

Last week's Proceedings -

25th April, 2007

We have a joint luncheon this week. Rotary Club of Shatin and Rotary Club of Metropolitan have joined us in Excelsior Hotel for a special joint luncheon meeting.

Pres. Paul opened the meeting by introducing the members of Hong Kong Island East. He then asked President Frank Pak of Rotary Club of Metropolitan to introduce their members and guests followed by President Ada of Rotary Club of Shatin to introduce their members and guests. President Frank Pak of the R/C of Metropolitan Hong Kong introduced to us his members attending our joint meeting, viz., Charter President Tang Kam Tim, Rtns. Anita Leung, Cameron Ma, Candy Fong, Emily Wong, Mabel Chan, Maria Chan, Sylvia Leung, William Wong and Mr. Harvey Tsui.

Then President Ada Yu of the R/C of Shatin introduced the delegation to our joint meeting to day. The delegates were IPP Wendy Lee, P-E Michael Chiu, PP Raymond Cheng, PP Tony Kan, PP Norman Lee, PP William Li, PP Ricky Wong, Rtns David Leung, Teresa Li, Mr. Wilson Li, Miss Rita Lam. and executive secretary Mr. So Hin Kuen.

We also have one senior Rotarian, PP Nelson Lee from the R/C of Kwun Tong graced our meeting.

President Paul made the following announcements:

- 1. Inauguration of Rotaract Club at IVE Morrison Hill sponsored by Rotary Club of Hong Kong City North on Friday, 27th April, 2007. Time: Reception will start at 7:15 p.m. The event should end around 9:15 p.m. Venue: Jockey Club Lecture Theatre at IVE Morrison Hill. All guest will be seated by 7:30 p.m. Please arrive on time. Light refreshment will be served before the event.
- 2. The Chairman of the board Directors of the Charity Dinner and the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Bayview request the honor and pleasure of the Rotary Club at the Charity Dinner: One Table One Heart on April 26th April 2007 at the north Point Harbour Plaza Hotel Hong Kong. Hotel Address: MTR Quarry bay Station Exit C, 665 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong. Dinner will be served at 8 pm with Cocktail Reception starting at 7 pm Lucky Draw and entertainment during the dinner is served.
- 3. Reminder that our regular Wednesday Luncheon on 2nd May will be moved to 3rd May 2007 at Renaissance Harbour View Hotel on 3rd May 2007 (12:30pm) to join the 4 clans Joint Luncheon. The clubs of 4 clans are:

Rotary Club of Island East

Rotary Club of Hong Kong North

Rotary Club of Hong Kong City North

Rotary Club of Causeway Bay

The honorable speaker of the day will be Ms. Connie Lau, the new Chief Executive of the Consumer Council. All members and guests are welcomed. Please note that the Luncheon Fee for each person is HK\$260.00.

Our birthday boy this week is PP George Leung, he invited Dir. Jason and PP Hubert to sing the birthday song.

President Ada of Rotary Club of Shatin made their announcement.

President Frank Pak of Rotary Club of Metropolitan made their announcement.

President Paul then introduced our speaker, Dr. Anthony T Y Wu, Chairman, Hospital Authority. The title of the speech is "sharing and vision".

Here below are the summary of his speech:

The problems Hong Kong's health care faces must be seen in the context of strenuous efforts by the Hospital Authority (HA) and its dedicated staff. These efforts have been ongoing for more than 15 years now, ever since the Authority came into being as a statutory body. During this time, the HA have succeeded in dramatically improving the quality of patient care delivered in public hospitals. The services are heavily subsidized, however. The HA has introduced stringent cost saving measures and efficiency enhancement programmes. Yet HA still faced with large operational deficits. As if that was not enough, the costs of new treatments, new drugs and new medical technologies are escalating rapidly, reflecting heavy research investments and complex new methodologies.

These heavier costs give new urgency to the long drawn out debates and discussions on health policy and funding.

We need a viable and seamless working interface between the public health sector and the private health sector. Mr. Wu sees this as a necessary although not sufficient condition for achieving Hong Kong's vision of providing sustainable health care for all.

Our public hospitals must always provide services that are appropriate in scale and scope. Hong Kong's extensive public hospital service was originally devised as a safety net that ensured that no person needing health care would be left without help and support.

Far too many people crowd into the accident and emergency rooms in public hospitals with minor ailments which could well be treated in the very simplest of clinics.

Mr. Wu suggests a stronger and fuller partnership between the public sector and the private sector.

Private doctors must continue to be the frontline guardian of our community's health.

Last year, the HA received only 1,700 complaints, but 20,000+ appraisal letters.

All in all, the budget that the HA received from the government is far insufficient as compared to the demand of services.

There are many questions from the floor. However, due to the time constraint, Mr. Wu can only respond to a few.

Pres. Paul then asked Rtn Tony to give a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The three Rotary Clubs exchange their banners.

The Acting SAA PP Rudy Law reported a collection of \$1,000.

Meeting was closed at 2:20pm after a toast to the RI and all the three Rotary Clubs.

