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This week's speaker

Stewart Oldfield of the South China Morning Post, on: Journalism in HK today.

What Happened Last Week



Group photo with visiting Rotarians, Interactor and guests.

Our Speaker last week was Rotarian Danny Killis who gave us his vocational talk on the subject of Electronic Commerce and the Supply Chain. Danny started with a sigh of relief that he had not included the Rotary logo on his introductory slide with his company's name General Electric Information Systems or GEIS. This was because PDG Uncle Peter had just elaborated on the controls on Rotarians using the Rotary logo.

He explained how Jack Wells, chief executive officer of GE, had set a course of diversification for the group, one arm of which was based on EDI or electronic data interchange. Denny gave a particularly neat explanation of this term by describing it as a formatted e-mail exchanged between business partners.

He explained how most of the electronic commerce engaged in by the customers of GE was a business to business communication not consumer to business. GE at one time sold products and the have no moved on to selling electronic commerce solutions instead, providing commercial connections and even operating an electronic government tendering service. They aim at facilitating the

communication between suppliers, manufacturers, logistics, banks and customers so they believe that the that they must improve productivity throughout.

Danny gave us many examples of trading partnerships and clients of GE who are using their electronic commerce services. He told us about their service using EDI on the Internet, Web commerce, about the use of intranets, and of extranets where intranets at two different locations are joined by means of an Internet connection.



The visiting Rotarians were well taken care by our own members.



The Interactor from New Jersy' High School of U.S.A. was taken care by



The Interactor from New Jersy' High School of U.S.A. exchanged banner with Rtn. Danny Killis presenting his vocational talk.



Next week

13 January 1999 Gavin Coates, author of books such as The Last Nut and The search for Earthy's best friend will speak on "What are you going to do with your last nut"

For answers to this and other intriguing questions, please be sure to come next week!

Rotary Infomration



The logo of the Government of the H.K.S.A.R.

PDG Peter Hall reported that he has recently noticed that the above Logo of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region appeared on some of the Rotary Club's stationery together with the usual Rotary 24-cog logo. This practice should be discontinued as it violates the Hong Kong law. The so called "Bauhinia" logo should only be used the Hong Kong Government and its various departments.



President Lacy meets with U.S. President Clinton

After welcoming Rotarians and guests to the RI North American Presidential Conference in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Dec. 11, RI President James L. Lacy paid a visit to the White House to meet with U.S. President Bill Clinton. The main purpose of Lacy's visit was to seek Clinton's support for the international polio eradication initiative and Rotary's PolioPlus Program. Clinton expressed his personal commitment to the goal of a polio-free world and pledged to make polio eradication a priority of his administration.

The two leaders met for nearly a half-hour to discuss numerous matters. Lacy took the opportunity to explain his presidential emphasis on children's issues. Prior to the meeting with Clinton, Lacy and Past District Governor John Sever of Maryland met with several White House domestic policy advisors to discuss ways in which the U.S. government and Rotary can cooperate more closely to help all nations of the world eradicate polio.

The United States is the leading donor nation in the international polio eradication partnership, which also includes the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, Rotary and the governments of both polio-free and polio-endemic nations. In 1999, the U.S. will spend US\$92.2 million for international polio eradication efforts, through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The U.S. spends \$230 million annually to immunize the nation's children against polio. The Western Hemisphere was certified as polio-free in 1994.

Over \$3 million goes to feed the hungry after Rotary clubs meet challenge

Alan Shawn Feinstein lived up to his end of the bargain after Rotary clubs across the United States lived up to theirs. The Rhode Island philanthropist presented the Rotary Club of Providence with a US\$1 million check on Dec. 8 after 1,422 clubs overwhelmingly answered his challenge to feed the hungry by raising more than \$2 million of their own.

According to the challenge issued by Feinstein to the Providence club earlier this year, he would match, up to \$1 million, all funds donated by U.S. Rotary clubs to food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens between Oct. 16 (World Hunger Day) and Oct. 31 – provided they reached the million-dollar plateau. Rotarians, in fact, raised \$2,011,811.70, through 1,813 contributions. The average contribution in the drive – excluding the smallest contribution of \$12.50 and the largest of \$100,000 – was \$638.

All contributions that have been made to food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens by Rotary clubs will be matched at about 49 cents per dollar – almost a 50 percent match rate.

Feinstein is founder of the Youth World Hunger Brigade, the Hunger Program at Brown University and the International Famine Centre at Tufts University. He also heads the Feinstein Foundation, which supports many hunger-related and educational causes. He issued the challenge to Rotary after learning of the organization's efforts to alleviate hunger throughout the world.

Providence, Rhode Island, Rotarians extend their gratitude to all the Rotary clubs that participated in the challenge.

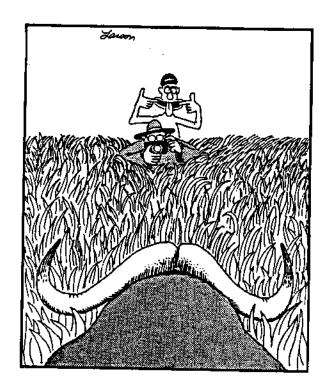
LAZIGE FOR TEE WEEK

An airliner makes an emergency sea crash-landing in an archipelago of beautiful deserted islands in the middle of the South Pacific. The following passengers manage to swim to various islands, 3 people per island:

- 2 Italian men and 1 Italian woman
- 2 Frenchmen and 1 French woman
- 2 German men and 1 German woman
- 2 Greek men and 1 Greek woman
- 2 Englishmen and 1 English woman
- 2 Bulgarian men and 1 Bulgarian woman
- 2 Japanese men and 1 Japanese woman
- 2 American men and 1 American woman
- 2 Irishmen and 1 Irish woman

One month later on these absolutely stunning, deserted islands in nowhere, the following things have occurred:

- One Italian man killed the other Italian man for the Italian woman.
- The Two Frenchmen and the French woman are living happily together in a menage a trois.
- The two German men have a strict weekly schedule of when they alternate with the German woman.
- The Two Greek men are sleeping with each other while the Greek woman is cooking and cleaning for them.
- The Two Englishmen fix themselves some cucumber sandwiches, a pot of Earl Grey tea, and are waiting for someone to introduce them to the English woman.
- The two Bulgarian men took a long look at the endless ocean and one look at the Bulgarian woman, and started swimming.
- The two American men are contemplating the virtues of suicide, while the American woman keeps bitching that her body is her own, the true nature of feminism, how she can do everything they can do, about the necessity of fulfilment, the equal division of household chores, how her last boyfriend respected her opinion and treated her much nicer, and how her relationship with her mother is improving. But at least taxes are low and it isn't raining.
- The two Japanese men have faxed Tokyo and are waiting for instructions.
- The Irish began dividing the island into North and South and by setting up a distillery. They do not remember if sex is in the picture because it gets sort of foggy after the first few litres of coconut whiskey, but they are satisfied in that at least the English are not getting away.



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Visitors and guests to the Club, 6th January 1999.

There were a lot of strange (but according to Flicker, "beautiful") faces to greet members as they rolled up to the meeting this week. It was a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Peninsula South and unlike our club, they have a large number of female members, including their current President, Ada.

Our President C.Y. started the ball rolling by welcoming the visiting members to our club meeting. He also welcomed back HKIE members who had been absent over the vacation period: These included PPs Ramesh and Rob and Rtns Malcolm and Chris.

Rtn Malcolm then took charge of introducing the visitors and guests: Rtn Philip Jehle (Kowloon) Turgut Kural (Rtn Ates)

President Ada thanked our Club for its kind invitation to join our meeting and took the opportunity to introduce each of her members individually. She then called out three members of her club and our own Rtn Chris who were celebrating birthdays. A cream laden cake was wheeled in and all members wished them well by singing the birthday song.

This was followed by several announcements:

PP Hubert informed members that HKIE had taken the decision to purchase a portable ventillator to donate to the support group for Spinal Muscular Atrophy sufferers. This will be used immediately by a child to enable him to leave the hospital where he is presently confined. The cheque for \$90,000 was handed over to Mrs. Fok, Chairperson of the SMA group.

PE Desmond announced that he had finally scraped together a HKIE team for the relay running event at the forthcoming Rotary District Sports Day. This was an A team for the over 40s.

Acting Sergeant Tajwar advised that \$2,180 had been collected from members this week.

