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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## **Last Week's Proceedings (6th April, 2005)**

Visiting Rotarians: Pres. Elect Eddy Wong, acting as President of our Club on behalf of Pres. Rudy who was otherwise engaged in Mainland China, welcomed visiting Rotarians AG: Ada Cheng of Rotary Club of Wanchai; and PP Peter Tse of Rotary Club of Tsimshatsui East; and our guests Ms. Eileen Ho, (wife of Pres. Rudy Law, who has been away from Hong Kong in Singapore of five months and has just returned to Hong Kong); Mr. Charles Lam (guest of Pres. Rudy) and Mr. Brady Sidwell (Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar 2004-2005).

Celebration of the 51st Birthday of our Club: All PP rose and joined Pres. Elect Eddy Wong and our Birthday Boy PP Tajwar Shadikhan for the cake-cutting ceremony on this joyous occasion for the celebration of the 51st Birthday of our Club and of the birthday of our PP Tajwar Shadikhan.

Announcement: Pres. Elect Eddy Wong announced that:

- (1) our District Assembly will be held on Saturday, 16th April 2005 at Miramar Hotel, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon and invited all incoming directors to attend the District Assembly accordingly; and
- (2) the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the network of computers donated to Zhongshan Primary School (the "School") will be held on 28th April 2005. PP John Kwok proposed that the attendees shall arrive at the School by taking the 8:20 a.m. Ferry to attend the ceremony and thereafter proceed to the golf club for the games of golf. Attendees who may return to Hong Kong after dinner. Those who are interested to play further rounds of golf in Zhuhai may take the Ferry to Zhuhai after dinner and play golf in Zhuhai on the following day; and
- (3) Intercity meeting for RI Past President on behalf of our District will be hosted and organized by our Club and held on 18th May 2005.

Red Box Collection : PDG Uncle Peter reported that the collection of the day was HK\$1,810.00.

Speaker of the day: PP David Li introduced our Speaker Mr. Brady Sidwell, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program 2004-2005. As a recent graduate of Oklahoma State University, Brady is pursuing a Masters degree in Economics at the University of Hong Kong during his Rotary year abroad. In the next few years, he intends to work in the region while improving his putonghua before plans to attend law school in the United States. Brady is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Enid, Oklahoma, in District 5750 led by President Hugh Sage and hosted in District 3450 by the Rotary Club of Mid-Levels under the leadership of President Millie Chun.

Mr. Brady Sidwell introduced himself to the audience through his answers to two questions that he posed, namely: "Where I'm from?" and "How I got here?" and his concluding remarks.

In answer to his first question, Mr. Sidwell indicated that Oklahoma City, Oklahoma has a population of approximately 506,132, which brought to mind the well-known Broadway show of "Oklahoma!" opened at St. James Theatre on Broadway in 1943. The show "Oklahoma!" was performed in every state for an unprecedented 10 and a half years to over 10 million people and received a special Tony Award, and was the first Broadway show to be honoured with a US postage stamp issued in New York and Oklahoma. The State of Oklahoma has a population of 3.5 million and is the 18th largest State in USA and achieved its Statehood in 1907 (being part of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase). Native Americans in Oklahoma are Red Indians from which the State of Oklahoma acquired its name - Red people "Okla-Humma".

In response to his second question, Mr. Sidwell pointed out that he lives in Goltry, Oklahoma with a population of approximately 295 (or, as Mr. Brady Sidwell is presently outside of Goltry, 294). The sponsor club for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program 2004-2005 of Mr. Sidwell is Enid Rotary Club, which is 88 years old and chartered as the 29th Rotary Club in 1911. There are 40 Clubs in Rotary District 5750 with approximately 2,108 Rotarians. The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world for furthering international understanding and friendly relationships among people of different countries, with three types of ambassadorial programs, namely, Academic Year, Multi-Year and Cultural programs. Mr. Sidwell has travelled to various other parts of the world, including Bangkok, Thailand; Nakornnayok, Thailand and Taiwan, before arriving in Hong Kong.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Sidwell quoted a remark from Sir Winston Churchill: "All thinking men recognize the moral and spiritual value of Rotary... The farther back you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see." Mr. Sidwell further jokingly remarked that the "Lonely Planet" described Oklahoma City as such: "Its fistful of attraction transform the flat, fairly treeless city into a pretty good place to spend a day or two".

Meeting Adjourned: Pres. Elect Eddy Wong adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Clubs of Wanchai and Tsimshatsui East.

## **Rotary Information**

### **Magazine Month**

April is designated by RI as Magazine Month and it is most appropriate to remind members of The Rotarian Magazine which was founded in 1911. This magazine was called The National Rotarian edited by the General Secretary Chesley R. Perry forming a bridge between RI and all members in the globe to convey the activities of the World organization.

It is mandatory for every Rotarian to subscribe to the Rotarian magazine published by Rotary World Magazine Press in English. Non English speaking members can subscribe to the regional magazine of their own language.

