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Last Week's Proceedings - 25th July, 2012

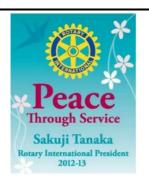
The meeting began at 1:06pm with President Nancy warmly welcomed all participants. She greeted the presence of DG Kenneth Wong from RC Taipo and CDS Peter Pang from RC New Territory. Pres. Nancy then welcomed back PP Andrew Chen, PP George Leung from his trip to RC Makati North, Rtn. Dr. Ng Fok Hong as well as Rtn. William Wong.

IPP Eric, being the Acting SAA, announced the red box collection amounted HK\$2,500 with handsome contributions from DG Kenneth Wong, PDG YK Cheng and PP Andrew. He thanked everyone for their contributions.

The followings were the announcements made by Pres. Nancy:

On District Activities -

- **July 25** the first Rotary Adopt A School (RAAS) Committee meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at RIC (the Rotary Information Center). IPP Eric, Rtn. Joseph Tse & Pre. Nancy will attend.
- Aug 3 the Opening Ceremony of District New Generations Centre cum Rotaract Joint Presidents' Meeting will be held at 7:45pm at Rooms 916 & 917, 9th Floor, Youth Square, 238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan. The place was rented by District for Rotaractor Clubs to have their meetings. Please come and enjoy the gathering. Deadline for enrollment is July 20 and cost is \$100 per person. Kindly contact Dir. William Wong for enrollment.
- Aug 4 Presidents & Rotaract Advisors Forum on "How to Make an Effective Rotaract Club" will be held from 1pm to 4pm at Regal Hong Kong Hotel. Cost per person is HK\$300.- lunch included. Currently IPP Eric, Dir. William Wong, PP Heman and Pres. Nancy enrolled.
- 4. There will be three Global Peace Forums held around the globe, they are:



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Club 16340
District 3450
Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

- (a) Berlin, Germany with theme "Peace Without Borders", from 30 November 2 December 2012
- (b) Honolulu, Hawaii, US with theme "The Green Path to Peace" from 25-27 January 2013
- (c) Hiroshima, Japan with theme "Peace Begins with You" from 17-18 May 2013

Each has a unique program to engage and inspire attendees to advance **international understanding**, **goodwill**, **and peace**. We are considering to send delegate(s) to one of these forums.

On Club Activities -

- **2. July 26** Rtn. Joseph Tse has arranged a meeting at 10:00am to meet with new principal Miss Ng of Holy Carpenter to discuss the projects in this Rotary year, IPP Eric, PP Heman, Dir. William Wong & Pres. Nancy will attend.
- **3. July 27** Farewell Dinner for Rtn. William Leung will be held at Siu Shun Village Cuisine restaurant at Megabox, Kowloon Bay. 21 Rotarians and Rotarianne enrolled. Please contact PIC Kevin Leung to enroll.
- **4. Aug 26** we will join the cheering team from Choi Jun at 6pm at the HK International Airport to support the 2 of their students participated in our Club's sponsored 'Swimming Above Self' project who will take off to London for the Paralympic Games.
- **5.** Oct 10 the Intercity Meeting on the occasion of the visit of RI Representative, the Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfred Wilkinson. This dinner will be hosted by Area 3. PP Eddy, PP Heman and Pres. Nancy are in the organizing committee.

PP George briefed us all on his visit with Rotarianne Cynthia to RC Makati North in attending their 40^{th} Anniversary. He said that we started our sisterhood 20 years back, and each time that he visited, it was always with very pleasant experience. This year their President is Bob Hecks, an 80 year old gentleman, who asked about PDG Uncle Peter, and Uncle John. PP George also introduced from the photos he took the lady District Governor Susan, and he mentioned their DG Elect Robert Kwan, would like to visit Hong Kong next year and meet with us. During his visit, he and Cynthia being invited to stay in PP Pabling's new house, occupying a 1200' bedroom, being taken around by his chauffeur.

