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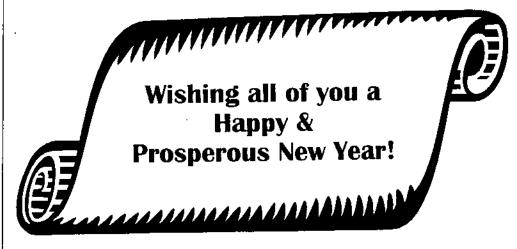
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What Happened Last Week

There was no mistaking what this meeting was all about: When members walked in the door they were enveloped by the strains of Christmas music.

To get the meeting under way, President Li gave a special welcome to Molly and Tabatha Soltay, wife and daughter respectively of PP Leslie; to Elaine Lam, wife of PP Sam; to DGN Anthony Hung (Tai Po) and Assistant DG Johnson Chu (Peninsula). Rtn Robert then welcomed the rest of the visitors and guests:

Rolf Bodenmueller (HK)

Benny Ratnani (HKNE)

Lal Hardasani (Peninsula)

Lydia, Janet, Mandy, Ada, Winnie (IPP Hubert)

Elsa, Annie, Joei (Pres. Li)

Cecilia, Jane (PP George)

Edmond Poon (Rtn Rudy)

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Two birthday boys were honoured this week: Rtns Ron Forte and Chris Howe were given rousing best wishes, lead for the last time by PP Rob Fielding.

Pres. Li gave notice that PDG Uncle Peter would be giving a talk on Rotary Intellectual Property at the Hong Kong Hotel on 23 December, 1997 at 12:30 pm. The lunch would cost \$245 per head and all were welcome to attend.

PP Dave was the Acting Sergeant and notified members that \$2,300 had been donated and 27 members were present for the meeting.

IPP Hubert then gave the Rotary information for the week, speaking on Functional Illiteracy.

PEC.Y. took over as MC of the Christmas festivities. This got under way with some popular Christmas carols, ably lead by Pres. Li and Rtn Joseph. This was followed by the drawing of prizes by Uncle Peter. Prizes were won by Rtn Robert, PP Leslie, Rtn Ron Forte (bottle of Remy Matin), PP George (bottle of Chivas Regal) and IPP Hubert (\$1000).

By this time, members were sufficiently hyped up with the Christmas spirit and ready to take on Christmas 1997.

President Li therefore closed the meeting with a toast to RC of Tai Po.



Rtn Ron Forte receives his chopsticks for his birthday.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN DENVER

Singer John Denver of Rocky Mountain High and Country Road fame, died in a plane crash in Monterey Bay in California in October. He was 53 years of age. John Denver was known to be committed to environmental causes. During his last visit to Hong Kong in 1994, he planted banyan trees in Wan Chai.

John Denver was no stranger to Rotary as well. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and was Moderator of a Plenary Session on Preserve Planet Earth at the Rotary International Convention held on Monday, 3 June 1991 in Mexico City. It was the year when the visionary Paulo V.C. Costa was Rotary International President and it was the year he introduced Preserve Planet Earth to Rotary which has since become a regular Rotary program. That day, Denver not only delighted an audience of 15,000 with two songs, he also shared his wisdom with Rotarians in a speech about what we should do to safeguard our precious planet home.

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PP Sam on his best behaviour with wife Elaine.



A happy Christmas family, PP Leslie with wife Molly and daughter Tabatha.

Rotary service to women (continue from Issue No. 22)
Rotary projects around the world work to improve women's standard of living through a variety of service projects that include vocational training, prenatal care, revolving loan funds, basic health service, and aid for battered women.

- ★The Rotary Club of Islamabad, Pakistan has established two female literacy centers. The literacy classes also train women on subjects such as family health care, hygiene, and incomegenerating activities.
- ★In Quezon City, The Philippines, Rotarians created an Income-Generating Skills Program that trains unemployed mothers to make crafts that are then sold in department stores and supermarkets in Manila.
- ★The Rotary Club of Presidente Venceslau, Brazil, developed a project to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer. The club created the Venceslau Cancer Association to assist cancer victims and their families. The association also runs local cancer campaigns.

- ★ The Rotary Club of West Knoxville, Tennessee helped fund an institute aimed at building skill among people reentering the work force after a long dependency on welfare or federal aid. The majority of those enrolled in the program were single mothers who needed assistance balancing work and school.
- ★In Guatemala, a Rotary Foundation 3-H (Health, Hunger, and Humanity) Grant is teaching women about health and nutrition for themselves and their newborn babies. The program also provides nutritional supplements for the infants. Women are also recipients of Rotary awards.

The 1996 Rotary Award for World Understanding (RAWU), the organization's most prestigious award, was given to Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Ogata began her international career as a 1951-52 Rotary Foundation Scholar at Georgetown University in the US. She was among the first female scholars and the second overall scholar from Japan.

Other past women RAWU recipients include Lady Hermione Ranfurly of Great Britain in recognition of her longtime commitment to literacy and Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, founder of Canada's Unitarian Service Committee, a humanitarian organization.

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With Tbilisi club, Rotary country count climbs to 158

The Republic of Georgia has become the ninth former Soviet republic to join the Rotary family. The Rotary Club of Tbilisi, Georgia's capital city, was admitted to RI on Dec. 3. The new club is cosponsored by the Rotary clubs of Wrington Vale, England, and Springfield, Oregon, USA. Its activities have been overseen by Edouard Calefas, presidential extension administrator for the Special Extension Area which includes Georgia and Armenia.

The Tbilisi club's 26 charter members are professionals in medicine, government service, finance, university education, tourism, engineering and television broadcasting. The group formed several years ago and is already engaged in a number of Rotary service projects. Their main international contacts have been with Rotarians in Australia, England, Germany and the U.S.

In addition to Russia, former Soviet bloc countries that have Rotary clubs are Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine.



Rtn Joseph: "Now Elsa, just a little higher!"



Music! Music! Music! Pres. Li and Rtn Joseph beat out the Christmas carols.



Uncle Peter "Well, Anthony, this is how we celebrate Christmas here."

"Ha! Ha! Ha! Christmas Happy show our Love" with the deaf students....



Laugh For The Week:

One evening a husband comes home to his apartment very roughed up. When his wife sees him she asks: "What happened to you?"

"I got into a fight with the apartment manager."

"Whatever for?" she asked.

"He said he had slept with every woman in the building except one!"

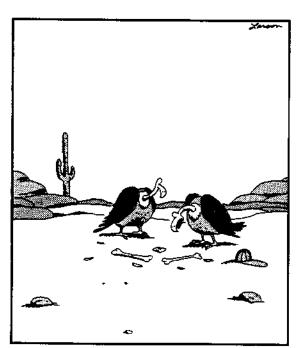
"Hmmm. I bet it's that stuck-up Mrs Jones on the third floor."

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Husband: "Your birthday is coming up, so I'd like some idea of what you'd like."

Wife: "I want a divorce!"

Husband: "I'm really sorry, but I hadn't planned to spend that much."



"Talk about adding insult to injury!
Not only did we arrive late, but they deliberately left his organ-donor card."

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What Happened Last Week

For the first meeting of 1998, President Li took the rostrum and wished all members, visitors and guests a "Happy New Year!" He also extended a special welcome to long-standing member Emperor Cheung and visiting President, Kelvin Wong (Admiralty).

PE C.Y. introduced the remainder of the visitors and guests: Rtn John Rich (Walkerville, South Australia) Rtn Terry Kyte (Slow Berks, UK)

> Chester Tsui (Uncle Peter) Mike Stokoe (Speaker) Mabel Mak (Speaker's assistant)

Rtns John Rich and Terry Kyte then exchanged banners with President Li.

There was only one birthday boy this week: PP T.K. Ghose. T.K. selected President Li for a change to lead the birthday choir.

This week, there were quite a number of announcements to be made:

- 1. Two challenges have been made to the nomination of "Dippo" Dipposani for DGN. It was required of our club to endorse, not endorse, or abstain from these challenges. After a little disorganized confusion, members supported the Board's decision to not endorse the challenges.
- 2. To date, there are 10 nominees for PDG Uncle Peter's Golf Tournament. Additional members were invited to nominate.
- 3. The Board has taken the decision to change the 18 February lunch meeting to a 19 February (Thursday) evening meeting. This will be an opportunity to farewell Rtn Murray Macdonald who is returning to New Zealand.
- 4. Some concern has been expressed by members to the weekly draw which obliges one member to make a 5 minute address to the meeting. Some members feel this places unnecessary pressure on them when they come along to relax and enjoy the fellowship. Other members who feel the same way were asked to discuss their concerns with PE C.Y.

5. President Li expressed his congratulations to the following members who have attained 100% attendance for the first half of the Rotary year:

Rtn Ron Forte Rtn Kenny Chan
Rtn Murray Macdonald PE C.Y. Fu
Uncle Peter Hall PP John Kwok
President David Li Rtn Alex Ling
Rtn Roy Grubb IPDG Y.K. Cheng

Rtn Murray, standing in as Sergeant, reported that \$2,180 had been donated and gave special thanks to Rtn Ates (\$500) and PP T.K. (\$250).

Rtn Roy Grubb introduced the speaker, Mr Mike Stokoe, Deputy Director of the Environmental Protection Department. Mike is a chemical engineer with a special interest in environmental problems. He gave a very interesting talk, supported by slides, on atmospheric pollution in Hong Kong. It would seem from the figures he provided that the air quality is gradually improving in Hong Kong but nitrogen dioxide is still a major problem. It is an emission from power plants and motor vehicles. Numerous laws have been enacted over the past decade and these have significantly reduced the levels of sulphur, carbon and lead in the air. Clearly, however, more needs to be done - as we all can see most days. Some measures in the pipeline are:

- •Stringently testing emissions from 10% of commercial motor vehicles each year.
- •Strengthening the enforcement of penalties on smoky vehicles.
- •Dynamometer testing of all vehicles on a regular basis.
- •The substitution of LPG for gasoline, especially in all taxis.

It was good to see that one government department at least is doing a commendable job in Hong Kong.

PP George then thanked Mike for his presentation.

The meeting then closed with a toast proposed to the Rotary Club of Admiralty.



Rin David Wei takes care of visitor Terry Kyte (UK).



Two Aussies sharing the fellowship, PP Rob with Rtn John Rich (South Australia).



Pres. Li takes care of speaker Mike Stokoe..







Pres. Li exchanges banners with Terry Kyte from UK,

UNESCO Bestows peace prize on French Rotarian

Dr. Francois Giraud, a Rotarian and retired physician, received the 1997 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education, its highest honor, at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, Wednesday, 10 December. An international jury unanimously recommended Dr. Giraud for the award, citing his work over 20 years to promote peace education, particularly amount young people.

In 1977, Giraud created his own Peace Prize for youth in high school and post-secondary school levels. Students submit essays on subjects addressing universal tolerance and cooperation to win a place at Dr. Giraud's International Summer Peace University held annually in France.

Visitors and guests to and Eastern Europe. conducted in several lar

The Peace University project brings together young people from all over the world in an exchange program where they learn and share insights on peace. The competition, sponsored by Rotary clubs in France, was expanded before the Iron Curtain fell in 1987 to include Central

Solomon Island schoolchildren to benefit from large-scale Rotary literacy project

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have approved a new Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grant of nearly US\$400,000 to introduce a well-tested Rotary literacy method to all Solomon Island primary schools. The four-year project to implement Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) in schools will reach nearly 19,000 children and is expected to serve as a model for a literacy campaign across the Pacific.

The CLE literacy method fosters creative and interactive learning, teaches children about health and family issues, and encourages them to



Visitors and guests to the club, 7 January, 1998.

and Eastern Europe. The competition is now conducted in several languages.

Motivated by the profound effects of his childhood during World War II, Giraud dedicated his life to promoting peace. He authored a book, History of Hope, based on these experiences and has also written numerous articles advocating peace education.

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share knowledge with their families. Many of the teaching materials are hand-made by local teachers who are trained in CLE. The books feature pictures and stories which are drawn from the local experience and use vocabulary which relates to area customs and practices.

The sustainable project will be continued by the Solomons' Ministry of Education and Human Resources once Rotary funding ceases. Pilot work for the project, which was organized by the Rotary clubs of Victoria, Australia and Honiara, Solomon Islands, has been conducted for nearly two years,

and Rotary members in the two clubs will continue to administer and monitor the project.

The Honiara club will coordinate the purchase and distribution of classroom equipment and materials and will identify needs for additional health or nutritional projects. Australian Rotarians will collect donated books and classroom supplies and two Rotarian literacy experts are serving as project

consultants.

The Solomon Island initiative is the third Rotary Foundation-sponsored "Lighthouse" literacy project. Its predecessors have been successfully established in Thailand and Bangladesh. The Rotary Lighthouse strategy supports replicable projects that work toward mass alleviation of illiteracy in the developing world

Women's health pioneer to receive Rotary's highest honor

Dr. Catherine Hamlin, recognized as the world leader in the treatment of vaginal fistula, has been chosen to receive the 1998 Rotary Award for World understanding, the organization's highest honor. Hamlin, 73, co-founder and director of the Addis Ababa Fistula hospital in Ethiopia, was cited for her skill and tireless humanitarian work. The award will be presented in June at the Rotary international (RI) Convention in Indianapolis.

Hamlin came to Ethiopia from Australia with her late husband, Dr. Reginald Hamlin, in 1959. Since then, she has treated thousands of indigenous women who suffer from the devastating condition of vaginal fistula. Because of poor access to obstetrical services, a sizable number of adolescent and young women in Ethiopia and other developing countries often suffer severe trauma during childbirth. As a consequence, these young women become incontinent and are frequently made outcasts by their communities and families.

Hamlin, in addressing Rotary's Presidential Peace Conference, November 14, in Addis Ababa, called the condition a "silent, hidden epidemic, representing

a vast reservoir of human misery and suffering."Initially the success rate of fistula treatment was low but with continuing research by the Hamlins, it gradually improved and today exceeds 90 percent. Of equal significance has been the assistance given to surgeons and medical students from many countries, they have been able to raise the success rate in the treatment of this condition.

Every year, the Rotary Award for World understanding is given to an individual whose life or work exemplifies international understanding, goodwill and peace. The award includes a grant of US\$100,000 for contribution to a charitable project, chosen by the recipient, that promotes Rotary's mission to advance world understanding.

Following Hamlin's November 14 speech, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Clifford L. Dochterman surprised her with the announcement that she had been chosen to receive the RI award. The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital will be the beneficiary of the US\$100,000 Rotary Foundation grant that accompanies it.

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Laugh For The Week:

Well, I've always thought men get a raw deal. These jokes prove it:

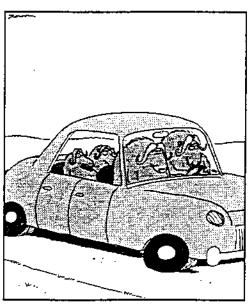
What's a man's idea of foreplay? A half-hour of begging.

How can you tell if a man is sexually excited? He's breathing.

The three stages of sex life of a man: Tri-weekly. Try weekly. Try weakly.

What's the difference between a new husband and a new dog?

After a year, the dog is still excited to see you.



"It wasn't me, Dad. It was Randy's musk glands!"

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Last week's meeting

- The meeting began at 1:32 last week [it ended late too Ed] with a warm welcome to our former member, PDG Moses. Our only other visitor was PP Morris Lee from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North East. Quality without quantity. The microphone was turned up really high, even for aging, deaf acting-editors. Quantity without quality.
- Although no visiting members brought banners for exchange, we did receive one from Canberra via our newly-returned Rtn. Robin. We welcomed Rtn. Official Receiver Robin (O.R. of the Sergeant-at-Arms donations, that is) back into our fold at the same time.
- Amongst the high percentage of members present who were also Past District Governors was IPDG Y. K. We had the pleasure of singing the birthday song for him. He gets younger every year!
- There were logistics problems with the commemorative birthday photograph as President Li had hidden the camera in his bag, but between them Murray and Li sorted it out. Sharp fellows those two.
- Pres. Li reminded us that in lieu of our lunch meeting on 18th February, we would have a dinner on the 19th of February to farewell Rtns. Murray and Ron. Be there! Two fine Rotarians deserve our fond farewells we shall be most sorry to see them go.
- Pres. Li also announced that Uncle Peter's golf tournament would be held on the 12th of February. With the drop in land prices, the winner will be presented with a golf club this year probably Fanling, though the committee is said to be negotiating over Shek O as well.
- And finally, he told us that under a district project, Rotary in HK & Macau plans to send between HK\$100,000 and \$150,000 in cash or essential supplies to the Chinese Earthquake Fund.
- Sam't-at-Arms Robin announced that 24 members were present and that the collection for the day, which would also go to the earthquake victims, amounted to four thousand dollars.
- PP Hubert put a reverse twist on Rotary information this week. He wanted Rotary Information from us! He posed questions to us in the hope of extracting basic information about the organisation from his audience. One was a trick question and drew a number of guesses: What is the official song of Rotary? For those not at the meeting, it may come as a surprise that 'R-O-T-A-R-Y, that spells Ro-tar-eee' is not the official song. In fact, there is no official karaoke title. [Huh, that's no surprise to me! Acting Ed. Roy].

PE C.Y.'s - Half-Yearly report for Club Service

Fellowship

Recent achievements: a boat launch and seafood dinner was held on 25/10/97, a humour night was held on 8/12/97 and the Christmas Party was held together with the 4 schools for the deaf on 14/12/97

Coming up: The Spring Dinner party together with the farewell to Rtn Murray will be held on 19/2/98 and the Annual Party will be held on 18/4/98 at the Jockey Club. Three Club Assemblies have been held, two more will be heid on 4/3/98 & 20/5/98.

Attendance and Sergeant

The attendance of the Club till 12/97 was 64%. There were eight 100-percenters. At the same time, there were a few members below 50%.

The Sergeant-at-Arms has been doing well. The total collection for this year up to December 97 was more than \$50,000.

Membership

Two members were inducted at the beginning of the Rotary year, but since then, no new members have been introduced, in spite of PP Andrew Chen's effort in organizing the membership committee consisting of all the team leaders.

Furthermore, among the 2 new members inducted, Rtn. Richard has left for the States due to work relocation. Rtn. Murray will return to New Zealand, Rtn. Arron Keung has resigned and Rtn. Ron will soon return to the USA.

Therefore we need to recruit some good quality members for the balance of the Year.

Rtn. Rudy's - Half-Yearly Report for **Community Services**

Rudy thanked Rtn Henry for his generous help in the past six months.

Scholarships and Bursaries Granted

- (a) HK Polytechnic University Bursary Bunny Wang HK\$ 7,500 Memorial Fund
- (b) HK Schools Music Festival Junior Exhibitor Award HK\$ 3,600
- HK Seas School Sponsorship of 2 students

HK\$ 7,200

(d) Lingnan College - Bursary HK\$ 5,000



week's BB, PDG YK (a code understood only by Rotarians)



Visiting PDG Moses looks happy, but whatever happened to the usually-smiling Rtn.Henry?"



PDG Peter addresses the table

Pui Ching Middle School - Award for Computer Excellence to 2 students

HK\$2,000

Note: Outstanding items to be executed

(a) City University - William Ling Memorial Fund HK\$5,000 HK\$10,000

(b) Victoria Park School for the Deaf Student Scholarship and Staff Development Fund

Community Project (to be submitted for 1997-1998 District Award)

(a) Immigrants Cantonese Class (November/December 1997) & Graduation Gala Day on December 28 1997

HK\$12,324

- -jointly organised with Eastern District Office & Eastern District Council,
- -assisted by Island East Roteract Club
- -original budget was approved HK\$25,300
- (b) PC Project for Chung Shan School
 - -free donation of ten 486PC from Sun Hung Kai Property (with help from PP John Luk)
 - -with the kind offering of safe keeping warehouse by IPP Hubert Chan
 - -to be delivered upon receipt of import license from China
 - -budget to be estimated for someout of pocket expenses in installation
- (c) Ning Sha Water Well Project
 - -with the leadership of IPP Hubert, we have secured the donations of 350 wells (US\$100 each)
 - -pending for a formal letter from Ning Xia city government to issue a letter for recognition
 - -a plaque with the Club's name on it will be erected for such donation.
- (d) Christmas party with Victoria Park School for the Deaf (Show Rotary Care Program)
- -with the chair of VP Desmond, the event was organised on December 14, 1997 at Chinese University
 - -Victoria Park was host to invite 3 other schools for the deaf in Hong Kong.
 - -with the help from both Roteract Clubs of Island East and Lingnan College
- (e) School Project Joint with Kai Fong Association
 - -with the chair of Rtn Henry Chan, a primary school project is already under construction in Guang Dong Province Fung Kai County, to be completed by September 1998
 - the donation was made up of HK\$100,000 from the Kai Fong Association Trust Fund and, via the good offices of PP Andrew, with another HK\$150,000 from the Guide Post Educational Foundation, has reached the amount of HK\$750,000 finally to fully fund this project. Construction is now under way. The Club will arrange a visit in March to see the project.
- (f) RYLA Camp sponsor two Roteractors (one from Island East, one from Lingnam)
 -for a well organized youth leadership training camp in January 1998 at HK\$6,800

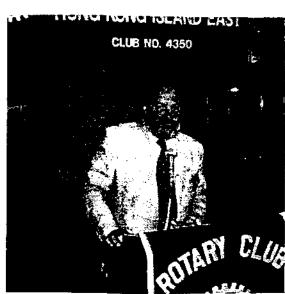
Rtn. Ates' International Service Report

Ates told us last week of a matching grants project with a Turkish club. It has been approved by R.I. and will be complete within this year.

Another matching grant project has had some minor problems but is back on track, and a further project with the Philippines looks positive but it is too early to see its outcome clearly yet.



Action Man in . . . er, well . . . action.



Rtn. Ates is shaping up to become the second most distinguished-looking member of our Club

RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUAL ROTARIANS

Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians

Summary:

Recognizing that the strength of the Rotary movement is founded on the service carried out by club members world-wide, the purpose of new citation program will be to provide a means for Rotary clubs to personally recognize one member of the club for his/her outstanding efforts in the Four Avenues of Service.

Eligible Nominees:

Candidates for nomination should be Rotarians in good standing in their clubs who have consistently demonstrated their support of the Object of Rotary through participation in service activities in the avenues of Club, Vocational, Community and International Service. All Rotarians who have not served as district governors are eligible. Only one person per club may be nominated.

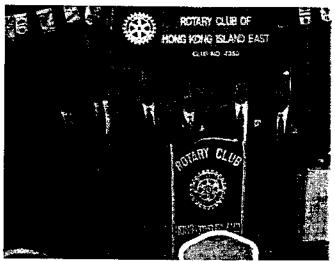
Selection Process:

The nomination of a candidate to receive this citation will be made by the club. The method of selection will be determined by the club. Club presidents may wish to appoint a special committee to select one nominee, or may ask

their board of directors to carry out this responsibility. The club president must endorse the nomination and submit it the RI President, with an information copy to the district governor.

Deadline:

Nominations may be received throughout the Rotary year, but no later than mid-May 1998.



Going-home time

Laugh For The Week:

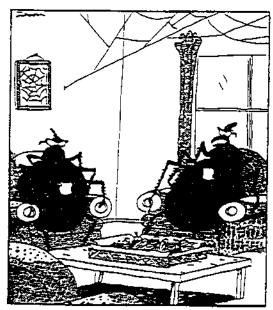
Just to reinforce what I said last week about men getting a raw deal, here's a few more:

God created man before creating woman because you need a rough draft before you create a masterpiece. (This was obviously thought up by a woman. Ed.)

A woman was chatting with her neighbour: "I feel really great today. You see, I started out this morning with an act of unselfish generosity. I gave a \$100 note to a burn."

You gave a bum \$100? That's a lot of money to give away like that. What did you husband say about that?

"Thanks."



"Oh, the box of dead flies? Ramone gave them to me Saturday night during his courtship display.... Of course, they were already sucked dry."

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For the last meeting in the Year of the Ox, President Li commenced proceedings by giving a special welcome to one of our senior members. Emperor Cheung; also to PP Diposani and PP Rory Nicholas.

PP Leslie then took the rostrum to welcome other guests and visitors:
Benny Ratnani (HK North East)
Veronica Kwong (HK Harbour)
Connie Yu (IPP Hubert)

Janet Chiu (Veronica Kwong)
Rita Wong (Veronica Kwong)

Rtn Malcolm was also welcomed back from China and congratulated by President Li on his birthday.

PE C.Y. then made the following announcement:

The lunch meeting on February 18 will be cancelled and a special dinner meeting will be substituted on February 19 at the CCC in Wong Ngai Chung Road. This will be a ladies night and it will be a very special occasion to farewell two stalwarts. Rtns Murray Macdonald and Ron Forte who are returning to New Zealand and Australia respectively.

Rtn Robin Hearder, Sergeant for the day, informed members that \$1250 had been collected and 25 members were present. This sum of money was later bolstered by devious means: All members who had collected their new membership cards from the welcoming table, but not signed them, were requested to submit \$20 each as punishment. This tactic considerably swelled the coffers.

IPP Hubert then tested members' knowledge of Rotary with the following questions:

- 1. How many Rotary districts are there in the world? (A: 527)
- 2. When was the official Rotary magazine (The Rotarian) first published? (A: Jan., 1911)
- 3. Who devised the Four Way Test in 1911? (A: Herbert J. Taylor)
- 4. How many volumes are there in the latest Rotary Basic Library? (A: 3)
- 5. Are members required to attend the next District Conference? (A: No)

PP Con then introduced the guest speaker, Mr Vivian Lee, regional manager of Hill Samuel Property Services. Mr Lee has been continuously involved with the London residential property market for the last 10 years. He is now involved in sourcing new projects and dealing with the developers, ensuring that properties are suitable for the HK off-plan buyer.

Mr Lee said that in recent years there has been considerable interest in prime rental stock in London by Asian investors. This has been changing in the last six months as UK buyers have been returning to the market. At present, the demand has produced a shortage of properties for sale. A breakdown of sectors in the rental market includes:

39% North America

33% Europe

14% UK

7% Far East

7% Rest of the world

There has been a slow-down in price rises in the second half of 1997 and the following figures give some predictions for the future:

	'98	'99	'00
UK Mainstream	9%	15%	11%
Prime Central London	4%	7%	6%
Prime Country Houses	6%	9%	8%

Mr Lee's predictions are that there will be steady growth in the London residential market and growth in capital and rental values.

Mr Lee was thanked for his presentation by Rtn Stephen.

The meeting was then closed with a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour.



Pres. Li and PP Ramesh look after guest speaker, Mr Vivian Lee



PP Andrew and PP Dippo Diposani enjoying the fellowship.



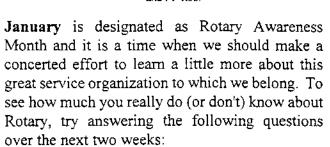
Two 'old' mates, PP Con and PP Rory Nicholas.



IPP Hubert looks after Rin Veronica Kwong.



Rtn Malcolm Phillips congratulated on his birthday by Pres. Li and PP Rob.



- 1. What is the Rotary International theme for 1997-98?
- 2. Who is the president of Rotary International for 1997-98?
- 3. Who is the president of your Rotary club for 1997-98?
- 4. Who is the president-elect of R.I., whose term begins 1 July 1998?
- 5. Who is chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of R.I. for 1997-98?
- 6.In what year did Paul P. Harris launch the first Rotary club?
- 7.In what city?
- 8. How did the club get its name?
- 9. What was Paul's occupation?
- 10. Which club made Rotary international, in 1910? (If you just know the country, that's fine, too.)
- 11. When did Rotary take the name "Rotary International"?
- 12. Approximately how many Rotary clubs are in the world?
 - a) 19,000
 - b) 23,000
 - c) 32,000
- 13.Approximately how many Rotary club members are in the world?
 - a) one million
 - b) 1.2 million
 - c) 1.5 million
 - d) two million



Guests and visitors to the club, 21 January 1998.

- 14. Which city has not been home to a Rotary club?
 - a) Moscow, Russia
 - b) Havana, Cuba
 - c) Beijing, China
 - d) Warsaw, Poland
- 15. How many Rotary districts are there today?
- 16.In geographic terms, where is Rotary growth the greatest?
- 17. True or false: A Rotary district governor must have served as a club president.
- 18. What do these people have in common? Nelson Mandela, Sadako Ogata, Pope John Paul II, Edward Piszek, Dr. Albert Sabin, and V'aclav Havel.
- 19. What do these organizations have in common? The World Organization of the Scout Movement, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Salvation Army.
- 20. The fundraising goal originally set by the Polio-Plus Campaign was U.S. \$120 million. How much was actually pledged and announced at the 1988 R.I. Convention?
- 21. How often does the Council on Legislation meet?
- 22. The Bylaws of R.I. require club members to attend what percentage of club meetings?
- 23. True or false: Attendance at an R.I. convention counts as club attendance.
- 24. The first contribution to The Rotary Foundation of R.I., then called "The Rotary Endowment Fund," was made in 1918 by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A. What was the amount of that contribution?
- 25.As of 30 June 1997 (end of the most recent fiscal year), what were the assets of The Rotary Foundation?

Answers:

1. The Rotary International theme for 1997-98 is: SHOW ROTARY CARES - for your community, for our world, for its people.

- Glen W. Kinross of Hamilton, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, is R.I. president for 1997-98.
- 3. This one's a gift. We hope you get it right.
- 4. James L. Lacy of Cookeville, Tennessee, U.S.A.
- 5. Clifford L. Dochterman of Moraga, California, U.S.A., a past president of R.I., is 1997-98 chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of R.I.
- 6. 23 February 1905.
- 7. Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
- The first club members rotated their meeting place each week, usually gathering in a member's office.
- 9. Paul Harris was a lawyer.
- 10.The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- 11.At the 1921 Convention in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., delegates voted to change the name of the International Association of Rotary Clubs to Rotary International.
- 12. c) 28,000.
- 13. b) 1.2 million.
- 14. Rotary clubs have been in all of these cities, although there are no clubs in Havana or Beijing at this time.
- 15. For 1997-98, there are 521 Rotary districts. In

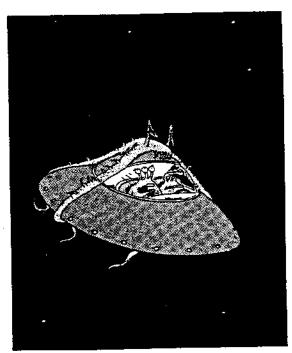
- 1998-99, the number will grow to 527.
- 16. The 30 June 1997 membership count showed that, for 1996-97, Europe/Africa led in the number of new Rotarians 5,975. Southeast Asia showed the highest percentage gain 7.11 percent.
- 17.True.
- 18.18.All these people have been recipients of the Rotary Award of World Understanding, Rotary's highest honor.
- 19.All these organizations have been recipients of the Rotary Award of World Understanding.
- 20.U.S.\$120 million was the original goal, but at the 1988 Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., \$219,350,449 in contributions and pledges was announced. With subsequent contributions and interest earned, Rotarians will have raised more than \$400 million for polio eradication by the year 2005.
- 21. Every three years. Next meeting is 12-16 January 1998 in New Delhi, India.
- 22.Sixty (60) percent.
- 23.True. Attendance may be credited.
- 24. The sum of \$26.50. It was the surplus left over from the 1917 R.I. Convention.
- 25.As of 30 June 1997, net assets of the Foundation were U.S. \$553 million.

Laugh For The Week:

A tired traveller booked into a three star hotel around midnight and asked reception for a single room. As the clerk filled out the paperwork the traveller looked around and saw a gorgeous blonde sitting in the lobby. Asking the clerk to wait, he went over and talked to her. A few minutes later he came back with the girl on his arm and said, "Fancy meeting my wife here! Guess I'll need a double room."

Next morning, he came to settle his bill. Handing over his Amex card, he was appalled to be presented with an account for \$10,000. "What's the meaning of this?" he yelled at the clerk, "I've only been here one night."

"Yes," said the clerk, "but your wife has been here for two weeks."



"Aaaaaaaaaa! ...Oh, sorry — it's just the dog."

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Our 44th Year of Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April,1954 by Founding President, the late PDG (uncle) John Yuen



What Happened Last Week

Everyone must be excited by the Year of the Tiger as the good attendance of members was noticeable during registration. President Li got things going by proclaiming "Kung Hei Fat Choi" to all members, visitors and guests. Our only visitor for the meeting was Assistant DG, Johnson Chu and he was given a special welcome by Pres. Li. It was also announced that our ex-member, Gary Chiu, now living in Vancouver/Seattle, has sent a fax wishing all members a Happy New Year for the Year of the Tiger. Gary would like to hear from members. His contact details are:

5653 17th Avenue S.W. Seattle, WA 98106 U.S.A. Ph. 206 762 4656 Fax 206 762 9631 E-mail DLEE128@AOL.COM

Rtn Malcolm had the duty of welcoming and introducing the guests. These included:

Fr. Giosue Bonzi (Speaker) Ms. Virginia Maher (PP Con) Ms. Irene Tse (PP Con)

Birthday wishes were then performed on Rtns Tony Loy and Henry Luy by Pres. Li. He was ably assisted in song by new tenor material in our club, Rtn Kenneth Wong.

Sergeant Robin provided the excellent figures for the day: 33 members were in attendance and Teams 1 and 3 were in full attendance. \$3,600 was donated to the club coffers. Robin's joke is best repeated as a warning to members:

A guy goes to a bank to open one of those new 'joint accounts.' To find out more about this type of account, he asked the banker to explain the details. The banker said: "Well, it's like this. Joint accounts are for husbands and wives. The husband deposits the money and the wife makes all the withdrawals."

IPP Hubert was having an 'off' day today. He must have got wind of Asst. DG Johnson Chu's visit and put the duty of presenting Rotary Information onto him when he entered the door. Johnson, however, rose to the occasion and presented some good information about the Group Study Exchange program. This year, Districts 3450 (Hong Kong & Macau) and 5580 (Nth Dakota, Wisconsin &

Ontario) will exchange teams. Clubs can participate in these visits in three ways:

- •.By nominating a team member
- By assisting in the entertainment of the visiting team
- By providing accommodation for visiting team members

To introduce the visiting speaker Fr Giosue Bonzi, PP Congave a brief profile: Fr Bonzi belongs to PIME (Pontifical Institute for Missionaries Abroad). He was born in Italy and came to Hong Kong aged 27 years in 1967. He founded The Society for the Handicapped in 1977 and for more than 20 years, he has been a champion of the welfare and advancement of the mentally handicapped in our society.

Fr Bonzi spoke on the work in which he is involved in Hong Kong. His main concern is to see that the mentally handicapped, where possible, are closely integrated into the wider community so that they feel part of that community. Many of these people are able to work in the community, in the food and service industry and doing simple office work. Others are gainfully employed in Sheltered Workshops.

Fr Bonzi explained that it is also important to allow these people to live within the community after work hours. To this end, he has established Encounter Home, a flat purchased for \$6.4m in Ho Man Tin, and run during the week by foster parents. This gives the handicapped occupants a sense of belonging to the wider community, as well as identification with parents; and community members are able to have closer contact with, and develop better tolerance of these neighbours. His assessment is that this experiment is working exceptionally well.

As this scheme is reliant on charity for its success, Fr Bonzi indicated that any help from our club would be greatly appreciated. Ms Irene Tse finally showed some video footage of the residential home and its occupants.

As our club's gesture, Pres. Li donated the club's takings for the week to Fr Bonzi's scheme.

To close the meeting, Pres. Li proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Peninsula.

FOOTNOTE! For the first meeting of the Year of the Tiger, club members enjoyed an eight course lunch of Chinese dim-sum cuisine. It was noticed by many, however, that PP Con finished up munching on a cheese platter. Now, what's the meaning of this?



IPP Hubert, PP George, Rins Malcolm & Roy enjoying the feast



PP Con and Rtns Desmond & Robin in the spirit of

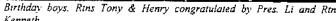


Uncle Peter tutors Asst. DG Johnson Chu about the GSE



Pres. Li thanks Fr Bonzi for his work with the mentally handicapped







Guests and visitors at the meeting, 4/2/98.

International is located in Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A. Name the locations of at least three of the

international service centers of the Secretariat.

44. The R.I. Board established this grants program in

1977-78, and in 1982-83 requested the Trustees of

The Rotary Foundation to assume the complete

\$100,000 to \$500,000 help fund major projects in International Service that are too large for club or

district financial and personal resources. The goal is

to improve health, alleviate hunger, and enhance human and social development as a means of

achieving world peace. What are these grants called?

The grants of

42. What is Rotary Commemoration Week?

administration of the program.

43. What is the Permanent Fund?

How well did you score on the Rotary information questions last week? Here are another 25 questions. See how well you score on these. 41.The World Headquarters building of Rotary

- 26. What are the Four Avenues of Service?
- 27. Where will the 1998 R.I. Convention be held?
- 28. How about the 1999 convention?
- 29. Name all the countries represented today in Rotary International. Just kidding - we'll settle for the number.
- the official magazine of International? When was it first published?
- 31. How many spokes and cogs are in the official gearwheel emblem of R.I.?
- 32.Is the emblem trademarked?
- 33. Although the two mottoes of Rotary have been in use for many years, they were not formally approved until the 1950 Convention in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. What are they?
- 34. When is World Understanding and Peace Day?
- 35. When is Literacy Month? New Generations Month? Rotary Foundation Month?
- 36. What is a Group Study Exchange team?
- 37. What are the official Rotary colors?
- 38. Who was the first Secretary (later General Secretary) of Rotary? (If you don't know this, you can also receive credit by naming the current General Secretary of R.I.).
- 39. The 4-Way Test began in 1932 as a simple ethical yardstick. Who devised the test? (Extra credit if you can recite it).
- 40. What is the official Rotary song? a) "The Circle Game" b) "Smile, Everyone, Smile" c) "Spinning Wheel" d) "R-O-T-A-R-Y-That spells Rotary."

- 45. How may volumes are in the latest edition of The Rotary Basic Library?
- 46.The publication Honoring Our Past includes numerous quotations from what Rotary pioneer?
- 47.Are individual Rotarians members of Rotary International?
- 48. True or false: Rotary club members are required to attend their district conference each year.
- 49. What is the address of the R.I. Web site on the Internet?
- 50. What is the annual publication that lists the names, officers, and meeting places and times of all the world's Rotary clubs?

Answers:

- 26.Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.
- 27.The 1998 R.I. Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A., from 14 to 17 June.
- 28. The 1999 R.I. Convention will be held in Singapore, Singapore, from 13 to 16 June.
- 29. As we go to press, 157 countries are represented in Rotary International.
- 30.THE ROTARIAN, first published in January 1911. The magazine family also includes 27 regional magazines, published in 21 languages.
- 31.Six spokes and 24 cogs.

- 32.Yes. The name and emblem of Rotary International are registered in more than 30 countries, a number that increases annually. According to the Manual of Procedure: "The registration of Rotary's intellectual property marks enhances the association's exclusive use of the marks, and strengthens Rotary's position to prevent misuse by other individuals and entities.
- 33."Service Above Self" is the primary motto of R.I. "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" is the other Rotary motto.

- 34.It is 23 February, the anniversary of the founding of the first Rotary club. February is also World Understanding Month.
- 35.July is Literacy Month. September in New Generations Month. November is Rotary Foundation Month.
- 36. The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange is a cultural exchange program designed to provide to out-standing business and professional persons opportunities for studying another country, its people, and its institutions through participation in an organized program of study and discussion in the country concerned. The program provides for exchange of study groups between paired districts in different countries. Groups consist of four or five members and a Rotarian team leader. Duration of the exchange is typically between four and six weeks.
- 37.Royai blue and gold.
- 38. Chesley R. Perry, who served Rotary from 1910 to 1942. (S. Aaron Hyatt of Macon, Georgia, U.S.A., a past director of R.I., is the current general secretary.)
- 39.Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., who served as R.I. president for 1954-55, composed the test for employees of his company. The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do: 1) Is it the TRUTH? 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- 40. Sorry, but there is no official Rotary song, (Harry

- Ruggles, a Chicago printer who was the fifth Rotarian, is credited with introducing the practice of singing at Rotary club meetings.)
- 41. Rotary International service centers are located in Zurich. Switzerland; Parramatta, N.S.W., Australia: Delhi. India; Tokyo, Japan; Seoul, Korea; Manila. Philippines; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- 42. The R.I. Board has established Rotary Commemoration Week as a time to honor club members who have died. The week should include the date on which Paul Harris died in 1947-27 January.
- 43. The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation is an endowment fund from which only the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs. Its objective is to provide a supplement to annual Foundation support, thereby providing a minimum level of program activity and facilitating new or expanded programs in the future. On 30 June 1997, the Fund's net assets were U.S.\$66.1 million.
- 44. Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants.
- 45. Three volumes.
- 46. The book's subtitle is "The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris."
- 47.No. Rotarians are members of their Rotary club. Only Rotary clubs are members of Rotary International.
- 48. False. It's strongly encouraged, but not mandatory, though your district governor probably thinks it should be.
- 49.http://www.rotary.org
- 50. The Official Directory.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

One for the golfers:

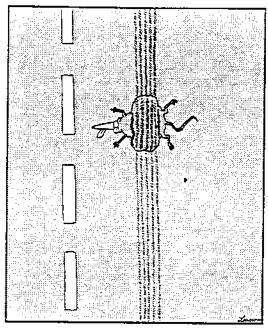
Jesus and Moses are bored stiff in Heaven. "Hey Moses," says Jesus, "Why don't we disguise ourselves and go down to Earth and play 18 holes?" Moses agrees. So after donning appropriate clothes and renting clubs and carts, they arrive on the tee of the first hole: A long par-four with trouble down both sides.

They flip a coin and Moses wins the honour. He gets up over the ball and takes a mighty swing. The ball sails 300 metres down the middle of the fairway, coming to rest in a perfect position. "Nice shot," says Jesus grudgingly.

Jesus tees up a ball and hits a hard duck hook which ends up on the side of a hill, only 100 metres away.

A squirrel spots the ball, picks it up in his mouth and takes off running. A snake curled up on the rocks strikes at the squirrel and swallows it, ball and all. An eagle spots the snake, swoops down and carries it away in its talons. As it flies over the first green, a bolt of lightning flashes from the sky and hits the eagle. The eagle drops the snake, the snake regurgitates the squirrel, the squirrel lets the ball drop from its mouth,

the ball rolls five metres across the green and into the hole. Moses lifts an eyebrow and asks Jesus, "Are we going to play golf, or just screw around?"



Scenes that make a crow smile

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What Happened Last Week

It was apparent that there was a good roll-up of members this week when quite a few tables were occupied. President Li got proceedings underway by giving a special welcome to David Tsoi from Hong Kong North East. Rtn Francis was invited to introduce Michael Tsui, also from HKNE, and Jeff Brennan, a guest of Rtn Robin Hearder.

There was one birthday boy this week: Rtn Tommy Ling, and he nominated PP Con to lead the choral acknowledgment.

This was followed by PP John Kwok's explanation of the "local" rules that will apply to the forthcoming golf competition at Fanling. They seemed to be a complex set of rules but John assured they were necessary to safeguard the participants' balls.

Acting Sergeant Murray then presented the statistics for the day: \$2,150 was donated and there were 33 members present at the meeting.

As usual, our font of Rotary information, IPP Hubert, enlightened members with the facts on the 1998 Rotary International Convention to be held at Indianapolis, USA, from 14-17 June. Hubert informed members of some of the highlights:

- ★ Visiting Rotarians can enjoy a baseball game and fireworks before the official start of the convention.
- ★Later in the week, participants will be treated to a taste of the world-famous Indy 500 race.
- ★ Convention participants will also be able to see a life-size model of the low-cost basic shelters that Rotarians are building for needy families in Brazil, India, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and other countries.
- *Rotarians and their families can participate in a hands-on service project by joining together and planting trees, flowers, shrubs, and bushes to create the "Rotary Greenway", a lasting community reminder of the 1998 Convention.
- **★**Top speakers and entertainment will be on the program.

As the scheduled speaker did not turn up, President Li decided to entertain members with a long list of announcements:

- ①. As from the beginning of March, the meeting fee will rise to \$260.
- ②. There will be no lunch meeting on Wednesday 18 February. Instead, a special evening meeting will be held at the Craigengower Cricket Club (CCC) on 19 February, especially to farewell three departing members.
- 3 Because of Rtn Murray's imminent departure, he has been replaced on the Board by Rtn Stephen.
- The District Conference will be held on 3-5 April and HK Island East will again look after the registrations. The Club will pay the registration fees of all members attending.
- ⑤ The District Assembly will be held on 16 May and incoming office bearers are urged to attend. Again, the Club will pay for HKIE members' registration fees.
- © Host families are required for 15 March to 9 April to accommodate the incoming GSE team members.
- ②. Members were asked to vote on two resolutions:
 - (a) Membership on the nominating committee for the RI Director. Three candidates were competing and the members endorsed the Board's decision to back local Rotarians, Arthur Au and Vincent To.
 - (b) As PP Johnson Chu had gained the necessary support from clubs to challenge PP Dippo for the DGN position, members were required to vote on their choice. As the Board had voted for PP Johnson Chu, members endorsed their decision.
- ®15 March will be the Rotary District Sports Day and members and their families were urged to attend and enjoy the fun. Our club donates \$2,500 to support this initiative. Further details will be faxed to members.

Finally, PP Con was asked to fill in the remaining five minutes by explaining why his guest speaker did not show up. His explanation was most plausible and many a tear could be seen coming members' eyes. The only confusing statement in Con's dissertation was that CCC stands for Con Conway's Club.

PP George was called upon to thank Con for his explanation, and he was able to give some clarity to this confusion by reiterating that Hong Kong Island East is Con's Club.

The meeting was closed with a toast to RI and Rotary Club of HKNE.



A grand birthday for Rm Tommy Ling - congratulations from
Pres. Li and PP Con



KIE Champion (IPP Hubert) & closest to the pin (Pres Li)



Congretulations IPP Hubert-Champion golfer for the day: PDG Uncle Peter congratulates IPP Hubert



After playing around, the golfers settle down for dinner and fellowship

Council gives nod to attendance credit, RI budget notification changes

A proposal by the Rotary Club of Manningtree Stour Valley, England (District 1240), was the first of 54 proposed resolutions and enactments adopted by the 1998 Council on Legislation, which met last week in Delhi, India. The club proposed that the RI Board encourage Rotarians visiting another club to take non-Rotarian guests with them.

Voting delegates representing 513 of Rotary's 521 districts considered 283 items at the Council, which functions as Rotary's "parliament" -- a forum for discussion, debate and decision on changes in RI's constitution, bylaws and club constitution.

As a result of proposals adopted -- providing that the world's Rotary clubs do not object -- Rotarians may receive attendance credit for attending club service projects approved by the club's board; the RI Board has been asked to consider Hindi as a recognized language of RI; and the annual RI budget will be brought to the attention of all clubs not later than Sept. 30.

The Council also adopted changes in the structure of RI

standing committees and changes in procedure relating to the triennial Council itself.

Because a proposed enactment to simplify the membership and classification system received the approval of a simple majority of the delegates -- but not the two-thirds required for adoption -- the Council proposed a resolution of its own. The Council requested the RI Board to ask the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to consider drafting legislation to simplify the membership and classification procedures. Thus, such legislation could be presented to the Council in 2001.

All Rotary clubs will receive a comprehensive report concerning the proposals adopted by the Council and have the chance to cast votes of objection to any action of the Council in adopting proposed legislation. If votes of objection on any particular action exceed 10 percent or more of the eligible votes to be cast, the Council's action will be nullified.

Rotary's Media Relations seeks media connections

Rotary International's Media Relations section works to obtain national and international media attention of Rotary's efforts worldwide. In today's highly competitive media climate, a contact at a particular news outlet can help to ensure that a Rotary story receives a fair hearing in the newsroom. With this in mind, the Media Relations staff asks for Rotarian assistance in identifying professional radio, print or television journalists who are acquainted with Rotary and would be willing to assist the association in its publicity efforts. They are not seeking the names of Rotarian public relations professionals.

The Media Relations section asks Rotarians to check with professional journalists they know and ask them if they would be willing to discuss story possibilities

with a Rotary club member or RI staff contact.

After obtaining permission from the individual,
Rotarians are asked to provide the following contact
information:

- 1) journalist's name;
- 2) his or here position;
- the journalist's telephone and fax numbers and email address;
- 4) the media organization's name;
- 5) newswire or network affiliation (if any); and
- 6) whether the journalist is a member of Rotary.