PDG Uncle Peter stood in at short notice to give the Rotary Information for the day. He reminded members that January is Rotary Awareness Month, a period when we all should make ourselves familiar with the Rotary laws and rules. We were reminded that these are given to us when we join the Club and we should read them again. For higher office, it is also necessary to be familiar with the contents of the Manual of Procedure. Uncle Peter also said that this is a month during which we should take every opportunity to inform the public of the role of the Rotary organization and the achievements of our own Club.

Finally, PP Rob introduced the guest speaker for the day. He was a young man named Stewart Oldfield who is a business journalist from the South China Morning Post. Stewart comes from Australia where he gained his BEc (Hons) and BA in Literature from Melbourne University. Arriving in Hong Kong in 1997, he almost immediately started work with SCMP.

He emphasized that he is still feeling his way here, a job made more difficult because he can not converse in Cantonese. However, it has been an exciting period for him because it spans the 'Asian Meltdown' and there have been many stories to write about this phenomenon. The consensus is that the economy should start to improve in the second half of 1999 and the stock market should rise by about 20%. This crisis has forced the government to make big decisions, such as intervention in the stock market, but it seems to have been successful in frightening away the speculators, and the government's investment of \$15 billion has currently increased to \$20 billion.

Stewart mentioned some of his day-to-day activities: He's always polite to secretaries because, in Hong Kong, they wield a lot of power and to get past them, you have to first win them over with charm; many businesses in Hong Kong deal with the press through PR firms, so it is difficult sometimes to get direct or adverse information; the job is demanding with starting work before lunch and finishing after midnight; salaries are generally low and most journalists use the job as a stepping stone to more lucrative careers elsewhere.

PP P.H. from Peninsula South thanked Stewart for his presentation.

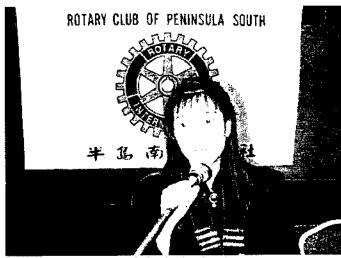
The meeting was closed on time with a toast to the Rotary Club of Peninsula South.



Surrounded by beauty, Uncle Peter & Tim have never had it so good.



Turkish delight: Ates entertains Turgut Kural (Vice Consul of Turkey).



President Ada of RC Peninsula South takes the reins



The birthday celebrants cut the birthday cake - our desert for the day!



President C.Y. and PP Hubert present \$90,000 cheque to Mrs. Fok (Chair, SMA).



Mr. Stewart Oldfield enlightens members on the profession of business journalism.



Reading lessons begin at birth, thanks to Hawaiian Rotarians

Thanks to a statewide effort spearheaded by Rotarians, hospitals across Hawaii have been receiving "Books for Newborns" packets to distribute to parents of newborns. Each packet includes a "My First Little Mother Goose" book, a "Read to Me" infant T-shirt, a reading keepsake booklet, a pamphlet with tips for raising healthy babies and a Hawaii State Library card application. The Books for Newborns project is designed to encourage parents to read aloud to newborns and increase awareness of children's literacy issues.

"We feel very strongly about promoting the importance of reading and the value of books at home," said Gloria King, District 5000 Books for Newborns chairperson. "Parents are the first and primary educators of children, playing a crucial role in their early development."

An estimate 5,000 packets are distributed quarterly, with 15 hospitals participating on five islands: eight on Oahu; three on the Big Island; two on Kauai; and one each on Maui and Molokai.

"Books for Newborns is a great project because it promotes healthy growth and development in young children," said Liz Chun, executive director of the Good Beginnings Alliance, which is partnering with Rotary on the project. Other organizations teaming with District 5000, which initiated the three-year project, include Literacy and Lifelong Learning, Read To Me International, Hawaii State Public Library System and Hawaii Pizza Hut Literacy Fund.



Registration deadline approaches for Pre- or Post-Convention Homestay

Rotarians who wish to participate in the 1999 Pre-or Post-Convention Homestay program, either as guests or hosts, are encouraged to send in their registration forms as soon as possible. Through the annual Homestay program, Rotarians in the region where the RI Convention is being held open their homes to visiting Rotarians and their families either before or after the convention to give them an inside view of life and culture in that area.

The 1999 Convention will be held in Singapore, June 13-16. In keeping with the fellowship of this event, RI president James L. Lacy has invited Rotarians from Brunei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand to host fellow Rotarians from abroad for a few days in their homes.

Fen. 15 is the final date for either guests or hosts to register. However, because of the time needed for international correspondence and the need for guests to make plane reservations and other arrangements, Rotarians should end their forms in earlier, if at all possible. Applications for homestay are made through club presidents, and host forms must be signed by club presidents.

Rotarians interested in participating in the program, which offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, may contact Michele Berg, telephone (847) 866-3422 or fax (847) 866-6116, at World Headquarters. Applications may be submitted for either Pre- or Post-Convention Homestays.

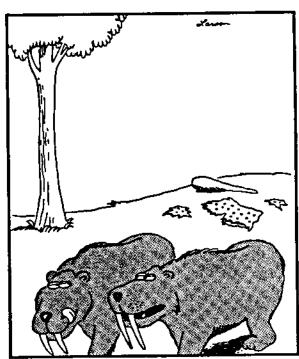
LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

An Irishman, an Englishman and a Scotsman are in Delaney's bar discussing how stupid their wives are ...

The Englishman says: "You know, my wife must be the most stupid woman on this planet. There was a sale down at the supermarket last week. She bought \$3,000 worth of meat, and we don't even have a freezer.'

The Scotsman says: "That's nothing. My wife went out last week and bought a brand new car for \$160,000, and she can't even drive."

The Irishman says: "You think that's stupid! I went home last week and my wife told me that she'd booked herself a two-week holiday in Bali. I watched her packing her case and she took nearly 400 condoms with her ... and she doesn't even have a penis!"



"I've heard all kinds of sounds from these things, but 'yabba dabba doo' was a new one to me."

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On this very cold January day, the meeting was held in the second floor Mariner Room, but a very warm welcome was given to two old-timers not seen for a long time. Rtn Emperor and PP Con were present on this occasion and we hope to see them more often from now on.

President C.Y. opened the meeting and invited Rtn Stephen to welcome the visitors and guests. In fact, there were only two visitors present:

Winston Tsang (Kowloon East) Jimmy Pun (Hong Kong)

President C.Y. officially welcomed PP Con and Rtn Emperor to the meeting and enquired where Con had been. Con explained that he had gone to Hollywood to forge another career but their offers were not up to his standard, so he has returned to Hong Kong and his beloved Rotary Club.

PDG Y.K. was identified as the only birthday boy for the week, and he selected PP Con, who used to have a fine reputation for his vocal abilities, to lead the singing. As usual, this was done with immaculate aplomb.

PDG Uncle Peter then had the pleasure of announcing and presenting the 4 star PHF pin to IPP David Li. He also explained that the 4 sapphires represented a contribution of US\$5,000 to the Rotary Foundation; up to US\$10,000 merits a similar pin with ruby stars; and over US\$10,000 is represented by a pin with diamonds.

PE Desmond then made the following announcements:

- 1. President C.Y., Rtns Malcolm, Rudy, and himself completed the relay race at the District Rotary Sports Day on the weekend. He didn't say where they were placed. (President C.Y. informed members that he had been entered in three 100 metre races by another President, the first two as warm-up events. He didn't say where he came either, but the word is out that he is being tested for the use of natural energy boosters from the many bottles in his business.)
- 2. The Rotary District Tennis Tournament will be held on 30 January. Rtns Francis and Desmond will represent HKIE.

President C.Y. also announced that the District RYLA camp will be held this coming weekend and members are invited to attend. Rtn Joseph and President C.Y. will be speakers at this event.

Acting Sergeant Tajwar informed members that the takings for the day were \$1,880.

IPP Li provided the Rotary information for the day. This focused on a speech given by PDG Vincent To at the Second Plenary Session of the District Conference. It was titled, "Our District, Our Clubs" and dealt with the important topic of membership. For more details of this speech, please refer to the article featured in this issue.

