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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 -

**17th June, 2009**

Club President Andy kicked off the meeting at 1:15 pm followed by a warm welcome to our visiting guests introduced by PP Rudy; they were Nick Chan from Columbia Business School of New York, Thomas Wong and Chow Wing-yip from the Shui Yan University of Hong Kong. They all received big rounds of applause from our members.

Our President Andy reminded us the following upcoming events:

1. Next Wednesday 24 June is our club's final Club Assembly for the Rotary Year
2. 26 June is our IPP Dinner at Chinese Club's Restaurant in Central District
3. On 1st July our Club will have no Luncheon meeting due to public holiday
4. 8th July will be our first luncheon meeting of the 2009-2010 Rotary Year and club Installation.

Hon Treasurer Rudy reported a total collection of \$1,100 for the Red-Box.

We have celebrated the birthday of Rtn. Kishu Narain with PP Rudy being the song leader and we all sang the birthday song to greet Rtn. Kishu after a birthday present being given from President Andy.

Then the highlight of the day was our PDG Y K Cheng who was formally introduced by Hon. Secretary Heman. PDG YK has joined as member of our Club since 1983 and became our Club President for the Rotary Year 1990-1991 and District Governor in the Rotary Year 1996-1997. PDG YK has always been very active in Rotary; apart from his busy schedules, he has been elected as:

1. the District 3450 Representative to the 2010 Council on Legislation,
2. RI President's Special Representative to China for 2008-2011,
3. International Assembly Training Leader 1998 & 1999 and Zone Leader 1999-2000 and 2004 to 2008 (an all time record)
4. as well as Spearheads District 3450's Hepatitis B immunization effort in China.

PDG Y.K. Cheng gave an inspiring, informative and entertaining talk on his 25 years as a Rotarian. For many of us in the audience, it was down memory lane, and for the younger members, an eye-opener on Rotary in action.

Y.K. joined our Club in October 1983, same time as Sam Wong and Walter Yuen, and at a time when our membership strength was nearly 90. His proposer was PP W.K. Lam. Fellowship was great, and arguments/debates though unavoidable were never intended to be adversarial. He progressed through the ranks, becoming Club President in 1990-91.

It was fun to see how Rotary evolves over the years. The internet provides immense opportunities for gathering information, including Rotary information. Civilisation progresses, so does Rotary. In Rotary, we must learn to manage change.

Y.K. is well-known as an outstanding speaker in D-3450 and in the Rotary world. He attributes this to learning his techniques from Uncle Peter Hall. "Preparation" is the key word. He has since developed a habit of crafting his speeches in detail, refining via re-drafting, all to the audience's benefit.

His Governorship in 1996-97 was an enjoyable year, to the total advantage of D-3450. Generous hospitality from all those he had met means for him a sharp increase in his weight.

Y.K. enjoys the signal honour of being an International Assembly Training Leader in 1998 & 1999. In short, he taught incoming district governors ! He went on to become a Zone Institute Training Leader for 2000 and 2004 to 2008. He has been for many years District Trainer for D-3450. This must be a record. He admits deriving immense satisfaction seeing the emergence of Rotary leaders. Many of his "students" have become RI Directors and training leaders !

Y.K. was appointed last year by the RI President as his Special Representative to the 2 Rotary Clubs in China. A tough assignment, no doubt. He enjoys working with the 2 Clubs in Beijing and in Shanghai, and feels that albeit the required foreign NGO legislation is still pending, there is a lot the 2 Clubs could do in terms of expanding service and increasing membership. Afterall, China is a huge place, and everywhere opportunities abound. First and foremost, of course, is the need to possess Rotary knowledge. Next is to keep a close eye on

the political and economical landscape. All of this involves extensive liaison with the Chinese Government authorities and ministries.

Setback ? Yes ! An example is the bidding in 2002/2003 for the 2009 RI Convention, which came readily to Y.K.'s mind. It was fiercely competed amongst Hong Kong, Bangkok & Seoul. The irony was that despite Seoul got it in 2004, they lost it in 2007 ! Birmingham is the eventual host for the 2009 Convention, totally unexpected. Life is unpredictable, and going through a bidding process enables one to appreciate his, his District's, and Hong Kong's strengths and weaknesses. He went to U.K., Italy and Japan to promote Hong Kong. Y.K. remains optimistic that Hong Kong will one day in the not too distant future be invited to host a Convention. " We must remain strong, foster good link with RI, and be well supported by the Government."