Please include your name, telephone number and Rotary club, and fax the information to Rotary International's Department of Public Information at (847)866-8237.

Clubs team with youngsters to keep communities warm

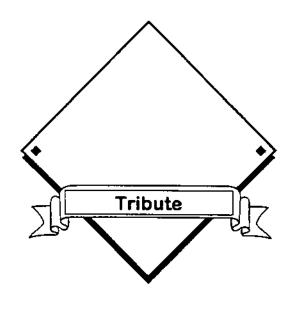
Rotarians can make winter warmer for a lot of people, as recent projects undertaken by Rotary clubs prove. The Rotary Club of Longmont, Colorado, collected more than 1,500 coats and blankets during its seventh

annual "Winter Warmth" drive, which recently concluded. In addition to the coats, jackets and blankets, about 1,000 pounds of other winter clothing items were collected.

"What was really exciting this year was we had a group of students at Longmont High School assisting us," said campaign coordinator Greg Griffin. "They did a great job promoting the program." A local business cleaned all the items and shipped them to a clothing bank for distribution to families and individuals in need.

In North Carolina, members of the Triad (High Point) Rotary Club joined with local Boy Scouts to deliver blankets. Under the direction of members Jerri White and Tracey Tucker, Rotarians collected blankets for delivery to local needy senior citizens to help them prepare for the cold.

Boy Scout Troop 20 of High Point needed a community service project, so it assisted in delivering the blankets to area seniors. "It was a great way to involve both scouting and Rotary," said Rotarian Gart Evans, who helped organize the distribution. "The seniors really enjoyed meeting the kids and getting those warm blankets." [With a name like that, one can only speculate about the classifications of this club's members - Ed.]



Tonight's meeting is a special occasion for two reasons. It is the first evening meeting for the club designed to give members the opportunity to spend more time together to share fellowship; and to share Rotary with their families.

In other respects, it is also a sad occasion because it represents a farewell to three long-standing members, Rtns Murray Macdonald, Kenneth Wong and Ron Forte. Murray, Kenneth and Ron have been supportive and dedicated members for many years and their presence will be sorely missed by all members. We wish them every happiness in their 'retirement' and many more enjoyable years in Rotary.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

King Arthur was heading off for the Crusades when he called one of his squires and said,

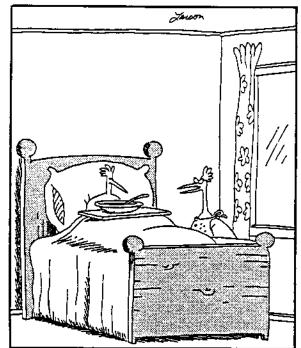
"Here is the key to Guinevere's chastity belt. If in ten years I haven't returned, you may use the key."

His Majesty crossed the drawbridge and set off along a long dusty road. He stopped, turned his horse and took one last look at his castle.

Whereupon the squire rushed towards him yelling,

"Stop, Your Majesty! Thank goodness I was able to catch you. This is the wrong key!"





"Quit complaining and eat it! ... Number one, chicken soup is good for the flu—and number two, it's nobody we know."

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What Happened Last Week

This was the first of the occasional evening meetings held by the Club to assist in extending our commitment to fellowship among members; and its was a good opportunity to bid a big farewell to three departing members. The venue was the Craigengower Cricket Club in Wongneichung Road, Causeway Bay. The cocktail hour lasted from 6:30-7:30pm and this gave members and their spouses plenty of time to mingle and converse. There was an excellent roll-up of people and judging by President Li's difficulty in being heard and getting people to take their seats at 7:30pm, everyone was enjoying this part of the proceedings.

However, eventually order was restored and the night got under way. To start the ball rolling, Rtn Murray Macdonald's birthday was celebrated in the usual manner and he gratefully received his set of RCHKIE chop sticks.

PDG Uncle Peter was then invited to present Paul Harris Fellow awards to three members: Rtns: Paul Chan, Rudy Law and Ates Yucel. Their subscriptions to this award put our club in good standing.

While on his feet, Uncle Peter also made the presentation to the achievers on last week's golf day (See photos in last week's Tung Feng. No. 28).

Rtn Murray took the opportunity to report that \$2,746.70 had been donated at this evening's meeting.

The evening then proceeded with some entertainment: A questionnaire on HKIE knowledge, organized by Rtn Joseph; and a Bingo game using Mark 6 tickets, organized by president Li. It seems some of the questions in the questionnaire were not specific enough as vigorously pointed out by PP John IV, but he was told to sit down or be thrown out. John sat down and was heard to be mumbling something about the Four Way Test. Also, things got a little confused and disorganized in the Bingo game when almost everybody in the room claimed a full card for the last prize. With the wisdom of Solomon, President Li settled things down by issuing extra Mark 6 cards to the claimants for an extended Bingo call.

In the last part of the proceedings, farewells were made for Rtns. Murray Macdonald, Ron Forte and Kenneth Wong. Murray and Ron are retiring to New Zealand and Australia respectively, and Kenneth is transferring in his job to Singapore. Each was invited to say a few words to the gathering.

Ron informed us that he has been in Rotary for 26 years, 6 of which were in HKIE (He's been a member of this club on two occasions). After spending 10 years working in Asia, he's decided it is time to retire somewhere. He is following the advice that home is where the heart is, not where the house is - if your heart and house are in the same place then you have a double attraction. And as his heart and house is at the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia, that is where he and Marilyn will be going to retire - which means he can be found somewhere between the golf course, the race course, and the beach, of course.

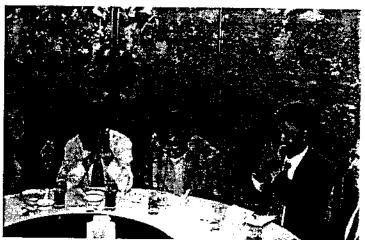
Ken's move to Singapore was rather sudden. He said that when he came to Hong Kong, he was told that HKIE is the No. 1 club to join. He said that he was not in a position to confirm this claim but that he had certainly enjoyed his time in this club. This was not only due to the fellowship with members, but also because he had been inspired by all the PPs (It turned out that Kenneth thought that everyone else was a PP). He assured us that he will be required to travel to Hong Kong regularly and will visit the Club whenever he can.

Murray was last on the block to speak and he felt that this was "a very emotional moment" for him. He calculated that he has been a member of Rotary for 30 years and some of his most enjoyable moments have been experienced in HKIE. He recounted how, on his arrival in Hong Kong, Tajwar and Uncle Peter connived to get his signature on a HKIE application form. At this stage, Murray seemed to be struggling in his suit: He explained that the packers had been to his home during the day and packed away all his clothes, leaving just o

ne suit (the one that doesn't fit!) for him to use for the next couple of weeks. Murray lastly advised that he has been away from New Zealand for so long that he feels like a foreigner going to live in that country. Noting ex-member PP Jack sitting at one of the tables, he vowed to consult him on how to manage in NZ (Jack, of course, has been retired in NZ for over a year now).

To complete the send-off, PP Jack with the golden voice (Even more golden than PP Con's) was invited to sing a farewell song to the three departing members.

For the modest sum of \$250, members and their families were treated to a wonderful array of Chinese foods as well as all the drink they could handle. Maybe there is a lesson to be learned here by the Food and Beverage management at the Excelsior Hotel.



Are these members saying Grace before the dinner?



Two old mates (PP Andrew & PP Jack) enjoying the evening.



Our "Best Singer" former member, PP Jack Lau leading us singing "God Bless You", our blessing song to the three leaving Rotarians



Three cheers to the leaving Rotarians.



Uncle Peter's Cup - 1st runner up PP Edwin Tao. What a handsome smile!



PP John Kwok claimed, "I seldom drink but I think I want to get drunk tonight as everybody is!"



Uncle Peter's Cup - 2nd runner up VPE Desmond (Where is he?) Rotarianne Donna received the cup with a lovely smile on his behalf.



The wining table of the Quiz"President's table" of course. Do
you know the longest English word is
'SMILES'!?

Founding member and Past President, Wilson T.S. Wang of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East, passed away on 15 February 1998 at the age of 83 years.

The funeral service details will be advised at a later date.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A man finds a corked bottle on the green. He opens it and a genie appears to grant him one wish. After thinking about it for a while, the golfer says: "I'd like to shoot par golf regularly."

"No problem," says the genie, "but understand that your sex life will be reduced as a side effect."

"Fine by me," the man says. And POOF, the deed's done.

A few months later, the genie reappears on the same golf hole and asks the man how his golf game is going.

"Great," says the man, "I'm now carrying a scratch handicap."

"And what effect has it had on your sex life?"

"I can still manage to have relations two or three times a month."

"Two or three times a month!" the genie says.
"That's not much of a sex life."

"Well," the golfer responds, "I don't think it's too bad for a middle-aged priest with a very small parish."





At the Federal Mole Penitentiary

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What Happened Last Week

First impressions were that there was not a big roll-up of members for this meeting. Maybe because the last meeting was in the evening, many of the members were still very tired and needed to take a rest.

Regardless, President Li started the meeting on time and announced sadly that one of our foundation members, PP Wilson Wang, had passed away on 15 February, 1998 at the age of 83 years. He was a council member for 10 years of the Executive and Legislative Council of the former HK Government. In memory of the untimely death of his son, Bunny, also a former member of HKIE, he donated a sum of HK\$70,000 to our Club to establish the Bunny Wang Memorial Fund for the sole use in supporting an educational scholarship. Members observed a minute's silence in his memory.

Rtn Malcolm then took charge of introductions. This week we were honoured with the presence of Rtn K.M. Chau (Kowloon), and guests, Lewis Fung (Pres. Li) and Raymond Lo (Rtn Stephen).

Our birthday boy this week was Rtn Robert Lai. He was given warm wishes by members lead by PP John Kwok.

PE C.Y. then made the following announcements:

- ♦ The previous Club meeting, held in the evening at Craigengower Cricket Club, was a great success and our three departing members, Rtn Murray Macdonald, Ron Forte and Kenneth Wong were farewell in style. The Board will now consider further evening meetings occasionally.
- ♦ The Club's Annual Party will be held on 18 April, 1998 and a newsletter with details will be sent out soon.
- ♦The District Conference will be held 3-5 April, 1998 at the Convention Centre and good Club support is sought. Members' registrations will be paid for by the Club and Rotaryannes attending the Governor's dinner will be covered by President Li's account.

Sergeant Robin then confirmed that the attendance was down - only 25 members present. Notwithstanding this low turn-out, \$2,000 was donated to the Club's coffers.

Rotary information was again taken care of this week by IPP Hubert who spoke on the various Rotary assemblies during the year. These include:

- ★ The District Assembly: held annually to train the in-coming officers of clubs in the district for their duties and responsibilities.
- ★The District Conference: held annually for Rotarians and members of their families from all clubs in the district so that they will have the opportunity to become acquainted with each other. Besides fellowship, the conference is a forum of discussion of the affairs of the different clubs in the district as well as those concerning Rotary International. During the District Conference, a delegate to the Rotary International Council on Legislation is elected, and a district governor is nominated.
- ★The International Convention held annually in May or June. It brings together representatives of every Rotary club. The interaction and fellowship among the delegates gives them the chance to discuss the problems of the different Rotary clubs of the world and of their respective countries. It is during this convention that delegates from member clubs of RI elect the officers of RI and consider such legislation as may be properly submitted to the convention.
- ★The International Assembly held annually, usually immediately preceding the Rotary International Convention. It is attended by RI officers and in-coming district governors who assemble to confer about and plan activities for the ensuing year. The Assembly provides opportunities for Rotary education, instruction in administrative duties and fellowship.

As no guest speaker was available for this meeting, PDG Uncle Peter took the rostrum to talk on the last Council on Legislation held in New Delhi in January, 1998. 513 delegates were present and District 3450 was represented by PDG Dom Vessigault. The Council deals with proposed resolutions. "Enactments" concern the changes in the By-laws and Constitution, while "Resolutions" are the recommended changes/additions in Rotary policies and procedures. Proposals may be submitted by any Rotary club, district or the RI Board.

The constitution of RI provides for a Council on Legislation to meet triennially.



Pres. Li hosts his friend Dr. Lewis Fung.



Rtn Henry looks after Rtn K.M. Chau.



Pres. Li: "Now which one of you will be the guest speaker today?"

To qualify for service as a delegate, a Rotarian must understand clearly the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the office.

At the New Delhi forum, there were 232 proposed enactments and 50 proposed resolutions presented debate and voting. Of the enactments/resolutions discussed, the result was:

> 55 passed 76 withdrawn 151 rejected

Uncle Peter then went on to list a number of these enactments/resolutions which are too numerous to include here. In fact, the book that contains these would be a burdensome task for delegates to familiarize.

On 1 July, 1998 the successful changes/additions will come into effect unless any club/district is able to muster objections from 10% of Rotarians worldwide. A formidable task!

To wind up proceedings for the week, President Li announced that there will be Chinese cuisine provided at the next meeting.

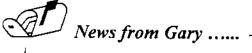
The meeting was closed with a toast to the Rotary Club of Kowloon.



Robert celebrating



Guests and visitor to the Club, 25/2/98.



PP George received an e-mail from past member, Gary Chiu during the week. Gary informs that he is undergoing intensive treatment for cancer in Seattle. As new tumors have been found, he has checked into the Tumor Institute of the Swedish Medical Health Care Centre, a leading centre for the treatment of cancers in the USA where they are using the latest developed drugs and pain killing techniques. Gary is receiving daily radiation therapy and weekly chemotherapy which will end in 8 to 10 weeks time. Other than a little pain in his back, he is feeling fine and is going to Vancouver to spend the weekend.

Gary will be in Seattle most of the time for anyone who wishes to contact him. He can be contacted there on:

> Tel: 206-762-4656

E-mail: GCHIU168@AOL.COM

'Heart Throb' kids keep Australian Rotarians on the go

Don't expect a quiet time with the "Heart Throb" kids. They're ready and rearing to go, and Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Laverton, Victoria, Australia, are starting to get used to the exhausting weekends they spend with young heart patients from Ward 7 at the Royal Children's' Hospital Cardiac Unit in Melbourne.

The hospital's Heart Throb unit is for children awaiting a heart transplant, recovering from a heart transplant, or living with a serious heart condition. Every November over the past few years, Laverton club members have invited Heart Throb kids for a weekend of fun, games and more than a little action. With one doctor and eight nursing sisters accompanying Rotarians and their 19 charges -ranging in age from nine to 19 -- the kids get a real break from hospital food and routines!

Rotarians Russ Homewood and Claude Bury were in charge of this past November's program, which included roller skating, sailing in Port Philip Bay, riding in a pace car at Calder Race Track, scrambling over a Hercules Aircraft, swimming at a wave pool, plus a movie, a magic show, a trip to Werribee Open Range Zoo and lots of food. "It was hard to keep up, "said Bury. "These kids have more energy than most."

Many of the club members jointed in on Saturday, supplying salads, sausages and hamburgers for a seaside barbecue. District 9800 Governor Jeffrey Bird and his wife, Elaine, as well as many other sponsors and visitors, jointed the festivities. The Royal Australian Air Force at Point Cook base helped in the effort by providing housing, along with a bus and river for the weekend.

Foundation to recognize 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow clubs

Rotary clubs whose dues-paying members are all Paul Harris Fellows are now eligible to receive a special recognition banner, an honor recently approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. This recognition will be granted one time only, upon initial written certification by a club's district governor and confirmation by The Rotary Foundation. Clubs receiving 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow recognition will have their club

name and the year they received the award placed on a recognition plaque displayed in the Hall of Honor at World Headquarters.

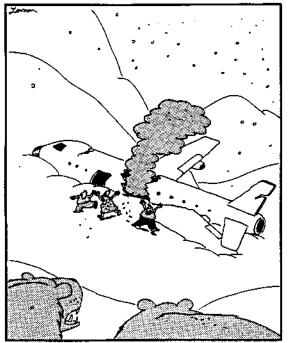
To receive initial certification, district governors are asked to contact their Donor Services Representative. For more information, contact the Donor Services section of The Rotary Foundation, telephone: (847) 866-366; fax: (847) 328-4101.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A police dog responds to an ad for work with the ICAC. "Well," says the personnel director, "you'll have to meet some strict requirements. First, you must type at least 80 words per minutes." Sitting down at the typewriter, the dog types out 80 words per minutes. "Also," says the director, "you must pass a physical and complete the obstacle course." This perfect canine specimen finishes the course in record time.

"There's just one last requirement," the director continues. "You must be bilingual." With confidence, the dog looks up at him and says, "Meow!"

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"Uh-oh.... Looks like the usual airplane food."

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What Happened Last Week

The meeting was opened on time by President Li who took the opportunity to give a special welcome to a former member, PP Ken Poon, visiting Hong Kong from Sydney.

PE C.Y. then took charge of welcoming the visitors and guests to the meeting:

Toshikiro Maeda (Imari, Japan)

Lynne Phillips (Buderim, Australia)

Ken Poon (North Sydney)

Kenichi Taguchi (Mr Maeda)

Dr Fung (Pres. Li)

President Li then donated banners to Mr Maeda and Ms Phillips.

The only birthday celebrant for the day was our President, David Li. He called upon past club member, PP Ken Poon to help him with the birthday song. As a magnanimous gesture, David shouted all members a glass of wine to have with the Chinese menu.

Secretary Chris announced some very important news: Our distinguished member, Flicker Lamport has officially changed his name to Bill Lampost. One member was heard to say that the Chinese equivalent would have to be Mai Daan Lamport.

PP Dave, as Acting Sgt., provided the statistics for the meeting: 28 members out of 59 were present and \$2,800 was raised.

IPP Hubert's Rotary information this week concerned President David Li's pledge to the DG that our club would recruit 10 Paul Harris Fellows in the 1997-98 year. This has been achieved by the following members:

> President David Li (3 star) PP Tim Lui (1 star) Rtn Richard Yau (1 star) Rtn Robin Hearder Rtn Murray Macdonald

IPP Hubert Chan (2 star) PP Rob Fielding (1 star) Rtn Paul Chan Rtn Rudy Law Rtn Ates Yucel

Of course, any member who wishes to add to this list is welcome to do so at any time. It is also of interest to know that there are two 100% PHF clubs in the world, viz.,

Rtn of Kowloon East Rtn of Kowloon Northwest

Therefore, these two Rotary clubs are qualified to appear in the Honour Roll at the Rotary Headquarters upon request. Can RC HKIE make a third?

As it was President Li's birthday, PE C.Y. took over to run the Club Assembly. Initially, he ran through a few of the club events that needed members' response. These included:

- The last dinner party held to farewell three of our members was a great success. Members were asked how often these should be organized. General consensus was that four times per year would be sufficient.
- The Annual Party would be held on 18 April and, so far, there have been few replies. Members were asked to make suggestions on items that could make the night more enjoyable.
- 3. The District Conference will be held on 3-5 April at the Convention Centre. Members were asked to indicate as soon as possible their intention to attend.
- Members were also to reply soon to the invitation to participate in the trip to China.

Rtn Kishu asked why the cost of the tickets to the Annual Party was so high. President Li (an accountant) explained that the cost was quite reasonable compared to functions held in hotels and, in fact, some guests would not be charged e.g., the Japanese visitors; and the table for HK Harbour members who reciprocate by providing a free table for our members at their party.

As time ran out, the meeting was brought to a close with a toast to the RC of Imari, Japan.



IPP Hubert looks after Rtn Toshihiro Maeda (RC Imari, Japan) and guest Kenichi Taguchi.



'Old' friends together again: PP Con, PDG Uncle Peter, PP Ken Poon and PP Sam.



Flower between two thorns: Rtn Lynne Phillips (RC Buderim, Australia) with Rtn Malcolm and PP Rob.

Rotary partnership links Nicaraguan villagers with eye care

Two years ago, Dr. Jaime Jiminez, a staff physician at the Southern Eye Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was named chairman of International Service for the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. "I wanted to challenge the members to try something really international, and they were willing, "says Jiminez. "So, I started researching projects."

He called an old friend from his ophthalmology training days and was put in touch with Leopaldo Navarro, a Nicaraguan ophthalmologist, who immediately identified some urgent needs in his area. Jiminez and Navarro talked about the possibility of a partnership with Hattiesburg Rotarians, the Southern Eye Center, and the Rotary Club of Managua to implement a diabetic retinopathy screening and treatment program to help those in need in Nicaragua. Diabetic retinopathy -- damage to the retina caused by diabetes -- is one of the most common causes of sudden blindness.

Navarro was so enthusiastic about the project and his contact with the Rotarians that he joined the Rotary Club of Managua. His club requested a portable diode laser unit, which the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg agreed to supply, and Jiminez went to Managua to teach doctors at a local university how to use it. Dr. Navarro now runs a mobile clinic using the portable unit to serve local villages with free screening and treatment for diabetic retinopathy.

In Nicaragua, where there is no welfare system, nearblindness means not only disability, but poverty as well. Since the program began, well over 150 Nicaraguans have undergone eye tests and subsequent treatment. If diabetic retinopathy is caught early, patients have a 95 percent chance of preventing blindness completely.

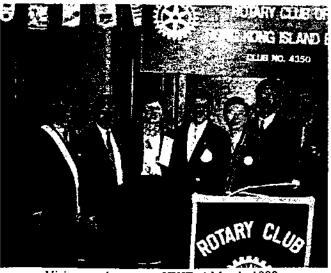
In addition to preventative medicine, some patients who had serious eye problems beyond the resources available in Nicaragua were sent up to the Southern Eye Center for surgery. Costs for transportation, lodging and surgery were covered by the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg.



Pres. Li exchanges banners with Rtn Toshihiro Maeda.



Former member of HKIE, PP Ken Poon welcomed back for a visit.



Visitors and guests to HKIE, 4 March, 1998.

Wedding bells have a Rotary ring to them

The spirit of Valentine's Day came early to a group of Massachusetts Rotarians as they witnessed and celebrated a wedding ceremony firmly rooted in Rotary.

According to Pam Rideout, past president of the Yarmouth Rotary Club, the events leading up to her son Richard's Jan. 22 wedding day began with her daughter Sarah's year as a Youth Exchange student in Venezuela. While staying in Caracas with host Rotarians Jose Emelio and Esther Reyes, Sarah befriended their daughter, Zaira, and upon her return to the U.S., invited her college-age host "sister" to visit her family.

Club member Janice Tkaczyk, a guidance counselor at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, arranged for Zaira to serve as a cultural ambassador of sorts at the school. Zaira studied a variety of subjects and also assisted with Spanish classes there from February to June 1997. During that same time—"right under our noses," according to Rideout—a courtship was in the making. Rideout first suspected as much when Richard, normally averse to any form of shopping, one day escorted Zaira to four malls over an eight-hour period in order for her to find a pair of boots to her liking.

When it came time for Zaira to return to Caracas in July, she was wearing a diamond engagement ring, having accepted Richard's marriage proposal. The two had planned a low-key civil ceremony in Massachusetts, with a large-scale, church affair to be held later in Caracas. Until Rotarians got involved......

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

An old man was unhappy because he'd lost his favourite hat. Instead of buying a new one, he decided to go to the local church and steal one out of the vestibule. But when he tried, an attendant saw him and forced him to sit in the pew and listen to the entire sermon on the Ten Commandments.

After church, the old man went to the preacher, shook his hand and said, "I want to thank you for saving my soul today. I came to church to steal a hat and after hearing your sermon on the Ten Commandments, I decided against it."

"You mean the Commandment 'Thou shalt not steal' changed your mind?" asked the preacher.

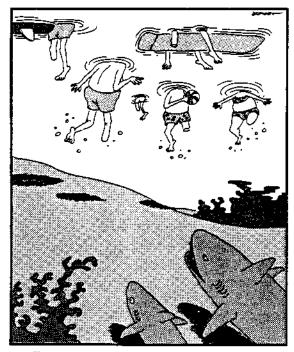
"No," said the old man, "the one about adultery did. As soon as your mentioned it, I remembered where I'd left it."

When Rideout was discussing the pair's impending nuptials with other Rotarians, someone joked that. Richard and Zaira should get married at a Rotary meeting. Building on the off-hand remark, the idea was born to merge the wedding with an event annually hosted by Cape Cod Regional Technical High.

Each year, the school invites service clubs to witness the various technical skills held by its students. Tkaczyk agreed that this year, a wedding and reception at the school would serve as an ideal showcase for the student's talents.

Indeed it did. Graphics arts students designed the invitations; cosmetology students styled Zaira and Sarah's hair; horticulture students arranged flowers for the wedding party, table settings and ceremonial archway; culinary arts students prepared dinner for some 150 guests, along with the wedding cake; and electronics students documented the festivities on videotape.

"We're certainly the first technical school in Massachusetts that has done a wedding, "said Tkaczyk, who adds that her students are now much more receptive to foreign exchanges after their experience with Zaira. Yarmouth Rotarians were not merely bystanders in this event, either. Many of those who have assisted the young couple, including an immigration lawyer, jeweler, landlord -- even the justice of the peace who performed the wedding ceremony -- are Rotarians.



"This is it, son—my old chompin' grounds. ...
Gosh, the memories."

The Hong Kong Government has a legislative council, Rotary also has its Council on Legislation since 1970 which became the sole legislative body of R.I.

The Council deals with proposed enactments and proposed resolutions. "Enactment" concerns the changes in the By-Laws and Constitution while "Resolution" is recommended changes in Rotary policies & procedures. Proposals may be submitted by any Rotary club, district or the R.I. Board.

The constitution of R.I. provides for a Council on Legislation to meet Triennally, i.e., once every 3 years. The last meeting was held in 1995 in Caracas, Venezuela when the writer was the delegate for D.3450.

To qualify for service as a delegate, A Rotarian (not necessarily a PDG but desirable) must understand clearly the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the office, that he is qualified, willing and able to perform his duties faithfully.

The 1998 Council on Legislation was held in Delhi, India in early January 1998. A total of 513 out of 521 delegates attended. Each district sent one delegate to attend. Representative from D.3450 was our own PDG Dom Vessigault.

There were 232 proposed enactments and 50 proposed resolutions presented at the Council for debate and voting. Of the 282 Enactments/Resolutions discussed, the result was listed below:

55 passed 76 withdrawn 151 rejected

Due to time constraint, it is not possible to go through here all the 55 enactments approved. It may be useful to extract those approved enactments which would affect clubs or district administration as follows:

- #21 Each club shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meeting to the Governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month.
- #39 Attending a club service projects authorized by the Board of the club shall count as a valid make-up.
- #44 R.I. officers to be excused from requirement that they attend at least 30% home club meeting.
- #52 A member's absence shall be excused if a member is a senior active member and the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more.
- #56 This legislation will provide for attendance credit when a member is outposted to another area of his/her country and attends the regular meetings of a designated club.
- #101 This legislation would require clubs to be current in their financial obligation to the district before they can exercise their voting rights.
- #102 This legislation would add a provision to permit adoption of a district levy at a District Conference at the option of the district.
- #127 This legislation would provide that the nominating committee for nomination of a director from a Rotary zone shall be made up of one member from each district in the zone. Currently, there are only 7 members in the nominating committee of a zone.
- #140 This legislation will provide for governors to be elected one year earlier, so that they would be designated governor-elect for one year prior to taking office.

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The following approved enactments are just for general information:

- #159 Council on Legislation to meet every 4 years was not adopted, hence it remains to meet once every 3 years as usual.
- #216 To recognize HINDI as an official language of R.I. as proposed by 192 Rotary clubs in India.
- #126 This legislation would provide that past governors who serve on the nominating committee for director must have had three years elapse since they served as governor and attended at least 2 institutes and one convention since serving as governor.
- #165 The duty of a representative to the Council to include assisting clubs in drafting legislation for the Council.
- #175 In future, detailed copies of all proposed legislation will send to clubs only upon request.

The above newly adopted enactments/ resolutions will come into effect from 1st July 1998 should there be no objection. If 10% of the voting strength of the clubs oppose a council action, such legislation is nullified and it is submitted for final consideration to the next convention.

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Our 44th Year

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of Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April,1954 by Founding President, the late PDG (uncle) John Yuen



What Happened Last Week

President Li got us underway ahead of his usual time when we were "silenced by the bell" at 1:15p.m.

President Li opened by giving special recognition to our former Rotarian Robin Scown who was visiting us from Andorra (also Rtn Roy's home away from home!).

Rtn Rudy then introduced visiting Rotarians and Rotarians introduced their guests:

Rtn Andrew Sin from RC Flagstaff SA; Rtn Takanobu Ueda from RC Inagiro Tokyo; Rtn Jim Hunter from RC Milwaukie received a collective welcome and our guests of Rotarians viz:

Mrs Betty Hunter (wife of Rtn Jim)
Mr Will Moss (guest of PP Con)
Mr Adam Moss (guest of PP Con)
received individual welcomes, as befits honoured guests

PE CY drummed up attendance at our Annual Function to be held on Saturday 18 April 1998 and he also advised that we should get in our requests soon for dinner tickets for the District Conference.

Sgt at Arms Robin told us we had only 24 members present although he also said we were very generous as we had donated \$1,500 for charity and club service.

IPP Hubert gave us Rotary Information (in full elsewhere in the book) on the 'new' Assistant Governor system vice the 'old' Governor's Representative system and we then came to the highlight of the meeting, a splendid, interesting, witty and 'insider' account on 'A View from the Bridge'!

Our speaker was Mr Roger Moss, OBE and the bridge was the Lantau Bridge, without which very few of us (unless strong swimmers or friends of 'yachty' Chris) would get to the New Airport at Chek Lap Kok.

Roger is now a Senior Advisor at Goldman Sachs (Asia) whom he joined in June 1996, following his retirement from the Mass Transit Railway Corporation. He had been MTRC Finance Director since 1984.

The MTRC's Airport Railway will be completed in a few months and the agreement with the Hong Kong government for this massive project was negotiated by Roger.

The Lantau Bridge element of the Airport Railway project was the reason behind the title chosen for Rogers' talk, however, to the delight and edification of all present, Roger gave us insights into his negotiations with the 'powers that were' and the 'powers that now are'.

By this account it was an extraordinary insight into the working of the minds of bureaucrats, politicians, bankers and 'other interested parties' when dealing with a 'gigabuck' project.

Some anecdotes follow:

Δ We can be very proud of what was achieved for the people of Hong Kong but the pain suffered was very real.

This footnote to the history of Hong Kong was achieved after lengthy, painful negotiations.

- Δ Roger then 'praised grandeous men' but for the names you had to be present last week or will have to purchase his 'bound to be written' book.
- Δ When Roger joined MTRC in 1984 it was a typical government bureaucracy and was funded by the people of Hong Kong.
- Δ MTRC can now attract massive debt, the sign of a well financed, well managed major entity.

This attraction is based on the 3Rs - Ratings - Reputation & Relationships.

- Δ The 1984 Joint Declaration and the then forthcoming Basic Law added to the minefield that was the negotiations.
- Δ The fact that the HK Government 'never borrows' and the need for Chinese 'official support' led to interesting negotiating 'problems'.
- Δ "We do not agree with the 'Equity' approach", said government, "Just ask the investors to let you have the US\$4 billions".
- Δ The 'senior politician's' learning curve it is vertical!
- Δ We learnt that politicians are opportunists and diplomats do as their Foreign Ministries tell them.

There was much more. All presented in a droll, witty, urbane manner by an expert in the field of high finance.

If you were there the above will revive some memories, if you were not there, this short piece will



Old Friends: Rin Roy and former RCHKIE member Robin Scown



Moss Bros. Adam & Will Moss, sons of Roger with host PP Con



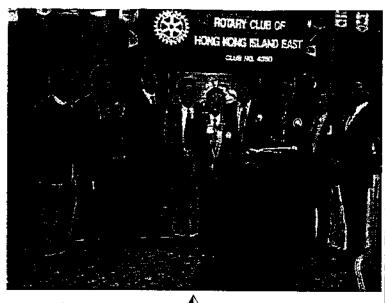
Our renown speaker Mr Rogers Moss, OBE

hopefully get you to reconsider your attendance. With PP Con's record on speakers, 'sometimes' you just don't know what you may be missing.

Rtn Stephen provided the vote of thanks in his usual fine fashion.

President Li ended the meeting at 2.07 p.m. with a toast to RC Flagstaff SA, coupled with a toast to RI.

Visiting Rotarians, Andrew Sin and Jim Hunter with Mrs Betty Hunter >



Visitors and guests with our club officers at last week's meeting

Pres. Li swaps banners with Rtn Andrew Sin



Mourning Service for the late Dr. Wilson T.S. Wang, O.B.E., J.P.

The mourning service in commemoration of the late Dr. Wilson T.S. Wang, O.B.E., J.P., beloved husband of WANG LI Ming Tzun, dearest father of the late Bernard, Cry, Denny and Eddie, father-in-law of BUTT Lai Ying Daisy and CHEN Ying Lin, and loving grandfather of Hubert, Jack, Liza, the late Jodie, Phoeber and Stevy, will be held at the New Method College, 25 Man Fuk Road, Homantin, Kowloon on Sturday, 23rd May, 1998 at 11:30 a.m.

Honorary Rotarian builds homes -- and hope -- for child war victims

Mark Cook believes that the best way to secure our future is to nurture our children. If that's the case, then this former army colonel and honorary Rotarian from England is painting a rosy picture for the next generation.

In 1993, Cook was stationed in Croatia as part of a United Notions peacekeeping force. While patrolling the town of Lipik after a heavy artillery attack, he discovered three dozen frightened and hungry children cowering in the basement of a bombed-out orphanage. As a 30-year veteran who had been through numerous war zones, Mark thought he was immune to such heart-wrenching scenes. But it turned out he wasn't. He vowed then

and there to return to Lipik and rebuild the children a home.

Cook left the army and together with his wife, Caroline, formed a charity called "Hope and Homes for Children." True to Mark's word, the couple rebuilt the orphanage in Lipik and went on to construct homes for child victims of war in Sierra Leone, Mozambique and Eritrea.

"A home isn't just bricks and concrete," Cook said.
"It's love, compassion and warmth." He describes the children he comes across as "prisoners" living in run-down buildings with little light and virtually no human touch. His goal is to provide healthy

environments for these children, both physically and emotionally.

Toward this end, the Cooks' organization typically builds groups of smaller homes, instead of one large building, to give children a feeling of being part of a family rather than an institution. The facilities they build are adapted to the conditions in each country. Local staff are trained to care for the children and provide stimulating environments in which they can grow and thrive. "We can't save everyone in the world," Cook said, "but if we want to build a bright future, what better way is there than to ensure that our children grow up to be productive, loving people?"

The latest success story is Albania, where a new facility was dedicated in December. The ceremony was attended by the 1997-98 president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, Rodney

Huggins, who called the dedication "a moving experience."

Huggins has adopted Hope and Homes for Children as RIBI's international project for the year, and Rotarians throughout the region have rallied behind it with donations of some US\$100,000. Huggins expects that figure to exceed \$500,000 by the end of the Rotary year.

"With all the wars going on around the world, hope is a merely a dream for many children," Huggins remarked. "Hope and Homes for Children is a cause which enables us to Show Rotary Cares by helping to make that dream a reality."

Besides receiving financial support from Rotary, Mark Cook was named an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Frome-Selwood, England, for his exceptional service to children.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Above a monastery on Mount Athos, there's a cave that particularly spiritual monks choose to spend some years sitting inside. It's very difficult to get up there. Very dangerous.

A monk was told that once he had entered the cave, his only contact with the world would come every six years, when he'd be allowed to speak just two words.

Six years later the head monk asked the novice what his two words were. "More food," said the novice. "OK," the head monk said, "I'll leave you a couple of extra loaves of bread."

Six years later the head monk asked again. "I'm cold," said the novice. "No problem," said the head monk, "I'll leave you this blanket."

Six years later the head monk inquired of the novice if there was anything else he wanted to say. "I quit," said the novice. To which the head monk testily responded, "Fine by me. Good riddance. All you've ever done since you got here is complain."



"Oh, this is so exciting! ... You know, no one's played this thing for years!"

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What Happened Last Week

The meeting began well when President Li gave a special welcome to some distinguished Rotarian visitors:

DGN Anthony Hung (Tai Po) President Robert Bohn (Port Vila, Vanuatu) President Peter Thong (HK North)

Rtn Malcolm then took charge of welcoming the other visitors and one guest:

IPP David Tsoi (HK North-East) Rtn Richard Sedgwick (HK) Rtn Kevin Lam (HK North-East)

Dr Lewis Fung (Pres. Li)

President Li called on visitors to exchange banners. The offer was taken up by Pres. Robert Bohn from Vanuatu.

This was followed by an announcement from Pres. Li concerning a reunion of all District Past Presidents being organized by IPP Jo-jo. It will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on 24 April 1998, starting 6:30 - 7:00pm, with tickets of \$500 per head. PPs are urged to attend.

PE C.Y. delivered some important information about the condition of our Club. Apparently, we're an old club, but we are young in the physical condition of our members. And how does he make this assessment? Well, we only had four representatives in events at the Rotary district Sports Day and all won their events! C.Y. showed us his award but the other three didn't receive theirs as they were rushed to hospital.

Acting Sergeant Stephen then provided the statistics for the day: There were 26 members in attendance and \$1,600 was donated.

Uncle Peter made a very important presentation to PP Tim in the form of his multiple PHF pin.

The highlight of the meeting was the speaker who turned out to be DGN Anthony Hung who has recently returned from the DGN Training Course at the

International Assembly held at Anaheim in California. Anthony proceeded to enlighten members about the lighter side of this experience, likening himself to the horse, and IPDG as his trainer.

We were informed that the 1998-99 Rotary theme will be "Follow Your Rotary Dream" coined by incoming Rotary President, James Lacy. We also learned that the official colour (for Rotary coats) will be dark blue.

Anthony said that all his expenses were paid for by RI and his wife Mary had to pay for only half of her meals. From next year, all expenses for spouses will be paid for by RI.

His account of the organizing of the event was interesting: Apparently, it was run like a primary school, with roll calls, detentions, and even admonishments for misdemeanors.

It was interesting to hear that only 50% of the Matching Grant budget was allocated in the last year and at this Assembly, proposed projects throughout the world were announced and DGNs were able to commit their districts as matching partners. In this way, there will now be much greater participation in this Rotary scheme in the coming year.

At this stage it was two o'clock and the horse bolted. President Li thanked DGN Anthony for his talk and closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Port Vila.

[A note from the conversation at one of the tables:

.....Jokes about Bill Clinton:

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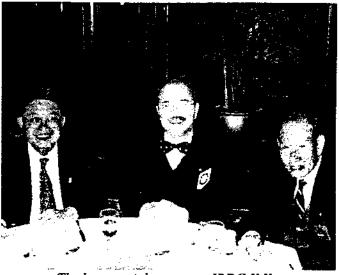
If Bill and Al took a boat ride and the boat capsized, who would be saved?
The USA.

How did Bill and Hillary meet? They were dating the same girl.

..... Etc.]



Rtns Malcolm and David discuss with Rtn Robert Bohn how to emigrate to Vanuatu.



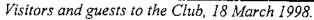
The heavyweight corner: IPDG Y.K., DGN Anthony and PDG Uncle Peter.



Rtn Robert Bohn (Vanuatu) accepts a banner from Pres. Li.

PDG Uncle Peter presents multiple PHF pin to PP Tim.





DGN Anthony entertains members with snippets from his recent DGN training course in Annaheim.



Governors prepared of coming year at International Assembly

RI's service emphases for 1998-99 were unveiled to Rotarians from 64 countries at the International Assembly, March 6-13, in Anaheim, California, USA. The eight-day meeting was designed to prepare RI's 527 district governors-nominee to take office on July I. A highlight of the conference was when RI President-elect James L. Lacy of Cookeville, Tennessee, USA, introduced plans and goals for his presidency.

The International Assembly, held at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers Hotel, was the principal training event for incoming district governors. At this yearly "school for service," fledgling officers learned leadership guidelines and how to support the president's vision with relevant community outreach. The new leaders attended plenary sessions and participated in discussion groups and other meetings conducted in several languages. They planned for such activities as making club visits, launching international service projects and participating in youth and professional exchanges.

Among this year's participants were 20 women who served as district governors in 1998-99--one governor each from Argentina, Brazil, Canada,

India and Spain, and the rest from the U.S. This is the fourth year that the annual training meeting has included women as governors-nominee.

The opening session on Saturday, March 7, began with a colorful procession of the flags of the Rotary world. The program featured addresses by President-elect Lacy, President Glen W. Kinross and other Rotary leaders. Ensuing plenary sessions focused on topics of utmost importance to Rotary, including membership growth, The Rotary Foundation, RIPrograms, and district administration and leadership.

Coinciding with the assembly was the International Institute for current and past RI officers, March 6-9. The Institute featured a variety of presentations and discussion groups that seek answers to concerns both unique to Rotary and of universal importance. These included, "What Are Your Dreams for Rotary? Can They Be Realized?"; "Are We Making the Best Use of the Differences and Purposes of the New Programs of The Rotary Foundation?"; "Alleviating Poverty and Hunger: Serving Humanity"; and "A Root Solution to Illiteracy and Innumeracy."

March 31 last chance to pre-register for Indianapolis

More than 14,000 Rotarians and guests have signed up for the 1998 RI Convention, taking advantage of reduced rates. The final preregistration deadline is March 31. After that, registrations will be accepted only on site and at a higher rate. The June 14-17 meeting will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

Those planning to attend can expect exciting and educational plenary sessions and workshops, along with a range of fellowship events. Among pre-convention activities will be the International Institute, the Youth Exchange Officers' Meeting and the Rotaract Meeting, traditionally a one-day event which has been extended to two days. All three meetings will take place Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13. Also on Saturday, the Indianapolis Zoo will be open free to Rotarians and guests, followed by an Evening at the Ballpark to watch the Triple-A Indianapolis Indians.

On Sundry, the convention's official opening day, Rotarians will convene at the annual Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon. Afterward, they will join in the Rotary Greenway Project, a hands-on community service initiative to plant flowers and bushes on the convention center grounds.

Topping Monday's agenda will be vocational tours

to area businesses in the afternoon and Home Hospitality in the evening. And, of course, no trip to sports-crazed Indianapolis would be complete without a visit to the world-famous Motor Speedway. On Tuesday evening, conventioners will enjoy an exhibition of the famed Indianapolis 500.

The Host Organization also has arranged outings to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Indianapolis Children's Museum (the world's largest), and Conner Prairie, a re-created historical village.

Plenary sessions and most other convention activities will take place under one roof -- the Indianapolis Convention Center and RCA Dome. Located in the heart of downtown, the facility is within walking distance of many of the Rotary-contracted hotels. Other hotels are no more than a half-hour ride from the convention center. Rotarians will find that Indianapolis is an easily navigable city with few traffic hassles.

An article detailing Indianapolis history and attractions appears in the February issue of The Rotarian magazine, along with a convention registration form. The form also is available on RI's Web site and through RI's Faxback service (see information on page 4). Forms must be postmarked by March 31.

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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A cowboy rides into town, hitches up his horse and walks into a bar. He gets a beer, drinks it, and walks out. Half a second passes and he bursts back into the bar and says,

"ALL RIGHT, WHICH ONE OF YOU MOTHERS PAINTED MY HORSE'S FACE YELLOW?"

A huge man-mountain stands up, looks down at the cowboy and says, "I did."

The cowboy looks up at him and whispers, "The first coat's dry."



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What Happened Last Week

The meeting this week was held in the small function room on the second floor that caters for Chinese cuisine - and some of the members got lost trying to find it. However, by the time the meeting got underway, there was a good assembly of members present.

President Li began by giving a special welcome to President Robert Bohn (Port Vila) who was doing a second make-up at our club.

PP George was called upon to welcome the other visitors and guests:

Rtn Dick Sedgwick (HK)

Rtn Francesco Cuvazzoni (HK South)

Rtn Susan Schofield (HK)

Mr Joe Khoo (Rtn Flicker)

Mr Mike Wong (Rtn Flicker)

Ms Helen Chu (Rtn Flicker)

There was one birthday boy this week: Rtn W.S. Rtn Flicker, with his dormant talent as a singer of note, was called upon to lead the happy birthday wishes.

PE C.Y. then made two announcements:

- ▲ Members were reminded about the upcoming District Conference on 4-5 April and that they should consider attending.
- A Members were informed that Secretaries Day is set down for 22 April and that they should inform C.Y. of the number of guests they intend inviting to the meeting on that day.

Sgt Robin entertained members with one of his witty jokes before providing the day's statistics. It mightn't have been in the league of Bill Gate's bequest after jumping out of the plane with his back pack, but the \$1,800 was a welcome addition to the Club's coffers. This sum was donated by some of the 26 members present.

This week, PDG Uncle Peter provided the Rotary information which focused on the Group Study Exchange program. The GSE program was initiated in 1965 to provide educational experiences for business and professional men and women in order to promote world understanding. The word "Exchange" means pairing one district with another in a foreign country to send and receive one study team each year. A team consists of one Rotarian leader and four young working persons. The Rotary Foundation provides only return airfares while other expenses such as domestic travelling, lodging and food are for the account of the receiving district. Basically, the team members will stay at the homes of fellow Rotarians.

This year, our district is receiving one team from District 5580 (USA and Canada) and another team from Beijing, PRC. Both teams are now in Hong Kong. The team from Beijing consists entirely of medical doctors.

Likewise, District 3450 is sending out a team of 5 young persons under team leader, PP Stephen Shum of the RC of Mid-Level and another team of doctors to Beijing headed by Rtn Lau of RC of Queensway.

The incoming team members will attend District 3450 District Conference and HKIE Club members will have a chance to meet them later.

Following Uncle Peter's talk, Rtn Henry Chan provided some information on our club's school project at Fung Hoi Yuen, Guangzhou. The club has held \$100,000 for 5 years for this project but has withheld it until the other \$600,000 required for building has been raised. This seems to have been achieved now and the commitment of the club's contribution will soon be finalized.

Rtn Rudy was presented with his multiple PHF pin by PDG Uncle Peter. Rudy then gave a run-down on the club's project in supplying computers to a school in Guangzhou. Rudy and his wife set up the computers with software and spent some time with the teachers of the school showing them how to operate the programs. This effectively represents the completion of that project.

PP John II made a final plea for members to donate prizes for the Club's Annual Party. President Li even offered to send someone around to members' offices to collect any significant donations.

PE C.Y. also made a plea for more members to consider attending the party as only 4 tables have so far been booked.





Visitors return: Rin Dick Sedgwick and Pres. Robert Bohn (Port Vila).



Rin Manolo has just told one of his horse jokes to



Birthday boy, Rtn W.S. receives congratulations from Pres. Li and Rtn Flicker.

In closing the meeting, the toast again this week was to the Rotary Club of Port Vila, Vanuartu.

March 22 - a meaningful day in Zhong Shan...

Ceremony for the handing over of the 10 personal computers donated by our club to the school in Shong Shan.

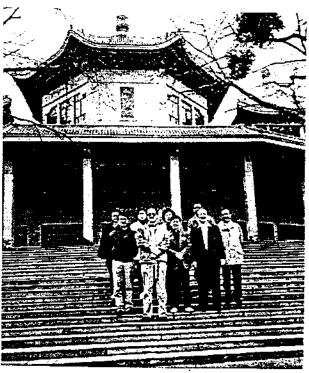


Lessons were given to the students to make good use of the computers





Some treat afterwards.....



Tour in Zhong Shan



"We all go for the President Cup!"

Changes in travel operations enable Rotary to cut costs, improve efficiency

Rotary travel is big business. In any given year, travel expenses make up about 10 percent of the budgets of both R1 and The Rotary Foundation. For 1996-97, the budget of the Rotary International Travel Service (RITS) reached approximately US\$12.8 million, 96 percent of which was for travel outside the United States. Rotary's Travel Management Committee has been busy in 1997-98 fulfilling its main charge from RI President Glen W. Kinross: to monitor the procedures and financial operations of RITS.

The committee is composed of the following past RI directors: Chairman William Nystrom of the United States; Vice Chairman Tibor Gregor of Canada; Gustavo Gross of Peru; President-nominee Carlo Ravizza of Italy; Liaison Trustee Wilfrid Wilkinson of Canada; and President-elect James Lacy of the U.S., who serves as liaison director.

