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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 -

6th June, 2007

The meeting was started at 1:15pm by Pres. Paul.

Visiting Guest: PE Laurence introduced his guests: Ms Karen Cheung, Mr. Horace Cheung and Mr. Allan Dyer. Rtn Eric introduced his lovely daughter Fiona.

No visiting Rotarian this week.

Birthday Boy: Yes, it was the birthday of Rtn. John V! Rtn Tony was chosen to lead the singing of 60 something Happy Birthday Song to Rtn. John V.

Announcement: Pres. Paul announced the following events:-

1. Through the hard work and unfailing support of members of our club I am very pleased to announce our Club has been presented with four Awards at the recent District Conference:
 - a. Water, Health & Hunger Outstanding District Award
 - b. Vocational Service District Award Certificate of Merit
 - c. Rotary Family District Award Certificate of Merit
 - d. Literacy and Education District Award

I believe you should give yourselves a big round of applause

I am given to understand that our club may be presented with 3 other awards from the Admin guide at the next JPM. I shall keep you posted

2. World Vision Hong Kong, our partner of the Water Cellar Projects, has informed us the erection of plaques at the benefiting sites. Wording of Plaque of Shaanxi Water Cellar Project are as follows in Chinese:

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3. Farewell Party to GSE Team from District 1090 Thame Valley, U.K. and welcome back Outbound Team on 14 June 2007. The Team members will make its final presentation to us giving an account of their visit in Hong Kong and Macau and will tell us about their feelings and experience in our District and will formally welcome back our outbound team on this occasion.

Venue : Craigengower Cricket Club
Wong Nai Chung Rd, Causeway Bay
Date : 14 June 2007
Time : 7:00p.m

4. Visit by RC of Kawasaki South on 13 June 2007 to our regular Luncheon Meeting with a delegation of 25 rotarians and rotariannes.

Pres. Paul urged our members to come and enjoy the fellowship in this coming luncheon meeting on Wednesday with the guests from our sister club of Kawasaki South.

Red Box collection: PDG Uncle Peter reported the collection of the day was HK\$1,400.

Talk of the day: Rtn Jason introduced Mr. Mark Arrowsmith of Berry Bros. & Rudd, to speak to us some updated information about wines:-

It had been 2 years since Mark visited the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, as he said in his speech it was horrific to see how he had declined over such a short time, who said red wines and rich food was good for you? Fortunately he had a close up picture of his face and not his belly this time around!!

Since visiting last time there has seen a huge demand in fine wines. The industry has changed so much over the years that wine is becoming a commodity other than a product of enjoyment.

Historically the centre of the wine trade was London, each year sail boats laden with barrels of wine were sent up the Gironde across the channel and down the river Thames. The barrels were auctioned on the boat, taken by the merchant and then bottled, if a grower was unhappy with the price they would often drop a barrel or 2 into the water to fetch a higher price.

To stable the wine trade the French introduced a classification system in 1855 to give a clearer picture of the value of the wine. This is still in existence today and has never been changed apart for Chateau Mouton Rothschild which moved from 2nd growth to 1st growth in 1973, unfortunately this was a horrible vintage.

The practice of selling the wine off the boat died a long time ago but merchants still bottled the wine up until early 1970. The wine trade again changed in 1982 when an American Mr. Robert Parker, who in fact is a lawyer, started to write about wine.

He took a stance against the stuffy wine critics of the day and declared that 1982 was one of the finest vintages of the century he placed it against 1928, 1945 and 1961. Many disagreed with him but in all fairness he was correct and he opened the market to a wider spectrum of people.

His tasting notes are very much upfront and easy to understand and this bought America into the wine industry. Since then we now have emerging markets that want quality and quantity, China, Russia and India are now buying wines at an alarming rate.

Personally Mark has always told anyone that buy wines are to buy what they are prepared to drink, if the wine industry was to collapse at least you can drink what you have bought, he has no idea what you can do with a share certificate!!!

Very recently 2005 was one of the finest vintages ever, perfect weather and growing conditions. He has never seen wine release at such a high price, who on earth would fork out £ 3,950 for a case of Lafite?

Well today that same wine sells for £ 6,300 a case and there is a shortage of the wine in the market. During the last 24 months the price of 2004 has gone through the roof he can remember the opening price of Chateau Lafite was £ 990 a case now the market price is £ 2,650. Each year he is seeing more clients wanting to buy fine wine to drink, this has proved the point when Mr. Henry Tsang dropped tax on wine from 80% to 40% in the last budget.

If Mark gets invited to the Rotary club more often he is sure prices of wine will increase more!!!

The Q and A session was well attended.

Mark also brought wine for us to try, a wine from the Barossa Valley and is from the Torbreck stable, Mr. Dave Powell the wine maker often comes to Hong Kong and over the years they have become very good friends. If members did enjoy his wine he urges us to attend one of their dinners, he is larger than life so there is plenty of wines to be drunk and they always choose a good venue with good food at very good prices.

Mark was so kind that he offers wine by Mr. Robert Parker who is probably the worlds finest tasters, selling price is \$ 245 but for Rotary Club members, he offers it at \$ 209.

Vote of Thanks to the Speaker: After Pres. Paul presented to Mr. Mark Arrowsmith, a picture of him in action, PP George, in addition to thank the speaker for his very interesting speech, continued the topic for another 5 minutes.

Next Week's program:

Meeting Adjourned: Pres. Paul adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI and coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East.

Rotary Information

Most of us are not aware of the district appointments, especially who is the assistant district governors taking care of our clubs. Below is a full list district appointments for the Rotary year 2007-2008 published for general information.

