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## Last Week's Proceedings - 15th June, 2011

The 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of this year started on time with President Heman being on vacation and PE Eric exercised his maiden chairmanship as Acting President of our Club to chair the luncheon meeting. He started with a special welcome to our DG Elect David Harilela and thanked DGE David for bringing us the next Rotary Year's Theme Ties, Theme Scarves, Pocket Planners plus a Rotary Premium Pen for our auction for the red box.

Acting Pres. Eric then asked our incoming Assistant Governor (AG) of Area 3 PP Andy to introduce our visiting Rotaractor from our Com-based Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East, the Dir. of Public Relations, Mr. Henry Cheung and also asked Rtn. Lawrence Ho to introduce his guest, his daughter Stacy Ho. They all received a big round of welcoming applause from our members.

We also put our hands to welcome back PE Eric and PP Andy who have just returned to Hong Kong at around 4 a.m. this morning from the Rotary District Beijing Trip. A special and warm welcome back was given to our Rtn. Lawrence Ho who was recently being hospitalized and has just been recovered and taking a rest at home. Rtn. Lawrence was asked to update us about his recent sickness and he told us that he has been '85%' recovered to the condition before his sickness. He took the opportunity to thank the fruit basket associated with our Club members' warm regards and cares brought by our Pres. Heman in person to him to the hospital. We all put our hands together again to wish Rtn. Lawrence for a full recovery earlier and he said that he has been getting better and better and would soon be coming more often to our meetings to share our warm fellowship.

Acting Pres. PE Eric presented to PP George and Rtn. Lawrence a Wedding Anniversary card for greeting the Wedding Anniversary of PP George and Rotarianne Cynthia and of Rtn. Lawrence Ho and Rotarianne Melo. They again received a big round of applause from us.

The following announcements were made by Acting Pres. PE Eric:

In the last Board meeting on June 8, our board approved the partnership of Adopt A School with Holy Carpenter Secondary School. On June 9, Pres. Heman and Rtn. William Leung together with Principal Alan Chow, Vice Principal Joseph Tse and Head Teacher Miss Tsang attended the District's RAAS (Rotary Adopt A School) committee meeting. After the meeting, the School Principal Alan Chow highly admired the program and would like to proceed to build partnership with our Club. I believe we are the first Rotary Joint A School partnership in the Rotary Year 2011-2012



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District 3450

Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

- The Board also approved that July 6 luncheon meeting would be moved to July 8 Presidential Inaugural Ball in the HK Convention and Exhibition Center.
- Our District Inauguration Ball will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, we have committed 3 tables for the event and all seats are filled up. PP Eddy is the Event chair, and IPP Norman will be the head of SAA team. If you still wish to join this spectacular event please do contact HS Jonathan.
- 4 Pres. Heman, PP Andy, PN Nancy, PE Eric joined the District Beijing Visit which was led by DG Jason from 12-14 June. We visited: HK & Macao Affairs Office, (国务院港澳事务办公室), The United Front Work Department of CPC Central Committee (中央統戰部), The Ministry of Health (卫生部), and The Ministry of Civil Services (民政部). For more details, President Heman will report in the next meeting.
- Rotaract Club (RAC) of Lingnan University will join with RAC of PolyU to have a Joint University Rotaract Club Installation to be held in PolyU at 6pm-10pm, 10th July, 2011 (Sunday) at the Chiang Chen Studio Theatre at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. A fee of \$200 will be collected at the day of Installation. Enrolment by HS Jonathan.
- 6 Members please confirm to Dir. Kevin your preferred size, for the birthday gift of next year, of the RC HKIE T-shirt.
- 7 President Heman has sponsored a gift of RC HKIE jacket. All members please also confirm your preferred size to Rtn Teresa.

SAA William Leung reported the Red Box collection of today being amounted to HKD 1,700.

Incoming AG of Area 3, our PP Andy Wong, was asked to introduce our speaker of the day being our DG Elect David Harilela and the topic was "My Visions and Changes for RI D3450".

DGE David started by explaining to us the meaning of the Rotary International Theme of 2011-2012 "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" and reiterated that our RIPE (Rotary International President Elect) Kalyan is asking each and every Rotarian to be the catalyst for the change to make a better world for tomorrow's children. Rotarian is asked to reach within to love and nurture family, to help neighbors and communities and help to make it a better world for us all.