PP George also carried the challenge to HKIE Golfers from those of RC Makati North. They proposed to Joint Club Golf Challenge – with 5-6 golfers playing the first round with us in Hong Kong during probably April next year, and they will reciprocal in the Philippines during July, while we can join their inauguration as well.

IPP Eric announced the winner of Net Score for PP Henry's Golf Tournament being PP Andrew and PP Henry happily presented his gifts to PP Andrew. While he is still on the rostrum, IPP Eric presented his gift to PP Andrew, thanking him for his support during his year, and announcing that he is the Fund Raising Champion of his year, and through his sponsorship we achieved the RI Significant Achievement Award. PP Andrew in turn thanked IPP Eric and his team for bringing a new height for Hong Kong Island East.

DG Kenneth was then invited to present the "RI Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians" to Dir. William Wong who participated in 25 service projects last year. Dir. William subsequently thanked all the members who supported the projects.

PP George then returned to the rostrum and introduced PDG YK Cheng who, according to PP George, needed no introduction of course. He succinctly introduced PDG YK as follows:

PDG YK Cheng joined Rotary in 1983. He was our Club President in the year 1990-91 and also our District Governor in the year 1996 - 97. PDG YK is a very active and devoted Rotarian. He spends quite a lot of his time working in Rotary.

PDG YK was the RI International Assembly Training Leader in 1998 & 1999. He was also the Rotary Institute Training Leader in 2000 and from 2004 to 2008. Starting from 2008, he took on an important role to develop the China market. From 2008 to 2011, he took on the role as the RI President's Special Representative to China. In 2012, he was one of the members in the District China Committee. And this year, he is Chair of the District China Committee. [To know more about PDG YK in Rotary please see the details of his Rotary CV as depicted in the Rotary Potpourri of this week's bulletin.]

On one occasion when President Nancy spoke with him, he shared his Rotary mission that inspired her to take on the role of President of our Club. PDG YK said, "With dedication and diligence, our entire membership will help our Club to scale new heights in our service endeavors. We will continue to produce not simply LEADERS that make a difference IN the world, but LEADERS who make a difference FOR the world."

Before starting on the topic "Rotary - What are PDGs for?" PDG Y.K. Cheng began by thanking PP George Leung for his kind and warm introduction. PDG Y.K. also thanked Pres. Nancy for inviting him to speak. Since DG Kenneth Wong was present, PDG Y.K. remarked that he had to put on his best behavior!

President Nancy did earlier request PDG Y.K. for his Rotary bio, which PDG Y.K. claimed he had never maintained one. He proceeded to prepare one last week. This gave PDG Y.K. the opportunity to reflect on his Rotary journey. He was pleasantly surprised to see how extensively he has served Rotary especially District 3450. And when his wife saw a draft of the bio, her reaction was that had PDG Y.K. devoted the same enthusiasm to making a living, their quality of life in the last 30 years might have been higher!

PDG Y.K. was inducted into our Club in autumn 1985, 28 years ago. He was district governor (DG) of District 3450 in 1996-97; as such, he has been a PDG for over 15 years!

PDG Y.K. remembered very fondly his induction into our Club by the then President Andrew Chen, also present in this luncheon. It was RI Past President Richard King who said that almost all Rotarians remembered the name of their club presidents who inducted them, very few could remember the names of the district governors at the time of induction, and "zero" when it came to the names of the RI Presidents.

PDG Y.K. explained for the benefit of new members the minimum qualification of a DG, which is 7 years in Rotary including 1 full year as club president. The DG is Rotary International (RI)'s representative in a Rotary District, and his/her duty is to lead the District. Associated with DG are abbreviations like DGE (DG Elect), DGN (DG Nominee), DGNN (DG Nominee Nominee), PDG (Past DG),, which may be confusing at times!

