

Last week's Proceedings -

26th May, 2010

President Norman kicked off the meeting at 1:20 pm with a special welcome back of Rtn Francis Li who had not attended our regular meetings for a long time. He was asked to come back more often.

There was no visiting Rotarian to our Club.

President then asked PE Heman to introduce his guest Mr. Jason Chiu (not our own Club's Jason Chiu) and our two speakers Mr. Wong Man Shun and Mr. Cheung Chi Wai of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth.

The birthday boy was none other than Rtn Francis Li. PP David Li was asked to lead the birthday song.

Our acting Sergeant-at-Arm Uncle Peter reported a total collection of \$1,300 for our Red Box.

President Norman made the following announcements:

- 1. He and IPP Andy would join the district delegation to Beijing for the completion of the Hepatitis B Project. There would be a total of 75 Rotarians attending to this official visit.
- 2. Before that, they would join with PP George to visit Hebei province for the completion of our 5 years project to help the poor female students to continue with their primary school education.
- 3. PP Andrew's Cup golf tournament would be held on 4 June in Zhongshan and with the vocational visit to Griffith Laboratories.
- 4. A talk by our CE Donald Tsang to a group of Rotary Clubs would be held on 18 June. Our Rtn Nancy would be the MC for this event and President Norman urged our members to attend this high level event as our regular lunch meeting for that week would be cancelled due to the Dragon Boat Festival.

President Norman then invited PP George to give more details on the coming trips to Hebei and the golf tournament in Zhongshan. PP George guaranteed that it would be exciting and entertaining for golfers and non-golfers as well.

The highlight of the meeting was the talk by the two speakers from the Hong Kong Federation of Youth.

PE Heman was invited to introduce speakers Mr. Cheung Chi Wai and Mr. Wong Man Shun. He began by introducing Mr. Cheung as the Unit-in-charge of Youth Employment Network in The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups bachelor degree of social work from City University, he has been working with teenagers for over 20 years. His duties including out-reaching service, youth S.P.O.T., school service as well as teaching applied psychology in Yin Jin program of City University. PE Heman then brought up the acquaintance with Mr. Wong when, through Dir. Nancy's connection, arranged the visiting of NOW TV in April this year for 20 F.4 students led by Mr. Wong of Hong Kong Federation of Youth Group (HKFYG). He then warmly welcomed the speakers to the podium nostrum. Mr. Cheung began by thanking our Club to give them the opportunity to introduce their organization and the projects that they have on hand. He then introduced the person, Mr. Wong, to speak to us on details of the projects involved.

Mr. Wong started by introducing HKFYG being a social services organization established in 1960. It provides opportunities and facilities for the social, educational, cultural and physical development of young people. Their income arise from government subvention, grants from the Community Chest of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, other trust funds, programme fees, and both private and corporate donations.

HKFYG is dedicated to setting up a youth membership network and providing quality services that solve young people's problems and promote healthy all-round development.

Mr. Wong then moved on to his area of service - Youth Employment. He mentioned that Youth Employment network was set up in July 2003 with their mission is to

- 1. Enhance employability,
- 2. Cultivate entrepreneurship,
- 3. Creating job opportunities,
- 4. Initiate equal opportunity employment.

By promoting the concept "Life Banking" for career and employment, they aim to assist secondary students to discover their own path which suits themselves and prepares them for it, a path such as continue education or employment. As for employment counseling, they provide services as well as dealing with cases. There is also a "Youth Business Hong Kong" program where financial support and mentorship will be provided to the youth entrepreneurs.

Mr. Wong then walked us through 2 programs that they are currently working on - Work Place Visit and Job Exploration, The Work Place visit program was set up in support to the New Senior Secondary Curriculum (NSS) whereby visiting corporation and have a brief understanding of the work place becomes part of the curriculum. A group of 20 Forth Year Students of individual Secondary School will be arranged to visit different corporations, and through these visits, they aim to provide them with the opportunities to understand:

- 1. How the Corporate branding establish;
- 2. Visiting the real working environment;
- 3. Understanding nature of the industry, entry requirement and prospects.

