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**TUNG FENG**

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

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

**19th May, 2010**

President Norman kicked off the meeting at 1:22pm with 16 members and guests attending. Visiting Rotarians and guests included Rtn Joanne Li from RC of St. Ives, Sydney, Rtn Sonny Li from RC of Causeway Bay, Rtn Peter Tse from RC of E-club, Lingnan Rotaractors Mini Ng, Shirley Leung, and Fiona Wong.

IPP Andy led the birthday song for Rtn Teresa, PE Heman and visiting Rtn Peter Tse. Rudy reported a red box collection of HKD1,300.

President Norman reported that the Racing Night on May 12th was a success and those who attended really had a good time.

On May 30, there would be a Hepatitis-B Project ending ceremony in Beijing. Members were encouraged to attend.

President Mini of Lingnan Rotaract Club presented some of the upcoming activities which would include the joint installation with Rotaract Clubs of University of Hong Kong and Polytechnic University, IS trip to Cambodian, Mid Autumn Festival Lantern night with children who suffered domestic violence and the Orientation Night.

Mr. Mark Arrowsmith was our guest speaker. Mark is the head of the broking department at Berry Bros. & Rudd in Hong Kong. Mark has been a frequent guest speaker of our club since 2005. Each time Mark visited us, he would not only share with us the latest updates on En Primeur but also bring along bottles of fine wine for members to taste. This year was no exception.

Because of the volcanic eruption in Iceland and the subsequent disruptions in air traffic, Mark was unable to visit Bordeaux this year. Yet Mark has tasted some of the 09 En Primeur samples this year. According to Mark, 2009 is a spectator vintage, a vintage with a drinking window that can last 60 to 70 years. Many wine critics including Jancis Robinson, James Suckling and Robert Parker feel the same way. In fact, Robert Parker has rated 20 wines near perfect 100 points, something that Parker has not done before. Combining the fact that Chinese are coming to the En Primeur market in a big wave for the first time, the price for En Primeur is expected to be very expensive. Having said that, there are still good valued wines such as Batailley to be found. When making your 2009 Bordeaux wine selections this year, Mark has suggested that we look at the Left Bank. It is because 2009 was a good year for the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and wines from the Left Bank tend to have a higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon content. Left bank includes the sub-regions of St-Estephe, Pauillac, St-Julien and Margaux.

After Mark's speech and the Q&A session, Rtn Teresa was invited to present a vote of thanks to our speaker.

Pres. Norman urged our members to check out the website of our Club as Tung Fung newsletters published as old as 1954 would be accessible via the website soon.

President Norman then closed the meeting and proposed a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Clubs of St, Ives, Causeway Bay, E-club and HK Island East.

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**Rotary Potpourri**

**Report on 2010 RI Council on Legislation by Y.K. Cheng**

1. The Council on Legislation meets every three years to consider changes to the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. It is RI's legislative body.
2. The 2010 Council took place in Chicago, U.S.A., from 25 to 30 April, during which representatives from Rotary's 531 Districts considered and deliberated enactments and resolutions submitted by Rotary clubs, districts, and the RI Board of Directors.
3. District representatives to the Council must be past RI officers. This year, our representative is PPG Y.K. Cheng.
4. Initially convened as a plenary session in RI Conventions, the Council has been in existence for 76 years. There were many memorable moments. The 1950 Council adopted "Service Above Self" as Rotary's motto. The 1986 Council voted to accord polio eradication the highest priority. The 1989 Council confirmed the admission of women into Rotary. And the 1995 Council in Caracas, Venezuela, which PDG Peter Hall attended, was the safest ever, as teams of armed guards with machine guns were engaged to protect the delegates !
5. For those who love numbers, statistics for this year's Council include :
  - a. Of the 219 legislation items proposed, 46 enactments and 19 resolutions were adopted representing 30% of the total, the highest % ever ;
  - b. Only 4 out of the 531 representatives were not able to attend, largely due to flights cancelled as a result of the Iceland volcano eruption
  - c. The total meeting time of the Council was 35 hours over 6 days which included 1 hour of over time.
6. The Council was extremely well-organised and very ably moderated by Chairman Mark D. Maloney and Vice Chairman John Boag. Their performance characterised by authority, democracy, efficiency, and impartiality was a joy to watch, and worthy of emulation by others. Representatives worked for the betterment of Rotary, and exhibition of tolerance as defined by Paul Harris was the key to the peaceful and harmonious co-existence of a diversity of views.
7. So, what is the difference between "enactment" and "resolution" ?
8. Proposals whose purpose is to amend the RI Constitution or Bylaws or the Standard Rotary club constitution are known as enactments. Adopted enactments will result in revisions to the Manual of Procedure, usually revised published following a Council meeting. Changes to the RI Constitution demand a two-third majority, while a simple majority will suffice for changing the other 2 documents.
9. Resolutions are proposals which do not amend or conflict with the constitutional documents of RI, but which express an opinion or recommend a policy or procedure. Such proposals when adopted will be forwarded to the RI Board for further consideration and action. In fact, the entire RI Board and the Rotary Foundation Trustees were present as observers to the proceedings.
10. e-clubs, 5th Avenue of Service for New Generations, per capita dues increase by US\$1, election rules, greater transparency in governance, and a choice between "The Rotarian" in paper and e-format for Rotarians in North America dominated the adopted legislations. Many of the decisions reflect the aspirations of Rotarians at a time of change.
11. Representatives approved a US\$1 increase in annual per capita dues starting in 2011-12 that will allow RI's budget to remain profitable through 2013, but will experience a deficit of about US\$3 million by 2015. Rotary clubs will pay per capita dues to RI of US\$51 per year in 2011-12, US\$52 per year in 2012-13, and US\$53 per year in 2013-14. Per capita dues were set at US\$50 for 2010-11.
12. The increase is only half the amount the RI Board had originally planned to seek. But after favorable financial forecasts, the RI Board offered an amended request for only a US\$1 increase. RI's General Surplus Fund is well above the Council-mandated minimum reserves. Recent market performance has improved, and cost saving measures at Headquarters proved effective.