RI uses PDGs in many ways:

- 1. Serving in policy committees;
- 2. As Personal Representative of RI Presidents to district conferences all over the world. RI now has 530 districts which makes it impossible for the President to attend each and every conference;
- 3. Taking up special duties in the PDG's own geographical area. For PDG Y.K., he has been RI's special Representative to China since 2008;
- 4. Training assignments. PDG Y.K. was Training Leader at the International Assembly (IA) in 1998 & 1999, and at the Governor Elect Training Seminar (GETS) on many occasions. IA + GETS are the international training grounds for incoming DGs, and having the unique opportunity to teach there is truly an honor.

There are now some 30 PDGs in District3450 starting with Hari Harilela, S.H. Sung, George Choa, Uncle Peter Hall, all the way to David Harilela. Some are less active, others residing outside Hong Kong and Macau, and many of them are very active. They are a valuable resource to our District.

PDGs are "officially" grouped together in District 3450 under the umbrella of the PDG Council. Prior to 2002, the Council was primarily: a. for fellowship, and b. as the nominating committee for selecting a DGN. Times have changed. DG selection is now being dealt with exclusively by a District Nominating Committee. District administration has become more complex, and indeed multi-faceted. RI has since encouraged all PDG Councils to be properly and legally constituted, so that it can function as an adjudicating body, if asked. The role that has remained unchanged is to support the DG. Yet the Council should be fully conscious that it is not a decision making body, and definitely not a "power nucleus". The PDG Council also:

- 1. Acts as a mediator, if required by RI. District 3450 is a very harmonious District; others less so, and the PDG Councils there might have to work extra hard;
- 2. Fills the vacuum in the District structure especially for commitments several years down the road when not even the DGNN has been elected. An example is the bidding and planning work for RI Conventions which demand at least 5-year lead times;
- 3. Advises the DG on possible candidates for RI & The Rotary Foundation (TRF) awards like the RI Service Above Self Award, the TRF Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award;
- 4. Assignments such as that relating to fostering good relationship with other RI Districts in the same Rotary "Zone". RI districts worldwide are classified into 34 Zones for ease of administration. The idea is both to synergize and to minimize tension. In this connection, Y.K. mentioned that he does monitor closely our District's dynamics with districts in Taiwan;
- 5. Lastly, very important: District succession. For Rotary to thrive, we constantly need good people. The Council does not select DGs, nor does it "kingmake". It does not line up candidates for DGN application. It does keep an eye on talents in the District, motivate them, and give them opportunities to serve at District levels. Serving at high levels is one of the pillars in the Effective District portals. PDG Y.K. was happy to see that our District was never short of talents.

PDG Y.K. added that he was delighted by the continuity collaboration exhibited by DG Kenneth, DGE Eugene Fong & DGN Belinda Yeung. This has resulted in the recent District 3450 Strategic Plan and the Vision + Mission Statements, which PDG Y.K. has played a role in its formulation. Leaders move on, yet leadership continues. A quality strategic plan helps a district go a long way.

PDG Y.K. concluded by saying that serving beyond club level is fun, though sometimes tiring. He admitted that he, too, relishes occasional re-cycling! There is certainly life as a PDG.

Both PDG Y.K. & DG Kenneth answered questions raised by our members, which are summarized as follows:

- 1. At the moment, RI has no plan to lengthen the term of a DG from 1 year to 2 years. While 1 year might be short in the event a DG has ambitious plans, 2 years is seen by most as too long and physically strenuous. Indonesia, whose east-west "width" is roughly same as that of Australia, has only 1 district! Likewise, District 2450 consisting of 9 countries in Middle East, Europe and North Africa. If one is to be the DG of these RI districts, 1 year would definitely be enough!
- 2. Currently, the hurdle that RI would need to overcome to blossom in mainland China is the international NGO law which China has yet to promulgate. The recent good news is that Guangdong (GD) province with a population of over 100 million has promulgated its own NGO laws based on which District 3450 clubs could extend/expand into GD. This is very encouraging, and is being seriously looked at by our District.

District 3450 is only 1 district. Whichever RI Zone we belong, we are a "minority". To have greater influence in Zone activities, District 3450 must grow! Hopefully, with the help of China, we could grow fast!

