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

Last week's Proceedings -

3rd June, 2009

Club President Andy kicked off the meeting at 1:18 pm and led our attended 16 members to give a big round of applause to welcome our incoming Assistant Governor, PP Edward Lau from the Rotary Club of Kingspark Hong Kong, paying a visit to us.

Our President Andy made the following announcements:

1. Our final Club Assembly of the Rotary Year will be held on 24th June and there will be a special gift presented by President Andy to all the members who are the 100 percenters of our Club in attending meetings and/or activities of Rotary
2. The IPP Dinner in recognition of the works of our IPP will be held on 26 June 2009. The cost of the dinner will be around \$500 to \$600 per person for seafood. All members and their family members are welcomed to attend and early registration via Hon. Secretary Heman are recommended
3. On Saturday afternoon, the 11th of July, will be our District Installation to be held from 1.30pm at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Wanchai. All members are urged to enroll early via Hon. Secretary Heman too
4. Members are reminded that the first meeting of our new Rotary Year will begin on Wednesday the 8th of July instead because the 1st of July is our public holiday.

Hon Treasurer Rudy reported a total collection of \$1,100 for the Red-Box. Then the highlight of the day was the experience sharing by our speakers, Miss Elizabeth Sin, Executive Secretary of Public Relations for Youth Outreach, and Mr. Lam Fai Shing, the youth worker recruited by Youth Outreach. After they were formally introduced by PP Stephen they talked to us on one of their leading project "Youths Inspire Youth".

This Project is a pre-employment training scheme for the low education, no job youths. Mr. Lam then shared with us what he experienced, what he learned and the changes he had made through his participation on the "Youths Inspire Youth" Project.

Youth Outreach was established in 1991 as a crisis intervention centre for young people, Specializing in providing services to marginal youth, Youth Outreach is a unique service in Hong Kong which is open 24 hours a day. Their outreaching teams of social workers search the streets through the night for "runaways", "throwaways" and youngsters at risk and offer them shelter. They take them straight off the streets before becoming the victims of triads, the pimps and the drug pushers.

Their Services include: 24-hour Telephone Hotline, All-night Outreaching Service, Crisis Centers (Boys' & Girls' Centers), 24-hour drop-in centre - Hang-out, School of Hip Hop (Dancing School), City Challenge (Adventure Based Counseling), Youth Employment Start-up Program and Concorde Psychological Services and etc. Their efforts and the support from the society can make a major difference in the lives of these young people and enable them to start all over again.

Pamphlets about the services of Youth Outreach were distributed to the audience and there were many interested questions and answers that followed.

We appreciated the efforts and successes achieved by Youth Outreach, in particular the personal achievement of Mr. Lam Fai Shing who is now working in the front line to reach and help the youth daily and had just finished his day's work at 9 am and would have to go home to sleep after speaking to us today.

Rotarian Gilbert thanked our speakers for their informative talk and experience sharing and then President Andy closed the meeting at 2:08 pm after proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of Kingspark Hong Kong and RC of Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Potpourri

Assistant District Governors

for the Rotary Year 2009-2010

The Rotary year 2008-2009 is approaching to its end soon. A new Rotary year will come into light as from 1st July 2009. For general information, the following is a list of Assistant District Governors whom you should contact for assistance in Rotary matters.

a. Area 1	
AG David Ho	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of Guia, Hou Kuong, Macau, Macau Central, Macau Island and Taipa.
b. Area 2	
AG Frankie Lam	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of Admiralty, Hong Kong, Metropolitan Hong Kong, Queensway, Victoria And Wanchai.
c. Area 3	
AG Edward Lau	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of Happy Valley, Hong Kong Harbour, Hong Kong Island East, Hong Kong Northeast, Hong Kong South and Quarry Bay.
d. Area 4	
AG Amy Leung	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of Bayview Sunshine Hong Kong, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong Bayview, Hong Kong City North, Hong Kong North, Lan Kwai Fong and Peninsula Sunrise.
e. Area 5	
AG J. Chiu	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of City Northwest Hong Kong, Hong Kong Island West, Hong Kong Northwest, Mid-Level and The Peak.
f. Area 6	
AG Peter Ho	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of Channel Islands, Hong Kong Sunrise, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Shatin, Taipo, Tolo Harbour and Tsuen Wan.
g. Area 7	
Angela Hui	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of Kowloon, Kowloon Golden Mile, Kowloon North, Peninsula, Peninsula South and Tsim-Sha-Tsui.
h. Area 8	
Albert Poon	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of E-Club of District 3450, Hong Kong Financial Centre, Kingspark Hong Kong, Kowloon East, Kowloon Northeast, Kowloon Northwest, Kowloon West and Kwun Tong.
i. Area 9	
Bertsetseg Dorjpurev	Supervising the Rotary Clubs of BayanZurkh 100, Khuree, Nisslel, Seibe, Tuui and Ulaanbaatar and Zuunmod.