Rtn Malcolm was then asked to introduce the speaker for the day: Mr. Gavin Coates whose intriguing topic was "What are you going to do with your last nut?" Gavin was born in the UK and came to Hong Kong 15 years ago as a landscape architect. He has since branched out as a freelance illustrator and cartoonist promoting protection and respect for our environment. He displayed his first children's book, "The Last Nut" and then read it to members with the display of the illustrations on each page. It was a story of the destruction of the natural habitat and forests by unthinking people until only one nut was left by a dying tree. On the last page was a mirror with the printed question, "What are you going to do with your last nut?" The question obviously is directed at who is looking in the mirror. This means that everybody who contemplates this question has a share in the responsibility for and fate of this planet.

He went on to say that this important topic is most pertinent to Hong Kong where environmental degradation is there for all to see every day. Especially, the forests are the lungs of the earth for cleansing our air, generating moisture in the atmosphere, creating rich, productive soils, and supporting a complex bio-diversity that is crucial to the survival of all species on Earth. We destroy this resource at our own peril.

What is necessary to change the destruction we have wrought in the past is:

- 1. Funding to undertake protective and restorative projects.
- 2. Revival of the innocent child within us, i.e., the fascination with natural things, as well as care for things and others around us.
- 3. A responsible attitude in our business activities to care for our environment.
- 4. A balanced view towards economic development, i.e., not development at any cost.
- 5. A vision for the future in energy efficiency, water conservation, waste management, etc.

To complete his presentation, Gavin did a quick drawing of what he would do with his last nut.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Greenfingers himself, PP Con.

As the time was 2:05 p.m., President C.Y. closed the meeting by proposing a toast to the Rotary Clubs of Kowloon East and Hong Kong.



PP Can given a warm welcome hack into the bosom of the Club



Birthday boy PDG Y.K. shares his happiness with Pres. C.Y. and PP Con..



PP Tim and Rtn Stephen taking care of Jimmy Pun (Hong Kong).



Rtn Alex enjoys fellowship with Rtn Emperor Cheung



PD Uncle Peter presents a 4-star PHF pin to IPP David Li.



Speaker Gavin Coates asks HKIE members what they propose to do their

"Rtn Robin Header has informed our Club that he has retired from the Hong Kong Government with effect from 28 December 1998, but will be remaining in Hong Kong until August 1999.

Rtn Robin Header's home telephone and fax numbers are 2895 1777 and 2895 0936 respectively, and his home address is A1, 15/F, Winfield Building, 3 Ventris Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong"

Ex-member David Wei

The Club regrets to inform member that its ex-member David Wei has died in Canada due to a sudden heart attach. President C.Y. has sent condolences to his family on behalf of the Club. Those members who wish to send their personal condolences to Mr. Wei's family, please contact President C.Y.

PE Desmond



OUR DISTRICT, OUR CLUBS

PDG Vincent To

[This is an extract of a speech given at the Second Plenary Session of the Rotary District Conference, 4 April 1998]

This year (1998) we started to face a serious membership shrinkage problem. The starting figure in July was 1,934 members and 48 clubs, and as at February 1998, we were down to 1,857 members, a net loss of 77 members. There is no new club being chartered. Our growth pattern followed that of the Rotary would. The growth came from external growth, that is chartering new clubs.

However, chartering of new clubs should only be secondary to consolidation and retention of existing clubs.

The real solution to membership decline is "Involvement". Involve members in projects. Involve them in programmes. In a nutshell, touch them.

For many years, the Rotary world's total membership has struggled at the level of the 1.2 million margin. And for our District we are struggling around the figure of 1,900. We always want to achieve 2,000. We always pledge to achieve this figure at the beginning of a Rotary year, a modest 5% net gain. However, to date, we still have not made it. There are hundreds and thousands of potential Rotarians in our territory. It is just we have not invited them to become Rotarians. RI Statistics show that 90% of our members have never proposed a new member.

It is absolutely necessary that we effectively orient, induct, educate and involve, assign and ask our existing Rotarians to let the organization touch them - especially the new and younger Rotarians - if we want to retain them. It is not enough that they are in Rotary; Rotary must be in them.

Why Join Rotary?

- 1. Friendship. This is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 2. Business development. The second original reason for Rotary's beginning. Everyone needs to network.
- 3. Personal growth and development.
- 4. Leadership development.
- 5. Fun. Rotary can be fun, a lot of fun.
- 6. The development of social skills.
- 7. The development of vocational skills.
- 8. The development of ethics. Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test, which governs one's ethical standards.
- 9. Cultural awareness. Rotary is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of other cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere.
- 10. Prestige. Rotary members are prominent people: Leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Not everyone is invited to join Rotary.
- 11. The opportunity to serve. Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind, its products service. Rotarians provide community service to both the local and international communities. This is the best reason perhaps for becoming a Rotarian; the chance to do something for somebody else. Rotarians believe in Service Above Self; it is richly rewarding. "He profits most who serves best."

We must be cautious of the current economic crisis in Asia. Hong Kong and Macau are more fortunate. But this is a question of degree. The worst may still be to come and we must prepared. The economy is always a factor affecting membership growth including membership retention. But this may be the right time when there are opportunities to serve the needy. If one approaches the problem positively, one can use the economic downturn as a stepping stone for inviting new members to join Rotary.

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President C.Y. opened the meeting by welcoming all guests and visitors; and PE Desmond took over the introductions:

Vittorio Pasquini (Hong Kong)

Peter Tse (TST East)
Richard Meichtry (HK)
Solomon Lee (Kowloon East)
Bilal Salman (Sec. Ates)

President C.Y. announced that there were two birthday boys this week: PP T.K. and Rtn Malcolm. T.K. observed that Rtn Robin 'Header' will not be with us in another year's time so he called him out to lead the singing.

President C.Y. then made two important announcements:

- 1. Our past member, David Wei, who had emigrated to Canada, had passed away from a heart attack. C.Y. has sent condolescences to David's wife on behalf of HKIE.
- The next District Conference will be held at the Hong Kong Exhibition Centre on March 20 and 21. All HKIE members attending will have their registrations paid for by the Club. Our members will be required as usual for the registration procedures.

It was the turn then for the Acting Sergeant, IPP David Li to provide the figures for the day: \$2,630 was collected and Rtn Tajwar and David made the amount up to \$3,000. It was also announced that 25 members were present.

While he was at the front, IPP Li also provided the Rotary information for the day. This concerned the confirmation of Charter President John Wan of the RC Kingspark Hong Kong as District Governor Nominee for Rotary Year 2000-2001. Some brief details of PP John Wan can be found in the article elsewhere in this issue.

President C.Y. drew members attention to the attendance figures in the DG's monthly newsletter. He pointed out that HKIE had the best attendance of all seven clubs in Area HK2 of the District with 69.68% attendance in November, 1998. It was ranked 12th in attendance in the District as a whole. He also noted that the good attendance over the past two months had ensured that no subsidy had to be paid from the Club's funds to the Hotel.

The speaker for the day was our own member, Rtn Rudy, who spoke on E-Commerce, or One-to-One Marketing. This, we were informed, is very popular in the USA.

There are some real advantages to this strategy in marketing which incorporates four criteria:

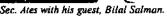
- Known customer profiles and data
- The efficient transaction procedures
- Easy matching of products with customers
- The dynamic content

Other advantages are that there is no country border to contend with and products can be put on the market quickly. Security can be assured as in the USA, banks withhold transfer of payment for several months to ensure customer satisfaction with the deal before it is finalized.

President C.Y. thanked Rtn Rudy for his presentation and invited Rtn Malcolm to inform members about the next social event which he is going to organize. So far, it seems that there is some interest in a boat trip to one of the islands for dinner (or lunch). Some discussion ensued and it seems that the Club could have use of PP George's slow boat or maybe hire the Jockey Club boat. No date has been fixed yet.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong.







Rtn. Tajwar shares a joke with visitor, Richard Meichtry.



Rtn. Robin enjoys fellowship with long-time visitor, PP Peter Tse..



Rin Henry and Stephen taking good care of visitors, Solomon Lee and Vittorio Pasauini.



Pres. C.Y. with our two birthday boys, PP T.K. and Rtn. Malcolm.



Rtn. Rudy speaking passionately about one-to-one marketing.

JOHN WAN CHUNG-ON District governor-nominee 2000-2001 Rotary International District 3450

John Wan is a Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs of the Hong Kong Government. Before this, he has worked in various departments, including Financial Services Branch, Finance Branch, Post Office, Civil Service Training Centre and Social Welfare Department.