PP Andrew thanked PDG Y.K. for clarifying what PDGs do as a lot of members were wondering. PDG Y.K. is a very good speaker and Pres. Nancy made the right choice. On behalf of the club, he thanked PDG Y.K. for his fine speech.

Next week we have invited another heavy weight speaker DG Adrian Davis from distant part of the Rotary world - ROTARY CLUB OF MONTSERRAT DISTRICT 7030. He would have lots to share with us about Rotary in the Caribbean, and Pres. Nancy urged members to come and attend the meeting to greet another DG visiting us from afar.

At 2:00pm, President Nancy declared the close of the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Clubs of Taipo, New Territories, and Hong Kong Island East. IPP Eric brought all the Winning Certificates to all members to have a look and took the group photo at the end of the meeting to share the joy for those who did not attend the District Installation.

Rotary Potpourri Latest News from IPP Eric Chin about our Clubs' Awards Received

Dear Fellow Members,

I am very pleased to inform you that I was just informed that our Club win ONE more RI Award 2011-2012, namely

*Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East – Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives With similar size of club, RC Tai Po and RC HK South got the same recognition.

Totally, up to Now, our Club won 33 RI and District Awards!

This is a joint efforts of our members and Thank you for all your support!

Best Regards, IPP Eric

Y.K. Cheng's Rotary C.V.

A. Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East

Classification: Structural Engineering Consultant; Joined in October 1983;

Club President: 1990-91

B. RI District 3450

- 1. **Governor** 1996-1997 :
- 2. **Conference Chairman** 1992 at White Swan Hotel, Guangzhou, China
- 3. **District Secretary** 1992-1993
- 4. **District Governor Group Representative** 1993-94 & 1994-95
- 5. **District Governor Nominee** 1995-96
- 6. **District Rotary Foundation Chairman** 1999-2000
- 7. **District Trainer** 2001 to 2004
- 8. **Chairman**, 1st Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference 2004
- 9. **Delegate** to the 2010 RI Council of Legislation, Chicago, U.S.A.

- 10. Member of Council & Chairman of Executive Committee, Hepatitis B District Project for China 2000-2010
- 11. Chairman. PDG Council 2011 to 2013
- 12. Member, District Strategic Planning Committee & Chairman, District China Committee 2012-13

C. International

- 1. Training Leader, International Assembly (IA) 1998 & 1999
- 2. Sergeant at Arms, IA 2004
- 3. RI President's Personal Representatives on 8 occasions to District Conferences in Taiwan, Australia, U.K. & Japan
- **4. Training Leader**, **Governors-Elect Training Seminar** (GETS) 2000, 2001, and 2004 to 2008. **GETS Training Team Leader**, 2000 & 2005.
- 5. Keynote speaker and moderator at Rotary & Zone Institutes 1997 to 2010
- 6. Sergeant at Arms, RI Convention, Osaka 2004
- 7. RI Special Representative to China, 2008 to 2013
- **8.** Former **member**, RI Interact Committee & RI Training Committee
- **D.** The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor & Major Donor
- E. Rotary Awards (RI + TRF)
 RI Service Above Self Award 2002-03
 TRF Citation for Meritorious Service 1999-2000
 TRF Distinguished Service Award 2004-2005

July 2012

The farewell dinner for Rtn. William Leung and Rotarianne Eunice Leung

The farewell dinner for Rtn. William Leung and Rotarianne Eunice Leung was held in the evening on 27 July 2012 at Siu Shun Village Cuisine Restaurant, Megabox, Kowloon Bay, 20 members and Rotarianne attended to bid farewell to Rtn. William who would be leaving us to Chicago to study Clinical Psychology.

Pres. Nancy presented the gift of the Club – a very nice putter selected by Rtn. Kevin, and while on her feet, thanked Rtn. William for his unfailing support as SAA, PIC (Project In Charge) for tree planting project, and advisor to HKCC Rotaract Club, just to name a few. It would be a great loss for Hong Kong Island East to let Rtn. William go, and as such she proposed to have a new position opened, the International PR Chair, so that Rtn. William can continue to promote our club while he is studying abroad.

