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Last week's Proceedings -

28th May, 2008

President Laurence started the meeting at 1:25 pm. There was no visiting Rotarian except the guest speaker who would be introduced later. There was no birthday boy this week as well. There were thirteen members attended the meeting.

President Laurence announced that there were ten members attended the District Conference last week and everyone enjoyed the time during the conference with members playing the African drum and PDG Peter dancing the "A-Go-Go" at the start and end of the Conference respectively.

The Sergeant-At-Arms Heman reported a total collection of about \$130,000 for the Red-box donation for the month of May for the Sichuan earthquake disaster relief fund. PP Hubert offered to top up the donation to a total of \$150,000 and will donate the fund to World Vision. The list of major donors is being prepared by the Hon Treasurer and will be announced separately when the cheque is presented to World Vision during the luncheon meeting on 18th June 2008. On that day the CEO of World Vision will give us an update of the 5.12 earthquake relief works done in Sichuan.

The highlight of the meeting was the talk by Dr. Peter K.S. Pun who was being introduced formally by PP Stephen Liu.

Peter was a Town Planner by profession. He started working in the Department of Planning for the Hong Kong Government since 1964. He was promoted to the post of Director of Planning in 1992 until his retirement in January 1999.

After his retirement, he is still actively involved in other social and profession related works. He is now a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Housing Society, part-time lecturer and honorary professor in universities in Hong Kong and the Mainland, Advisor on town and country planning for several cities /province in Mainland China, etc.

He is now the Vice Chairman and the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute. He talked to us today on the works of the Institute.

The Hong Kong Policy Research Institute was formed in 1995 by Mr. Ip Kwok Wah. The mission of the Institute was to advise and comment on the various policies in Hong Kong and the relationship between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

As Mr. Ip had been the Advisor to Mr. Tung Kin Wah the Chief Executive (CE) of the HKSAR at that time and his special relationship with the Mainland Government officials and the Taiwan Government officials, the Institute was well received by members and the government bodies for lobbying support and donation.

There were a total of over 100 members at that time but the number was reduced to about 50 in the past two years since Mr. Ip was no longer the Advisor to the CE.

The Institute organized many conferences, making survey on citizen's opinion on government policies, giving opinion and advice on consultation papers, providing consulting services to various political and non-political bodies, study on environmental and planning issues, etc.

In the last two years, more emphasis was put to research works on the relationship between Hong Kong and the Mainland instead of just concentrating the policy matter in Hong Kong.

The Institute is now facing some financial problem due to the competition in research works from the universities and the lack of donation.

President Laurence thanked the speaker by himself and suggesting the speaker to speak to us again on urban planning in Hong Kong.

President Laurence closed the meeting at 2:00 pm sharp by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Potpourri

Another Successful District Conference

The 2-day 48th District Conference was held on the 24th / 25th May 2008 at Regal Airport Hotel in C.L.K. Airport area, with an attendance of 700 members including spouses, guests, Rotaractors, incoming and outgoing GSE team members. Members from Mongolia and Macau who came a long way to attend this function. A Thousand thanks. There was also a Pre Conference Golf Challenge played in the early morning of the 24th May at the Skycity Nine Eagles Golf Course.

D.G. Peter Wong kicked off the event by declaring the opening of the 48th District Conference followed by Conference Chairman Eddie Leung who gave a warm welcome to all participants.

Our keynote speaker was the honorable Professor K.C. Chan, SBS, JP, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

At the 2nd Plenary session, RI Personal Representative (RIPR), Dr. K.T. Kim, Past RI Director addressed the audience, which touched on the subject of a new Zones alignment in this Rotary world which consist of 34 Zones. District 3450 was classified as Zone 10-B from the original Zone 4-B as from 1st July 2008. He highly praised our high contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Two important events were performed by RI Personal Representative, namely,

1. Presentation of a charter to a new club - the Rotary Club of Lan Kwai Fong and
2. Presentation of a Service Above Self award to PP Edmond Chan.

The conference breakout sessions were divided into two groups, on the subject of Energize Rotary, such as English language Session and the Chinese language Sessions. Another session on the subject of New Generations was also held.

