

# Last week's Proceedings -

### 26th April, 2006

Pres. Eddy opened the meeting by welcoming three visiting Rotarians. They are:

- 1) PP Douglas Killeen Rotary club of Seymour, Australia.
- 2) PP Ko Ying (HKNW)
- 3) PP Steve Lau (HKIW)

He then invited PP Douglas to exchange banners and asked him to say a few words about his club. PP Doug told us that his club is about the same size as ours with around 30 members and is located about one hour's drive from Melbourne. His club is located in a farming community and he is retired and now runs a farm there. He thanked us for making him welcomed.

Pres. Eddy announced that our club received three district awards in our recently held District conference. They are:

- 1) Literacy & Education Award
- 2) World Community Service Award
- 3) Club Bulletin (English) Award

He thanked all members who have participated in these projects.

Also our club was further honoured with two additional awards which is the Rotary Elders Distinguished Service Awards that was given to:

- 1) PDG Peter Hall
- 2) PP John Kwok

Pres. Eddy then invited PP George to give us a report on our Hebei Education Project. PP George reported that this would be an on continuing project for the underprivileged girls students in Hebei. He just received their first year's report cards for about 150 girls. He reviewed that 98% of the students did very well with a few remaining one who are mentally handicapped. He is now waiting for the next batch of students so that we can continue this very worthwhile project.

Then PP George made a second announcement, which is our golf game to be played in Zhongshan on May 7-8, and he proposed that we play the first game at Hotsprings Golf course on the 7th and a second game on the 8th at Agile Golf Course. If you are interested to join please contact either him or John Kwok.

Pres. Eddy informed us that we still have to work harder to receive the next award that is the membership growth award that closes on the 1st of June.

PDG Uncle Peter then reported our SAA collection for today. We have collected \$1,400 plus 100 RMB.

Pres. Eddy then passed the meeting to IPP Rudy to conduct the meeting on our proposed Prepaid lunch.

IPP told us that our club has paid out to the Hotel Excelsior:

Jan - May \$4,000 Jun -Dec \$5,040

Total \$9,040

IPP said that this outlay was due to the shortfall of our minimum guarantee of 15 lunches per meeting charged by the hotel. He said that we couldn't allow this to continue so he proposed to charge each member a prepaid lunch fee of 30% of our half yearly lunches fee. Why 30%. RI requires a minimum of 30% home attendance. We have a yearly 52 weeks subtracting Christmas and New years and Chinese New Years and other holidays come to around 46 meeting a year. Half of this is 23 and 30% of 23 is 7 lunches. 7 x 260= \$1,820 is therefore the amount he proposed to charge as the minimum payment by each member for half year. He said that he has conducted a survey of most Rotary clubs in from Hong Kong and Kowloon and found that most clubs have a minimum charge for lunches. Some clubs charge 100% and others 75% or 60%. Therefore we are taking a middle course. We are not charging 100% but only 30%, which is the lowest in our district. However, there are conditions attached to this scheme, they are:

1) These prepayments are not transferable.

- 2) No refunds of the prepayments for Making up.
- 3) The se Prepayments apply only to the Excelsior Hotel.
- 4) The senior active members who are excused from attendance are not required to participate in this scheme.

After thorough discussions this motion was put to a vote. The results of the voting is attached below:

IPP Rudy thanked everyone for the support in this resolution.

Pres. Eddy then announce that next week's speaker is Mr. Ian Robertson whose speech is entitled "Perception or Deception - a most light hearted look at a human behavior at home and in the office".

He then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Cub of Seymour, Australia and HKNW and HKIW.

# Minutes of the Lunch Prepayment Meeting held on our regular Lunch meeting on 26th April 2006 at the Excelsior Hotel, Hong Kong.

Present: PDG Peter Hall, PDG YK Cheng, AG Hubert Chan, DAG Henry Chan, IPP Rudy Law, Pres. Eddy Wong, PE Paul Chan, Hon. Sec. Andy Wong, Hon. Tres. Laurence Chan, Dir. Jason Chiu, PP John Kwok, PP George Leung, PP John Luk, PP Alex Ling, Rtn. Tony Loy, Rtn. John Yau, Rtn. Eric Chin, Rtn. Kenny Chan, Rtn. Peter Yeung

Quorum: As a quorum has been established, IPP Rudy Law took the chair to explain the notice of the Lunch Prepayment measure. It was open for discussion among the attendees before voting to give a fair chance for the final decision.

Discussion: Exchange of views were taken either for or against the idea of the 30% lunch prepayment as listed and fully explained in the notice.

Voting: The resolution was proposed by PDG Peter Hall and seconded by PDG Y.K. Cheng. The result of the voting was as follows:

2 Against1 Abstained

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Accordingly, this resolution will come into effect as from 1st July 2006 for the ensuing Rotary year with exception for those members who reached the magic figure of "85".