Y.K. stopped at 2:02p.m. ! Time does not permit him to go on. This is part 1 of his reflection ; no doubt there will be more ! More stories, more controversies.

Time was never enough for us to share the 25 years of valuable experiences in Rotary of our PDG YK and after our PE Norman officially thanked PDG YK for his interesting and inspiring speech. We all expected to hear more from PDG YK in another talk yet to be scheduled in the near future.

President Andy then closed the meeting at 2:12 pm after proposing a toast to RI coupled with the RC of Hong Kong Island East.

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## Rotary Potpourri

### Changes made to Paul Harris Fellows Recognition

The world is changing and so does The Rotary Foundation.

As from 1st July 2009, Paul Harris medallions will no longer automatically be sent to fellows.

Recipients who earn Paul Harris Fellow status by accumulating a recognition amount of US\$1000 will receive a personalized certificate and lapel pin, along with an order form with an option to purchase the medallion for US\$15. Medallion may be ordered through shop rotary.org or by calling 847-866-4600, or fax 847-866-3276.

Also from July 2009, all Paul Harris Fellow certificates will include the End Polio Now logo until 30 June 2012 which is the duration of Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge.

### Club News

The following is the list of Awards which we have received, probably the highest number of awards in the year, from the District. Thanks for the great leadership of our Club President Andy and the collaborative efforts of our Club Directors and Club Members.

1	Outstanding Club Website (English)	PP John Kwok, IPP Laurence & Annie
2	Outstanding Water, Health and Hunger Project	Guizhou Mountain Clinic Project - With RC of HK South
3	New Adopt A School	Adopt Choi Jun School
4	Outstanding Literacy and Education Project	PP George - Hubei Mountain Girls studies
5	Best International Service Project	Dir. Eric - Playright Playful Booklet - With RC of Osaka Jonan
6	Best Vocational Service Project	Hon. Sec. Heman - Choi Jun School Bakery Project - Sponsor by Dr PP Hubert Chan
7	Best Community Service Project	Hon. Sec. Heman - Choi Jun School Swimming training project - With RC of HK South
8	Best Child Mortality Project	District - Childhood Injury Prevention Program
9	Best Club Bulletin (English)	Team work with PP Stephen, IPP Laurence & Annie
10	Certificate of Recognition	Membership growth

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## Electronic Make-up Questions

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

Name:

Email:

1. How many visiting guests we have today ?  
Ans)
2. Who was our birthday boy celebrated today ?  
Ans)
3. What was the SAA collection reported today ?  
Ans)
4. When will be our first luncheon meeting in July 2009 ?  
Ans)
5. Who was our speaker today ?  
Ans)
6. Since when our speaker has joined Rotary ?  
Ans)
7. What was the topic of the speaker today ?  
Ans)
8. Who was asked to thank our speaker ?  
Ans)

Submit

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## **Joke**

***Subject: Copy and Paste***

A popular motivational speaker was entertaining his audience.

He said: "The best years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman who wasn't my wife!"

The audience was in silence and shock.

The speaker added: "And that woman was my mother!"

Laughter and applause.

A week later, a top manager trained by the motivational speaker tried to crack this very effective joke at home.

He was a bit foggy after a drink.

He said loudly to his wife who was preparing dinner, "The greatest years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman who was not my wife!"

The wife went "ah!" with shock and rage.

Standing there for 20 seconds trying to recall the second half of the joke, the manager finally blurted out " ... and I can't remember who she was!"

By the time the manager regained his consciousness, he was on a hospital bed nursing burns from boiling water.

Moral of the story: Don't copy if you can't paste! .....

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## **Photographs of our meeting**

**on**

**17th June, 2009**





(L to R) Guests from Shu Yan University (Thomas Wong Chow Wing-yip) & PP Rudy Law



Pres. Andy presented the birthday gift to our birthday boy, Rtn. Kishu Narain and PP Rudy led the signing of the birthday song



(L to R) Rtn. Peter Yeung, Birthday Boy Rtn. Kishu Narain PP Paul Chan



Hon. Sec Heman introduced our speaker



Our this week's speaker, PDG YK talked about his 25 years experience in Rotary



Group photo with members, speaker & visiting guests