Initially, committee members evaluated RITS' ability to provide excellent service to the traveler in the most economical manner. They determined that a specialized travel consultant was warranted in order to take advantage of many changes in the air transport industry. With the approval of the RI Board of Directors, the committee contracted The Global Group, Inc.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A cowboy goes into a bar, has a beer, walks outside and finds his horse has been stolen. He walks back into the bar, and fires his gun into the ceiling. "WHICH ONE OF YOU MOTHERS STOLE MY HOSS?" he yells. No one answers. "ALL RIGHT, I'M GONNA HAVE ANOTHA BEER, AND IF MY HOSS AIN'T OUTSIDE BY THE TIME I FINISH, I'M GONNA DO WHAT I DUN IN TEXAS."

He gets another beer, walks outside, and his horse is back. So he gets on it and makes to ride out of town. The bartender wanders out of the bar and asks, "Say pardner, what happened in Texas?"

The cowboy turns to him and says, "I had to bloody-well walk home."

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Working with the Board, the Travel Management Committee and Secretariat staff, Global Group, Inc., is helping to implement new management and financial policies for RITS and negotiate new contracts with various airlines. New contracts are also being sought with major travel agencies around the world in order to accommodate travel requests from RI general officers, presidential representatives, committee members, Council on Legislation representatives, volunteers, Group Study Exchange members, scholars and employees.

A new information system which enables Rotary to obtain tickets at special reductions has already been introduced. The travel service is also using with greater frequency selected consolidators, low season price reductions, ticket share and other options that help cut travel costs. In some instances, Rotarians are authorized to purchase airplane tickets in their own locality, provided that the cost does not exceed a ticket issued by RITS. The committee reports that substantial discounts have recently been negotiated and obtained through consolidated and agreed prices--arrangements buoyed by the high volume of Rotary travelers every year.



"This just makes me sick! ... Sick! ... Why, in my day, we collected wild heads from the jungle! ...
These things are all sissies!"

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Application for Membership

Dr Lewis Hung FUNG has been proposed and seconded for membership of our Club in accordance with Article V of our Club Constitution and in accordance with the requirement of Article XI of our By-Laws, the Board has approved the proposal.

Details of Dr Fung are as follows:

Name

Lewis Hung Fung 馮振雄

Nationality

: Australian

Birthday

: 26 October, 1960

Wife's name

: Chan Wai, Monica

Name of firm

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Principal activity of firm: Medical practice

Classification

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April 1 is traditionally April Fools' Day but we weren't being tricked when we turned up to see PP Con with a guest speaker in tow. together with a bevy of paparazzi. But more about that later.

Rtn Henry Chan was called upon to begin proceedings by introducing the visitors and guests:

PP Ram Tolani (Wan Chai)

Mike Mumelier (Rtn Flicker) Lewis Fung (Pres. Li) Danny Kilis (PP John Kwok) Sandra Logan (PP Ram Tolani) Mr K. Li (PP Con) Mr K. So (PP Con) Ms Pamela Chan (PP Con)

President Li asked the three birthday boys to come out to receive their congratulations. This week, the lucky celebrants were PP Con and Rtns Rudy and Joseph.

PP John then took charge of the presentation of prizes to the golfers. He called upon PDG Uncle Peter to present the prizes to the following winners:

China competition: PP George (first prize)

PP John (second prize) Rtn Henry Lui (third prize)

PP George (prize for longest drive)

Fanling competition: Pres. Li (longest drive)

Pres. Li (most improved player)

Sgt. Robin took the stage to announce the good news that PP Con will be installing a free telephone service in Hong Kong bus services. Thank you, Con! (Is it true that Con's birthday donation of \$580 has something to do with his age? Is it the first two digits or the last two?)

Robin also announced that \$3.880 had been collected with generous donations from the birthday boys; and 27 members were in attendance.

President Li announced that our club had won the award for the best club bulletin (English version) in the District for 1997-98, with congratulations to PP Rob and Elsa Li.

PP Con then introduced Ms Pamela Chan, Chief Executive of the Consumer Council, who was guest speaker of the day.

Ms Chan is the Third Vice-President and Public Relations Committee Chairperson of Community Chest. She serves on the Central Policy Unit, Estate Agents Authority, the Advisory Committee on Travel Agents, Travel Industry Compensation Fund Management Board. Environmental Campaign Committee and Advisory Council on AIDS. She was appointed as Justice of the Peace in 1991. In 1997, Ms Chan was elected as President of Consumers International at its 13th World Congress. Consumers International was founded in the Netherlands in 1960 and has a membership of more than 240 organizations in 100 countries. It is a consultant to a number of United Nations bodies. CI has been involved in issues concerned with protection of intellectual property rights, the labeling of food produced from biotechnology, trade and health issues, etc.

Ms Chan spoke at some length about the repercussions of the Asian financial crisis and here organization's involvement in protecting the rights of consumers throughout. It was interesting to hear that she believed that the banks should in fact shoulder some of the losses that have occurred in the property and share markets; and that consumer viewpoints should be taken into account in the recovery. It is her view that the small investor is most vulnerable and needs protection.

At the completion of Ms Chan's presentation, Rtn Paul thanked her for her service.

To complete the proceedings of the meeting, a toast was proposed to the Rotary Club of Wan Chai.





Danny Kilis is amused by the photographer, while PP Rob can't smile with a mouth full of food.



The birthday boys and choir for the week.



PP Sam advises PP Con about geriatric health care.

PP George receives his golfing prize from PDG Uncle Peter



Visitors and guests to the Club, 1 April 1998.

Ms Pamela Chan promises protection to HKIE at the Excelsior.



A Joint Project of HKIE, Causeway Bay Kaifong Association & Guideposts Education Foundation to build a school in Dou Tau, Feng Kai, Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province

廣東省肇慶市封開縣渡頭鎭



A delegation consisting of representatives of the three organisation visited the school in March 1998.

The building funded by this project is under construction and is scheduled to be completed in September 98. The building will provide 16 additional classrooms for over 500 students in the school.









Matching Grants project moves New Delhi slums toward AIDS awareness

In impoverished parts of New Delhi, India, where literacy rates are low, many residents have just a vague idea of what AIDS really is or believe that the disease only strikes high-risk groups. Members of the Rotary Club of Delhi South End set out last year to increase awareness of and knowledge about HIV/AIDS through a television public education campaign.

Toward this goal, South End club members and their Rotarian counterparts from West San Fernando Valley, California, combined club and district funds with a US\$11,750 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant for a total of \$23,500, which was used to purchase a van and video equipment.

The van interior was converted into a mobile videography unit, which was used to tape

interviews of people affected by HIV/AIDS. The videotaped interviews were broadcast as public information spots on cable television and subsequently shown on the van's equipment as it traveled to the area's slums. The van also served as a resource center for printed AIDS information and a counseling site for medical professionals to discuss the disease with residents.

The project was also instrumental in teaching a trade to underprivileged New Delhi youths, who were trained to operate the video equipment. Swaasthya Trust, a non-governmental organization based in India which works exclusively on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, played a key role in implementing the project.

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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A woman buys a parrot only to find that it says nothing but, "My name is Mary and I'm a whore." She tries to teach the bird more acceptable phrases but, after weeks, has failed utterly. "My name is Mary and I'm a whore", it says over and over again, often at the most inappropriate moments and much to the lady's embarrassment.

One day her parish priest dropped by and, sure enough, the parrot squawked out the only words it would say. She apologized to the priest, explaining that the bird resisted all efforts at reform. The priest offered to take the bird to visit the two birds he had, as all his birds would say were Hail Marys while clutching rosaries in their talons. Perhaps they'd have a good influence on the lady's parrot.

So he took her parrot to his house and put it in the cage with his parrots. "My name is Mary and I'm a whore", said the lady's parrot. Whereupon one of the priest's birds said to the other, "Throw that damn rosary away, our prayers have been answered."





Octopus obedience school

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The meeting began when John V was called upon to come out to introduce the visitors and guests. Who is John V? It turned out to be John Yao. John took charge by introducing the following people:

K.M. Chan (Kowloon)
Calvin Fung (Kings Park)

Elsa Li (IPP Hubert)
Eric Fung (Rtn Stephen)

A special welcome back was given to IPP Hubert who has returned from San Francisco.

PE C.Y. made the following announcements to members:

- 1. There was a good attendance of HKIE members at the District Conference over the weekend. Members, as well as Elsa Li, were thanked for the important role they played in managing the registrations. President Li received the award for the best bulletin (English) for the year and the recognition given to our club's golfing prowess.
- 2. A reminder was given about the club's annual party on 18 April. Members were encouraged to confirm their attendance as soon as possible; as well as to consider donating prizes for the raffle.
- 3. Secretaries' day will be held on 22 April and members were asked to give numbers for attendance to C.Y.

Sgt Robin then injected a little humour into the proceedings with one of his jokes before informing us that there were 20 members present and \$1,400 had been donated.

IPP Hubert must have been working on his Rotary information while in San Francisco because he was ready to tell us all about the criteria for a good club bulletin on his return. Essentially, it should be informative, interesting and balanced.

The principal function of a bulletin is to provide information to members. But it should be interesting because Rotarians are busy businessmen, businesswomen

and professionals who have no appetite and time for " boring articles. At the same time, balance is needed between providing information and giving support and encouragement to all the working committees.

Finally. PP Tim introduced the speaker for the meeting: Mr Robert Chung of the Social Science Department, HK University; and also editor of the POP Express newsletter. His topic focused on the research his organization does in analysing the involvement and attitudes of the Hong Kong population towards the current election of the new legislature.

Robert claimed that the information he was giving at the meeting was first-release stuff. In fact, it was very pessimistic news and showed the apathy that the general population has towards the election: 90% of the Hong Kong population is poorly 📆 🛊 🕃 informed of the election and only 23% have bothered to vote. He predicts that the latter figure will be a little higher for the main election in May but it will be less than the 33% projected by the government. Given these figures, there should be considerable concern for the representativeness of any legislature that is elected.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Robert was thanked by PP Andrew.

The meeting was concluded with a toast to the Rtm Stephen and W.S. with guest Eric Fung and visitor Rotary Club of Kings Park and Kowloon.

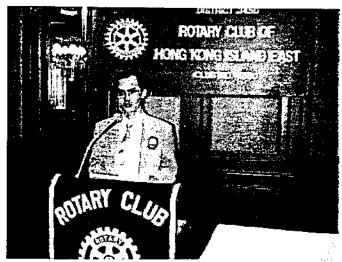


PE C.Y. gets tips for running the meeting from PDGs Uncle Peter and Y.K.

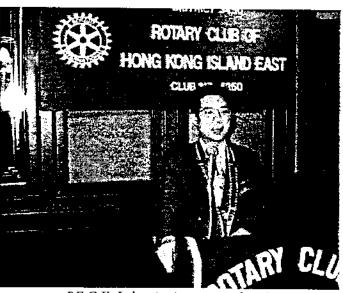


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Guest speaker Robert Chung talks about the election.



 \overrightarrow{PEC} . Is he singing or speaking?

Maryland club stakes claim for Rotary on Mars

One of the great scientific missions of recent history drew to a close March 10 when NASA officially declared the demise of its Pathfinder spacecraft on Mars, not having received any transmissions since October. But, thanks to the efforts of a Washington, D.C.-area club, a part of Rotary remains stationed on the red planet.

Before the Mars Pathfinder was launched in December 1996, the signatures of members of the Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda, Maryland, were scanned into a computer and the resulting image was etched onto a silicon microchip which was subsequently bonded permanently to the spacecraft. The late Dr. Jurgen Rahe, a NASA Headquarters official and a member of the club, was instrumental in the arrangement.

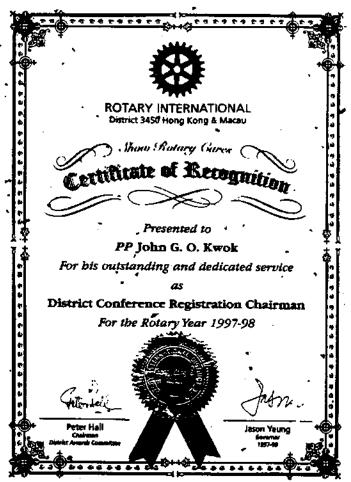
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Guests and visitors to the meeting, 8 April 1998.







LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A blind man was waiting to cross the road when his guide dog peed on his leg. He reached into his pocket, took out a biscuit and gave it to the dog. A passerby who'd seen everything was very touched.

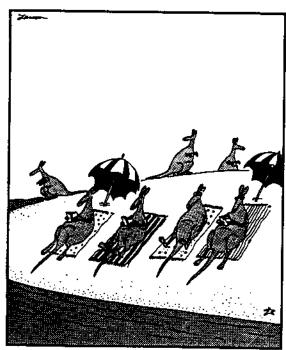
"That's very tolerant of you after what your dog just did."

"Not really," came the reply. "I'm just finding out where his mouth is, so I can kick his bum in."









Incredibly, Morty had forgotten to bring a pocketbook.

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It was obvious this week that we had a large roll-up of visitors and guests; in fact, almost one half of the number of members present. The meeting then got underway when Rtn Robert was called upon to perform the introductions. He did a marvellous job until he was put off by an unpronounceable Turkish name, and then he forgot to include a couple of other visitors. Even the Editor was stumped on the spelling of the Turkish name but here are the rest:

George Norrie (Montrose, Scotland) Ahmet Hikmen (Istanbul-Sisli) Peter Tse (TST East) Richard Sedgwick (HK)

Ann Wiggins (Bay Shore, N.Y.) F. Szdi (Istanbul Sisli) Philip Li (HK Sunrise)

Elsa Li (IPP Hubert) Connie Lam (Speaker)

Eric Fung (Rtn Stephen)

President Li lost our 50 boxes of banners but managed to scrape up a couple to exchange with two visitors: Rtns Anne Wiggins from RC Bay Shore, New York; and Rtn George Norrie from Montrose, Scotland.

President Li also welcomed back Rtn Alex Ling who has spent some time in Vancouver.

Rtn Tajwar was called out so that members could give him birthday wishes and the singing was lead by none other than PP Con.

DG Uncle Peter then took the floor to present a multiple award PHF pin to Rtn Ates.

Sgt Robin entertained members with one of his repertoir of jokes and announced that \$1,800 was donated and 25 members were present.

At this stage it was time for the guest speaker and PP Con provided the introduction to Ms Connie Lam from the Information Technology Branch of the Hong Kong Education Department. Connie spoke about the networked computer system that has been installed in the Education Department and the public schools in Hong Kong. This is a system that greatly improves administration in this bureaucracy by enabling instant two-way communication

with all primary and secondary schools. It is used for the student allocation procedures, for teacher information, for financial management and to notify exam results and reports. Databases are created, constantly updated, and instantly accessible by individual schools. As well as creating and installing this School Administration Management System (SAMS). Connie's Branch is responsible for servicing it and training users in the schools. The vote of thanks for Connie was provided by Rtn Rudy who opined that the logical extension of the system would be for parents to have access so that they could check up on their kid's results at any time.

The meeting was closed at 2:00pm with a toast to the RC Istanbul-Sisli.



Rtn Ates receives his multiple award PHF pin from PDG Uncle Peter.



Guest speaker Connie Lam reports new IT initiatives in the Education Department.

Birthday boy Tajwar congratulated by Pres. Li and PP Con.



Pres. Li exchanges banners with Rtn Ann Wiggins (Bay Shore, N.Y.) before she disappeared.



Rtn Flicker: "Wait! Let me comb my hair."



PP Con & Rtn Thomas take care of Rtn Dick Sedgwick (HK).

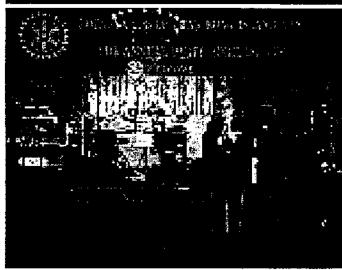


A glimpse of the Annual Party

Pres. Li exchanges souvenirs with Pres. Kobayashi Akihio of RC Kawasaki South

Frin Lewis Fung was inducted member of HKIE





Pres. Kobayashi Akihio sings a classical d Japanese song for us

PDG Jason & Ann Rebecca grace our party



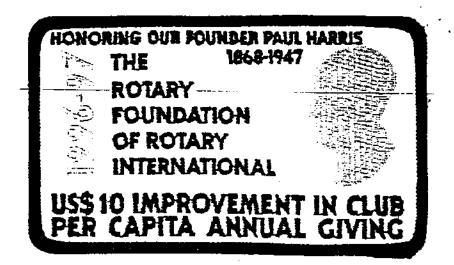


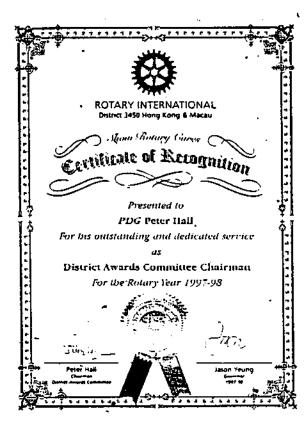


Hot belly dance P



More Awards.....







LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Tired of driving, a salesman parked his car beside a paddock. Immediately a horse came to the fence and began to boast about his career. "Yes, I'm a great horse. I've run in 25 races and won over \$5 million. I keep my trophies in the barn."

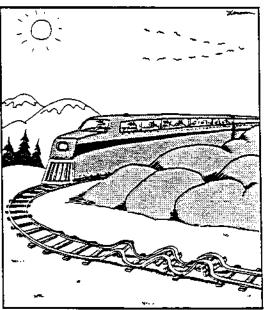
The salesman considered the value of owning a talking horse, found the farmer and started negotiations.

"Aah, you don't want that horse," said the farmer.

"Yes I do, " said the salesman, "and I'll give you \$500,000 for it,"

Without hesitation the farmer said, "He's yours." While writing out the cheque, the salesman asked, "By the way, why wouldn't I want your horse?"

"Because," said the farmer, "he's a liar. He hasn't won a race in his life."



"Hello, ladies and gentlemen, Engineer Matthews here. ... Better take your seats and put them drinks down 'cause around this corner we always hit some pretty bad traculence."

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This was one of those very special meetings of the Rotary year during which our club pays tribute to a very special group of people in our working lives: our secretaries. As part of Secretaries Week, many members brought along their secretary/ies to share the fellowship of our meeting.

PP Dave had the honour of welcoming our visitors and guests this week:

Wendy Wong (Peninsula South) Richard Chu (Peninsula South) Hubert Ng (HK Harbour)

Connie Sin (PP John Kwok) Lydia Wong (IPP Hubert) Janet Yau (IPP Huber) Ada Chu (IPP Hubert) Monica Wong (PP T.K.) Li Wai Ching (PP George) Connie Yu (IPDG Y.K.) Elsa Li (Pres. Li) Joei Man (Pres. Li) Chris Howe (Pres. Li) Emily Owan (PP John Luk) Peggy Chan (Peninsula South)
Cynthia Lee (Peninsula South)
Dick Sedgwick (Hong Kong)

Danny Kilis (PP John Kwok)
Polly Wan (IPP Hubert)
Creamy Cheng (IPP Hubert)
Doris Choi (PP T.K.)
Cecily Yip (Rtn David Wei)
Cecilia Wong (PP George)
Amy Lui (Rtn Roy)
Winnie Or (Pres. Li)
Annie Ng (Pres. Li)
Cherie Yeung (PP John Luk)
Tiffany Cheng (PP John Luk)

Members were a little concerned as PP John Kwok was introducing his guest when he admitted that he had contracted a disease. One comment heard around the tables was that PP John's mummy should have told him all about those things.

President Li gave a special welcome to Dr Lewis Fung who was inducted into the club during the club's annual party last week.

PE C.Y. was called upon to present special gifts to the secretaries and President Li made a special presentation of a Rotary tie pin to his special secretary, Chris Howe. (On further questioning, it turned out that Secretary Chris had to pay for his own lunch though.) Chris was given a special welcome back from his sailing trip to the Philippines.

There was one birthday boy for the day: PP George, and he chose IPDG Y.K. to lead the birthday chorus.

The good news of the day was delivered by Sgt. Robin: \$2,300 had been raised from donations and there were 30 members present. (Perhaps we should bring the pretty ladies along more often to keep this attendance number up!)

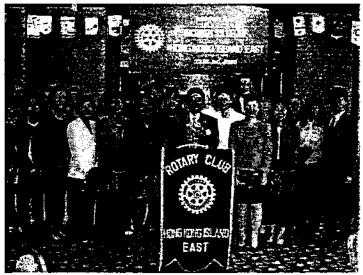
PE C.Y. then introduced the guest speaker, Dr William Fung who is a Dermatologist specializing in laser surgery. Since much of this surgery is used on the facial area to improve appearances, this topic was thought to be of interest for the ladies attending the meeting today. Dr Fung also assured the male members that laser surgery was very suitable for them also although he didn't say just what he would be able to cut. He explained some of the technical details of the laser equipment he uses and that there were only a few (3) spectra of light that were suitable for surgery. To excise moles, a green laser is used. A yellow or green laser can be used to treat unsightly blood vessels at the skin surface; and a blue laser is used to do deeper cutting or surface shaving. great advantages of laser surgery is that it is very sterile, cutting is extremely accurate, healing is rapid, and in most cases, anesthetic is unnecessary. Dr Fung illustrated the remarkable successes of his technique by showing a series of slides in which pre and post operative conditions could be seen.

Dr William Fung was thanked by our latest club member, Rtn Dr Lewis Fung who supported his claims about the benefits of laser surgery.

To close the meeting at 2:00pm, President Li proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Peninsula South.



PP T.K. like a father hovering over his two lovely secretaries



Pres. Li and his harem



Secretary Chris shares the limelight with all the other secretaries

The Annual Party was well attended. There were 13 tables filled. 98 members and guests from our club were present; and from the other clubs in the District, there were 54 people, including DG Jason. AG Stanley Mok, and DS Kay Lau. The highlight was the Belly Dance sponsored by Rtn Ates. The grand prize of the raffle went to the visiting Rotarian from Kawasaki South. There were 13 members from the Rotary Club of Kawasaki South.

A special thanks to the following members who donated prizes for the Annual Party:

IPP Hubert Chan
Rtn Ates Yuce
PP George Leung
PP Rob Fielding
Rtn Kishu Narain
PE C.Y. Fu
Han See Chris Haws

Hon Sec Chris Howe

Thanks also to VP Desmond Cheung for his generous contribution to the Money Guess Game.





Dr William Fung: "My lasers can even cure that disease you've just picked up, PP John."



Rotary Information

Illinois Rotarian flies high for Rotary Foundation

Rotarian Jim Pauk loves to fly. A member of the Rotary Club of Edwardsville. Illinois. Pauk owns his own plane and he likes to use it as much as possible. By joining the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, he has been able to combine his passion for flying with his interest in Rotary.

Last September, he took that combination a step further by putting his craft to work for The Rotary Foundation. With a goal of raising US\$2,000 for Foundation programs, he began taking Rotarians up in his plane for \$10 a ride. For each passenger, Pauk donates \$10 of his own. More than 40 Rotarians have flown to date, and Pauk hopes to escort about 60

"The Foundation does wonderful work." Pauk said.
"I'm glad I found a way I can contribute to that."
And, he laughed, "all I've been doing is having a good time!"

Pauk's endeavor has the added benefit of building cohesiveness among the Edwardsville club's 140 members. "I'm realizing that there were a lot of people in my club I really didn't know," the pilot confessed. "This is giving me the opportunity to develop new friendships. "Those new friends gave Pauk -- and the Foundation -- an added boost when they surprised him with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition recently.



A very distinguished birthday boy, PP George laughs it off with Pres. Li

Ron Forte sends his best wishes to all club members and would like to hear from anyone who would like to write, or to visit him in his retirement. Contact details:

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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Two devout churchgoing women were chatting in front of the store when a dusty old cowboy rode up, tied his horse in front of the saloon, walked around behind it, lifted its tail and kissed it full on the rectum.

Disgusted, one of the women said, "That's sickening. Why did you do that?"

To which the cowboy replied, "I've got chapped lips."

"Does that make them feel better?"

"No, but it stops me from licking them."









Some anthropologists believe that the discoveries of fire, shelter, and language were almost simultaneous.

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President Li opened the meeting by giving a special welcome to Incoming DG Anthony Hung and President Wendy Lui (wife of HKIE member Henry Lui). He also welcomed back PP John Kwok (from China) and Rtn Malcolm (from the UK).

Rtn Robert then welcomed the visitors:

Rtn Susan Schofield (HK) Pres. Wendy Lui Rtn William Ho (Peak) Rtn Berrin Cubukcuogli (Gay rettepe, Istanbul)

This week, the birthday boy was William (?), Bill (?), Flicker (?) Lamport. He selected PP Con to lead the chorus in wishing him a very happy day.

A number of announcements were made, starting with President Li:

- A letter has been received by ex-member Murray McDonald who has been in South Africa and now in the UK, wishing members well.
- Some souvenir packs of writing paper are left over from the District Conference and are available for sale at \$20 each.

PE C.Y. then reminded members of the District Assembly which will be held at the City University campus on 16 May. Members are urged to attend and registrations will be paid by the Club.

Rtn Desmond informed members that the photographs from the Annual Party are now ready for inspection and will be available for the next two weeks. Members who wish to purchase photos should see him as soon as possible.

Sergeant Robin humoured members with another of his jokes before advising that \$2,260 had been donated and 27 members were present.

PP John Kwok has done a splendid job as the District Conference Registration Chairman for a number of years and the DG has seen it fitting to recognize his efforts with the award of a Certificate of Appreciation. IDG Anthony was given the honour of presenting this to PP John.

No guest speaker had been lined up for this week so IDG Anthony found himself in the hot seat. He decided to tell us something about his plans for the coming Rotary year. We were informed that several members of our Club will be very actively involved with him: PDG Uncle Peter will be his advisor and mentor as well as District Rotary Information Task Force Chairman and District Award Chairman; PDG Y.K. will be the District Trainer; PP George will be the District Community Chairman; and Pres.Li will be the District Musical Director.

The Rotary theme for 1998-99 will be "Follow Your Rotary Dream" but IDG Anthony believes that the dreams must also be put into practice if we are to bring about improvements in our world. He also is going to put much emphasis on building up the membership of our District. From July 1997 to the present time, District membership has declined by 99 members. He estimates by the time he takes over as DG in July 1998, the membership will have dropped a further 44 to about 1,820. Clearly, this area must have a priority and Anthony hopes to bring about a 3-5% increase in each District club during his year of tenure.

Another priority for him is to keep Rotary affordable, especially in this period of economic hardship. This is the reason why he decided to hold the forthcoming District Assembly at the City University campus as it is only about 60% of the cost of recent years. (In fact, this was a proposal suggested to, and taken up by him from our own Club.) However, it does appear that the District levy will have to be increased but Anthony has promised to keep the increment as low as possible.

PP Con thanked IDG Anthony for sharing his visions, wished him well in his year, and promised him our Club's full support.

President Li then realised that he did not exchange banners with any of the visitors. This he gratiously did with Rtn Berrin Cubukcuogli from Turkey. And in closing the meeting, he proposed a toast to her Rotary Club: Gayrettepe, Istanbul.



What tales will these ladies take away? PP Con & Rtn Tajwar entertain Rtns Susan Schofield (HK) & Berrin Cubukcuogli (Istanbul)



In good care, Pres. Wendy Lui between husband Henry and PE C.Y.



An honoured guest, incoming DG Anthony Hung with PE C.Y. and PDG Uncle Peter

Rin Flicker receives warm birthaay wishes from Pres. Li and PP Con



IDG Anthony lets members in on some of his dreams for 1998-99

PP John receives well-deserved recognition for services to the District Conferences from IDG Anthony







Rotary Information

British Columbia Rotarians make life a little safer for seniors

Residents at the Kinsmen Retirement Centre in Delta, British Columbia, Canada, prize their independent lifestyle and appreciate any measures designed to keep them living safely in their apartments. But it came to light recently that one such measure -- fire doors -- posed a hazard of its own when a resident was injured and sent to the hospital. She had been overpowered by the force of the hydraulic door closures used to meet fire regulations.

When she learned of the injured tenant, Kinsmen apartment manager Donna Wood asked the Rotary Club of Tsawwassen for assistance in finding a solution. "We needed help and they responded," Wood said. A plan was devised to change the

closure hardware to adjustable spring hinges. The spring hinges meet fire regulations but have the advantage of letting elderly tenants easily use their doors.

On April 18, 30 Rotarians eliminated the hazard by installing C\$22,000 (about US\$15,500) worth of equipment in the two apartment buildings. With the new hardware, the 177 senior residents who live in the buildings no longer risk injury when using their 300-pound suite doors.

According to project coordinator Bryan Kelly, tenants voiced their pleasure with the innovation. "Now the door opens so easily." one told him. "Even those of us with canes or walkers find it easy."

APRIL - MAGAZINE MONTH

R.I. has designated April as "Magazine Month" and all members should regularly read the R.I. publication, "The Rotarian" which is published monthly. A well informed Rotarian is a true Rotarian and not a RINO.

Every member must by regulation subscribe to the magazine. For those who can not read English, they can subscribe to the Taiwan issue called "Rotarian Monthly" printed in Chinese. Most Chinese speaking clubs order the Rotarian Monthly for their members.

There are quite a number of articles worth reading apart from the last page of Rotary clean jokes. In the previous issue, it contained questions and answers about Rotary (which were transcribed into our own weekly bulletin for members to try their skills).

The Rotary magazine is printed in many languages, such as Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, French, Finnish, German, Hindi, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portugese, Romansch, Spanish, Swedish, Thai and Turkish.

So, please read The Rotarian magazine not only in April, but throughout the year and you will be surprised at how much more meaningful your Rotary life will be.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

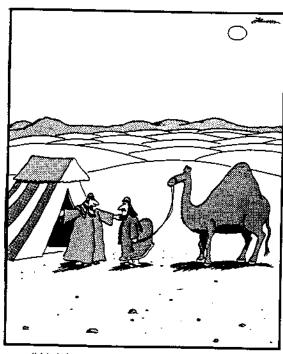
A burglar breaks into an apartment in the Mid-Levels. He's sure that nobody's home but, just in case, keeps the lights off. While he searches for the wall safe a voice calls out, "I can see you! Jesus can see you too!" He freezes in his tracks. Doesn't move a muscle.

A couple of minutes pass. The voice repeats, "I can see you! Jesus can see you too!" The burglar takes out his flashlight, switches it on and looks around the room. He sees a birdcage with a parrot in it. "Did you say that?"

The parrot says again, "I can see you! Jesus can see you too!"

"Ah, so what. You're just a bloody parrot," says the burglar.

"I may be just a parrot," replies the bird, "but Jesus is that bloody big doberman in the corner."



"Abdul, my old friend! Come in, come in! Have you traveled far?!"

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What Happened Last Week

President Li opened this meeting with the statement: "Welcome to the 41st meeting for the year. Only two months to go." Comments heard around the room were: "Where's he going?" "Is he leaving us?" "Is he tired of this job?" Actually, all the PPs were understanding and sympathetic. We know the Presidency of a Rotary club is a long road to travel and the feet can get very sore towards the finishing line.

Rtn Robert took charge of introducing the visitors and guests:

Peter Tse (TST East)
Albert Yao (Peninsula S)
W.H. Fok (Peninsuls S)
Daniel Lau (Peninsula S)
William Chen (Peninsula S)

Danny Kilis (PP John Kwok) Jason Chu (PP John Kwok) Prof. Larry Jones (Rtn Joseph) Raymond Tsing (Rtn Joseph) Maureen Lee (PE C.Y.)

One birthday boy was identified this week. He was Rtn John Yao (John V) and John selected PP John Kwok (John IV) to lead the birthday choir.

Announcements were lead by President Li who informed members that the Joint Board meeting will be held on 8 June 1998.

PE C.Y. reminded members that the District Assembly is next Saturday (9 May) and, as HKIE is in charge of registration procedures, members are advised to arrive about 8:00am. Also, free parking can be arranged if members contact Rtn Joseph.

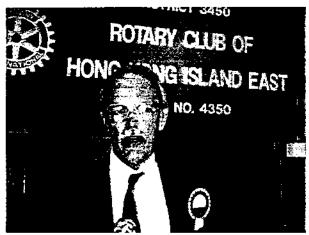
Sgt Robin then took the stage and had members chuckling over his joke about the confrontation between the Canadian and US naval fleets. Then on to business: \$1,600 was donated and 30 members were in attendance.

At this point, Rtn Joseph introduced Prof. Jones who he had invited from the USA to assist in the implementation of the Club's Vocational Service projects. Professor Jones' field of expertise is in Career and Vocational Education and he has volunteered his services to help in the production of a careers handbook by Form V and VI students. Funding will be supported by the Education Department, the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

He will also participate in the development of a Web site related to careers information.

President Li thanked Prof. Jones for his services and advised members that no guest speaker was scheduled for the meeting. This was one of those days made available for members to enjoy their fellowship together. It was also pointed out that members must have known that there would be no speaker because there were four full tables occupied for this meeting.

To close the meeting. President Li proposed a toast to the RC Peninsula South.

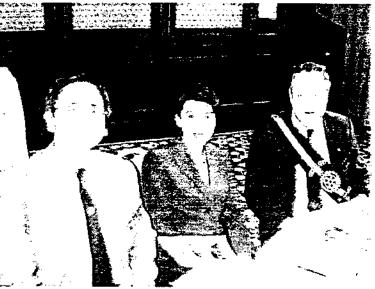


Prof. Larry Jones addresses the meeting



Rtn Joseph entertaining Prof. Larry Jones and Mr Raymond Tsing

Smiles all round: Rtn John Yao & congratulated on his birthday by Pres. Li and PP John Kwok



Two members, Rtns John V and Robin looking very happy to be seated next to guest, Ms Maureen Lee



It looks like a take-over: four visitors from RC
Peninsula South



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Rotary Information

Club salvages hospital's equipment as gift to developing countries

When Greenwich Hospital in Connecticut was in the planning stages of building a new facility, the Rotary Club of Greenwich learned that well-used but still serviceable equipment from the hospital would need to be removed and disposed of. The Greenwich Rotarians decided to find a new and deserving home for this valuable medical equipment.

The Medishare Project is the result of that ambitious mission. A joint venture between the Rotary Club of Greenwich, Greenwich Hospital and Carelift International -- an organization that distributes medical equipment and supplies -- Medishare defines its objective as providing recycled, life-saving medical equipment to people in developing countries throughout the world.

But that objective has a price tag. Greenwich Hospital identified approximately 3,500 pieces of medical equipment that could be reused. Greenwich Rotary Club President Bill Phillips recognized that the equipment would have to be boxed in order to prevent against damage and allow for easy re-assembly. The final bill for removing, packing, shipping and installing the supplies in new locations would be at least US\$60,000.

Greenwich Rotary club planned fundraisers to help them along, including a fashion show, a 5-kilometer scenic road race, an Oktoberfest celebration, and, most recently, an evening of British entertainment. They have raised about \$40,000 so far and have until the fall of 1999 before the hospital moves into its new facility.

Quinton Friesen, a Greenwich Rotarian and senior vice president at the hospital, said that once the pieces are removed from the old building, Carelift will relocate them to where they are most needed. The Rotary Club of Greenwich has also made the commitment to communicate with Rotary clubs in the receiving city and country to assure installation in the

Fellowship launches fund for international space education

Huntsville, Alabama, ranks prominently in the annals of space exploration. It was here that the challenge of putting a man on the moon and returning him safely to earth was achieved. This same town serves as the home of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, along with the Rotary International Space Fellowship.

The fellowship, in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville, has established the International Space Education Foundation (ISEF) to generate support for space education and leadership training. By creating a self-sustaining endowment fund, the ISEF aims to send teachers and students from around the world to the International Space Camp. Program organizers ultimately hope to sponsor annually a teacher and two students from on-U.S. Rotary districts in each participating nation, and two U.S. students selected by participating Rotary clubs. ISEF will also oversee a U.S. Teacher of the Year program.

The International Space Camp, conducted at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, promotes the mission of "cooperation not competition" for teachers and students from around the world. Participants in this eight-day program meet astronaut trainers; perform simulated Space Shuttle missions; tour NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center; and study crew systems, Space Shuttle operations, rocketry, and the impact of space science on global environmental concerns. The program also includes briefings from astronauts/cosmonauts, who share their unique perspectives on international space exploration.

According to fellowship officials, the teamwork and creative problem-solving that take place at the camp help students develop a greater appreciation for discovery and exploration and inspire educators to use innovative teaching techniques.

Rotarians seeking more information about the Rotary International Space Fellowship and ISEF should contact Larry Becker, communications director of the fellowship, at (205)726-2339, or Donnie George, the fellowship's programs director, at (205)544-5621.



Visitors and guests to the meeting, 6 May 1998

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

For the next few weeks, we will share some humour at the expense of the law profession

Lawyers are people who can write a 10,000 word document and call it a brief.

What's black and brown and looks good on a lawyer?

A doberman

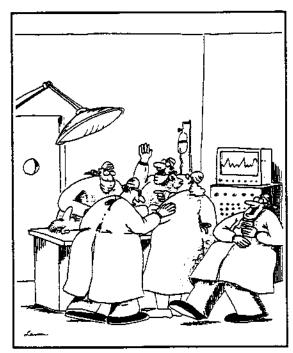
Why do they always bury lawyers 12 feet deep? Because deep down, lawyers are okay.

How can you tell when a lawyer is lying?

His lips are moving.

Why won't sharks attack lawyers?

Professional courtesy.



Carlton falls for the old rubber-scalpel gag.

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What Happened Last Week

It was obvious from the outset that this would be a relaxed meeting because PP Con was not showing - and that meant that he had not been able to get a guest speaker; it also meant that members would have more time for sharing fellowship. And that is just how events proceeded.

President Li opened the meeting by announcing that Rtn Henry Luy's wife Wendy had delivered an 8lb healthy baby daughter on Tuesday. The Club sends its congratulations and best wishes to Wendy and Henry on this successful event.

President Li also welcomed back PP Dave who has been missed from our meetings. Dave has been in Singapore.

PP Rob was asked to welcome the visitors and guests to the meeting. They were:

William Ho (The Peak)
Peter Thong (HK - North)

Michael Gray (Golders Green, UK) Danny Kilis (PP John Kwok)

An IOU exchange of banners was then made with Rtn Michael Gray who spoke to members briefly about his club in the suburbs of London.

President Li made the sad announcement of the passing of our charter member, PP Wilson Wang and that a memorial service would be held for him at 11:00am on 23 May. Refer to details elsewhere in this issue.

Rtn Malcolm was looking uneasy in his role as Acting Sergeant and it was easy to see why he was uneasy when he announced that he had collected the lowest donations for the past three years: \$920. He implored members to help him out and, by the end of the meeting, this sum had edged up to \$1,070. There were 27 members at the meeting.

IPP Hubert then took the bull by the horns in his Rotary information about the taboo subject (for HKIE) of women in Rotary. We all know that women are eligible to join Rotary these days but it was a long-fought battle to win this right.

It began in the late 1970s with proposals from clubs in the US. India and Sweden. In 1980, a similar proposal was put forward by clubs from the US, India. Sweden and Switzerland but failed to get the two-thirds approval from delegates to the Council on Legislation.

This occurred again in 1986 when proposals came from the US (11), Sweden (6), Norway (1), New Zealand (1), India (3) and Hong Kong (1).

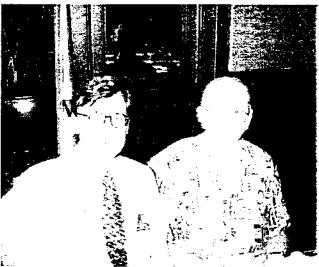
Finally, the proposal to admit women to Rotary came in 1989 when it was approved by the Council on Legislation Enactment No. 89-54.

IPP Hubert made the observation in closing that, in view of declining membership, (and in view of PP Con's absence), HKIE should reconsider its position on this issue.

There was no official guest speaker for this meeting so Rtn Dr Tony Lui was urged by PP John IV to provide members with some information on the subject of IMPOTENCE. This met with hearty approval from the rest of the membership, suggesting that this problem must be more wide-spread than we really thought. Tony, like any good erection, rose to the occasion and pointed out that one of the benefits of not having women in the club is that we can talk freely about subjects like this. Well, members will have to think long and hard about this issue, and Tony said that impotence was not about being Rin Tony: "Yes, PP John, as soon as the samples arrive, longer and harder, but about being capable of measuring up when the occasion presented itself. He pointed out that it was often a psychological problem ie., difficult with the wife but no problem with the mistress (or a Penthouse magazine).

Members were all ears to hear that there is a new wonder pill on the market, called VIAGRA. Although it's been around for a while, it has only recently been found to have





PP Rob with Golders Green member, Rtn Michael Grav



I'll give you some



Visitors and guest to the club, 13 May 1998

Pres. Li exchanges a HKJE banner with Rtn Michael Gray (Golders Green, UK)

the great side-effect of giving stamina to flagging penises. This pill has taken the US by storm and about 10.000 scripts per day are being processed there.

PP John IV asked about Hong Kong. Tony settled him down by saying that as soon as he gets some samples from the manufacturer he will distribute them to club members. This was met with cheers all round.

It was pointed out that there was a down-side to taking Viagra:

- One in ten men develop blinding headaches. (This is interesting in that women often use the headache as an excuse to avoid sex and men will now be able to use it for the same reason - if that makes sense!)
- 2. Temporary blurred vision with a blue halo effect frequently occurrs. (Is this the origin of blue movies?)
- 3. Sudden drops in blood pressure may occur, causing blackouts. (Hopefully, this won't happen until the pleasure is over.)
- 4. Priapism could occur ie., an erection that lasts for hours. (While some guys might be overjoyed about this, it might present a problem when you have to go to work in the morning.)
- 5. Cost: One visiting member confessed it costs 18 pounds for one pill in the UK. In the US, where men are more randy and volume of sales is greater, each pill markets for US\$8 US\$12. (In the UK, at that price, it will only be an occasional pill rather than an every night occasion maybe a Christmas present or Mother's Day gift.)

Well, there is sure to be a lot of humour surrounding this topic in the future. Here's a little to start with:

A progression of the sex lives of men:

Tri weekly

Try weekly

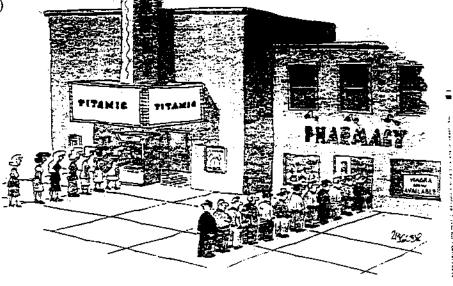
Try weakly

(Viagra will make this joke a nonsense.)



TIME, MAY 11, 1998

Time ran out at this stage - it was 2:00pm and President Li had to thank Tony for his rousing performance and close the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Golders Green.



Mourning Service for the late Dr. Wilson T.S. Wang, O.B.E., J.P.

The mourning service in commemoration of the late Dr. Wilson T.S. Wang, O.B.E., J.P., will be held at the New Method College, 25 Man Fuk Road, Homantin, Kowloon on Sturday, 23rd May, 1998 at 11:30 a.m.

Some Sage thoughts From Elscripto

You know you're getting older when:

- 1. The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- 2. You feel like the night after, and you haven't been anywhere.
- 3. Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.



LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Some more on lawyers.....

What's the difference between a lawyer and a vampire?

A vampire only sucks blood at night.

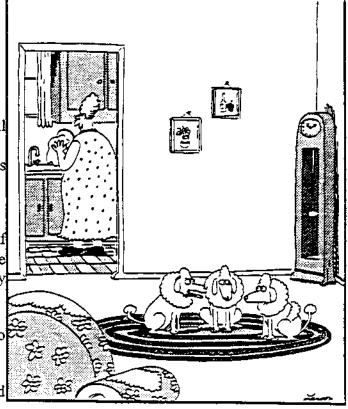
Did you hear about the terroist who hijacked a 747 full of lawyers?

He threatened to release one every hour if his demands weren't met.

A woman and her little girl were visiting the grave of the little girl's grandmother. On their way back to the car, the little girl asked, "Mummy, do they ever bury two people in the same grave?"

"Of course not, dear," replied the mother. "Why do you ask that?"

"A tombstone back there said: "'Here lies a lawyer and an honest man.'"



"Well, yes, that is the downside, Fluffy. ... When we kill her, the pampering will end."

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What Happened Last Week

In opening the meeting, President Li reminded members that there were only 6 weeks to go before the end of the 1997-98 Rotary year. He also conveyed two items of sad news. The first was that our former - and very respected - member. Gary Chiu passed away on 10 May after a long battle with cancer. His close friend, PP George, gave a very touching eulogy about Gary, pointing out his dedicated service to this Club as Treasurer and Secretary over a number of years. He was an interesting character and could entertain for hours about his passion for collecting things unusual: ball-point pens, watches, antique objects. Club members then observed a minute's silence in respect for Gary. The other sad news was that Rotarian Paul Chan's father-in-law passed away in Vancouver and Paul was in Canada to attend the funeral. The Club expresses its condolences to these members and their families.

Rtn Joseph then took charge of introducing the visitors and guests:

Ian Shelmerdine (Victoria) Adrian Tam (Kwai Chung) Benny Ratnani (HK-NE)

Jason Chui (PP John) Danny Kilis (PP John)

President Li also welcomed back PP Sam who had been around the world; and Rtn Ates who had been to Turkey and Switzerland. Ates brought back banners from his make-ups abroad and a plaque from his previous club in Turkey commemorating its 15th anniversary.

We did have a birthday boy this week and it was none other than PE C.Y. He announced that his Aussie name is Roy, and therefore he felt obliged to invite Roy Grubb to lead the chorus.

Sgt. Robin then announced that he had done a good job in collecting \$3,450 with generous donations from Rtn Henry Lui, PP Sam and PE C.Y. There were 28 members present at the meeting.

President Li also reminded members that Wilson Wang's mourning service will be held on Saturday, 23 May, 11:30am at the New Method College, 25 Man Fuk Road, Homantin, Kowloon. Cocktails will be served at 11:15am and members were urged to attend.

President Li seems to have as many jokes about getting older as there are about lawyers. Here's three more for this week to ponder:

How do you know you are getting older?

- 1. You get winded playing chess.
- 2. Your children look middle-aged.
- 3. You're still chasing women but can't remember why.

One of the visiting members added a variation on the last one: You're still chasing women but it only raises memories, not hopes!

In lieu of a guest speaker, PE C.Y. (Roy) chaired a Club Assembly. The first issue raised was whether the Club Assemblies should be evening events to include spouses. It was decided that this was a good idea because it would provide more time for members to properly debate issues. The consensus was that there should be only a couple of assemblies per year and that they should be held on Friday evenings with plenty of advance notice so that members can organize events around them.

The second issue concerned the admission of women into the Club as members. Numerous points of view were put forward:

- O Some members enjoy the Club as it is and would be uncomfortable with women sharing some of the topics that occasionally arise in discussions and guest speaker presentations.
- O Technically, we can't choose whether or not we have women in the Club: It is a Rotary policy that they are eligible to join. What we can choose is whether we propose them for membership and whether we agree to invite them to join.
- O We should not be making judgments on membership potential on the basis of gender, but on the criterion of whether or not they can make a worthwhile contribution to the Club's activities.
- O We should be careful about rejecting women in light of Hong Kong discrimination laws.
- O The admission of women would not necessarily make the Club worse off, but different; and since many members joined the Club because they liked



Why do these guys look so unhappy?

Do they disagree about women in the Club?



Regular visitor to our Club, Benny Ratnani, taken care of by Rtns W.S. and Francis.

the atmosphere and ethos the way it is, they would be very concerned to see this changed after they had made their commitment to join.

At this stage it was realized that time had run out and it was decided that this issue demanded further debate. Accordingly, it was proposed that the discussion would be continued the following week so that members had the opportunity to air their views on a very important topic.

To close the meeting, President Li proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Victoria.

Application for Membership

Mr Danny KILIS has been proposed and seconded for membership of our Club in accordance with Article V of our Club Constitution and in accordance with the requirement of Article XI of our Bye-Laws, the Board has approved the proposal.

