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## Last week's Proceedings -

14<sup>th</sup> May, 2008

Acting Pres. PE Andy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in the absence of Pres. Laurence who is on a trip overseas. He first welcome the former PP Peter Tse from the Rotary Club of TST and then asked Rtn Nancy to introduce her two guests who were from the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, PP Vicky Wong and Rtn Julius Choi. Next he announced that today's birthday boy was Rtn Heman Lam whose birthday fall on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May but he decided to celebrate it today. He also announced that our guest speaker will be Mr. Andy Stoll who will further presented by PP John later.

SAA Heman report the Red Box collection is HK\$4,800.

PE Andy then made two announcements:

1) On 10 May, Pres. Laurance with other 3 members, PP Henry, PP Rudy, PE Andy & their wives depart for Zhaoqing to visit the Dao Tau Primary School. (A school was built by our club with Causeway Bay Kai-fong Welfare Association's donation.) The journey took them 4 hrs by train from HK to Zhaoqing and another 4 hours from Zhaoqing to Dao Tau on each way. They all received very warm welcome parade from the students. In the past few years, the school has increased the number of students from 400 to 696 with 21 classes.

The school has become one of the major primary school in Dao Tau and in the county. It has achieved good results in the county. Out of the 92 candidates in this county attended the secondary school entry exam, only 33 of them were successfully adopted into the secondary school and 17 of them were from Dao Tau School.

PE Andy represented the club to present the stationary, books & sport goods to the pupils. All the materials were donated by PP Hubert Chan. Pres. Laurence presented the HK\$1,800 scholarship to 10 pupils and received a thank you souvenir from the school principal. After a 3 hours' visit, our members started the long return home journey. Although the journey a bit long, it was worth it. All of them were safely back to HK on 12 May, the day where the earthquake happened in Sichuen.

2) Pres. Laurence proposed the Red Box collection in May to be donated to the Sichuen earthquake relief fund and the board has received support to his suggestion.

PP John then was asked to introduce our guest speaker for today. He is Mr. Andy Stoll a past Rotary Scholar. Andy Stoll's passions converged at the intersection of creativity, community and entrepreneur. As a pragmatic idealist he strongly believes in the power of stories and media as tools to bridge differences, build communities and affect change. Originally from Omaha, Nebraska in the US, Andy represented his adopted hometown of Iowa City, Iowa and the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club of District 6000 while serving as an Ambassadorial Scholar in Hong Kong during the 2006-07 academic year. Without further delay, PP John presented Mr. Andy Stoll.

Andy started by saying that after spending 9 months in Hong Kong as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, he set off on the second-half of his two-year trip around the world. Departing from Hong Kong, he crossed China, Tibet, Nepal and India; traveled through the Middle East and the former USSR; visited Central Europe and spent four months traveling on public transportation overland through Africa and Nairobi to Cape Town. Along the way he's had multitude of experiences including: touring a social entrepreneurial project in Yunan, China that is teaching rural villagers to make gourmet yak cheese; cooking apple pie on Armenian national television; and jumping off the highest bungy jump in Eastern Cape, South Africa. Throughout his travels he's been meeting up with Rotarians and touring their projects to get a better understanding of the scope and reach of Rotary. He will share some photos and stories from his travels and speak about his own Rotary-supported project that brought together 18 Rotary-affiliated Clubs for 9 countries to send 10 street kids from Tanzania to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak.

PP Stephen gave Andy a rousing thanks for a very interesting talk.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Vancouver China Town, RC of TST and RC of HK Island East

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## Rotary Potpourri

### The Rotary World Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Foundation is pleased to announce the integration of its peace education initiatives. Rotary World Peace Fellowships for master's degree and professional development certificate study have been consolidated into one program. This change allows applicants to apply simultaneously for both options by including all seven Rotary Centers below in their preferencing options.

1. Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand,

- (Professional development certificate),
- 2. Rotary Center at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, (master's Degree)
- 3. Rotary Center at International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan (master's degree)
- 4. Rotary Center at Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, (master's degree)
- 5. Rotary Center at the University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England. (master's degree)
- 6. Rotary Centre at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, (master's degree)
- 7. Rotary Center at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (master's degree).

Part of this integration is the adjustment of the application and selection schedule for the professional development option. The Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University will continue to offer two sessions of training each year from January - April and June - August. Applications for both sessions will now be due at the time as applications for the master's degree option on 1 July with selection taking place one time each year for the master's degree follows as well as both sessions of professional development fellows.