### **Rotary Information**

April is designated by RI as "Magazine Month". We are receiving each month through the post our copy of the "Rotarian" which is a mandatory subscription at US\$12 per year to RI. Please notify our Hon. Secretary, Andy Wong to follow up, in case you have not yet received the Rotarian Magazine.

In case for non-English speaking clubs, you may subscribe the regional Rotary magazine according to the language of your club, for example, you may subscribe for "The Rotarian Monthly" in Chinese published in Taiwan.

Apart from the English magazine "The Rotarian", there are about 30 publications in other languages as follows:

Rotary Africa (English) Publish 11 issues per year

Vida Rotaria (Spanish) every two months

Rotary Down Under (English) Publish 11 issues per year

Rotary Contact (French, Dutch and German) 11 issues per year

Brasil Rotario (Portuguese) monthly issue

Rotary Bulgaria (Bulgarian)

El Rotary De Chile (Spanish) every two months

The Rotarian Monthly (Chinese) monthly issue

Colombia Rotaria (Spanish) quarterly

Rotary Good News (Czech) quarterly

Rotar y Magazine (Arabia, English & French) quarterly Le Rotarien (French) Monthly Rotary Magazin (German) monthly

Rotary (English) every two months

Rotary News/Rotary Samchar (English) monthly

Rotary (Italian) 10 issues per year

The Rotary No-Tomo (Japanese) monthly

The Rotary Korea (Korean) monthly

Rotarismo En Mexico (Spanish) every two months

De Rotarian (Dutch) 11 issues per year

El Rotario Peruano (Spanish) quarterly

Philippine Rotary (English) monthly

Glos Rotary (Polish)

Portugal Rotario (Portuguese) every two months

Rotary Norden (Finland, Denmark & Norway) 8 issues per year

Espana Rotaria (Spanish) quarterly

Rotary Suisse-Liechtenstein (Italian) 11 issues per year

The Thai Rotarian (Thai) quarterly

Rotary Dergisi (Turkey) quarterly

Nueva Vista Rotaria (Spanish) every two months.

Please read your Rotary magazine as it contains a lot of Rotary information together with any new decision by the Rotary Board.

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#### **Electronic Make-up Questions**

You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following 5 questions:

1. We have three visiting Rotarians today, What are their names and where did they come form?
Answer:
2. Our club received three District Awards, what were they?
Answer:
3. Two of our club members received special awards, who were they? and what was the award?
Answer:
4. PP George made two reports what were they?
Answer:
5. IPP Rudy made a proposal, what is that proposal?
Answer:
6. What was the result of the voting?  Answer:
Instruction:
Please copy these 5 questions click the following URL John Kwok and paste it to the email and answer these questions and then click send
Joke
Test for Dementia
"It's that time of year to take our annual senior citizen test." Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important that we keep mentally alert. The saying; "If you don't use it, you will lose it" also applies to the brain, so Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence. So, take the following test presented here and determine if you are losing it or are still "with it," The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you have made your answer. OK, relax, clear your mind and begin. WELL MAYBE NOT THAT CLEAR!
1. What do you put in a toaster?
2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?
3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

- 4. It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, TWO of the engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he has time and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany or West Germany or in "no man's land"?
- 5. Without using a calculator You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

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1)Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," then give up now and go do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, "bread," go to Question 2.

2)Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," please do not attempt the next question. Your brain is obviously over stressed and may even overheat. It may be that you need to content yourself with reading something more appropriate such as Children's World. If you said "water" then proceed to question 3.

3)Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks," what the devil are you still doing here reading these questions? If you said "glass," then go on to Question 4.

4)Answer: You don't, of course, bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you are a real dunce and you must NEVER try to rescue anyone from a plane crash. Your efforts would not be appreciated. If you said, "Don't bury the survivors", then proceed to the next question.

5)Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!!

Now pass this along to all your "smart friends" and hope they do better than you did.

## Photographs of our meeting

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The speaker for today was IPP Rudy conducting the discussion on the proposed Pre-Paid luncheon fees.



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, IPP Rudy and Pres. Eddy.



 $(L\ to\ R)\ PP\ John,\ PP\ Doug\ Killeen\ (S\ eymour,\ Australia)\ and\ PP\ Ko\ Ying\ (HKNW).$ 



Pres. Eddy exchanging banners with PP Doug.



PP Doug giving us some information on his Rotary club in Seymour, Australia.



PP George reporting on an update on our award winning project on the Hebei Underprivilege Girls Education project



(L to R) Hon Sec. Andy, Dir Jason, Dr. Tony, guest, and PP J.L.



(L to R)Rtn Peter II, PE Paul, Rtns Eric, Kenny, Alex, PP's Henry, George, and Hubert.



(L to R) PDG Y.K., Hon Tres. Laurence, PE Paul, Dir Jason, Dr. Tony, Guest, PP J.L..



Group Photo of our members with PDG Uncle Peter, and Y.K., Pres. Eddy, visiting Rotarians on 26 April, 2006.

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