John joined Rotary in March 1987 as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour where he was president in 1988-89. He became charter president of his present club, the Rotary Club of Kingspark Hong Kong in May 1994 and also held the presidency in 1994-5. He founded Kingspark News, his club's weekly bulletin, and is currently its editor. He has been advisor to many youth committees involving Rotaract, Interact and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and has served as discussion leader or moderator on various subjects at district conferences and assemblies. He was Chairman of the District Preserve Planet Earth Task Force between 1995 and 1998, has served twice as District Governor's Group Representative and is now an Assistant Governor.

As regards International Service, John was Assistant Secretary General of the Findings Committee of the Rotary Hong Kong Institute in 1995, led the Rotaract Club of Kingspark Hong Kong to the Rotaract Pre-Conveiton in Indianapolis to receive an award for best project in the Region. John also led a group of Rotarians to the RI Regional Conference in Bangkok in October 1996, and attended the 1998 Rotary Bangkok Institute. He was also instrumental in concluding a number of matching grants between his club and clubs in Macau and overseas. Following the announcement by RI of the Disaster Relief Notice in respect the 1998 summer floods in China, he was appointed a member of the China Disaster Relief Committee for District 3450.

John has also been active in his alma mater, Wah Yan College. He was Chairman of its Past Students' Association in 1994-5 and President in 1996-97.

John is a 3-star Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary Foundation Benefactor.

He and his wife, Rosita, have a daughter Stephanie studying in Berkeley, USA and a son Lawrence, in Wah Yan College. All three are Paul Harris Fellows.

His pastimes include trail waking, contract bridge and music.



Districts across the U.S. push for more organ donations

More than 4,000 people in the United states died last year while waiting for life-saving organ transplant surgery, and thousands more remained on the waiting list because of the scarcity of donated organs. Trying to offset these tragic figures, six Rotary districts across the country have committed to supporting a program designed to make more people aware of the benefits of organ and tissue donation.

The effort includes participation in the second annual National Donor Day on Feb. 13. National Donor Day is a partnership between leading donor organizations and the automobile manufacturer Saturn, which offers its more than 400 retail facilities for one day's use in promoting organ-donation awareness and encouraging people to sign organ donor cards.

Inspired by an article in the September 1995 issue of The Rotarian that dealt with organ donation, Rotarians in District 6760 in Tennessee began a district-wide campaign to increase awareness of organ donation. Since then, five other districts (5060 in Washington, 5280 in California, 5890 in Texas and 6940 and 6970 in Florida) have joined forces with District 6760 to start the "Share Your Life – Give of Yourself" campaign, which aims to sign up 1 million organ donors by Jan. 1, 2001.

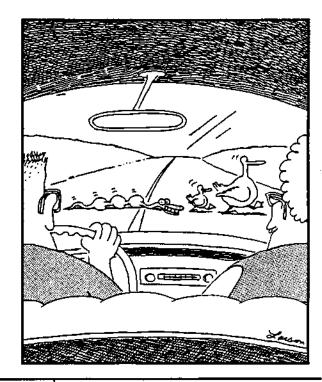
LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

"I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman enquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful!" the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor."



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This meeting was held in the second floor Marina Room and was opened by President C.Y. who welcomed all visitors and guests.

Rtn Malcolm was given the task of introducing the visitors and guests. These included:

Hartvig Jeppesen (Denmark) Hanne Jeppesen (Hartvig Jeppesen) Kevin Lam (Hong Kong NE) Andrew Shek (IPP Li)

President C.Y. then presented a Club banner to visiting Rotarian, Hartvig Jeppesen.

PE Desmond made the announcement that he and Rtn. Francis would represent the Club at the Rotary tennis tournament on Saturday, 30 January. He indicated that he wasn't looking forward to the event due to the rumour that he will be required to play at least 16 games.

Sergeant Danny provided the figures for the day: There were 21 members in attendance and \$1,770 had been donated.

The Rotary information was again delivered by IPP David Li. He chose to recount some of the important points from DG Anthony's speech to the 38th District Assembly on 16 May, 1998. This included:

• The theme for 1998-99, "Follow Your Rotary Dream", is a call to action - first to the heart, and then to the hands of all Rotarians.

Let me now share with you my dreams:

Membership Development and Retention

You will see that up to June 1997, our District membership was on an increase. The highest number of Rotarians in our District was 1,966. We started this Rotary year with 1,900 Rotarians. Since then, we have, up to the end of March 1998, lost over 40 members.

1,800 is a critical figure for a RI District. I was informed that once the membership level falls under 1,800, that District becomes a special attention District. This, I hope, would not happen.

So, to help me to realize my dream of a net increase of 5% in membership by 30th June 1999, that is about 90 members - about a net gain of 2 members per club.

Equally important is to retain members, especially new members of under 2 years. Make these new members into true Rotarians. Involve them! Motivate them! If the new members are being taken care of and they are interested, they would stay.

• Rotary Information

As I said before, put more Rotary into Rotarians. I have formed a Rotary Information Task Force headed by PDG Peter Hall. Make use of the Task Force.

• Rotary International Presidential Citation

I have also mentioned before, use the Presidential Citation as an educational tool for Rotarians. I expect at least 80% of the clubs qualifying for this Citation.

People's Republic of China

We are now part of China and I expect most of our clubs have projects in China. I encourage you to continue and to expand. China needs our assistance and if you can help, you should help.

The Rotary Foundation

My target is a total contribution of US\$200,000. I am sure that this is not an impossible dream. We are achievers and we can make it.

Partners in Service

My other dream is to have a strong Rotaract and Interact District. As they are our partners in service, we should treat them as our equal partners and not as our workers.

Community Concerns & Children

I have formed a task force to cover the Community Concerns and Children. It would be headed by IPP Sam Wong of the Rotary Club of New Territories with IPP Amy Ho of the Rotary Club of Admiralty as his deputy. Please join in the District project in the area.

For the Macau area, I have appointed PP Charles Fok of the Rotary Club of Macau Central to be my task force chairman in Macau.

Singapore Convention

Regarding the Singapore Convention, I dream to have at least 10% of our District to attend in 1999.

Lastly, it is very important to keep Rotary simple and affordable.

President C.Y. announced that the next HKIE Board meeting would be held on Monday, 1 February at the Craigengower Cricket Club, Wong Ngai Chung Road, Causeway Bay. All members are welcome to attend.

The stand-in speaker for the day was PP Rob Fielding who spoke on an aspect of his job. To begin, he asked Rtn Bill what he would do with a condom if he was given one. True to form, Flicker gave the obvious answer and it was pointed out that this was an example of convergent thinking. A divergent thinker, on the other hand, might have given some other uses for a condom, like using it to waterproof valuables while swimming, or to provide better grip when stretched over a long handle, etc. PP John is a very divergent thinker because he uses condoms to shine his shoes!

Anyhow, PP Rob said that his reading about HK students before he arrived in Hong Kong, indicated that they lack the developed capacity to think critically and creatively. This was confirmed for him when he arrived and had to interview students for courses at his university. His own subsequent investigations revealed that these students have very few stimulating experiences in their lives that could be used to develop their imaginations.

The latest research indicates that creative thinking begins in young children's play and is further enhanced in adolescence when it is reinforced by intellectual reasoning. The problem with children in Hong Kong seems to

- 1. Very young children are deprived of play experiences as they are thrust into academic work at a very early age to prepare them for competition for restricted school places.
- 2. The Chinese upbringing is rather authoritarian and questioning is discouraged.
- 3. Schools promote rote learning and memorization at the expense of discovery learning.

Clearly, these factors must be looked at if creative and critical modes of thinking are to be given increased value in society. In fact, creative thinking can be taught, and a good exponent of this strategy is Edward de Bono.

Finally, PP Rob informed members that he has invited a speaker from abroad to run a seminar/workshop on developing creative thinking to cope with the current economic recession. The speaker is Dr John Edwards who will speak at the Club meeting on 24 February before running the seminar/workshop on the following day.

President C.Y. thanked PP Rob for his presentation and closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Denmark.



Rtn. Hartvig Jeppesen (Denmark) introduces his wife Hanne.

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PP Sam enjoys the company of Rtn Kevin Lam (HKNE).



