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The 41st Rotary Club meeting started with the bell rang at 1:04PM and President Nancy extended the welcome to all members and guests. President Nancy was so sick and almost lost her voice. She had requested PP Eddy to be the acting President to conduct the meeting. There were 17 members present.

PP Eddy opened the meeting by asking whom should he welcome back. Rtn Jonah had missed a few meetings due to severe flu. PP George came to the meeting today to celebrate his birthday and reported the 60th Anniversary Party Organizing Committee's progress.

PP Eddy then read out the notes prepared by President Nancy as follow:

Announcements:

A. District Announcements

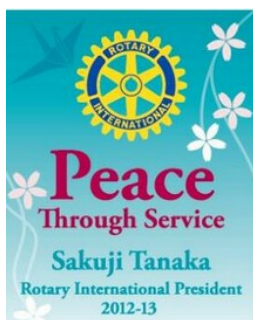
1. A new Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Amizade, Macau, has been admitted to membership in Rotary International. The formal handing over of the chartering certificate to this new club will take place at the coming District Conference. David Ho would be their CP (Chartered President) and IPAG (Immediate Past Assistant Governor) Santos Chu would be the DG (District Governor) Representative to help in promoting the development and growth of this new club.

2. District budget 2013-14

The District Budget for the Rotary Year 2013-2014 will be presented and voted for during the District Assembly on 25.5.2013.

3. Delegation to visit the Shaanxi Province and Beijing next month, May 2013. The whole schedule will run from 16 May to 23 May 2013 as follows:

(i) 16-21 May: Visit to Shaanxi Province (we will leave Shaanxi Province in the afternoon of 21 May). I will leave Hong Kong for Xian (capital city of Shaanxi) on 16 May. For those of you who could not join the flight on 16 May, you could take the flight on 17 May which is a public holiday in Hong Kong. Note that there is only one direct flight from Hong Kong to Xian each day. You are most welcome to join me on the flight of 16 May if you can make it. District Secretary HW Fung and some others have confirmed that they will travel with me on 16 May.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST LTD.

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 16340

District 3450

Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President

PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

(ii) 21-23 May: Visit to Beijing (we will arrive at Beijing in the evening of 21 May and leave on 23 May.)

For details or enquiries, please contact PP Andy.

We would send out the whole schedule and interested party, please contact Pres. Nancy

B. Club Announcements:

1. Go to our Facebook and "LIKE"
2. April 12 - Joint Area 3 Poverty Alleviation Project of M.O.R.E.法力量 –青少年發展計 is going to start a series of vocation talks.
3. April 27 - Careers Expo 2013 - Co-organized by Education Bureau and Rotary Club in Area 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School, 70 Hoi Pa Street, Tsuen Wan, N.T. I am one of the speakers in sharing: Media & Marketing and the latest Trend of advertising
4. May 9 (Thur) - Last Vocational Talk for Poverty Alleviation Project of Holland Hostel Rtn Jonah & me will be the speaker.

It was 1:15PM after the announcements. PP Eddy declared that the speaker will start the speech at 1:30PM and asked everyone to enjoy the lunch first.

PP George came in late and he has made the following announcement while we are having our lunch:

1. Progress of our 60th Anniversary Party Organizing Committee --- PP Norman is negotiating with Harbour Grand Hotel in North Point as our venue for the party. We will secure the venue very soon.
2. The Organizing Committee would like to ask all members to contribute your creativity to set a theme for the party. We would like something with Diamond as 60th anniversary is Diamond Jubilee.
3. A slogan for the party would add in extra memory for the event.
4. PP George has recently talked to a colleague of our late PP Conway. PP Conway's body was buried in his home town side by side with his mother's graveyard. He is now Rest In Peace at home.

PP Eddy then invited our birthday boy PP George to come to the rostrum. PP George selected PP Henry and PP Stephen as the song leaders to sing the birthday song.

SAA Jonah reported the Red Box collection at HK\$1,200.

At 1:30PM sharp, PP Eddy invited our speaker who was none other than our own standard Rotarian Tony Loy who needed no introduction. Rtn. Tony's topic was "Ethnicity and Sports – some thoughts".

Rtn. Tony started the talk by showing some famous athletes photos. The following is the content of the speech:

Different sports required different physical attributes and aptitudes.

Many of the champion men tennis players, for example, are about 6ft1 to 6ft2 in height. Those who are very tall, e.g. 6ft7, and those who are short 5ft9 (Chang) do not do so well.

Basket players are taller the better, but not the soccer players, rugby players or weight lifters.

West Africans e.g. Nigerians, the racial origins of USA blacks as strong slaves from the past, tend to be tall and muscular, thus they dominate the basket games, field and tracks. Jamaican sprinters are of the same origin.

But not all field and tracks, as the East Africans e.g. Ethiopians, Kenyans, excel in long distance running. They are short, thin and skinny, but seem to be able to run for ever without tiring out. May be this is their genetic selection in living in high altitude tablelands, not fertile, had to run fast and for long distance to survive for thousand of years. Even to go to school in the modern times. The Masai can stand with a long stick for days in the desert.

