

Last week's Proceedings -

13th May, 2009

President Andy started the meeting at 1:00p.m. and Rtn. Charles Bien as well as Rtn. Jackel Lee were welcome back. During the meeting, Rtn. Colin Chau introduced his guest Ms. Frances Lee whom is his colleague and is a member of Zonta Club. There was no birthday boy for this week. However, special announcement was made on recent achievement by Dr. Eric Chin; PP John Kwok shared with us the impressive performance of Dr. Eric Chin on the golf course of 3 Birdies.

There were approx. 20 members at the meeting.

President Andy made the following announcements:

- 1. There will be a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Hong Kong City North on 19 May, 2009 (Tuesday). Our regular meeting on 20 May 2009 (Wednesday) will be cancelled. The venue of the joint meeting will be at Craigengower Cricket Club in Happy Valley starting from 12:30pm.
- 2. There will be a total of 32 Members and spouses / friends joining the delegation to visit Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan for their 40th anniversary. In light of the recent epidemic of swine flu, if W.H.O escalated the alert level to 6, the trip might be cancelled.
- 3. On the day of the arrival to Osaka on 28 May 2009, a crab dinner will be arranged for our own members. The cost of the dinner would be around JPY 6,000 and PP John Kwok had kindly offered some form of sponsorship for the evening. For those who wish to join the dinner, please kindly register with President Andy as the numbers of seat are limited.
- 4. For the coming year, Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East would continue to sponsor programs at Choi Chun School for the mildly handicapped children with needs. A signing ceremony would take place on 14 May, 2009 between 2:30pm 4:30pm at Kowloon Tong and Rotarians were encouraged to join the event.

The Sergeant-At-Arm, Rudy, reported a red box collection totaling HKD 1,200 and thanked the Rotarians.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Ms. Christina Tung on developing Comprehensive Philanthropy Solution.

Ms. Tung is the Head of Philanthropy Services, North Asia for UBS AG. She had extensive experience in managing and advising philanthropic initiatives of individuals, charities, corporations and family foundations. She graduated with a law degree from University of Southern California and specialized in this field of charity solution for her career.

Ms. Tung shared with us on Foundation and Trust structures commonly used by notable families and organizations for management of philanthropic services. In addition, she provided interesting statistic information on donation towards philanthropy which showed that it had been increasing and Asian was more generous when it comes to distributing their wealth towards good deeds.

Ms. Tung highlighted that even with philanthropic solutions; there is a need for strategies for spending to ensure effective impact on the outcome. She provided two examples, one was with eradication of TB which required high funding commitment at the beginning to ensure vast population would be vaccinated in a short period of time to minimize future reoccurrence of the disease. The other one was constant capital commitment, as such as management of disable children and socio-economic philanthropic solutions, which would be considered ongoing projects and required regular spending to ensure effectiveness to society.

Finally, Ms. Tung shared some case studies on how investments strategies were set up to ensure funds matches with philanthropic strategies. Questions were raised and answered after the presentation.

After the presentation, Rtn. Charles Bien thanked the speaker.

President Andy closed the meeting at 2:15pm by proposing a toast to RI coupled with RC of Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Potpourri

Quarantined in Hong Kong During Swine Flu

From the Sunday Morning Post of 10th May 2009, you will find a story of a PDG Ron Bailey and his friend Anne Bowling being quarantined in the Metropark Hotel in Wanchai, Hong Kong as follows.

The Hong Kong quarantine touched off spirit of generosity as two Metrepark hotel guests visited a Salvation Army event for Mother's Day yesterday, and helped distribute 41 boxes of unused and donated gifts to a group of local mothers.

During their government enforced isolation in the Wan Chai hotel, Bon Bailey and Anne Bowling made the best of their week-long stay and started a charity drive from their room. The couple from northern England, who have been dating for 18 months, gathered up donated and unused stock and urged the other 283 guests to do the same.

With the help of dozens of guests and the blessing of the Food and Health Bureau, Bailey and Ms Bowling collected about HK \$33,000 worth of items and coupons, said Mr. Bailey and Simon Wong of the Salvation Army in Hong Kong. The 41 boxes were collected from the Metropark Hotel early yesterday and delivered to the Salvation Army Lam Butt Chung Memorial School, a primary school in Tung Chung.

