

Last week's Proceedings -

4th June, 2008

President Laurence started the meeting early at 1:02 pm.

Today we have sixteen members attended the meeting with nine visiting Rotarians and guests who have been formally introduced by AG Eddy Wong. They were PP Silva Yeung from the Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile, Rotarian Benny Ratnani from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast, Mr. Alex Kwok as guest of PP Rudy Law, GSE team leader Ms Inge Skov Anderson from the Rotary Club of Odense Hunderup of Denmark and the GSE team members Mr. Christian Peter Pli Cheumacher and Ms Helle Nortved Franden from Denmark, also Ms Akvile Vasiliauskaite and Ms Simona Sileikyte from Lithuania plus our visiting Ambassadorial Scholar Ms Sonia Siu. They all received big rounds of applause from our members.

President Laurence then circulated a Club flag received from the Rotary Club of NW Des Moines, IOWA, USA as one of their members Rotarian Jim Arthur and his wife Jeannette have visited us on 23rd April 2008. We appreciated this token of friendship from our overseas visitors.

Then PDG Uncle Peter presented the Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin to Hon. Sec. Norman Lee who was immediately congratulated by our members.

The floor was immediately given to the five GSE team members led by their Team Leader Ms Inge Skov Anderson. They started introducing themselves and their families to us one by one letting us know more about their background at work and in their families. Then GSE member Mr. Christian Peter Pli Cheumacher presented the demography, culture, business and social environment of their home country Denmark followed by another GSE member Ms Akvile Vasiliauskaite presented her home country Lithuania in the similar aspects.

The information presented has aroused much interest from the audiences and after a few round of questions and answers they were thanked by President Laurence who then exchanged flags with each of the GSE team members after a big round of applauses from the floor.

PP Silva Yeung was asked to elaborate more to our members the GSE program and the works done by our District 3450 in supporting this meaningful vocational project to foster international friendship and to promote work ethics and good practices amongst different professions and cultures worldwide. We all put our hands together to thank PP Silva for his informative talk.

Our Hon. Treasurer and acting Sergeant-at-arm, PP Rudy Law, was asked to present the Red Box collection of today being HKD 1,100 and he further confirmed that all the contributions amounted to HKD 150,000 from the Red Box collections in May 2008 have been well received. A check presentation would be made to the CEO of World Vision on 18 June 2008 who would also give us an update of the 5.12 earthquake relief works done in Sichuan.

Dir. Jason was then asked to update us on the planned vocational visit to a Shenzhen factory on Saturday 14th June 2008. He reported that so far 11 members have signed up for the trip and he would send out reminder to solicit more members to join. Transportation would be arranged to either pick up at Excelsior Hotel or Park Lane Hotel with addition pick up at Huang Gang near the border.

President Laurence closed the meeting at 2:00 pm sharp by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of Odense Hunderup of Denmark, RC of HK Northeast, RC of Kowloon Golden Miles and RC of Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Potpourri

A Mini Intercity Meeting

There was a chain of Rotary activities recently before the end of this Rotary year, such as District Assembly and Annual District Conference. In the midst of our 48 District Conference in Regal Airport Hotel, our RI President-Elect Dong Kum (D.K.) Lee (2008-2009) arrived Hong Kong with his lady on a special mission. District governor Peter Wong had to arrange a mini intercity meeting in their honour on 26 th May 2008 at the Miramar Hotel, Kowloon in a short notice, right after our district conference. Luckily, there were 12 tables of Chinese dinner fully occupied by Rotarians and spouses.

Of course, he touched on the meaning of his theme "Make Dreams Real". He said that Rotary is a truly global network of volunteers. Our structure allows us to partner with clubs around the world, combining the skills and resources necessary to supply the right help in the right place at the right time. Our organization is uniquely able to tackle a goal as ambitious as a reduction in the child mortality rate - but only if we work together, if we take full advantage of our own resources, and those available to us through other clubs and our Rotary Foundation, then we will have the potential to make a real difference. And to Make Dreams Real for world's children.

During the dinner, RI President-Elect D.K. Lee was invited to take so many pictures with many of the Rotary leaders and members which caused him no time for his dinner, though special Korean dish "Kimche" was arranged for him. Our DGE Albert Wong also guided him to toast at each table.

His special mission is the Rotary Extension in China. He shall be traveling to Beijing and Shanghai and hold talks with the proper authority for the purpose. Let us hear the good news after his visits.

The meeting ended after presentation of a souvenir to him as well as another round of group photo taking with the Rotary dignitaries. The couple was escorted back to Peninsula Hotel pending further travel the next day.

Electronic Make-up Questions

1. How many members and guests have attended today s luncheon meeting?
Answer:
2. Who was presented the certificate and pin of Paul Harris Fellow?
Answer:
3. How much we have collected for the Red Box today?
Answer:
4. How many speakers we have today?
Answer:
5. Which countries our speakers come from?
Answer:
6. What activity was planned on 14 th June 2008 for our members?
Answer:
7. Who is the RI President-elect visiting us on 26 th May 2008?

8. Where did our District organize the intercity meeting to welcome our RI PE?

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

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

THE BOTTLE OF WINE

Answer:

Answer:

Name: Email:

Submit

For all of us who are married, were married, wish you were married, or wish you weren't married, this is something to smile about the next time you see a bottle of wine:

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woman walking on the side of the road.

As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride.

With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally.

"What in bag?" a sked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband."

The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said:

"Good trade....."

Photographs of our meeting on

4th June, 2008



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, GSE Leader Inge Skov Anderson & Pres. Laurence Chan



Hon. Sec. Norman Lee, PP Silva Yeung from RC of Kowloon Golden Mile & AG Eddy Wong



(L to R) GSE Simona, PP Silva, GSE team leader Inge, Ambassador Scholar Sonia, GSE Christian, GSE Helle, AG Eddy Wong & GSE Akvile



(L to R) GSE Helle Rtn Benny from RC HKNE, GSE Akvile, Rtn Tony, PP Stephen, PP Hubert, PP Henry & GSE Simona



(L to R) Rtn Gilbert, guest Alex Kwok, Rtn John, Rtn Kenny, Dir Jason, PP Tim, PP David, GSE Christian, PP Rudy & Ambassador Scholar Sonia



PDG Uncle Peter presented the Paul Harris Fellow certificate & pin to Hon. Sec. Norman



PP Silva Yeung from RC of Kowloon Golden Mile gave us an introduction of the GSE (Group Study Exchange) program.



Pres. Laurence Chan exchanged banners with the GSE team members.



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