

# Last week's Proceedings -

# 6th April, 2011

The 38th Meeting of the Rotary Year 2010-11 started at 1:05PM with Pres. Heman welcomed the speakers and members and welcomed back AG Henry Chan. Uncle John was invited to introduce the visiting Rotarians. The visiting Rotarians were Rtn. Ms. Lesley Tao of RC of Central, PP Tobias Doeringer of RC of HK South, PP Peter Pang of RC of NT, and Rtn. Curtis Rose from RC Conway, Arkansas, USA. Then Rtn. William Wong was invited to introduce his friend Jonah Cheung.

Pres. Heman exchanged our club banner with Rtn. Curtis Rose who will send banner to Regal HK Hotel as he would be receiving it from Fedex today.

President Heman started the meeting by celebrating the birthday of PP Rudy. Rtn. Jason was invited to lead the birthday song.

President Heman then proceeded with his announcements:

1. PETS II Training to be held on 09 April (Sat) at Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay Time: 1:30 - 2:00 Registration 2:00 - 5:30 Training

2. PP Gathering to be held on coming Friday 8 April at Kowloon Regal Hotel TST with cocktail starting at 6:30pm and Dinner at 7:30pm. Cost per person HK\$450. There will be special cuisine, fantastic music, gifts for all participants and lucky draw. Please register with IPP Norman.

3. District Fellowship Poolside BBQ Dinner to be held on 16 April (Sat) at 4/F Food Court, HK Jockey Club, Happy Valley with fellowship starts at 5:30 pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Sumptuous BBQ dinner with free flow of wine, beer and soft drinks. HK\$500 each.

4. DG 2nd Visit to Mongolia - Date: 30 April to 02 May - for meetings with Mongolia Rotary Clubs & Community Service visit.

5. District Beijing trip will be held tentatively from 12-14 June. If you are interested, please register with HS Jonathan and PP Andy.

6. For the Japan Disaster Relief Fund, we have now collected HK\$15,600. We will close the plead for donation this week and decide which source to distribute our fund in the coming week.

7. PP Stephen Liu and PP Hubert Chan's golf gathering will be held on 5th May, Thursday at Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club. Tee off time around 8:45am with lunch afterwards. Prize presentation will be made at regular luncheon meeting after the game.

8. Choi Jun Swimming Gala will be held on 16 April, Saturday morning 9 am at Ma On Shan Public Swimming Pool. This year we will have all together 4 Schools for the Mildly Handicapped students to participate. Our object is to promote swimming as key element in building self-esteem for physical/ mentally impaired students and to arouse public awareness in accepting them as equal. There will be one competition where our Rotaractors will be competing with them. DG Jason would be our Guest Of Honor. Please come and participate in this meaningful event.

SAA Rtn. William Leung announced the Red Box intake at \$1,800 which included the special contribution of HK\$300 from the birthday boy PP Rudy. PP Paul announced the surplus of HK\$2,426 from the IPP dinner held last month and he topped it up to HK\$2,500. The Organizing Committee of the event has decided to contribute the surplus

to the red box. The total red box collection for the day was then amounted to HK\$4,300.

PE Eric was invited to introduce the speakers today, Ms. Kari Lau and Ms. Connie Ng of St. James Settlement. The topic was "The People's food bank". PE Eric has shared his feeling during the visit to the schools in Philippines arranged by RC of Makati North and shared his sympathy to the poor students. He was surprised when he knew that Hong Kong also has students suffering from hunger.

The speakers have shared with us the history of St. James Settlement and the current project of People's Food Bank. This service was first setup in Dec. 2003 for providing food to the poor people. The service was then extended to the old people living alone and the students from poor families. The speakers have shown us the service center locations and their warehouse operation. Their current funding was mainly from Government subsidies and private donation. When the service was first established in Dec. 2003, their target was for the people who live on the street, from low income family and any one with sudden change in their lives. The objective is to provide short term food supply to ensure that these people can survive.

In Feb. 2008, a new service was introduced to supply milk powder to those Government subsidized families with infant of under 1 year old. Since the beginning of this service, the plan has helped 585 babies by supplying 4,397 cans of milk powder. In April, 2009, a new service was introduced to help the old people in Shamshuipo area by providing lunch box everyday except Sat. and Sun. The service also includes fellowship activities in the center and home visit by volunteers. This service has helped 53 old people so far. In October, 2009, a new service was established to provide after school day care with dinner for the primary students from poor families. The service will ensure those children can have an environment to study and will enjoy a normal dinner before their parents return home after work. The service was then extended to include tutoring service and mentorship to ensure those students from poor family can grow up in good care and would change their future through education. A new service to provide lunch box to the poor students were also included. The St. James Settlement organization would also provide service to the sick people in the poor family by delivering medicines to their home.

Members and visiting guests have a lot of questions and they were well answered by the speakers. We all shared our sympathy towards the poor people in Hong Kong. Rtn. Jason Chiu was invited to thank the speakers.

Next program would be our Club Assembly on April 13th. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM and everybody stayed behind for a group photo after a toast to RI coupled with RC of Conway, Arkansas, RC of Central, RC of New Territories, RC of Hong Kong South and RC of HK Island East.

## **Rotary Potpourri**

### Programme of 2011 District Conference

From the programme of the recent 2011 District Conference, you will notice that there appears an article, under the title of Basic of Rotary which is reproduced for the information of newer members as follow:

- Q. What is Rotary ?
- A. Rotary is a NGO body founded by Paul Harris in 1905.
- Q. What is the aim of Rotary ?
- A. Its aims are fellowship and friendship among people of the world through Rotary.
- Q. Who is our world president ?
- A. He is Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith
- Q. We have a RI theme each Rotary year and what is it?
- A. Building Communities and Bridging Continents.
- Q .Is Rotary a men's luncheon/dinner club only?