Details of Mr Kilis are as follows:

Name

:Danny Kilis

Nationality

:U.S. citizen

Birthday

:17 October, 1962

Wife's name

:Sabrina Lee

Name of firm

:G.E. Information Services

Principal activity of firm :IT solution consultant Classification

:Computer consultant - Additional Active

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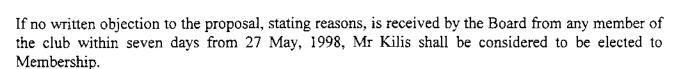
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:PP John Kwok



Former scholar stands proud with unveiling of King statue

Jan. 15 will mark a pivotal day in Erik Blome's brief, yet accomplished career. The former Rotary Foundation scholar has already depicted a number of American heroes in bronze, including former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and inventor George Washington Carver. But on Thursday, Blome will unveil a statue of which he is most proud: a 9-1/2-foot-tall sculpture of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The work, which was installed last week at the King Heights housing development in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be unveiled in a public ceremony that takes place, appropriately, on the late civil rights leader's birthday.

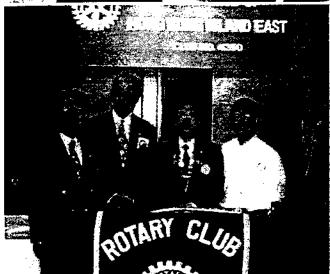
The Rotary Club of Peachtree City, Georgia, recently honored 11 local Japanese firms at a special "Japan Appreciation" luncheon in conjunction with Atlanta's JapanFest '97 activities.

The luncheon, attended by more than 100 Rotarians and guests, featured an address by Japan Consul General Yasuo Saito. In his speech, Saito emphasized the importance of the bilateral relationship held by the U.S. and Japan and pointed out that Japanese firms in Peachtree City and nearby Newnan alone employ 4,000 workers, with an investment of over US\$380 million.

Peachtree Rotary President Doug Warner and Program Chairman Charlie Nelson recognized members of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Japan-America Society of Georgia for their part in organizing JapanFest, a month long annual celebration of Japanese culture held in November. Peachtree Rotarians broke bread with representatives of such well-known Japanese firms as Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corp. and Matsushita Communication Industrial Corp.







Rtn Ates presents his old club's 15th anniversary plaque to Pres. Li



PEC.Y. (Roy II) celebrates his birthday with Pres. Li and Rtn Roy Grubb (Roy I).

Visitors and guests to the Club, 20 May 1998.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

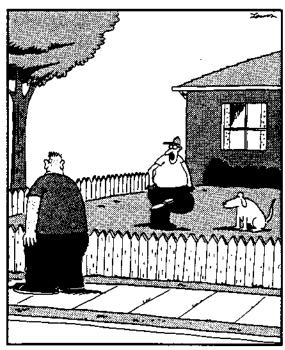
There are so many jokes around about lawyers, but we'll make this the last week on this profession and move on.

What does a lawyer and a sperm have in common?

Both have about a one in three million chance of becoming a human being.

Why does HK Island have so many lawyers and NT so many toxic waste dumps?
NT had the first pick.

Did you hear about the lawyer from Wan Chai who was so big when he died that they couldn't find a coffin big enough to hold the body? They gave him an enema and buried him in a shoe box.



"Oh, not you, mister! ... I was referring to something here from my dog, Nimka."

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This meeting was held in the Chinese restaurant room but there was no Chinese food! So we settled for the usual Western cuisine.

President Li was absent at short notice so PE C.Y. took charge of proceedings. He opened the meeting by informing members that it was a very special day: He had to take over with very little warning and the President, Secretary, Program Chairman and Sergeant were missing.

Rtn Robert then took charge of the introductions:

Marcel Isler (Zugersee, Switzerland) Danny Kilis (PP John)
K.M. Chan (Kowloon) Jason Chiu (PP John)
Rtn Hardisani (Peninsula) Elsa Li (PE C.Y.)

Acting Sgt IPDG Y.K. informed members that \$1,560 was raised and there were 24 members present at the meeting.

As there was no guest speaker, PE C.Y. reconvened the Club Assembly. Rtn Desmond was invited to talk about his ideas for enhancing fellowship in the Club. Desmond made the observation that there is a diversity of ethnic backgrounds in the Club and that we might get these ethnic groups to organize some cultural events in the coming year. We have Chinese (of course), British, Australians, Canadians, Indians, and even an Irishman and a Turk. The event could be in the form of a lunch or evening meeting during which their typical ethnic cuisine is served. (We're all wondering what menu the Irishman will come up with, apart from whiskey.)

PP John put in a word for the continuation of the fire-sides which he maintained were always very successful. He said that the team leaders should each be responsible for organizing one of these during the year.

Rtn Ates had a novel idea. He rightly claimed that anyone joining Rotary should have a commitment to the ideals of this organization, one of which is to foster and partake of fellowship when it is offered. He felt that those who consistently avoided this obligation should be urged to reconsider their membership. It is quality rather than quantity of membership that is required.

Rtn Tajwar disagreed with wielding the stick and instead, favoured the carrot approach. He said that fellowship didn't necessarily have to be pursued outside meetings but that good fellowship could be effected during our regular lunch-time gatherings - but we need to be given the opportunity of getting to know each other. Opportunities should be given for members to regularly speak at meetings ie., to talk about themselves, their family, their vocations, their pass-times, vacations, sports - anything that might members about themselves inform other personally. This would then give opportunities to initiate informal conversations before, during, and even after regular meetings.

At this stage, time ran out and Rtn Desmond called a stop to discussion. PE C.Y. thanked members for their contribution of opinions and ideas. He lastly gave the opportunity to Rtn Marcel Isler (Switzerland) to exchange a banner.

The meeting was then closed with a toast to the Rotary Club of Zugersee, Switzerland.

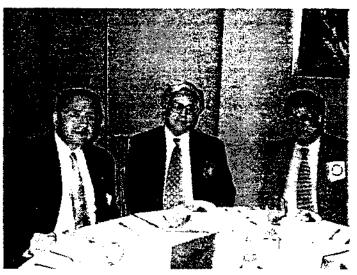
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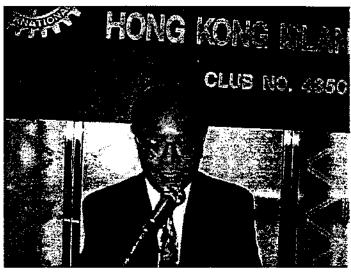
Rtn Ates looks delighted to have Exec. Sec. Elsa Li seated with him.



Rtn Stephen entertains two visitors: Rtns Marcel Isler (Zugersee, Switzerland) and K.M. Chan (Kowloon).



Rtns Manolo and Sital take care of visitor, Rtn Hardisani (Peninsula).



Rtn Desmond addresses the meeting.

This is a stamp on a letter sent to Rtn Roy Grubb from the Principality of Andorra. It is in honour of the 20th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Andorra. What a wonderful way to promote your club and Rotary! (For those who have never heard of this country, or where it is situated, Andorra is a small country - like Luxemburg and Lichtenstein - and it is located in the Pyrenees region between France and Spain.)





Rotary Information

Rotaract Club at the United Nations Lives up to its name

When it comes to developing a sense of international awareness and understanding, the Rotaract Club at the United Nations has a terrific head start. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of New York, USA, the Rotaract Club at the UN is made up of students and professionals from around the globe who live in the New York area.

When the club was organized in 1995, the meetings were held at the offices of a UN organization, hence the name. "We have people from 24 different ethnic groups," said club president Alisa Applegate, "so we're kind of like the UN ourselves."

Among the club's international service projects is ongoing support of an orphanage near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Health supplies and clothing are collected and shipped to the orphanage monthly. A current effort involves setting up a library for the children. Some 7,000 French children's books have been collected in Paris and await shipment. The club has arranged shipment from New York to Haiti. The problem now, however, is arranging shipment from Paris to New York. But the Rotaractors remain undaunted.

"The kids are wonderful," said Applegate, who recently visited the orphans for a week. "Most are malnourished and suffer from diseases like tuberculosis and malaria. They're so sweet, they're so smart."

Other projects include an effort that helped Bosnian refugees in adjusting to their new -- and often difficult -- lives in New York City by teaching them English and assisting them in finding jobs; and a drive to help raise funds for the construction of school lunchrooms in rural Nicaragua.

Applegate, a charter member of the club and a former Ambassadorial Scholar, notes that although the club includes four past presidents of Rotaract clubs in Africa, the service club experience is new for most of the membership. "Most members don't have prior experience with Rotary International and the work it does, so we try to educate them," she said. "It's pretty exciting, because everyone has a different way of doing things. Everyone has a different focus. It's a great way to learn about other cultures."

Visitors and guests to the Club, 27 May, 1998 🖘





PE C.Y. exchanges banners with Rtn Marcel Isler (Zugersee, Switzerland)

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

After reading this joke, you will realize that the wonder drug Viagra will make genies obsolete for the golfers in our Club.

A HKIE member encountered a genie on the golf course and was granted a wish. He thought a while and said, "Well, I've always been embarrassed by being rather small, if you know what I mean. Could you make me larger?"

"Done," said the genie, and disappeared.

Continuing his game, the golfer noticed an immediate change in his generative member. Within several holes, it was down to his knee, and by the 18th, it had crept into his sock. After holing his final put, he hurriedly returned to where he'd met the genie.

"Problem?' enquired the genie.

"Yes. Do you think I could trouble you for one more wish?"

"And what might that be?" asked the genie.

"Could you make my legs longer."



Eskimo rescue units

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What Happened Last Week

This meeting was held in the Marina Room II and it got underway on time. President Li started proceedings on a humorous note by reminding some of the older members of their failing abilities. So, these were the latest indicators that old age is creeping up:

- 1. You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
- 2. Your knees buckle and your belt won't
- 3. You turn out the lights for economic reason rather than romantic ones.
- 4. You just can't stand people who are intolerant.
- 5. After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.
- 6. You regret all those mistakes resisting temptation.

Following the mirth, Rtn Robert took charge of the introductions. There were only three guests at the meeting this week:

Jason Chiu (PP John Kwok) Danny Kilis (PP John Kwok) Lawrence Chan (Rtn Rudy)

President Li also welcomed back PP Andrew who had made his first trip down to Australia.

PE C.Y. then took the opportunity of thanking members who had given financial gifts to his daughter on the occasion of her recent marriage.

Rtn Kishu also informed members that a card had been received from Ms Katherine Poon, a Year 2 student of City University, thanking HKIE for the \$5,000 bursary that she had been awarded recently. Katherine says, "So here I would like to express my deepest thanks to you. I will use this amount mainly for books expenditure. Thanks again for your generosity. Hope you have every success in the future."

Kishu also had some Rotary bags and memo containers that he wanted to get rid of and asked members if they would help him out at \$50 per bag and \$20 per container. Some guys were a little worried about this and enquired whether Kishu had a hawkers' licence.

Sgt. Robin then entertained members with one of his jokes before announcing that \$2,300 had been donated by members; plus Kishu's takings of \$520 from his hawking. There were 28 members present.

IPP Hubert presented his Rotary information about eligibility for District Governorship. These are the essential qualifications:

- 1. Must be a member, other than honorary member, in good standing of a club in the district by which he is nominated
- 2. Must be fully qualified for such membership in the strict application of the provisions therefore, and the integrity of his classification must be without question.
- 3. Must be a qualified member of a functioning Rotary club in good standing which has no outstanding indebtedness to Rotary International as of the close of the fiscal year preceding that in which he is proposed as a candidate for nomination for district governor.
- 4. Must have been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for a total of seven or more years at the time of his taking office as district governor.
- 5. Must have served as president of a club for a fullterm.
- 6. Must be willing and able, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of district governor as herein provided.
- 7. Must attend for its full duration the International Assembly immediately preceding his election, and return to his district by July 1 immediately following the close of the international Assembly.

The speaker for the day was Rtn Robin Hearder who gave a presentation on Insolvency in Hong Kong and Mainland China. There is a variety of ways for winding up a company in Hong Kong:

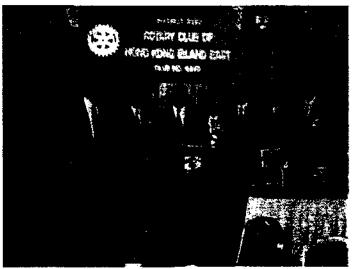
- Members' Voluntary Winding-up.
- 2. Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up.
- 3. Special Procedure for Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up, Sec 228A.
- 4. Compulsory Winding-up by the Court.
- 5. Scheme of Arrangement, Sec 166.



Sgt Robin having a big laugh at his own joke.



Rtn Robin gives members some clues on how to wind up their companies.



Guests to the Club, 3 June 1998.

The situation in China is substantially different. Applications for declaration of bankruptcy may be submitted by the debtor company (State Owned Enterprise - SOE) or by creditors. SOEs can only apply with the agreement of the relevant superior department in charge. In the case of

protected SOEs, applications will be denied if (a) the debtor SOE is a public enterprise important to the national economy and government departments provide subsidies for repayment of its debts, or (b) a guarantee of repayment of the debts of the SOE within 6 months is obtained. If the SOE is declared bankrupt, then the court will organize a liquidation committee within 15 days. Proceeds of realization of assets are applied in the following order: bankruptcy expenses, wages of employees and labour insurance fees, outstanding taxes, unsecured creditors' claims.

There are problems with these processes:

 Triangular debts where SOEs have obtained supplies of goods and services from other enterprises 'on credit' which have never been settled.

- 2. Unemployment, as there is no adequate social welfare support system
- 3. Social services would disappear as firms normally provide for health, education, etc. of the employee's family.
- 4. The bankruptcy laws themselves are inadequate, but they are improving.

Bankruptcy procedures in Singapore and Malaysia are similar to those in Hong Kong. In Thailand, they are rather primitive; and in Indonesia, they are still merely late 19th century procedures modelled after the Dutch code which is difficult to understand.

President Li thanked Rtn Robin for his presentation and concluded the meeting with a toast to, none other than, Hong Kong Island East!



Rotary Information

Matching Grants Policies revised

The Rotary Foundation Trustees agreed to significant changes in the Foundation's Matching Grants program at their latest meeting, held April 24-May 1. Most notably, the floor for competitive Matching Grants -- those reviewed twice yearly by the Trustees -- has been raised to US\$25,001; the ceiling remains \$50,000. Grants of \$25,000 or less are considered throughout the year. At the meeting, Trustees introduced or revised a number of other Matching Grants policies. Among the changes:

♠the \$2,000 limit on renovations and repairs to existing buildings has been removed. Humanitarian grants funding of new construction remains limited and does not include structures in which individuals live, work or spend a substantial amount of time. An exception is made for shelters for underprivileged family units. To qualify for a Foundation grant, such. shelters must not cost more than \$2,000 per unit.

- ♠up to 10 percent of a Matching Grants project's budget may be spent on international travel for experts working on the project, provided such travel is essential to the project's success.
- ★district governors in project countries are no longer required to endorse each Matching Grants project sponsored by a club in the district -unless SHARE District Designated Funds are used.
- ▲Matching Grants budget detail must be supported by pro forma invoices, supplier price quotes and/or other cost documentation for all items valued at a total cumulative cost of \$1,000 or more. Previously, the amount was \$500.

It pays to put new Rotary Calendar into wide circulation

The colorful new Rotary Calendar is now available for US\$7 per calendar for orders of 10 or more, \$5 per calendar for orders of 50 or more. The calendars are \$10 a copy for orders of nine or less.

The Rotary Calendar carries illustrations of Rotary activities round the world and essential Rotary dates, from July 1998 through June 1999. The 12-inch by 19-inch (30.5 x 48 cm) calendar

serves as an ideal gift for fellow Rotarians, partners in service, guest speakers and schools, and will be appreciated throughout the 1998-99 Rotary year.

The Rotary Calendar (#052) is available in English, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish, and may be ordered through RJ's Publication Order Services Section, telephone (847)866-4600 or fax (847)866-3276.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Sorry, just one more about lawyers:

The trouble with the legal profession is that 99% of its members give the rest a bad name.

Now we can move on:

A Hong Kong tourist went into a restaurant in a Spanish provincial city for dinner, and asked to be served the specialty of the house. When the dish arrived, he asked what kind of meat it contained.

"Sir, these are cojones", replied the waiter.

"They're what?" exclaimed the tourist.

"They are testicles of the bull killed in the ring today," explained the waiter.

The tourist gulped but tasted it anyway and found it to be delicious. Returning the following evening, he asked for the same dish. After he finished the meal, the tourist commented to the waiter, "Today's cojones are much smaller than the ones I had yesterday."

"True, Sir," said the waiter. "You see, the bull, he does not always lose."



Once again, Vernon has a good shirt ruined by a cheap pocket octopus.



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What Happened Last Week

Initially, it didn't look as if it was going to be a very good meeting: President Li was away, few members were present five minutes before the meeting, and it was a very wet day outside. However, by the time things got underway at 1:00pm, much of this had changed. We had an acting President, C.Y. Fu; there were 26 members around three tables; but it was still raining outside.

PE C.Y. began the meeting by thanking IPDG Y.K. for his advice and support in taking over the meeting.

Rtn Robert then introduced the visitors and guests:

Philip Li (HK Sunrise)

Elsa Li (C.Y. Fu)

J. Chiu (John Kwok) Chris Wong (HK North) Ian Shelmerdine (Victoria) Hubert Ng (HK Harbour)

PE C.K. Yip (HKIE Rotaract Club)

PE C.Y. welcomed back Rtns Francis and Stephen, both of whom had been to Bangkok (but they didn't say why).

Birthday boy for this week was Rtn Kishu. He selected Rtn Henry Chan to lead the birthday chorus.

Members were advised to keep the night of 8 July 1998 free as a Presidents' night is being arranged to farewell President Li and welcome PE C.Y. into the hot seat. This night will be in place of the lunch-time meeting for that day and will be held at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

The incoming President of HKIE Rotaract Club, C.K. Yip, then spoke briefly to advise members of his club's installation dinner on 18 July at the Holiday Inn Golden Mile. He also invited members to place an advertisement for their company in the Rotaract Annual Bulletin which summarizes the services they have provided in the past year. This bulletin is issued to all Rotaract Clubs within the District 3450. Sponsorship rates are:

Half page: Inside cover: HK\$600 HK\$1,500 Full page: Back cover: HK\$1,000 HK\$2,000 To confirm reservations, please contact Mr Yip at 7901 8675 before 19 June 1998.

After Sgt Robin's good advice about Americans' cheques in the mail, he provided members with the day's statistics of \$1.880 donations and 26 members in attendance.

The guest speaker for the day was Mr Sam Ho, Director of Anti-Piracy Operations, Hong Kong Film and Video Security Limited (representing Motion Picture Association). He said the MPA comprises media companies in Hong Kong and the region and it is his job to police the piracy of films, audio, software and video games.



The genuine Mr Sam Ho addresses members on piracy of media products

Last year he claimed that piracy had lead to global losses of HK\$20 billion, with HK\$160 million to Hong Kong alone. Other problems include the avoidance of taxation, no advertising outlays, and the involvement of organized crime cartels. The problem seems to be escallating also: seizures of VCDs in 1997 were 3.15 million (HK\$106m) compared with 26.02 million (HK\$736.19m) to April 1998.

There appears to be a multiple of reasons feeding this criminal activity:

- 1. For the customer, the downturn in the economy has motivated purchases that are cheaper; and there seems to be a culture change i.e., they are now more interested in consumption than possession, they now prefer to use these products at home with the family rather than using them in a social situation outside the home, and they are more interested in the cost than the quality.
- For the retailer, he is now highly centralized and mobile and often operating in chain shops - all

- favouring the easy disposal of these products; and, while it is illegal, it is also highly profitable and therefore attractive.
- 3. For producers, the costs are very low: HK\$1.6-1.8 per disc and HK\$3.2-3.6 per film. There are some production plants in Hong Kong and many in Macau.

The Prevention of Copyright Piracy Ordinance has come into effect as from 29 May 1998, to be policed by the Customs and Excise Department.

Infringements:

- 1. Optical Discs Manufacturer without a valid license.
- 2. Optical Disc Products without bearing any Source Identification Code.
- 3. Falsifying Source Identification Code.

Penalties:

First offense - max. fine HK\$500,000, imprisonment 2 years.

Second and subsequent offense - max. penalty doubled, equipment and products liable to forfeiture.

To conclude, Mr Ho emphasized that Piracy is a crime that does great damage to our economy and therefore affects us all.

Rtn Roy gave the vote of thanks and assured members that the speaker was the real Mr Ho, and not a duplicate version.

The meeting was concluded with a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Sunrise.



Birthday boy Kishu congratulated by PE C.Y. and Rtn Henry.

Application for Membership

Mr Jason Yutai CHIU has been proposed and seconded for membership of our Club in accordance with Article V of our Club Constitution and in accordance with the requirement of Article XI of our Bye-Laws, the Board has approved the proposal. Details of Mr Chiu are as follows:

Name :Jason Yutai CHIU趙汝泰

Nationality :U.S. citizen
Birthday :10 March, 1960

Wife's name :Sharon

Name of firm :Salomon Smith Barney

Principal activity of firm :Investment Banking Classification :Investment Banking

Business address :20/F. Three Exchange Square, Hong Kong

Telephone No . :2501 2192 Fax No . :2501 8152

Residential address :House GS-6A Forest Hill, 31 Lo Fai Road, Taipo, N.T.

Telephone No. :2646 5955
Proposer :PP John Kwok

If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member of the club within seven days from 17 June, 1998, Mr Chiu shall be considered to be elected to Membership.



Rotary Information

Fellowship launches fund for international space education

Huntsville, Alabama, ranks prominently in the annals of space exploration. It was here that the challenge of putting a man on the moon and returning him safely to earth was achieved. This same town serves as the home of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, along with the Rotary International Space Fellowship.

The fellowship, in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville, has established the International Space Education Foundation (ISEF) to generate support for space education and leadership training. By creating a self-sustaining endowment fund, the ISEF aims to send teachers and students from around the world to the International Space Camp. Program organizers ultimately hope to sponsor annually a teacher and two students from on-U.S. Rotary districts in each participating nation, and two U.S. students selected by participating Rotary clubs. ISEF will also oversee a U.S. Teacher of the Year program.

The International Space Camp, conducted at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, promotes the

mission of "cooperation not competition" for teachers and students from around the world. Participants in this eight-day program meet astronaut trainers; perform simulated Space Shuttle missions; tour NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center; and study crew systems, Space Shuttle operations, rocketry, and the impact of space science on global environmental concerns. The program also includes briefings from astronauts/cosmonauts, who share their unique perspectives on international space exploration.

According to fellowship officials, the teamwork and creative problem-solving that take place at the camp help students develop a greater appreciation for discovery and exploration and inspire educators to use innovative teaching techniques.

Rotarians seeking more information about the Rotary International Space Fellowship and ISEF should contact Larry Becker, communications director of the fellowship, at (205)726-2339, or Donnie George, the fellowship's programs director, at (205)544-5621.

Illinois club hosts Northern Ireland students in ongoing peace effort

Through a program arranged by the Rotary Club of Highland Park, Illinois, six students from Northern Ireland -- three Catholic and three Protestant -- arrived in Chicago on Tuesday, April 14, to spend 10 days learning about conflict resolution. The students will have a full program, which includes meeting with Francis Cardinal George of Chicago and spending time with the Chicago Police Department's Violence Prevention Program.

The program has been ongoing since 1990, according to Highland Park Rotary club member Neil Dahlmann. "It's called TABU, which stands for Towards A Better Understanding, "Dahlmann said." Every year, we either bring Irish students here or we take American students to Ireland. The goal is to find ways to break down barriers between people -- particularly young people -- and learn how to reconcile differences."



Visitors and guests to the Club, 10 June 1998.

"Probably my favorite part of school life is the Co-operation North group, which aims to promote cross-border relations," said Lindsey Kirk, a 17-year-old student who lives near Belfast and is one of the six students visiting the U.S. "I strongly believe that the only way to solve the problems in Ireland is to meet and talk with people, even if they are different that you."

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Well, we all know the Irish have been the brunt of many jokes, so here's a couple that should bring a smile to your face:

Mulligan and Sean were taking a stroll. "At my funeral," said Mulligan, "I want you to pour a bottle of Irish Whisky over me grave."

"I'll be glad to, " said Sean. "But would you mind if it passes through me kidneys first?"



Paddy and Mick landed themselves a job at a sawmill. Just before morning tea, Paddy yelled, "Mick! I lost me finger!"

"Have you now?" says Mick. "And how did you do that?"

"I just touched this big spinning thing here like thi-Damn! There goes another one!"



Fortunately, even the Boy Scouts who fail knot-tying get to go camping.

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What Happened Last Week

President Li was back with us this week and he commenced the meeting by welcoming the day's speaker, Ms Oilin Wong. And, just to depress most of the members, he read out the next six symptoms of old age:

- 1. The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.
- 2. You burn the midnight oil until 9 p.m.
- Your back goes out more often than you do.
- 4. Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.
- 5. The little grey haired lady you help across the street is your wife.
- 6. You have too much room in the house and not enough room in the medicine cabinet.
- 7. You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

President Li reminded members that his term was fast drawing to a close and that next week (24 June) he would be making some awards and giving his final summary of events during his Presidency. This, he assured members, would only take 3-5 minutes.

The only birthday boy for the day was PP Sam Lam. To provide a variation, Sam invited all present PPs to come forward to lead the chorus (see photo).

PE C.Y. then made a series of announcements:

- 1. A special Presidents' night would be held on 8 July 1998 at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley to show our appreciation to President Li on his way out, and to welcome the new President (C.Y. himself) into his position.
- 2. The incoming DG inauguration would be held at the New World Hotel on 29 June 1998.
- 3. Rtn Roy Grubb's classification has been changed to IT Consultant (Some partially deaf members enquired if it was ET Consultant)

Acting Sgt. PP Dave informed members that \$2150 had been donated and there were 22 members present.

IPP Hubert then provided the day's Rotary information: This was about the conditions for termination a club's charter and can be enforced if:

- 1. The membership of any club fails to pay its dues or other financial obligations to RI.
- A club may be disciplined, suspended or expelled, provided a copy of the charges have been mailed to the president and secretary of the club at least 30 days before the hearing of charges.
- 3. Any club may resign its membership provided it has fulfilled all its financial and other obligations to RI.
- 4. If a club for any reason disbands, fails to meet regularly, or otherwise fails to function.

PE C.Y. then introduced the speaker for the meeting, Ms Oilin Wong, the Executive Director of The Warehouse, an organization which provides a safe place for teenagers to socialize and learn alternative skills. It is situated in the old police station at Aberdeen and has been established for three years.

A five minute video was initially shown to give some idea of what happens at this venue. Then Ms Wong explained in some detail some of the programs and future plans. The target groups are children from disadvantaged families, Band 4 and 5 schools and marginal youth. Through participation in various workshops, programs, group activities and social service work, the teenagers learn to build their self-esteem, social responsibility and interpersonal skills, as well as explore their talents and creativity. One of the lifeskill training programs is to turn their interests/hobbies such as music, photography, pottery and social service work into a vocation/on-the-job training program.

The Warehouse is open seven days per week, on Fridays and Saturdays to 11:30pm; and on Sundays to 9:00pm.

Future plans are to provide educational activities that can relieve stress and frustrations. These include:

- 1. A summer workshop, "Environmental Friendly" in which activities will be related to respect for the local environment.
- 2. A carnival in September to exhibit the creative output from the summer workshop.
- 3. A camp in November in which older participants in the summer workshop can provide leadership to younger children.

All of this will cost about \$40,000 and help from the community to fund this program is sought.



PP Sam enjoys his birthday with support from all the Club PPs.



Ms Oilin Wong enlightens members about The Warehouse teenage club.



PPs excluded: "All the rest" in HKIE with Pres. Li.

PP Tim thanked Ms Wong for her presentation and reminded members of the deep commitment of Rotary to youth in the community. He also advised that the incoming Board might like to consider this project for funding.

To close the meeting, President Li proposed a toast to HKIE since there were no representatives from other clubs present.



Rotary Information

Seattle and Kobe Rotarians equip disaster preparedness center in China

In a project intended to strengthen their longstanding Rotary links, the Rotary clubs of Seattle, Washington, and Kobe, Japan, are helping to equip a new Red Cross disaster preparedness center in Shanghai, China. They are furnishing a Rotary Training Room in the center with state-ofthe-art audiovisual equipment.

Work on the center began in the aftermath of floods in China in 1996 that killed 1,600 people, injured 7,000, and caused widespread destruction of homes and crops. The Chinese Red Cross Society concluded that disaster-prevention measures could have limited the extent of the tragedy.

Furnishing a training room in the center was an idea suggested by the Seattle-King County Red Cross which has worked closely with the Red Cross in Shanghai. Two staff members of the Seattle-King County Red Cross also belong to the Seattle Rotary club. "This project is in the finest Rotary tradition of building peace, international understanding and goodwill," says Sally Mackle, a Red Cross staff member who is a member of the Seattle Rotary club.

The project particularly appealed to the Seattle club because, in 1919, it had sponsored the Rotary Club of Shanghai, since disbanded. The Kobe Rotary club readily agreed to support the

project, in part because it marked an ideal way to honor the 25th anniversary of Seattle and Kobe as sister cities.

In early April, a group of Kobe Rotarians traveled to Seattle, where they took part in a host of fellowship activities with the Seattle club and presented members with a US\$5,000 check for the Shanghai center. On April 30, a Seattle club delegation will travel to Kobe to pay a return visit. At a later date, both clubs will journey to Shanghai to see the newly equipped training room at the center.

In addition to the Kobe club's \$5,000, the Seattle club is providing \$10,000 for the center's Rotary Training Room. The funds will be used to pay for video cassette recorders, monitors, overhead projectors, training films and other equipment to train staff and volunteers in ways to handle disasters.

The disaster preparedness center is not the only service project in China of the 709-member Seattle club, the largest and fourth oldest Rotary club. The club is also helping to fund the construction of an elementary school in impoverished Binxian County and the purchase of desks, chairs, books and sports equipment. Just getting under way, the school project is a joint one with two other District 5030 clubs, Alderwood and Seattle-International District; two Australian clubs, Crows Nest and Beecroft; and a club in Hong Kong, Causeway Bay.

Arizona club puts finishing touches on new home for disabled couple

When city officials in Yuma, Arizona, needed help getting repairs done on the home of a disabled couple who couldn't afford to pay for the improvements, members of the Fort Yuma Rotary Club stepped forward. Now, the couple is preparing to move into a new home, and the club has set its sights on future building projects.

When Leonard Dyer, a member of the Fort Yuma club, was looking for project ideas last year, he approached the city and was referred to Manuel Jaramillo and his wife, Connie, whose bare-bones home had been condemned. The Jaramillo's 1,000-square-foot house was structurally unsound and had no running water or heat. The electrical wiring was too dangerous to use, and all cooking was done on a grill in the back yard. Because of their disabilities, neither of the Jaramillos can work, making strenuous activity like home repair virtually impossible. While the city's community development department had procured a US\$25,000 federal grant for the repair job, it became clear that demolishing the Jaramillors'

home and building a new one would be cheaper. Dyer knew that the Fort Yuma Rotary Club could provide all of the necessary labor and expertise, and he soon had Rotarians taking action. The house was torn down in December 1997; construction on the new one should be complete by mid-May.

"We've had anywhere from one to 20 Rotarians out there at a time, "Dyer said. "Most of the trade work is being done by companies donation their time and materials."

The project has been well worth the effort. Not only did the Jaramillos get a new home, but the Fort Yuma club found a cause to rally around. "This is one project that's really brought the club together," Dyer said. "They've really gotten behind the thing."

According to Dyer, the project has served as an excellent way to let the community know about the good work its Rotary club does. "This is something that we would like to do on a more regular basis," he said. "We've received numerous compliments, which is something we don't get all the time."

Reminder de No meeting on 1st July, 1998 - Public holiday

Meeting on 8th July, 1998 will be re-scheduled to be held in the evening at The Charter Room, Jockey Club, Happy Valley and is designated President's night. Rotariannes are most welcome.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

The Irish are always good for a laugh, so here's another one about them:

Two Irishmen were working on a building site digging a ditch. The foreman was at them all the time to keep busy. No breaks, just work, work, work. Finally, one of the Irishmen noticed that the foreman left around 3.00 p.m. every afternoon. So they started leaving at 3.15 p.m.

The next day when the foreman left at 3.00 p.m., the workmen left at 3.15 p.m. One of them, Pat, arrived home, walked into the house, opened the bedroom door, and discovered the foreman in bed with his wife. He immediately ran back to the building site and worked like mad until 5.00 p.m.

The next day Pat told his mate, "Listen, we can't finish work any more at 3.15 p.m. I almost got caught."



Hey. Quit complaining. We all live out in the sticks."

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Pres. Li inducts C.Y. Fu as President for 1998-99

What Happened Last Week

Members couldn't be blamed for thinking that this was a special meeting because we were given a setting that we hadn't experienced before - the Kellett Function Room, small, intimate and a little more up-market. In fact, it was a special occasion because it marked what President Li had been threatening for some time now: The last meeting he would have to officiate.

To start the meeting, President Li gave a special welcome to Mr Peter Chan who, we were told, is the 'true' brother of Paul Chan.

Rtn Robert then took over in welcoming the guests to the meeting. They were:

Peter Chan (Rtn Paul Chan) Jason Chiu (PP John Kwok) Ida Chan (Rtn Desmond Cheung) Virginia Ho (PP Rob Fielding)

As a parting gesture, President Li let members hear about some more of the disabilities of old age:

- 1. You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the question.
- 2. You look forward to a dull evening.
- 3. You walk with you head high trying to get used to you bifocals.

Only one birthday boy presented himself at this meeting: none other than the Editor, PP Rob. Rtn Malcolm was called upon to lead the birthday song.

Rtn Chris took this opportunity to thank Elsa Li for the splendid assistance she had given him in his position as Club Secretary for 1997-98.

It was then PP Andrew's turn, as acting Sergeant, to announce the takings for the day: \$3,000

This meeting was also special because President Li had the honour, as one of his last duties, to induct Danny Kilis as our newest member for the year. In fact, according to President Li, Danny represents a net gain on one member for HKIE for the year.

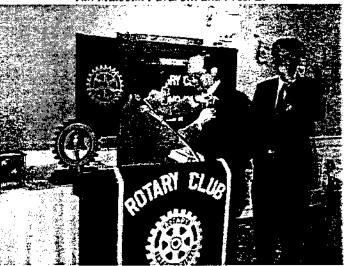
PP John, Danny's sponsor, informed members that Danny's real family name is Law but, because his family lives in Indonesia, it was necessary to have a name that sounded non-Chinese, for obvious reasons. Danny was born in Jakarta in 1962 and received his primary education at St Joseph's Primary School in Hong Kong, his secondary education in Singapore and completed his tertiary education at the University of Minnesota where he gained his BS, MS and PhD. Danny has worked for IBM in San Jose (USA), the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and now GE in Hong Kong where he is an Electronic Commerce Consultant for Information Systems.

All members welcome Danny into the Club.

President Li then gave his promised speech as out-going President. He said that Rtn Rudy had compiled a small booklet on the Club's achievements over the year and this would be issued to members in due course. At the beginning of his year, he set goals to be achieved, and he is satisfied that these have been accomplished. He made a commitment to promote the interests and well-being of the Club and put his best efforts into his duties. The year 1997 - 98 was a most



Birthday boy, PP Rob serenaded by Rtn Malcolm Pavarotti and Pres. Li



Pres. Li formally inducts Rtn Danny Kilis into HKIE



Pres. Li with the 100% members for 1997-98

enjoyable one for him and he thanked all those members who took prominent roles in assisting him. Finally, he reminded members that the new Rotary motto charged us to put our Rotary dreams into practice and invited us to make these known to incoming President C.Y. Fu.

President Li then individually thanked all members present by presenting them each with a Rotary badge. Next, he presented awards to the 100% attendees: PDGs Uncle Peter and Y.K., incoming President C.Y., and Rtns Kenny Chan and John Yao. Other awards were made to members who performed services during the year these included PPs John Kwok and Rob Fielding, Rtns Robin, Francis, and Elsa Li. Thanks also went to the Board of Directors who were formally thanked at the last Board meeting.

Finally, President Li's most important duty was to induct our new President, C.Y. Fu. President C.Y. said that he was honoured by taking over this responsibility and anticipated that it would be an 'easy' job because he had behind him a wealth of experience and assistance in the form of two PDGs and many PPs. In his opinion, he "can't go wrong." Members reminded C.Y. that "we won't let you go wrong."

To close the meeting, President C.Y. reminded members that the next meeting will be held on the evening of 8 July at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

A toast was proposed to Rotary Club of HKIE.



Pres. Li thanks some of his team for 1997-98



Pres. Li thanks more of his team for 1997-98



Thanks Daddy!!



Pres. Li thanks Exec. Sec. Elsa Li for her support



Rotary Information

Rotarians leave Indianapolis a little greener

Three thousand Rotarians turned out in Indianapolis on Sunday for the largest community service activity ever undertaken at a Rotary convention. A joint endeavor between Rotary International and the city of Indianapolis, the Rotary Greenway Project beautified a 50-block area not far from the convention site downtown. At the corner of 10th and West Streets there are freshly planted trees – gingkos, crab apples and maples, to name a few.

Rotarians, along with volunteers from city organizations, planted 700 trees, 200 shrubs and 12,000 assorted ornamental grasses, annuals and ground cover plants, according to Dave Damin, a member of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis and coordinator of the project. "It took a lot of time and work, but everyone pitched in, " he said.

The greening of Indianapolis has left as much of an impression on Rotarians as it has on Indiana's capital city. "It's the high point of the trip," New Hampshire Rotarian Christopher Fraser told the Indianapolis Star News. Added Lynn Robards of Winter Park, Florida, "We wanted to come back to Indianapolis in five years and say, 'We planted these trees."

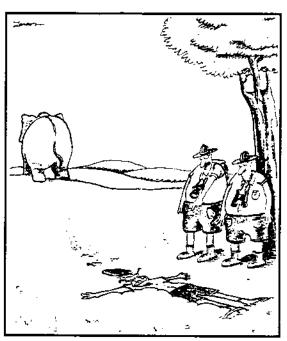
President Glen Kinross said the effort was a wonderful way to thank the city of Indianapolis for its hospitality and to leave Rotary's mark of service on the site of the 89th International Convention.

Rotary International purchased the shovels and other tools for the big volunteer day and will donate them to youth organizations in Indianapolis to use in other planting projects this summer.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Well, we've had a few jokes about the Irish, but the jokes about the Poles are even better. Here's a few of them:

- ♠Polish loan sharks lend out all their money and then skip town.
- ♠ A Polish firing squard stands in a circle.
- ♠ Have you seen a Polish mine disposal expert? He puts his fingers in his ears and starts stamping on the ground with his foot.
- ♠A 747 recently crashed in a cemetery in Poland. So far Polish officials have retrieved 3,000 bodies.



"Oh, and that makes me feel even worse! ...
I laughed at Dinkins when he said his new lenses were indestructible."

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What Happened Last Week



IPP David with the ladies (but why was he in that position?)

The most important event last week was of course the President's night in honour of IPP David. This was held at the Jockey Club on Wednesday night and was very well attended by members and their wives/companions. In particular, Malcolm has brought along his wife Cindy, his niece Kathryn and his niece's boyfriend Lawrence.

President C.Y. "kicked off" by a Heads and Tails Game. A participant was required to show his choice by placing his hands on his head or his behind before 2 coins were tossed. PP John Luk won the game and was presented with a bottle of red wine which was immediately put to good use, no doubt.

PP George was then invited to say a few "kind" words about IPP David. He mentioned the awards won by David and especially his "personal touch". On a personal level, PP George mentioned that IPP David was a most accomplished golfer who has managed to play well without paying a single cent for tuition!

Thanks were also extended to Elsa, (IPP David's executive secretary), who has contributed so much to the organization of club activities and has always been so cheerful.

IPP David then replied and thanked everyone for their support and especially the support of IP first lady Amy.

IPP David then expressed his wish to have a photo taken of him with all the rotariannes present (personal touch again) and Elsa. His wish was duly granted, and you can see a very satisfied IPP with the ladies in the front of this bulletin. PP David then handled out gifts to the Rotariannes, his former board members and all the members present.

After a very satisfactory dinner accompanied by fine wine, it was time to commence the evening's entertainment which was focused on IPP David's various talents.

PP Hubert started the entertainment by singing in English a karaoke song which was recorded in Chinese. That was not easy and PP Hubert did extremely well. Then IPP David was asked to do the same. Without hesitation IPP David gave a marvelous translation of a Chinese love song with all the right words and feelings. It was suspected that someone has leaked this programme to IPP David beforehand and he had been practicing.

A golf putting game followed. All aspiring golfers were asked to put up \$20.00 and challenge IPP David in turn. Whoever could put closer to the "hole"



A kiss from Amy?



Well deserved gift for Elsa.



IPP David absolutely delighted in receiving his gift.

(represented by a pepper shaker) would win \$20.00. IPP David confirmed his natural talent by beating almost all the challengers.

IPP David was then asked to compete with Kishu and John Yao (both accomplished mathematicians) on mathematics. Calculations were made at lightning speed and even with the effect of alcohol (Kishu had 2 beers!), the participants showed that they were in no way affected.

Lastly, IPP David had the opportunity to be kissed by five rotariannes and he had to identify which kiss was Amy's. His eyes were folded and unknown to him, it was four rotarians (all straight by the way) who kissed him, other than Amy. By this time, the wine must have got to him and he has, alas, mistook the kiss of a fellow rotarian as Amy's.

President C.Y. rounded off by declaring that it was his aim to provide an evening of great fun and fellowship at affordable prices and this "goal" has been achieved (which at HK\$200.00 per head was great value!) Thank you C.Y. and to everyone who has made it into such an enjoyable evening.



Rotary Information

89th Annual Convention

Prior to the R.I. Convention at the Indiana Convention Centre, Indianapolis, USA, there was the usual International Institute plus the numerous events, such as the Rotaract meetings, Youth Exchange Officers' meeting and Rotary Foundation Alumni Seminar, District 3450 was honoured to be one of the recipients at the Convention to receive a recognition for a Rotaract Club project - Spinal Befida carried out by the Rotaract Club of Kingspark Hong Kong.

The official opening of the Annual Convention started from 14th and ended on the 18th June. A total of less than 20,000 Rotarians and guests attended the Convention held in Indianapolis, represented by 120 countries.

Under the leadership of D.G. Jason and his lady Rebecca, Hong Kong and Macau had around 30 registrants including family members. For the first time, the PRC flag was among the presentation of Flags of the Rotary world.

Due to the huge size of the RCA Dome, there was only one seating at the opening Plenary Session, thus, saving a lot of inconvenience for the conventioneers.

On the 2nd Plenary Session, the world president, Walter G. Sellers of Kiwanis International was invited to present his "Welcome to Indianapolis" address. This showed a sign of co-operation between Rotary and Kiwanis. Governor Frank O' Bannon of Indiana also delivered his welcome remarks.

After the introduction of the 1997-98 R.I. Board of directors and the family of President Glen Kinross, Glen then gave his keynote address - Show Rotary Cares.

The election of the district governors for the year 1998-99 was held in a closed section resulting in a successful election en-block, including our incoming D.G. Anthony Hung (though in his absence).

The Convention proceeded smoothly during those 4-day sessions with the usual business. As there were no particular issues, the credential committee announced that no voting was required. It is worth mentioning that our PDG Vincent was one of the panelists on the topic of progress of Rotary's global extension in Africa and Asia at the workshop on Rotary Programme on the last day.

The curtain of the Convention was gradually lowered and adjourned to the next convention in Singapore. The closing ceremony was most enjoyable featuring entertainment accompanied by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. The singing of Auld Lang Syne filled the convention hall with emotion before everyone departed.



Rotary Information

A special message from 1997-98 RI President Glen W. Kinross:

"As we approach the end of the Rotary year 1997-98, I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and to thank Rotarians for the many ways they have worked to "Show Rotary Cares." The President of Rotary International has the unique opportunity of viewing the wide panorama of Rotarian service, and Heather and I have been very privileged this year to witness many exceptional projects in the 31 countries we visited. I wish that each one of you could have this opportunity, because I guarantee that it would make you very proud to be a Rotarian.

"Last July, I described poverty and hunger as "Enemy Number One" to a more understanding and peaceful world. During these past months, I have seen firsthand the battles that Rotarians are waging — and winning — against this enemy. In every country I visited, I saw Rotarians working to lift people out of poverty so that all members of our human family can enjoy a life of dignity. We are doing this by building low-cost shelters for impoverished families, by developing Lighthouses for Literacy, and by creating ways to feed the million who suffer from chronic hunger and malnutrition. Because of these projects, many thousands of people are experiencing a sense of hopefulness for the first time in their lives.

"Everywhere I went, people extend their thanks to Rotary for its humanitarian service. Now I want to pass on these messages of appreciation to you and add my own personal thank you to everyone who has contributed to Rotary's success this year. Thanks are due to a unique coalition of people: the members of the RI Board of Directors, The Foundation Trustees, the RI committees and task forces, district governors, club officers and the RI staff. Above all, I express my appreciation and gratitude to each of the 1.2 million individual Rotarians who this year have laboured to "Show Rotary Cares.".

"My final hope is that the Rotary year 1997-8 will be remembered as my tribute to Rotarians. It is the work of Rotarians which ha made RI the finest service organization in the world today. It has become so because Rotarians have created and sustained the great programs of RI and its Foundation. It has become so because Rotarians have reached out across national borders and across oceans and continents to address the pressing needs of so many of the world family of people. No matter where people live, they are part of our extended family. They are our brothers and sisters and children. It is for them, it is for all people, that we must continue to "Show Rotary Cares – for your community, for our world, for its people."

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Let's continue with a few more Polish jokes.

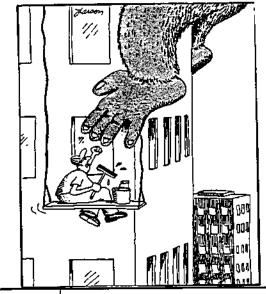
A man goes to a brothel. The madam is out of women, but since the guy is Polish, she thinks she can get away with an inflatable doll. He'll never know the difference. But because she's never tried this before, she waits outside the door. After five minutes the Polish guy comes out. "How was it?" "I bit her on the burn and she farted and flew out the window."

How do you know if a Pole has been using a computer? There's white-out on the screen.

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Rm W.S. enjoying the company of AG K. Lau

Rtm Richard Ho (HKTW) and PDG Y.K. listen intently to the speaker.

Although this was the second meeting of the new Rotary year, it was in fact the first regular lunch-time meeting for the Club. So President C.Y. commenced proceedings by giving a special welcome to AG K.Lau (HK Harbour) who was making a visit to our Club.

Rtn Robert then took charge of welcoming the other visitors and guests:

Richard Ho (HK Island West)

Mark Craig (PP John Kwok)

Jason Chiu (PP John Kwok)

There were two birthday boys for the week. They were Rtns Roy Grubb and Ates Yucel. President C.Y. presented both with the Club's new birthday gift in large boxes and they were joined by PP Sam ("I thought you'd never ask.")to lead the birthday choir. President C.Y. then presented bound copies of the 1997-98 Tung Fengs to PDG Uncle Peter (for the archives) and to PP Rob (as Editor for 1997-98).

Two announcements were made by President C.Y.:

 World Rotary President, James Lacey, will be in town on 14 August and a function will be held in the Convention and Exhibition Centre to welcome him. It is hoped to have a strong representation from the Club at this function. Cost is \$500 per member.

2. RC Makati North will hold its President's induction ceremony on 28 July and Club members have been invited to attend.

Our Acting Sergeant for the day was new member, Rtn Danny Kilis, who informed members that \$2,150 had been donated to the Club.

President C.Y. then invited AG K. Lau to address the meeting. He informed members that he hasn't visited our club often, only because there has been no need for special attention; the club is in very good hands and runs with few problems. He said that this year special attention will be given to membership retention and development in the region.

It was again President C.Y's turn and he told members that he had attended a joint President's meeting the previous night. The first Presidents' monthly bulletin has just been released and he would pass it around to members interested in reading it.





Kishu: "I'm the Treasurer - and I don't like paparazzi!"

The gweilo corner. Rtns Malcolm and Roy with guest Mark Craig.

President C.Y. then introduced the day's speaker, who was himself. He gave a very inspiring speech about Rotary and his plans for the year and members could only expect this to be another excellent year for HKIE under his leadership. (This inaugural speech is one of the most important addresses to be given to the Club during the Rotary year and it is important that members are familiar with it. It is therefore printed in full as a separate insert in this issue of Tung Feng - Ed.).

