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Last week's Proceedings - 05 August 2015



This was a very healthy turn out of members and guests – around 25 people joined together to see our very special guest speaker PDG Ada Cheng come and give her presentation on eradicating polio in Africa. When President William kicked off proceedings at 1pm, he began by giving a very warm welcome to PDG Ada, who is no stranger to our club and was

delighted to be back. PP Heman was then invited to

welcome all of our guests who were as follows: George Mills of Port Macquarie Sunrise (D9650). George is a returning visitor to our club and it was a delight to see him back. Cindy Chiu, RC Wanchai, CP Patrick Poon, HK Harbour, Samuel Poon,



HK Harbour (any relation? Yes! Samuel is Patrick's son..), and PE Connie Cheung of e-Club. What a great bunch of visitors and we were so pleased to welcome them all.



There some welcome back messages also, notably PP David Li, Rtn Kenny Chan and Rtn Stacy, and just to make this even more of a megaluncheon, we had 5 birthday boys to

celebrate! These were PP Uncle John, PP Laurence, Director Kevin, and Rtn. Kenny Chan. Uncle John invited PP Hubert to lead the birthday song, which was sung in earnest by all. This was becoming something of a party! P William then also



than a Rolex we might add!

SAA John Poon then announced the superduper Red Box donations as HK\$2,900! Great effort by all. P William then read out the announcements, before inviting PP Eddy to introduce PDG Ada. Ada began by expressing her



close relationship with our club, before starting her presentation on Polio-Free Africa, during which she talked about the great progress made in eradicating the disease from our planet, and the great contribution of RI in getting there. After her inspiring talk, PP Hubert Chan was invited to thanks PDG Ada, after an extensive series of questions on the subject. We all then gave a toast to RI, as well as the various other Rotary Clubs of our visitors and RC HKIE before ending the session with a larger than usual photo gathering.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST 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

SPOTLIGHT ON - Polio-Free Africa



PDG Ada began by reminding us all that the RI commitment to eradicating polio has spanned 3 decades. The fight to end polio is led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which includes Rotary International, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and governments

of the world, with the support of many others around the globe. Since the global polio eradication initiative began 1985, Rotary and its partners have reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide from 350,000 cases in 1988 to 223 cases – an all time low – in 2012. Rotary's chief role is fundraising, advocacy, and mobilizing volunteers..

In early 2014, we celebrated one of the world's greatest achievements in global health: **India** being declared polio-free. India was once considered the hardest place on earth to stop polio. Now, India's success proves polio can be stopped in even the most challenging conditions. achievements in global health: India being declared polio-free. India was once considered the hardest place on earth to stop polio. Now, India's success proves polio can be stopped in even the most challenging conditions.

One important milestone is in Nigeria, where 24th July 2015 marked one year since Nigeria's last case of wild poliovirus, and 11th August 2015 will mark one year since the last case of polio in Africa! Only three countries in the world are now polio-endemic. These are Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

Rotary marked World Polio Day 2014 with US\$44.7 million in grants to fight polio in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.



With the world "This Close" - 99% to eliminating polio from the planet, the effort is receiving an additional US\$ 44.7 million boost from Rotary to support immunization activities, surveillance, and research spearheaded by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which aims to end the disabling viral disease worldwide by 2018. Rotarians have dedicated their time and their personal resources to keep children safe from this disease by immunizing them, donating money, raising funds, and urging governments to support cause.

Rotary has donated US\$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than US\$200 million designated for Nigeria.

In June 2015, Rotary granted US\$19 million to support polio eradication efforts in Africa, including US \$9.9 million for Nigeria.

The remaining 1% of polio cases are the most difficult to prevent because the virus persists in the hardest to reach places.

PDG Ada, then summarized why we need more funding to continue the fight, and how we can all play our part.

The Risk

Lacking of funding will decrease immunization rates in polio-affected countries. Until polio is eradicated everywhere, no unvaccinated child is safe anywhere. If polio rebounds, more than 200,000 children worldwide could be paralyzed each year within a decade.

The Challenge

2013-2018 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan:-

- Estimated cost: US\$5.5 billion
- Funding commitments: US\$4 billion
- Funding gap (if commitments are met): US\$1.5 billion

How YOU can help to raise awareness of this progress:-

- Distribute a Press Release to news outlets
- Share the good news on social media, using Rotary graphics, infographics and video
- Thank politicians and government for their supporting of polio eradication
- Encourage your networks to donate
- Donate
- Host a club meeting or event dedicated to polio eradication
- Make a Contribution- Your support can protect a child for life.
- Hold Community Fundraising Events
- Ask Businesses to Contribute
- Be an Advocate- Contact elected officials, business leaders, friends, and the media to promote polio eradication.
- Share Your Voice- Visit endpolionow.org and share this site with the people on your social networks, and ask them to do the same.



Out & About - Installation time!



The District Membership and Installation Seminar was held on August 8th at the World Trade Centre, and a healthy large group assembled from many clubs turned out to enjoy some

fellowship chatter and catching up, before turning their attending to a lively presentation by PDG Jones Wong, who ran through a brief history of Rotary, before outlining what it takes to get new members in – and then keep them! PDG Jones was very entertaining and also stripped off his shirt to reveal his Rotarian 'superman' tee-shirt underneath. But the message was loud and clear. Work hard to get in quality new members, and work even harder to make sure they stay with us. A great short but meaningful session. President William and PE Chris joined in the fun.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following are our club announcements:

- 1. Our Sister Club RC Penang will celebrate their 85th anniversary on Oct 9. Any members who are interested to join, please contact P William.
- 2. The tentative inauguration date of our provisional RAC THEi is on Oct 3rd Saturday, members please pencil the date in your dairy, come to join this big day of our club and support the youth.
- Uncle Peter Golf Tournament. Golf – Sept 7 morning in Fanling HK Golf Club BBQ Dinner – Sept 7 evening, Hong Kong Country Club to celebrate Uncle Peter's birthday and prizes presentation.

