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Last week's Proceedings -

27th May, 2009

We were back to our regular Wednesday luncheon meeting for this week.

Everyone got a glass of red wine when we walked into the room as our Speaker of the day was Mr. Mark Arrowsmith. The red wine was Chateau De Fonbel, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru of year 2006.

Our President Andy kicked off the meeting at 1:15 pm, a bit early to allow for a long programme for the day. Firstly, President Andy introduced all the visiting Rotarians including our Uncle PP Ko Ying, PP Eddie Leung from RC of Harbour and PP Steve Lau from RC of Hong Kong Island West.

We also have the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Mr. Eddie Walneck with us as the last visit as he will be leaving us next week after nearly ten months in Hong Kong.

Our President Andy made the following announcements:

1. Our visit to Osaka Jonan for their 40th anniversary celebration on 30 May 2009 was cancelled by the Board due to the outbreak of swine flu in Kansai area.
2. The IPP Dinner in recognition of the works of our IPP will be held on 26 June 2009. This time we will do it for both PP Paul Chan and IPP Laurence Chan as we missed out his one last year. The cost of the dinner will be around \$500 to \$600 per person for seafood.

Hon Treasurer Rudy reported a total collection of \$1,300 for the Red-Box.

The birthday boy for the week was our "Honest" Hon Secretary Heman Lam. PP David Li led the birthday song for our truly "Honest" Secretary Heman.

President Andy invited Eddie to give a brief report for his stay in Hong Kong. He thanked our Club as hosting his stay in Hong Kong and especially to IPP Laurence being his counselor. He will go to Korea for a few months and then return to US to work. He will engage with his Korean girlfriend when he visits Korea. All of our members congratulated him for his engagement and wished him good luck in the future.

Then the highlight of the day was the talk by Mr. Mark Arrowsmith.

Mark first gave his view on the vintage condition when he visited France in 2008. It was not good at that time but later on, the quality of wine turned out to be much better than expected. Also due to the financial crisis in the second half of 2008, the price was set very reasonable and was truly value for money.

But after a wine expert Robert Parker highly praised the wine in 2008, the price jumped up drastically and Mark reckoned that it was not worth to buy now.

He also gave the following remark and opinion on wine in general:

- Europeans likes wine to be more elegant but Americans like stronger wine
- South African wine is becoming more popular
- Australian wine is good for beginners
- German white wine is very good
- New Zealand wine is a bit overpriced
- Chinese wine will be worth drinking in ten years time
- France wine producers are buying vintage in England as the global warning affecting the vintages in France.

Rotarian Anthony thanked our speaker for his informative talk and then President Andy closed the meeting at 2:00 pm sharp and proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of Hong Kong Island West, RC of Hong Kong Harbor and RC of Hong Kong Island East.

Every member was also given one rice dumpling for the Dragon Boat Festival made by the students of Choi Chun School for which the programme was supported by the donation of PP Hubert Chan. Thanks to Dr. Hubert and we all took a group photo before we left.

Rotary Potpourri

A Short History of the Ambassadorial Scholars Programme

RI Ambassadorial Scholar, Mr. Eddie Walneck (District 5500, Arizona) who has completed his study in the University of Hong Kong, is ready to return to his country, USA pretty soon. He gave us his farewell speech at our lunch meeting on 27th May 2009. He appreciated the kind work of our IPP Lurnece Chan for taking care of him during his stay in Hong Kong for the whole period. His speech is reproduced in this bulletin for your reading.

While on this subject, a brief history of the RI Ambassadorial Scholars programme under the Rotary Foundation is printed hereunder for information.

"More than 750 university students from 60 countries have been selected to study abroad as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars during the 2009-10 academic year. Designed to bridge culture and encourage goodwill, the Ambassadorial Scholarships programme is one of Rotary's leading efforts to promote world peace and understanding.

Ambassadorial Scholarships provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study at participating universities in the 200 countries and geographical areas where Rotary clubs are active. While abroad, scholars participate in community service projects and speak at local Rotary Club meetings and conferences, schools, civic organizations and other forums where they serve as "goodwill ambassadors" for their home countries.

In 2008-09, nearly 700 scholars from some 70 countries studied in more than 60 nations, at a programme cost of approximately US\$12 million. Top U.S. universities sending Rotary Scholars abroad for the 2009-10 academic year include:

United States Military Academy (10 scholars)

University of Florida-Gainesville (7 scholars)

University of California-Berkeley (6 scholars)

Stanford University (6 scholars)

United States Naval Academy (6 scholars)

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship programme. Focused on humanitarian service, personal diplomacy academic excellence, the programme has sponsored more than 40,000 scholar since 1947."

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

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1. How many visiting Rotarians we have today ?
Ans)
2. Who was our birthday boy today ?
Ans)
3. Who led the singing of the birthday song ?
Ans)
4. How long has our visiting Ambassadorial Scholar been with us so far ?
Ans)
5. When are going to have our IPP dinner ?
Ans)
6. What was the SAA collection reported today ?
Ans)
7. Who was our speaker today and who was asked to thank our speaker ?
Ans)
8. What did we receive from the students of the Choi Chun School today ?
Ans)

Joke

Subject: A Few Chuckles - Part 2 of 2

THESE SHOULD PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE. HAVE A GREAT DAY!

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand.

The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said: "I'd like them to say, "Look, he's moving!"

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord.. "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"

The Lord replies, "In a minute."

A man goes to a shrink and says, "Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy."

"What do you think I should do?"

"Relax," says the Doctor, "take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's bar?"

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. "Give me one last request, dear," he said.

"Of course, John," his wife said softly.

"Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Bob."

"But I thought you hated Bob," she said.

With his last breath John said, "I do!"

A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife.

I spoke to her on the phone for three hours.

You want my advice?"

The man said yes and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

Photographs of our meeting

on

27th May, 2009



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Speaker - Mark Arrowsmith & Pres. Andy Wong



(L to R) Hon. Sec. Heman Lam, PP Ko Ying & PP Uncle John Kwok



PP Hubert Chan & Pres. Andy Wong took a photo with Choi Jun school teacher & student for thanking them prepared some



(L to R) PP David Li & PP Uncle John Kwok

Chinese dumplings for members on the Dragon Boat Festival day.



(L to R) PP Stephen, IPP Laurence, PP Hubert, PP Henry, PE Norman, PP Eddie Leung from RC of HK Harbour, Ambassadorial Scholars, Eddie Walneck and Dir. Dr. Eric Chin

(L to R) Rtn. Anthony Kwong, Rtn. Kevin Leung, PP Steve Lau from RC of Island West & PP Rudy Law



Birthday Hon. Sec. Heman (middle) received the birthday gift from Pres. Andy, PP David Li led the birthday song

(L to R) IPP Laurence, PP Hubert, PP Henry, PE Norman, PP Eddie & Ambassadorial Scholar Eddie enjoyed the wine from our speaker.



Ambassadorial Scholar Eddie Walneck gave a thank you note to the club members as his host club for the pass 9 months during his stay in Hong Kong

This weeks's speaker, Mark Arrowsmith from Berry Bros. & Rudd shared with us the highlights of the 2008 Bordeaux wine



Group photo with members, speaker & visiting Rotarians

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