

Last Week's Proceedings (18th May, 2005)

After receiving the assignment from D.G. Alex Mak within two months, HKIE started to organize the Inter-City Meeting in honour of the visit of PRIP Carlo Ravizza, chairman of the Rotary Foundation trustees.

Having gone through all the necessary procedures by just four organizing meetings, it was proved that this old club is still capable to produce a successful district level function at the Miramar Hotel, Kowloon, on the 18th May 2005. Registration was well over 200 participants. Rotary Club of Bayview Sunshine topped the attendance list by mobilizing 24 of its members to attend. A group of Sergeantat-Arms from various Rotary clubs, supervised by chief sergeant, PP Hubert Chan manned the floor the whole evening with excellent order. Their service should be highly praised.

The organizing committee guided by chairman Eddy Wong and masterminded by AG Ada Cheng with the assistance of the Master of Ceremony, PP George Leung, the programmes went on well. Of course, there was a number of committee members who worked very hard behind the stage.

When the dining hall was nearly well seated, PDG Dipo Sani, aide to Chairman Carlo with Ranuka Sani accompanied Mrs. Rossana Ravizza arrived in good time. The VIP guests were escorted to the head table after greeting the welcoming party and other Rotarians.

Slowly and smoothly, the M.C. called on D.G. Alex Mak to declare the meeting open and continued to introduce the Rotary dignitaries.

The programme started by recognizing the following major donors:

Level One - PDG Joseph Lee, PDG Vincent To, PDG Johnson Chu and PP Pi Leung (R/C of Tsuen Wan)

Level Two - IPDG Jones Wong and AG Paul lec (R/C of Hou Kuong)

Level Three-PP Solomon Lee (R/C of Kowloon East) and D.G. Alex Mak

followed by the recognition of new PHFs : PP Amy Ho (Admiralty) PP Sophia Chan (Bayview Sunshsine) President Vincent Ng (Sunrise) PP Jason Wong (Kowloon Golden Mile) PP Annie Luk (Kowloon North West) President Millie Chun (Mid-Level) PP Parry Poon (Tolo Harbour) RYLARIAN Annie Ho (Tsuen Wan) PP Joseph Chan (Wanchai) and AG Ada Cheng (Wanchai).

Finally, the presentation of Distinguished Service Award to PDG Y K Cheng by PRIP Carlo Ravizza.

The highlight of the meeting was the keynote speech by PRIP Carlo Ravizza, chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees. PDG Dipo Sani introduced the speaker before he addressed the audience.

Chairman Carlo gave a brief account of the Foundation and concentrated mostly on the PolioPlus campaign and its activities. We were told that it was very near to the expected eradication of this dreadful disease worldwide. PDG John Wan was invited to give a vote of thanks to chairman Carlo for his educational and humanity talk on the Foundation.

Photo session with chairman Carlo and lady Rossana together with all the PDGs and district officers was arranged. Rotarians from the 8 areas were also in the picture by each area.

To add an enjoyable atmosphere to the meeting, a free lucky draw was arranged. Prizes were donated by the members of the organizing committee and other Rotary leaders, totaling twelve in numbers. The top prizes were a new style Mobile telephone from PP Hubert Chan, a Digital Camera from PP John Kwok, a Hermes silk scarf from President Rudy Law, a bottle of 22-year whisky from PDG Peter Hall, etc. etc.

The first prize (Mobile Phone) went to PP David Li. Please see the Sergeant-at-Arms later, David.

Before the curtain was down, chairman Carlo was presented a gifts of long life and happiness in the Chinese tradition. A bouquet was also

presented to Lady Rossana Ravizza.

The Inter-City meeting ended around 10.00 p.m. with harmony, but the audience still mingled around for chatting and more drinking.

Jokes

Traveling salesman stops at a hillbilly farmhouse to sell some wares. While he's there a fierce storm comes up, and the farmer invites him to spend the night. However, as there wasn't a spare bedroom, the salesman would have to sleep in the same room as the farmer's daughter-on the condition that if any hanky-panky went on and the daughter got pregnant, the salesman would have to marry her.

The salesman eyes the daughter, who has the body of a goddess but the brains of a head of lettuce, and figures out that he's being set up for a shotgun wedding. But he didn't want to brave the night's storm, so he agreed to the farmer's terms. The next morning, the family is sitting around the breakfast table. The father asks the daughter, "Did he do it last night, girl?"

"Sure did, Pa." "Excellent!" says the father. "If it's a boy, we'll call him John."

"And if it's a girl," says the mother, "we'll call her Martha."

About that time the salesman came into the room holding a condom and grinning. "Well," he says, "if the little bastard gets out of this, we'll call him Houdini."

Hi there A woman's husband died. He had \$20,000 to his name. After everything is done at the funeral home and cemetery, she tells her closest friend that there is no money left.

The friend says, "How can that be? You told me he had \$20,000 a few days before he died. How could you be broke?"

The widow says, "Well, the funeral cost me \$6,000. And, of course, I had to make the obligatory donation for the church and the organist and all. That was \$400 and I spent another \$400 for the wake, food and drinks, you know. The rest went for the memorial stone."

The friend says, "\$13,200 for the memorial stone? My gosh, how big is it?"

The widow says, "Three carats."

For three years, the young attorney had been taking his brief vacations at a country inn. The last time there, he'd finally managed an affair with the innkeeper's daughter. Again looking forward to an exciting few days, he dragged his suitcase up the stairs of the inn, and then stopped short. There sat his lover with an infant on her lap!

"Helen, why didn't you write when you learned you were pregnant?" he cried. "I would have rushed up here, we could have gotten married, and the baby would have my name!"

"Well," she said, "when my folks found out about my condition, we sat up all night talkin' and talkin' and decided it would be better to have a bastard in the family than a lawyer."

Photographs of our meeting

on

18th May, 2005





Our guest of honour is PRIP Carlo Ravizza, The Rotary Foundation Trustees Chairman our keynote speaker on the works of the Foundation.



PDG Y.K. Cheng on receiving the Distinguished Service Award.



The hard working group of people who worked behind the scene. The lovely ladies in the front row (L to R) Lauretta, Elsa, Connie, Vera and Annie. Thanks a lot girls.



Group Photo of our Rotarians who participated in the InterCity Meeting.





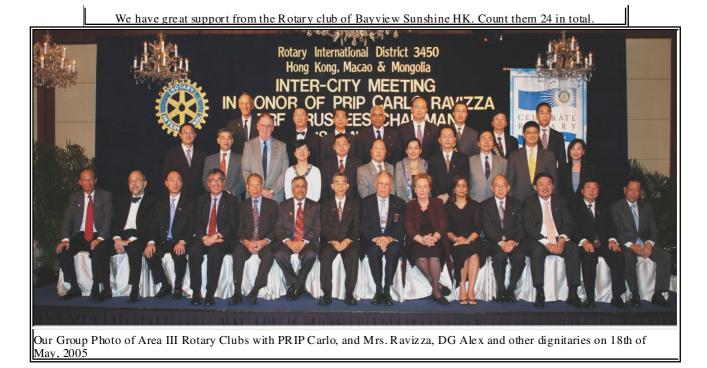
PP John receiving his Raffle draw prize from PDG Uncle Peter.

The first prizeof a mobile phone was won by none other then PP David Li here receiving his prize from PRIP Carlo with Mrs Rossana Ravizza looking on.



A souvenir was presented to PRIP Carlo by DG Alex while Mrs Ravizza and PDG John Wan looking on.





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