As there was some time left, guest Mark Craig was invited to speak to members in his capacity of Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar for the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Mark is studying at HK University to complete his PhD on the topic of Criminal Influence in the Business World. He is a former police officer who has resigned and set up his own business as an advisor to businesses intending to establish offices or links in overseas countries where criminal pressures could be exerted on business activities. Mark said that he chose Hong Kong as a location to carry out investigations because of the dynamic business activity here and it is common knowledge that substantial illegal practices are involved both within Hong Kong and in China. It will also give him a good background for providing advice through his business.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH - 1998-99

PDG Uncles Peter, PDG Y.K., AG Kay Lau, Fellow Rotarians & Guest, The RI theme this year is Follow your Rotary Dream. The emphasis is on the community concerns. In short, the four fundamental concerns are the Health, Education, Shelter and Stable families for our children.

We became Rotarians because we care. We care about other people. We care about our communities. We care about the world we live in. Wherever Rotarians meet, we are united by our concern for our communities and our neighbors, whether these communities and neighbors are local or half a world away. We care about our fellow members of the human family struggling to survive and succeed in today's world. Many are beset by problems such as: poverty, poor health care and nutrition, lack of sanitation and shelter. Others lack the education and training needed to find jobs. Still others live in communities fraught with conflict, plagued by crime and violence, stemming from drug and alcohol abuse, fractured family life, and other causes.

We love and care about the world's children, too many of whom are exploited, abandoned, or ignored. We care about the elderly, many of whom are pushed into the corners of society.

Just as Rotarians are united by our concerns, we are also united by our dreams. We dream of a world in which children are loved, healthy, well-nourished, educated, and protected. We dream of a world in which the elderly can live in dignity, with the respect and support they deserve. We dream of a world in which all who hunger are fed, all who cry out are listened to, all who suffer sickness are comforted or healed. We dream of a world in which education and dignified work are available for all. We dream of a world without warfare or violence. This is our Rotary dream.

But Rotarians are not just dreamers. We are achievers who join our hearts and hands to put our dreams into reality. In more than 28,000 clubs around the world, we are caring and committed members of our communities, able to make a difference in people's lives. We identify community needs, we find innovative solutions, we contribute time and money, we take the lead in doing what must be done to improve the quality of live for those in need.

We have ably demonstrated our strength through the past 44 years of grassroots services. Every hour of every day we are working to make the world better through the projects such as building the Victoria Park School for the Deaf and many improvement programs thereafter, the underground water cellar in Ningxia in China, the scholarships that we give to the Polytech University, City University and Ling Nam University, the sponsorship of the 2 Rotaract clubs and RYLA programs, the building of the walking path for the uphill village in Shaukiwan, the support to Rotary Foundation for the world projects such as Polio Plus program, the international matching grants, etc.

Guided by the principles of fairness and our overriding goal of world understanding and peace, we have the inspiration and strength to change our world. True, we cannot solve every problem, but not a minute goes by in which Rotarians do not act to alleviate suffering and help all people live in a measure of dignity.

Rotarians can be proud that, throughout our 93-year history, we have succeeded in making our dreams of better lives come true. Still, as we face the future, there is still so much to do to make the world a better home for everyone.

Much of what Rotary is today has come from the dreams of individual Rotarians. Rotary itself started as the dream of one man, Paul Harris, who hoped instill the basic values of friendship and fellowship into business and professional life. Youth Exchange, Rotaract, and Interact all started as dreams of Rotarians. Our Rotary Foundation started as the dream of one man, Arch Klumph. And that dream, in turn, inspired other dreams that are now Foundation programs. PolioPlus started as a dream to immunize children and give them a better chance in life.

Rotarians are achievers because we are dreamers. Our Rotary dreams inspire us and compel us to action. We continue to dream because we care so much - and have achieved so much. The Rotary dream is grounded in hard reality, in every action of every Rotarian in the world. It is not an empty wish or notion but true service that daily improves the world's quality of life.

Rotary founder Paul Harris said : "Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and makes them come true." In 1998-99, let all of us dream those good dreams and make them come true in our Club, our workplaces, and community, and our world. Your Board of Directors welcome your dreams and ideas to improve our Club services, our community and our world.

Our founder Paul Harris hoped to instill the basic values of friendship and fellowship into business and professional life. The key words are basic value, friendship, fellowship, business life, professional life. We the members are the bricks to build whatever dreams that we have. But we need the cement well mixed with water in the right proportion to join the bricks together. We know all the bricks of HKIE are strong and in good quality. But more importantly, we need the excellent cement to joint them together - that is the friendship and fellowship. Last year's theme of our Club was personal Touch. To enhance this theme and a kind of follow-up, the theme of this year is Enjoy Rotary. Rotary is service. Rotary is fun.

It is true that we know one another of this Club by name and face, but other than that, how much do you know about our members? Do you know their wives' names? How many children they have? What do they do for living? What are their interest and hobbies? More importantly, what are their talents and strength that they can contribute in Rotary? With better understanding among ourselves, the cohesion of the Club will be strengthened, and more dreams will therefore be achieved with less effort and more joy.

To achieve this, this year other than the programs to be carried out in the 4 avenues of services, which will be presented by the respective directors on August 5, 98, we will have more fellowship activities to be organized by PE Desmond and Rotarian Robert. These activities will include firesides, culture nights, wine tasting, etc. There will be more evening functions to involve our better halves. We have to let them know what we are doing in Rotary. With their full support, there is much more that can be achieved. We want our families to join us to "Enjoy Rotary".

With the flourishing of the friendship and fellowship, we plan the target of increasing the number of members from currently 54 to 58, a net gain of 4 members or seven percent. We emphasize on quality rather than quantity.

The Inter City meeting will be held on August 14, 98 to welcome RI President - James Lacy and Lady Claudine at HK Convention and Exhibition Centre. We plan to have at least eight members of our Club to participate the meeting.

The Annual Convention of RI will be held in Singapore during June 13-16, 1999. It is a good opportunity for our members to participate in terms of traveling time and money involved. We target to have at least five delegates from our Club.

In the community service, as a guide-line, we have the plan to achieve the president's Citation. Now I would like to introduce your Board of Directors that you have elected.

PE Desmond Cheung VP Tajwar Shadikhan Secretary Ates Yucel Treasurer Kishu Narain

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I know that you will give your full support to your Board.

Let's Enjoy Rotary and achieve our Dream.

President C.Y. Fu



THIS IS THE 1998-99 ROTARY THEME IF YOU HAVE A DREAM FOR ROTARY ACT NOW TO SEE IT HAPPEN

DREAN

Lacy calls 1998-99 the year for Rotary dreams to come

Community concerns and children will be Rotary's focus this year under the theme "Follow Your Rotary Dream." James L. Lacy, who takes office as RI president today takes to make those dreams come true.

A special focus will be on strengthening the world's communities by fighting poverty, homelessness, violence and other social problems. Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Presidential Citation Program, which aims to better educate Rotarians and broaden their role in the community.

Community projects to aid children are President Lacy's young people have access to such basic needs as food, shelter, education and health care. Equally important is the emotional support Rotarians can give by acting as mentors and role models to youth.

President Lacy has planned five presidential conferences, all focusing on children and peace. The meetings will be in Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 30 - August 1 (see related story below); Washington D.C., U.S.A., Dec. 11-12; Kampala, Uganda, Jan. 22-24, 1999; Dresden, Germany, March 19-21, 1999; and Kyoto, Japan, May 6-8, 1999.

A member of the Rotary Club of Cookeville, Tennessee, U.S.A., RI's 1998-99 president is chairman of the board of The Gilliam Candy Brands, Inc., a national confection manufacturer with plants in Kentuncky, New York, Kansas and Georgia. Long active in government service, Lacy has served on Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam County local governmental body, and also served two terms as a the state representative in the Tennessee General Assembly.

(July 1), asks Rotarians to dream big and do whatever it A Rotarian since 1964, Lacy has served Rotary International as a district governor, committee member and chairman, and delegate the RI Council on Legislation. He has also served as an International Assembly instructor, as moderator for the 1992 International Assembly, as a member of the 1994-95 RI Nominating Committee for President, and has been actively Involved in PolioPlus as a national coordinator. Lacy is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of its educational and humanitarian programs.

The 1998-99 chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees is chief concern. He asks Rotarians to help ensure that all past RI President Robert R. Barth of the Rotry Clubn of Aarau, Switzerland. RI's new vice president is Robert O. Brickman of the Rotary Club of Palatine, Illinois, USA. Hans J. Muller-Rech, of the Rotary Club of Augsburg, Germany, has assumed the office of RI

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

This is the last week for Polish jokes.

A Pole goes to a carpenter. "Can you build me a box that's two inches high, two inches wide and 50 feet long?

"Well," said the carpenter, "it could be done, I suppose, but what would you want a box like that for?"

"Well," said the pole, "a neighbour moved away and forgot some things. So he's asked me to send him his garden hose.'

A Pole was mugged by two thieves. He fought desperately but was finally subdued. The muggers went through his pockets. "You fought like that for 57 cents?" asks one of the muggers incredulously.

"Is that all you wanted" moaned the Pole. "I thought you were after the \$400 in my shoe."

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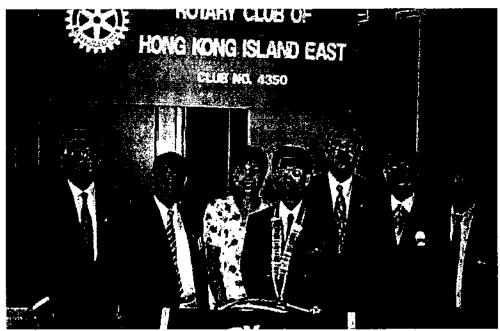
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Our 45th Year of

Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April, 1954 by Founding President, the late PDG (uncle) John Yuen



What Happened Last Week



Group photo.

This was the 3rd meeting of the new Rotary year. We were honoured by the presence of DG Anthony.

He was invited by PP George and PP Dave to sit with the "peasants" and he, being an open leader, was delighted to accept accompanied by Uncle Peter.

(The writer (PE Demsond) was frantically looking out for his friend Fred Chow who was the speaker of the day but had not yet turned up at 1:00p.m.!)

President C.Y. commenced the meeting by extending a special welcome to DG Anthony and invited D.G. Anthony to say a few words.

D.G. Anthony's main announcement was R.I.President James Lacy's visit to Hong Kong (13th to 15th August 1998). There will be reception at the airport on 13th August 1998 and an Intercity Meeting and dinner in the evening of 14th August 1998 at the New Wing of The Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (more details from President C.Y.). The photosession with each club's representatives will commence at 6:00p.m. on 14th August 1998. He wished to see us at the reception as well as the Intercity meeting. Rotarian Robert then introduced another special guest Miss Winnie Tang, secretary of Ates. She provided great assistance to Ates and us in re-organizing our record and the issuance of new membership cards. Thank you, Winnie.





Our secretary and his secretary.

President C. Y. then announced that the 1st Governor's monthly letter was now in circulation. He further told us that he attended the inauguration meeting of the Rotaract Club of HKIE which was also attended by DG Anthony and District Rotaract Chairman VP Tom Hui. The function was held at Holiday Inn Golden Mile and we may be able to see some photos later.

Our acting Sergeant for the day was PP Dave who informed us that 26 members attended and the collection was HK\$2,040.00. Welcome backs were then extended to PP Dave, PP TK (from Singapore), Henry and Chris.



DG with Uncle Peter



Birthday boy receiving his present.

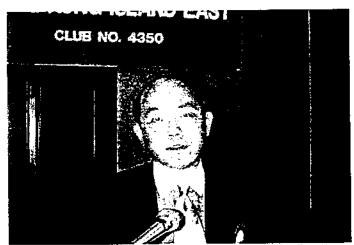
Birthday Boy was PP Dave. PDG YK-led the singing and everyone joined in with great enthusiasm.

(Around 1:15p.m., to the great relief of the writer and Roy no doubt, the speaker arrived. He gallantly consumed his meal in record time).

Then the writer was asked to introduce the speaker Fred Chow. Fred was a classmate of the writer and had a successful career in advertising before moving on to the printing industry.

Fred's speech was reproduced below. It was an interesting speech on a topic which all of us must have involved in at some stage (like getting our name cards printed) but which we surprisingly know little about.

At the end of the speech, there were six or seven questions from the floor which indicated the level of interest in the topic.



The speaker (what will he think of the printing standard of our Bulletin?)

Malcolm then thanked the speaker for us.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to R.I. and Rotary Club of Taipo.

Speech for the Rotary Club of HK Island East Luncheon July 22, 1998 by our guest Mr. Fred Chow

1998 is a very tough year for everybody. I am in the printing industry but I believe we are faced with a lot of common problem issues.

We have a very weak economy at the moment, and we are not sure how much longer it will last. Hong Kong is a saturated market, given its geographical size and population. Within this environment, there is keen competition in almost any sector. No wonder, our clients are so demanding. They know they have numerous choices, and this is a buyer's market. On the other hand, we have to work with high operation costs. Despite the rental reductions, salary freezes, even staff lay-offs, the overall costs are still high compared to China and other Asian countries.

Now, I would like to share with you how we meet these challenges within our highly competitive industry. Let me give you a better understanding about the nature of our business. Printing can be categorized into packaging printing, book printing, security printing, commercial printing We focus on commercial printing, which ranges from printing a poster, a leaflet, to listed companies annual reports.

I am sure every one of you have been involved in a printing assignment. Your main concerns are quality, time and cost, of course not necessarily in this priority sequence. In essence, our task is to work with these parameters, to protect our existing customer franchise, and also develop new business.

We have always monitored closely the technological development in our industry in relation to our customers' needs. Recently, we have added a new Digital Printing machine to further enhance our service to existing customers and hopefully expand into other market segments. Digital Printing shortens the conventional off-set printing process by eliminating the colour separation and film output procedures before printing. All you need is a computer disc which contains all your artworks and high resolution photographs, and we print straight from that disc, right away. The whole process is computerized and you see the outcome instantly. It's just like doing colour copying except the quality is much better, comparable to off-set printing. This is efficient and cost effective especially for small print runs of tens or hundreds. Take this preliminary annual report we did for the Trade Development Council. They needed 50 copies for an important overseas conference even before any films and colour proofs were made. We completed the assignment within 2 days.

We have opened a town office which houses the digital printing machine at a strategic location catered to overseas exhibitors and conference attendees. Within the premise, we have our own creative studio, providing design and artwork services. Back in our factory at Aberdeen, we have the full printing and colour separation facilities. Besides, there is a labour pool which handles letteshopping, widely used for our clients' massive direct mailing projects. All these value-added services help to establish a "one-stop shopping" concept for our clients.

On the other hand, we have not overlooked the economical resources available just across the border. Although we do not have offices in mainland China, we have close working affiliates that provide good quality and efficient manual work for a lot of our printed items. Wall calendars and shopping bags are good examples. Delivery to difference mainland locations is only the finishing touch of the process.

So far, I have told you some of the things that we have done, and I believe the technological enhancement, the value-added service, the competitive out sourcing, have well tackled the parameters of quality, time and costs, hence putting us in a competitive position.

Last but not least, I hope you will take the right steps during this crisis, and come out ahead in economic recovery.



Presidential Conferences kick off with meeting in Guatemala

More than 600 Rotarians and others are expected to attend the RI Latin American Presidential conference in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from July 30 - August 1.

The aim of the conference is to promote peace and develop ways to address regional community concerns, particulalry by using resources of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation, co-sponsors of the meeting.

The opening plenary session and reception will take place at the National Palace, where a keynote address is scheduled to be given by Guatemalen President Alvaro Arzu Irigoyen, a strong supporter of Rotary initiatives in Guatemala, such as the countrywide literacy campaign. RI President James L. Lacy will extend a welcome to participants at this first presidential conference of 1998-99.

Speakers at other conference sessions, which will take place at the Camino Real Westin Hotel Convention Centre, will include Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Robert R. Barth and Past RI Presidents Carlos Canseco, Paulo V.C. Costa and Luis Vicente Giay. Discussion groups throughout the conference will provide ample opportunities for Rotarians from Central America and elsewhere to build or expand service partnerships.

Chairman of the conference is past RI Director Luis Felipe Valenzuela of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur in the capital city. All nine Rotary clubs in Guatemala City are giving major backing to the gathering - the first RI presidential conference in their country.

In addition to Guatemalans, the conference is expected to draw participants from elsewhere in Central, America, the Caribbean, and North and South America. The working language will be Spanish; simultaneous interpretation into English will be made available if warranted by the number of English speakers.

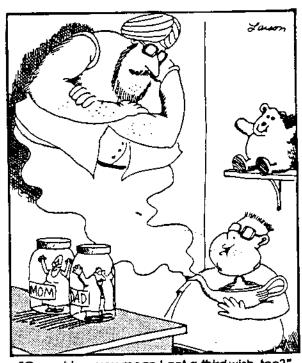
LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Well, we've had jokes about lawyers and accountants, so now we'll have a little laugh at doctors (i.e., the medical variety).

A guy goes to his doctor for a check-up. After a lot of tests the doctor says, "I've got some bad news and some good news. After going overall your tests, I've discovered that you're a latent homosexual personality."

"Oh, my God, that's awful," says the guy. "So what's the good news?"

The doctor says, "Well, I think you're kinda cute."



'Gee whiz ... you mean I get a third wish, too?

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This week's speakers
The Chairmen of the Four Avenues of Service:
"Our year ahead"

Next week: "To Gibraltar - Sun, The Rock and sea" with Ian Shelmerdine

Last week's speaker:
Martin Lister, solicitor
"The Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF)"

After learning about RINOs in Rotary Information, we went on to learn about the MPF and its relationship to the ORSO (Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance) from our speaker, a partner of Deacons Graham and James.

Like it or not, the MPF is coming.

Employees and employers alike are (nearly) all going to be affected when this new scheme becomes effective some time in the year 2000. Mr. Lister said that he hoped this would not happen until all the computers have been fixed after their predicted failure when the clocks tick over midnight in the 31st December 1999.

He pointed out that the scheme will fulfil two of conditions in the Four-way Test – he didn't say which and it could even be argued that it fulfils three in the long term.

By the middle of 1999, we should see the approval of trustees, who can then begin to promote their services.

Present schemes, if approved, may be used as a substitute for the MPF. Benefits can only be transferred on moving job, not withdrawn as happens in most schemes now. Employees, male and female, will generally only see their money on reaching the age of 65 or on departing Hong Kong permanently. There are exceptions for early retirement or the death of the employee when his or her estate benefits immediately [thanks guys! - Ed]. Employers cannot hold back on their part of the contributions ('vesting') as in many current schemes where employees use the pension fund as a 'loyalty tie'.

In principle, employees and employers of between 18 and 65 contribute 5% of the employees' emoluments (including cash benefits) to the fund, up to a maximum of HK\$20,000 per month in total. There is tax relief on this: of up to \$12,000 p.a. for the employee and up to 15% of emoluments for the employer. When a new employee joins a company you have 60 days to put their MPF into effect, even if they are on, say, 90 days probation. The employer pays from day one, the new employee has a free ride for the first 30 days. Domestic helpers, some civil servants, and expats here for less than 12 months are exempt – the self-employed are not.



Our speaker: Martin Lister

The other exemptions relate to approved, existing schemes under the ORSO. They must have been approved by 15th October 1995, so if you have one of these, you'll know all about it already, and if you don't, it's too late! And there's an exemption from the employee's portion of the payment for employees earning less than HK\$4,000 / month.

Mr. Lister gave an amazingly thorough presentation, considering that he had condensed a 90 minute talk into 25 minutes. Sorry, we can't condense 25 minutes and an extensive slide presentation into Tung Feng.



The banner exchange - no I. O.U. this time



Birthday celebrations with a cup of tea - in a box



HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

OK, let's all go home now

Last meeting in focus

- President CY saw us off to an early start last week at 1:17 -- he had been warned that the speaker had plenty of ground to cover.
- PP Hubert introduced the visitors and blamed a gap of three years for thoroughly screwing up the introduction of the guests. Still, you have to hand it to him, his tie really matched his suit and he can speak Japanese as well! Not only that, he was the acting Fellowship-on-duty.

We had the pleasure of welcoming the following visiting Rotarians to the Club:

- Rtn. Shiko Kobayashi from the RC of Okazaki East
- PP Don Goodier from the RC of Overwyre, near Preston, England.
- Rtn. Kevin Lam [he of the good connections] from the RC of HK Northeast
- Rtn. Chung Tzehan from the RC of HK Northeast
- PP Michael Chan from the RC of HK Northeast
- PP Hubert Ng from the RC of Smartone, oops, HK Harbour
- PP Peter Tse from the RC of Tsim Sha Tsui East

and we eventually discovered that Mr. W.K. Yuen and Mr. Steve Tsui were the guests of the ever-cheerful Rtn. Rudy.

- We exchanged one banner last week: with the Japanese club of Okazaki East.
- The birthday boy was Rotarian Robin Hearder, who "officially received" his elegant porcelain tea set birthday gift, and chose that famous non-betting man, Rotarian Henry, to lead the choir. As usual we took two and a half bars to agree on the key in which we were singing.
- Rtn. Tony was the acting [another actor] Sergeant-at-Arms and told us we had just 18 members present (though the unofficial visit from HK Northeast helped us make up the numbers). The contribution to the Club service funds was HK\$1,420 to which the Official Reciever made a handsom contribution (just hope he didn't bankrupt himself).
- PPH Hubert gave the Rotary Information.
- Rtn Roy introduced our speaker (the real, not the acting Programme Chairman as Pres. C.Y. told us) and explained that he was also the acting Bulletin Editor (sorry guys, you're stuck with these italics again).
- Rtn. Robin Hearder thanked the speaker and told us that he was one of the civil servants who will be exempt.
- The meeting closed on time and our final toast was to the well-represented Rotary Club of HK Northeast.



This was a meeting where most of those officiating had at least two jobs. Our President had the task of Presiding and acting as his own Secretary (even though he does not speak Turkish), Rtn. Roy as 'Mr. Programme' introduced the speaker but was acting bulletin editor too, PP Hubert was an outstanding acting double. He not only acted as Fellowship Chairman but was acting IPP as well - he gave the Rotary Information and taught us all some new terms.

Our old favourite RINO (Rotarian In Name Only) has been reduced to RIN - this is at the individual level. RIN at the club level refers to Rotary in Numbers:- Clubs going for an increase in number of members, no matter of what quality.

This year our Club has a net growth target of 5%. But quality first, as always in the past!

RIN at the district level means Rotary clubs in Numbers, a district striving to meet the normal minimum number of clubs (50) for qualification as a district. We didn't quite make it, but the circumstances were felt to be special enough for 3450 to be awarded its present status.

A Reminder from Hon. Treasurer Kishu

Cheques for the new Rotary Year, 6-month subscriptions (HK\$3,090 or SAA \$1,620) should be sent to the Hon. Treas. Kishu Narain, P.O. Box 20178, Hennessy Road, Post Office, HK

United States: (where else would a man sue for this?)

Man sues Club over knock-out breasts

(but don't worry it wasn't a Rotary Club)

A man is suing a topless club, claiming he received whiplash when an exotic dancer knocked him unconscious with her enormous breasts. Paul Shimkonis said: "apparently she jumped up and slammed her breasts into my head and just about knocked me out. It was like two cement blocks hit me". [Very exotic -Ed.]

Mr Shimkonis said he hurt his back and neck at the Diamond Dolls club in Clearwater when 'Tawny Peaks', who boasts a 60-HH bust, surprised him at his 1996 a bachelor party, the night before his wedding. [Not so much a surprise, more 'an amaze' - after all we're not talking centimetres here!]

Mr Shimkonis said he had been too embarrassed over the injury to visit the doctor for three months. Nearly two years later, he said, he was still in pain and the club would not pay his medical bills. So he sued: [Well it was Americal]

"I can't turn my neck to the right at all. I have to turn at the waist" said Mr Shimkonis, 38, a physical therapist. "When I tell people how it happened, but they just laugh. At work, I just don't tell them any more." [The interest wanes after the 23rd month.]

Mr Shimkonis is seeking more than US\$15,000 damages after the incident.

Vinny Radene, a club manager, said he didn't see the incident or hear about it, but thought the suit was "kind of silly". The suit claims Mr Shimkonis suffered by the injury, disability, pain and suffering, despite garment, mental anguish and loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life. [And all that... well, maybe, Tony, you'd give him a course of chiropractic and couple of Viagra.](Contributed by Rtn. Kishu, who saw it all happen and will be appearing for the plaintiff)



Montserrat club carries on after volcanic disaster

Before natural disaster forced the Vue Point Hotel to close, the 23 members of the Rotary Club of Montserrat gathered there every Wednesday. Today, the 10 remaining members meet on the beach with their brown bag lunches to discuss ways that they can attend to their island's needs. And the needs are many.

For three years, this 39-square-mile British dependency in the Cairibbean has endured continuous eruptions of lot lava, volcanic ash, mud, rock and other debris from the Soufriere Hills Volcano. The escalating activity over the last several months has left the southern part of the island uninhabitable and the northern third overpopulated. When massive relocations began in 1995 - nearly 7,000 of the island's 11,000 inhabitants have left to date - lack of available housing forced thousands into temporary shelters. Although 500 people still remain in shelters, Montserrat Rotarians hope to pursue solutions to inadequate housing and the shrinking local economy.

During a visit with Montserrat Rotarians, District 7030 Governor Henri Guda from Suriname praised them for their commitment: "The mere fact that you have continued to keep the lamp burning impressed us all." Guda and his district representative, George Piper, toured the ravaged island with Adelina Tuitt, Montserrat's Minister of Health, Education and Community Services. Tuitt showed them two building projects, Davy Hill and Lookout, that were funded by Britain's Department for International Development. Combined, the projects have provided 100 new houses, with plans for more housing under way.

From Boothbay Harbour, Maine, to London, England, many Rotary clubs have generously shipped emergency supplies, food medicine to the island in response to its needs. As for its future project plans, the Montserrat Rotary club has set its sights on rehabilitating or expanding library, cultural and recreational facilities.

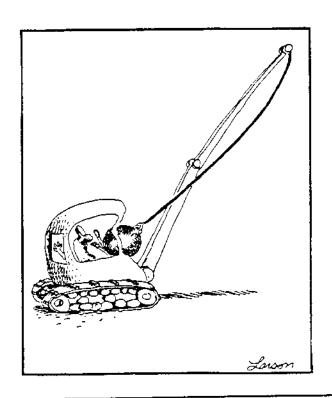


LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A woman went to a physician for a follow-up visit after he'd prescribed testosterone for her. She was a little worried about some of the side effects. "Doctor, the hormone you've been giving me has been a help but I'm afraid you're giving me too much. I've started growing hair in places I've never grown hair before.

The physician said, "A little hair growth is a perfectly normal side effect of testosterone. Just where has it appeared?"

"On my balls."



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Ian Shelmerdine
'To Gibraltar - Sun, The Rock and Sea'

Next Week 'Rotaract Presidents'

The Proceedings

President CY got us underway at 1:28p.m. when he asked the reclusive PP Con (whom we hadn't seen for quite a few weeks) to introduce our visiting Rotarians and the guests of members.

He then advised that he had received a thank you note from the Missions of Charity in Calcutta thanking us for the Rupees 65K donation 'which will bring hope to those in despair and give a new meaning to those rejected or oppressed. It will make them experience that Divine Love to which we are all called to share.'

The Missionaries said their gratitude is their prayer for each one of us and may our days be filled with the peace and joy of the Risen Lord and radiate that peace and joy to all we meet, beginning at home with our very own.

This note was well received by all members.

We then celebrated the birthdays of PP John and Rtn Kenny with a rousing birthday song led by (none other than) PP Con.

Sgt-at-Arms Danny announced we had donated a total of \$1,910 among which was \$300 each from the 'birthday boys'.

One of the highlights of this meeting was the induction of Mr Jason Chiu introduced by PP John. Jason is related to our former Secretary Gary Chiu and after the induction he gave us a few words of thanks for welcoming him warmly into our fold. Jason's brief bio is outlined elsewhere in 'the book'.

The speakers for the day were 3 of the Directors of the 4 Avenues of services and

PE Desmond (Club Service)
 PP Hubert (Community Service) For and on behalf of Rtn Francis

Rtn Stephen (International Service). Some notes on PE Desmond's and Rtn Stephen's presentations are attached hereto.

President CY ended the session with a toast to R1 and (for some reason unknown) coupled this with a toast to the Rotary Club of Kowloon East.

<u>Rtn Stephen's International Service Director Report (1998-tn Stephen's International Service Director Report (1998-1999)</u>

At the beginning of this Rotary year, I have prepared a plan for international service and submitted to the board for approval. I would like to share with you my idea and seek any suggestion or comment on my plan.

- Rotary foundation
- · World community service
- · Group study exchange programme
- International Convention in Singapore next year in June

Rotary Foundation is being looked after by our VP T.S. (or Taj). He will be co-ordinating all matters relating to the recruitment of new Paul Harris Fellows and multiple Paul Harris Fellows for existing members.

- Sister clubs
- Matching grant with Turkey and Philippines

For world community service, we have a continuation of one of our last year's project in Chung Shan. Through the effort of Rtm. Joseph and PP Hubert and J.L, we have donated some computers to one of the school there. With the help of our Rotaract clubs of Ling Nan University and Hong Kong Island East, they will teach the student English for a week for 10th to 14th August and then later will provide training to the teachers on the use of computer. The cost of this community service in Mainland China would be below \$10,000 and has been approved by the board recently.

The GSE program was initiated in 1965 to provide educational experience for business and professional men and women in order to promote world understanding. The word exchange means pairing one district with another in a foreign country to send and receive one study team each year, A team consists of one rotarian leader and four young working persons. The Rotary Foundation provides only the return airfares while other expenses such as domestic travelling, lodging and food are for the account of the receiving district. Basically, the team members will stay at the homes of fellow Rotarians.

Conclusion

In order to have any chance of success, it is essential to have the support of fellow members in the works of international service projects. In addition, I need members to join the international service committee to work together on the various projects and ventures. So please let me hear from you for your idea and support!

Last Week Visiting Rotarians

PP David Diniz
 RC Peninsula

Rtn Marilyn Tubb
 RC Gainesville Florida, USA

Rtn Jane Adamson RC HK South
 Rtn Freddy Fong RC HKI West

Last Week Visitors & Hosts

Mr Ferdinand Huang Rtn Bill Mr Jason Chiu PP John

Rtn Jason Chiu' brief biography

1. Born in Hong Kong in 1960

- 2. Left Hong Kong for Hawaii in 1976 to finish his high school education
- 3. Received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Ann Arbor Michigan in 1982 and his MBA from Madison Wisconsin in 1983
- 4. Joined IBM in New York upon graduation
- 5. Left IBM and joined Salomon in New York in 1989
- 6. Returned to Hong Kong in 1994
- 7. Today Joson is still working for Salomon Smith Barney. Jason is married. His wife, Sharon, is working in the hotel industry and they have a son, Justin.

- 1. <u>Programme</u>. Rtn. Roy is in charge and assisted by Malcolm. He is enthusiastic and efficient and will provide quality speakers on a wide range of subjects. Incidentally, if any member who shall comes across an interesting topic or speaker, please inform Roy.
- 2. <u>Bulletin</u>. Rob Fielding is in charge and is assisted by Robin Hearder and Malcolm. Apart from producing good reports on meetings, their jokes are highly valued.
- 3. <u>Fellowship</u>. Masterminded by Rotarian Robert Lai. He proposed to arrange one event per month staring from September as follows:

<u>September</u> - nostalgic dancing/dinner <u>October</u> - Indian food evening

November - Uncle Peter's Golf Tournament

December - X' mas lunch meeting with family. This takes into account your

usual commitment during this time of year.

January - Racing night/or racing on Saturday afternoon

February - Chinese New Year lunch meeting. Again, this takes into account

your usual commitment during this period.

March - Annual ball

April - Some more golf

May - Australian Wine Evening

Firesides will also be encouraged.

It is my intention to send out periodic questionnaires asking you comments on various aspects of club service. Please let me have your honest replies because it is only through your comments that we can improve.



Rotary Information

Foster home expands, thanks to Illinois Rotarians

In her modest Aurora, Illinois, home, Willie Mae Clark has cared for 58 children over the past 15 years – three children of her own and 55 foster children. Her devotion to bettering the lives of young people inspired the Rotary Club of Aurora Sunrise to make living conditions a little easier for Clark's busy, everchanging family.

Armed with US\$10,000 of its own and in-kind donations of building materials, the club donated a few weekends of labor in May to help expand Clark's house by more than half to 1,290 square feet. A new den, bathroom and master bedroom were built under the supervision of Rotarian Dan Cassidy, who runs a construction company.

"We were looking for a real whole-club service project, and our club emphasis is on youth, "Cassidy said. "Ms. Clark has done the right things – within her power to do things. Her biggest need was to get some space."

Clark is raising three teenage children of her own and also currently has three foster children – ages 7, 9 and 11. Some of the Foster children have stayed with her for as long as 10 years, while others have barely made it a day before moving on. Clark was drawn to becoming a foster parent 15 years ago when she read a news story about a brother and sister who needed to be placed in a foster home but didn't want to be separated because they had no other family.

According to Cassidy, club members Jim Chesney and Bill Schanlaber had gotten to know Clark through various community activities in recent years, and it was their idea to get Rotarians to help her out.

"This woman has made a real commitment to give some moral grounding to these kids" Cassidy said. "She takes them to church, she makes sure they study. Her commitment is pretty extensive."

Ohio Rotarians compute students' needs through Internet survey

Rotary clubs throughout central and southern Ohio have faunched a project that aims to learn what Rotary can do for teens. District 6690 Rotarians are asking secondary school students in their area to respond to the survey at: http://schoolmatch.com/ppsi/rotary.html Students are asked to give "yes" or "no" answers to a short list of questions, with their responses expected to help Rotarians determine what projects and activities they should undertake to help students.

In order to enhance student participation, awards have been donated by local firms and will be given to the school with the most participation, along with individual students. These awards include a new computer, US\$100 in cash, dinner at local restaurants and tickets to local sporting events.

According to project chairman William Bainbridge, survey organizers will compile students' answers by the schools they attend and provide reports to each local Rotary club by early 1999. The site was activated in late April, and responses began pouring in immediately.



ROTI Institute helps Rotary leaders share ideas via the Web

Rotarians around the world can now use the latest in computer technology to share ideas and experiences, making their organization more effective. As part of the Rotary On The Internet (ROTI) group, a new "ROTI Institute" concept is being developed to share the knowledge and experience of seasoned Rotarians around the globe.

"The ROTI Board has been working tirelessly on this idea with the purpose of providing advice and suggestions via e-mail to new Rotary chairman and club leaders," said Darryl McKeller of New Zealand, board chairman.

Douglas W. Vincent of Woodstock, Canada, a past president of the Rotary Club of Woodstock-Oxford, was appointed as the Founding International Chairman of the ROTI Institute. Vincent has worked as a resource assistant for staff at RI's World Headquarters and has made presentations and assisted with projects in several countries around the world.

Under the Institute format, educational articles will be created and e-mailed twice a month to Rotarians in more than 100 countries. Information will cover new ideas suggestions on a variety of Rotary activities and are intended to supplement what is already available from current Rotary sources. Articles will also be archived for future reference on the ROTI's Institute Web site, found at http://mars.ark.com/~rotary/institut.htm

"Through the sharing of suggestions and ideas from experienced Rotarians, incoming leaders and chairmen can benefit from increased knowledge and have more effective results," said Vincent. "The new Institute concept will support ROTI's overall objective of applying modern information technology to explore the avenues of service and promote global Rotary fellowship."

For more information, contact McKeller via e-mail at <u>darrylk@dunedn.es.co.nz</u>; phone : 64 3 4882781; or Vincent via e-mail at <u>vincent@teamvincent.com</u>; phone 519 423-6264.

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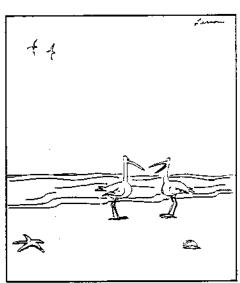
A golfer sets up for a tee shot with a row of trees and an out-of-bounds on the right side. He slices wildly and the ball heads off in the direction of the trees. About 15 minutes later, a police officer approaches him. "Is this your ball?"

"Yes, I think it is."

"Well," says the officer, "it went over the trees and through the window of a house. It hit a cat and the cat ran out the front door. A school bus was driving by at the time and the driver, trying to miss the cat, hit a tree. The bus exploded in flames and there were no survivors."

"Oh my God, that's terrible," said the golfer. "Is there anything I can do?"

The policemen replied, "Well, you might try keeping your left arm a little straighter and start your down swing with your hips."



"You're not fooling me, Ned. ... Taking a long walk on the beach sounds romantic, but I know you're just looking for crustaceans."

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What Happened Last Week

President C. Y. opened the meeting by apologizing for the absence of a bulletin for the week due to some glitch in getting information to the printer. (Maybe this Editor is really indispensable, so he won't go away again - Ed.)

Rtn Paul was called upon to introduce the visitors to the Club. They were:
Joel Larkin (Kowloon)
Louisa Fong (Peninsula South)
Peggy Chan (Peninsula South)
Michael Duck (Hong Kong)
Ian Shelmerdine (Victoria)

President C. Y. also welcomed back Rtns Francis and Robert, as well as PPs T. K. and Tim. He then made the following announcements:

- Rotary President James Lacey will be in town on Thursday, 13 August and intercity meeting will be held at the Convention Centre where six HKIE members will represent our club.
- There will be a District Rotary Foundation Seminar on 5 September, 1998 and members involved in the administration of our Club are encouraged to attend.

Rtn Chris also made his personal announcement to ask members if they could help him locate a previous guest speaker, Dr Fung, who spoke on dermatological subjects. Chris, however, was very coy when asked to tell members where his rash was.

Acting Sergeant Danny Kilis informed members that there were 24 members in attendance and \$1,660 had been collected.

This week our guest speaker was a visitor from the Rotary Club of Victoria, Ian Shelmerdine, and he was introduced by Rtn Roy. Ian is a long time resident of Hong Kong (16 years), happily married to his Taiwanese wife, and with two mistresses: One is his computer and the other, recently deceased, his Mercedes Benz (Apparently, last week on his return from the airport with his family, it caught fire and was destroyed on the Tsing Ma bridge.)

Ian's talk was about the British colony of Gibraltar. He claimed he has searched all over the world for the most suitable place to retire and is convinced Gibraltar is the place - apparently Manolo agrees, but then he might be biased! Ian gave a short run-down on the location of Gibraltar (at the southern tip of Spain) and its

history (transferred to Britain in 1704). Over the last four years, it has become an important overseas financial centre, integrally linked to the European Union. These are some of the other attractions of Gibraltar as a great place to retire:

- It has 37 international banks.
- It has low taxation. There are no estate/death duties, nor capital gains tax or double taxation.
- The crime rate is almost non-existent.
- The climate is excellent.
- There is a sizeable Chinese resident population.
- Food and eating is very inexpensive.
- There are eight golf clubs within a half hour drive.
- There is snow skiing within a four hour drive.
- Schooling is excellent.
- Medical facilities are excellent.

To complete this talk about Gibraltar, Ian showed a video of some of the attractions he had just described. Judging by the enthusiasm displayed by a few listeners, it seems that the 30,000 population of Gibraltar might soon be augmented by a few HKIE members.

PP George thanked Ian for his talk and made the perceptive observation that there are distinct similarities between Hong Kong and Gibraltar in their British colony status, their financial importance, and their proximity to major markets, one to Europe, and the other to China.



: Rins Peggy Chan & Louisa Fong Happy visitors to the Club



Rtn Ian Shelmerdine reports Guest speaker for the day wonders of Gibraltar.





Visitors to the Club. 12 August 1998

President C.Y. closed the meeting at 2:10pm after members stayed back to view the video.

Important news: "ROTARY CONVENTION 1999" in Singapore will take place on JUNE 13-16 1999 at "AMARA Hotel Singapore". Members will fly by "Cathay Pacific Airways" and package cost will be HK\$D3,988 (sharing Twin-Room) and HKD4,988 (Single Room). Those interested to go please advise President C.Y. on or before 15 September 1998.



Guatemala conference provides inspiration for expanded Rotary service

The president of Guatemala and Rotary International leaders provided motivation for expanded Rotary service to the 943 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and guests from 19 countries who attended the Latin American presidential Conference in Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 30-August 1, Chaired by Past RI Director Luis Felipe Valenzuela, the meeting was the first presidential conference of this Rotary year and the first ever in Guatemala.

In a keynote address during the opening ceremony at the National Palace, Guatemalan president Alvaro Arzu Irigoyen recognized Rotary as "one of the most important forces for community service in Guatemala." A member of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur himself, the president recently donated money and land to the Guatemalan Rotary clubs for them to develop an ecological park. The president's praise for Rotary was echoed by Guatemala City Major Oscar Berger in his welcoming remarks.

Fulfilling the dreams of less-fortunate individuals through resource-sharing was a major theme of plenary speeches. RI President James L. Lacy urged participants to share his dream that neglected and needy children worldwide receive the care and support they require. Citing poverty, gang violence, political strife and a host of other problems stunting the development of children's lives, he said, "We must use our influence and our experience to reverse this trend, for children are our greatest hope."

In his keynote speech, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Robert R. Barth called on Rotarians to couple Rotary spirit and a willingness to share with the economic potential of The Rotary Foundation. "What better way is there to demonstrate and sustain our basic Rotarian commitments than through the programs of our Foundation?" he asked.

Conference discussion groups on The Rotary Foundation attracted sizable crowds. Well-attended workshops also dealt with the topics of literacy, fighting child abuse, combating drug abuse, assisting the elderly, and helping the homeless. Other popular sessions included a panel presentation by Past RI Presidents Carlos Canseco, Paulo V. C. Costa, and Luis Vicente Giay, and a Paul Harris Fellows Breakfast.

In addition to underscoring Guatemalan Rotarians' substantial involvement in service activities, the conference gave the hosts the chance to showcase their pride in their culture. Events included a tour of the National Palace with its art treasures, a performance of folkloric ballets by Guatemalan young people, and a fashion show for spouses featuring traditional Guatemalan dress.

Speaking at the closing session, President Lacy emphasized the importance of Rotarians coming together at such conferences and reaffirming their commitment to Rotary ideals. "By getting together and discussing plans and reminding ourselves why it is that we are Rotarians, we fuel our desire to serve, and we become inspired to dream even greater dreams," he said.



Children's Opportunities rants expand Rotary service possibilities

Taking advantage of high investment income, the Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have pooled US\$20 million in funds to create a far-reaching new program, Children's Opportunities Grants, designed to provide a better life for children worldwide.

Rotary clubs and districts, Rotaract clubs, and Interact clubs acting through their sponsoring clubs may apply for Children's Opportunities Grants of up to US\$25,000 to support new projects benefiting children to age 16, particularly those in their formative, pre-teen years.

In addition, clubs may be eligible for Supplemental Grants for Successful Children's Projects of up to US\$25,000 to expand ongoing projects that were initiated with the help of a Foundation humanitarian grant. Yet another form of assistance, an additional matching grant of up to US\$50,000 called the Children's Opportunities Bonus, may be awarded to worthy new Matching Grants projects benefiting children.

The Children's Opportunities Grants program envisions – but does not specify – projects such as care for orphans and street youths, literacy education, provision of basic food and clothing, primary health care and immunizations, child care centers for working parents, the prevention of child abuse and the exploitation of child labor, restorative surgeries for birth defects, rehabilitation for crippling injuries, and drug-abuse prevention.

An exceptional program, Children's Opportunities Grants differ from other Foundation humanitarian grants. No matching funds are required from the initiating club and no international sponsor is required. A one-time opportunity, the grants will be available on a first-come basis until funds are exhausted.

Certain restrictions apply. If a Rotary club initiates a Children's Opportunities Grants project in another country, Rotarians in the project country must be actively involved. Before awarding a Supplemental Grant, the Foundation may require that a monitor assess the success of the original project. And while any club may apply for a Children's Opportunities Bonus along with a Matching Grant, approval is not automatic.

Each applicant for a Children's Opportunities Grant may apply for a maximum of two grants per Rotary year, but before a second application will be considered, the first grant must be successfully completed and a final report submitted to and accepted by The Rotary Foundation.

All clubs and governors will receive information about this new grant opportunity, including an application form, in October.

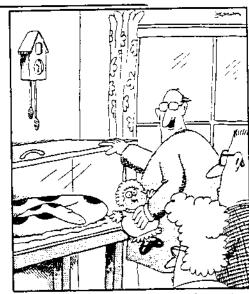
LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Jack's office insisted that he go to the doctor's for a complete physical. Worried that the doctor might notice that his hearing was getting worse, Jack asked his wife to come along too. After a long wait they finally got to see the doctor, who checked Jack's pulse, heart rate and blood pressure.

"Jack, I'll need to do some additional tests. I'll need a urine sample, a stool sample and a sperm sample."

Jack turned immediately to his wife and whispered, "What? What did he say?"

"Don't worry about it," she said, "just leave your underpants."



"Hey! You'll get a kick out of this, 8ob and Ruth! ... Watch what Lola here does with her new squeeze doll!"

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What Happened Last Week'

Wednesday, 9 September

Joint meeting with RC Bayview Sunshine, HK Guest Speaker: Bonny Chiu, Rotary Scholar Subject: Her scholarship and legal studies.



Visitors to the Club, 19th August 1998

President C.Y. began the meeting by giving a warm welcome to DG Anthony Hung who was making his second visit for the year to our club. He has always been a frequent visitor and seems to enjoy our fellowship.

PE Desmond then introduced the visitors:

Peter Tse (Tsim Sha Tsui East)

Ali Tahiri (Colombo North, Sri Lanka)

DG Anthony Hung (Tai Po)

President & Vice-President from the Rotaract Club of Lingnan College

The following announcements were made to members:

- The Inter City Meeting to welcome RI President Lacey was well attended, with 8 members from HKIE. Significant fundraising for the flood victims in China was carried out: RI donated US\$1,000, HKIE donated HK\$5,000. The total collection amounted to HK\$450,000.
- A Rotary blood donation service, organized by RC Bayview Sunrise, will be conducted on 3 October, 2:00-6:00pm, 1 Pacific Place, Queensway
- Three new awards will be offered to clubs during the coming year: The first is the Significant Achievement Award for a hands-on project; the second is the RI Public Relations Award; and the third is the Jan Harris Award for projects advancing the status of women.



Future Rotarians? President and Vice-President of Rotaract Club of Lingnan College.



Now, this is really extending fellowship: PP T.K. with Rtn Ali Tahiri (Colombo North).



DG Anthony gets advice from PDG Y.K.



PDG Uncle Peter enjoying company of visitor Peter Ise.



Rin Tajwar and PP Andrew share a joke - about whom?



Rtn Ali Tahiri exchanges banners with Pres. C.Y.

International Service Director Stephen reported on his committee's plans for the coming year. He advised that he is endeavouring to reestablish relationships with sister clubs. It now looks like Makati North members may visit HKIE on 15-17 September 1998; and the International Service Director from Westwood Village, USA may visit our club soon.

President C.Y. then exchanged banners with Rtn Ali Tahiri from RC Colombo North, Sri Lanka.

The speaker for the day was the President of the Rotaract Club of Lingnan College. She gave a report on her club's activities. These included:

- . Running a course on table manners for women, as a recruitment exercise to increase membership.
- . An invitation to the Rotaract Club of Taiwan to visit Hong Kong.
- . A trip to China to teach school children English and computer typing skills.
- . A visit to the Victoria School for the Deaf.
- . Fundraising to travel to Korea during Chinese New Year to visit Rotaract Clubs.
- . A visit to an old people's home.

Sergeant at Arms, Danny Kilis informed members that \$1,770 had been collected.

PP John Kwok advised members that he was updating details in the register of club members and asked that the form be filled out soon and returned to him with a recent portrait photograph.

To fill in the last five mnutes, PP John Luk took on the role of "Stimulator" to prompt discussion and comment on the government's recent intervention in the economy. Numerous views were offered. These included:

- . PP Sam: The government did the right thing but said the wrong thing.
- . Rtn Stephen: It was wrong for the government to intervene and they took too high a profile.
- . PP Andrew: There is really no such thing as a 'free' market. The government was justified in doing what they did. Rtn Bill (Flicker): The government should have acted more quietly.
- . Rtn Tajwar: The government should not have intervened. He predicted that there would be negative repercussions within 5 days and offered to take bets from members on the accuracy of his view.

