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Last week's Proceedings -

8th April, 2009

Pres. Andy started the meeting at 1:02 pm by welcoming all attending members. Pres. Andy welcomed back Rtn. Peter Yeung who had missed several meetings and PP Paul Chan who had been busy and excused from our regular meetings lately. There was no visiting guest today.

We celebrated the birthday for PP Tajwar Shadikhan, with the birthday song led by PP Uncle John Kwok and a birthday gift presented by Pres. Andy.

Pres. Andy then reported the followings:

District Assembly will be held on April 18th, 2009 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Shatin Club House. Pres. Andy reminded all officers and directors for the coming year to attend.

Pres. Andy will lead the delegates from RC of HKIE to visit Osaka Jonan on May 28th, 2009 to celebrate their 40th Anniversary. Those who wish to join this trip please contact Pres. Andy ASAP to reserve your seat.

On April 2nd, our members together with 5 members from RC of Osaka Jonan have visited the Play Scope of Play Right in Tai Woo Estate. The new premise was designed by the Japanese. There we have attended the Donation Ceremony of Playful Booklet for the Hospitalized Children which was a joint project of RC HKIE and Osaka Jonan. We had a good time and enjoyed the fellowship with our Japanese partners.

On April 3rd, we have celebrated our 55th Anniversary dinner at the World Trade Centre Club in Causeway Bay. There were over 110 participants for the party. We have all enjoyed the program and our guests had a very good time.

Acting SAA PDG Uncle Peter reported the red box collection of HK\$1,700. PP Tajwar had contributed handsomely HK\$500 to celebrate his own birthday.

Hon. Sec. Heman introduced the speaker of today. He is none other than our own PP Tim Lui. Hon. Sec. has spent more than 5 minutes just to update us on the latest honorary titles of PP Tim Lui.

PP Tim wanted to share his valuable experiences in the National People's Congress. PP Tim requested the permission from PP Tajwar for using Cantonese for his talk as it involved a lot of terminologies in China, it would be beneficial to all audiences. PP Tajwar granted the permission as he was the only non-Chinese member attending this meeting.

PP Tim shared with us some interesting stories during his time in the National People's Congress (NPC) meeting in Beijing. This was the second part of the 11th meeting. There are over 3,000 NPC representatives, but only 2,985 real qualified members. Some members are temporary disqualified due to misconduct. There are also some Taiwanese who have been residing in China elected as NPC representatives. The most important obligation as NPC representative is to attend this annual conference and vote. Hong Kong has now 36 elected NPC representatives, but the figure is low compared to other provinces.

One of the changes made recently was that all the NPC representatives would sing the National Hymn together before the meeting start. The old practice was just to play the National Hymn recording.

This year, the Hong Kong representatives have submitted 100 proposals among 36 members. PP Tim has made 6 proposals himself.

The representatives nowadays really involve in the discussion and wisely select their vote. The People's Republic of China is moving towards democracy in its own pace. There were more opposing votes in many proposals nowadays as compared to a few years ago with almost 100% supporting votes.

The NPC representatives are no longer dummies, they are really representing their respective provinces and profession to help the country towards modernization.

PP Hubert thanked PP Tim and also shared his experience as a representative of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Our luncheon meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm. Pres. Andy Wong then proposed a toast to RI, coupled with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. All members were invited for a group photo.

Rotary Potpourri

The RI Board Decision

(1) At the third meeting of the RI board held in January 2009, it has considered many redistricting proposals, ultimately approving four new districts and the consolidation of three districts into two. The board advised several districts to meet the minimum size of 30 clubs and 1,000 Rotarians by 31st December 2010, or the board will take action to consolidate. To help in the effort, the board requested the president to appoint regional advisory committees to work with clubs and districts on long-term districting and membership strategies.

In addressing membership issues, the board adopted a set of guiding principles to support the association's long-term membership strategy. As a component of these principles and to convey this idea that membership is the responsibility of each Rotarian, the board agreed to the use of a new membership slogan

Each One Reach One

pending legal review by the general secretary.

(2) The board took a number of steps to reduce cost of the association, ultimately resulting in a positive 2008-2009 budget variance of US\$107,200.