More integration news will be released as it becomes available, along with new application forms and promotional materials. Applicants should continue to use existing application forms until these new items are finalized.

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The ROTARIAN Magazine

According to the Rotary International board of directors' decision recently, the price of the international subscriptions for the monthly issue of the ROTARIAN have been increased to US\$2.00 per month, with effect from 1st July 2008. The current international rate is US\$1.00 per issue since 1991. The increase is due to the increased cost of distribution and printing.

Any member who wishes to discontinue to subscribe to the English language ROTARIAN may subscribe to the certified regional magazine from Taiwan in Chinese which is known as Rotarian Monthly. Please note that in accordance with the RI Manuel of Procedures, it is mandatory to subscribe to the ROTARIAN or the duly recognized regional magazine.

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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 visitors we have today for the luncheon meeting?

Answer:

2. Who were our visiting guests?

Answer:

3. Who was our birthday boy today?

Answer:

4. How many of our members went to visit Dao Tau Primary School?

Answer:

5. How much we have collected for the Red Box today?

Answer:

6. Who was our speaker today?

Answer:

7. Who was asked to introduce the speaker?

Answer:

8. What was the subject of our speaker's speech?

Answer:

9. How many Rotary World Peace Fellowship program centers are in Asia and what are their names?

Answer:

10. How much is The Rotarian Magazine from 01 July 2008 and do we have a choice not to subscribe it?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

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## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

### Monkeys in a room

(This is based on an actual experiment conducted in U.K.)

Put eight monkeys in a room. In the middle of the room is a ladder, leading to a bunch of bananas hanging from a hook on the ceiling. Each time a monkey tries to climb the ladder, all the monkeys are sprayed with ice water, which makes them miserable.

Soon enough, whenever a monkey attempts to climb the ladder, all of the other monkeys, not wanting to be sprayed, set upon him and beat him up. Soon, none of the eight monkeys ever attempts to climb the ladder.

One of the original monkeys is then removed, and a new monkey is put in the room. Seeing the bananas and the ladder, he wonders why none of the other monkeys are doing obvious. But undaunted, he immediately begins to climb the ladder. All the other monkeys fall upon him and beat him silly. He has no idea why.

However, he no longer attempts to climb the ladder. A second original monkey is removed and replaced. The newcomer again attempts to climb the ladder, but all the other monkeys hammer the crap out of him. This includes the previous new monkey, who, grateful that he's not on the receiving end this time, participates in the beating because all the other monkeys are doing it. However, he has no idea why he's attacking the new monkey.

One by one, all the original monkeys are replaced. Eight new monkeys are now in the room. None of them have ever been sprayed by ice water. None of them attempt to climb the ladder. All of them will enthusiastically beat up any new monkey who tries, without having any idea why.

This is how many companies' policies get Established.

Now you understand why we have monkeys in Parliament!

The difference is our monkeys are well paid and do not have to fight for bananas!

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## Photographs of our meeting on

14<sup>th</sup> May, 2008



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Speaker Andy Hon.Sec Norman Lee, Dir. Eric Chin



Birthday boy Rtn. Heman received the gift from PE Andy. AG Eddy led



Visiting Rotarian from Vancouver China Town. (L to R) Rtn. Julius Choi, Rtn Nancy Yee & PP Vicky Wong



(L to R) Rtn. Julius, Rtn Nancy, PP Vicky, PP Stephen, PP John, AG Eddy & Dir Jason.



(L to R) Rtn Gilbert, visiting guest former PP Peter Tse, SAA Heman & Rtn. Peter



Andy shared his travel experience in different countries as a Ambassadorial Scholar



Group Photo with members, visiting guests & the speaker



Welcoming parade of the Dao Tau Primary School students



PE Andy presenting the stationery to the representatives of the students



School Master, PP Henry & President Laurence presented the best results



PP Henry, Pres. Laurence, PE Andy & PP Rudy receiving a token of



award of all classes	thanks for the Club
	
<p>Students returning to their classrooms after the ceremony in swift discipline</p>	<p>(L to R) Rotariannes Angela, May &amp; Jennie with two of the graduating students</p>
	
<p>Memorial plate to note the donations from the RC HKIE and its donation partners in 1998</p>	<p>Saying goodbye and leaving a good memory to our Rotariannes before they left the school</p>

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