Time ran out and President C.Y. called a halt to the discussion and closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Tai Po.



Rotagolf program tees off in California

Seventy percent of all police calls in Santa Cruz, California, are directed to the Beach Flats neighborhood, where problems with drugs, violence and prostitution make it one of the city's most trouble areas. Three years ago, Rotarian Ted Foster combined his interest in golf and his concern for the families of Beach Flats to create Rotagolf, a program that teaches golf, discipline and confidence to children between the ages of 10 and 14.

"This is not a program to reform wayward youth," he insists. Instead, it rewards and encourages kids who go to school, do their homework and stay out of trouble – all three are requirements for Rotagolfers.

In designing the program, Foster first recruited volunteers – 23 from his Rotary Club of Santa Cruz and six from the Santa Cruz Sunrise club, as well as 27 members of his golf club. Next, he arranged for a golf pro to give one-hour lessons, a driving range to supply balls and time and a local golf course to donate tee times, golf cart use and breakfast. The original nine Rotagolfers were chosen at random from 57 interested youths in Beach Flats. Volunteers, responsible for picking up the children at their homes every Saturday morning, also bring them to the golf club for breakfast, stay during the lesson and drive them home afterwards.

"I couldn't do what I do without being a member of Rotary." Foster said. With the enthusiasm of volunteers and the inspiration to do work in the community, he said, the kids do the rest. "They have the desire to accomplish something and to be good citizens."

Foster takes it upon himself to meet with teachers and parents to see how the young golfers are doing in school and at home. If they maintain their grades and continue to follow the program requirements, they may remain Rotagolfers through high school. Though none of the boys and girls in Beach Flats had ever previously held a golf club in their life, all of the group members had completed their lessons and received trophies at the end of the two-month program. There are now a total of 13 Rotagolfers enrolled for September.

Rotarian sees GSE as 'bridge of friendship' between U.S., Asia

In 1967, Lowell Samuel led a Group Study Exchange team to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei, Grateful to Rotary for what he calls "one of the most important events of my life," Samuel, a past governor of District 6490 in Illinois, is making possible an additional exchange over and above the World Fund GSE that every district receives. The Lowell and Lucille Samuel Group Study Exchange – the first Rotary Foundation named GSE – will enable a District 6490 team to visit Taiwan.

Thanks to Samuel, in October, five educators with elementary to college-level teaching experience will visit Taiwan to study Southeast Asian economies and Asia's future role in geopolitical relations. Rotarians in Taiwan will send a GSE team of educators to the United States in June 1999 to complete the exchange.

Since Samuel's initial GSE visit, he has been back to Asia more than 20 times, often related to his work as an importer and retailer of musical instruments. Professional exchanges, he said, are a concrete way to increase understanding between North Americans and Asians. We need build bridges of friendship," said Samuel. "We don't have many years to wait to learn more about each other."

Samuel's is the first named GSE award, that is, the funding by an individual Rotarian for a onetime exchange. Districts have also donated GSEs using their SHARE funds.

554 sponsor professional Rotary will development teams worldwide in 1998-99 -- a 65 percent increase from 10 years ago. Recent exchanges included an all-doctor exchange between Hong Kong and China which focused on health care and vaccine development, and an exchange between the United States and Brazil which focused on women's issue. Since 1965, professionals have 38,000 young participated in GSEs.



Colombia Rotary Club takes youth home under its wing

The Sibate Shelter, outside Bogota, Colombia, provides refuge to those who have been victimized by the dangers of the street and remain at risk: girls between the ages of 4 and 16 who had been abandoned, raped or lost their parents due to guerilla activity. While the home offers a measure of safety to these young women, because of limited resources, they still live in extreme poverty.

When presented with this sobering information last year by a local Catholic priest, the Rotary Club of Bogota Norte, Colombia, vowed to support Sibate Shelter residents and prepare them for life outside its walls. Working in concert with the Children's Protection Association, the club has committed to complete a number of projects over a three-year period. It has built new dormitory facilities, installed solar heat and constructed a library and classrooms for residents. It has also established a poultry and cattle farm to make the home self-sufficient in providing food to its occupants.

Bogora Norte Rotarians helped to revive interest in the project among businesses and community members, whose support in money, materials and labor made completion of the initial construction work possible. Currently, efforts are concentrated on placing the girls who have been release from the shelter in vocational training centres and preparing them to join the work force.

Colorado district receives \$50,000 environmental grant

Rotarian business owners in District 5450 (Colorado, USA) are about to embark on a two-year venture that will promote ways for businesses to reduce operating costs while simultaneously eliminating any negative impact their businesses may have on the environment. The project, a joint effort of the district's Preserve Planet Earth Committee and the Colorado Sustainability Project, is made possible by a USS50.000 Sustainability Challenge Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Project goal will be to help businesses find profitable ways of becoming more environmentally responsible. Among the emphases of the project will be energy conservation, recycling and the improvement of materials processing.

According to Norris Hermsmeyer of the Rotary Club of Boulder, who serves as the chairman of the district Preserve Planet Earth Committee, the grant was one of only 45 awarded to a field of nearly 1,000 applicants from around the nation, and that speaks well of Rotary. "The EPA is recognizing the classification system of Rotary as a good opportunity to have this type of discussion," Hermsmeyer said. "They're looking at our project as a model for other Rotary districts to adopt."

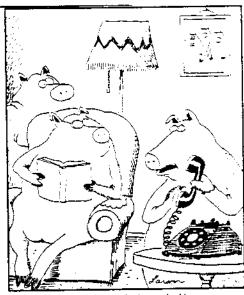
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A fellow goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, I have this problem that I'm always farting all of the time. Although they don't smell, they do make loud noises, and it's affecting my social life."

The doctor gives him some pills and asks him to return next week.

He returns and says, "Those pills did no good. In fact they made things worse. I still fart as much, but now they smell terrible."

To which the doctor replied, "Good! Now that we have your nose working again, let's work on your farting."



"Disgusting! ... It's just a sort of heavy huffing and puffing."

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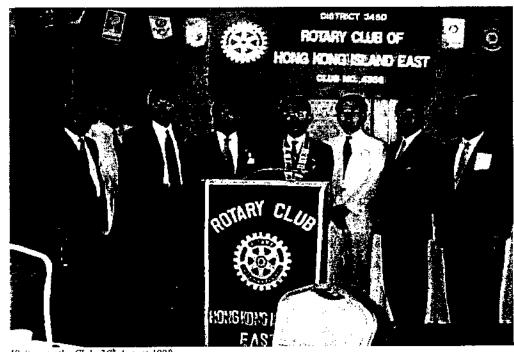
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What Happened Last Week



Visitors to the Club, 26th August 1998.

President C.Y. commenced this meeting by giving a special welcome to Rtn Saburo Okakura from the Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan, Japan.

Rtn Stephen then performed the other introductions:

PP Peter Tse (TST East)

IPP Michael Chang (Wanchai)

Rtn Alvin Lee (HKNE)

Rtn Joseph Orr (Causeway Bay)

Rtn Hubert Ng (HK Harbour)

George Yuen (The Better HK Foundation) - guest speaker.

President C.Y. reminded members that on 19 September, members of HK Bayview Sunrise will be joining our meeting.

Sergeant at Arms, Danny Kilis informed members that \$1,600 had been collected for the day.

Rtn Joseph Orr announced that his club (Causeway Bay) would be the organizers for this year's RYLA Camp. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Award and it is a program run every year for young people 17-27 years of age for the purpose of developing their leadership skills. This year it will be held on Lantau Island from 15 to 17 January 1999. The intake will be 140 people (some from China) and each Club in the District is invited to nominate two representatives. The deadline for nomination is 30 October 1998.

Rtm Roy then introduced the speaker for the day. George Yuen is the Chief Executive of The Better Hong Kong Foundation. He has a BA (Hons) in Economics and Political Science from the University of Hong Kong, as well as having completed postgraduate studies at the Harvard Business School in 1974, Oxford University in 1982/83, and INSEAD (European School of Business Administration) in 1995.

Mr Yuen explained that The Better HK Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit, non-political organization of prominent business and professional Hong Kong citizens with the aim of promoting Hong Kong as a business hub in the Asia-Pacific region. In this respect, it focuses on three issues:

- 1. To promote HK internationally by providing information to business and political leaders in overseas countries.
- 2. To act as a bridge between HK and China by facilitating business exchanges.
- 3. To develop business confidence and attract business to Hong Kong.

As examples of the campaign to achieve the latter goal, Mr Yuen provided the following information:

- 1. Organizing fora to discuss the current economic crisis and possible revival measures.
- 2. The KCR will soon initiate building the West Rail Project, with the creation of 10,000 jobs.
- 3. Construction of the Container Terminal 9 Project will soon commence, with the creation of another 1,500 jobs.
- 4. Tax concessions are being introduced.
- 5. A training program for school leavers is being developed. Training programs are being organized for people setting up small businesses.
- 6. Radio and Television advertisements have been programmed to promote the positive aspects of life in Hong Kong.
- 7. In November, a confidence building summit will be held in Hong Kong, followed by other activities to build esteem.

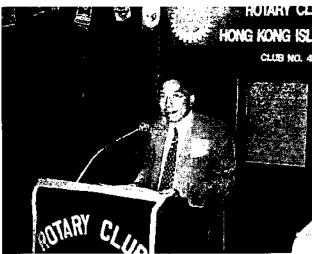
In concluding, Mr Yuen said that he regarded our Rotary Club as a significant body to participate in the campaign to revitalize Hong Kong.

PP Hubert thanked Mr Yuen for his talk and offered a few suggestions himself for boosting the efforts of The Better HK Foundation.

President C.Y. closed the meeting by proposing a toast to the Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan.



Visitors to the Club, Rtns Saburo Okakura, Alvin Lee and PP Peter Tse.



Rtn Joseph Orr (Causeway Bay) advises about RYLA.



Pres. C.Y. exchanges banners with Rtn Saburo Okakura of Osaka Jonan,



Pres. C.Y. with speaker, George Yuen.

Committee releases latest facts and figures on PolioPlus

When poliomyelitis is eradicated by the year 2005, the world will save at least US\$1.5 billion a year because immunization will no longer be necessary. That projection is included in an impressive statement of facts about polio eradication newly issued by Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee.

The committee recently endorsed statistics from the World Health Organization and other groups, consolidating them into a statement on polio eradication. The statement is intended so serve as a source of facts for Rotarians everywhere to ensure consistency in the information that is distributed.

The projected savings after polio is eradicated is based only on the estimated cost of routine immunization and does not include the cost of treatment and rehabilitation of polio victims, nor the immeasurable price paid in human suffering by polio victims and their families.

Other facts released by the committee include:

2005, Rotarians' year By the contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed US\$425 million. In addition, millions of dollars of in-kind and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts for polio eradication activities. Of even greater significance has been the huge volunteer army mobilized by Rotary International. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers at the local level are providing support at clinics or mobilizing their communities for immunization or polio eradication More than one million activities.

Rotarians worldwide have contributed toward the success of the polio eradication effort.

- As of June 30, 1998, Rotary has committed US\$313 million for global polio eradication, including operations, fund development and grants.
- As of June 30, 1998, 119 nations around the world have benefited from PolioPlus grants for polio immunization and eradication efforts.
- Thanks to the immunization efforts of the last decade, as many as four million children who might have been polio victims are walking and playing normally. More than 500,000 cases of polio are prevented each year by the efforts of governments and the partnership of the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United for Disease Control and States Centres Prevention (CDC) and the overseas development agencies of donor nations.
- From 1985 through 1997, more than one billion children received oral polio vaccine through the efforts of Rotary and its eradication partners and are protected from poliomyelitis.
- More than 450 million children received oral polio vaccine in 1997 during national immunization days (NIDs) conducted in 79 countries. This represents nearly 75 percent of all the world's children under the age of 5.

As of June 30, 1998, Rotary has committed more than US\$94 million for polio eradication in Africa, and more than US\$115 million for polio eradication in Asia.



ONTARIO CLUB BLAZES TRAIL WITH YEAR - ROUND CAMP

As a way to assist at-risk youths from Toronto's inner-city neighborhoods, the Rotary Club of Toronto-Eglinton operates "Trails," a camp designed to build adolescents' confidence and trust in themselves and others.

A few years back, when the Conservation Authority of Ontario donated a 250-acre expanse of forest, lakes and rivers for use in the project, Toronto-Eglinton Rotarians went about planning and raising funds for the camp. Ultimately, the club contributed US\$250,000, along with the expertise of a Rtoarian architect who designed the camp's four-building campus. The grounds include dormitories for boys and girls and a main building with administrative offices and meeting rooms. Rotarians also painted and decorated the buildings.

In a supportive environment, Trails camp counselors work with young people ages 12-16, addressing such issues as sexuality, substance abuse and discrimination. Through Trails, campers gain the skills, knowledge and confidence that enable them to contribute to their communities. Each participant is asked to donate \$100 for camp fees, complete the program and commit time to do volunteer work.

Unlike most camps, Trails is open all year long – on weekends during the school year and in the summer. Hilary Weston, the lieutenant governor of Ontario, was among the dignitaries who attended opening ceremonies for the camp earlier this year.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Bill and Bruce were cutting wood when Bruce cut his arm off. Bill wrapped it in a plastic bag and took it to a surgeon who said. "I'm an expert at reattaching limbs. Come back in a few hours"

So he came back in a few hours and the surgeon said, "I finished faster than I expected. Bruce is down at the local pub."

Bill went to the pub and saw Bruce throwing darts with his reattached arm. A few weeks later, Bill and Bruce were cutting wood again and this time Bruce amputated his leg. Bill put it in a plastic bag and took it back to the surgeon who said, "Legs are a bit more difficult. Come back in six hours."

Six hours later, Bill returned and the surgeon said, "No worries, Bruce is down playing soccer." And to and behold, there he was kicking goals.

A few weeks later, Bruce had an even worse accident and cut off his head. Bill put the head in a plastic bag and took the rest of his friend to the surgeon who said, "Well, I don't know. Heads can be really tough. But come back in 12 hours."

Twelve hours later the surgeon said, "I'm sorry, but your friend died." Bill said, "That's okay, I understand. As you said, heads are tough."

To which the surgeon replied, "Oh, no. The surgery went well. But Bruce suffocated in the plastic bag."



Early vegetarians returning from the kill

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Guests and visitors to the club, 2 September, 1998.

This meeting was held in the Marina Room 1 and President C.Y. got things underway with his hot air balloon joke that confirmed that HKIE members know where they're going in the business world.

PE Desmond was invited to introduce the guests and visitors. These comprised:

Andrew Shek (IPP David Li)
Gary Coley (PP George)
Karen Tang (Rtm Roy)

PP Peter Tse (TST East)
Rtm John Melleris (Manila)
Rtm Chung Tze Hien (HKNE)

President C.Y. welcomed back PP John who had returned from Sydney.

The birthday boy for this week was our distinguished PDG Uncle Peter who was reluctant to divulge his age but members heartily wished him a happy birthday and many more to come.

President C.Y. then made some announcements:

- 1. A reminder that next week (9 September) would be a joint meeting with the RC Bayview Sunshine HK, at our venue for lunch.
- 2. The next HKIE Board meeting will be held Monday evening (7 September) and all members are welcome to attend if they wish.
- 3. The opening of the school in China sponsored by HKIE will take place on the weekend of 19-20 September 1998 and any HKIE member is welcome to accompany Pres. C.Y. and IPP David Li.
- 4. Due to insufficient numbers, the dinner-dance night will be cancelled and a fun Australian night will be held in November.
- 5. Sister club, Makati North members will be making a visit to our club sometime this

Sergeant at Arms, PP Dave announced that 30 members were in attendance and \$2,570 had been collected.

IPP David Li was called on to provide the Rotary information for this week. He gave some

information on the mission and composition of Rotary for the benefit of newer members. He advised that the main objective of Rotary is service - in the community and throughout the world. Rotarians build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service, and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self."

On membership statistics, he said: At a time when many service organizations are experiencing stagnant or declining membership, Rotary is growing. Except for several years during World War II, Rotary has always had annual increases in membership. Currently, the area with the largest amount of membership growth is Asia. Several years ago, Rotary engaged in an aggressive membership drive and made changes in its membership requirement a top priority. As a result of Rotary's 1995-96 membership drive, there was a net gain of 35,000 new members.

The current membership figures (at 30 June, 1997) are

Rotary members worldwide 1,213,748

Rotary clubs worldwide 28,736

Rotary countries 157

Rotary districts 521

The guest speaker for this week was Ms Karen Tang, General Manager, Commercial Development, HK Telecom IMS. Ms Tang holds a B Soc Sc degree from Chinese University of HK and a MPub Admin degree from HK University.

Her topic for presentation was on Interactive Multimedia Services, which is one of four subsidiaries of HK Telecom. HK Telecom is in the process of promoting and installing interactive TV into HK homes. She said that it is very suitable for Hong Kong because close density living makes it cost-effective, HK is affluent and many people can afford the costs, and there is a good optic fibre network installed here.

Services already operating include: Video on Demand, Music on Demand, Karaoke on Demand, Radio on Demand, Racing on Demand, Shopping on Demand and Banking on Demand. For Racing, they are trying to negotiate with the HK Jockey Club to offer betting services. Also, for Banking, only the Bank of China is represented at present but it is hoped to include two more soon.

Other services that will be included soon include: News on Demand, Financial Services on Demand, Education on Demand (Science & technology, Health, Hobbies, School tutorials), and Stock Trading on Demand. Fees for this service are \$300 per month for the first three months, and thereafter, \$100 per month.

Rtn Rudy thanked Ms Tang for her interesting presentation.

The meeting was closed on time by President C.Y. with a toast to the Rotary Club of HKNE.



PDG Uncle Peier receives his birthday gift from Pres. C.Y.



Rtn Chung Tze Hien enjoys fellowship with PP Tim and Rtn Stephen



PP T.K. entertains PP Peter Tse and guest Gary Coley.



Guest speaker. Karen Tang enlightens members about HK Telecom's IMS.



Mentor programs answer Lacy's call to serve youth

At-risk youth returning to school will have a bit more guidance this year as Rotary clubs across the U.S. expand their efforts to help young people overcome difficult odds through mentoring. From coast to coast, Rotarians are developing innovative techniques to offer disadvantaged youth the time and personalized attention a young person needs to succeed.

On his Aug. 19 visit to District 7630 in Delaware, RI President James Lacy singled out Rotarian Bon Kasey's creative Mentoring program as one that reflects the positive impact such Rotary programs have made.

Some 800 Rotarians and others have been trained to help elementary school children through the Creative Mentoring program. The program encourages older adults to keep in mind four objectives as they work with children 30-45 minutes per week: to fulfill a long-term goal (such as increasing self-esteem); to teach specific values; to develop the child's present interest; and to exhibit nonjudgmental acceptance.

"With so many single-parent families and with the diminishing influence of family on the children, caring older adults can fill a void that is greatly needed," Kasey said, adding that he hopes to train 1,200 additional mentors by the end of the year.

In Michigan, Rotarians are enlarging their statewide Strive program, which since 1994 has helped more than 1,200 below-average students complete high school and go on to college. Rotarians work with local high schools to wipe the student's "academic slate" clean for the senior year, then provide weekly mentoring, a goal-oriented plan and the possibility of scholarships and job opportunities. Students must maintain a "C" average and a 90-percent attendance rate and demonstrate a willing attitude.

California Rotarians have taken a different approach. Members of the Bakersfield Rotary Club work with at-risk high school freshmen through a work-study program at their own businesses. Rotarians provide one-on-one instruction and encouragement as employer/mentor while students are expected to work four hours per week while maintaining their grades and school attendance. At Bakersfield High School, where the dropout rate approaches 25 percent, 89 percent of the participants graduate since the program have graduated since the program started four year ago.

"[The job] gave me confidence to know I can get a good job and work someplace," said student Rayvaughn Embrey, 15. "It was a hand up and not just a hand out."

In Morristown, Tennessee, Rotarians, joined by some 30 local groups, have focused on early childhood projects to give students a better start. In addition to organizing a story-telling and art day for the park district's elementary school-age students, they have trained tutors for one-on-one literacy mentoring for 100 students at area K-8 schools.

Interactors make a house a home with Habitat for Humanity

Most teenagers wouldn't choose to spend their Saturdays at a construction site shoveling dirt, stacking lumber, or hammering nails. But the members of the Interact Club of Sherando High School in Stephens City, Virginia, jumped at the opportunity when plans for a Habitat for Humanity project in their county came through last fall. Together with volunteers of all ages, abilities and occupations, the 30 Interactors helped build a house from scratch and provided a home for one lucky family.

Brian Montgomery, Habitat's county youth representative, is also the high school's Interact club president for 1998-99 and served on the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors. Montgomery attended all the monthly meetings throughout the planning and construction phases. With his assistance and the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Stephens City, members of the Interact club were able to start working soon after the September 1997 groundbreaking.

Working together, Interactors and Rotarians helped frame and paint the house and moved the family in on moving day. "The experience will impact our Interact members for a lifetime," said Rosalie Perry, faculty advisor and wife of a Stephens City Rotarian. "It truly gave them the joy and sense of pride that comes with putting 'Service Above Self'."



Food bank work endears French Rotarians to residents

Thanks to the Bouches du Rhone Food Bank, some 18,000 French people receive much-needed food each month at 155 distribution points. Clubs in Marseille, France, have served to make Rotary one of the food bank's most active and effective partners.

The food bank opened its doors in 1986, with the goal of combating hunger and food wastage. Its work depends on donated food, funds and volunteer services.

Marseille Rotary clubs first became involved with the food bank's mission in 1993, when they helped defray the transportation costs for a shipment of 33 tons of apples. Since then, among other accomplishments, they have provided the food bank with a computer system and helped to purchase a refrigeration truck. For three years, the Rotary wheel has been prominently displayed on fliers and posters for numerous food drives — chief among them a campaign conducted each November in large supermarkets. Rotarians and other food bank volunteers are in an ongoing search for new sources of food, according to Pierre Alziary, vice president of the food bank and past president of the Rotary Club of Marseille St. Michel.

"Distress and need are greatest in winter, but poverty and a marginal quality of life are with us year-round -- and everywhere," he said. Food wholesalers and large distributors are among prominent donors to the food bank, which also accepts surplus foodstuffs from the European Union and food producers.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

An elderly couple went to the doctor. They told the doctor, "We're having some trouble with our sex life. Could you watch and offer some suggestions?"

The doctor replied, "I'm not a sex therapist. You should find someone else."

The couple said, "No, no, we trust you."

After watching them have sex, the doctor said, "You don't seem to be having any troubles. I wish my sex life was as good. I can't give you any suggestions"

This was repeated the next week and the following week. The exasperated doctor finally said, "You aren't having any trouble. Is this your idea of kinky sex?"

The man replied, "No, actually the problem is if we have sex at my house, my wife will catch us. If we have sex at her house, her husband will catch us. The love hotel charges us \$500 and we can't afford that. You only charge \$200 and my medical insurance pays half of that."



"Hold still, Carl! ... Don't ... move ... an ... inch!"

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There wasn't a large roll-up of HKIE members this week, but those who did attend were there bright and early to welcome the contingent of ladies from the all-female Rotary Club of HK Bayview Sunshine, led by their President, Ms Alice Liu.

President C.Y., not to be outdone, was resplendent in his best suit. He opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors with a superlative string of flattering adjectives: "beautiful, charming, handsome, vivacious, etc., etc." It made the ladies day! He also gave a special welcome to Mrs Betty Cheng, wife of PDG Moses Cheng.

Other visitors and guests were then introduced:

PP David Leung (HK Harbour) Rtn David Cheng (HK Harbour)

Rtn Alfred Lee (HKNW) Bonnie Chiu

Andrew Shek (Pres. C.Y.) Betty Cheng (IPDG Y.K.)

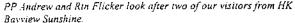
The Sergeant at Arms for the visiting club then introduced the members from her club.

The highlight of the meeting for our Rtn Stephen was to be called to the rostrum by President Alice to wish him well on his birthday. In fact, this was just the beginning of his ordeal as the rest of the Bayview members then surrounded him to sing the birthday song. Some guys do have really happy birthdays!

President Alice then regained her composure to give her club's weekly report. This was followed by announcements made by President C.Y. They included:

- 1. Rtn Kishu had resigned as Treasurer and the Board accepted the offer from Rtn Jason to take on the position. This was put to the vote at the meeting and unanimously affirmed.
- 2. Members were advised that a group photo of current HKIE members would be taken at the club meeting on 28 October to mark the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the founding of HKIE.
- 3. International Service Director Stephen gave a run-down of the responses he has received since he started reestablishing contact with our 7 sister clubs. Four replies have been received:
 - a. RC Osaka Jonan will soon be having its 30th anniversary and HKIE members have been invited to attend the celebrations.
 - b. Some members from RC Makati North will be visiting our club on 23 September. Apparently they are keen golfers and have thrown down a challenge to our members.
 - c. The RC Penang has invited HKIE to participate in a home nursing project that they wish to get underway. This will be assessed by our Board.
 - d. The RC Westwood Village (California) has advised that some of their members will pay us a visit before or after attending the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999.







Rtn Lewis and PP Hubert enjoying some discipline from HK Bayview Sergeant

Sgt Danny Kilis then took the opportunity to announce that 21 of HKIE members were present at the meeting and the sum of \$1,300 was collected - a record low according to Danny.

PDG Uncle Peter was given the duty of providing Rotary Information this week. Most appropriately, because the club's latest recipient of the John Yuen scholarship was with us, he spoke on the background to this award. He informed members that PDG John Yuen was the Founding President of HKIE in 1954, and he remained an active member for 35 years. Upon his death on 8 November 1989, his family donated a sum of HKS1m to our club to identify a project in his permanent memory. A committee comprising Peter Hall, Betty Yuen, Leslie Soltay and Hubert Chan was set up to administer the funds. The decision was to set up an endowment fund with the Rotary Foundation in John Yuen's name. The Yuen family made a further donation to ensure that US\$150,000 met the Foundation's requirements for such a bequest.

In 1993, the US\$150,000was presented at the Asia Zone 4 Institute in Seoul to Past RI President Raja Saboo, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation.

The interest earned is used to finance the scholarship, while the capital is untouched to yield further interest.

The first scholarship had been awarded to Ms Bonnie Chiu Lai-Yu who was the guest speaker for the meeting.

Rtn Roy then introduced Ms Chiu. She will be using the scholarship to enable her to undertake a Masters degree in legal studies at the University of Bristol, England in 1998-99. She is a reporter by training, having graduated from the Baptist University in 1993 with a BSocSc degree in Communications and has since worked as a news reporter for HK Standard and as a news anchor for Wharf Cable TV and TVB.



A distinguished group: PDG Uncle Peter, Mrs. Betty Cheng, Pres. C.Y. and guest speaker Bonnie Chiu.



Pres. C.Y. shares fellowship with guest speaker Bonnie Chiu and HK Bayview Sunshine Pres. Alice Liu.

Ms Chiu began by saying that she would keep her presentation short because research in the West has shown that after 7 minutes, the thoughts of the audience usually turn to sex [I guess the research doesn't apply to the East as I'm sure many HKIE members were entertaining those thoughts from the outset.].



"The best birthday I've ever had!" Rin Stephen surrounded by HK Bayview members



Guests and visitors to the club, 9th September 1998.

Ms Chiu initially thanked the Club for granting the scholarship to her. She recounted some of her odd experiences as a reporter and presenter e.g., After reporting on an address by President Gorbachev, one listener wrote in to ask her for his address; and another wrote in asking her if she would marry him! Some of her assignments have included the death of Deng Zhou Ping, the Handover events, the departure of Governor Patten and the Sino-British talks in Beijing.

It was evident from the description of her duties that she has a very demanding job which requires her to attend many luncheons, press conferences, instant news events, as well as follow up investigations on her own stories. The secret of success, according to her, is to have strong legs, good eyes, and flexibility for meals; as well as a very responsive mind to deal quickly with news events as they arise.

Her interest in law arises from her belief that it is good training in developing an analytic and inquiring mind. It is also a good background discipline for understanding the complexities and legalities of events that are newsworthy in the community.

Ms Chiu was thanked for her talk by the IPP Bayview Sunshine, Henrietta So.

To close the meeting, President Alice proposed toasts to RCs HK Harbour, HKNW, and Rotary International.



Rotary Information

Deadline approaches for Service Above Self Award nominations

Sept. 15 is the deadline for Rotarians to submit nominations for the 1998-99 Service Above Self award. The award – Rotary's highest honor for individual Rotarians – is given to up to 150 Rotarians each year in recognition of exemplary humanitarian service in an form, at any level. Eligible nominators are current and past RI directors, current district governors and immediate past district governors. No late nominations can be accepted.

Service Above Self nominations should be sent to RI's Intercultural Programs and Recognition Section, One Rotary Centre, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Illinois 60201, USA. For nomination forms or more information, contact Kate Dalton at (847) 866-4494.



Mexican Rotaractors deliver toys and more to kids

Christmas comes in January for many of the children in Cuetzalan, Mexico. Since 1994, Rotarators from the San Angel club have made a five-hour journey to the northern part of the Puebla State to deliver donations of new and used toys to children, as well as clothing, shoes, blankets, corn, flour, beans and rice to their parents.

In 1995, the Rotaractors added another very significant item to their gift inventory – antibiotics that combat stomach parasites. Because health department regulations require that children receive these antibiotics twice a year, club members make a second trip to the Cuetzalan region in August. Though toys only come at Christmastime, Rotaractors organize relay races and other games during both visits to distract the children during the administering of the antibiotics.

The combined trips have turned the Rotaractors into year-round fund-raisers. Being resourceful – and greatly encouraged buy their sponsors, the Rotary Club of San Angel – they make money by recycling, putting on a talent show, and creating and selling a calendar of the village children participating in the games. Donations toward the two visits are received from varied sources, including 10 pinatas full of candy from the Rotary Club of San Angel, new toys from Mattel and prepared food from McDonald's to serve in each village on the day of the visit

In 1998, trips in January and August involved a total of 29 Rotaractors from seven clubs and 15 Rotarians from two clubs. By dividing the volunteers and spending two hours in each of the 13 villages, over 3,000 children were given antibiotics, toys and food, and more than 700 families received donations of good and clothing.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A woman goes to the doctor and says, "I've got a bit of a problem. But I'll have to take off my clothes to show you." She goes behind the screen and disrobes.

"Well, what is it?" asks the doctor.

"It's a little bit embarrassing," she replies. "See, two green circles have appeared on the inside of my thighs."

The doctor examines her, consults his text books but is just about to give up. Then, suddenly, he says, "Have you been having an affair with a gypsy?"

The woman blushes and confesses, "Well, actually I have."

"That's the problem," says the doctor. "Tell him his earrings aren't gold."



The boy who cried "no brakes"

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President C.Y. opened the meeting by welcoming back Rtn Alex Ling and called upon Rtn John Yao to introduce the visitors and guest:

Rtn Ali Tahiri (Colombo N) Rtn Richard Ho (HKIW) Rtn Mark Lin (HKNE) Ms Connie (PP Hubert)

This was followed by the announcement that PP John Luk was having a birthday. John was given the usual best wishes in song from members.

President C.Y. then made the following announcements:

- 1. Members of RC Makati North will visit our Club next week (23 Sept). There should be more than 10 of them and they are spoiling for a bit of good competition in golf.
- 2. On Saturday, 19 Sept., President C.Y. and a few HKIE members will be going to China to attend the opening of the new school which was sponsored by our Club.
- 3. The Australian wine tasting evening will be held on the evening of Thursday, 15 October. It will also be a Club Assembly and all members are urged to attend.

Acting Sergeant (Rtn Raymond) then informed members that there were 30 of them in attendance i.e., about 55% of the Club membership. This week \$2,910 was donated and Rtn Raymond offered the other \$90 to bring the total up to \$3,000.

IPP David Li provided the Rotary Information this week: He spoke about the various awards that are available through the Rotary organization. These include:

- 1. The Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians. This is available to Rotary clubs to personally recognize one member of the club for his/her outstanding efforts in the Four Avenues of Service.
- 2. Rotary International Service Above Self Award. This may be used to recognize individual Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts.
- 3. Presidential Citation. Awarded in recognition of Rotary Club involvement in the Four Avenues of Service.
- 4. 100% Paul Harris Fellowship Clubs. This is recognized on a plaque placed in the Hall of Honour at RI Headquarters, detailing the name of the club and the year of the award.

- 5. Rotary International Annual Membership Award. Given to Rotary Clubs which meet their new membership goals; and Governors of districts who meet or exceed their membership goals.
- 6. Rotary International Public Relations Award. Designed to recognize Rotary clubs that have generated increased awareness and understanding of Rotary through outstanding media coverage or public relations efforts.
- 7. Rotary International Significant Achievement Award. This recognizes outstanding club service projects that demonstrate personal involvement of club members, that meet a local community need, and that can be emulated by other Rotary clubs.
- 8. The Jean Harris Award. This is a district level award to recognize the outstanding efforts by individual non-Rotarian women who have made significant contributions to the development and progress of women.
- 9. Rotary Award for World Understanding. This is made to non-Rotarian individuals whose life and work demonstrates, in some exemplary and worthy manner, the Rotary ideal of service, especially in the promotion of international understanding, goodwill and peace.
- 10. Rotary International Award of Honour. Nominees are limited to Heads of State, or others occupying comparable positions of international eminence.
- 11. Club Anniversary Certificate. Granted to clubs celebrating their 50th and 75th anniversaries.
- 12. Rotary International Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Projects. This recognizes innovative, effective Rotaract club projects that show a significant degree of collaboration between the club and their Rotary sponsor; promotion of Rotaract in the community; and a high level of club member involvement.
- 13. Rotary Volunteers Certificate of Recognition. This may be requested by a current District Governor or District Vocational Service Chairperson to honour a club or individual for exemplary volunteer service.

The final part of the meeting was ably taken up by Rtn Lewis Fung who gave a vocational talk on his profession as a medical practitioner. Lewis said that he has had 14 years working in his profession. His qualifications include a B. Medicine (Sydney Uni), and a MBA, as well as membership in the Royal College of Physicians (UK). He has been a Clinical Lecturer and Associate Professor at the Chinese University of HK; and is now practising as a private physician. In this field, he is concerned with heart disease, asthma, infections, gastroscopy, ulcers, neurology, strokes, epilepsy, nephrology and diabetes.

Lewis went on to talk about the diseases that are most common in humans and how to take preventative measures. He showed some bar graphs which illustrated that in the developed world, circulatory problems, cancer, and lung problems (in that order) were the main scourge; while in the developing world, they are infections and circulatory disease. On the other hand, life expectancy has increased from 48 years in 1965 to 65 in 1995.

Preventative measures for the most common diseases include:

- 1. Circulatory disease lower cholesterol levels by sensible eating and drugs if necessary; taking anti-oxidants e.g., Vitamin E; discontinuing smoking; more exercise.
- 2. Cancer In Hong Kong, the most prevalent cancers are lung, liver, colon, nasal and breast (in that order). Again, he suggested a good anti-oxidant is thought to be a good preventative. In general, people should look for and act on changes to bowel habits, moles, indigestion, breasts, and vagina (the latter two, of course, of no importance to members as far as medical matters are concerned).

President C.Y. then took the rostrum to give some very informative information about alternative anti-oxidants; also a little legitimate free advertising, but why not in the dissemination of important information.

Rtn Tony Loy wasn't sure which speaker he was supposed to thank, but was told that it was Lewis who was the official speaker. He did make the important point that quality of life is just as important as quantity (old age) and we should take care to keep ourselves in good shape. He informed members that coming to the Rotary meeting played a part in this as it is an male-only club and members can reduce stress by getting away from the wife for a little while.

To conclude the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Colombo North.



Death toll at 3,000 in northern China flooding

More than 3,000 people have been killed in what is being called the worst flooding to hit northern China in decades. The Yangtze and Songhua rivers' currents continue to burst through primary and secondary dikes, flooding farmlands, towns and entire cities.

Two hundred-forty million people – approximately one-fifth of China's population – have been affected by the floods, with damage tentatively estimated at US\$25 billion and rising. Of grave concern is the fate of the 13.8 million people left homeless by the flood, who may have to face China's cold winter in tents.

Hong Kong Rotarians seek assistance in providing immediate relief and building shelters. To contribute to relief efforts, Rotarians can make checks payable to "Rotary International District 3450 – China Disaster Relief," Account #018-699-1-18208-700, and send them to Citic Ka Wah Bank Limited, Central Branch, 1-4 Jubilee Street, Central, Hong Kong. Funds may also be sent via The Rotary Foundation. Make checks payable to The Rotary Foundation (earmarked for Disaster Relief in District 3450) and send them to The Rotary Foundation, c/o Harris Trust and Savings Bank, PO Box 71169, Chicago, Illinois 60694-1169, USA.

For more information, including donated goods needed, contact District 3450 Governor Anthony Hung, Room 1102, Lippo Centre, Tower One, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong; telephone:852-2719-8357; fax:852-2530-9919 or 2539-1992; e-mail:lkhk@att.net.hk

Search for author of Rotary's centennial history under way

Heard about the 100th anniversary of Rotary in the year 2005?

Would you be interested in and qualified to research and write the centennial history of the organization? Or perhaps you know another Rotarian who has the background and experience to handle this project over the next three years.

The RI Centennial History of Rotary Committee is searching for experienced and published writers and historians as candidates to research and write a comprehensive history of Rotary's origin, growth, programs and social impact. Past RI President Charles C. Keller is chairman of the Centennial History of Rotary Committee, which includes 16 members from 10 countries.

It is projected that the centennial history book will be about 400 pages long. The author will be paid on a fee/contract basis. It is not intended that this book will be written on a volunteer basis; this project requires a high level of professional skill and talent.

"We are searching for persons who are knowledgeable about Rotary, with professional experience and training in history and writing," said Keller. "The person needs Rotary knowledge and experience and a sense of internationality and cultural diversity. Wide travel and writing about other countries and peoples would be helpful."

Keller added that candidates for the project should have experience writing corporate, organizational or institutional histories and should previously have authored book-length manuscripts.

Those interested in being considered for the assignment may send information and resumes to: Will White, Centennial History of Rotary, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, USA. Please do not send books or writing samples until requested.



Rotarians encouraged to share their 'dreams' for the future

RI President James L. Lacy and Rotary's Dream for the Future Committee seek ideas from throughout the Rotary world that could help shape the future of the organization. The mission of the committee, which was created by Lacy, is to stimulate new ideas and suggestions from Rotary clubs and Rotarians for future projects, programs, activities and emphases.

Clubs and individuals are encouraged to share their ideas on all aspects of Rotary. The deadline for sending recommendations, which must be signed by the club president, is Nov.30. Rotarians wishing to contribute their "dreams" should submit their ideas in writing to Rotary's Dream for the Future Committee, Office of the President, One Rotary Centre, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, USA.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A mute was walking through the city one day when he came upon a friend who was also mute. In sign language, he enquired how his friend was. However, his friend spoke to him: "Look, stop that hand-waving. I can talk now," he said.

Astonished, the mute asked how his friend had regained his speech. It seems his friend had gone to a doctor who, seeing no physical damage, had put him on a treatment program.

Gesturing wildly, the mute asked his friend to ring the specialist and make an appointment for him the very next day.

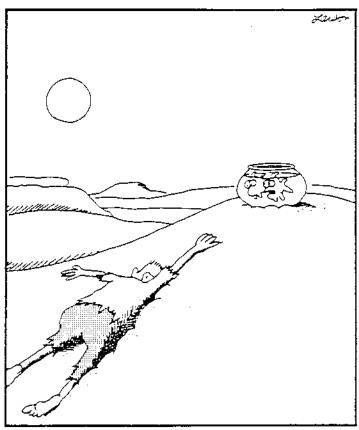
After an examination, the specialist confirmed that there was no permanent damage. The mute was essentially in the same condition as his friend, and there was absolutely no reason why he couldn't be helped as well.

"Let's have the first treatment right now," signed the excited mute.

"Very well," replied the specialist. "Go into the next room, drop your pants and lean over the examination table. I'll be right in."

The mute did as instructed and the doctor sneaked in with a broomstick, a mallet and a jar of Vaseline. A brief procedure resulted in the mute jumping from the table, screaming, "AAAAAaaaaaaaa!"

"Very good," smiled the specialist. "Next Tuesday we move on to B."



"My word! ... That one came just too close for comfort, if you ask me."

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What Happened Last Week

It was obviously an important meeting with all the visitors present to bolster our numbers. Our honoured guests today were the members from our sister club in the Philippines, the Rotary Club of Makati North, lead by President Dieter Brucknos.

President C.Y. opened the meeting by giving the Makati North members a warm welcome. Rtn Stephen then took over to introduce and welcome the visitors and guests by name. They included:

Pres. Dieter Brueckner (Makati North) Rtn Tony Marco (Makati North) Rtn Lito Marinas (Makati North) Rtn Nato Sumalde (Makati North) Rtn Rolf Bodenmuller (Hong Kong) Rtn Wendy Wong (Peninsula South) Rtn Bessy Ho (Peninsula South) Rtn Benny Ratnani (HK NE) Ms Morake (Pres. Dieter) Ms Brueckner (Pres. Dieter) Mr. Andrew Shek (IPP Li) Mr. Nuri Vittachi (Guest speaker)

The only birthday boy for this week was Rtn Samuel Wong. He was given best wishes lead by IPDG Y.K.

An exchange of gifts then took place between the two clubs (HKIE and Makati North). President C.Y. presented a silver statuette of an eagle to President Dieter; and this was reciprocated by a presentation of a book on the Philippines to our club.

President C.Y. gave a short report on the visit that he and Rtn Raymond made to the opening of the new school in Tao Tau Chun, China on 20 September. This school was a joint project with Causeway Bay Kei Fong Welfare Association. It was reported that the children are delighted by the new buildings and a plaque was presented to President C.Y. by the school in appreciation.

Sergeant Danny Kilis announced that there were 27 members present for the meeting and \$1,620 had been donated.

The highlight of the meeting was the guest speaker, Mr. Nuri Vittachi, who was introduced by Rtn Roy. Nuri gave a good account of his profession and the many humourous experiences he is confronted with. He said he is always amused at trying to characterise Hong Kong - instances that come to mind are the riots that occurred outside the cake shops last October; and the plague of sneezing chickens earlier in the year.

He said that in looking for ideas to write about, he comes across many funny topics. One that interested him was the cloning of Dolly the sheep. Why clone a sheep when all sheep look alike? How would you know which one had been cloned? Nuri said that in the USA, there is a law that forbids the cloning of humans. Only the cloning of 'intermediate' animals is permitted. Nuri could only speculate on what this refers to: Could it be Hong Kong taxi drivers? Or Michael Jackson?

Nuri went on to give some insights into the things he comes across in his job as a journalist: Like how grumpy rich, Bill Gates in particular. And Rupert Murdoch who married his employee (and is in the process of divorcing the same employee). He talked about doing computer spellchecks on words and names e.g., zzzz comes out as 'sex' (Nuri speculates that the only connection here could be sleeping, or bed and sex. Kylie Minogue comes out as 'key low monologue'; Wan Chai as 'wenches.'





IPDG Y.K. takes care of two lovely visitors.

There's no one friendlier with visitors than PP George.

Finally, he recounted some of the humour that emanated from several nearby countries:

A report from the Philippines that there was a rural family who were like fish with gills. When investigated by the press, the particular family could only 'breathe' under water for about one minute, a feat we could all accomplish by holding our breath.

From Thailand, it is reported that the civil service abides by an old law which requires seeking the king's permission before passing away. Nuri wonders what might happen if the king does not give permission; or, if permission is given and the seeker then recovers from his ailment.

A strange story from Papua Niu Guinea: A guy goes to a police station to report that his arm has been stolen. On investigation, it is revealed that the guy is indeed missing an arm. A search is made of the road down which the guy had just driven, but no arm was to be seen. Aweek later a truck driver comes to the police to hand in an arm he found in the back of his truck. Apparently, the guy who lost it was driving home after a 'few' beers with his arm out the car window and it was neatly excised without his knowledge by the passing truck.



Rtn Samuel receives his birthday gift from Pres. C.Y.



Pres. C.Y. presents the HKIE gift to Pres. Dieter (Makati N).

A report from China gave an account of 'roving toilets' which move around the countryside to provide a facility for peasants to relieve themselves in a little comfort - a very enterprising business! Trouble was - they were becoming a bit of a traffic problem and the fear was of a collision between a vehicle and a toilet.

There was a story from India of a bride becoming upset with the groom at her wedding. She ordered him out and asked if there was any of the guests who would like to take his place. Someone did volunteer, they were duly married, and are living happily together.

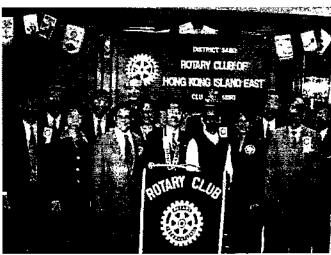
The most hilarious story comes from Taiwan: Father had settled down to watch the TV and snuffed it. The rest of the family left him there for the night thinking he was engrossed in the program. In fact, he was left there undisturbed for eight days before someone clicked that all was not well. When the police were called, they asked whether anyone had noticed the foul smell. Yes, they said, but he always smells like

Nuri left it at that and Rtn Malcolm volunteered to give the vote of thanks.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Makati North.



.Guest speaker Nuri Vittaci's opening remark to his talk.



Visitors and guests to the club, 23rd September 1998.

INTERCITY MEETING

The Intercity meeting was held on 14 August 1998 to welcome RI President Lacy. Participants from HKIE were PDG Uncle Peter, IPDG and Mrs. Y.K. Cheng, President C.Y., Rtn Stephen, Rtn Robin, Rtn Jason and Rtn Danny. PHF recipients Stephen and Jason were recognized individually by RI President James Lacy.



President C.Y. presenting the souvenir to Mr. Haung, Officer in charge of the Education Department in Hoi Fung.



President C.Y. and Rtn Raymond pleased to see the happiness of the students receiving the school bags donated by HKIE.



President C.Y. meeting with RI President James Lacy.



HKIE members together with RI President and Mrs. James Lacy and DG and Mrs Anthony Hung.



Mexican Rotarian nominated to be RI president in 2000-2001

Frank J. Devlyn, of Anahuac. Distrito Federal. Mexico, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI to head the international association during the year 2000-2001. Devlyn served RI as director in 1986-1988 and as a Rotary Foundation trustee from 1996-98.

Devlyn is president and chief executive officer of Devlyn Optical Group of Mexico – a manufacturer, distributor and retailer of optical products. He is treasurer of the Tuberculosis and Lung Association of Mexico and serves on the boards of directors of the Mexican Red Cross and of Goodwill Industries on the national and international levels.

Devlyn is past president of the Rotary Club of Anahuac, where he has been a member since 1970. He also has served RI as district governor, International Assembly discussion leader, International Institute moderator, committee member and chairman, and aide to the president.

Devlyn is chairman of the 2000 Buenos Aires Convention Committee. He is currently a member of RI's Dream for the Future Committee and is also the PolioPlus National Advocacy Advisor for Mexico. He has received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, along with its Citation for Meritorious Service.

If no Rotary club nominates a qualified candidate by Dec. 1, Devlyn will be elected at the 1999 RI Convention to succeed Carlo Ravizza of Italy on July 1, 2000.

Vancouver club gives young crime victims special friend in time of need

A group of Canadian Rotarians are doing their best to comfort children when they find themselves in the most traumatic times of their young lives. Since 1991, the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown has funded a joint project with the Vancouver Police Department to supply teddy bears to the force's Victim Services Unit.

The unit is made up of over 180 volunteers who, at the request of police, respond to calls to assist victims of crime. Working six-hour shifts, round-the-clock, seven days a week, volunteers are available to help, whether it means driving a victim of a crime home the police station, helping to get a broken window fixed in the middle of the night, or taking care of a pet for someone in a traffic accident who must be taken to the hospital.

A special tool of Victim Services Unit volunteers are Care Bears dolls, which they give to children who have been sexually or physically abused or involved in car accidents. The teddy bears wear a T-shirt with a Rotary wheel and the police department crest on them.

