Last week's Proceedings -

3rd May, 2007

It was a joint meeting for 4 clubs i.e. Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, Rotary Club of Hong Kong North, Rotary Club of City North and Rotary Club of Causeway Bay.

The meeting was taken place in Renaissance Harbour View Hotel in Wanchai and the host club was the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North.

There were a total of ten members from our club attending the joint meeting and they were:

President Paul Chan
PDG Uncle Peter Hall
PE Laurence Chan
IPP Eddy Wong
PP John Kwok
PP Hubert Chan
PP Stephen Liu
PP Rudy Law
Sec. Andy Wong and
Rtn. Heman Lam

President Paul made a brief introduction of our members to the meeting and made the following announcement:

1. Our Club Assembly and EGM will be held on 16th May to discuss and vote for the resolution of setting up limited company for the club.

Members are urged to attend the EGM as the motion will affect the future of our club.

There was also an announcement from the Chairlady of the OC for the District Conference which would be held on 24th and 26th May 2007.

There were a total of over 60 participants for the joint meeting.

The speaker was Ms. Connie Lau, the new Chief Executive of the Consumer Council.

There was a big crowd of reporters from the media to listen to the talk.

Her talk was "How to protect the right of consumers from the Mainland".

The following were the key points of the proposal:

1. Avoid having "zero" fee or undercut fee tour,
2. Promote the understanding of the legal right of consumers
3. Educate the consumers on the difference in fake product and parallel-import product
4. Not to go to those "Fixed Point for shopping"
5. Check price from different shop before buying
6. Tighten the control and disclosure of "Black Label Shop"
7. Co-operate with the Custom Department to take action of shops selling fake product
8. Co-operate with Mainland Tourist Bureau to cut down illegal and mal-practice tour agency to sell "pig tour" to Hong Kong
9. Increase the guarantee period to 6 months for buy back option
10. Increase transparency of price and product information.
11. Provide details of itinerary and hotel accommodation.

After the talk, it was the question and answer time and there were many suggestions made by members on the problem. It was also raised to the speaker how to protect the Hong Kong consumers when they travel to overseas especially to the Mainland.

Rotary Information

The 47th District Assembly

The 47th District Assembly of district 3450 was successfully held at the HK Jockey Club, Shatin Club house, Kowloon with nearly 300 participants attended from Rotary clubs in Hong Kong and Macao. This was a one-day affairs with speeches and group discussions, divided into 6 groups, viz. Group 1 – Presidents-Elects, Assistant Governors and Deputy AGs on Public Speaking and Leadership; Group 2 – with club Secretaries and Treasurers about club administration ; Group 3 – on membership and new clubs; Group 4 – on service projects; Group 5 – on The Rotary Foundation and Group 6 – on Public Relations. An interesting discussion was held by each group as the incoming district governor toured all these sessions.

Talking about Rotary transparency, IPDG Peter Wan explained to us with the help of his power-point, the following questions:

1. What is a district and its function ?
2. What is the role of a District Governor ?
3. What is D.3450 made up of ?
4. What are District Funds ?
5. What is Hepatitis B project ?

District Structure is put in place by the District Governor to enable him/her to run the district and has to change in response to the changing environment. The ultimate goal is "One Simple Structure that is Easy to Understand and operate".

a. ROTARY DISTRICT 3450 LIMITED

   Date of Incorporation : 27th August 2004.
   Purpose : assist the Governor relating to district administrative matters.
   3 members : limited by shares
   Current : Governor, Governor-elect and District Treasurer at time of incorporation (shares held on trust for all clubs in the district).
   Ongoing : DG, DGE &DT of each Rotary year.
   8 directors including DG, IPDG, DGE, DS, Incoming DS, DT, & incoming DT.
   Ongoing: Immediate Past, Current & Incoming DG, DS & DT of each Rotary year.

b. THE ROTAERY INFORMATION CENTRE LTD.

