

Last week's Proceedings -

28th April, 2010

The meeting started at 1:00pm with an overwhelming turnout. President Norman warmly greeted all attending members and guests, in particular Rtn. Joanne Li of Rotary Club of St. Ive's; he then proceeded to welcome back PP Desmond Cheung, PP Dr. George Leung, Rtn. William Leung and Rtn. Jason Chiu who reiterated he has always been with us.

Before making the announcements, President Norman invited all members to observe silence for our late PP Y.P. Yang (1977/78) who passed away on 16th April 2010 in Vancouver. He then proceeded as follows:

- 1. The Joint School Swimming Competition as successfully held last Saturday morning, 24th April, at Ma On Shan Public Swimming Pool, there were three special schools participated, including Kai Oi School, Kei Shun School and Choi Jun School. DG Ada Cheng and Renowned Coach for HK Swimming Team Joe Hung were amongst the Guest Of Honour. There were 17 legs of competitions and over 40 medals were awarded.
- 2. Thanks to PP Henry's arrangement, we will have our Racing Night Fellowship Gathering on 12th May at Happy Valley Racing Course, a private box have been reserved which can accommodate 40, please mark the diary and make reservation with HS Dr. Eric Chin.
- 3. The luncheon meeting on 12th May will be replaced by the Racing Night Fellowship Gathering on that same evening as over 1/3 of members have been registered to participate at the Gathering.

IPP Andy reported that two Rotarians, Owen Smith from New Zealand & Andrew Gauci from Australia working for ShelterBox have responded immediately in helping the earthquake survivors. They had delivered 200 tents to remote villages in Qinghai province. When visited the demolition, they were amazed by the work and the huge impact of the Chinese government who has done this time to help the victims of the earthquake. They are also thankful to The Rotary Club of Shanghai who has also been excellent and very helpful in their support in this matter.

Birthday boys, PP George, PP Desmond, Rtn Henry Cheung and Rtn. Bill Lamport whom was represented by Jonathan Lamport were welcomed to the floor for birthday celebration and cake-cutting ceremony. Rtn. Jason Chiu was invited as song leader, and photo of the happy moment were taken.

Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric then continued to introduce our speaker Ms. Michele Hui, who is the General Manager of Hong Kong Office of Aide et Action (AEA). Being a graduate of The Hong Kong Baptist University majoring in Communications, Michele had spend almost 20 years of her career in advertising, product marketing and marketing communications with various multi-national agencies/companies such as McCann Erickson, Ogilvy & Mather, Apple Computer and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, just to name a few. Before joining Aide et Action Hong Kong, Michele was Group Account Director at TBWA, handling the Standard Chartered Bank business. She joined Aide et Action in January 2009 as General Manager, Hong Kong Office, in charge of fundraising and promotion for all the projects in South East Asia and China.

Michele began with the history of Aide et Action, AEA. Being established in France in 1981, Aide et Action is an international non-governmental, non-religious and an apolitical organization that works to bring quality basic education to disadvantaged people throughout the world and help facilitate communities' development. Today, AEA is present in more than 20 countries and regions (including Africa, the Caribbean and parts of Asia - India, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and China), affecting some 5 million children directly and indirectly each year. AEA's projects in Southeast Asia and China have benefited 130,000 students, parents and teachers. AEA was ranked by UNESCO in 2008 as one of the 40 main players in the world for education development and AEA fully supports the 2nd Millennium Development Goal of universal primary education adopted by the United Nations in 2000.

AEA believed that education is an emergency and a priority, as there are 775 million adults in the world are illiterate, 72 million children do not have access to school and 60 million women in China cannot read and write. As a relatively new NGO in Hong Kong, AEA already have key projects in mainland China, such as Rural Women Literacy Class and Early Childhood Care and Education.

In China's vast rural areas, women's level of education is generally lower than men's, setting them at a disadvantage both in the family and society. AEA are concerned about the education conditions of those women living in the poverty-stricken countryside. They hope to provide them with opportunities of receiving re-education and training and in so doing improve the rural women's capability of self-development so as to enable them to enjoy self-empowerment and sustainable development. Hence they started the project Rural Women Literacy Class.

In 2006, cooperating with the Cultural Development Center for Rural Women (CDCFR), and under the auspices of the local education sector and the Women's Federation, they carried out women's educational training in Gansu, Ningxia, Guizhou, and other areas. Their activities included training literacy teachers, writing literacy textbooks, the syllabus and giving women's literacy classes which included teaching of 500 basic Chinese characters, simple arithmetic and basic common livelihood and legal knowledge.

