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What Happened at Our Meeting

on

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In the absence of our President Henry, PE Rudy was asked to hold the fort and assumed Acting President for the second last meeting of this rotary year. Special welcome back was extended to Secretary Eddy, who had just returned merrily from LA and San Francisco. PE Rudy also welcome one of HKIE's frequent visitors, Rtn. Benny, who is considered to be almost a 100% HKIE rotarian. Director Lawrence was then summoned by PP CY to lead the birthday song.

Next, Uncle Peter mentioned a couple of key issues that were raised/determined at the 2004 Council on Legislation of RI that was held in Chicago from June 13 to 18. The following is a summary of his speech:-

- The Council is the highest legislative body of RI which meets once every 3 years to consider changes to our rules and policies.
- Enactments are amendments to the Constitution or By Laws of RI, while Resolutions are opinions or new policies/procedures without amendments of the Constitution.
- The Council was chaired by Bill Huntley. Mark Daniel Maloney was the Vice Chairman. - There were 2 volumes of resolutions and enactments. Volume 1 has 427 pieces and Volume 2 has 112 pieces.
- Uncle Peter picked the following items which he believed would affect HKIE's administration.

Item 04-18 - To allow attendance credit for a 30-minute interactive club website activity.

Item 04-19 - To allow attendance credit for a meeting of a Rotary Fellowship.

Item 04-25 - To amend the attendance rule concerning outposted assignment.

Item 04-27 - To exclude from attendance records any member whose absence is excluded.

Item 04-46 - To provide for the merging of clubs.

Item 04-92 - To allow clubs to elect into active membership a transferring or former member, even though that member's classification is filled.

Item 04-190 - To allow district conferences to be held outside district boundaries.

Item 04-195 - To request the RI Board to consider amending the policy concerning President's rep at district conferences.

Item 04-387 - To require that clubs pay per capita dues for a minimum of 10 members.

Item 04-420 - To allow a candidate for council rep to be nominated by any Club in the district.

Item 04-49 - To prohibit PE from commencing his term of office if they have not attended the PETS and district assembly.

Item 04-50 - To create the title of incoming president of a club.

Item 04-370 - To increase per capita dues per member as of July 1, 2004 to US\$19.5 per half year in 04/05, US\$21.5 per half year in 05/06, and US\$23.5 per half year in 06/07.

Item 04-88 - To modify the criterion for selecting honorary members.

Item 04-331 - To revise the qualification for governors-nominee to include serving as a charter president.

After the enlightening speech, Uncle Peter also presented 2 districts award to our members:- "Outstanding Service Project in Community Service Award" to PP Hubert Chan, and "Best Bulletin Award" to Rtn. Andrew Shek. VP Robert then announced that a visit to Siu Hing, China had been arranged at HK\$800 per person. Itinerary would be sent out later. He also supplemented that the red box collection was a flat HK\$1,000.

Rtn. Kishu then appeared suddenly to run the auction of several souvenir and gift items. But before this, he reminded us quickly something about our meeting venue:- (a) Standing arrangement to cancel meeting during the day is still "9am cutoff time"; (b) menu has been revised

again with effective from next month.

Below is the auction result, after rounds of very intense battles:-

- Signature Book - Rtn. Tony - for \$150
- 2 Golf Balls on a metallic platform - PP Hubert - for \$400
- Golden Peach - VP Robert - for \$800
- Happy Anniversary Silver Plate - PE C.Y. Fu - for \$200
- Japanese Warrior Head Piece - PE Rudy - for \$1,200!!
- Japanese Porcelain Plate - PP John Kwok - for \$1,200!!
- Pweter Viking Ship - PP Andrew Chen - for \$1,300!!!

The total auction for Community Fund is HK\$5,250.

Pres Henry proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North East & Rotary International and closed the meeting.

Rotary Information

Council on Legislation of RI (2004) The Council on Legislation is the highest legislative body of RI which meets every three years to consider changes to our rules and policies. The latest Council on Legislation was held in Chicago, Illinois, USA in April 2001

Items of legislation whose purpose is to amend the Constitution or By Laws of RI or standard Rotary Club Constitution are "Enactments."

"Resolutions" are items which simply express an opinion or which establish or revoke policy or procedures of RI without amending the constitutional documents. Adopting a proposed enactment requires a majority vote whereas adopting a resolution requires 2/3 votes. For example, Enactments are amendments to existing legislation and Resolution are provisions to be added to existing legislation.

The 2004 Council on Legislation was convened from 13th through 18th June in Chicago, Illinois, USA at the Chicago Marriott Downtown. The Council was operated under the chairmanship of Bill Huntley and vice chairmanship of Mark Daniel Maloney. The Parliamentarian is Ray Klenginsmith, member-at-large included Abraham Gordon, Daniel Mooers and Bill Sergeant.

There were two volumes of resolutions and enactments, viz., Volume I for 427 pieces whereas Volume II, 112 pieces respectively. Enactments and Resolutions adopted at the Council on Legislation will come into effect from 1st July 2004. The following are the breakdown of the legislations discussed, debated and voted upon at the Council where PDG Moses Cheng was our district representative.