Asst. District Governors

Area	Name	Club
1	Fatima Ferreira	Macau
2	Patrick Yeung	Hong Kong
3	Eddy Wong	HKIE
4	Witman Hung	HK Bayview
5	Peter Chov	Kowloon NW
6	Claire Mak	Tai Po
7	Prakash Kirpalani	Tsimshatsui
8	Johnson Tsang	Kowloon West
9	Ch. Enkhtuva	Khuree

Deputy Asst. District Governor

Area	Name	Club
1	Paul Lec	Hou Kuon
2	Chee Lung Tham	Admiralty
3	Wendy Mung	Peninsula
4	Lily Cheung	New Territories
5	Y. H. Tong	Kowloon NW
6	Wendy Lee	Shatin
7	David Harilela	King's Golden Mile
8	Angela Chan	Kwun Tong

District Secretaries

District Secretary	Albert Poon of Kowloon East
Asst. District Secretary	Corvus Yip of HK City North
Asst. District Secretary	C.F. Wong of Tolo Harbour
Asst. District Secretary	Eugene Fong of Kowloon West
Asst. District Secretary (Macau)	Mildred Hoi of Guia

District Finance Committee

Advisor	Peter Wan of Tolo harbour
Chairman	Y.H. Tong of Kowloon NW
Treasurer	Anthony Tam of Shatin

District Trainer (District Training Committee)

Chairman	Raymond Wong of E-Club
Committee member	Anthony Hung of Tai Po
Committee member	Alexander Mak of Kingspark HK
Committee member	Peter Wong of Kowloon East
Committee member	Jerry Szeto of Tsimshatsui
Committee member	Stephen Lam of HK NW
Committee member	Albert Poon of Kowloon East
Committee member	Ramesh Chugani of Kowloon North
Committee member	Sally Ho of Bavview Sunshine HK
Committee member	Kenneth Chow of Tsuen Wan
Committee member	Ada Cheng of Wanchai
Committee member	Dominic Ko of Kingspark HK
Committee member	Mildred Hoi of Guia
Committee member	Tenny Leung of D. 3450

Membership Development

Advisor	Johnson Chu of Peninsula
Chairman	Peter Ho of New Territories

Extension

Chairman	Peter Ho of New Territories
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Public Relations

Chairman	Joseph Lee of Kowloon North
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RI Convention Promotion

Chairman	Johnson Chu of Peninsula
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District Conference

Chairman	Eddy Leung of HK Harbour
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District Programme

Community Service	Jones Wong of Mid-Level
Interact	Angela Hui of Peninsula South
Rotaract (Rotarian)	Vincent Ng of HK Sunrise
District Rotaract Rep. (Rotaractor)	Joyce Lau (Rotaract Club of NT)
Rotary Community Corps	Pi Leung of Tsuen Wan
Rotary Friendship Exchange	Tang Kam Tim of Metropolitan HK
Rotary Fellowships	Rainbow Li of Kwun Tong
Rotary Volunteers	John Wan of Kingspark HK
RYLA	Chee Lung Tham of Admiralty
World Community Service	John Wan of Kingspark HK
Youth Exchange	Edward Lau of Kingspark HK

District Rotary Foundation Committee

Chairman	Alexander Mak of Kingspark HK
Annual Giving Subcommittee	Vivien Yuen of Bayview Sunshine HK
Permanent Fund Subcommittee	Stephen Chan of HK Bayview
Scholarships Subcommittee	Raymond Sin of Kingspark HK
Group Study Exchange	Silva Yeung of Kowloon GM
Grants Committee	Kenneth Chow of Tsuen Wan
PolioPlus Subcommittee	Angela Wong of Kowloon North
Alumni Subcommittee	Paul Ng of Kowloon West
Rotary World Peace Fellowship Sub.Com	Brenda Lee of Bayview Sunshine, HK

Theme Committee Chairs

Literacy	Moses Cheng of HK Northeast
Water, Health & Hunger	Jason Yeung of Kowloon West
Family of Rotary	Edward Lau of Kingspark HK
Public Relations	Stanley Mok of HK Sunrise
Youth Service	Peter Wan of Tolo Harbour

Electronic Make-up Questions

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

1. How many visiting guests we have in this luncheon meeting?

Answer:

2. Who was our birthday boy today?

Answer:

3. How many awards our club has received and likely to be awarded as announced by President Paul?

Answer:

4. A delegation from which sister club is going to join our luncheon next Wednesday?

Answer:

5. Who was our luncheon speaker today?

Answer:

6. How much we have collected for the red box?

Answer:

7. Who is the incoming Assistant District Governor of our Area?

Answer:

8. Who is the incoming Deputy Assistant District Governor of our Area?

Answer:

Name:

Email:

Jokes

Wedding Anniversary

Ed was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry.

She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in less than 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!"

The next morning Ed got up early and left for work.

When his wife woke up she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box, gift-wrapped, in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house.

She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Ed has been missing since Friday.

Photographs of our meeting on

6th June, 2007



Rtn Peter, Rtn Eric & his lovely daughter Fiona,
Rtn Tony & Rtn John Yao



Rtn Jason, PP Henry, IPP Eddy, PP George, PP
David & PP Rudy



PE Laurence & his friends Horace, Allan & Karen

with Rtn. Norman & PP Stephen at the table ends



PDG Uncle Peter, Speaker Mark Arrowsmith & Pres. Paul Chan



Pres. Paul presented the gift to our birthday boy John Yao with birthday song leader Rtn Tony.



Group Picture with visiting guests and our speaker.

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