



who went to Germany last week, and our PP David Li.

President Heman called the meeting to open on time, with a welcome-back to Rtn William Wong

There was no visiting Rotarian, and Pres. Heman welcomed our luncheon speaker – Dr. Yau Wing Kwong who would address us on the environmental issues of HK. Pres. Heman introduced his guest of Ms Florence Choy, and Rtn William Wong introduced his guests, our potential member – Jonah Cheung and a first time guest, Dr. James Luk. We had 17 members turned up on this day.

Birthday boy was none other than our PP David Li, whose choice of his birthday song leader was of course his proposer PP Tim.

Pres. Heman made the following announcements:

- 1. We now have 11 members joining the District Assembly to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May at Jockey Club Shatin Clubhouse of the Hong Kong Jockey Club 9:00am to 4:30pm (Lunch provided). Complimentary to the first eight attendants for each club \$250 per person for any additional attendants.
- 2. District Beijing trip will be held from 12-14 June. If you are interested, please register with HS Jonathan and PP Andy.
- 3. Altogether 7 members joined the PP Stephen Liu and PP Hubert Chan's golf gathering held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday at Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club. Prize presentation will be made at regular luncheon meeting after the game. Pres. Heman announced the last Friday golf event was sponsored by PP Hubert and the trophies were sponsored by PP Stephen. The golf trophies would be presented on May 18 and the outcomes were as follows:

<u>Gross</u> Winner – Kevin Leung (92) 1<sup>st</sup> Runner – PP George Leung (98) 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner – IPP Norman Lee (99)

<u>Net</u> Winner – PP Stephen Liu (81.5) 1<sup>st</sup> Runner – PP Hubert Chan (82.5) 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner – Pres. Heman Lam (87.5)



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**District 3450** 

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Longest Drive Ruby 4 – Tony Hau Diamond 4 – Kevin Leung

<u>Closest to Pin</u> Ruby 8 – Norman Lee Diamond 2 – John Kwok

<u>Booby Prize</u> – PE Eric Chin <u>Most Potential Golfer</u>—Jonah Cheung

Many thanks to PP Hubert who paid for all golfers, lunch inclusive and PP Stephen for all prizes.

- 4. Hip Hop Dance Project.
  - PE Eric and myself attended the Community Promotion of Healthy Life Performance by St Carpenters and St Louise School Hip Hop Dance team at East Point City at Tseung Kwan O on Sunday 8 May 2011
  - 2) Title: Dance Competition "High Schoolers Hip Hop Championship 2011" Venue: Youth Outreach Headquarter (香港西灣河聖十字徑二號協青社賽馬會大樓) Date: Sunday, 15 May 2011 Time: 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

SAA William Leung reported the red box collection on May 11, 2011 was HK\$3,000 with handsome contributions from PP John, Rtn William Leung, Mr Jonah Cheung, together with many members

including Pres. Heman, PE Eric, Rtn Kevin, and PP Li.

Rtn William Wong introduced our speaker of the luncheon – Dr. Yau Wing Kwong who was a professional engineer by training, from London University and being a member of Tai Po District Council. Dr Yau was speaker to a few Rotary Clubs in HK before, who appreciated the effort and nature of the voluntary service in the Rotary movements here.

Dr Yau was an indigenous resident of Taipo, born into a Hakka village there.

Over the years, Dr Yau witnessed the Taipo area transformation from an ecologically rich natural habitat to an urban town of 300,000 residents.

A picture could tell a thousand words, two contrasting pictures vividly told us what happened in Taipo, in a nutshell. The first picture was a group photo of the believers' baptism in front of the Taipo water front. The second picture was for the same location spot, only to see the water front being reclaimed into land, with a road and many property buildings.

Nevertheless, Dr Yau was fond of the nature, which remained an inseparable part of his homeland and his love for nature had inspired him to work for the benefit of the environment -- including by being a District Council Member.

After obtaining a PhD in mechanical engineering at the University of London, Dr Yau became a consultant and engineer, with experience in Manchester and in HK for coal plant power generation and then in environmental engineering.

Dr Yau co-authored a book on one of Hong Kong's 12 sites of special scientific interest, Fung Yuen in Taipo (鳳園蝴蝶保育區), where 80% of the 240 butterfly species in the territory could

be found. The book (Butterflies, Birds: Fung Yuen Story) was selected as one of 40 recommended books at the 2004 Hong Kong Book Fair.

The butterfly reserve park (Fung Yuen) offered free access to the NGOs and schools, whereas a small sum was charged for group tours from the private interests. Meanwhile there would soon be a photo contest for Hong Kong students to promote their discovery of nature in this butterfly reserve park.