Club News

According to release from our membership chairman, PP John Kwok. the following ten members are 100 percenters of our club by attendance record up to the present date.

Peter Hall, Heman Lam, Rudy Law, Eric Chin, David Li, John Kwok, Laurence Chan, Andy Wong, Nancy Yee and Norman Lee.

Please keep up your attendance, as there are many other ways to make up, such as attending club's board meeting, Interact and Rotaract meetings, E-club meetings and many more. Kindly notify the attendance secretary or the chair man after you have done so.

Farewell speech from our incoming Ambassadorial Scholl Eddie Walneck

Eddie after his ten months stay has left Hong Kong after his speech to our members during the luncheon meeting of last week. Below is the full version of his speech for sharing with our readers of this bulletin:

Farewell speech of Incoming Ambassadorial Scholar, Eddie Walneck, at the luncheon meeting of Wednesday 27th of May, 2009 of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East

My Ambassadorial Scholarship experience began with being a firsthand witness to the Beijing Olympics as I was brushing up on my Mandarin Chinese in the northeast Chinese city of Shenyang. Many people hailed these past Olympics as China's coming out party to its eventual superpower status. I like many others were impressed by the Games and have taken this past Ambassadorial Scholarship year to look closely upon the rise of China and its implications for the US and the World.

For me China has had a huge significance in my adult life, as it is a country that I have devoted the last 8 years of my life studying its politics, culture, foreign relations, language, and history. This need that I feel to learn more about China and to constantly challenge my own ideas about China and its relations with the US and the rest of the world is what drew me to Hong Kong to serve my Ambassadorial Scholar year.

In looking back over these last 10 months I am absolutely convinced that I could not have picked a better city to study. live.

and serve in. Hong Kong has continually struck me as one of the most fascinating and unique Chinese cities that I have been to because it allowed me to continue my quest for knowledge about China but also to gain a greater international perspective on several important issues that the world is faced with. I was able to gain this perspective because Hong Kong is more than just a Chinese city but to borrow a phrase from the famous former leader of China, Deng Xiaoping, perhaps it would be better to call Hong Kong a world city with Chinese characteristics. Indeed Hong Kong is a world city and not quite like anywhere else I have been to before in China or the world. Hong Kong has been the platform that has given me the ability to interact with people from all over the world through both Rotary and my Masters program at the University of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong has offered me the interesting opportunity to view some of the important events of the past 10 months with a different perspective such as the world financial tsunami and the election of Barack Obama to the events of these past few days with the nuclear test by North Korea. By being in Hong Kong and being exposed to some many different perspectives it has allowed me to break the barriers of how I would have viewed these events if I were living in the US. For example, the financial crisis of this year and last have shown me the profound effect that choices that are made in the US can have on the world. I am and will always be a strong proponent that a strong US is good for the world, but this crisis showed me that we must be careful in our actions if we want the world to look to us as leaders. It was a humbling experience in Hong Kong hearing the criticisms of the American system that many people believe caused the crisis. However I am optimistic that America will reemerge from this crisis reinvigorated with the lessons learned.

Amid the financial issues the US faces a myriad of problems across the world and this has caused me to reevaluate my plans for the next few years. I have heard the call to service and it is my plan to join the US government in some capacity by late fall of this year.

