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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## **Last week's Proceedings -**

**12th May, 2010**

We moved our regular Wednesday luncheon meeting to the evening for our Club's Racing Night in Happy Valley.

Through our PP Henry Chan's effort, we secured a private box at B404 in Happy Valley Race Course for this special event.

We had a total of 32 members and guests attended the Racing Night:

President Norman and Rtnne Isa

PDG Uncle Peter

PP John Kwok

IPP Andy and Rtnne Angela

Hon Sec. Eric and Rtnne Christine and guest Professor Ngai from PolyU

PE Heman and Rtnne Olivia

PP Laurence and Rtnne Jennie

PP Stephen and Rtnne Christina

PP Rudy and his friend Edmund Tam

PP Henry Chan

PP Desmond Cheung

PP Paul Chan

Rtn Kevin and Rtnne Catherine

Rtn Colin and his friend Steven Ping

Rtn Anthony and his friend Stuart Young

Rtn Nancy and her friends Rosa Hung and Andrea Leung

Rtn William and Rtnne Eunice

and

Visiting Rtn Joanne Li from RC of St. Ives, Sydney.

Before coming to the Racing Night, some of our members attended the vigil for our late member Rtn Bill Lamport at the Hong Kong Funeral Home first.

The formal meeting and informal social event started at about 7:00 pm and PP Andy helped to distribute the racing

badges to non-jockey club members at the lobby.

PP Henry distributed his "sure-win" tips to everyone and wished them good luck for their betting.

Everyone was busy in reading newspaper and watching the TV screen for their selection of the right horse for their betting. The atmosphere was both exciting and full of fun.

Apart from horse racing, the food and wine were well appraised by our members and guests.

PP John won initially but lost out in the subsequent races. The climax of the evening came after Race No. 6 when PP Stephen's better half Christina won her bet with the highest payout of the night. She generously donated \$1,000 to our Red-Box for her luck.

Another winner for the evening (up to race 5) was our Pres. Norman who also donated \$200 for his bet. The total collection for our Red-Box was \$1,200.

All members and guests enjoyed the evening very much (no matter win or lose) and suggested to the Board to turn this into our annual event.

President Norman formally closed the meeting at 11:00 pm after the end of Race No. 8.

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## **Rotary Potpourri**

### **50th District Assembly**

On Saturday 15th May 2010 we have 10 members attended the 50th District Assembly held at the Club House of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Shatin, the New Territories. Led by Pres. Norman, the attended members include PE Heman, Hon. Sec. Eric, Hon. Treas. Colin, IPP Andy, CDS Eddie, PP Laurence, Dir. Nancy, Dir. Kevin, and Dir. Anthony. Please see the photos in this bulletin.

### **Council on Legislation in 2010**

As explained in the previous issues of this bulletin, we shall have a report on the details about the recent Council on Legislation at the District Assembly to be held on 15th May 2010 at Shatin Jockey Club.

The new changes concentrate on E-Clubs, increase of capita dues and addition of a new service called Young Generation as a fifth avenue of service to our already existed four avenues of service. Please watch out the big news.

### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

Since the Council on Legislation held in 2010 in Chicago, USA, has approved to add "New Generations" as the 5th avenues of service to the existing 4 Avenues of Service in Rotary, it is appropriate to reiterate the history of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) started in district 3450.

Rotary worldwide take special interest in developing the talents and the enthusiasm of youth, instilling in them a sense of personal and civic responsibility. District has both Rotaract and Interact Clubs, however, no Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program has been held in our district.

The RYLA programs took root in Australia and New Zealand to-day. Australian Rotarians realized that the young people represented an untapped human resource that needed to be developed for the benefit of the community and the young people themselves. Since 1960s, RYLA seminars had been held for young men and young women who ranged in age 18 - 25. A video colour film has been made on VHS, titled "RYLA" which describes the formation of RYLA, and pictures of typical RYLA program held in Canberra, Australia in May 1982.

Rtn. Alan Howes (District 971 -Canberra/Southern NSW - International Youth Year Chairman 1984/1986) visited Hong Kong in March 1985. He introduced the video film of RYLA and it captured our interest to the possibility of holding RYLA programs in Hong Kong, i.e. to fulfill the objective of RYLA to recognize publicly the high qualities of the young people serving their communities as youth leaders.

At the same time, PDG Peter Hall was approached by Rtn. Alan Howes to advise on the feasibility of proposing that an individual from Hong Kong, selected by Rotary, should visit Australia to evaluate the RYLA programs. Rtn. Howes had discussed the provisional proposal with several Rotarians, and had made a general briefing at a Joint Presidents meeting of Rotary clubs of Hong Kong and Macau area.

Subsequent to Alan Howes visit, a RYLA Committee which consisting of 6 members was established to follow up the provisional proposal. The Rotaract committee of district 3450 held an IVY Camp for 2 days in August 1985 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The successfulness of the IVY Camp gave the Rotarians in Hong Kong a preliminary involvement in training youth leaders. Furthermore, 2 campers - one from Hong Kong and one from Macau were selected to participate in the RYLA program in Australia.

The District 971 Seminar they attended was one of the RYLA seminars held in Australia. It was sponsored by Rotary Club of Canberra City at the venue Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre, Moss Vale, during the period 3-10 May 1986.

The RYLA program covered a wide range of subjects of interest to youth, including techniques of leadership, group dynamic, public speaking, communication and professional talks by different qualified counselors. The Awardees were also involved in a busy social program. This was the first start of RYLA in district 3450.

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## Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

Email:

1. Where was our weekly meeting being held this time ?

Ans)

2. Who and from which Rotary Club was our visiting Rotarian coming from ?

Ans)

3. How many members and guests have attended the meeting ?

Ans)

4. Name two members who have brought their spouse to attend the meeting ?

Ans)

5. Name two members who have brought along their friends to attend the meeting ?

Ans)

6. Who have brought the highest no. of guests to the meeting and what are the names of the guests ?

Ans)

7. Who have contributed to the Red Box and what was the total amount ?

Ans)

8. At what time did Pres. Norman close the meeting ?

Ans)

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## Joke

**Subject: MORAL FOR TODAY**

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly.

Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw.

With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing.

He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

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**Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up.**

Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

**Remember the five simple rules to be happy:**

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less

**NOW .....**

Enough of that crap. The donkey later came back, and bit the farmer who had tried to bury him. The gash from the bite got infected and the farmer eventually died in agony from septic shock.

**MORAL FROM TODAY'S LESSON:**

When you do something wrong and try to cover your ass, it always comes back to bite you.

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## **Photographs of our meeting**

**on**

**12th May, 2010**

<b>Racing Night Meeting Photos on 12 May, 2010</b>
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PDG Uncle Peter, PP Henry Chan Pres. Norman Lee



Pres. Norman Lee & Rtn. Joanne Lee from RC of St. Ives of Australia



Rotarianne Christine was the big winner of that evening, she was so generous and contributed part of the winner money to the Club's Red Box



Group photos with members & visiting guests

**50th District Assembly Photos - 15 May 2010**







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