(3) The board agreed to provide travel insurance for all Rotarians and their spouses when traveling at the president's request on Rotary funded business, RI programmes, communications and awards.

(4) The board noted that RI has received cash and commitments of US\$73 million towards the total challenge of raising US\$200 million to match US\$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

(5) To increase awareness of Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchange, the board encouraged governors-elect to consider including information on these programmes at their PETS, and also encouraged district RYLA committee chairs to invite governors and governors-elect to RYLA events to help bring greater awareness to RYLA programme.

(6) The board took step to enhance youth protection at district-organized events by revising the approval process for multidistrict Interact meetings, by also agreeing that clubs and districts should require parents to provide travel insurance for their children when traveling outside their local community, and by establishing new youth protection policies and procedures that clubs and districts must develop, maintain, and comply with when traveling with youth.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

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| 1. Who did we welcome back today ?
Ans) |
| 2. Who was our birthday boy and who led the birthday song ?
Ans) |
| 3. When will we go to Japan to attend the 40th Anniversary of RC Osaka Jonan ?
Ans) |
| 4. When did we visit the Play Scope of Playright at Tai Woo Estate ?
Ans) |
| 5. What was the red box collection today ?
Ans) |
| 6. Who was our speaker today ?
Ans) |
| 7. Who thanked our speaker today ?
Ans) |
| 8. What is minimum no. of clubs and Rotarians per district as stipulated by RI ?
Ans) |

Joke

Subject: Jokes Basket

1.

Girl : Will you love me after marriage also?

Boy : This depends on your husband, if he allows me.

2.

Doctor : Your husband needs rest and peace. Here are some sleeping pills.

Wife : When must I give them to him?

Doctor : They are for you.

3.

God saw me hungry, he created pizza.

He saw me thirsty, he created Pepsi

He saw me in dark, he created light .

He saw me without problems, he created YOU.

4.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray <Take only one. God is watching.>

: Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note : <Take all you want. God is watching the apples.>

5.

One Early morning a mother went to her sleeping son and woke him up.

MOM : Wake up, son. It's time to go to school.

SON : But why, Mama? I don't want to go to school.

MOM : Give me two reasons why you don't want to go to school.

SON : One, all the children hate me. Two, all the teachers hate me.

MOM : Oh! That's not a reason. Come on, you have to go to school.

SON : Give me two good reasons WHY I *should* go to school?

MOM : One, you are FIFTY -TWO years old and should understand your responsibilities. Two, you are the PRINCIPAL of the school.

6.

What are the three fastest ways of communication?

Three fastest means of communication in the world : Tele-phone, Tele-vision, Tell -a-woman.

You still want faster? Tell her not to tell anyone : -)

7.

A man is dying of cancer.

His son asked him, "Dad, why do you keep telling people you're dying of AIDS?"

Dad : "So when I'm dead, no one will dare touch your mom!"

Photographs of our meeting

on

8th April, 2009



Our members lined up to welcome guests



(L to R) PP Paul, PP Dr. George, PP Stephen & PP Dr. Hubert



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter Hall, PP Tim Lui BBS JP, Pres. Andy Wong, Hon. Sec Heman Lam, PE Norman Lee & Dir. Dr. Eric Chin



(L to R) PP Henry Chan, Rtn. Kenny Chan & Rtn. Peter Yeung



(L to R) Rtn. Gilbert Fung, Rtn. Kevin Leung & PP Tajwar Shadikhan



Rtn. Anthony Kwong



Pres. Andy presented a gift to our birthday boy PP Tajwar and Uncle John led the song



PP Tim, our speaker talked to us of his first hand experience as the Deputy to the National People's Congress

PP Dr. Hubert gave a vote of thanks to PP Tim Lui



RC of HKIE members group photo



Uncle Peter with the 5 guests from RC of Osaka Jonan in the Play Scope venue of Playright



Playright representatives presented the Playful Booklets as souvenir to VP Saeki san of Rc Osaka Jonan and Pres. Andy of RCHKIE



Members of RC RCHKIE, RC Osaka Jonan and Playright officers



Pres. Andy and VP Saeki san at one of the play facilities inside the Play Scope of Playright



PP Umezaki (middle) just found a Japanese version of the play books in the Play Library



Group photo outside the Play Scope in the Tai Woo Estate of the New Territories

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