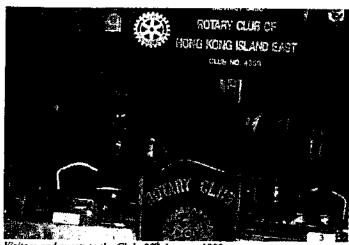
This looks like a very friendly table to be at!



Pres. C.Y. presents HKIE banner to Rtn Hartvig Jeppesen (Denmark).



PP Rob speaking about his research on creative thinking at HK PloyU.



Visitors and guests to the Club, 27th January 1999.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Dick has been in the computer business for 25 years and is finally sick of the stress. He quits his job and buys 50 acres of land in the countryside as far from humanity as possible. He sees the postman once a week and gets groceries once a month. Otherwise, it's total peace and quiet. After six months or so of total isolation, he's finishing dinner when someone knocks on his door. He opens it and there is a big, bearded country yokel standing there.

"Name's Enoch ... your neighbour from four miles over the ridge having a party Saturday ... thought you'd like to come.

"Great," says Dick, "after six months of this, I'm ready to meet some local folks. Thank you."

As Enoch is leaving, he stops. "Gotta warn you, there's gonna be some drinkin".

"Not a problem ... after 25 years in the computer business, I can drink with the best of 'em."

Again, as he starts to leave, Enoch stops. "More'n likely gonna be some fightin' too."

Damn, Dick thinks. Tough crowd. "Well, I get along with people. I'll be there. Thanks again."

Once again, Enoch turns from the door. "I've seen some wild sex at these parties too."

"Now, that's not a problem," says Dick. "Remember, I've been alone for six months! I'll definitely be there by the way, what should I wear?"

Enoch stops at the door again and says, "Whatever you want ... just gonna be the two of us."



"Okay ... on the count of three everybody rattles,"

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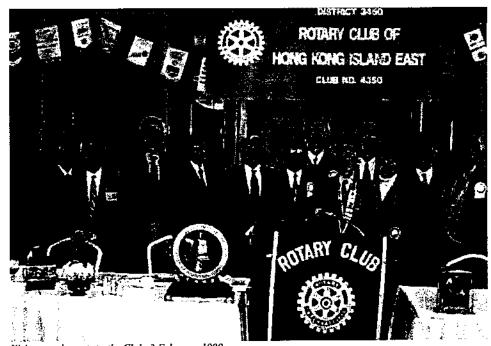
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What Happened Last Week



Visitors and guests to the Club, 3 February 1999.

President C.Y. opened the meeting and called on Rtn. Malcolm to introduce the visitors and guests:

C.K. Chan (HK Harbour) PP Peter Tse (TSTE) Wesley Fok (Rtn Rudy)

Hal Lazar (Palos Verdes Peninsula, USA) Capt. K.L. Mahajan (Port Blair, India) Rob Tsang (City NW) L.Chan (Rtn Rudy) Peggy Ng (Andrew Shek)

President C.Y. then took the opportunity to exchange banners and this was done with Rtn Hal Lazar and an IOU with Capt. K.L. Mahajan. At this point, Capt. Mahajan addressed members and told them about his Club's humanitarian projects to help the poor in his locality in India. He mentioned that \$200,000 is required for his Club to carry on these projects and asked HKIE to consider a contribution to this.

President C.Y. welcomed back Rtn Kishu who informed the meeting that he has been in the USA.

Our birthday boy for the day was Rtn Tony Loy and he chose PP Rob to lead the birthday song.

President C.Y. announced that PP Edwin Tao has had an operation in hospital and Club members are welcome to visit him.

He also reminded members that the 39th Annual District Conference of District 3450 will be held on 20-21 March 1999 at the Hong Kong International Trade and Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon. HKIE members will be needed to help out with the registration procedures and any HKIE member attending the conference will have his registration fee and Governor's banquet cost paid for by the Club. All members should have received a fax concerning these issues.

It was Sergeant Kishu's turn to inform members that \$1,870 had been donated at this meeting. He also produced two attractive books which he auctioned, and raised a further \$400, courtesy of Rtn Rudy.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the induction of Mr Andrew Shek. This was done warmly and efficiently by President C.Y. Andrew was sponsored by IPP David Li. Some details on Andrew II (His Rotary name) can be read elsewhere in this issue.

It was then PP Tim's turn as guest speaker to present a talk on the next Hong Kong budget which will be brought down on 3 March 1999. Tim speculates it will be a deficit budget in the order of \$40-\$45 billion. This is because of the Asian financial meltdown and the sharp decrease in government revenue. In addition, the longer term prognosis is not optimistic either and it looks like the economic downturn is likely to run its course through the following year. Generally, he maintained that the government needs to control costs and revive Hong Kong's strategic position in this region. Tim gave a list of macro- issues that need to be addressed by the government:

- Hong Kong's competitive position must be enhanced. 1.
- The government must make decisions about what industries and services are appropriate for Hong Kong, and provide assistance and incentives to develop these. Included here might be financial services, the film industry, instructional technology and shipping.
- Some assistance must be given to the 'man in the street' and small businesses. This could help to lower the unemployment rate and revive confidence in the economy.
- The following budget will also be in deficit, probably around \$70-\$75 billion. If the government revives land sales, this could be considerably reduced.
- The government has to reconsider the narrow tax base that currently exists. At present, also, taxation concessions are too liberal and, out of 3.2 million tax payers, only 1.2 million actually pay taxes. Maybe, indirect taxes need to be reorganized.

Notwithstanding these predictions, PP Tim maintains that Hong Kong has potentially a good long-term future, due mainly to its sound infrastructure, its reputation as a regional and world financial centre, and a well educated and skilled workforce.

To conclude, Rtn Robin thanked Tim for his views and assured everyone that he belonged to the 1.2 million who paid taxes.

In closing the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula, USA.



Rin. Robin gives Hal Lazar (USA) and K.L. Mahajan (India) some local IPP Li and PP Rob looking after new member Andrew Shek and wife Peggy. culture.





Pres. C. Y. and Rtn Hal Lazar (USA) exchange banners.



Pres. C.Y. and PP Rob help Rtn Tony to enjoy his birthday.



Pres. C.Y. inducting Rtn Andrew II into the Club.



PP Tim: "Despite the gloom, I see a bright future for Hong Kong."



ANDREW SEEK



Andrew Shek is currently a Director of the direct investment and mergers and acquisitions activities of the American International Group (AIG). In essence, Andrew seeks investment or acquisition opportunities in Asia on behalf of AIG, a leading US-based international insurance and financial organization.

Prior to joining AIG in 1998, Andrew primarily worked as an investment banker with Indosuez/W.I. Carr group of France and also for the listing division of the HK Stock Exchange. He has more than 12 years of investment banking and securities experience and has advised a wide range of fund raising, corporate restructuring and mergers and acquisitions transactions in Asia.

Andrew was born and raised in Hong Kong. He studied in senior secondary school in Canada after completing Form 5 in Hong Kong. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto in Canada and also a Master of Applied Finance degree from Macquarie University in Australia.

Andrew is married to Peggy Ng who is a banker at Dah Sing Bank. Don't hold your breath, but the couple is still examining the idea of having children, partly because of the current economic crisis.

The interests Andrew has include golfing, swimming, tennis and music.



New York Rotarian's self-esteem program is a cut above

Shear genius. That would describe Rotarian Dorthea E. King's idea for a haircut program sponsored in part by the Rotary Club of Greater Utica Sunrise, New York. King works with youth in the inner city every day and knows how they struggle with their identity.

"Personal grooming is an important part of their development," she said. "I knew if we could assist in this area, we would definitely be helping in a positive way."

Formally called "With Self-Esteem You Can Catch Your Dream," the haircut program teams Rotarians with 15 African—American boys, the Upstate's Finest Barbershop, and the Mohawk Valley Club of Frontiers International, a service organization. The program's aim is to provide a haircut for participants every two weeks, the first one free, the following haircuts at a discounted rate. Also, for 10 months, the boys, who range in age from 7 to 12, must make and keep their appointments, sing in when they arrive at the barbershop, attend school regularly and strive for personal growth.

The grooming session can last as long as an hour – one part haircut, one part sharing experiences. And it's not only meaningful to the boys. The three young African-American men who own Upstate's Finest Barbershop are also excited to be a part of the program, taking their opportunity to be a role model and confidant every seriously.