Again, Dr Yau shared his ecology observation with our members, about the flowering issue in the red wood cotton flower (Bombax Ceila 木棉 / 紅棉) in the last three years. The plant was abundantly found in Hong Kong and Guangdong, it used to have leaves dropping first, and then the flowers kept blooming and turned red till the last, then to fall. Recently, it was found both the leaves and the flowers were kept blooming together, a warning sign of our climate warming situation in Hong Kong.

Dr. Yau had a broad interest in the environmental issues, there were a few projects in fact the public could have access to with ease, such as:

- The Building Intelligent and Green (BIG: 節能裝置慳電計劃 an initiative with HK\$400 million in the fund, for HKSAR government subsidizing up to 50% of energy saving plans)
- Advanced Recycling Community (ARC :先導回收地區計劃) to promote the public awareness to cut down on CO2 pollution

Before Dr. Yau ended his environmental presentation, there was a Q&A from the floor. One of our members asked if Dr. Yau would qualify Nuclear Energy as a kind of green energy. Dr Yau suggested that many people would open mindedly support nuclear energy as a greener choice when compared with the coal fire power generation, assuming the nuclear waste could be stored in the safety spots. Nevertheless, the Fukushima incident on March 11, 2011 triggered the new threat about the nuclear plant operation procedure resilience, and the safety factors being under-estimated such as from earthquake, tsunami, or other natural calamities.

In fact, Dr. Yau gave his words of wisdom, that people should re-think on their environmental friendly life style, such as to be more pro-active on energy saving and to eat more vegetables than meats etc. Before if there is a solution for sustainable energy. PP Eddy gave his note of thanks to our speaker and Pres. Heman presented Dr. Yau with a photo of souvenir.

The luncheon was adjourned on time and a toast was made to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East. The guests and members stayed for a group photo at the end.

## Rotary Potpourri Help for Quake-hit Schools on Sichuan

From the South China Morning Post on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011, there is an article regarding help from ROTARY INTERNATIONAL which is quoted hereunder for general information as follows:

"About 1,700 pupils of two primary schools in a remote part of Sichuan hit by an earthquake will have clean water to drink from June, thanks to a HK\$300,000 donation from Rotary International. The money will be spent on four water treatment machines, which use a technology called ultra-filtration developed by the Hong Kong Productivity Council. Anthony Ma Yiu-wah, a consultant to the council, said more donations were needed to help in the region."

## SOCRETOR THE WEEK

Subject: A Little Golf Story

A father put his 3 year old daughter to bed, told her a story and listened to her prayers which ended by saying: "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, God bless Grandma and goodbye Grandpa."

The father asked, "Why did you say goodbye Grandpa?" The little girl said, "I don't know, Daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do." The next day grandpa died.

The father thought it was a strange coincidence. A few months later the father put the girl to bed and listened to her prayers which went like this: "God bless Mommy, God Bless Daddy and goodbye Grandma." The next day the grandmother died.

"Holy Moley, thought the father, "this kid is in contact with the other side."

Several weeks later when the girl was going to bed the dad heard her say: "God bless Mommy and goodbye Daddy." He practically went into shock. He couldn't sleep all night and got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office. He was nervous as a cat all day, had lunch and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight he would be okay.

He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day he stayed there, drinking coffee, looking at his watch and jumping at every sound. Finally, midnight arrived, he breathed a sigh of relief and went home.

When he got home his wife said, "I've never seen you work so late, what's the matter?"

He said, "I don't want to talk about it, I've just spent the worst day of my life."

She said, "You think you had a bad day, you'll never believe what happened to me this morning. My golf pro dropped dead in the middle of my lesson."

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## 11 May, 2011 RC of HKIE Luncheon Meeting Photos



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Guest Speaker -Dr. Yau Wing Kwong & Pres. Heman Lam



Hon. Sec. Jonathan Lamport, PE Dr. Eric Chin & PP John Kwok



AG Henry Chan, PP Eddy Wong & PP Tim Lui



Visiting guest Jonah Cheung, Rtn. William Wong & visiting guest Dr. James Luk



Dir. Kevin Leung & Rtn. Tony Loy



Dir. Kevin Leung & PP David Li



PN Nancy Yee & Rtn. Tony Loy



Rtn. Tony Loy, PP Andy Wong



SAA William Leung & visiting guest Ms Florence Wan



This week's birthday boy - PP David Li. PP Tim Liu led the birthday song.

& Dir. Teresa Ho



Rtn. William Wong introduced this week's Guest Speaker -Dr. Yau Wing Kwong



Guest speaker - Dr.Yau Wing Kwong gave us a talk of "Introduction to Tai Po Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve & Tai Po Environment Association



Pres. Heman Lam presented a photo in action to thank Dr. Yau Wing Kwong's talk

PP Eddy Wong gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the club to Dr. Yau Wing Kwong



Group photos with Guest Speaker, visiting guests & club members





Group photo taken with members & DGE David Harilela