

Last week's Proceedings -

14th April, 2010

The meeting started at 1:00pm and President Norman warmly greeted all attending members and guest and asked Rtn Anthony Kwong to introduce his guest, Clement, who was Anthony's high school classmate.

There was no birthday member to be celebrated.

President Norman then made the following announcements:

1. President Norman, PE Heman and PP Uncle John had finished the visit to our sister club RC of Kawasaki South successfully. Pres. Norman had brought along a gift which was a Gold Buddha to celebrate our sister club's 50th anniversary.

2. Our club has sponsored a joint school swimming gala for Choi Jun School together with 2 other nearby schools in Ma On Shan on April 24th morning. Pres. Norman urged any interested members or their family members to join in the competition. Those who are interested to join may contact Sec. Eric.

3. District Conference is coming up this weekend. We have registered 11 members and 4 Rotaractors to attend the event.

4. We have organized a Horse Racing night on May 12, 2010. Should there be enough members to join this function, we may consider it as a normal meeting to replace the luncheon meeting on the same date.

HT Colin reported the red box collection was HK\$ 1,200 and thanked all contributors.

HS Eric introduced our guest speaker of the luncheon, Mr. Denys Look of Hong Kong Mediation Centre. Today's topic is "Understanding Mediation".

Denys was accredited as a Mediator from the Hong Kong Mediation Centre (HKMC) since 2003, and joined the Council of HKMC the following year. Since then Denys has been vigorously involved in the development of training and education programs for HKMC, especially for training and accreditation assessment of Mediators. Denys is the Chairperson of Education and Professional Training committee of HKMC since 2008.

Denys started the talk by quoting the following statement:

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

ADR resolves disputes, uses a process which is considered by the parties to be fair, achieves acceptable outcomes, achieves outcomes that are lasting and uses resources effectively."

- Australia's National ADR Advisory Council

He then addressed the new policy of mediation service by Chief Executive's Policy Address 2007 - 08. To alleviate conflicts and foster harmony, we will promote the development of mediation services. On many occasions, interpersonal conflicts need not go to court. Mediation can reduce social costs and help the parties concerned to rebuild their relationship. This is a new trend in advanced regions around the world. The cross-sector working group headed by the Secretary for Justice will map out plans to employ mediation more extensively and effectively in handling higher-end commercial disputes and relatively small-scale local disputes.

Denys further explained the differences between Mediation, Arbitration and Litigation with useful table form

comparisons. He further explained the working procedure of a normal mediation process. He emphasized the Mediation process normally focused in the current and future situation, the past history normally would not take into account of the mediation process. The mediator normally would only read a brief summary of the history to understand the background. Mediation is normally conducted in strictly confidential and without prejudice manner. If the mediation talk broke off, all materials used during the process will be destroyed and cannot be used for other legal proceedings.

Denys has stimulated many questions from the floor. He had quoted a few examples to explain some special situations. The average successful rate in Hong Kong is over 70%.

President Norman then announced that our next week's speaker is Ms. Sandy Cheung. The topic is relating to Vegetarian diet.

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

Rotary Potpourri

April Message from RI President J. Kenny

At any given time, every one of Rotary's 33,000 plus clubs is carrying out some form of vital service in its local community and often internationally as well. Under Rotary's structure, each club works autonomously within a broader network that supports and inspires our efforts. An important piece of that network is the Rotary Magazine Press, made up of The Rotarian and 31 regional magazines in 25 languages.

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Your experience at this moment - of simply reading this message in a Rotary publication - is one that is common to every one of your fellow Rotarians wherever they may be. RI-mandated content is consistent in every publication. It is a single, shared message - a single shared experience. That is invaluable and irreplaceable.

When I sit down to write a monthly president's message, destined for the pages of all Rotary's magazines, I know that I have an opportunity that will come only once a month for only the one year I will be in office. It is an opportunity to speak directly, in my own words, to every one of our 1.2 million members. No matter how much I travel, or how often I speak, or how hard I work to bring my message to clubs and districts, nothing I can do will have the reach of the 400 words I am privileged to put on this page. Because I know that every Rotary magazine, everywhere in the world, carries forth that message just as I wrote it, or in its own local language.

I value that opportunity tremendously, as I value the publications that make it possible. April is Magazine Month, a good time to consider how this important member's benefit can help your club's service efforts and to share the useful information in its pages with others.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

Email:

Who was our guest today and was introduced by whom ? 1. Ans) 2. What was the gift chosen for the 50th Anniversary of RC Kawasaki South, in Japan ? Ans) 3. When and for whom will our club sponsor a Swimming Gala in April this year ? Ans) 4. How many of our members and rotaractors will attend the District Conference ? Ans) 5. When are we going to have a Racing Night fellowship gathering ? Ans) 6. What was the Red Box collection today ? Ans) 7. Who was our speaker today and what was the topic about ? Ans) 8. What was meant by "ADR" as explained by the speaker ? Ans)

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Joke

Subject: Sex Change

An older gentleman had an appointment to see the urologist who shared offices with several other doctors.

The waiting room was filled with patients. As he approached the receptionist's desk, he noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. He gave her his name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said, "YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE; YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man.

He recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied, "NO, I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS."

The room erupted in applause!

DON'T MESS WITH OLD FOLKS.

Photographs of our meeting

<u>on</u>

14th April, 2010

Luncheon Meeting Photos on 14 April, 2010



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Speaker Mr Denys Look & Pres. Norman Lee



Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin & PE Heman Lam



PP Tim Lui, PP Henry Chan & Rtn. Kenny Chan

Rtn. Anthony Kwong, visiting guest Clement & PP Rudy Law



Rtn. Teresa Ho



Rtn. Peter Yeung





Speaker - Mr. Denys Look



Pres Norman Lee presented a gift to thank Mr Denys Look



Group photo with members, guest speaker & visiting guest





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