

# Last week's Proceedings -

# 29th April, 2009

Meeting commenced at 1:00pm. President Andy welcomed our guests being Ms Elisa Tang, friend of Dir. Dr. Eric Chin, and Mr. Eddie Walneck, our visiting Ambassadorial Scholar. Pres. Andy provided us updates as well as reminders of upcoming events which included:

1. Rotarian Trip to Beijing on May 1, 2009 followed by traveling to Mongolia for Inauguration of a Rotary club;

2. Match Grant Workshop on Saturday 16th May 2009;

3. Osaka Trip on May 28, participants were reminded of checking the expiry date on their passport.

Pres. Andy greeted the birthday boys of the week, being PP George Leung and Rtn. Gilbert Fung, with a nice birthday gift. PP David Li and PP Stephen Liu were asked to lead the singing of the birthday song.

Acting Sergeant-at-arm, PDG Uncle Peter, announced the collection of Red Box was amounted to HKD 1,100.

Then came the highlight of the day kicked off by Dir. Dr. Eric Chin to introduce the speaker to us.

Our speaker, Ms. Marcia Aw, Executive Director of Changing Young Foundation (the "Foundation"), gave a presentation on service projects as well as shared stories on the life which the Foundation had touched. The Foundation had been established for over 50 yrs and focused on better improving children's life to better integrate into today's society. Ms. Marcia Aw shared with us ongoing service projects which included:

- 1. Drug addicts to Quit;
- 2. Care for children of Sex workers;
- 3. Dream workshop; and
- 4. Employment for the young.

The Drug addicts to Quit project helped young mothers with babies and young children (i.e. aged 0-5 yrs old) to understand the negative impact of raising young children in family with Drug-addicts. Through the realization of importance to provide a healthy environment to nurture their child, mother's care and love for their child provided the determination power for them to quite drug. This program had been in service for many years.

The Care for children of Sex workers focused on providing a safe environment and a place for such children to stay while their mother was at work. This is a childcare service for Sex workers to ensure their children were being looked after without prejudice. In recent years, the number of children in such childcare centre had risen.

The Dream workshop is the flagship project of the Foundation, where children would be granted a wish if they meet certain criteria. Before a child is qualified for nomination, they must commit themselves to community services. The Foundation believed that children must learn to "give" before they could "take" as well as identify a goal in their life. This project is conducted in co-operation with various schools. Upon meeting the minimum requirement as well as satisfying a measurable goal, which may include improving academic achievements, the child would be interviewed to understand their rationale as well as the dream which they wish the Foundation could help them in achieving.

The Employment for the young is a project which helped teenagers / young adults who had completed middle school and wish to enter into the workforce. Because these teenagers / young adults were under privileged, they may not have the skills to improve their chances for employment. Through workshops on employment interview, CV writing and Career talks, these teenagers / young adults were given the opportunity to better equip themselves for securing a job opportunities.

In order to increase the awareness of the Foundation among children, they had created community based activities which are very popular. In particular, the SLAM Dunk competition where 45 teams from different locations came together to participate; it is a basketball competition among underprivileged children. Through this activity, the Foundation was able to increase awareness of the services offered them.

Ms Marcia Aw shared with us several cases which were accomplished by the Foundation. After the presentation, PP George thanked our speaker. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm with Pres. Andy led us to make a toast to Rotary International coupled with Rotary Club of HK

## **Rotary Potpourri**

#### RI system upgrade to take place in May 2009

The following news is released by Rotary International in April 2009.

In May, Rotary International will begin updating its data system to provide better service to Rotarians. The new system will centralize RI's databases and lay the foundation for future enhancements to the Member Access portal. Due to these updates, Member Access will be unavailable for updating club and membership data from Thursday, 21st May, to Monday 25th May. Please send update requests to the Data Services Department at data@rotary.org.

Online registration for the RI Convention will also be unavailable 21-25 May. Online registration will resume on Tuesday 26th May and continue until Sunday, 31st May. After online registration closes, Rotarians will be able to register on -site at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, England.

During the system upgrade, you may experience additional service interruptions without notice. Once the transition is complete, you will experience improvements to the look and feel of Member Access.

- The Update Club Data, Add member, and edit Member pages will show substantial improvements.

- Language, interests and spousal information will not be collected

- Seasonal addresses will no longer be collected.