The Project Early Childhood Care and Education began in 2008, when they started the Dongma Village Pre-school Education and Community Culture Centre Project in Danba Country, Sichuan province. In that village, AEA opened pre-school classes for children, trained volunteers and villagers and organized community cultural activities. Based on the pre-school class and the cultural activities, they compiled a handbook on local customs, stories, wild animals and plants.

Dongma village consists of four hamlets and a temple, along up the river there are Xiaomoniu, Qijizhai, Wujiazhai, Sanjizhai and Dinguoshan Temple respectively. Over a decade ago, a primary school was built in Dongma village. Due to the Chinese government's withdrawal of public education resources, the teachers there were called away. The school was then abandoned.

So the villagers' utmost concern is to seek help re-open the Dongma school. To answer their needs, AEA started in 2008 to help these disadvantaged children of the village by starting the 3-year Dongma Pre-school project. They organized interest class that require children's participation, redevelop children's creativity and capability of doing things. At the same time, organized cultural activities in local communities and set up a community cultural centre.

In the improvement of literacy in China Michele said AEA seek opportunities for cooperation and support for projects.

Acting SAA Hon. Treasurer Colin reported that the red box collection were HK\$1,600 and thanked all contributors.

PP Rudy thanked Michele for delivering the message of "Education for all" and is very much complimentary to one of Rotary's Service opportunity - to improve literacy in the world.

President Norman then announced that the speaker for next week is Mr. Kwok Fun Leung who is a volunteer from Grace Charity, the organization that builds many schools in PRC. He will share his experience in building schools as well as other projects that they carry out in China.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.00pm with Pres. Norman leading our members to make a toast to Rotary International, RC of St. Ive's and RC HKIE, and all attendants stayed back for a group photo.

Rotary Potpourri

The Rotary Foundation Fund Donors Recognition

As per figures released by The Rotary Foundation ending 31st January 2010, below are the particulars for general information:

a.	Arch C. Klumph Society members	255
b.	Major Donors	12,049
c.	Bequest Society	6,908
d.	Benefactors	82,172
e.	Paul Harris Fellows	1,211,750

Although we are close to the Rotary worldwide membership number, yet we are still recruiting new Paul Harris Fellows and other kinds of donors as listed out in our previous issues.

DGNN Kenneth Wong Selected D.G.

For the year 2012 - 2013

D.G. Ada Cheng announced that less than six clubs in our district concur with the challenge of C.P. Tang Kam Tim, therefore his challenge shall be considered invalid.

The decision made by the DGN Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2010 remains valid and that PP Kenneth Wong of R/C of Taipo had been selected as DGN to serve as district governor of our district in 2012 - 2013.

Hearty congratulations to PP Kenneth Wong and wishing him every success in his new role to serve Rotary.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:
Email:
1. Who have been welcomed back today ? Ans)
2. Who and from which Rotary Club was our visiting Rotarian coming from $\ ?$ Ans)
3. How many birthday boys were celebrated today and who were they ? $\ensuremath{Ans}\xspace)$
4. Who was asked to lead the birthday song today ? Ans)
5. Name any one of the announcements of Pres. Norman today $$? Ans)
6. What was the Red Box collection today ? Ans)
7. Who was our speaker today and what was the topic about $$? Ans)
8. Who will be our next week's speaker and what will be the topic ? Ans) $ \label{eq:ans} % \begin{center} \be$
Submit
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Joke

Subject: HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY? (written by children)

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with

. -- Kristen, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

They both don't want anymore kids.

- - Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that Usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns.

-- Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8 (just LOVE this one)

And the #1 Favorite is......

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Photographs of our meeting

<u>on</u>

28th April, 2010

Luncheon Meeting Photos on 28 April, 2010





PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Speaker Michele Hui & Hon. Sec Dr. Eric Chin, PE Heman Lam & PP Pres. Norman Lee

John Kwok





PP Henry Chan, Rtn. Kenny Chan & PP George Leung

PP Rudy Law, PP Desmond Cheung & Rtn. William Leung





Rtn. Henry Cheung & Rtn. Jonathan Lamport

Rotarianne Isa Hall & Speaker's colleague



CDS PP Eddy Wong, Dir Nancy Yee & visiting Rotarian Joanne from Rotary Club of St. Ives



Dir. Jason Chiu & IPP Andy Wong



PP Paul Chan



Rtn. Tony Loy & Hon. Tres. Colin Chau



Rotarianne Isa Hall & Dir. Jason Chiu led the birthday song for the four birthday boys



The four birthday boys are: - PP George Leung, PP Desmond Cheung, Rtn. Henry Cheung & Rtn. William Lamport represented by his son - Jonathon Lamport



Ms Michele Hui & her colleague introduced their work of their organization, Aide et Action



Pres. Norman Lee present a photo to thank



Group photo with members, guest speaker & visiting Rotarian

Choi Jun School Swimming Gala on 24 April 2010





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