Our 1st area of emphasis will be the FAMILY,

Our 2nd area of emphasis is CONTINUITY

- To continue to work in our areas of expertise
- To provide Clean Water
- To spread Literacy
- To work with Youth
- To work towards Eradicating Polio

Our 3rd area of emphasis is CHANGE to work towards making things better whether it is to be for Universal Peace or a Cleaner Environment. As Mahatma Gandhi once said "We must be the Change you wish to see in the World."

DGE David continued to elaborate how he wanted us to embrace humanity, through the launching of our signature Humanitarian District Project "ROTARY THE ONE" which is an International Humanitarian Award hosted by the District 3450. The purpose of this project is to raise the profile of Rotary and Rotarians in our District by the establishment of the Award which epitomizes Embracing Humanity and also to link RI District 3450 with a true hero and use that hero as our spokesperson to represent the good work we do.

"Rotary The One" is the first Rotarian Humanitarian Award to honor an individual who truly puts "Service Above Self" by dedicating their everyday life to those in need – and will honor the unsung heroes of today. With the help of Rotary International (and its over 1.3 million members over 33,000 clubs worldwide) we hope to spread the word and find this person. The recipient receives US\$50,000 to support their humanitarian efforts and will also receive the "Rotary The One" trophy which is going to be made by one of the world's most famous crystal makers such as Baccarat or Daum. US\$50,000 will also be donated to the Rotary Club who nominates the winner and Rotarians are encouraged to nominate candidates from anywhere in the world.

Rolling application period will be from July 1, 2011-December 31, 2011 and the final judging will be done by seven Judges from different professions and disciplines including a prominent Rotarian, a CEO from a major Local Bank, an Academic Professor, a well known Celebrity, a Government official, a representative from a major Youth Group, and a director from the Board of the Community Chest of HK. The winner is to be announced at the ROTARY THE ONE award ceremony to be held at the Holiday Inn Golden Mile in Hong Kong on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

This "Rotary The One" project is being promoted in Hong Kong and overseas with a fixed budget and dedicated PR committee and also using the Power of Rotary through its1.3 million Rotarians, 33000 Rotary Clubs, Rotary Magazine, DGE's Rotary classmates from all over the World and every Rotarian and their contacts in our District.

To raise the profile of Rotary and Rotarians in our District DGE David continued to tell us of his efforts to issue a BENEFITS CARD, to all members in our District, which will also serve as our Membership Card.

The BENEFITS will include Hotel Discounts, Dining Discounts and Branded Discounts which will be selected and promoted by a Benefit Card Committee formed by representatives from all 9 areas of the Rotary District 3450 and Committee Directors and members being appointed by the Club Presidents. More details will be announced to us in due course.

Meanwhile DGE David elaborated the publication of the new District Directory which will be more handy to carry, less expensive to produce and much easier to use with structured and color coded contents. It consists of Vocational Classification Section which aims to encourage networking and to promote business between Rotarians - the safest partner. The District Directory will also have an electronic form to allow for downloading as an "app" to mobiles, smart phones, PDAs or computers for our members to access the information ubiquitously and conveniently from anywhere and anytime.

DGE David concluded his talk by urging us all to work together to Reach within to Embrace Humanity.

PP Dr. Hubert Chan was asked to thank our speaker followed by another big round of applause from us.

Our next week's program will be the Year End Report from our Pres. Heman. Meeting was adjourned at 2pm sharp with a toast to RI coupled with RC Kowloon Golden Mile and RC Hong Kong Island East. We all stayed behind to take a group photo before we left.

# Rotary Potpourri The District Landmark of District 3450 - the 4th series

Fighting SARS Memorial Site in the Hong Kong Park

Fighting SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) brought a lot of anxiety and pain to Hong Kong in 2003. Rotary Club of Kowloon West suggested that a piece of lasting work should be built in appreciation of the tremendous efforts during the trauma of SARS, including medical staff, government officials and the public at large. The club organized "The fighting SARS Memorial Architectural Scene" design competition and the winning design was built in the Tai Chi Garden of Hong Kong Park in June 2005. In December 2005 the Rotary

Centennial time capsule was laid underground beside the monument which was witnessed by Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn.