At the school, 40 underprivileged mothers from the Yat Tung Estate were recognized for their strength and courage during a special Mother's Day event. The women will receive certificates and gift packs.

At the start of the ceremony, Mr. Bailey and Ms Bowling who were supposed to leave Hong Kong last Sunday, stood before the crowd and spoke.

"During the week, we had many, many gifts from the tourism people from various businesses and from the Hong Kong government" Mr. Bailey said. "And we were delighted to be able to collect some of those gifts together that we could not use and hand them through Rotary International to the Salvation Army for giving to the mothers here to-day."

"So from this problem has come some good and we hope that you appreciate the little that we can do to help here."

The hotel guests contributed items ranging from fruit and toiletries to stuffed animals and vouchers for local attractions. Their stay in the hotel, enforced as a health precaution after a Mexican visitor was found to be suffering from swine flu, ended at 8.30 p.m. on Friday.

Club New: Adopt-A-School Program Signing Ceremony

This year our Club has joined the Adopt-A-School Program, one of the recent District 3450 Projects, by partnering with the Choi Chun School in Shatin, the New Territories whom we have already been sponsoring for two years their swimming training program and bakery classes to boost the health, self confidence and skills of their mildly physically and mentally handicapped students.

The signing ceremony was attended by our Club President Andy Wong, Hon. Secretary Heman Lam and PP John Kwok together with the Principal Lee, some staff members, students and their parents of the Choi Chun School in the afternoon of the 14th May, 2009 at the Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre of the Education Board of the Hong Kong S.A.R.

The ceremony was well attended together with representatives from many other Clubs in the District 3450 and partnering schools in Hong Kong and our President Andy and the Principal Lee of the Choi Chun School were invited to share their experience with the other participants (see photos in this bulletin).

The event has attracted many attentions from the public and the local media and Principal Lee of the Choi Chun School has also been interviewed by one of the local Chinese newspaper too.

	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 have we welcomed back ?
Ans)

2. Do we have any birthday boy today ?
Ans)

3. What will cause our planned visit to RC Osaka Jonan being cancelled ?
Ans)

4. When and where will be our next week's luncheon meeting held ?
Ans)

5. What was the SAA collection reported today ?
Ans)

6. Who was our speaker today ?
Ans)

7. Who was asked to thank our speaker ?
Ans)

8. PDG Ron Bailey was quarantined in Hong Kong for what reason ?
Ans)
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Joke

Subject: Texas Ranchers

A Texas Sheriff stops at a ranch in rural TX and talks with an old rancher.

He tells the rancher, 'I need to inspect your ranch for illegal grown drugs.'

The old rancher says, 'Okay, but don't go in that field over there.'

The Sheriff verbally explodes saying, 'Mister, I have the authority of the Sheriffs Department with me.'

Reaching into his rear pant pocket and removing his badge. The officer proudly displays it to the rancher.

'See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish... on any land. No questions asked or answers given.

Have I made myself clear?

Do you understand?'

The old rancher nods politely and goes about his chores.

Later, the old rancher he ars loud screams and spies the Sheriff running for his life and close behind is the rancher's bull.

With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer. The Sheriff is clearly terrified.

The old rancher immediately throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs.....

Your badge! Show him your badge!

Photographs of our meeting

on

13th May, 2009





(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Speaker - Ms Christina Tung & Pres. Andy Wong



(L to R) Acting Sec. Dir. Eric Chin, PE Norman Lee & PP Uncle John Kwok



Welcome back to Rtn. Jackal Lee



(L to R) Rtn. Colin Chau, his guest Ms Frances Lee & Rtn. Charles Bien



(L to R) Rtn. Kenny Chan, PP Henry Chan, Dir. Nancy Yee & Rtn. Peter Yeung



(L to R) PP Tim Lui & PP Stephen Liu



Speaker of the week, Christine Tung sharing her professions with us



(L to R) Rtn. Tony Loy & Rtn. Anthony Kwong



(L to R) Rtn. Charles Bien, Dir Jason Chiu & PP Rudy Law



Group photo with members, speaker & guest



Rotary Adopt-A-School program - Sharing session



Rotary Adopt-A-School program - Signing ceremony with Pres.

Andy (middle)



Rotary Adopt-A-School program - Signing ceremony with Principal Lee (middle)



Photo with our members & Choi Jun school Principal, teachers, students & parents



Group photo

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