   Date of Incorporation : 5th August 1985.
   Purpose : property holding
   Members :limited by guarantee, the 23 clubs chartered before 5th.1985.
   Directors : Presidents of the 23 clubs mentioned above.

c. Rotary District 3450 Charitable Fund Limited.

   Date of Incorporation : 6th February 2004.
   Purpose :collect and handle donations for district's projects (company registered under S88 of IRO)
   Members : limited by guarantee.
   Current : DG, DGE, DGN, DS, Incoming DS, DT & Incoming DT at time of incorporation.
   Ongoing : Immediate Pat, Current & Incoming DG, DS & DT of each Rotary year.
   Directors : same as above members.

d. Rotary D3450 China Services (Hepatitis B) Limited

   Date of Incorporation : 28th June 2002.
   Purpose :manage and supervise the district's Hep B project (company registered under S88 of IRO)
   Members :limited by guarantee; currently 15 members who also constitute the Council (chaired by a PDG (PDG Moses Cheng) with 7 PDGs and 4 PPs as members. IPDG, DG and DGE are ex-officio members)
   Executive Committee (Directors) : 18 members, chaired by a PDG (PDG YK Cheng) with IPDG, DG and DGE as ex-officio members; nomination by DG of each Rotary Year.

The budget of the ensuing Rotary year (2007-2008)

After explanation by Incoming district treasurer Anthony Tam and answering many questions from the floor, the proposed budget was put to vote by the 40 voting members. The proposed budget was passed by 39 in favour and one abstained. The District Fund for 2007-2008 is as follows:

Hong Kong Rotarian at HK$1400 per year per member
Macau Rotarian   at HK$1070   -do-
Mongolia Rotarian   at HK$ 312   -do-
E-Club Rotarian   at HK$ 900   -do-

The District Assembly was closed in harmony at 4 p.m. followed with tea/coffee break.

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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 Clubs have joint our meeting today?

Answer: [   ]

2. How many people have attended the meeting today?

Answer: [   ]

3. How many of our Club members have attended?

Answer: [   ]

4. Who has attended from our Club but cannot be found in the photos?

Answer: [   ]

5. What was the announcement made by Pres. Paul about?

Answer: [   ]

6. Who was the guest speaker today?

Answer: [   ]

7. What was the talk about?

Answer: [   ]

8. The Rotary Information was talking about District Assembly, how many participants have attended?

Answer: [   ]

9. How much each Hong Kong Rotarian has to pay up for the new annual due to the District for the new term ?

Answer: [   ]

Name: [   ]
Email: [   ]

[Submit]

Jokes

Positive Identification

Fred, a golfer (not in our group) died in a fire and his body was burned pretty badly. The morgue needed someone to identify the body, so they sent for his two best friends, Daryl and Robert. The three men had always done everything together, golfing constantly at their club.

Daryl arrived first, and when the mortician pulled back the sheet, Daryl said, "Yup, his face is burnt up pretty bad. You better roll him over." The mortician rolled him over, and Daryl said, "Nope, that ain't Fred." The mortician thought that was rather strange.

Then he brought Robert in to identify the body. Robert took a look at the body and said, "Yup, he's pretty well burnt up. Roll him over."

The mortician rolled him over and Robert said, "No, it ain't Fred."

The mortician asked, "How can you tell?"

Robert said, "Well, Fred had two assholes." "What? He had two assholes?!" said the mortician. Yup, everyone knew he had two assholes.

Every time we went into the clubhouse, folks would say, "Here comes Fred with them two assholes."

Photographs of our meeting

Pres. Vitus Leung giving his welcome note.
A joint Luncheon meeting hosted by RC of HK North.

PP Hubert Chan, PE Laurence Chan & PP Stephen Liu at the joint luncheon meeting.

Members of our Club at the Joint Luncheon Meeting.

PDG Uncle Peter was called to be recognized by the floor.

Pres. Paul Chan making his announcement.

The Hon Speaker - Ms Connie Lau, Chief Executive of the Consumer Council.