District Announcements:

4. District Fellowship Party

- Bollywood Nights on Saturday, Oct 24. Please contact RIC or P William if you want to go.
- The Awards Presentation Ceremony 2014-2015 and District Rotaract Installation 2015-2016 will be held on Sunday Aug 16 2015 starting at 1.00pm in the Charles K. Kao Auditorium of Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin. We encourage RAC advisors to join. P William, PE Chris and RAC HKCC IPP Hazel will join.
- 6. Attending the installation is no charge and the Italian Restaurant, lunch fee is HK\$300.00.
- Invitation to The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) part 1-3 Training. Part 1 Sept 19 Saturday 9.30am 4.45pm. Fees and Venue: TBC Below 15 enrolment: RIC,HK\$300.00 including lunch. Above 15 enrolment, Regal Hong Kong Hotel HK\$500.00 including lunch. Part 2 & 3 will be held in Oct 17, 2015 and Nov 28, 2015. Deadline for enrolment will be Sept 1, 2015.

THE LAST LAUGH - For people who take life too seriously

1. SAVE THE WHALES. COLLECT THE WHOLE SET.

- 2. A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE IS LIKE NIGHT.
- 3. ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU HAVE DIFFERENT FINGERS.
- 4. I JUST GOT LOST IN THOUGHT. IT WASN'T FAMILIAR TERRITORY.
- 5. 42.7 PERCENT OF ALL STATISTICS ARE MADE UP ON THE SPOT.
- 6. 99 PERCENT OF LAWYERS GIVE THE REST A BAD NAME.
- 7. I FEEL LIKE I'M DIAGONALLY PARKED IN A PARALLEL UNIVERSE.
- 8. HONK IF YOU LOVE PEACE AND QUIET.
- 9. REMEMBER, HALF THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW ARE BELOW AVERAGE.
- 10. HE WHO LAUGHS LAST, THINKS SLOWEST.
- 11. DEPRESSION IS MERELY ANGER WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM.
- 12. THE EARLY BIRD MAY GET THE WORM, BUT THE SECOND MOUSE GETS THE CHEESE.
- 13. I DRIVE WAY TOO FAST TO WORRY ABOUT CHOLESTEROL.
- 14. SUPPORT BACTERIA. THEY'RE THE ONLY CULTURE SOME PEOPLE HAVE.
- 15. MONDAY IS AN AWFUL WAY TO SPEND 1/7 OF YOUR WEEK.
- 16. A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS USUALLY THE SIGN OF A BAD MEMORY.
- 17. CHANGE IS INEVITABLE, EXCEPT FROM VENDING MACHINES.
- 18. GET A NEW CAR FOR YOUR SPOUSE. IT'LL BE A GREAT TRADE!
- 19. PLAN TO BE SPONTANEOUS TOMORROW.
- 20. ALWAYS TRY TO BE MODEST, AND BE PROUD OF IT!
- 21. IF YOU THINK NOBODY CARES, TRY MISSING A COUPLE OF PAYMENTS.
- 22. HOW MANY OF YOU BELIEVE IN PSYCHO-KINESIS? RAISE MY HAND.
- 23. OK, SO WHAT'S THE SPEED OF DARK?
- 24. HOW DO YOU TELL WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF INVISIBLE INK?
- 25. IF EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL, YOU HAVE OBVIOUSLY OVERLOOKED SOMETHING.
- 26. WHEN EVERYTHING IS COMING YOUR WAY, YOU'RE IN THE WRONG LANE.
- 27. HARD WORK PAYS OFF IN THE FUTURE. LAZINESS PAYS OFF NOW.
- 28. EVERYONE HAS A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY. SOME JUST DO NOT HAVE FILM.
- 29. IF BARBIE IS SO POPULAR, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BUY HER FRIENDS?
- 30. HOW MUCH DEEPER WOULD THE OCEAN BE WITHOUT SPONGES?
- 31. EAGLES MAY SOAR, BUT WEASELS DO NOT GET SUCKED INTO JET ENGINES.
- 32. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU GET SCARED HALF TO DEATH TWICE?
- 33. I USED TO HAVE AN OPEN MIND BUT MY BRAINS KEPT FALLING OUT.
- 34. I COULDN'T REPAIR YOUR BRAKES, SO I MADE YOUR HORN LOUDER.
- 35. WHY DO PSYCHICS HAVE TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR NAME?
- 36. INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON IS A YOUNGER PERSON WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED.
- 37. JUST REMEMBER IF THE WORLD DID NOT SUCK, WE WOULD ALL FALL OFF.
- 38. LIGHT TRAVELS FASTER THAN SOUND, WHICH IS WHY SOME PEOPLE APPEAR BRIGHT UNTIL YOU HEAR THEM SPEAK.
- Club postal address Meeting Venue Meeting Schedules Website Facebook
- : P.O.Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, Hong Kong : Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong : Every Wed. at 12:30 pm
- : http://hkie.rotary3450.org/
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