According to project organizers, many of the victims can hardly believe that the bear is theirs to keep.

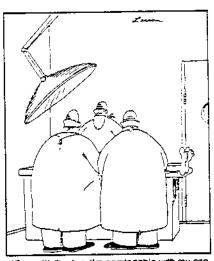
One detective in the sexual assault squad uses the teddy bears to assist in interviewing children who have been abused. She introduces the bear as her partner and has the child tell his or her story to the bear and show her where, on the bear, they were touched or hit.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A guy walks into a shrink's office and says, "Doctor, doctor, please help me. I'm convinced I'm a dog."

The shrink replies, 'Well, why don't you just get on the couch and we'll talk about it."

"I can't," says the guy, "I'm not allowed on the couch."



"Okay, Wellington, I'm comfortable with my gris it you are. ... Have you made a wish?"

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What Happened Last Week

President C.Y. opened by giving a warm welcome to all the guests and visitors. Rtn. Rob Hearder then welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. Richard Gee, and called on Rtn Bill to introduce his guest, Brian Dilworth.

Visiting Rotarians included:

Edwin Wong HK City North Pedro Ching HKI West

Secretary Ates gave an account of his extensive travels, and brought cordial greetings from the Rotary Clubs of Istanbul Sisli and Istanbul Macka Turkey.

Birthday boys included PP Andrew Chen and Rtn Edwin Tao. The traditional greeting was led by Rtn. Joseph Chan.

President C.Y. then called upon Uncle Peter to present a second Paul Harris Fellowship star to Rtn. Ates for his handsome donations.

P.E. Desmond announced a golf tournament to be held at Fanling on 6th November 1998 and also the Australian wine tasting at 7 p.m. on 15th October at the Craigenvower Cricket Club. This would be followed by the Club Assembly.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced that there were 22 members present and HK\$1,810.00 had been donated.

Highlight of the Meeting

Rtn Malcolm introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Richard Gee, a Personal Coach, who's talk was entitled Star of Wonder. Richard conducted a highly interactive and light-hearted workshop, the purpose of which was to illustrate six major guidelines for problem-solving when stuck.

The guidelines were:

- * relax
- step back
- establish a clear goal
- * make a plan
- stay in touch
- enjoy the process

Rtn. Malcolm thanked the speaker. In his recollection, this was only the second time in two years that a speaker had got each person present to be so involved in the process. From the exercise, he had learnt the need to be relaxed when problem-solving, and to try to enjoy the process.

Rtm Malcolm then announced that the speaker next week would be Mr. Clinton Leeks of the Airport Authority, who would give a talk on the trials and tribulations of the opening of the new airport.

To close the meeting, President C Y proposed a toast to Rotary, coupled with the name of Istanbul Sisli and Macka Turkey.



Personal Coach Richard Gee leads us in the workshop

President C.Y., visitors and guests.

Rotaract Information

British Rotaracts use their vacation time for volunteer work Energy unlike youth is evidently not wasted on the young. British members of Rotaract, the Rotary-sponsored club for young adults age 18-30, chose to use their vacation to renovate a classroom or two at an orphanage in Bourgas, Bulgaria. Before their holiday was over, however, they had completely rehabbed the entire structure.

Working from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. each day, the 18 young adults refurbished a building which houses and provides classroom space for 300 children. Rotaractors repaired 10 toilets, provided 20 new hot and cold showers, replastered and painted corridors and replaced 50 damaged lights. Prior to their arrival only five toilets and three cold-water showers worked.

Through Rotaract, young adults have the opportunity to initiate service projects under the guidance of experienced Rotary volunteers. The more than 135,000 Rotaractors around the world have renovated old neighborhoods, collected food and clothing for the homeless, built handicapped-accessible parks, organized parties for seniors, and mentored at-risk youth. The British Rotaract project is but one of many international service projects undertaken by Rotaract clubs around the world.



YOU SHOULD KNOW

How Rotary began:

The world's first service club was the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA. The club was formed 23 February, 1905 by lawyer Paul P. Harris and three friends – a merchant, a coal dealer, and a mining engineer. Harris wished to recapture the friendly spirit he had felt in the small town where he had grown up. The name "Rotary" was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among member's offices.

The first Rotary club was formed to promote fellowship among business among its members. Word of the club soon spread and other businessmen were invited to join. By the end of 1905, The Rotary Club of Chicago had 30 members. Three years later a second club was formed in San Francisco, California USA.

As Rotary grew its focus shifted to service and civic obligations. Early service projects included building public "comfort stations" near Chicago's City Hall and delivering food to needy families. In 1913, the 50 Rotary clubs then in existence contributed US\$25,000 for flood relief in two U.S. midwestern states.

By the end of its first decade, Rotary had grown so large (nearly 200 clubs and more than 20,000 members) that a district structure was required. During its second decade, Rotary clubs were launched in South and Central America, India, Cuba, Europe, The Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

During World War I, Rotary discovered new areas of service – at home in war relief and peace-fund drives as well as in active service and emergency efforts overseas. After World War II, many clubs disbanded during the war were re-established, initiating a new era of service. Clubs in Switzerland and elsewhere organized relief efforts for refugees and prisoners of war. 49 Rotarians participated in the 1945 United Nations Charter Conference in San Francisco.

The Rotary Foundation was established in 1917 as an endowment fund and became The Rotary Foundation in 1928. When Paul Harris died in 1947, Rotarians donated generously to the foundation as a memorial.

The Rotary Foundation's first program was Graduate Fellowships (now called Ambassadorial Scholarships) which sent 18 students abroad to 7 countries in 1947

MISSION

The main objective of Rotary is service – in the community and throughout the world. Rotarians build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service, and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self".

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

At a time when many service organizations are experiencing stagnant or declining membership, Rotary is growing. Except for several years during World War II, Rotary has always had annual increases in membership. Currently, the area with the largest amount of membership growth is Asia.

Several years ago, Rotary engaged in an aggressive membership drive and made changes in its membership requirements to make membership recruitment a top priority. As a result of Rotary's 1995-1996 membership drive, there was a net gain of 35,000 new members.

Current memberships figures (as of 30 June, 1998)

Rotary members worldwide : 1,201,595
Rotary clubs worldwide : 29,113
Rotary countries : 159
Rotary districts : 527



The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was created in 1917 for the purpose of "doing good in the world". It supports Rotary's efforts to further world understanding and peace. Through the Foundation, Rotarians sponsor international educational and humanitarian programs, where some US\$90 million is invested annually.

PolioPlus is Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio by the year 2000. Through the efforts of Rotary and its partners in the fight against polio, more than one billion children worldwide have been immunized since 1985. By the year 2005 Rotarians will have contributed nearly US\$400 million to eradicate the crippling disease. Of equal significance is the huge volunteer army mobilized by Rotary International for social mobilization, vaccine transport and immunization activities.

Rotary's international network helps link people in need with Rotarians in other countries who can provide resources. The Foundation's humanitarian programs improve health care systems, support sustainable sources of food and water, and provide literacy and vocational training – particularly in developing countries.

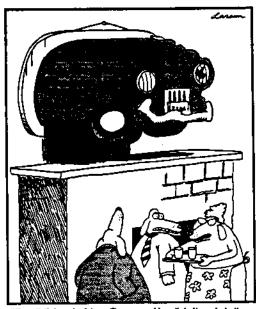
The Rotary Foundation's educational programs include Ambassadorial Scholarships, the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships. Nearly 1,300 scholarships are awarded annually for study in another land. Grants are also awarded for university teachers to serve in developing countries and for international exchanges of professionals.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

An anthropologist came home after spending a year on a South Sea island. His friends asked him if he had anything unusual to report. He replied that one tribe had invented palm leaf suppositories to cure constipation.

"How good are they?" he was asked.

"Well," he said, "with fronds like that, who needs enemas?"



"Don't listen to him, George. He didn't catch it. ...
The stupid thing swerved to miss him
and ran into a tree."

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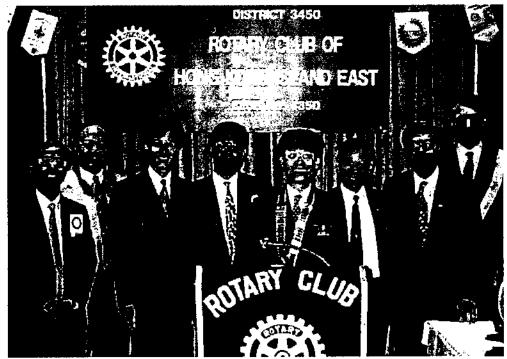
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Visitors and guests to the Club, 7 October 1998.

The meeting was opened on time by President C.Y. who immediately invited Rtn Malcolm to introduce the visitors and guests. These included:

PP Peter Tse (Tsim Sha Tsui East) IPP Kelvin Wong (Admiralty) Rtn Peter Chik (Rydalmere) Andrew Shek (IPP David Li) Clinton Leeks (Rtn Malcolm)

President C.Y. then exchanged banners with Rtn Peter Chik.

The following announcements were made:

- 1. The next Club Board meeting would be held on 12 October, 6:30pm and all members are welcome to attend.
- 2. The Club Assembly will be held on 15 October, after which there will be a wine tasting.

Sergeant Danny Kilis was then called upon to provide the statistics for the day. He announced that there were 20 members present and \$1,100 had been donated.

Ipp Li finally found some information that the bulletin Editor had not yet got hold of. This he presented for his Rotary Information segment- The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions:

Rotarians are expected to:

1. Consider their vocation to be another opportunity to serve;

- 2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of their vocation, to the laws of their country and to the moral standard of their community;
- Do all in their power to dignify their vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in their chosen vocation;
- 4. Be fair to their employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom they have a business or professional relationship;
- 5. Recognize the honour and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- 6. Offer their vocational talents to provide opportunities for young people to work for the relief of the special needs of others and to improve the quality of life in their community;
- 7. Adhere to honesty in their advertising and in all representations to the public concerning their business or profession;
- 8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

At this stage it was time to introduce the guest speaker. Rtn Malcolm took charge of this in inviting Mr Clinton Leeks from the HK Airport Authority to address the meeting on the topic, Chek Lap Kok: Past, Present and Future.

Mr. Leeks presented some impressive and interesting facts about the construction and operation of the new airport, supported by slides.

He claimed that the site is as large in area as the Kowloon peninsula. It was created by levelling an island over a period of 30 months. Throughout this period, 10 tons of earth and rock were being moved each second.

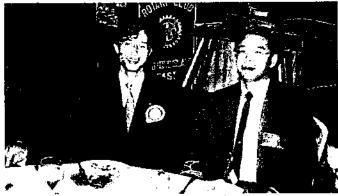
He went on to talk about the features of this great project - its infrastructure of terminal, tunnels, railway, roads, bridges, etc. It has a 15 day supply of fuel (Kai Tak had only 5 days), its own police district with headquarters building, a maintenance building that can accommodate three whole jumbo jets, and the biggest 4 star hotel (The Regal) in Hong Kong. Early next year the second runway will be completed. He claimed that the whole system was working quite well from day two, but when the cargo handling collapsed, this tended to overshadow all the positive accomplishments. Recent surveys indicate that there is an 88% satisfaction rating for the airport, which is better than Kai Tak ever had.

Mr. Leeks was thanked by Rtn Tajwar for a very topical and interesting presentation of facts.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Rydalmere.



Rin Ales and PDG Uncle Peter in happy mood with visitor Rin Peter Tse (TST.E).



Rtn Rudy looking after IPP Kelvin Wong (Admiralty).



Mr. Clinton Leeks : "It's OK Guys! You can safely use my airport now."



President C.Y. exchanges banners with Rtn Peter Chik (Rydalmere).



Past decade shows growth of Rotary in Asia Swiss

Rotarian appointed representative to the UN

As Rotarians prepare to gather in Singapore for RI's annual convention next year, a major trend can be discerned from recent membership statistics. During the past 10 years, more than 89,000 Asian business and professional leaders have joined Rotary.

Eighty years after Rotary established its first Asian club in Manila, the Philippines, Rotary in Asia has expanded to include 6,000 clubs with more than 288,000 members in 16 countries and regions, accounting for 25 percent of Rotary's membership.

"The organization's spirit of volunteerism has taken root in Asia and has attracted thousands of business and professional leaders who are devote to improving the quality of life in their home and world community," said RI President James L.Lacy.

For many decades, Asian countries were among the largest recipients of Rotary's humanitarian aid. However, with recent economic development in the Asia Pacific region, countries such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong have contributed more than US\$1.3 billion to The Rotary Foundation, which accounts for 38 percent of the total funding for worldwide humanitarian projects.

The financial crisis that swept across the region last year has had an impact on Asia's contributions to Rotary's worldwide humanitarian fund. However, the volunteer work of clubs in Asia has not ceased or diminished. Rotarians have changed the face of their own communities by addressing issues such as hunger, homelessness, illiteracy and high unemployment.

Last year, with the help of The Rotary Foundation and Rotary clubs worldwide, Rotarians in Asia raised more than \$4 million to sponsor community-based projects to improve the quality of education of young people and provide clean drinking water and adequate health care to people in need. In the past decade, Rotary clubs in Asia have also sponsored 8,000 scholars to study abroad.

Swiss Rotarian Gilbert Coutau began service this month as Rotary's primary representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, after accepting an appointment by RI President James L. Lacy. Coutau will work with Alternate Representative Gunter Hermann to increase awareness of Rotary's programs, policies and activities within the global community particularly within the UN system and with major international and regional organizations whose objectives parallel Rotary's.

RI representatives serve on key UN agencies' committees for non-governmental organizations, acting as liaisons for cooperative efforts, and sharing Rotary's experience, expertise and resources with the international community.

Coutau, who was area manager for public affairs of Swiss private economic organizations from 1961 to 1991, is now an independent economic and communications consultant and president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Geneva. His political experience includes service as a member of the Swiss Federal Parliament from 1979 to 1995 and a member of the Geneva Parliament from 1969 to 1979. He is president of one of the Geneva Third World Support Associations and chairman or member of numerous civic organizations.

A member of the Rotary Club of Geneva since 1979, Coutau has presented lectures on economic and political topics for clubs throughout Switzerland.

In addition to representatives to the UN in New York, Geneva and Vienna, RI has appointed liaisons to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization, the World Food Programme, the World Bank, the Council of Europe, Organization of African Unity, Organization of American States, and the UN Environmental Programme and UN Centre for Human Settlements in Nairobi.

Group Photo for HKIE Members

Please be advised that the date for a group photo of HKIE members will be changed to 4 November 1998 since 28 October is a Public Holiday. It would be wonderful to have a 100% attendance of members so that we capture an accurate record of the membership for 1998-9.

RI



Rtn Howard Lindsey, International Service Director of the Rotary Club of Bayswater, Melbourne, District 9810 in Australia, has written to our Club notifying us that his Club will toast HKIE at one of their October meetings. This is the reply sent back by DG Uncle Peter:

I thank you for your kind thought to toast our club in October at your regular meeting a gesture to have better international understanding between your country and ours. Melbourne is a place I like best. I can always recall my visit to your area during the Regional Conference in 1982 and later, the International Convention in 1993. After the Convention in Melbourne, I went with my fellow Rotarians to climb Ayers Rock. I climbed to the top of the Rock and obtained a certificate in my memory, though not many of the others succeeded in doing so.

Enclosed, please find a short history of my Club and hope you will have a better picture of our organization which was chartered in 1954. Please drop in to join our meeting when you and/or other Rotarians of your Club are heading in our direction. You will be sure to enjoy our warm and fine fellowship which we are always proud of. I shall airmail you a copy of our Club bulletin when we reciprocate a return toast to your Club at our meeting.

With kindest regards to you and your President Derek, as well as all members of your Club.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

I guess members have been waiting for a few Clinton jokes. Well, here we go:

A member of the Democratic Party, recently deceased, approached the Pearly Gates. After exchanging pleasantries with St. Peter, he is lead into the receiving area and handed a clock which is not running. Confused, and noticing the countless other clocks on the walls, the man asked St. Peter what they meant.

"There is one clock for each living person, and they represent the amount of time each person had left to live on Earth. Since you're obviously here now, yours has stopped."

"Well, why is it that some clocks are running faster than others?"

St. Peter explained: "When someone tells a lie, the hands will move aster, thus shortening the life-span of that person."

Curious, the deceased asked where Bill Clinton's clock was located

"Oh", St. Peter said, "I keep that one in my office. It makes a great ceiling fan."



Hiliary: "Where can I get Lorena Bobbit's phone number?"
Chelsey: "No wonder Dad likes my friends to sleep over."
Bill: Is that babe on Buffy the Vampire Slayer 18 years old yet?
Dog: "...and I'm the one they neutered."

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There was definitely something different about the room! Closer inspection revealed that there was a head table set up for this meeting.

This was most unusual and, when President C.Y. opened the meeting, he explained that it was felt that it is necessary to seat distinguished visitors and guests and to make sure they have some company. The only problem at this meeting was that President C.Y. was seated on the side of the table where he was alone.

PE Desmond was called upon to make the introductions:

Pres. John Dickson (Musselburgh, Scotland) PP SAYIL Dincsoy (Izmir-Cigli, Turkey) Rtn Hubert Ng (HK Harbour) PP Pedro Ching (HKI West) Rtn Dick Sedgwick (HK) Elsa Li (Rtn Joseph)

An exchange of banners was made with President John Dickson (Musselburgh, Scotland) and PP Sayil Dincsoy (Izmir-Cigli, Turkey).

President C.Y. also welcomed back Rtn Roy who had just spent two weeks in France.

There were two birthday boys to recognize this week: Rtn Alex Ling and Rtn Danny Kilis. They were given best wishes, lead by Rtn Robert. President C.Y. then made a series of announcements:

- 1. He had just attended a joint Presidents meeting on Monday and had a copy of the Presidents' newsletter for members to read.
- 2. The District Conference will be held 0n 20-21 March 1999 at the HK International Trade and Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon. Cost: \$880 + \$550 for the Governor's banquet; spouse is \$550 + \$550 for the Governor's banquet.
- 3. The Rotary Club of Queensway is collecting adult clothing for donation to pre-discharge mental patients from Castle Peak Hospital. Members were urged to support this. Clothes can be deposited at New Life Building, 332 Nam Cheong Street, Kowloon (Tel: 2332 4343) between 9:00am and 9:00pm, 21 November and 22 November.

PE Desmond also announced that the Club Assembly will be held on 15 October, starting 6:30pm, at the Craigengower Cricket Club, Causeway Bay. It will be followed by dinner and tasting of Australian wines.

Sgt. Danny then gave the vital statistics for the day: There were 21 members present and \$1,740 was donated.

Today, PDG Uncle Peter was called upon to give the Rotary Information in lieu of IPP Li who was indisposed with eye problems. Uncle Peter took the opportunity to

present Rotary Foundation awards to Club members. Rtn Stephen Liu was absent but Rtn Jason Chiu was presented with his Rotary Benefactor award. Uncle Peter explained the difference between the Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) and the Rotary Benefactor. The former is issued as a result of a donation of US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation and the sum is spent on Rotary Foundation programs within a period of three years. The latter award is issued also as a result of a US\$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation, but it is invested and only the interest is spent on Rotary Foundation projects.



A happy group: Rtn Jason and PDG Uncle Peter with visitors, PP Sayil Dincsoy from Turkey and Rtn Dick Sedgwick (RC HK)



Rtn Hubert Ng with Rtns Roy and Paul sitting to attention.



A popular lady returns : Elsa Li with PE Desmond and Rin Joseph.



Pres. John Dickson from Scotland looks happy to be with us.

Rtn Joseph also had some information to give to members:

 He advised that there would be a visit to HKIE by Rotary District dignitaries at the next meeting and that members are urged to attend. Included among the visitors will be:

DG Anthony Hung DGN Dipo Sani

District Secretaries, Stanley Mok and Louisa Ho District Treasurer, David Tsoi

Rtn Joseph then ran a quiz that had been put together by IPP Li. It is designed to get to know Club members. So, starting with PDG Uncle Peter, he asked what year Uncle Peter had joined HKIE. A: 1960, and no one knew. Question two, what was his classification? A: Freight Shipping Agency, and Pres. C.Y. won the prize for the correct answer. The third question was, how many children does he have? A: 4, and somehow, that was guessed by PP John.

Finally, it was revealed that Uncle Peter was President of HKIE in 1964-65 and DG in 1981-82.

President C.Y. then invited the two overseas visitors to address the members.





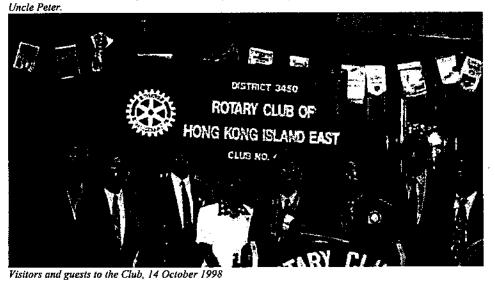
Two birthday boys pleased with their gifts: Rtns Alex and Danny



Rtn Jason receives his Rotary Foundation Benefactors award from PDG

President John Dickson (Musselburgh, Scotland) said his Club of 36 members meets for lunch on Mondays. He observed that his club shared two coincidences with HKIE: They were chartered in the same year i.e., 1954; also, one member of his club was District Governor in the same year as Uncle Peter, i.e., 1981-82. He gave his members' greetings to our Club and thanked us for our warm hospitality.

PP Sayil Dincsoy (Izmir-Cigli, Turkey) said that he was inducted in 1972. He spoke briefly of his city in Turkey and encouraged members to invest there. He also issued a warm welcome to members to visit his club.



To complete the meeting, President C.Y. informed members that the Rotary Club of Bayswater in Australia was going to toast our Club in October. Their club is located in an outer industrial suburb of Melbourne, about 30 km from the CBD. They have a membership of 30 (14 of whom are PPs) and, like many clubs these days, they are finding it tough attracting new members.

Their major annual fundraising activity is an Art Show, the profits from which are directed to local community projects - in the last two years, the beneficiaries have been Autistic children.

President C.Y. then closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Bayswater, Australia.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

21 October, 1998 04 November, 1998 11 November, 1998 DG Anthony Hung

Sally Begbie (Topic: Crossroads)

Maureen Chen (Topic: Raja Yoga)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East will be held on Wednesday, 9 December 1998, 1:00-2:00pm at the Excelsior Hotel, Causeway Bay.

It is important for members to make a special effort to be in attendance at this meeting. Please mark it in your diaries.



Rotarian killed in Kenya blast remembered as "dedicated bridge-builder"

On the first weekend in August, Julian Leotis Bartley worked with other members of his Rotary Club of Nairobi, Kenya, to help organize the country's upcoming National Immunization Day. The next weekend was to be the start of his club's "Kick Polio Out of Kenya" campaign.

Bartley, the consul general at the U.S. Embassy, had been a member of the Nairobi Rotary club for slightly more than a year, but the former member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., USA, had immediately thrown himself into his new club's activities, according to fellow Rotarian John Savage.

On Friday, August 7, John Black, another Nairobi Rotarian, was just about to pick up the phone to ask Bartley if – apart from his own time and dedication – he would once again loan his moody Land Rover for the good cause.

At that moment, a terrorist bomb ripped through the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, killing Bartley, his 20-year-old son Jay Bartley, and more than 200 others (see related item, below).

Following the initial shock of the tragedy, Bartley's wife of 27 years, Sue Powell Bartley, asked Rotarians Stephen Mwenesi, Neil McDougall and John Black to organize a memorial and thanksgiving service for Julian on August 27. Hundreds of friends and fellow members of the diplomatic corps attended the event, celebrating the life of a man who worked tirelessly for "Service Above Self."

U.S. Ambassador Prudence Bushnell, herself wounded in the bombing, described Bartley, one of the highest-ranking African American Foreign Service officers, as a "dedicated bridge-builder" whose aim was to bring people closer together.

His fellow club members recalled a Rotarian who loved jazz, dancing and golf, and was always ready to lend a hand in any club endeavour.

Bartley's legacy will continue to inspire, said Savage. "Already it is evident just how much this horrific bomb blast has pulled together the people of Kenya; even people hitherto divided by tribe, religion, background or passion," he said. "The bridges Julian had started to build may be here to stay after all."

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

This week's joke has been contributed by PP John Kwok, a man attributed to having a long list of jokes in all colours. So, try a sample of John's humour:

A man went into the proctologist's office for his first examination. The doctor told him to have a seat in the examination room and that he would be with him in just a few minutes.

Well, when the man sat down he noticed that there were three items on a stand next to the doctor's desk: A tube of K-Y jelly, a rubber glove, and a Budweiser beer.

When the doctor came in, the man said, "Look Doc, this is my first examination. I know what the K-Y is for ... and I know what the glove is for ... but what's the BEER for?"

Whereupon, the doctor became noticeably outraged and stormed over to the door. He flung the door open and yelled to his nurse, "Damn it nurse! I said a BUTT LIGHT!"

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There were a lot of new faces present in the room for this meeting as it was one of the highlights for the Rotary year. President C.Y. got things started on time by asking IPP Li to take charge of the introductions. As this was the official visit of the 1998-99 District Governor, Anthony Hung, there was a large delegation of visiting Rotarians:

Anthony Hung (Tai Po) District Governor
Dipo Sani (HK Golden Mile) District Governor Nominee
Kay Lau (HK Harbour) Assistant Governor
Stanley Mok (HK Sunrise) District Secretary
Kenneth Chow (Tsuen Wan) Deputy District Secretary
Tenny Leung (Kowloon NW) Deputy District Secretary
PP David Cheng (HK Harbour)
PP Ronald Lu (HK South)
Rtn Vittorio Pasquini (Hong Kong)
Rtn Isler Marcel
Rtn Clyde Pile (Birmingham, UK)

Then there were all the guests to be introduced: Ng Wai Fan (Rtn Joseph) Andrew Shek (IPP Li) Mark Craig (Ambassadorial Scholar, Gold Coast, Australia)

IPP Li then turned his attention to entertainment. A musician of some standing, he lead the singing of his very own composition, "Follow Your Rotary Dreams." This was followed by some of his magic in which he had most members baffled by his disappearing (and reappearing) pen, which was eventually found in DG Anthony's pocket and presented to him as a HKIE souvenir.

President C.Y. then exchanged banners with two visitors, Rtn Clyde Pile from Birmingham, UK; and DDS Kenneth Chow (Tsuen Wan) who presented his club's newly designed banner.

The birthday boy this week was Rtn Lewis Fung. He chose our Club musician IPP Li to lead the birthday song.

President C.Y. announced that the donations from this meeting would be sent to the school for the deaf in China, sponsored by HKIE.



Pres. C.Y. presents a birthday gift to Rtn Lewis Fung.

PP David Cheng took the opportunity, as District promotions officer for the Singapore Convention, to remind members that the event is coming up on 13-16 June 1999. A block booking of 100 hotel rooms has been made for Hong Kong Rotarians and Cathay Pacific is offering a package for \$3,990 which includes three hotel nights with breakfasts. He advised that the deadline for booking rooms was the end of October, 1998 and members should contact President C.Y. to be included.

Secretary Ates made two announcements: First the good news - the meeting next week would be cancelled due to a public holiday; and the Club photo of members would be taken on 4 November during the meeting to mark the 45th anniversary of HKIE.

Acting Sergeant Malcolm then provided information on the numbers for the day. There were 23 members in attendance and \$2,140 was donated.

DG Anthony was then introduced by President C.Y. to deliver his address. He reminded members that this was his third visit to our Club since his induction as District Governor; this was because he has many good friends here as well as his enjoyment of our meetings.

He spoke briefly about the current Rotary International President, James Lacey, and his Rotary theme, Follow Your Rotary. Dreams. He made the observation that we all have dreams and wishes for Rotary and its programs, but they are of little consequence unless we turn them into reality.

DG Anthony said that his personal commitment this year is about children: While they are the most valuable commodity in our community, they are also the most vulnerable. It is our responsibility to minimize this vulnerability and to ensure that they are taken care of. Our concerns should focus on provision of food, medical care, education, adequate shelter, clothes and love. He gave the startling figures that 34 thousand children in the world die each day from disease and lack of support and sustenance. Of equal concern was the revelation that, in the world today, there are approximately 100 million children living on the streets.



Some distinguished visitors looked after by PDG Uncle Peter: DGN Dipo Sant, DDS Kenneth Chow and DDS Tenny Leung.



PP Rob looks after two visitors Rtn Vittorio Pasquini (HK) and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Mark Craig.

How can Rotary help when faced by these huge figures? DG Anthony suggested some ideas: Clubs can support provision and distribution of food, as well as immunization against disease. Rotary already has an unequaled record in these areas. In fact, one club in our District has a program of support for the immunization of children in

China against Hepatitis B. In support of education, clubs can (and do) assist in providing schools in China; but he also suggested that we can become involved in the provision of "software" i.e., books, paper, pens, chairs, tables, etc. Drugs are also a scourge among youth and Rotary can become more involved in tackling this problem.

DG Anthony confided that another of his personal dreams was that we could enlist more Rotarians into the organization. He advised that we could approach this task by making our friends aware of the service and fellowship provided by Rotary, and of how proud we are of our accomplishments. He encouraged members to include the whole family in the activities of Rotary where this is possible and that we should bolster our links with our Rotaract Clubs.

Finally, an opportunity was given for members' questions. PP T.K. suggested that there are too many clubs in Hong Kong, some of which are ineffectively small. He asked if it might be prudent to combine some of them. DG Anthony said that the official duty of all DGs is to increase the number of clubs but that, personally, he will not concern himself with that; rather, he is more interested in increasing the membership in the clubs that already exist.

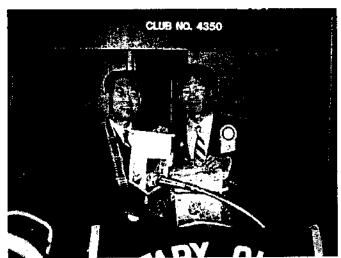
Rtn Kishu posed a similar question: Should some of the very small clubs be disbanded as they are too small to carry out Rotary functions. DG Anthony said that he would not be in favour of closing clubs so long as they fulfill the minimum requirements of Rotary policy.



Rtn W.S. shares fellowship with Rtn Clyde Pile (Birmingham).



You can't get any closer to the top: Pres. C.Y. with DG Anthony Hung and DS Stanley Mok.



Pres. C.Y. presents HKIE souvenir to DDS Kenneth Chow.



Pres. C.Y. exchanges banners with Rin Clyde Pile (Birmingham, UK).

As the time was about 2:15 p.m., President C.Y. thanked DG Anthony and his assistants for their visit to the club and each was presented with a HKIE tea set in appreciation.

To close the meeting, a toast was proposed to the Rotary Club of Tai Po.



Japanese Rotarians form Internet group to bolster communication

The Japanese Rotarians Internet Conference was established at a founding meeting held Sept, 18 in Tokyo.

According to Norio Sanjoh, vice president of the Japanese Rotarians Internet Conference, the group aims to strengthen fellowship among Rotarians through the Internet and to allow Rotary clubs to exchange information and form alliances on service projects with other clubs. About 100 Japanese Rotarians are members of the founding group.

Sanjoh said that by using the Internet, Japanese Rotarians can "break the walls between districts and clubs."

The group's Web site can be accessed at http://www2s.biglobe.ne.jp/~yokoyan/Infomraiton on the site is currently written only in Japanese, but will eventually be expanded to include English and other languages.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Well, how did you like PP John's joke last week? More from him again soon, but let's get back to Bill Clinton while he's till topical:

Q: What's Bill Clinton's biggest fear? A: An intern with braces on her teeth.

Hillary Clinton recently went to a fortune teller and asked her to predict the First Lady's future.

The fortune teller stared into her crystal ball while making bizarre hand gestures all around it. After a few moments, the fortune teller got a very troubled look on her face and said, "I'm very sorry to tell you this but, in the next few months your husband will be killed in a gruesome and terrible way."

Visibly shaken by this terrible new, Hillary gathered up all her strength and managed to ask just one question: "Will I be acquitted?"

Q: What's Bill's idea of safe sex? A: When Hillary is out of town.



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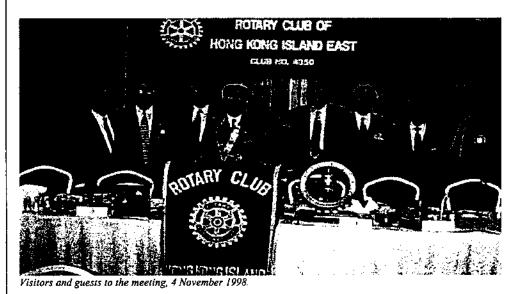
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Rtn Rudy then took charge of welcoming the other visitors and guests:

Jens Peder Jensen (Amager, Denmark)
PP Peter Tse (TST East)
Ram Tolani (Wanchai)

Sally Begbie (Rtn Roy) Sandra Logan (Rtn Ram Tolani) Rtn Eric Nedergaars from RC Vesterbro, Denmark Robert Bunker (HK) Maureen Chen (Rtn Roy) Bill Nicholl (PDG Uncle Peter)

President C.Y. gave a special welcome back to Rtn Manolo and IPDG Y.K. who have been absent for several meetings.

Announcements were made by PP John Kwok:

- 1. The directory inserts he had just issued were to be added to the old booklet.
- 2. The Peter Hall Cup golf tournament will be held on 13 November, beginning 12:30pm, and all members are welcome to participate. Please nominate with PP John.

Rtn Roy also announced that he was making an e-mail address list of HKIE members and he would welcome members giving their addresses to him.

President C.Y. then invited visitors to exchange banners with our club. This opportunity was taken up by Rtn Eric Nedergaars fro RC Vesterbro, Denmark.

Sergeant Danny Kilis announced that this week we had a good attendance with 34 members present and \$2671.50 was collected.

As November is Rotary Foundation Month, IPP Li spoke about one aspect of this body:

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International met in March, April and June 1998 and established a worldwide goal for 1998/99 annual giving of US\$64 million.

Major donor and gift recognition levels:

Level 1: US\$10,000-\$49,999 Level 2: US\$50,000-\$99,999 Level 3: US\$100,000-\$499,999 Level 4: US\$500,000-\$999,999 Level 5: US\$1,000,000 and above



President C.Y. hosts visitor from Denmark, Jens Peder Jensen (Amager).

A letter of appreciation signed by the President and Chairman of Trustees is included as part of the recognition presentation. In addition, the Rotary Foundation sends acknowledgment letters from the President, Chairman of Trustees, General Secretary, and Foundation General Manager when major gifts are made.

Major donors are entitled to a one-Diamond Circle pin for cumulative Annual Programs Fund and/or Permanent Fund contributions totaling over US\$10,000, a two-Diamond Stone pin for cumulative contributions over US\$25,000, and a three-Diamond Circle pin for cumulative contributions over US\$100,000.

Major donors are listed in a publication distributed at the International Convention.

Donors in Levels 2 through 5 will be listed in the Hall of Honour on the 17th floor at the Rotary International



Sally Begbie explaining the service provided by Crossroads.



Former charter member of HKIE, Bill Nicholl is warmly welcomed at the meeting.

World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. These names will also be displayed at Rotary International conventions. Donors whose cumulative contributions exceed US\$250,000 may have their photograph permanently displayed in the Hall of Honour.

Rtm Roy then introduced the speaker for the meeting:
Ms Sally Begbie is, with her husband, one of the Directors of Crossroads, a charitable organization set up in Hong Kong for the purpose of collecting discarded (but reusable) items and forwarding them to those in need in Hong Kong and other parts of the world. She and her husband began this service as a part-time service in 1979



There he is, up to it again : Rtn Flicker looking after the ladies (Maureen Chen)

by sending 19 cartons of goods to flood victims in Liaoning Province in China. Demand and growth has been so phenomenal that, this year their largest shipment was three 40 feet containers to victims of the Hebei earthquake. To get government assistance, they had to register as a charitable organization and were

subsequently granted a few rooms in which to carry on their activities and store their goods. Today, these few rooms have grown to 55, and more are needed. Their focus is on small, no-frills groups such as schools, orphanages,

Their modus operandi is to supply goods and materials that are discarded by bodies such as hospitals, hotels, schools, businesses, etc. which are upgrading, refurbishing, or moving premises. They are not involved with financial assistance. Those in need contact them with a list of requirements, and if these are in stock, they are dispatched immediately. If not in stock, they can often source the requirements from sympathetic firms who are willing to donate.

Typical items of equipment dealt with are computers, TV sets, beds, mattresses, furniture of all kinds, clothing, toys, milk powder, medical equipment, books, etc. These have been sent to far flung regions of China as well as Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, India, North Korea, Nepal, Ghana, Nigeria, and the Philippines. The enormous effort in organizing all of this is covered by voluntary labour from the community.

Generally, costs of repairs to equipment and goods is donated by local firms and freight costs absorbed by transport companies. There are, however, some local costs such as trucking to pick up items donated in Hong Kong (\$15,000 per month), packing (\$2,500 per month), dormitory accommodation (\$12,000 per month). This is an area where Rotary Clubs in Hong Kong could provide



Rin Stephen receives his long over-due PHF award from PDG Uncle Peter.

Ms Begbie was thanked for her interesting presentation by Rtn Henry Chan who asked if she might be interested in taking a few of his retired horses off his hands. [Actually, not a bad idea as they could solve some of the transport problems in under-developed countries, and provide a more stimulating way for these old nags to finish off the rest of their days.]

Before the close of the meeting, PDG Uncle Peter called out Rtn Stephen to present him with his PHF award. Uncle Peter mentioned that this was long overdue due to Stephen's absence from meetings over the past few weeks. Also, the \$1,000 donation from Rtn Rudy to the Rotary Foundation was acknowledged.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Clubs of Amager and Vesterbro in Denmark.



Rotary Information

NOVEMBER: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

November is traditionally designated as Rotary Foundation Month and it is an opportunity for Rotarians to refresh themselves with knowledge of the wonderful programs supported by this fund. What is this Foundation? Where do the funds come from? What are they spent on? Recently (Vol. 46, 7 October 1998) some information was published on the history of the establishment and development of the Rotary Foundation. This month, further information will be provided to answer the other questions posed above.

GOVERNANCE OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is governed by 13 Trustees – four of whom are past RI Presidents – who were appointed by the current President of RI and confirmed by the Board of Directors. All Trustees serve four year terms.

The Trustees handle the following responsibilities:

- hold, invest, and manage all the Foundation's funds and property;
- administer all programs, projects and activities of the Foundation;
- assume primary responsibility for developing and initiating new Foundation programs;
- raise funds and set polices for the manner in which contributions may be received;
- provide appropriate forms of recognition of Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and others who support the Foundation;
- promote The Rotary Foundation and inform the public about its activities.

The Trustees also administer the following Foundation <u>awards</u>: the Distinguished Service Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, which recognize exemplary personal service and devotion to the Foundation, and two awards presented to scholarship alumni — The Rotary Foundation Scholar Alumni Achievement Award and The Rotary Foundation Scholar Alumni Award of Excellence.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Rotary Foundation Educational Programs promote international understanding through scholarships, grants and cultural exchanges.

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program sponsors more than 1,200 scholars each year to study in a country other than their own. It is the largest and most international privately sponsored scholarship program in the world.

The Foundation's Group Study exchange (GSE) program sponsors international exchanges of teams of non-Rotarian men and women in the early stages of their business and professional careers. Participants spend four to six weeks studying the institutions and culture of the host country while exchanging vocational information with the local representatives of their particular professions.

Rotary Grants for University Teachers are awarded to university or college faculty members to teach in a developing nation for three to ten months. These grants enable teachers to share their expertise in a part of the world where it is most needed.

Participants in the Foundation's educational programs often continue their affiliation with Rotary long after they've returned home as Foundation Alumni.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Let's have one last chuckle over Bill's problem:

Monica went to the pharmacist and stated, "I need to buy a condom."

The pharmacist looked up and asked, "Shall I put it on your bill"?

"No thanks," Monica responded, "I prefer to put it on him myself."

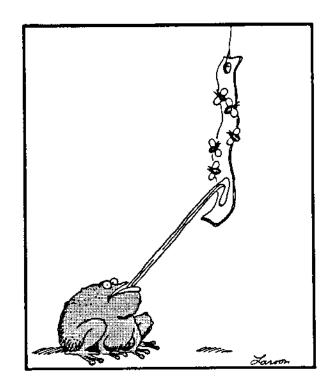
What does Clinton say to interns as they leave his office?

"Don't hit your head on the desk."

Schwartznegger has a big one Michael Fox has a small one Madonna doesn't have one The Pope has one but doesn't use it Clinton uses his all the time.

Q: What is it?

A: A family name .. or were you thinking of something else?



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What Happened Last Week



Visitors and guests to the meeting, 11 November 1998.

This week members sampled another small room at the Excelsior Hotel that we have not seen before. It is hoped that no one got lost and missed the meeting. President C.Y. started the ball rolling by opening the meeting on time and inviting Rtn Lewis to conduct the welcome to visitors and guests. These included:

Rtn Dicky Yip (Admiralty)
Rtn David Leung (HK Harbour)
Zerrin Yucel (Ates)

PP Peter Tse (TST East) Rtn Michael Tsui (HKNE) Maureen Chen (Speaker)

President C.Y. then took over again and invited the birthday boys, Rtns Manolo and Paul to come to the rostrum. IPP Li and PE Desmond were then called upon to lead the birthday song.

Rtn Stephen, in his capacity of International Service Director, spoke to members about the Rotary Foundation month. He encouraged members to take part in making a significant donation to the Foundation by way of either a Paul Harris Fellowship (US\$1,000), a Benefactor (US\$1,000), or a Sustaining Member (initially US\$100+). He made the interesting announcement that, over the years, HKIE members have donated a sum of US\$400,000. To date, there are only five of our current members who have not participated in this program and it would be an achievement if our club could have 100% PHF and/or Benefactors.

Sergeant Malcolm then announced that a last minute rush had brought in a total donation of \$1,720 for the day, and there were 24 members present for the meeting.

Instead of giving Rotary information this week, IPP David Li tried to get it from members. He asked a series of 10 questions with prizes awarded to some of the correct answers:

- 1. The Bylaws of RI require club members to attend what percentage of club meetings? (60%)
- 2. True or false: Attendance at an RI convention counts as club attendance. (True)
- 3. What are the Four Avenues of Service? (Club, Community, Vocational, International)
- 4. Where will the 1999 RI Convention be held? (Singapore)
- Where will the 2000 RI Convention be held? (Buenos Aires)
- 6. What is the official magazine of RI? When was it first published? (The Rotarian; January, 1911)
- 7. How many spokes and cogs are in the official gear-wheel emblem of RI? (6 spokes and 24 cogs)
- 8. Is the emblem trademarked? (Yes)
- 9. When is World Understanding and Peace Day? (23 February)
- 10. When is New Generations Month? Rotary Foundation month? Rotary Awareness month? (September; November; January)

Maybe it says something about members' knowledge of Rotary, but only Rtns Malcolm and Paul won a prize.



Sec. Ates doing what he knows best - with wife Zerrin.



PP Rob shares fellowship with Rtn Dicky Yip (Admiralty).

It was then time to introduce the speaker Ms Maureen Chen, Director of the Raja Yoga Centre of Hong Kong. This centre is a branch of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University which has over 4,000 centres in more than 70 countries offering a range of free educational programs. The University is a non-governmental organization affiliated to the United Nations with consultative status on ECOSOC and NNICEF. In Hong Kong, it is a registered charity and a member of the Hong Kong Council of Social Services.



Maureen Chan giving members some of her Raja Yoga

Maureen explained that Raja Yoga is about meditation for acquiring peace of mind and relaxation of the body. In their courses, participants are given insights into the meaning of "peace" and "mind" and eventually become focused on the self.

A typical course is taken by a group of 4-5 people for 5-7 lessons. It has been found to be particularly beneficial for developing leadership and self-management skills in businessmen. Maureen has also found that the practice of Raja Yoga tends to enhance commitment to one's own religion.

The Raja Yoga Centre at 17 Dragon Road, Tin Hau, Causeway Bay Tel: 2806 3008, Fax: 2887 0104) is open from 9:00am to 9:00pm each week day, but closes at 7:00pm on weekends. They also have a web page at: http://www.bkwsu.com

November is Rotary Foundation month and during this month, you will or have heard/read a lot of information about the many programs made possible through the Foundation.

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs, e.g. Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Matching Grants, the PolioPluas Program, Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants, Rotary Grants for University Teachers to serve in developing countries, Grants for Rotary Volunteers, and the Rotary Peace Programs, etc.

To support the Foundation, what you need is to donate US\$1,000 in your name or your family member and become a Paul Harris Fellow. Or you can become a Sustaining Member by donating US\$100 (minimum) with a pledge of making further contributions to reach US\$1,000 with 10 years. Another way is to become a Benefactor by donating US\$1,000 to a Permanent Fund which is an endowed fund and the spending will be from the fund earning while the principal is invested in perpetuity.

There are three new classification for PHFs namely:

- Paul Harris Fellow
- Multiple PHF
- Major Donor

The details of the classification has been given by IPP Li in the meeting last week (4/11/98).

Many members of the Hong Kong Island East have handsomely contributed to the Foundation over the years to make these programs possible. The total contribution amounts to over US\$400,000. Our Club nearly achieved 100% in being Paul Harris Fellows and I hope those members who are not yet a PHF would consider contributing to this meaning Foundation.

This year up to now, we have one new PHF, one benefactor and two Multiple PHF already.

As we have been working with Rotary Clubs in Istanbul on two matching grant projects, we can utilize the grants contribution to recruit more new/multiple PHF.

The Board have agreed the principle of 50/50 scale for which a member needs only to contribute US\$500 while the Club will apply the other half(US\$500) from the matching grant contributions to establish a PHF. This arrangement has been successfully implemented last year and we managed to have (I think) at least ten more PHF or Multiple PHF through the effort of Rtn. Muarry MacDonald.

So it is a great opportunity to make use of the matching grant contributions to support the Rotary Foundation.

Any member who is considering the donation, please contact either me or our PDG Uncle Peter for the necessary arrangement.

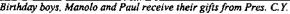
I sincerely thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Yours in Rotary,

Stephen Liu International Service Director Members were assured that benefits could be felt after only one lesson and, to prove her point, Maureen asked everyone to close their eyes while she played some music and spoke soothing incantations. Maybe there is something in this as Rtn Malcolm was heard to be snoring and Rtn Dicky Yip thought he was floating somewhere up on the ceiling. To complete her presentation, Maureen donated a relaxation tape to the Club for members' use.

The vote of thanks was given by PP Hubert.







To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North East.



Rotary Information

NOVEMBER: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Here is some more information on what the Rotary Foundation does:

HUMANIT ARIAN GRANTS PROGRAMS

The Rotary Foundation's Humanitarian Programs support a wide range of international service activities, from exploratory missions through finished projects. Humanitarian grants are used by Rotary clubs and districts worldwide to combat hunger, disease, ignorance, and poverty. Designed to bring clubs together in an international partnership, these six programs also foster and nurture an understanding between different cultures.

The most widely used program is <u>Matching Grants</u>, which makes one-time awards of up to US\$50,000 to match contributions raised by clubs and districts for projects involving Rotary clubs in two or more countries. A new program, <u>Helping Grants</u>, provides up to US\$15,000 for projects in non-Rotary countries and/or countries in which the local Rotary club can not provide a significant level of assistance. <u>Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants</u> provide funding of US\$100,000 to US\$500,000 for large-scale, one-to-five year projects that improve health, help alleviate hunger, or enhance human development. <u>New Opportunities Grants</u> enable Rotary districts to use up to US\$10,000 of their District Designated Funds (DDF) in support to international humanitarian service projects that do not meet the eligibility criteria of other Rotary Foundation programs.

A 3-H immunization project in the Philippines led to the development in 1985 of the <u>PolioPlus Program</u>, through which The Rotary Foundation has provided grants to 104 countries for polio vaccine, laboratory networks, and surveillance efforts. Rotarians raised US\$247 million to support this program, which has a goal of worldwide eradication of polio by the year 2000.

The other humanitarian programs are: Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants, which provide up to US\$3,000 for travel and related expenses incurred by Rotarians in exploring and planning international service projects; Grants for Rotary Volunteers, which cover travel costs and some other expenses for Rotarians, Foundation alumni, and Rotaractors who volunteer their services and professional expertise in a country other than their own for a period of four to eight weeks; and Rotary Peace Programs, which partially subsidize international conferences that focus on conflict resolution and ways to enhance the search for peace.