Support for the program goes beyond the barbers and service organization members. Additional funding comes from the Bank of Utica, Harron Cable and Heritage Health Centre. Participants in the program are identified by three youth-based organizations: Catholic Charities, Thea Bowman House and Cosmopolitan Centre.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

There was couple who had been married for 50 years. They were sitting at the breakfast table one morning when the old gentleman said to his wife, "Just think, Honey, we've been married for 50 years."

"Yeah," she replied, "Just think, 50 years ago we were sitting here at this breakfast table together."

"I know," the old man said, "We were probably sitting here naked as jaybirds, 50 years ago."

"Well," his wife snickered, "What do you say ... should we get naked now?"

Whereupon, the two stripped to the buff and sat down at the

"You know, Honey," the little old lady breathlessly replied, "My nipples are as hot for you today as they were 50 years ago."

"I wouldn't be surprised," replied her husband. "One's in your coffee and the other is in your oatmeal."



"C'mon, Sylvia ... where's your spirit of adventure?"

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President C.Y. started the meeting by announcing that he will be "on leave" to visit his family in Australia during the Chinese New Year and P.E. Desmond will be "thrown into the deep end" form some "on the spot training" as to how to conduct meetings etc.

President C. Y. then made 2 announcement relating to:

- (1) disaster relief effort by the District for the establishment of a Rotary Village at Loshan in Jiangxi Province in PRC; and
- (2) Rotaract week will commence on 14/2/1999 at Shatin Town Hall.

Rotarian Jason then introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests Amongst our visiting Rotarians and guests were :

Captain K. L. Mahajan Mr. Laurence Chan Mr. Wesley C.H. Fok Mr. C. K. Chan

And of course Elaine, the better-half of PP Sam.

PE Desmond then made an announcement for a junk trip to Lantau on th March 1999, organized by Rotarian Malcolm.

PP David Li, then conducted a QUIZ on several frequently asked questions about Rotary and as an incentive the person with the quickest and right answer will get a funny-looking rubber.

The questions and answers are printed in full here so that you can learn it by heart for next time.

UPDATED FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- When was the Rotary Club of HKIE established? On 6th April, 1954.
- 2. Who was the Charter President of the Rotary Club of HKIE? The late PDG Uncle John Yuen.
- 3. What is the Rotary number of our club? District 4350
- 4. When was the first Rotary Club in the world organized? Where? On 23 February 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- Who is the Rotary International President in this Rotary year?
 James L. Lacy.
- 6. Rotary's birthday is in February, how old is Rotary? 94-years-old

7. Which Rotary clubs were established in 1919 and were the first two first ones in Asia?

Rotary Club of Manila

Rotary Club of Shanghai (dissolved in 1949).

8. What are the 3-H Program of the Rotary Foundation?

Health, Hunger, Humanity Programs.

9. Is a Rotarian a member of Rotary International?

No. He is a member of a Rotary Club. The club is a member of Rotary International.

10. When does the fiscal Rotary year commence?

Each 1st of July.

It would appear that PP John Kwok knew most of the answers and were the quickest to reply. He got a fair amount of the rubbers.

There came the highlight of the meeting. The speaker was Dr. Reuben Mondejar of City University of Hong Kong. The topic which he talked about was "Hong Kong as a place of business- is it going to survive?".

Dr. Reuben started out by analyzing the comment state of affairs. There are 10 pints which the highlighted and they are as follows:

Has HK hit rock bottom?

Probably not yet. Wage/salary cuts still on. Hardest hit: construction, retail, import/export. Those doing well: computers/IT related, Head hunters, Accounting/liquidators.

- 2. China has kept stable.
- 3. Inflation is zero, perhaps even negative.
- 4. Banking system continues to be solid.
- 5. High local confidence in HK\$ -- nearly 70% of bank deposits are in HK\$.
- Low mortgage default rate less than 3%.
- Government intervention in stock markets drove away speculators safe for the moment.
- B. Political front: stable relative to the region.
- 9. Social front: stable, relatively speaking. People have savings but are not spending due to fears that they might be laid off.
- 10. Community Peace: holding up. Corruption under check. Petty crimes under control Chinese Mainland hooligans kept at bay.

Dr. Reuben then moved on to discuss the Asian Economic and Financial Crisis. He raised the following 5 points:

ASIAN ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL CRISIS

- 1. Extent and magnitude, Asian or global
- 2. Background to the crisis:
 - inherent nature of financial transactions
 - spread of globalization & internationalization
 - increasing world integration
- 3. Tracing the so-called Asian Crisis
 - corruption, weak financial institutions
 - poor regulations
 - drunk with prevous sccess: foreign loans
 - bubble effect
 - herd effect
 - new markets/competitiveness complacency
 - bank run effect : Panic
 - role of IMF
- 4. The Future
 - Need to stabilize first before any recovery
 - External Factors : U.S. Europe, Japan
 - Polities : Indonesia and Malaysia
 - Short Term and Long Term
 - China
- Possible Solutions
 - Competitiveness
 - Return to Skills, Knowledge, Inventions (No more cheap labour; role of universities)
 - Links between education, industry, private sector

Dr. Reuben then highlighted the following 10 factors in Hong Kong's favour (which some of us may have forgotten due to the

current gloom!) -

TRADE POLICY 2. (very low level of protectionism) Hong Kong levies no import tariffs. There are, in fact, very few barriers to imports in Hong Kong.

TAXATION Income tax: (Low tax rates) Corporate Tax: (Very low tax rates) Hong Kong's top marginal personal income tax on the average income level is tow per cent. Hong Kong's corporate tax is a flat rate of 16.5 per cent

CONSUMPTION OF ECONOMIC **OUTPUT** (Very low level of Government consumption) Government consumption about eight per cent of GDP

GOVERNMENT 4.

MONETARY POLICY level of (Low Inflation) Kong's Hong Inflation rate has averaged 8.6 per cent since 1980

CAPITAL AND **FLOWS FOREIGN** INVESTMENT (Very low barriers foreign to Investment)

6. BANKING (Very low level of restrictions on banking) Hong Kong is one of the most stable banking environments in the world. Banks are completely independent of the Government

7. WAGE AND PRICE 8.PROPERTY RIGHTS 9. REGULATION CONTROLS (Low level of wage and price controls) Wages and prices are set completely by the free market. However, there are price controls on rent, public transport and electricity. The Government has the power to enforce "minimum wages", but it has never done

(Very high level of protection of private property) Private property rights in Hong Kong completely are protected. The legal system to protect those rights is highly efficient effective

10. BLACK MARKET (Very low level of (Very low level of black market regulation) Hong Kong has a activity) business The black market simple system, licensing in Hong Kong is virtually попwith few regulations existent

As for the future, Dr. Reuben spoke of:

Need to stabilize first before any recovery

External Factors: U.S., Europe, Japan

Politics: Indonesia and Malaysia

Short Term and Long Term

China

and suggest that possible solutions would be:

Competitiveness

Return to Skills, Knowledge, Inventions (No more chap labour; role of universities)

Links between education, industry, private sector

Lastly, Dr. Reuben took us through the crisis positions in Hong Kong's not too distant part. They include:

1948-49 Civil War in the Mainland. China turns Communist. One million would flee to HK in the next year. China's Great Leap Forward Fails; 30 million starved. 1958-59 Half a million would flee to HK in succeeding years. China's Cultural Revolution is exported (S.E. Asia & HK). 1968-69 Riots in HK and other places. Asia reeling from the Oil Crisis HK Business community agitates about 1997; pushes for talks. 1978-79 Democracy movements in Asia cause disequilibrium in China. 1988-89 June 4 massacre in Tiananmen. Dissidents flee to HK and elsewhere. Asian financial, economic, and political crises. Four governments fall (SK, Japan, Indonesia and Thailand). 1998-99

Dr. Reuben reminded us that we in Hong Kong have thrived rather than wilt on crisis. We should have confidence in our future.

On this high and positive note, the meeting was concluded.



Our gusts enjoying the meeting.



PP Li entertaining our guests



PP Sam with his better-half Elaine



Exchange of banners.



Our speaker Dr. Reuben.



Visitors and guests to the Club, 10th February 1999.