13. e-clubs are Rotary clubs that meet through electronic communications. They have been operating as pilot project set to end on 30 June, 2010. Some of the pilot clubs meet solely through on-line forums, while others combine electronic with in-person meetings. e-clubs have now found a permanent place in Rotary. Representatives eventually approved allowing up to two e-clubs per district, amended from the initial "one per district". Proponents of the amendment argued that districts that use more than one language would be better served by more e-clubs.

14. Representatives also voted to add a fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations, to the four service avenues that have already existed for many years : Club, Vocational, Community, and International. Supporters of the fifth avenue feel that this will encourage and recognize the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development efforts, service projects, and exchange programs.

15. Council representatives also voted to give Rotarians in the United States and Canada the option of receiving an electronic version of The Rotarian magazine, though they voted against extending this option to Rotarians living outside North America. The Council rejected a proposal to completely discarding the subscription requirement, but it did allow for joint subscription for two Rotarians residing at the same address.

16. The Council tackled a variety of other issues, including decreasing the number of members on the Nominating Committee for RI President from 34 to 17 ; authorising the RI Board to take steps to limit the number of election complaints from a district, including disqualifying nominees for district governor ; delegating authority to the RI Board to eliminate or change district boundaries if a district falls below 33 clubs or 1,200 members ; and precluding clubs from limiting membership based on sexual orientation.

17. Notable adoptions include requesting the RI Board to propose legislation for the next Council on creating satellite clubs. Satellite clubs are intended to differ from provisional clubs because there would be no limit to how long they could exist before gaining sufficient members for a charter. Prospective members would also be considered full-fledged members of the host club until a satellite club gains its charter.

18. Other notable rejects include the concept of Associate Membership and Corporate Membership, allowing relatives of Rotarians for Foundation program awards, and establishing additional per capita dues so that RI Convention registration fees can be kept to below US\$100.

19. The proposed legislation and the voting results can be found at the Rotary website. Please contact PDG Y.K. Cheng on information including background relating to specific Council decisions.

**Extracted from the Report of PDG Y.K. Cheng on 5.5.2010.**

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Participation in the District's "Rotary Anti-Drug Abuse Festival" The captioned event was successfully held in Time Squares on May 16, 2010 Sunday. Congratulation to Dir. Nancy who was the key committee member in this event to make it a remarkable PR event for the District. We were one of the clubs who has provided a service project: All-Night Net Walker with Youth Outreach in Anti-Drug area in this Rotary Year. Please enjoy reading the press release clipping sent to you recently via Email by our Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin.

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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. How many members and guests attended the meeting this time ?

Ans)

2. Who and from which Rotary Clubs were our visiting Rotarians coming from ?

Ans)

3. How many rotaractors have attended our meeting today ?

Ans)

4. We celebrated birthday for whom today and who led the birthday song ?

Ans)

5. What was the Red Box collection today and it was reported by whom ?

Ans)

6. What recent event was reported successful by Pres. Norman ?

Ans)

7. What was the upcoming district event reported by Pres. Norman ?

Ans)

8. Name two of the projects reported by our Rotaractors from the Lingnan University ?

Ans)

Submit

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## Joke

### **Subject: For the best results from a blonde**

A blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all these Blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid. So, she decides to show her husband that blondes really are smart.

While her husband is off at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house. The next day, right after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand.

Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat.

He notices that she is wearing a heavy parka and a leather jacket at the same time.

He goes over and asks her if she is OK. She replies yes.

He asks what she is doing and she replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb, and she wanted to do it by painting the house.

He then asks her why she has a parka over her leather jacket.

She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and it Said...

You'll love this...

I know you will...

"FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS."

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**Photographs of our meeting**

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**Luncheon Meeting Photos on 19 May 2010**



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, Speaker - Mark Arrowsmith & Pres. Norman Lee



Hon. Sec. Dr. Eric Chin, PE Heman Lam & PP Uncle John Kwok



PP Peter Tse of RC of E-Club, PP Rudy Law & Dir. Jason Chiu



IPP Andy Wong, visiting guest, Fiona Wong, 2 Rotaractor from Lingnan University - Mini Ng & Shirley Leung



Visiting Rotarians, Rtn. Sonny Li from RC of Causeway Bay Rtn. Joanne Li from RC of St. Ives from Australia & IPP Andy Wong



PP Stephen Liu & Rtn. Teresa Ho





Pres. Norman Lee present the Club birthday gift to Rtn. Teresa Ho & PE Heman Lam

IPP Andy Wong led the birthday song for our birthday members including visiting Rotarian PP Peter Tse from E-Club



Rotaractor Mini Ng reported their club plan



Dir. Jason Chiu introduced our this week's speaker - Mark Arrowsmith



Mark gave us an update on the wine of 2009



Group photos with members, visiting Rotarian, guests & Rotaractors

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