Yet not all sports are suited to the black people. The short putters, pole vaults etc are often Northern Europeans or Scandinavians with strong upper bodies.

There are sports that require intensive training, repetitive practices for years for the skills, and the Asians seem to be good (or are willing to) in these. For example, the Japanese excelled in table tennis and then swimming. Table tennis is now taken over by the Chinese but in the same vein. For badminton, gymnastics, weight lifting, diving, shooting, skating etc, a lot of hard work and practice is required. Not only that, starting early, sacrificing childhood enjoyments and youth pleasures is often needed to exchange for the needed skill. But that is not only racial, but also national emphasis.

Success in sports depends also on climate e.g. ice hockey in Canada, badminton in Indonesia. And culture, as boys play soccer anywhere in Brazil. And history, as cricket in Britain, ANZ, India, Pakistan, South Africa etc. Advertisement and big money commercial sponsorship are also important factors.

With this, we can foresee the Asians getting more prominent in skill-important sports, as billiard, snooker, or even golf.

Of course, with thousands of youths and children sacrificing, it may only produce a handful of top athletes, What will be fate of those not good enough to get to the top?一將功成萬骨枯!!! The success of one general is built on the perishing of ten thousands.

And (God) hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth... Book of Acts 17:26. 他(神) 從一本造出萬族的人，住在全地上...使徒行傳十七 26.

During the Q&A time, PP George asked if Rtn. Tony has heard of the hypothesis that the originality of mankind is from Africa. Rtn. Kishu said that there are also social Economic issues which could affect the sports development in different Ethnic groups.

PP Rudy was asked to thank the speaker. PP Rudy said that coaching is important and concentration is also as important for the athletic development, but electronic games destroy concentration. PP Rudy asked the floor to thank the speaker in our usual Rotary manner.

Next meeting: Next week we have one of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars in Hong Kong this year, Miranda Wang to tell us a short story. Our official speaker will be our own PP Hubert Chan. His topic will be "The Meaning of Home Automation".

The meeting ended in time after a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of HK Island East.



Rotary Potpourri

Awardees of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013

Congratulation to our Past President Hubert Chan who has received the honor as one of the Awardees of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013 announced on April 18, 2013.



LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Subject: Golf Handicaps

A businessman was attending a conference in Africa. He had a free day and wanted to play a round of golf and was directed to a golf course in the nearby jungle. After a short journey, he arrived at the course and asked the pro if he could get on.

"Sure," said the pro, "What's your handicap?"

Not wanting to admit that he had an 18 handicap, he decided to cut it a bit.

"Well, it's 16," said the businessman, "but what's the relevance since I'll be playing alone?"

"It's very important for us to know," said the pro, who then called a caddy.

"Go out with this gentleman," said the pro, "his handicap is 16."

The businessman was very surprised at this constant reference to his handicap. The caddy picked up the businessman's bag and a large rifle. Again, the businessman was surprised, but decided to ask no questions. They arrived on the 1st hole, a par-4.

"It's wise to avoid those trees on the left," said the caddy. Needless to say, the businessman duck-hooked his ball into the trees. He found his ball and was about to punch it out when he heard the loud crack of the rifle and a large snake fell dead from a tree above his head.

The caddy stood next to him with the rifle smoking in his hand. "That's the Black Mamba, the most poisonous snake in all Africa. You're lucky I was here with you."

After taking a bogey, they moved to the 2nd hole, a par-5. "Good to avoid those bushes on the right," says the caddy. Of course, the businessman's ball went straight into the bushes. As he went to pick up his ball, he heard the loud crack of the caddy's rifle once again, and a huge lion fell dead at his feet.

"I've saved your life again," said the caddy.

The 3rd hole was a par-3 with a lake in front of the green. The businessman's ball came up just short of the green and rolled back to the edge of the water. To take a shot, he had to stand with one foot in the lake. As he was about to swing, a large crocodile emerged from the water and bit off much of his right leg. As he fell to the ground bleeding and in great pain, he saw the caddy with the rifle propped at his side, looking on unconcernedly.

"Why didn't you kill it?" asked the man incredulously.

"I'm sorry, sir," said the caddy. "This is the 17th handicap hole.

You don't get a shot here."

And that, my golfing friends, is why you should never lie about your handicap!



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

17 April 2013 - Luncheon Meeting
Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East



PP Heman Lam, Guest Speaker - Rtn. Tony Loy
& Pres. Nancy Yee



Acting meeting Chair PP Eddy Wong,
Dir. Teresa Ho & Rtn. Freddie Wu



PP Henry Chan & PP Rudy Law



PP Heman Lam & Rtn. Kishu Narain



PP Stephen Liu & PP Laurence Chan



Acting SAA Jonah Cheung & Dir. William Wong



PP Uncle John Kwok & PP George Leung



PP Andy Wong & PP Heman Lam



Guest Speaker - Rtn. Tony Loy gave a very interesting talk on Races & Sport



This week's birthday boy is PP George Leung who invited PP Henry and PP Stephen as the song leaders



Group photo with members of Hong Kong Island East