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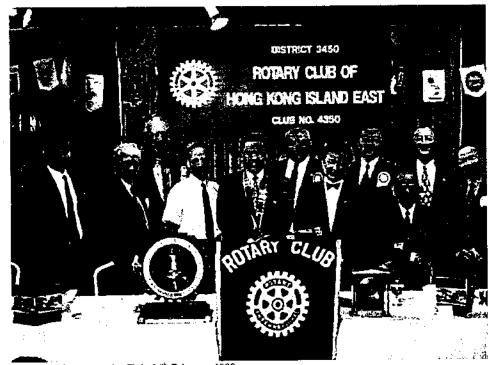
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What Happened Last Week



Visitors and guests to the Club, 24th February 1999.

This was the first meeting to be held after the Lunar New Year and it seems that quite a few members are still on holidays, including President C.Y. PP Tim was therefore called upon to fill in as Acting President for the meeting which he opened by wishing those in attendance: Kung Hei Fat Choi. He also extended a special welcome to PDG Frank Collins from the UK who was in Hong Kong visiting his son.

PP Rob then introduced the visitors and guests:

Benny Ratnani (HKNE)
Paul Meehan (Edinburgh, UK)
Kevin Lam (HKNE)
Robert Wai (HKNE)
Gareth Howe (Barry, Wales)

Samuel Kuk (HK Channel Islands)
Frank Collins (Chelmsford,UK)
Sidney Yuen (HKNE)
Robert Moakes (Admiralty)
John Edwards (PP Rob)

PP Tim welcomed back PP Hubert (from Australia), PP George (Hokaido), and PE Desmond ("working").

Banners were then exchanged with visitors Gareth Howe, Frank Collins and Paul Meehan.

It was PDG Uncle Peter's turn, due to the absence of IPP David Li, to present some Rotary information. He chose to inform members about a newly adopted system for choosing District Governors in the 3450 District. Recently, there has been some dissatisfaction with the existing method which places the responsibility in the few hands of PDGs. To open up this election base, the new nominating committee will include 7 PPs drawn from 7 areas in the District. The composition of the new nomination committee will therefore be:

(A) Voting Members:

- 1. Representatives from the clubs in the district who are Past Presidents that have served as presidents of their clubs for a full term (1 July to 30 June), residing in the district and still members (except honorary member) of their respective clubs; provided that only one past president from clubs in the respective areas designated by the District Governor in the appointment of Assistant Governors may be elected into the Nominating Committee; and that he or she may not run for District Governor Nominee in the year that the Nominating Committee is functioning, even after having been elected and resigned, and
- 2. An equal number of the most recent Past District Governors, who are residing and members (except honorary members) of a club in the district, and who are willing to serve in the Nominating Committee; and should any one be unable to serve the next most recent Past District Governor will automatically be the alternate member.

(B) Non-voting Members:

- 1. The District Governor shall be the convener and a non-voting member;
- 2. The incoming District Governor shall be the recording secretary of the meeting and a non-voting member;
- 3. All Past District Governors who reside in the district and are members of clubs in the district, other than those in (A)2 above.

Uncle Peter also passed on former member Murray Macdonald's letter to the club members, wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Here is his letter:

It is now nearly a year since Jill and I left Hong Kong. We went first to South Africa and Botswana for a month and then to UK for 4 months. I must say we thoroughly enjoyed every moment of our trip. Coming back to New Zealand to live permanently was quite difficult and I have purposely spent the past 6 months doing very little except getting our houses in Christchurch and Lake Taupo in order and generally enjoying myself as a means of getting my feet back on the ground again.

I join the Rotary Club of Christchurch next Tuesday and I am looking forward to this. I don't think Jill and I will be making the convention in Singapore but we do intend to get up to HK to see Alex and John later this year, probably in October.

At the moment, I am still "unemployed" but now I have spent some time here, I intend to look seriously for a job to keep my mind alert and active. One year off is enough!

As yet, I haven't joined a Lodge but I will be doing so very shortly. I miss the fellowship of Rotary and Zetland Hall. It is not quite the same down here and I can see myself coming up to HK more regularly as of next year!

With kindest regards and every best wish Murray.

Following Uncle Peter, the REAL Sergeant at Arms, Danny Kilis, presented the Club statistics for the day: There were 18 members present and \$1,950 was donated.

PP Rob then introduced the speaker for the day: Dr. John Edwards who is one of the leading international researchers and teachers in the field of thinking.

Dr. Edwards said that he had spent 30 years researching and teaching how to think. His conclusion is that much of what is done in schools is a thorough waste of time as students 'hear' and absorb only a small fraction of the teacher's presentation. There are better alternatives for more effective teaching but these have had little impact in Australia. He has moved his focus to the business world because business firms are more receptive to the latest research on thinking and learning.

He has found that most companies do not utilize the potential and skills of their existing workforce; neither do they recognize the different abilities and needs of the novices and long-time workers (experts). This causes a certain disfunction within most firms. Dr. Edwards has also found that there is a reliance and dependence on logical and critical thinking in most firms. This is suitable when dealing with existing information but it does not produce new information and skills which should be at the cutting edge of development for firms in a competitive economic environment.

He briefly outlined a seminar that he would be conducting on the following day, titled: "Developing Competitive Advantage through the Economic Recession." In this seminar he advised that he would be focusing on three types

of thinking:

- Parallel Thinking: People thinking in the same direction at the same time for maximum impact.
- 2. Lateral Thinking: People taking a fresh approach to thinking to come up with new ideas.
- Systems Thinking: A thinking technique to get to a distant solution for an immediate problem.

PP John V took charge of thanking Dr. Edwards for his presentation and made the pertinent point that Hong Kong might benefit if the Chief Executive could sit in on his seminar.

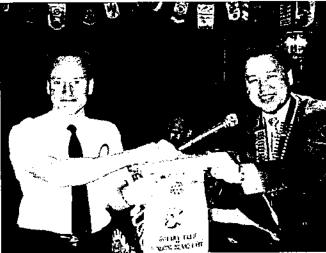
To close the meeting, PP Tim proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Chelmsford, UK.



Dr. John Edwards inspiring the creative urges of HKIE members.



Rin. Tajwar shares some humour with PDG Frank Collins (Chelmsford, UK



PP Tim presents a HKIE banner to Rtn Paul Meehan (Edinburgh, UK).



Father and son, Rins Chris and Gareth Howe - Which is the son?



Oh-so-serious T.K. with regular visitor Benny Ratnani.



Conference marks 10-year return of Rotary to Central/Eastern Europe

RI President James L. Lacy invites Rotarians to meet in Dresden, Germany, for the 1998-99 European Presidential Conference, which will mark the 10-year anniversary of Rotary's return to Central/Eastern Europe. The conference, to be held March 18-20, will provide an opportunity for Rotarians to explore ways to further address community concerns in this region.

"I believe that visitors to the region will be amazed at the level of Rotarian service that is currently being carried out with very few material resources," said Lacy. "However, world events continue to remind us of the need for greater attention to the problems facing the people of Central/Eastern Europe, and the European conference is one way that Rotarians can personally participate in this process."

In addition to celebrating 10 years of reinstated Rotary service, conference participants will examine ways to improve communications and understanding among Rotarians and communities in the region; explore the current status and future of Rotary clubs in Central/Eastern Europe, focusing on such points as Presidential Extension Administrators, districting policies and extension efforts in the regions; and explore resources available through the programs of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged people in the region.

To obtain the registration form for the European Presidential Conference, telephone RI's Faxback service [English (503) 721-3094; Spanish: (753) 544-2859], access the RI Web site (www.rotary.org) or send a fax to the RI Meetings Promotional Coordinator at World Headquarters, (847) 328-9239.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

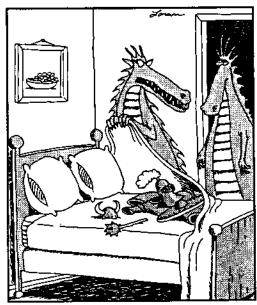
Man of the house.

On their honeymoon night, the burly groom took off his pants and asked his bride to put them on. The waist alone was twice the size of her body. She said, "I can't wear your pants."

"That's right," replied the groom. "And don't you forget it. I'm the one who wears the pants in this family."

The bride took off her panties and asked her husband to try them on. "No way. I can't get into your panties."

"That's right. That's the way it will be until you change your attitude."



"What have I told you about eating in bed?"