#### HKIE Rotaractors' Have Served School Children in a Fun Day

The details of the Fun Day participated by our Rotaractors of the Rotaract Club of HK Island East are reported as follows:

Date: April 9, 2011

Venue: St. Edward's Catholic Primary School at 8 Hing Tin Street, Lam Tin, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Playday commenced from 10am to 12noon. Playright sent the PlayFun Truck and set up 7 play stations with 7 volunteer helpers.

Our Club arranged Eight participants (six rotaractors + two non-members) joined in this event. Rotaract Club President Angus reported that they could achieve the goal to bring fun and happiness to the students. In addition, they could encourage students to play freely (without too much worries on risks while playing).

They have served150 kindergarten students and over 200 primary school students in Kwun Tong Area. President Heman and PE Eric also attended to show support to them.

Feeling of Participants/Members:-

President Angus - I am glad to see that the children could freely play around and have enjoyed so much at the booths. Though some of the booths look like a little bit dangerous, they could learn how to complete the games with some low risks, which is also one of the main goals of this project.

Director Henry Cheung - It was my pleasure to bring happiness to children on Playday of Community Service. The Playright Service Project provided me an opportunity to serve those attending children of Kwun Tong. I have not only brought fun and smile to them, but also gained a valuable experience.

Director George Hwang - I had a great experience in volunteering the play-right games in the primary school last weekend. When serving the children to play the games, I shared their enjoyments and excitements. In Hong Kong, many primary school or even kindergarten kids are under pressure beyond their age due to the competition in entering great reputable higher level educational institutions. But the games we served could help them alleviate the burden and share the joyful moment with their friends and families. This is a meaningful service for me and I would like to participate in more voluntary services of this kind in the future.

Volunteer, PE Eric's MSc student, Felix Chong - I am honored to participate in the activities. This is an unforgettable experience, I learned how to get along with children from some games. When I saw them smile, I feel great satisfaction that I can bring them happiness. Children from the games have learned how to play fair and compliantly. It is also a good parent-child activity in which students can enhance their communication with parents.

## SOME FOR THE WEEK

#### **Subject: Gentle Thoughts for us Old People**

Birds of a feather flock together . . . and then shit on your car.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

FRIENDS ARE ANGELS WHO LIFT US TO OUR FEET WHEN OUR WINGS HAVE TROUBLE

#### REMEMBERING HOW TO FLY



YEAR 2010-2011							
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ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m.

## 15 June 2011 RC of HKIE Luncheon Meeting Photos



PDG Uncle Peter Hall, DGE David Harilela & Acting Pres. PE Eric Chin



Hon. Sec. Jonathan Lamport, PP Uncle John Kwok & PP Andy Wong



IPP Norman Lee, SAA William Leung & Dir. Teresa Ho



Dir. Teresa Ho, PP David Li & Hon. Sec. Jonathan Lamport



Visiting guest Stacy Ho & Rtn. Dr. Freddie Wu



PP Hubert Chan & PP George Leung



Dir. Kevin Leung & Rotaractor Henry Cheung from Rotaract Club of HKIE



PP Laurence Chan & Rtn. William Wong



Rtn. Peter Yeung & PP Stephen Liu



Members welcome DGE David Harilela. Members also welcomed Rtn. Lawrence Ho to come back to the club meeting after he has recovered from his sickness



Lawrence Ho thanked our members caring during his sickness



Rtn. Dr. Freddie Wu & Rtn. John Yao

Pres. Heman Lam presented a Wedding anniversary club gift to PP George Leung



Pres. Haman Lam presented a Wedding anniversary club gift to Rtn. Lawrence Ho



PP Andy Wong introduced this week's speaker - DGE David Harilela



DGE David Harilela talked about his incoming district project - The One



DGE David Harilela also talked about the meaning of the incoming RI Theme



Acting Pres. PE Eric Chin presented a club souvenir to thank DGE David



PP Hubert Chan gave a vote of thanks to DGE David's talk



Group photo with DGE David Harilela, visiting guest & members.

## DG Beijing visit Photos (12- 14 June 2011)



















## Rotaract Club of HK Island East Playright School Fun Day - 09 April 2011