I am not going to go through all these legislations, firstly due to the constraint of time and secondly it is rather boring. I only pick up those items which directly affect our club's administration.

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Note : Should there be any mis-interpretation of the above legislations, please refer to the new Manuel of Procedures (2004) which will be issued by RI at a later date.

Humanitarian District Project Praised by RI

As per article released from the RI Newsroom, it quoted that in its largest undertaking to date in mainland China, District 3450, comprising Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia, is funding a project to immunize one million newborn babies in poverty-stricken communities against Hepatitis B within a decade.

Raising the district's ongoing involvement with humanitarian efforts in China to a new level, the HK\$20 million (approximately US\$2.6 million) initiative is a signal to the government and people of China that Rotary is committed to exemplifying its motto of Service Above Self on the mainland. In the past decade, collectively and individually, clubs in the district have raised a total of more than US\$10 million to support disaster relief, education, health, environment protection, and poverty alleviation in China.

During one of several annual confidence-building visits to Beijing, government officials suggested to a District 3450 delegation that a long-term project would earn goodwill for Rotary in China. The district leadership selected Hepatitis B immunization, which is among the country's top public health priorities, as the flagship project to raise the profile of the organization.

According to World Health Organization statistics, more than one third of the world's Hepatitis B carriers live in China. About 127 million residents, roughly 10 percent of the population are infected. Each year, about 280,000 people die of Hepatitis B-related diseases, principally liver cirrhosis and cancer. Immunizing newborn babies is the most effective way to prevent the spread of this deadly virus.

In 2001, the District Governor Johnson Chu and Liu Pei Long, director general of China's health ministry, signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a project co-sponsored by the government and District 3450. Over the next two years, a joint committee of government and Rotary district officials incorporated a company to implement the project, held workshops, made feasibility studies in a pilot city, and met with local administrators.

The initiative took off in 2003 with the massive immunization of more than 60,000 babies in Handan, Hebei Province, after an awareness campaign among doctors and parents. A city of 4.8 million residents, Handan suffered from spotty immunization before the intervention of the District 3450 effort.

"In addition to the one million babies, immediate family and future generations will certainly benefit, thus resulting in the tremendous saving of social resources in the long run" says District 3450 Governor Jones Wong. "We estimate at least 10 million people will benefit directly or indirectly from this initiative."

The seed money for the project has come from individual donations, as well as club and district level fundraisers such as a gala premiere, walkathon in Hong Kong's Victoria neighbourhood, sale of souvenir stamps and envelopes, charity ball, and march in China's Gobi desert.

District officials estimate that a target contribution of HK\$100 per month is needed from each D.3450 Rotarians for the next 10 years to fund the project.

"It is extremely moving that so many Rotarians in this district have the courage and determination to embark on such an ambitious project in such a vast geographical area" says Wong. "The vision and magnitude of this project is comparable to RI's pledge in the mid 1980's to eradicate polio."

Joke & Cartoon

Hugh Hefner and Heather Locklear die and go to heaven. They are greeted by St. Peter, who says to Hugh, "You have corrupted the lives of many men and boys alike with your pornography. You have only one chance to get into the kingdom of God; you must walk down that tunnel without even one unclean thought. If you do, a trap door will open up under you and you will fall into hell where you will cry and gnash your teeth."

Hugh decides that this will be easy for the tunnel is only 100 feet long. So he begins down the tunnel with St. Peter following behind. About half way down the tunnel St. Peter leans over towards Hugh and yells "Tits!!" and a trap door opens and Hugh falls down into Hell.

St. Peter then goes to Heather Locklear and says, "You have corrupted the lives of many men and boys alike with your sexy looks. You have only one chance to get into the kingdom of God; you must walk down that tunnel without even one unclean thought. If you do, a trap door will open up under you and you will fall into hell where you will cry and gnash your teeth."

They begin their long trek down the tunnel. About half way down, St. Peter leans over towards Heather and a trap door opens and St. Peter falls down into Hell.



**Photographs of Our Meeting
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PDG Uncle Peter giving us very important Rotary Information on Council of Legislation from RI.



Seated at the left head table are PDG Uncle Peter & Acting Pres. Rudy.



Seated at right head table are Hon Sec Eddy & PP John IV.



Our birthday boy this week was none other then PP C.Y. here receiving his birthday present from Acting Pres. Rudy with Dir Laurence leading the birthday song.



Receiving his District Award for Community Service Project this year was PP Hubert for his contribution to the Hong Kong School for the Deaf for the Multi-Media Room.



Receiving his District award for Best English Weekly Bulletin was Rtn Andrew II.



(L to R) Rtn Andy, Program Chairman Dr. Tony, Dir Laurence, PP Taj & regular visitor to our club Rtn Benny Ratani (HKNE).



PP's C.Y, Andrew, Hubert & Bulletin Editor Andrew II & VP Robert.



Group Photo of our members with PDG Uncle Peter, Acting Pres. Rudy , & visiting Rotarian on 23rd June, 2004.

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