South African Interactors artfully help underprivileged children

With the help of local Interactors, children from Cape Peninsula in South Africa made art out of graffiti to benefit other underprivileged youths in the area. "K.I.D.S. help kids help kids," a graffiti art auction organized by the Interact Club of the German School [Klub Interact Deutsche Schule (K.I.D.S.)], was held earlier this year as a fund-raising event to aid the SOS Children's Village in Thornton, Cape Town.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cape Town, the Interactors solicited donations of art supplies, generated publicity and guided young artists. The graffiti art auction highlighted the artistic talents of street children from nine different homes, with the best artists given printed postcards of their work to sell for pocket money.

The gala took place at the BMW pavilion at the Waterfront in Cape Town and was hosted by a popular local disc jockey. By evening's end, a total of R10,518 (nearly US\$2,000) had been raised for the SOS Children's Village.

Heather Kinross, wife of 1997-98 RI president, dies

The Rotary world mourns the death of Heather Kinross, wife of 1997-98 RI President Glen W. Kinross, who passed away Oct. 31 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Heather was an active supporter and promoter of Rotary whose contributions were singled out by her husband in June when he addressed the 1998 RI Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

"My wife for 44 years, best friend for 48 years, mother of our four children, educator of our family, a woman of great talents and many interests. She has given up so much to make it all happen," Glen said. "She is not a Rotarian by name, but in heart and mind and in doing, she is the complete Rotarian." A memorial scholarship will be offered through The Rotary Foundation in Heather Kinross' name.

In addition to her husband, Heather is survived by two sons, Glennie (Monica) and Malcolm (Lisa); two daughters, Helen and Julie; and two granddaughters, Eliza and Lucy. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Uniting Church on Rodey Road in Wavell Heights, a suburb of Brisbane. Burial will be private.

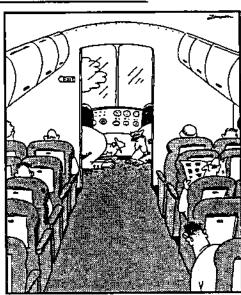
LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Women's View:

Men are like fine wine. They all start out hanging around in bunches and it's our job to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something which you'd like to have with dinner.

Men's View:

Women are like fine wine. They all start out fresh, fruity and intoxicating to the mind and then turn full bodied with age until they go sour and vinegary and give you a headache.



"Well, there is some irony in all this, you know. ... mean, we both lose a lens at the same time?"

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Our 45th Year of Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April, 1954 by Founding President, the late PDG (Uncle) John



What Happened Last Week

This week, the meeting was held in the cozy Kellett Room but, due to the large number of visitors and guests, things looked a little cramped by the time the meeting opened.

President C.Y. duly opened the meeting and noted what seemed to be a second Head Table at the rear of the room, accommodating those who were unable to find a place at the round tables.

Rtn Danny Kilis was invited to take care of the introductions:

Noel Cochran (Banalla, Australia) John Lonergan (Bright, Australia) Dale Reinker (J.W. Mariott, USA) K.M. Chau (Kowloon) S.K. Ho (Admiralty) Benny Ratnani (HKNE) Ali Tahiri (Colombo North) Joan Reinker (Dale Reinker) Sam Chen (Robin Hearder) Andrew Shek (David Li)

President C.Y. also welcomed back PP Tim, PP Andrew, PP T.K. and Rtn Kenny.

PP Tim had just returned to the fold in time to celebrate his birthday. To help in this task, IPP Li was asked to lead the birthday song.

Several announcements were made by President C.Y.:

- The winner of the 1998-99 Uncle Peter Golf Cup was PP Tajwar and he was invited to come forward and be presented with the cup by none other than, PDG Uncle Peter.
- 2. IPP Li was then invited to the rostrum to conduct the auction of the Raja Yoga video tape donated to the Club by Maureen Chen the previous week. There seemed to be many members eager to get their shaking hands on this tape because the bids came fast and furious. In the end, it was a Turkish victory with Rtn Ates claiming the tape with a bid of \$350 all good money for the Club's coffers.
- 3. Members were notified of the Rotary fundraising project in the form of a cookie drive. The purchase of these cookies would assist the Christmas activities of Helping Hand, a charitable organization who take care of the elderly in the community.
- 4. Rtm Chris Howe offered two golf tickets to golfing events in Hong Kong, which he had recently acquired. Acting Sergeant Tajwar was then invited to announce the statistics for this meeting. There were 26 members present and a grand sum of \$3,200 was donated. Maybe Tajwar should assume this duty more often.

Finally, Rtn Roy introduced the speaker for the day. This was Mr. Paul Woodward who is the managing director of Asian Strategies Ltd., a Hong Kong-based research and consultancy practice. He has been involved in the development of business in the region since 1985 with a special focus on China.

The work of Asian Strategies covers the provision of market information and strategy development for a wide variety of industries including pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, IT, aviation, consumer products, distribution and energy. It is a division of the international media group, Miller Freeman.

Paul said that there has been a renewed interest in investing in the China market since the onset of the Asian economic crisis. This interest seems to mostly be generated from articles published in economic magazines such as Fortune. However, China should no longer be regarded as a strategic market. Manufacturing in China is relatively simple to set up but, as a market, it may prove to be difficult because of the competition from other firms. These are just as likely to be local firms these days.

In the medium future, it is projected that the luxury market will not have taken off and the low-end market will decline as income levels rise. Therefore, firms are now gearing up to produce for the 'middle market' where the profits should be. Paul advised caution, however, as all companies were targeting this area and competition would be intense.

As well, international firms will increasingly have to compete against local firms who are starting to get their act right.

Paul was thanked by Rtn Rudy for his very interesting update on the market situation in China mainland.

To close the meeting on time, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Bright in Australia.



When Aussies get together (PP Rob & Noel Cochran) there are serous issues to discuss.



What a happy table: Rtns Robin and Stephen entertaining two of our visitors.



Rtn Ali Tahiri (Colombo North): Yes Benny, I like doing make-ups at this Club too.



President C.Y. exchanges banners with Dale Reinker (J.W. Mariott, USA).



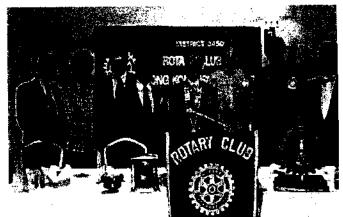
Now, Just what is so funny about PP Tim's birthday?



PP Tajwar receives his Uncle Peter Cup from PDG Uncle Peter and PP Hubert.



Paul Woodward addresses members about business with China.



Visitors and guests to the meeting, 18 November 1998.



NOVEMBER: ROTARY FOUNDAITON MONTH

Finally, in this series, is some information on where the Rotary Foundation funds come from:

FOUNDATION SUPPORT

The Rotary Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. The financial support the Foundation receives today will help secure many better tomorrows for people all over the world, assisted through the Foundation's many <u>humanitarian</u> and <u>educational</u> programs.

Donors can contribute to any one of three specific <u>funds</u>, section), each supporting Rotary Foundation programs in a different way. The Foundation accepts <u>gifts of cash</u>, publicly traded securities, some closely held <u>securities</u>, <u>life insurance</u>, <u>real estate</u>, and <u>tangible personal property</u> including art, jewelry and collectible. Additionally, the Foundation will accept your contribution as a <u>pledge</u> over a number of years. The Foundation also offers a variety of <u>planned gifts</u> or Life Income Agreements.

The Foundation will also accept donations as a <u>bequest</u> for those donors who wish to include The Rotary Foundation in their final estate plans or will.

The Rotary Foundation honors its donors, providing recognition of gifts to its various funds. Paul Harris Fellow recognition, named after the founder of Rotary, is given for gifts of US\$1000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund. Benefactor Recognition is given for gifts to the Permanent Fund, the Foundation's endowment. Major Gift recognition is given for gifts of US\$10,000 or more to either the Annual Programs Fund or the Permanent Fund.

DONOR OPTIONS - THE THREE FUNDS

1. Annual Programs Fund for Support Today

Gifts made to the Annual Programs Fund meet one of two needs and constitute one of two ways to support The Rotary Foundation's programs. Annual giving is the cornerstone of the Foundation's funding efforts, as nearly 98% of all Foundation funding comes from Annual Programs Fund giving.

Unrestricted contributions from Rotary districts, clubs, Rotarians and others go into the Annual Programs Fund as they are received. Contributions to this fund provide for the program awards for all Foundation programs except PolioPlus, Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants, the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace, and Endowed Scholarships.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are invested for a three year period before being released to be spent on Foundation programs. A distinctive feature of the Foundation is that every dollar goes to programs. Earnings from the Annual Programs Fund investments, such as interest and dividend income, gains and losses on sales of investments, pay for fund development and general administrative expenses.

This unique investment period allows Rotary district to plan spending and the direction of their Foundation activities. This is the basis of the SHARE System.

Donors who make contributions of at least US\$1000 to the Annual Programs Fund are recognized as <u>Paul Harris</u> <u>Fellows</u> by the Foundation.

2. The Permanent Fund to Secure Tomorrow

The Permanent Fund is an endowed fund which is invested in perpetuity, with a conservative portion of the earnings spent annually to benefit the Foundation programs while maintaining growth of principal. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, the Directors of Rotary International and the Council on Legislation have established the development of the Permanent Fund as a priority of Rotary International. A large, secure Permanent Fund can provide an additional source of income to help fund Foundation programs for years to come.



The Benefactor program is the first step in supporting the Permanent Fund by designating The Rotary Foundation in a personal will or planned gift, or by making a minimum gift of US\$1,000 to the Permanent Fund.

Permanent Fund Spending Policy: The Permanent Fund provides an on-going source of income for Foundation programs. The current spending policy sets spending at 4.5% of the funds average value, 3.5% going directly to programs and 0.5% each for management and investment costs.

Will my gift to the Endowment be spent through the SHARE system? The earnings or spending amount of gifts to the Permanent Fund are allocated to the Trustee - directed World Fund unless donors direct otherwise. Donors may stipulate that the spending portion be allocated under SHARE so that 60% goes to the district and 40 to the World Fund, or donors may stipulate that gifts be used to support broad areas such as educational or humanitarian programs.

Planned gifts and major gifts (e.g., bequests, gifts of insurance and trust, and gifts of US\$10,000 or greater) are placed in the Permanent Fund unless the donor directs otherwise.

If I give a significant gift to the Permanent Fund, can I give direction to how the earnings are spent? Yes, there are many Permanent Fund Options. The option you receive does depend on the size of the gift.

- US\$1,000,000 or more: The donor may seek approval from the Trustees of the Foundation for a new program. The Carl Miller Discovery Grant began this way!
- US\$150,000 to \$999,999: The donor may create a project within a program such as an Endowed
 Ambassadorial Scholarship or additional Group Study Exchange team. Donors may direct the project to
 benefit a specific Rotary district and make other stipulations if negotiated prior to completion of the gift.
- US\$50,000 to \$149,999: The donor may direct funds to a particular project within an existing program of The Rotary Foundation through the World Fund (e.g., 3-H Grants or Ambassadorial Scholarships).
- US\$25,000 to \$49,999: The donor may establish a named fund within the Permanent Fund and may designate their gifts to the World Fund for spending at the discretion of the Trustees or to SHARE.

In addition, donors of an outright cash gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Permanent Fund or donor who notify the Foundation of the inclusion of the Foundation in their final estate plans become Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

3. PolioPlus

The <u>PolioPlus</u> campaign raised more than US\$220 million to support efforts to eradicate the wild polio virus. and today the PolioPlus fund is used to award grants to help governments purchase the polio vaccine necessary to immunize the world's children. Although gifts to the PolioPlus program will be accepted until the final goal of eradication is achieved (target year 2005), donations to this fund are no longer solicited.

However, The Rotary Foundation is actively seeking financial support for its <u>PolioPlus Partners</u> program, which helps to support eradication efforts by providing materials for National Immunization Days as well as for surveillance.

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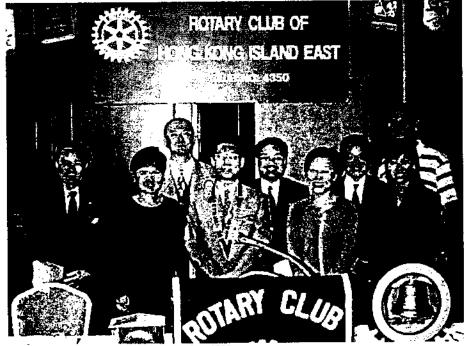
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What Happened Last Week



Guests and visitors to the club, 25 November, 1998.

We enjoyed the spacious facilities of Harbour Room III and IV, which was just as well as the meeting was well-attended.

P.E. Desmond enlightened us about Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Visiting Rotarians

Henry Theiling
Michael Chan
Sam Kuk
Hong Kong North East
Hong Kong Channel Islands
Robert Moakes
Albert Law
Admiralty

Guests

P.E. Desmond's better half Donna, and a good friend Serena Kwok.

President C.Y. welcomed back P.P. Dave Chang and Rtn. Kenny Chan; and also spoke about the recent appearance of P.P.Tim Lui on television.

He then announced the birthday boy Rtn. Francis Li, who proceeded to penalize Tim Lui for becoming so famous by having him sing the birthday song.

President C.Y. also reminded Rtns about the District Sports Day on 10th January 1999 at Wanchai Sports Ground.

Rtn, Roy then introduced the speaker for the day. This was Ms. Fok Mei-ling, Founder Chairperson and Trustee of Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).

Ms. Fok explained that SMA is a genetic disease which affects the voluntary muscles of the body but leaves the brain functioning normally. Her baby boy developed the disease two months after birth. As there is no known cure or treatment for the disease, she had to fight tremendous medical odds to keep the boy alive. Today he is eight years old, and is the first child in HK with this disease to live at home with the aid of a ventilation machine.

HK's general attitude to SMA is to ignore the problem, and as a result many children have been abandoned by their parents. The survivors live on, largely under-stimulated and uncared for. Ms. Fok set up the Families of SMA charity to address this need. She campaigns to raise money to assist SMA suffers and their families. For example, one ventilation machine could cost \$140,000 HK.

Current research indicates that people with milder (Type 2) SMA could live to reach 50 years old. HK needs to make huge strides to catch up with the rest of the world in attitudes toward this problem.

The speaker was thanked in the traditional manner by Rtn. Tony Lui. The Sgt at Arms reported that 25 members were present and that the charity collection had raised \$1860, which would go to this worthwhile cause.

Rtn. Roy announced that next week's speaker would be a mysterious and intriguing person called Mr. C.Y. Fu, who would talk on health food. Now, where have we heard that name before?



The dedicated mother and tough fighter of a worthwhile cause: Miss Fok Mei Ling, our speaker.









Taj. P.P. Sam, Stephen and P.P. Tim all making sure that our visiting Rotarians are well looked after.



d fellowship and a quick exchange of horseracing tips.



P.E. Desmond well pleased with the presence of better half Donna and



Birthday boy Francis acknowledging both fellowship and gift.



Central American districts appeal for Hurricane Mitch relief

Hurricane Mitch has carved a swath of overwhelming destruction across much of Central America - most extensively in Honduras, but also in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica and El Salvador - where an estimated 10,000 people have been killed by the storm and tens of thousands of others displaced.

In Rotary District 4250, the situation for most Hondurans remains critical. Many of the survivors are cut off from relief efforts as the storm wiped out close to 70 percent of the country's roads and bridges.

According to Patricia Munguia, club secretary of the Rotary Club of Nueva Tegucigalpa, five local Rotary clubs have formed an emergency committee to help victims of the disaster in the area - which is virtually isolated and one of those hardest hit by the storm. "It has been a long week to get things done, due to all the mud that was left behind," said Munguia, who added that "many Rotarians lost relatives, their homes, jobs and also businesses.'

Tegucigalpa Rotarians have been feeding lunch and dinner to 1,500 people daily since the calamity struck, but supplies are running low.

Guatemalans will also not soon forget the devastating effects of the hurricane, which killed 96 people and left thousands homeless in their country, where the infrastructure is severely damaged.

New Manual of Procedure Now Available

The RI Manual of Procedure serves as Rotary's basic rulebook, listing policies and procedures established by legislative action, the RI Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation trustees. A new edition of the Manual (#035-EN), reflecting changes adopted by the 1998 Council on Legislation and including constitutional documents of RI and The Rotary Foundation, is now available.



U.S. Rotarians begin assistance efforts for disaster victims

Many Rotary clubs and districts outside Central America have already taken on projects to send aid to communities stricken by Hurricane Mitch:

- In Dallas, Texas, Rotarians are packing some 1,700 pounds of dehydrated food (enough for 20,000 meals),
 3,000 pounds of clothing, and medicine, with the shipment expected to arrive in Honduras this weekend.
- Rotarians from District 6450 in the Chicago area are filing containers with food and sun-powered ovens, some weighing 1,000 pounds, for delivery to Honduras. The ovens are capable of boiling hundreds of liters of water each day for drinking, cooking and bathing, and will be used to start bakeries once the need for clean water is met.
- Rotary clubs in Minnesota will send an entire field hospital and US\$30,000 worth of freeze—dried food into a remote area of Honduras.
- District 5130 Rotarians in California "have gathered several tons of supplies to send to Honduras and have access to a large cargo plane based in Miami that is willing to fly there weekly," according to Gene Kelly, a member of the Rotary Club of Napa.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A man walks in to a church and tells the priest that he wants to join their religion.

The priest says, "Okay, but there is one rule you have to follow. You cannot get an erection while you are trying to join this religion."

The man says OK. The priest strips him of his clothing and ties a bell around his penis and puts him in a room with nine other men who are also trying to join. The priest sends a naked woman across the room and nine bells are quiet, but his is ringing away.

The man begs for another chance and the priest gives in. The woman walks by again and the man's bell starts ringing again. So the priest says tom him, "Pick up your clothes and go. You are unfit for this religion."

And as the man bends down to pick up his clothes, the other nine bells start ringing.

The optimistic job seeker to the prospective employer: "Instead of my resume, I've printed out my horoscope. As you'll see, I'm a special person who is destined for great things."



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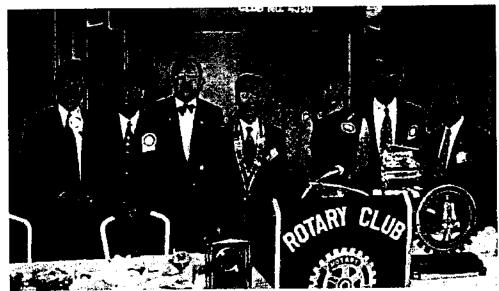
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What Happened Last Week



Visitors and guests to the meeting, 2 December 1998.

This meeting was held in one of the larger Marina rooms, which was appropriate considering the large attendance bolstered by many additional visitors. President C.Y. welcomed everyone, especially DG Anthony Hung who is a regular visitor to our club

PP George took charge of the formal introductions:

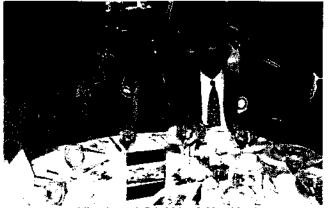
PP David Tsoi (HK NE)
O.B. Phillips (New Boston, USA)
Ken Lau (Admiralty)
Robert Moakes (Admiralty)

Bekisolgu Turgut (Kizilay-Ankara, Turkey) DG Anthony Hung (Tai Po) Zuhal Mansfield (Bekisolgu Turgut)

President C.Y. welcomed back PDG Uncle Peter and IPDG Y.K. from Beijing.

There was only one birthday boy for the week: PE Desmond, and he selected IPP Li, our Club Musical Director, to lead the birthday song.

PDG Uncle Peter then filled in with a little information about our Club. He recently attended a Major Donors' Breakfast and informed members that there are currently 2,033 major Rotary donors in the world but he also realized that he did not have all the information about the major donors in our club. Everyone knows that the late Uncle John was a major donor, his family having contributed US\$150,000, but few are aware that IPDG Y.K. and PP Sam are also included in this list. Some people like anonymity, but Uncle Peter urged donors to make him aware of their contributions when they are made so that they and the Club can receive the due credit.



PP Rob sharing fellowship with Zuhal Mansfield and Rin B. Turgut





PE Desmond has a happy birthday with Pres. C. Y. and IPP Li.



Pres. C.Y. exchanges banners with Rtn B. Turgut (Turkey).



Pres. C.Y. exchanges banners with Rtn O.B. Philips (USA).

President C.Y. offered to exchange banners with visiting Rotarians, and Rtns. Phillips (USA) and Turgut (Turkey) came forward to receive IOU banners from our Club.

The only announcement made by President C.Y. this week was that the Club's Annual General Meeting would be held next week (9 December) and members are urged to be in attendance.

We had an acting Sergeant this week, and he did a marvelous job of coercing members to part with their spare cash. PP Tajwar in fact collected a princely sum of \$3,000.

IPP David Li then announced that he had a message from ex-member Murray Macdonald to say that he had recently had a potentially dangerous melanoma cut away from his leg - fortunately in its early stages so the prognosis is good. Murray says that his nomination for membership of the Rotary Club of Christchurch has been approved and he should be inducted in the next fortnight. (Members can communicate with Murray on his e-mail address: murraymac@xtra.co.nz)

IPP Li then gave his Rotary information about the SHARE program. It is a mechanism by which the Rotary Foundation program awards are distributed worldwide. Through the SHARE system, contributions to the Rotary Foundation are transformed into Ambassadorial Scholarships, Matching Grants for International Humanitarian Projects, Group Study Exchanges, etc.

At the end of every contribution year, each Rotary district's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are divided into two funds:

40% is credited to the World Fund (WF) and 60% is credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF).

The percentage credited to WF is used by the Foundation to pay for the worldwide programs available to all Rotary districts, regardless of specific contributions; that credited to the DDF is used by the district to fund the

Foundation programs in which it chooses to participate, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, credit towards the sponsor portion of a Matching Grant, or an extra Group Study Exchange.

Rtn Roy then introduced the speaker for the day; which didn't take long as it was President C.Y. who chose to talk about his favourite topic, health foods and supplements. C.Y. started by referring to the modern-day scourge of arterial and heart disease, caused mainly by a build-up of cholesterol and tryglycerides. These agents cause damage and blockage of the blood vessels leading to potentially lethal consequences of heart attacks and arterial aneurysms. C.Y. suggests that fish oil products and Jinko Bilboa have been proven to minimize or prevent these conditions.

Moving on to women's problems with hormone imbalances, resulting in Pre Menstural Tension, he recommended Evening Primrose Oil as a likely relief. (One member was heard to say he would be straight round to C.Y's shop after the meeting to buy a couple of gallons of the stuff.)

Then on to mens' problems: One of the most common is enlargement of the prostate gland. The recommended product to alleviate this condition is Saw Palmetto.

Osteoporosis is a condition of leaching of calcium from the bones, mainly suffered by women. This may be prevented by the ingestion of calcium products, such as in dairy foods; and Horsetail is another product that has a beneficial effect.

Free radicals in the body are reputed to cause great damage to the cells, possibly being responsible for the ageing process and some cancers. The natural enemy of free radicals are antioxidants which can be found in vitamins A, C and E. However, the most powerful antioxidant by far is grape seed extract.

C.Y. stressed that it is important to keep the body fit, not only through exercise, but through a balanced intake of vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, protein, etc. found in natural foods. This, of course, can be supplemented by health food products in tablet form - and this is where C.Y.'s business provides a valuable service. (A little advertising is allowed here!)

PP John Kwok lastly reminded members that they will have to be present next week if they want to receive their free Wing On calendar for 1999 - another member allowed just a little free advertising!

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of New Boston, USA.



Rotary Information

Rotary recognized for green feat in Indianapolis

The Keep Indianapolis Beautiful organization announced Oct. 21 that the Rotary Greenway Project received first place in the 1998 Mayor's Neighborhood Awards.

The Rotary Greenway Project, conducted during the 1998 RI Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, entailed a one-day planting on Sunday, June 14, by more than 3,000 Rotarians from over 100 countries, as well as 200 local volunteers. Volunteers donated a total of 13,600 hours to plant 700 trees, 2,000 perennials, 2000 ornamental grasses and ground cover and 7,500 annuals. The materials were planted along 50 blocks of the city, including the west Street/Martin Luther King corridor, and the Ransom Place and Crispus Attucks Middle School neighborhoods.



The nearly US\$500,000 project was a cooperative effort between 15 businesses, service organizations, not-for-profit organizations and city governmental departments that assisted in the planning and implementation of the planting. As recipient of the first place award, the project will receive \$1,000.

The Rotary Greenway Project was also selected from 54 entries to receive a separate "Monumental Affair Award." Judges said the Rotary Greenway Project most embodied the mission of the Monumental Affair Program, which is to contribute to Indianapolis' quality of life through the enhancement of Marion County's visual and physical environment.

Greg Fennig, executive director of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, said the project was well-deserving of both awards.

"This project will enhance not only our community for years to come, but will continue to become more significant each and every year," said Fennig. "Additionally, people from around the world have gone back and talked to their children and grandchildren about planting a tree or flower in a palce called Indianapolis, Indiana. Our city will never be the same."

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A flea had oiled up his little flea legs and his little flea arms, had spread out his towel, and was proceeding to soak up the Gold Coast sun when who should stumble by on the beach but an old friend of his. "Oscar," he said, "What happened to you?" because Oscar looked terrible, wrapped up in a blanket, his nose running, his eyes red, and his teeth chattering.

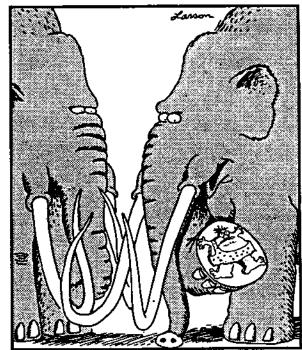
"I got a ride out here in some guy's moustache and he came out here riding a motorbike. It nearly froze my nuts off," wheezed Oscar.

"Let me give you a tip," said the first flea, spreading some more suntan oil on his shoulders. "The next time you go to the stewardess lounge at the airport, see, and you get up on the toilet seat and when a Cathay Pacific stewardess comes in to relieve herself, you hop on for a nice warm ride. Got it?"

So you can imagine the flea's surprise when, a month or so later, while stretched out all warm and comfortable on the beach again, who should he see but Oscar, looking more chilled and miserable than before. "Listen," said Oscar, "I did everything you said. I made it to the stewardess lounge and waited until a really cute one came in to the bathroom, and I made a perfect landing and got so warm and cosy that I went right off to sleep."

"And so?" asked the first flea.

"And so the next thing I know, I'm on this guy's moustache again."



"Well, what the? ... I thought I smelled something."

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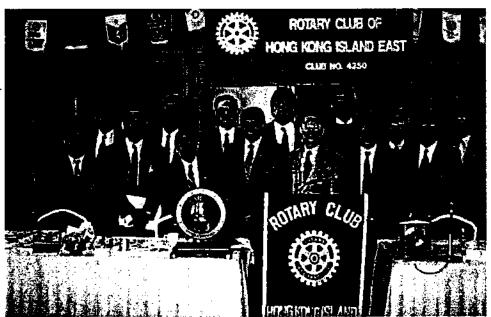
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What Happened Last Week



with the elected executive for 1999-2000

This meeting was held in the large Marina Meeting Room, and just as well, because there was a large roll-up for the AGM.

President C.Y. opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors/guests. Rtn Lewis was called on to make the introductions:

PP Don Goodier (Over Wyre, UK) Rtn Peter Hahn (Bonn-Reinbach, Germany) Ms Zuhal Mansfield (Uncle Peter)

PP Peter Tse (TST E)

President C.Y. then asked visitors to come forward to exchange banners. This was accepted by PP Don Goodier from the UK.

The main focus of this meeting was to carry out elections for the 1999-2000 Executive of our Club. PP Sam was asked to take charge of this important job. The results were:

- PE Desmond Cheung confirmed as President for 1999-2000.
- Rtn Tajwar Shadikhan elected as President-Elect for 1999-2000.
- Rtn Stephen Liu elected as Vice-President for 1999-2000.
- Sec. Ates Yucel elected as Hon. Secretary for 1999-2000.
- Rtn Jason Chiu elected as Hon. Treasurer for 1999-2000.



PE Tajwar for 1999-2000 gets off to a good start with guest, Zuhal Mansfield.



Rtn Henry shares a joke with visitors, Rtn Peter Hahn from Ger PP Don Goodier from UK.



PP Don Goodier from UK receives a HKIE





PPs Dave, Andrew and Tim handling the election counting with competence.



Visitors and guests to the Club, 9 December 1998.

The following members were elected as Directors for 1999-2000:

Rtn Rudy Law Rtn Paul Chan Rtn Lewis Fung

Rtn Malcolm Phillips Rtn Joseph Chan Rtn Henry Chan

All successful nominees were congratulated and the Club members have full confidence in their commitment and ability to continue the administration of our Club in an exemplary manner.

President C.Y. announced that next week we would be holding our Club Christmas party, and members were encouraged to bring their partners/wives/women (?). PE Desmond advised that there would be a lot of fun worked into the party and members were asked to bring along a gift (max. \$200) wrapped up with their business card

President C.Y. also advised that members could publish their Christmas greetings in Tung Feng at a bargain fee of \$100.

As there was a little time left before the 2:00pm finish of the meeting, members were invited to come forward to tell a joke. First off the rank was our lady guest Zuhal Mansfield who looked a lot fresher than the 77 year old who was the centre of her joke. Then President C.Y. got into the act with his joke on balls - as it turned out, it seems that Uncle Peter might have a problem. And finally, PP Sam gave an interesting account of a Chinese gentleman by the name of Fuk Yu (who turned out not to be the gentleman originally thought) playing golf with President Clinton - there was some mix up in names and the President was told explicitly where to get off.

By this time, members had had a good laugh and it was time to bring the meeting to a close. President C.Y. did this by proposing a toast to the Rotary Club of Bonn-Rheinbach.



Rotary Information

Rotary forum shines spotlight on women's issues in India

As a noted Indian film actress, Shabana Azmi has received her share of accolades and enjoyed celebrity stature. At a recent Rotary-sponsored event, however, Azmi chose to focus not on a movie star's life but rather the disparate treatment accorded men and women in her country:

"The birth of a boy is still greeted with "meethai" (sweets), while that of a girl with tears. We need to change this. This is not a mere gender issue. It is of utter national importance."

Azmi's comments were made during "Shakti," a forum on the empowerment of women in India, sponsored by Rotary District 3010. More than 1,700 Rotarians from 75 clubs in India attended the Sept. 7 meeting, which focused on issues such as the need for attitudinal changes toward women, infant care, literacy and economic independence for women.

In addition to Azmi, other high-profile speakers at the New Delhi event included senior police official Kiran Bedi and prominent women's activist, Brinda Karat.

Coinciding with the meeting, Dist. 3010 Gov. Sanjeev Khanna launched a program to ensure uniform guidelines on women's health and child care are practiced at 21 welfare centres operated by viarious Rotary clubs.

"The objective of this program will be to provide counseling for women for health, social and sexrelated issues, provide immunization to the needy and look after all the health interests of women and children," Khanna said. "A holistic approach to health care will not only provide physical well-being, but also social, spiritual and environmental well-being."



The following Rotarians & Rotariannes would like to send their Season's Greetings to you:

	C.Y. Fu & Teresa	Desmond Cheung & Donna	
Roy Grubb & Sara	Robin Hearder & Maria	Jason Chiu & Sharon	Ates M. Yucel& Zerrin
Francis Li & Catherine	Andrew Chen & Betty	Thomas Ling & Eleanor	Henry Luy & Wendy
Hubert Chan & Josephine	Y.K. Cheng & Irene	Sam Lam & Elaine	David Li & Amy

	Kenny Chan	Henry Chan		
Rob Fielding	Kishu Narain	John Y20	Joseph Chan	Paul Chan
Chris Howe	Tajwar Shadikhan	Manolo Chellaram	Macolm Philips	Rudy Law
Stephen Liu	Samuel Wong	William Lam	Tony Loy	Tim Lui
Peter Hall	Lewis Fung	Robert Lai	John Kwok	John Luk
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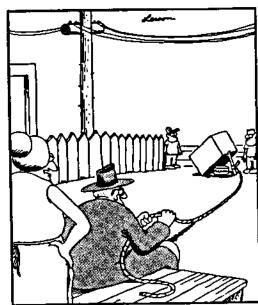
LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A big game hunter went on safari with his wife and mother-in-law. One evening, while still deep in the jungle, the Mrs. Awoke to find her mother gone. Frantic with worry, she woke her husband and insisted on them both trying to find her mother.

The hunter picked up his rifle, took a swig of whiskey, and started to look for his mother-in-law. In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight: The mother-in-law was backed up against a thick, impenetrable bush, and a large male lion stood facing her, growling loudly.

The wife cried out, "Oh, Mother... Oh, no! What are we going to do?"

"Nothing," said her husband. "The lion got himself into this mess, now let him get himself out of it."



"Good heavens, Charlest You're at it again! . And with my fresh sponge cake, I see!"

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Visitors and guests to the Club, 16th December 1998.

This was our special Christmas meeting and it was held in the 2nd floor Marina Room. President C.Y. opened the meeting by extending a special welcome to DG Anthony Hung, Elaine Lam and Elsa Li. He then invited Rtn Rudy to make the introductions:

DG Anthony Hung (Tai Po)
IPP Graeme Thorpe (Suva East, Fiji)
Wen Huang (DG Anthony)
Owen Lam (PP Sam)

Rtn Hubert Ng (HK Harbour) Rtn Michael Chan (HK NE) Ms Elaine Lam (PP Sam) Ms Elsa Li (IPP Li)

President C.Y. invited visitors to exchange banners. The offer was taken up by IPP Graeme Thorpe from Fiji.

This was followed by congratulations to PP Hubert on his recent birthday. He chose visitor Hubert Ng to lead the singing.

President C.Y. then announced that HKIE was represented last weekend in the Christmas Party held for the four schools for the deaf in Hong Kong and some photographs were circulated around the tables so that members could see some of the activities.

Also, a letter written by Fung Ka Hei, a boy studying at the Hong Kong Sea School, was read to members wishing them a Merry Christmas and thanking them for sponsoring him.

It was then Sgt Danny Kilis' turn to report on the day's figures. Last week, a grand sum of \$6,500 was collected, thanks to the advertisements paid for in Tung Feng. This week, the good sum of \$2,220 was donated by members and there were 28 official attendees at the meeting.

Rtn Francis was given the honour of reading the Rotary information to members this week. His chosen topic was about a project in the USA whereby surplus frequent flyer points are donated by Rotarians and the public to service the needs of people who urgently require assistance for air travel, e.g., for medical reasons. This topic was also chosen by the Editor for this bulletin, so you can read more about it in the Rotary Information overleaf.

The highlight of the meeting was the Christmas festivities. PE Desmond was called upon to conduct the gift exchange. He in turn invited Elaine Lam to select the names of attendees from the barrel and Elsa Li had the honour of presenting the gifts. All members duly received a gift and it was left to PDG Uncle Peter to look at each one and judge the winner. He chose the picture frame containing a computer-enhanced image of our last Club photograph donated by Rtn Jason. There was no prize for the winner, but Rtn Flicker suggested that it be auctioned and he made the first offer of \$1,000. Ipp Li then took over as the auctioneer and soon extracted the winning offer of \$1,800 from PP Long John.

To complete proceedings, DG Anthony was given the honour of presenting gifts to the distinguished guests, Elaine Lam, Owen Lam and Elsa Li.



Rin Flicker gets the royal treatment (& a gift) from Elsa.



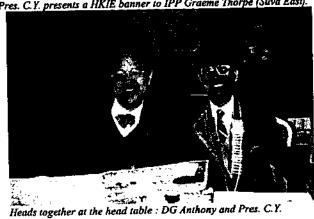
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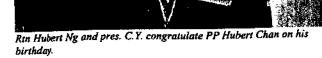




IPP LI and PP Rob share fellowship with IPP Gr







President C.Y. then closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Suva East.



PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr Andrew Shek Hin-tak has been proposed and seconded for membership of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East in accordance with Article V of the Club Constitution and in accordance with the requirement of Article XI of our By-Laws, and the Board has approved the proposal. Details of Mr Shek are as follows:

: Andrew Hin-tak SHEK

: British citizen Nationality : 12 July, 1964 Birthday

Wife's name : Peggy

: AIG Investment Corp. (Asia) Ltd. Name of Firm

Principal activity of firm: Investment Banking

: Investment Banking (Additional Active) Classification : 19/F, AIA Building, 1 Stubbs Rd., HK. Business Address

: 2832 8054 Telephone Number : 2882 6266 Fax Number

: Flat 41G, Block 1, Illumination Tce., 5 Tai Hang Road, HK. Residential Address

: 9038 5926 Telephone Number : IPP David Li Proposer

If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member of the Club within seven days from 23 December 1998, Mr Shek shall be considered to be elected to Membership.



RI DISTRICT 3450 ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 98/99

The Rotary Club of Peninsula South is hosting the Annual District Sports Day which is scheduled to be held on 10 January 1999 at Wan Chai Sports Ground. Members of HKIE are invited to participate in this event and PE Desmond will take charge of organizing participants. The program is as follows:

OPENING CEREMONY

A spectacular performance by a marching band together with the Banners Bearers parade.

SPORTS EVENT

Different kinds of races like short distances, long distances and relay will be taken on the track for fellow members, spouses, teenagers and children, while bonus points will be given to races for adults.

FAMILY GAME

Two Family Games will be conducted for all Rotary families to enjoy.

SPECIAL EVENT

Presidents, IPPs and PPs are urged to keep themselves fit in order to win the special prize.

MINI-SPORTS GAME

Other than track events, there will be six different mini-sports games for children to participate in and to share the championship like their fathers and mothers on the track.

GAMES BOOTHS

Lots of fun and lots of gifts will be distributed to all children at the three Games Booths.

LUCKY DRAW

There will be altogether four Lucky Draws during the day, something that should not be missed.

Illinois Rotarians put unused frequent - filer miles to work

Rotarians support sheriff's efforts to reach out to local children

The sheriff's department in Harris County, Texas, with the assistance of Rotarians, local businesses and other civic organizations, works with children in the community today to ensure their long-term respect tomorrow.

Since 1997, the department has conducted K.O.P.S. (Kids Orientation to Police Services) — a six-week program designed to help children between 8 and 11 become better acquainted with their local law enforcement services and various safety issues. For two hours each week, deputy sheriffs personally conduct and supervise educational presentations on topics on such as home, fire, firearm and bicycle safety.

In addition, thanks to the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Katy, Texas, the sheriff's department is able to provide the children with educational field trips. They are exposed to the diverse services of the department, with visits and demonstrations from such specialized groups as the sheriff's mounted patrol, canine units, aerial law enforcement response team (ALERT) and emergency response team (ERT), and the crime prevention and DARE units. K.O.P.S. participants also get an inside view of the mechanics of the county's emergency dispatch centre while on a field trip to the sheriff's headquarters in downtown Houston.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

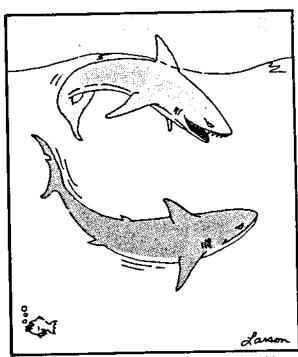
In a crowded city at a crowded bus stop, a beautiful young woman was waiting for the bus. She was dressed in a tight leather mini-skirt with matching tight leather boots and jacket. As the bus pulled to a stop, she realized that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step on the bus. Slightly embarrassed, and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her and unzipped her skirt a little, thinking this would give her enough slack to raise her leg.

Again, she tried to make the step onto the bus, only to discover she still couldn't. So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her and unzipped her skirt a little more, and for a second time, attempted the step and once again, she could not raise her leg because of the tight skirt.

So, with a coy little smile to the driver, she again unzipped the offending skirt to give a little more slack and again was unable to make the step.

At this stage, the big guy behind her in the line picked her up easily from the waist and placed her lightly on the step of the bus. Well, she went berserk and turned on the would-be hero screeching at him: "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!"

At this, the guy smiled, and replied, "Well Madam, normally I'd agree with you. But after you unzipped my fly three times, I figured we were friends."



"Say, honey ... didn't I meet you last night at the feeding-frenzy?"

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What Happened Last Week



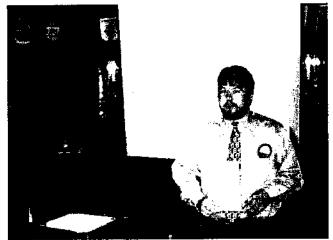
Our speaker last week was James Welcome, a former recipient of the prestigious Thomas J. Watson Research Fellowship and student of Chinese literature, now a teacher of history in St. Stephen's College in Stanley.

He spoke to us about his research subject and overriding passion - the origins of the story of "The Journey to the West" - how a true copy of the Buddhist sutras was brought to China by a monk and associated mythical characters, Pigsy, Sandy and, most famously, the peach-stealing Monkey King.

During his Fellowship year, James had travelled through China, Pakistan, India, Nepal, and Outer Mongolia seeking paintings and oral tradition that would show how the historical figure of the monk (8th century) came to be joined with the mythical figure of the monkey.

With some fascinating transparencies, James took us on a journey through space, time and legend and showed the evidence in cave paintings and murals that leads him to his hypothesis: He believes that the original association of the monk with a monkey may have originated with several depictions of the monk returning to China with a Western, bearded monk. He showed how the monk would almost certainly have seen the Indian tale of the Ramayana, with its monkey god, performed on his travels. How that in the area along the Silk Road, in North-Western China, artists would have had no opportunity to see monkeys, and yet at the Indian end of the "Journey to the West", monkeys are indigenous and are noted for their love of peaches.

James concluded by thanking Rotary for giving him his first opportunity to leave the USA when he visited Mexico under Rotary sponsorship, a trip that set him on his "Journey to the East"!



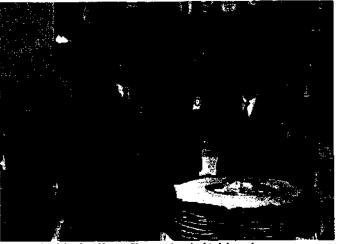
Mr. James Welcome delivering his speech on "The Journey to the West".







Presidents and representatives from our baby clubs.



Happy birthday boy Henry Chan cutting the birthday cake.

Through the past 45 years, we have sponsored a total of 10 baby clubs including the 4th generation. Our President C.Y. thought that it is a good time for us to get together with all the Baby Clubs to have a joint fellowship gathering.

AG Kay Lau and all Presidents and their representatives of the baby clubs came to make-up in the last meeting. They even sang the birthday song for our birthday boy Rtn. Henry Chan and sang the Christmas song for all our members.

After the regular meeting, the 1st working committee meeting was held to plan for the joint function.

The committee members are:

Entertainment

Advisor	: PDG Uncle Peter Hall
Chairman	; President C. Y. Fu
Secretary	: PE Erhart Maegerlein
•	President Raymond Ma
	- RC of HK Northeast
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- RC of HK Harbour

President Alice Lui
- RC of Bayview Sunshine HK

Catering/Venue: President Gordon Lam
- RC of Happy Valley

P.R./Fellowship: President Nick Pirie - RC of HK South

Prizes/Souvenirs: President Paul Chan - RC of HK Bayview

The joint function is likely to be held on either 8 or 15 May 1999.

Details will be announced in due course.



President-nominee, directors-nominee declared

Frank J. Devlyn of Mexico City, Mexico, has been declared the official nominee for the office of RI president for 2000-2001. Devlyn, a member of the Rotary Club of Anahuac, was nominated by committee in September, and no additional nominations were received by the Dec. 1 deadline. Devlyn will be elected president at the 1999 Convention in Singapore next June and will take office July 1, 2000, succeeding Carlo Ravizza of Milan, Italy.

Eight zones of Rotary world will be represented by new RI directors elected at the Singapore Convention. They will take office on July 1, 2000, and serve two-year terms. Six candidates selected by zone nominating committees have no opponents and are assured of election. In the two remaining zones, the nominating committees' candidates have been challenged.

In accordance with RI bylaws, RI President James L. Lacy has declared the six candidates who face no opposition to be the official directors-nominee from their respective zones. They are Gary C.K. Huang, Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan (Zone 4); Kenneth E. Collins, Rotary Club of Mill Point, W.A., Australia (Zone 7); Norbert Turco, Rotary Club of Domont-Ecouen, France (Zone 11); Jorma Lampen, Rotary Club of Pohjois-Helsinki-Norra Helsingfors, Finland (Zone 15); Lynn A. Hammond, Rotary Club of Loveland, Colorado, USA (Zone 25); and Donald E. Osburn, Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland, USA (Zone 32).

In Zones 21 and 33, clubs have proposed challengers to the candidate chosen by the nominating committee. In both of these zones, a ballot by mail will determine the director-nominee. The results will not be known until early March 1999.

Lombardi Award goes to Texas A & M's Nguyen

Dat Nguyen, the 5-11, 221 - pound Texas A & M linebacker, has overcome tough circumstances throughout his life. Nguyen was born in an Arkansas refugee camp after his parents fled war-torn Vietnam in 1975. After the family left the camp, Nguyen's parents battled great hardship to establish a business in Rockport, Texas. And despite a steady display of football talent throughout his life, Nguyen's size has always caused some to doubt whether he could pay at the highest level.

All of that was cast aside Tuesday, Dec.8, when Nguyen beat out three other – larger – finalists to win the 1998 Rotary Lombardi Award at a ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston. The Lombardi Award is presented annually by the Rotary Club of Houstone to a lineman or linebacker who excels at his position and best exemplifies the discipline of the award's namesake, Vince Lombardi, the legendary NFL coach who succumbed to cancer. Proceeds from the black-tie affair go to the American Cancer Society. The event has raised more than US\$2.25 million since its inception in 1970.

"It seems like every time I do something, it's overcoming an obstacle," Nguyen said. "I never thought I'd play a down for Texas A & M. Now I win this, and it opens doors for kids. I doesn't make any difference how big you are. Anybody can win."

The other three finalists for the award were offensive tackle Aaron Gibson (6-7, 371 pounds) of Wisconsin, linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer (6-4, 265 pounds) of Ohio State and offensive tackle Matt Stinchcomb (6-6, 290 pounds) of Georgia.

Nguyen is the all-time leading tackler in Texas A & M history and was named the Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Year last month.



Nominations due soon for Jean Harris Award

Jan. 15, 1999, is the deadline for district to submit their nominees for the Jean Harris Award. The district-level award recognizes outstanding efforts by a non-Rotarian woman who has made significant contributions to the development and progress of women.

The recipients' efforts must address one or more of the following issues affecting women: education, health, economics and personal development. The award was created in the 1996-97 Rotary year to honor Jean Harris – wife of Rotary founder Paul Harris – for her tireless commitment to service and her promotion of Rotary's ideals.

The district's single nomination for the award must be submitted on the appropriate official nomination form, endorsed by the district governor and received at World Headquarters by Jan. 15, 1999. Nomination forms may be mailed to the Recognition Section, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, USA, or faxed to (847) 866-6116.

A certificate will be mailed to each individual district for presentation to the recipient of its Jean Harris Award. For more information, contact your district governor or RI's Recognition Section, telephone (847) 866-4494.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A girl asks her boyfriend to come over Friday night to meet her parents and have dinner. Since this is such a big event, the girl tells her boyfriend that after dinner, she would like to go out and have sex with him for the first time.

Well, the boy is ecstatic, but he has never done this before, so he goes to the pharmacy to get some condoms. The pharmacist helps the boy for about an hour. He tells the boy everything there is to know about sex and condoms. At the register, the pharmacist asks the boy how many condoms he would like to buy, a 3-pack, a 10-pack or family pack. The boy insists on the family pack because he thinks he will be rather busy, it being his first time and all.

That night, the boy shows up at his girlfriend's house and meets her at the door. "Oh, I'm so excited about you meeting my parents. Come on in!"

The boy goes inside and is taken to the dinner table where the girl's parents are seated. The boy quickly offers to say Grace and bows his head. A minute passes and the boy is still deep in prayer, with his head down. Five minutes pass and still no movement from the boy. Finally, after ten minutes with his head down, the girlfriend finally leans over and whispers to the boyfriend, "I had no idea you were this religious."

The boy turns and whispers back, "I had no idea your father was a pharmacist."



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