Throughout the Rotary world, there are 31 different Regional magazines in various languages as follows:

Africa Regional Magazine known as Rotary Africa (1927)  
Argentina Regional Magazine known as Vida Rotaria (1955)  
Australia and New Zealand known as Rotary Down Under (1965)  
Belgium Regional Magazine known as Rotary Contact (1984)  
Bulgaria Regional Magazine known as Rotary Bulgaria (2004)  
Brazil Regional Magazine known as Brasil Rotario (1924)  
Czechoslovakia Regional Magazine known as Rotary Good News (1990)  
Chile Regional Magazine known as Rotario de Chile (1927)  
Chinese Regional Magazine known as Rotarian Monthly (1960)  
Colombia Regional Magazine known as Colombia Rotaria (1970)  
Egypt Regional Magazine known as Rotary Magazine (1929)  
French Regional Magazine known as Le Rotarien (1952)  
Germany Regional Magazine known as Der Rotarier (1929)  
Britain & Ireland Regional Magazine known as Rotary Magazine (1915)  
Indian Regional Magazine known as Rotary News in English (1952)  
Indian Regional Magazine known as Rotary Samachar (1983)  
Israel Regional Magazine known as Rotary Israel (1995)  
Italy Regional Magazine known as Rotary (1924)  
Japanese Regional Magazine known as Rotary-No-Tomo (1953)  
Korean Regional Magazine known as The Rotary Korea (1967)  
Mexican Regional Magazine known as Rotarismo en Mexico (1974)  
Dutch Regional Magazine known as Rotary (Netherlands) (1927)  
North Europe Regional Magazine known as Rotary Norden (1936)  
Peruvian Regional Magazine known as Rotario Peruano (1933)  
Philippine Regional Magazine known as Philippine Rotary (1977)  
Polish Regional Magazine known as Swiat Rotary (2003)  
Portuguese Regional Magazine known as Portugal Rotario (1984)  
Spanish Regional Magazine known as Espana Rotaria (2001)  
Swedish Regional Magazine known as Rotary Suisse Liechtenstein (1926)  
Thailand Regional Magazine known as The Thai Rotarian (1983)  
Turkish Regional Magazine known as Rotary Dergisi (1983)  
Spanish language Regional Magazine known as Nueva Revista Rotaria printed in Venezuela for 12 Latin American Countries (1992)

Read your copy of the Rotarian magazine every month. There are many articles worthwhile reading. Reading is interesting and enjoying though we are in this high technology world.

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### **District Assembly**

What is a District Assembly and who should attend ?

There are 529 Rotary districts worldwide and each district will hold its annual district assembly to train the leaders of the clubs for the coming Rotary year. It will be a whole day session, including the 1st Plenary Session to introduce the incoming RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and his theme - "Service Above Self"; District Plan and Goals; Membership Development and also the Rotary Foundation.

There will be six break-up sessions in groups for the discussion of the following topics:

1. Club Presidents & Secretaries
2. The Rotary Foundation
3. New Generation
4. The Rotary Image & Service
5. Membership Development & Retention
6. Strategic Planning

The most important feature of a district assembly is the voting for a district fund for the ensuing year. Only the incoming presidents are entitled to vote on behalf of their clubs.

The amount of any per capita levy on clubs for a district fund should be decided by the district assembly after the approval of three-fourths of the incoming presidents present.

When a president-elect is excused from attending the district assembly in accordance with the regulations stipulated in the standard Rotary Club Constitution, the appointed representative of the president-elect shall be entitled to vote on behalf of the president-elect.

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## Joke

GOLF.....

A fellow was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him.

The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome.

They were even after the first few holes. The second guy said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?" The first fellow said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms. The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease. As they were walking off number eighteen, and while counting his \$80.00, the second guy confessed that he was the pro at a neighboring course and liked to pick on suckers.

The first fellow revealed that he was the Parish Priest.

The pro got all flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money.

The Priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings.

The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation. And, if you want to bring your mother and father along, I'll marry them."



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## Photographs of our meeting

on

6th April, 2005



Our guest speaker today was Mr. Brady Sidwell Ambassadorial Scholar from Oklahoma USA talking to us about his studies at Hong Kong University and his background and about his sponsoring Club of Enid, Oklahoma.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Mr Brady Sidwell (Oklahoma, USA) and Acting Pres. Eddy.



(L to R) Hon Sec. John, AG Ada Cheng and Dir Andy.



Acting Pres. Eddy doing his duties in the absence of our President.



Hon Sec John announcing the proposed computer project to Zhongshan Primary School and golf outing.



Acting Sargeant -At -Arms Uncle Peter announcing the collection for today.



PP Li introducing the speaker.



Today marks our 51st birthday but we cannot do it without the customary cake cutting ceremony.



PP Taj, Acting Pres. Eddy and PDG Uncle Peter here cutting our birthday cake watched by AG Ada and our members.



Coincidentally, today happened to be the birthday of PP Tajwar also. Therefore he's getting his birthday present from Acting Pres. Eddy.



(L to R) IPP Henry, PP Li, PP Peter Tse (TSTE), PP Taj, Hon Tres Laurence, VP Jason and PP George.



(L to R) PP Stephen, Dir Paul, Rtne Aileen Law, guest Charles Lam, Dr Tony, Rtn Sam Wong and PDG Y.K.



Mr Brady Sidwell giving the club banner of Enid, Oklahoma to Acting Pres. Eddy.



Group Photo of our meeting with PDG Uncle Peter, Acting Pres. Eddy and visiting Rotarians and guests to our club on 6th April, 2005.