- If you have secondary contact information that you would like to maintain after 25th May, please contact your club president or club secretary, or Data Service.

RI appreciates your cooperation and support as we work to support your online experience.

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# **Electronic Make-up Questions**

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

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1. Who were our visiting guests today ? Ans)			
2. Who were our birthday boys today ? Ans)			
3. When will the District Simplified Grant Seminar be held ? Ans)			
4. When will the Osaka trip begin ? Ans)			
5. What was the SAA collection reported today ? Ans)			
6. Who introduced our speaker today ? Ans)			
7. Who was our speaker ? Ans)			
8. Who was asked to thank our speaker ? Ans)			
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#### Subject: Golf story

A father, son and grandson went to the country club for their weekly round of golf. Just as they reached the first tee, a beautiful young blonde woman carrying her bag of clubs approached them.

She explained that the member who brought her to the club for a round of golf had an emergency that called him away and asked the trio whether she could join them.

Naturally, the guys all agreed.

Smiling, the blonde thanked them and said, 'Look, fellows, I work in a topless bar as a dancer, so nothing shocks me anymore. If any of you want to smoke cigars, have a beer, bet, swear, tell off-color stories or do anything that you normally do when playing a round together, go ahead. But, I enjoy playing golf, consider myself pretty good at it, so don't try to coach me on how to play my shots.'

With that the guys agreed to relax and invited her to drive first.

All eyes were fastened on her shapely behind as she bent to place her ball on the tee. She then took her drive r and hit the ball 270 yards down the middle, right in front of the green.

The father's mouth was agape. 'That was beautiful,' he said.

The blonde put her driver away and said, I really didn't get into it, and I faded it a little.'

After the three guys hit their drives and their second shots, the blonde took out an eight iron and lofted the ball within five feet of the hole. (She was closest to the pin.)

The son said, 'Damn, lady, you played that perfectly.'

The blonde frowned and said, 'It was a little weak, but even an easy seven would have been too much club. I've left a tricky little putt.' She then tapped in the five-footer for a birdie.

Having the honors, she drove first on the second hole, knocked the heck out of the ball, and it landed nearly 300 yards away smack in the middle of the fairway.

For the rest of the round the statuesque blonde continued to amaze the guys, quietly and methodically shooting for par or less on every hole.

When they arrived at the 18th green, the blonde was three under par, and had a very nasty 12-foot putt on an undulating green for a par.

She turned to the three guys and said, 'I really want to thank you all for not acting like a bunch of chauvinists and telling me what club to use or how to play a shot, but I need this putt for a 69 and I'd really like to break 70 on this course.

If any one of you can tell me how to make par on this hole I'll take him back to my apartment, pour some 35 -year-old Single Malt Strath Mill Scotch in him, fix him a steak dinner and then show him a very good time the rest of the night.'

The yuppie son jumped at the thought! He strolled across the green, carefully eyeing the line of the putt and finally said, Honey, aim about 6 inches to the right of the hole and hit it firm. It will get over that little hump and break right into the cup.'

The father knelt down and sighted the putt using his putter as a plumb. 'Don't listen to the kid, darlin', you want to hit it softly 10 inches to the right and let it run left down that little hogback, so it falls into the cup.'

The old gray-haired grandfather walked over to the blonde's ball, picked it up and handed it to her and said, That's a gimme, sweetheart.'

The blonde smiled and said, 'Your car or mine?'

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### Photographs of our meeting

### <u>on</u>

#### <u>29th April, 2009</u>



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Guest Speaker Ms Marcia Aw & Pres. Andy Wong





 $(L \mbox{ to } R)$  Hon. Sec. Heman, PE Norman Lee & PP John Kwok



(L to R) PP George Leung & PP Henry Chan & IPP Laurence Chan (L to R) Rtn. Gilbert Fung, visitor Elisa Tang, Dir. Dr. Eric Chin & Rtn. Colin Chau



(L to R) Ambassadorial Scholar Eddie Walneck & PP Stephen Liu



We have two birthday boys, PP George & Rtn. Gilbert. PP David Li & PP Stephen Liu led the birthday song.





(L to R) Dir. Dr. Eric Chin, PP David Li & PP Paul Chan



Dir. Dr. Eric Chin introduced our this week's speaker - Executive Director - Ms Marcia Aw





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