

Last week's Proceedings -

30th May, 2007

It was a joint meeting for 5 clubs i.e. Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast, Rotary Club of Happy Valley, Rotary Club of Hong Kong Bayview and Rotary Club of Bayview Sunshine.

The meeting was taken place in Excelsior Hotel and we were the host club.

There were a total of 73 participants attending the joint meeting.

There were 4 GSE team members led by PP Ray Asplin from Rotary Club of Reading Abbey joining the meeting and there were students from True Light Secondary School which is one of the Rotary Club's adopted schools in the 'Adopt a School' project.

In addition, we have PDG Moses Cheng (from Rotary Club of HK Northeast) and DGN Peter Wong from Rotary Club of Kowloon East as visiting Rotarian.

We have thirteen members of our own attending the meeting and with visiting Rtn. Nancy Yee from Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, Secretary Andy Wong's guest Ms. Judith Yew and PP Rudy's guest Mr. Stephen Wai.

President Paul made a brief announcement that our Club Assembly will be held on 20^{th} June which was originally scheduled to be held on the 16^{th} May and was deferred due to the discussion of the EGM.

Members are urged to attend the Club Assembly to discuss on matters affecting the future of our club.

The acting Sergeant at Arm Andy reported a total collection of \$1,100 for the Red Box.

The speaker was Mr. Lam Woon Kwong, GBS, the CEO of the Equestrian Events (Hong Kong) of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Company Limited.

He gave a talk on the progress of the Equestrian Event of the Beijing Olympic Games which will be held in Hong Kong in August 2008.

There will be three different competitions for the equestrian events namely:

- 1. Dressage (dancing or ballet)
- 2. Jumping (over fence of 1.4 m high)
- 3. Cross Country Race

Equestrian events are the only sport event in the Olympic Games involving both animal and human.

Hong Kong has the privilege of holding this Olympic event (which was originally for Beijing only as the Olympic City) is due to our good record of horse racing and the quarantine and facilities of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

For this special event, the government has formed the company to organize all the things necessary to make it a success including:

- 1. Converting the existing HK Institute of Sport in Shatin into the Sporting Ground,
- 2. Converting the Penfold Park inside the Shatin Race Course into a training field
- 3. Converting the Beas River and part of the Fanling Golf Course into the Cross Country racing field.

Other functions of the company include the promotion of the equestrian sport, organizing the logistic of the competition, security, immigration, custom, medical services, environmental protection, IP right protection, quarantine, doping control, veterinary services, media and broadcast facilities, transportation of horses, Olympic village for the athletics, hotel accommodation for visitors, etc. etc.

There will be about 200 athletics and over 200 horses joining the event. There will be 6 set of medals and will last for 12 days.

After the formal Olympic Game, there will be the Paralympic Games right following on.

The events will require a large number of volunteers (1,800 for the Olympic Games and 600 for Paralympic Games) and so far there are over 12,000 applicants already.

There will be 200,000 tickets for sale for the events and let see how many of you can get a ticket!

The talk was so interesting and the meeting was closed at 2:15 pm with a toast to all the five Rotary Clubs and to RC of Ready Abbey.

Rotary Information

47th District Conference

The 2007 District Conference was held on the 24th and 26th May led by D.G. Tony Wong together with RI President Personal Representative PDG Hoe Bing Fong and Anne Phyllis from District 3310, Singapore. The District Conference registration was around 300 registrants including members from HKIE, viz., PDG Peter Hall, PDG Y K Cheng, President Paul Chan, President-elect Laurence Chan, PP Rudy Law, PP Eddy Wong, Hon. Secretary Andy Wong, Director Norman Lee.

District Governor Tony Wong was invited by chairperson Amy Leung to declare the conference open and greeted all the participants. The Leighton Hill Community Hall was fully packed with Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors as well as the in-bound and out-bound Group Study Exchange team members together with the Ambassadorial scholars.

The in-bound GSE Team members were from London, district 1090 comprised of the following members :

Team leader PP Ray Asplin and his team members, Carry Keen, Jana Clements, Sara Sheavills and Nicky Wright. who introduced themselves with some of their backgrounds. Likewise, the out-bound team also made a short introduction.

To complete our youth forum, we presented the in-bound Ambassadorial Scholars as follows:

Mr. Andy Stoll, Ms Cecile Cao, Mr. Matthew Manes, and Ms Yamashita Ayumi.

The out-bound scholars were Deon Chan Kei On, Chan Hiu Kwan Candy, Siu Lai Wah, Sarah, Tang Shun Ting Seren, To Hiu Lam Hilda, Sonia Wong, Yeung Chi Wai, Eric and Sandan Bilget.

The highlight of the opening was the speech given by The Hon. Wong Yan Lung, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice of the Government of Hong Kong, SAR.

The 1st Plenary session was adjourned at around 5.30 p.m.

The 2^{nd} plenary session of the conference was convened again on the 26^{th} May 2007 at the Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel, starting at 8.00 a.m. with a breakfast meeting followed by the whole day program from 9.30 a.m. The most time consuming was the explanation of the whole year accounts of the last Rotary year by PDG Peter Wan. The accounts were voted upon and passed unanimously. DG Tony Wong also presented his report of the district.

