disaster. They taught the students with English greeting and some games. There were 100 students in the schools. After the visit, they had good times in visiting some famous tourist spots such as Lok Shan Big Budda and Yu Lung Snow Mountain.

A question was raised by our member on how they funded the visit. Karen answered that they successfully got sponsorship from the HKSAR for HK\$ 60,000, RC HKIE of HK\$ 4,000 for buying gifts to children, and each participate paid HK\$ 3,000 for their own cost.

Following Karen's presentation, Nancy Chan, External Vice President, Rotaract Club of Lingnan University presented the coming year plan as follows:

The activities of Community Service:

1. We had been recruiting the participants for tutorial service project, which is organized by Changing Young Lives Foundation. This project aims at helping the needy children and teens to catch up the learning progress in their school and building up their confidence.

2. We will have a joint-U function with Rotaract club of PolyU and organizing the activities to the children in Kwanfook, those children are suffering from the domestic violence. We hope that we can give happiness and care to the children through organizing the day camp and workshop.

* The originally activity of Ronald McDonald House is replaced by this activity due to the limitation of the number of service targets.

3. Our club did some community services with Choi Jun school before. We would like to have a handcraft workshop with the students from Choi Jun. Through this workshop it is aimed to build up those students' confidence and give them a happy time.

The activities of Professional Development:

1. We will visit Cathay Pacific City, the headquarter of Cathay Pacific. The purpose of this visit is to make the participants understand the airline more. The manager of Cathay Pacific will give us a talk to share his personal experience which may inspire us.

2. We will hold a talk about the Chinese funeral profession. Correct the wrong mind of the students about the works in handling death which is not horrible. And then, let our student know more about the career in this field.

The activities of the Club Service

1. We will join the life X-perience day camp which is held by Crossroad with Poly University. The participants will have a chance to walk in the shoes of those who battle global need, to breathe their air and meet their struggles, such as experience in blind and get AIDS. It may help them to have a better understanding of the needy and stimulate their passion on joining community services.

President Norman invited PP Rudy to express our appreciation to the two speakers. Then President Norman presented them with a gift and a photo of our speakers in action as a token of appreciation.

President Norman then announced that our speaker for next week would be Ambassadorial Scholar Ashley Hermes who would share her story how she is connected in Rotary Family, her study in HK and her country.

President Norman then made a toast to Rotary International, Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. There being no other businesses, the luncheon meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. All participants were invited for a group photo.

Rotary Potpourri

Rotary Potpourri Highlights of actions taken by the RI

Board of Directors

The third meeting of the 2009-2010 RI Board of Directors was held on 25-29 January 2010 in Evanston, Illinois, USA. At this meeting the Board reviewed reports from 11 committees and recorded 65 decisions.

<u>Club and District Matters.</u> The Board opened Palestine for the extension of Rotary clubs, subject to receipt of a letter of registration from the Palestinian Authority, and agreed that clubs in Palestine shall be grouped in District 2450.

The Board agreed it would no longer recommend topics for discussion at Rotary institute, but confirmed that each institute should schedule a status report on PolioPlus until polio is eradicated.

<u>RI Administration.</u> RI General Secretary Ed Futa announced his plan to retire at end of his contract term on 30 June 2011. The Board thanked the general secretary for this friendship, leadership, and stewardship during the past ten years and looks forward to his continued leadership during the coming Rotary year. The Board designated its Executive Committee, plus one Foundation trustee, to begin the search for a new general secretary.

The Board looked with favour on the president-elect's plan to restructure RI committees. This restructuring included a review of which committees could be discontinued or consolidated to better align with the RI Strategic Plan. It will also cut RI expenses by reducing the total number of committees and their in-person meetings. The Board agreed that Web Conferencing (meetings held via internet technologies can effectively reduce the costs of international committee meetings, and requested the general secretary to develop criteria and guidelines for RI use of this medium.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name: Email:

1. Which Rotary Club was our visiting Rotarian coming from today ? Ans) 2. Who were our visiting Rotaractors today ? Ans) 3. How many of our members and Rotaractors have registered to the District Conference ? Ans) 4. When will our District's Singing Contest be held this year ? Ans) 5. A Paul Harris Fellow pin was presented to whom today by Pres. Norman ? Ans) 6. What was the Red Box collection today ? Ans) 7. Who were our speakers today and what were the topics about ? Ans) 8. Who were asked to introduce and to express our appreciation to the speakers today ? Anel Submit

Joke

Subject: Just for laughs !!!!

ROMANCE MATHEMATICS

Smart man + smart woman = romance

Smart man + dumb woman = affair

Dumb man + smart woman = marriage

OFFICE ARITHMETIC

Smart boss + smart employee = profit

Smart boss + dumb employee = production

Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion

Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

SHOPPING MATH

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

GENERAL EQUATIONS & STATISTICS

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

HAPPINESS

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

LONGEVITY

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

PROPENSITY TO CHANGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next."

They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

SEND THE FOLLOWING TO A SMART WOMAN WHO NEEDS A LAUGH AND TO THE SMART GUYS YOU KNOW CAN HANDLE IT.

People laugh and people cry.

Some give up, some always try.

Some say hi while some say bye.

Others may forget you but never I.

Photographs of our meeting

<u>on</u>

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PDG Uncle Peter, Rotaractor Karen from Lingnan University and Pres. Norman Lee



Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin & PP Henry Chan & Rtn Benny Ratnani from RC of HK Northeast



PP Laurence Chan, PP Rudy Law, IPP Andy Wong, PE Heman Lam & Rtn. Tony Loy



Pres. Norman Lee presented the Paul Harris Fellow pin to Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin



Rotaractor Karen shared her experience with their last International Service trip to Sichuan to visit the children



Rotaractors, Karen & Nancy, Rtn. Teresa Ho, PP John Kwok & PP Rudy Law



PP Laurence Chan introduced the speaker of the week



Rotaractor Nancy reported on the incoming club activities and the incoming International Service trip to Cambodia in 2011



PP Rudy Law thanked the Rotaractors' contribution to the communities' need



Pres. Norman Lee presented a photo in action to thank Karen & Nancy for reporting their club activities to our members



Group photos with members, Rotaractors & visiting Rotarian

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