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Last Week's Proceedings (15th June, 2005)

We had a special welcome to PP George's guest - Mr Adrian Yip, who was the son of our ex-member, Eddy Yip. Adrian was still studying at the Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada and he made a brief update about his family there. Dir. Jason invited his friends Mr Raymond Choi (visiting us 2 weeks ago) and Mr Charles Bien to join us this week. Dir. Eddy also presented his friend Luke Yick and our speaker Mr Man Cheung.

Welcome back to PP Andrew who was visiting Europe for a few weeks. Meanwhile President Rudy would remind those members to claim their past due birthday gift (a massage pen) from PDG Uncle Peter before the end of this month. PDG Peter reported there was a red box collection of HK\$600 this week for our community service fund. President made a report on 3 items:

- The Club received a letter from Chun Tok School Council regarding the cease of operations of the Victoria Park School of the Deaf in September 1, 2006. VP Paul would be asked to propose alternative use of the school premises in the school council.
- The July 9 (Saturday, 4pm) boat trip to Lamma Island was organized by IPP Henry was still open for members and their anmes.
- There would be no luncheon on July 13 (Wednesday) as it would be re-scheduled to July 12 (evening) at Wanchai Convention Centre for District Installations.

Dir. Andy made an introduction of our speaker Mr Man Cheung from the Dramatic English Corporate Services. Mr Cheung was born in Hong Kong and migrated to Australia many years ago as he did drama teaching there for 15 years. Mr Cheung determined to move back to Hong Kong and had a family reunion here together with his wife two years ago. He did not find the same kind of drama schools career in Hong Kong as he might come across as in Australia or other western countries. Before Mr Man was prepared to pack his bag and move on to try his luck in UK; he came across Mr Yick, the founder and CEO of the Dramatic English, situated in Cyberport.

The Dramatic English School was not a stereo-type of producing CD courses and language teaching materials, or adopting a computer oriented approach; Mr Cheung had a mission to do the Drama English business in a people context and achieve the teaching aim through the student's acting.

Mr Cheung commented that the Hong Kong students tended to have on average 16 years of English learning (from kindergarten to secondary school) before they went on to the University education. In case the students found problems in applying English in their university studies and in their future employment, the problem might rest in the traditional teaching model - an emphasis on reacting to examination pressure. Chances were the students had a focus on filling in blanks, multiple choices or written assessments - more geared towards passing their English papers.

Nevertheless, Mr Cheung had a vision that many of us might need some sort of drama trainings and acting experience any way, either in attending job interview, conducting sales presentation, or in public speaking situations. Therefore the Dramatic English started their three months teaching experiment with 350 students, trying both small (upto 5) and large (upto 36) class sizes, both were said to be positive. Mr Cheung and Mr Yick went on to take another six months trial with 560 students, that a challenge could be handled by recruiting outside helps.

Their biggest challenge was to undertake a summer camp teaching for Dramatic English to about 800 students, with very positive results. Nevertheless Mr Cheung realized his best teaching staff were not from the English schools (with formal teaching qualifications) but those with acting experience in dramas. Their staff success was large related to their ability to motivate the students, to interact with them and have fun, and to create interests and to sparkle their eagerness to learn English.

Mr Cheung believed that the new frontiers for the students was triggering their native sense to play, and the curiosity of the teenagers. Mr Cheung also found similar interests from the parents as well and recently they started adult acting classes in YMCA. VP Paul agreed that people had the needs of communications, and he was interested to know how the students achieved the level of English proficiency they needed. Mr Cheung responded and gave a further example from their kindergarten teaching experience. The children from 3 to 5 years old had little language skills, yet they could start from games and songs - putting in the exercise of mouth and lips, making sounds and playing around to practice the mouth muscle and the voices. The children could start to learn from varying their simple greeting (hello) to more personal greetings (in situations). Also they would build up the required vocabulary and start from reading and writing, to move on for drama performance, including the improvisation in situational context.

Mr Cheung remarked that he was happy to see many students were able to show improvements and with measured changes in four weeks time. President Rudy presented Mr Cheung, with a picture of himself in action, and we thanked Mr Cheung in our usual Rotary manners. Director Jason reported next week program would be about "Wine Investment". The members made a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Clubs of the world and the members and guests stayed for the group photo before the meeting adjourned.

Rotary Information

The Pioneer Rotary Clubs

Everybody knows or should know that the first Rotary club was born in Chicago on 23rd February 1905. But where were the rest of the early clubs - the pioneers of Rotary - created? Below are the 16 clubs that pre-date the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America, formed in August 1910.

Club / Date

Chicago, Illinois, USA / 23 Feb. 1905
San Francisco, Calif., USA / 12 Nov. 1908
Oakland, Calif., USA / 5 Feb. 1909
Seattle, Washington, USA / 15 June 1909
Los Angeles, Calif. USA / 25 June 1909
New York, N.Y., USA / 24 Aug. 1909
Boston, Mass., USA / 27 Dec. 1909
Tacoma, Washington, USA / 3 Feb. 1909
Minneapolis, Minn., USA / 18 Feb. 1910
St. Paul, Minn., USA / 19 Feb. 1910
St. Louis, Mo., USA / 22 Feb. 1910
New Orleans, La., USA / 23 Feb. 1910
Kansas City, Mo., USA / 15 May 1910
Portland, Ore., USA / 25 May 1910
Lincoln, Neb., USA / 6 June 1910
Detroit, Mich., USA / 25 July 1910

Rotary International Sad News

The incumbent RI Director Rodger W. Wagner of Cave Creek, Arizona, USA died on 29th May 2005. His was named to the RI Board of Directors in 2004 and was close to completing the first of a two-year term at the time of his sudden death.

A Rotarian since 1975 was a member of the Rotary Club of Scottsdale. He also served as the charter governor of RI District 5510, president's representative, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, Council on Legislation representative, national adviser to The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund and strategic adviser to the Foundation's Annual Programmes Fund.

Director Wagner was a recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Peg, gave generously to the Foundation and both were named Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors and Major Donors.

The RI director received his degree from Cornell University where he also completed his graduate work. He retired in 2001 as president of Wagner Realty, the real estate firm he founded. He was a member of national, local and regional realtors associations.

Club News

At the joint board meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East on the 9th instant, the board approved to reschedule our regular luncheon meeting on the 13th July 2005 to the evening of 12th July 2005 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The reason to advance our meeting by one day is to let members to participate at the District Installation on the 12th July 2005.

Although the fees charged by the District Installation is HK\$600 per head, our members have to pay only HK\$240 per head while the balance to be subsidized by the club. Please register with our incoming Hon. Secretary, Andy Wong for reservation.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

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 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're 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

on

15th June, 2005



PDG Peter, Mr Man Cheung & Pres. Rudy



Our Speaker - Mr Man Cheung



PP Eddy, PP Andrew & Mr Luke Yick



Adrian Yip (son of Eddy Yip)



VP Paul, Mr Adrian Yip, PP George, PP Stephen and Rtn Tony



Dir. Jason and his guest Mr Raymond Choi, Rtn Andrew & Mr Cl



Group photo on June 15, 2005

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