Corporations visited are:

Airport Authority, Now TV, Hong Kong Broadband, Excelsior Hotel, KPMG, DLA Diper HK, Noble Apex Advisors Ltd, Winsome Fashion Design, Prudential, Ocean Park, Jumping Gym, Golden City Building Supply

The next program that Mr. Wong introduced was Job Exploration, it aims to provide opportunities for high school students to receive accurate, first hand, and up-to-date information on job entry, job nature, job requirements and job future. This program has been conducted in discussion groups with students talking to industry professionals. So far, those invited to participate are medical doctors, psychologists, financial analysts, pharmacists, public relations, hotel management, physiotherapists, accountants, film directors, cabin crew, journalists, architects, nurses, speech therapists, writers, human resources professions, fashion designer, photographers, video game designer, lawyers, nutritionists, creative directors for advertising, radiation therapist, the Immigration Department, Translator, civil engineer, actuaries and interior designer.

During Q & A session, our members enthusiastically asked our speakers about their experience with the younger generations, such as:

- Q What are the first 3 most popular professions that the students would like to be acquainted with?
- A Ranked first is accountants, second clinical psychologists and third Immigration Department. When asked why Immigration department, the answer was that it didn't take a lot of "brain" to perform in the job; and being the ex-senior officer of Immigration Department, Dr. Eric Chin disagreed fervently and he followed by explaining briefly of his experience at the time.
- Q Has the student be briefed about the necessity of getting involved with China in future career?
- A There were a number of professions, such as interior designers, that need to work in China, and when they were asked, their reaction was not too keen. They worried that they might have to leave their parents or friends.
- Q- For job exploration, would it be better to involve the students with 2 weeks on the job training instead of understanding through discussion forum, like the Coalition of Professional Services? They have organised a 2 weeks summer internship programme for F.5 school students to work in different professional offices.
- A The 2 week on-job-training, which was called Job Shadowing, was explored but has experienced resistance from corporation as the idea need more resources from them.

Rtn Francis Li was invited to thank our speakers. President Norman formally closed the meeting at 2:00 pm sharp and proposed a toast to RI coupled with RC of Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Potpourri

An Extract from RI Gen. Secretary's Letter

Showing the Financial figures continue to improve

I am pleased to report that since my last letter on 15th February, the financial picture has continued to improve for both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

While the financial markets remain volatile, for the first nine months of this fiscal year, RI's investments earned US\$17.0 million, which more than recovered 2009 losses of 12.1 million. With investment returns of \$92 million, the Foundation recouped more than half of its 2009 losses; its operating reserve is now positive at \$3 million, up from negative \$41 million at the end of June 2009. Operating expenses across the organization are well controlled and remain below budget.

Ed Futa,

RI General Secretary

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:
Email:
1. Who was welcomed back today ? Ans)
2. Who was our visiting guests and was introduced by whom ? Ans)
3. Who was our birthday boy today and who led the birthday song ? Ans)
4. Who was our acting SAA and what was the Red Box collection $$? Ans)
5. Who from our Club will join the district delegation to Beijing for the completion of the Hepatitis B project ? Totally how many Rotarians will join ? Ans)
6. Where will our PP Andrew Cup Golf Tournament be held this year ? Ans)
7. Which firm our vocational visit goes following the PP Andrew Cup Golf Tornament $?$ Ans)
8. Who were our speakers today and what organization they come from ?
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<u>Joke</u>

Bob, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25-year-old blonde-haired woman who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm and who hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word.

His buddies at the club are all aghast.

At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, 'Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?'

Bob replies, 'Girlfriend? She's my wife!'

They are knocked over, but continue to ask.

'So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?'

'I lied about my age', Bob replies.

'What, did you tell her you were only 50?'

Bob smiles and says, 'No, I told her I was 90.'

Photographs of our meeting

<u>on</u>

26th May, 2010

Luncheon Meeting Photos on 26 May, 2010



PDG Uncle Peter, Guest Speaker Mr Cheung Chi Wai from The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Group (HKFYP) & Pres. Norman Lee



Rtn. Peter Yeung, Dr. Tony Loy & visiting guest Mr. Jason Chiu



PP Henry Chan & PP Stephen Liu



IPP Andy Wong & Rtn. Peter Yeung



CDS PP Eddy Wong, Rtn. Francis Lee, PP David Li & Rtn. William Leung



PP George Leung, Dir. Nancy Yee, PP Hubert Chan & Dir. Kevin Leung



Pres. Norman Lee presented the birthday to Rtn. Francis Li & PP David Led the birthday song



PP George Leung reported the Hebei Project for the Mountain School Girls project



Guest speaker Cheung Chi Wai



Another guest speaker Wong Man Shun



Rtn. Francis Li gave a vote of thank to both speakers



Group photos with members, visiting guests & guest speakers

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