Rtn. William, in return, thanked Pres. Nancy for opening this wonderful position for him to continue to contribute to the Club, and he stated that the years with Hong Kong Island East have been one of their most happy moments in life and he thanked all who supported them during his Rotarian years. Rotarianne Eunice apart from thanking everyone who have been there for Rtn. William, also invited us to stay with them when we are in Chicago. William and Eunice have been very kind to present us with gifts – for ladies, a jewelry box and for gents, the book that was written by Rtn. William on Dermatoglyphics, one of his specialties.

We all thanked PIC Kevin for a wonderful place and delicious foods for this little party and everyone chit chatted till late and we all bid the Leung's family Bon Voyage.

An epilogue, PP Rudy wrote a little rhyme commemorating the occasion, as follows:

We bid farewell to William in the Megabox
Who did take care of our red box
Thanks to Eunice for her gift jewel box
Now this is time of the Rotarian hubbie [husband] to fill in his wife's empty box.

ENCERCISE SEARCH SOURCE SEARCH FOR THE WEEK

Subject: CHOICE....

A Baptist Preacher was seated next to a cowboy on a flight to Colorado. After the plane took off, the cowboy asked for a whiskey and soda, which was brought and placed before him.

The flight attendant then asked the preacher if he would like a drink. Appalled, the preacher replied, "I'd rather be tied up and taken advantage of by women of ill-repute, than let liquor touch my lips."

The cowboy then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "Me too, I didn't know we had a choice".









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

25 July 2012 Luncheon Meeting Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



Pres. Nancy Yee welcomed DG Kenneth Wong & PDG YK Cheng



PP Andrew Chen, PP Henry Chan & PP Laurence Chan



PP Eddy Wong, Dir Anthony Kwong & PP Heman Lam



IPP Eric Chin showed the Rotary Club of the Year Awards to PDG Uncle Peter Hall & PDG YK Cheng



PP Andy Wong, Pres. Nancy Yee & PP Norman Lee



PP George Leung, PP Andrew Chen, Pres. Nancy Yee & PP Henry Chan



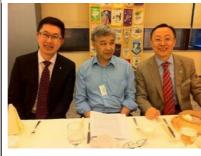
PDG Uncle Peter Hall, PDG YK Cheng (speaker) & Pres. Nancy Yee



DG Kenneth Wong from RC of Tai Po & Hon. Sec. Stacy Ho



Rtn. Dr. Ng Fook Hong & Dir. William Wong



CDS Peter Pang from RC of NT, PP Rudy Law & IPP Dr. Eric Chin



PP Andy Wong & Dir. Kevin Leung



PP George Leung reported his visit to RC of Makati North's Induction Ceremony



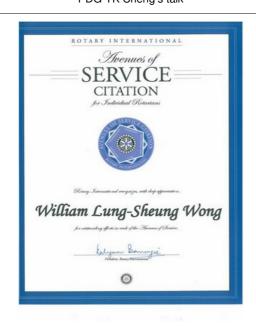
PDG YK Cheng gave us a talk about "What are the roles of the PDGs"



Pres. Nancy Yee presented a Club souvenir to thank PDG YK Cheng's talk



DG Kenneth Wong also shared his view as a District Governor





Dir. William Wong has awarded the Rotary International Avenues of Service Citation Award





IPP Dr. Eric Chin presented a Regal Hotel dining voucher to thank PP Andrew Chen's contribution in helping the Club to get the Rotary International Significant Achievement Award.



PP Andrew Chen also received the souvenir from IPP Dr. Eric Chin



PP Andrew Chen also won a prize at the PP Henry Chan Golf Tournament



PP Eddy Wong, PP Heman Lam & PP Norman Lee



PP Laurence Chan & Dir. Anthony Kwong



PP Henry Chan, PP George Leung & PP Andrew Chen



Group photo with DG Kenneth Wong, CDS Peter Pan & members of HK Island East

27 July 2012 Farewell Dinner - Rtn. William Leung Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



