We were proud to learn that two new Rotary clubs were added this Rotary year, namely, R/C of Taipa in Macau and R/C of Selbee in Mongolia. RI Awards and district awards were presented to the clubs. One of the highlights was the recognition of the first World 100% Major Donors Club – The Rotary Club of Kowloon East.

Ms Anissa Wong Sean-yee, JP, Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Environment) Director of Environmental Protection Department, HKSAR was also a keynote speaker at the conference.

While we were on the agenda of the District Conference, the ladies went to the Chi Lin Nunnery with Mrs. Phyllis Fong for a tour and also had vegetarian lunch.

The introduction of our future leaders was presented, first one was DGE Peter Wong through the video screen as he was away in Hawaii USA to attend the wedding of his daughter. In person, were DGN Albert Wong and also DGNN Ada Cheng, conducted by PDG Tony Hung. We learned a great deal of their future vision in the Rotary movements.

With minor reports and thank you notes by Chairperson Amy Leung, Secretary general Jason Chan and DG Tony Wong and exchange of gifts with RI president Representative and anne Phyllis was the closing of the Conference when Auld Lang Syne was sung. Till we meet again at the next District Conference, most probably in Mac au.

At 6.30 p.m. the District Governor Banquet was ready and kicked off to serve dinner later. It was a grand gathering as the 26th May 2007 was the exact birthday of D.G. Tony Wong. We all sang the Birthday song to mark the occasion. There were entertainments, singing and lucky draw. R/C of HK island East members were lucky enough to win three prizes by PDG Peter Hall, President Paul Chan and Norman Lee. Each of them have to request for plastic bags from the hotel to carry the goodies. Proud to mention, the R/C of HK Island East was the winner of four RI or District Awards. President Paul was busy jumping up and down the stage to receive them.

During the dinner, RI President Personal Representative Hoe Bing read out a congratulatory note from The Rotary Foundation to congratulate the Rotary Club of Kowloon East for being the World First Rotary Club to achieve this title which echoed with a long and thunderous applause.

All good things must come to an end. There is no exception for the 47^{th} District Conference. Whether it is successful or not will leave for the judgment of the members.

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Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. We had a joint luncheon meeting with other Clubs, who were the y?
Answer:
2. How many members and guests were present today?
Answer:
3. What was the SAA collection for today?
Answer:
4. We have students from a school attending the meeting which school was it?
Answer:
5. Who was our luncheon speaker today?
Answer:
6. Who gave the opening speech in our recently held District Conference?
Answer:
7. How many RI or District awards the RC of HKIE have won this time?
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Jokes

Levity: The Golfing Nun

A nun walks into Mother Superior's office and plunks down into a chair. She lets out a sigh, heavy with frustration.

"What troubles you, Sister?" asks the Mother Superior. "I thought this was the day you spent with your family."

"It was," sighed the Sister. "And I went to play golf with my brother. We try to play golf as often as we can - You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to Christ."

"I seem to recall that," the Mother Superior agreed. "So I take it your day of recreation was not relaxing?"

"Far from it," snorted the Sister. "In fact, I even took the Lord's name in vain today!

"Goodness, Sister!" gasped the Mother Superior, astonished. "You must tell me all about it!"

"Well, we were on the fifth tee...and this hole is a monster, Mother - I'm talking about a 560 yard Par 5, with a nasty dogleg left and a hidden green with a creek in the front and right side....and I hit the drive of my life. I creamed it. The sweetest swing I ever made. And it's flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted, and then it hits a bird in mid-flight not 100 yards off the tee!"

"Oh my goodness!" commiserated the Mother Superior, "How unfortunate! But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister!"

"No, that wasn't it," admitted the Sister. "While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel runs out of the woods, grabs my ball and runs off down the fairway!"

"Oh, that would have made me blaspheme!" sympathized Mother Superior.

"But I didn't," sobbed the Sister. "And I was so proud of myself! And while I was pondering whether this was a sign from God, this hawk swoops out of the sky and grabs the squirrel and flies off, with my ball still clutched in his little paws!"

"So that's when you cursed," said the Mother with a knowing smile.

"Nope, that wasn't it either," cried the Sister, anguished, "because as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him, right there on the green, and the ball popped out of his paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup!"

The Mother Superior sat back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed the Sister with a baleful stare and said...

You missed the fucking putt, didn't you!"

Photographs of our meeting on

30th May, 2007





Pres. Paul of RC of HK Island East, Pres. KC Chan of RC of HK Bayview, Pres Helen Or of RC of Bayview Sunshine, Pres. Bernard Chan of RC of Happy Valley, Pres. Kalid Razack of RC of HK Northeast



PP Hubert, PP Stephen, Rtn Jason, Rtn Peter, Rtn Norman & PP Tajwar



Members of RC of HK Island East with other Clubs' Presidents and guests, PDG Moses Cheng, DGE Peter Wong, speaker Mr. Lam WK JP,& PDG Uncle Peter



5 Clubs' Presidents present banners to thank our Speaker – Mr. LAM Woon Kwong JP



5 Clubs' Presidents with PDG Moses Cheng, DGE Peter Wong, speaker Mr. Lam WK JP,& PDG Uncle Peter



Group picture, 5 Clubs' Presidents with PDG Moses Cheng, DGE Peter Wong, speaker Mr. Lam WK JP, & PDG Uncle Peter & the GSE Te am.

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