Over the year my approach to service has changed as I have begun to try to focus on education as much as possible. My favorite service project while in Hong Kong was very different than most projects because the main goal I set for myself when I came to Hong Kong was to try to find a way to constructively contribute to international understanding and goodwill. After much thinking I concluded one of the best ways to do this would be to teach and really make my students think about how we have many more similarities than difference. One of the ways I did this was at the University of Hong Kong where I served as a teaching assistant for an undergraduate political science course entitled "China and the World." I led four different discussion sections of a very diverse group of students every week over a variety of issues about Chinese foreign policy. Every week I challenged each of my students Western and Chinese to question their prejudices about other governments and societies and to think about ways that we can create more cooperation in the future over a variety of issues. The response over the semester was very positive as my students realized that the past does not have to serve as a prison and that they are the future who can try to change the dynamics of how countries deal with each other and to make the world a place with more cooperation and understanding.

Spending the year in Hong Kong has also given me time to reflect in how I want to live my life. Before I return to the US I am happy to announce some news that will surely give you an excuse to have some wine if you already have not had some. It is my pleasure to tell all of you that I am engaged to my long time girlfriend. We will be having a wedding in Seoul this summer another in the US early next year.

In looking back I feel very lucky to have a very good host club in Hong Kong. I have really enjoyed the weekly meeting of Hong Kong Island East because the club's members have made me feel welcome and have truly showed me what the Rotary spirit is all about. I would like to thank President Andy for his tireless efforts in making this club one of the best in Hong Kong. Last but not least I would like to thank my counselor Laurence for being a guide to me on my path to learning more about Rotary and truly demonstrating to me the Rotary motto of service above self in his actions, thank you.

During this year I have gained a profound respect and appreciation for Rotary International and would ask all members to continue to contribute to the Rotary Foundation to enable as many young women and men to experience amazing opportunity. The Ambassadorial Scholarship can produce life-altering changes and further commit one to service as it has done with me. I plan to continue promoting the Rotary spirit when I return to the US and soon after join Rotary as a member. I am profoundly convinced that individuals can make a difference and that if we all can commit to Rotary and its missions and values the world will be a better place.

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. Who was the visiting Rotarian we have today ?
Ans)
2. How many members have attended the meeting today ?
Ans)
3. When are going to have our next Club Assembly meeting ?
Ans)
4. When will our IPP Dinner be held ?
Ans)
5. When and where will the District Installation be held in July 2009 ?
Ans)
6. What was the SAA collection reported today ?
Ans)
7. Who were our speakers today ?
Ans)
8. Who was asked to thank our speaker ?
Ans)

Joke

Subject: The Side Effect

A woman's garden was growing beautifully but the darn tomatoes wouldn't ripen. There's a limit to the number of uses for green tomatoes and she had tried them all. So she went to her neighbor and asked, "Your tomatoes are ripe, mine are green. What can I do about it?"

Her neighbor replied, "Well, it may sound absurd but here's what to do. Tonight there's no moon. After dark go out into your garden and take all your clothes off. Tomatoes can see in the dark and they'll be embarrassed and blush.

In the morning they'll all be red, you'll see."

It sounded strange, but she was very tired of green tomatoes, so she gave it a try. The next day her neighbor asked how it had worked.

"So-so," she answered. "The tomatoes are still green but the cucumbers are all four inches longer."

Photographs of our meeting

on

3rd June, 2009



(L to R) Speakers - Lam Fai Shing & Elizabeth Sin, & Pres.
Andy Wong



(L to R) Hon. Sec Heman Lam, PE Norman Lee & Incoming AG
Edward Lau



(L to R) PP Eddy Wong, Dir Nancy Yee, PP Henry Chan, Rtn. Peter Yeung & Dir Jason Chiu



(L to R) IPP Laurence Chan, Rtn. Anthony Kwong, PP Rudy Law & Dir. Dr. Eric Chin



PP Rudy report the Red Box collection



PP Stephen Liu introducing the Speakers



Speaker Elizabeth Sin from Youth Outreach shared with us with their project named "Youths Inspire Youths"



Speaker Lam Fai Shing shared with us of his work on how to help the "street Young People"



Pres. Andy Wong thanked both speakers for their inspiring talk



Rtn. Gilbert thanked the speakers on behalf of the Club



Group photo with members, speakers & visiting Rotarian

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