Rotary Information

Magazine Month

April is Magazine Month. Previously, RI designated it as Magazine Week. A week is easily elapsed and we all forget the subject. Now, the word "Week" had been changed to "Month" thus giving more time to members to understand something about the Magazine. The Rotary Magazine is published monthly in many languages and there is no reason that you do not read about the publication with reason that you cannot understand English. In district 3450, we have many Rotary Clubs using Chinese for the regular meetings, hence, we have to use the Chinese language in our clubs' By-Laws and Constitution.

Please be aware that we may subscribe to the Regional Magazine known as "The Rotarian Monthly" published in Taiwan. This magazine contains 60% of the contents in the English magazine which are translated into Chinese and the rest are news and activities in the seven districts in Taiwan. It is strongly recommended to subscribe and read it. Apart from the Chinese Rotary magazine, many translated RI articles are available from the Taiwan Rotary Publication Committee.

PS. Please inform PDG Peter Hall in case you have not received your copy of the English Rotarian Magazine each month. He will follow up on your behalf. Spare a few moment to read the Magazine and your Rotary knowledge will be much enriched. Secondly, you have been debited with the usual subscription.

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Clubs News

In appreciation of the support rendered by our club members, IPP Eddy Wong and the incumbent President Paul Chan jointly threw a Chinese cuisine party on the 19th April 2007 at the Chinese Club, Central Hong Kong, for all members of our club. Due to other commitments, only the following members attended despite the mouth water menu.

PDG Peter Hall

PDG Y K Cheng

PP David Li

PP Stephen Liu

PP George Leung PP Stephen Chan

PP John Kwok

PE Laurence Chan

Rtn. Norman Lee

Rtn. Eric Chin

Rtn. Heman Lam

Rtn. Peter Yeung

Rtn. Jason Chiu Rtn. Kishu Rarain

Rtn. Kenny Chan

IPP Eddy Wong (host)

President Paul Chan (host)

Hon. Sec. Andy Wong

There were more palatable food than we can finish, even we have to cancel some dishes. The tiger garoupa and the king crabs were just huge, though the crabs were not as large as those from Hokkaido, Japan which was known as "Hokkaido Kani".

Throughout the party, a lot of free talking on any subject was exchanged. Fellowship was the best centre point. We would suggest that more of such kind of function be held in order to promote better fellowship. The night's curtain was down at around 11.00 p.m. when we all said "Thank you" to the

two hosts.

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Electronic Make-up Questions

You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following questions: 1. How many of our members appeared on our photos taken today?

Answer:
2. Who are our two co-hosting Clubs' President?
Answer:
3. Who was the SAA today? What was his reported collection?
Answer:
4. Who have been asked to lead the birthday song today?
Answer:
5. Who was our guest speaker today?
Answer:
6. How many complaints and appraised letters our speaker's organization has received last year?
Answer:
7. Who you should inform if you have not received the English Rotary Magazine?

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8. Where can you subscribe for a Chinese Rotary magazine?

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9. Who have hosted a Chinese cruise dinner party for our Club members on 19th April 2007 and how many of us have attended?

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Jokes

The Third Rose

A woman goes to her doctor and says she wants an operation because her vagina lips are much too large. She asks the doctor to keep the operation a secret as she's embarrassed and doesn't want anyone to find out. The doctor agrees. She wakes up from her operation and finds three roses carefully placed beside her bed. Outraged she immediately calls in the doctor and says, "I thought I asked you not to tell anyone about my operation!"

"Don't worry", he says, "I didn't tell anybody. The first rose is from me. I felt bad because you went through this all by yourself. The second one is from the nurse. She assisted me with the operation, and she had the operation done herself." "Who is the third rose from?" she asked. "Oh", says the doctor, "that rose is from the guy upstairs in the burn unit. He wanted to thank you for his new ears!"

Photographs of our meeting on

25th April, 2007



Hon. Speaker. Mr. Anthony Wu, J.P. Chairman of Hospital Authority



Hon.Sec. Andy Wong from RCHKIE, Pres. Ada Yu from RC of Shatin & Pres. Frank Pak from RC of Metropolitan



Rotary Club of Shatin



Rotary Club of Metropolitan with PP Tim Lui (Centre) & Rtn Norman Lee (Back Right) from RC of HKIE



Rtn Jason Chiu, Pres. Paul Chan, PP George (our birthday boy) & PP Hubert (Left to right) Lead the Birthday song for PP George



RC of HKIE - Pres. Paul, RC of Shatin - Pres. Ada Yu & RC of Metropolitan - Mr Frank Pak present club banner to Mr Anthony Wu

JP to thank his speech



Rtn. Tony Loy gave vote of thanks to Mr Anthony Wu JP's speech



RC of HK Island East member with speaker and Pres. Ada of RC Shatin & Pres. Frank of RC Metropolitan



RC of Shatin with speaker and Pres. Paul & Pres. Frank Pak



RC of Metropolitan with speaker & Pres. Paul

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