A. Yes, it was since 1905. From 1989, the rule had changed and women are invited to join Rotary.

Q. Since 1989, how many female admitted into Rotary?

A. Around ten percent membership world-wide are female Rotarians.

Q. Why female membership are far less than male membership?

A. Membership are guided by classification according to his/her vocations.

Q. How many kinds of membership exists in Rotary?

A. We have two kinds of membership, viz., Active and Honorary.

Q. Is there any age limit for membership?

A. Active members accumulated the age and membership up to a figure of 85 is exempted to attend regular meetings but he/she must pay dues.

Q. Are there female members only in a club?

A. There are female members only in a club in D.3450 and also male members only. Please remember that no gender discrimination should be practiced in a club according to the law of each country or region

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### PE Eric Graduated in the PETS Training

PE Eric completed the PETS II training with over 50 PE "classmates" on April 9, 2011. Theme of 2011-2012 is "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity". During the training session, DGE David shared his vision in building a Stronger 3450 by means of upgrading the reputation of District 3450, reward each Rotarian and ensure continuity of succession of district leaderships.

"THE One" Award is the District Humanitarian Award and District is looking to reward and award the winner with "The One" trophy and US\$ 50,000. The One is the caring individual who truly puts "Service Above Self" and is the one who every single days serves and helps those in need. He or she is the unsung hero that we are looking for. District will also donate US\$50,000 to the Rotary Club who nominates the ultimate winner.

Benefits Cards, with exclusive benefits and privileges to our members, will replace membership card. DGE made assurance that no advertisement will be linked with the benefits of any individual company who offered to our Rotarians and comply with RI regulations.

The Presidential Inauguration Ball will be held in HKCECE on July 8, 2011 with a powerful installation ceremony followed by an evening of Celebration, Entertainment and Dancing. A Major Door Prize, Chopard Handbag, will be given to the winner whose ticket is drawn toward the end of the night. The fee is HK\$ 888 per person

In the breakout session, PP Andy was the Panelist leading Areas 2,3 &7 (English Forum) to explain the Chang-Over Award and Presidential Citation and effective planning guide. The rest of the program included the art of public speaking, membership and new generation development, Embrace Humanity through Rotary Foundation and the District Budget for 2011-2012.

As a fresh graduate of PETS, PE Eric admired the organization of the training and contributions in sharing their valuable experience of all the speakers. "The PETS training is wonderful," said PE Eric, "It provided a great opportunity to meet with the future leaders in Rotary Clubs and sharpen my knowledge in preparing to lead the Club into a new era under DGE David's leadership. I also "located" most of our 4 Clans PEs to have a closer co-operation in future too".

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# **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 was welcomed back today ? Ans) 2. Who were our visiting Rotarians locally from Hong Kong ? Ans) 3. Who and from which Club was our visiting Rotarian from overseas today ? Ans) 4. Who was our visiting quest and who did the introduction ? Ans) 5. Who was our birthday boy today and who led the birthday song for us ? Ans) 6. Name any two of the announcements made by Pres. Heman today ? Ans) 7. Who was our SAA and what was the final amount of Red Box collection today ? Ans) 8. Who were our speakers today and what was the topic about ? Ans)

Submit

### Joke

### Subject: What is stress?

You pick up a hitchhiker; a beautiful young girl. Suddenly, she faints inside your car and you take her to hospital. Now that's stressful.

But at the hospital, they say she is pregnant and congratulate you that you are going to be a father.

You say that you are not the father, but the girl says you are. This is getting very stressful.

So then..... you request a DNA test to prove that you are not the father.

After the tests are completed, the doctor says that you are infertile, and probably have been since birth.

You are extremely stressed but relieved.

On your way back home, you think about your 3 kids.

NOW THAT'S STRESS!!

### **Photographs of our meeting**

### <u>on</u>

### 6th April, 2011

#### 06 April, 2011 RC of HKIE Luncheon Meeitng Photos



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Guest speaker - Kari Lau & Pres. Heman Lam



Hon Sec Jonathan Lamport, Guest Speaker Ms Connie Ng & PP John Kwok



Rtn. Sharon Lamport & PP Tobias Doeringer from RC of HK South



PP Rudy Law & Dir Jason Chiu



Dir. Teresa Ho, visiting guest Jonah Cheung & Rtn. William Wong



AG Henry Chan, Rtn. Kenny Chan & PP Peter Pang from RC of New Territories







Rtn. Lesley Tao from RC of Central & Rtn. Curtis Rose from RC of Conway, Arkansas, USA

PP Stephen Liu & Rtn. Dr. Tony Loy

PP Dr. Hubert Chan , PE Dr. Eric Chin & Dir Kevin Leung



PP Andy Wong & Rtn. Dr. Freddie Wu



PP Paul Chan & PP Stephen Liu



Pres. Heman Lam exchanged banner with Rtn. Curtis Rose



Birthday boy PP Rudy Law received his birthday from Pres. Heman



Hon. Sec. Jonathan Lamport received the Paul Harris Fellow souvenir from PDG Uncle Peter Hall



PE Dr. Eric Chin introduced this week's speakers from St. James's Settlement Charity



Speaker Ms Kari Lau & Ms Connie Ng shared their projects with our members





Group photos with members, guest speakers, visiting Rotarians and guests

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