Something new this year was Mahjong games and Karaoke were scheduled while waiting for the Governor's Banquet to begin. At last, the show was on when D.G. Peter Wong ushered the RI Personal Representative, Dr. Kim and his better-half to the head table surrounded by Rotary dignitaries and spouses. It was a fabulous Chinese dinner plus numbers of entertainments and singings. The RIP representative was busy when so many Rotarians would like to have pictures with him. Nearly, he had no time for his dinner plate, though Korean Kimche was specially arranged for him.

Apart from personal photo-taking, there were group photos with Rotarians club by club. Exhibitions of various kinds of modern dancing were also performed by skilled dancers for entertainment of the evening. After the enjoyable evening, we have to ready for the next morning plenary session and so we have to end the show.

On the morning of 25th May, RIPR Dr. Kim delivered his 2nd speech focusing on increase of membership followed by presentation of projects by Mongolian Rotary Clubs and also presentation by the incoming and outgoing Group Study Exchanges. D.G. Peter Wong gave a summary of the district.

PDG Vincent To was appointed Resolution Chairman who took over the floor to announce the usual courtesy revolutions which were approved unanimously including the passing of the resolutions electing PDG Y.K. Cheng to attend the Council on legislation in 2010 in Chicago while PDG Jason Yeung as an alternate.

The accounts for the year of PDG Tony Wong was presented by the then District Treasurer on the screen seeking approval from the voters of the clubs. The voters requested the account to be approved subject to audit. The Past District Treasurer promised to produce same within eight weeks and submit to each club of the district.

A souvenir was presented to RIPR Dr. Kim thanking him for his aspiration and motivation shown to us at the 48th District Conference.

Introduction of our incoming D.G. Albert Wong took place who reported the next district conference will be in Macau according to the resolution passed.

The curtain of the 48th district conference was lowered after the declaration of the conference closed by D.G. Peter Wong. See you all again in Macau, SAR.

Special Donation

Special donation to the China (5.12) Earthquake by the mother of our PP John Kwok. She, otherwise known as Mrs. May Kwok who is living in USA donated a sum of HK\$10,000.00 to our club's Sergeant-at-Arms Red Box collection during the month of May 2008. A detailed list of the donation will be published later in this bulletin for information.

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. How many members and guests we have today for the luncheon meeting?

Answer:

2. How much we have collected for the Red Box in the month of May 2008?

Answer:

3. Who was our speaker today?

Answer:

4. Who was asked to introduce the speaker?

Answer:

5. What was the subject of our speaker's speech?

Answer:

6. Who was asked to thank our speaker?

Answer:

7. When and where was our 48th District Conference held?

Answer:

8. How many participants were there in the District Conference this time?

Answer:

9. How many of our members have attended the District Conference?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Levity: Disorder in the American Courts

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place. Each section is a separate entry.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-one-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: Uh, he's twenty-one.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you stupid?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Uh... I was getting laid!

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?
WITNESS: None.
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?
WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?
WITNESS: By death.
ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?
WITNESS: Now whose death do you suppose terminated it?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?
WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.
ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?
WITNESS: Guess.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?
WITNESS: All my autopsies are performed on dead people. Would you like to rephrase that?

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?
WITNESS: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!

--- And the best for last: ---
ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

Photographs of our meeting on

28th May, 2008





PP Stephen Liu introduced the speaker.



Our speaker - Peter Pun CEO of Hong Kong Policy Research Institute



Group Photo with members, visiting guests and the speaker



Group photo of the African Drum players prior to actual performance at the 48th District Conference (with Pres. Laurence at left side of the front row)



Our members taking a rest together with other Rotarians after the short golf game prior to attending the 48th District Conference



Group photo for all the Club Presidents attending the 48th District Conference



(L to R) Rtn. Nancy, PE Andy, Pres. Laurence, PDG Peter Wong, DGE Albert Wong and PDG Uncle Peter making a toast to each other



(L to R) Hon Sec. Norman, Dir. Eric,



PP John, PE Andy, Pres. Laurence,
Uncle Peter, Hon Treas. Rudy, Rtn.
Nancy and AG Eddy at the
Conference

PDG Uncle Peter enjoying the A-go-
go dance with Pres. Laurence and
Mrs. Shirley Wong

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