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President C.Y. was away again and PE Desmond took the reins for chairing the meeting. He opened proceedings by giving a special welcome to PDG Moses Cheng.

Rtn Henry Chan took charge of introducing the visitors and guests: PDG Moses Cheng (HKNE)
Rtn Chung Tze Hien (HKNE)
Mr Shih Wing Ching (Rtn Malcolm)

PE Desmond welcomed Rtn Flicker back into the fold. Bill explained that he had been in China mainland looking for girls ... for his business. (Just what is his business??)

There were four birthday boys this week AND they were all present. There was IPP David Li, and Rtns Robert, Henry Luy and Thomas. They invited PDG Moses to lead the birthday song.



IPP Li presents gifts to the birthday boys: Rtns Robert, Henry Desmond and Thomas.

A number of announcements were then made by PE Desmond:

1. Four members of the Rotary Club of Osaka Nunan were in town last Monday (1 March) and they were entertained with a round of golf. They presented gifts to the golf participants and these were displayed by PE Desmond.

2. The junk trip to Lamma for a seafood dinner will go ahead on Saturday evening. There are about 12 members participating but others are still welcome to come.

3. A racing night will be held on Wednesday, 10 March, and members are advised to see Rtn Robert if they wish to attend.

4. At the last Board meeting, PP Hubert advised that he had been approached for a photocopier for a local school. Members were asked if they knew of a secondhand photocopier that could be donated.

PP John Kwok then announced that he had 'persuaded' 22 Club members to 'volunteer' for registration duties at the District Conference to be held on 20-21 March. It was made perfectly clear to the 22 members that non-attendance would incur his wrath as well as a bill for the registration etc. which the Club will have paid.

Sgt Danny advised that there were 26 members present at the meeting and a large sum of \$3,016 had been collected.

It was then time for the speaker to address the Club and Rtn Malcolm introduced Mr. Shih Wing Ching from MD Centaline Property Ltd. Mr. Shih reported that HK property prices are not the highest in the world but they are controlled by the government which regulates the supply of land. Interestingly, he said that 80% of available land in HK is not yet built on.

The substantial value of land in HK provides the government with a large proportion of its revenue. This is a major reason why taxes in HK are relatively low. The impact of land revenue on government coffers can be seen over the past 9 months of depressed property prices resulting in a deficit budget for 1999-2000.

HK people also have another benefit from high property prices: If they sell and emigrate to other countries to live, they find themselves well cashed up for investing in their new country.

Mr. Shih said that the government originally had a policy of trying to help those who had been excluded from the property market, to own their own flat. To this end, they had a 10 year plan of making available 85,000 flats per year at bargain prices. This seems to have been derailed during the recent property crash. Their main concern now is to stabilize prices because the property sector is so integral to the economic wellbeing of HK. With the property crash, the middle-class (who hold a substantial portion of their wealth in property) suffered the most, and this had a follow-on impact throughout the retail sector. In the past, money earned outside HK by HK businessmen has been invested in HK property. Depressed property prices here will discourage the return of this wealth to HK and the government needs to understand this.

A question was asked concerning whether it is the right time to buy or sell. Mr. Shih replied that the high bank interest charges and the low returns on property investment at present, make it unattractive to borrow funds to invest in property. However, if one has the cash, then the depressed property prices make it an opportune time to buy up.

Another suggestion was for a review of the commission rates of property agents, which are often regarded as excessive. Mr. Shih advised that the present rate is 1% on both sides and that the purchaser could negotiate on this. However, he also said that agents themselves are finding it tough in the present economic climate and there is pressure to raise the commission rate.

To conclude the presentation, Rtn Robin thanked Mr. Shih for his information and frank exchange of views.

The meeting was closed on time with a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North East.



PDG Moses renews fellowship with PP Tim and PP Sam.



PP Rob sharing the news of visitor from HKNE.





Mr. Shih Wing Ching happily advises Kishu that property agent's commissions should increase.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Did you hear about the two little kids in a hospital who are lying next to each other? The first kid leans over and asks, 'What are you in here for?"

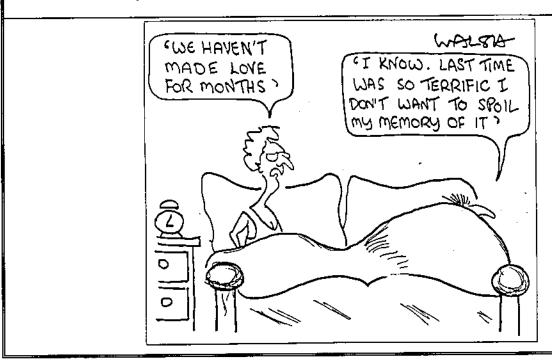
The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done to me once. They put you to sleep and when you wake up they give you lots of ice cream. It's a lot of fun."

The second kid then asks, "What are you in here for?"

The first kid responds, "Well, I'm here for a circumcision."

The second kid says, 'Whoa! I had that done when I was born and I couldn't walk for a year!"





Latest PolioPlus facts and figures released

Rotary has committed US\$334 million for global polio eradication, including operations, fund development and grants. This statistic is included in an impressive statement of facts about polio eradication issued this month 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 to serve as a source of facts for Rotarians everywhere to ensure consistency in the information that is distributed.

Other facts released by the committee include:

- By the year 2005, Rotarians' contributions to the global polio eradication effort will be approximately half a billion dollars. In additions, millions of dollars of in-kind and personal contributions have been made by an d 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 activities. More than 1 million Rotarians worldwide have contributed to the success of the polio eradication effort.
- As of Jan.1, 1999, 120 nations around the world have benefited from PolioPlus grants for polio immunization and eradication efforts.
- Since Rotary began its PolioPlus Program, the number of polio-endemic countries has declined from 100 countries in 1985 to 50 countries in mid-1998.
- For 1997, approximately 5,000 polio cases were reported. The World Health Organization reports that the increase in cases over 1996 represents the significant improvement in surveillance in identifying cases of polio. It is recognized, however, that there still may have been as many as 30,000 to 35,000 cases in 1997.
- As of Nov.8, 1998, Rotary had committed more than \$107 million for polio eradication in Africa, and more than \$115 million for polio eradication in Asia.
- The World Heath Organization estimates that \$1 billion is needed from donors for the period 1999-2005 to eradicate polio. The need will peak in the period 1999 through 2000.
- Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force has played a major role in decisions by donor governments in polio-free countries to contribute over \$500 million for the eradication of polio in polio-endemic countries.

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What Happened Last Week

This meeting was opened by PE Desmond who extended a special welcome to the "lovely girls" from Citibank; as well as to PDG Y.K. who had returned from Anaheim.

Rtn Malcolm then welcomed the visitor and guests to the Club:

Rtn Phillip Lee (HK Sunrise)

Janine Sih

Citibank

Emily Chung

Citibank

Hans Goetti (Guest Speaker)

Wendy Hu

Citibank

Citibank

Donna Leong

Citibank

PE Desmond invited Rtn Jason to come forward to receive his birthday wishes. The birthday song was lead by Rtn Robert.

A number of announcements were then made by various speakers:

Rtn Tajwar informed members that PP Baker Moosdeen had broken his leg over the Chinese New Year and members could visit him at his home. The Club would forward a get-well card to him.

Rtn Robert reminded members that the Club racing night would be held tonight (10 March) and 20 people had registered to attend.

PE Desmond announced that the annual ball is set down for 17 April.

The announcements were followed by the report from Acting Sergeant Andrew Shek. He calculates (eventually) that \$1,750 had been collected.

PDG Y.K. then gave a brief report of his attendance at the incoming DGs' Training Seminar held at Anaheim, California. This was held at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel and attended by about 1,500 people. Y.K. was a trainer there and said that it was a personal honour, as well as an honour for HKIE, to be involved in this important exercise. He reported that the 1999-2000 Rotary motto will be: ROTARY 2000: ACT WITH CONSISTENCY, CONTINUITY AND CREDIBILITY. [See the Rotary Information elsewhere in this issue for an explanation of the meaning and significance of this motto - Ed.] Y.K. said that the plenary sessions of this seminar were video taped and some of this will be shown at later Club meetings. [Members were hoping that Y.K. also has some footage of the discussions held with the Sexologist at this seminar - Ed.]

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by guest speaker, Mr. Hans Goetti, Vice President of Citibank based in Singapore. He was introduced by Rtn Malcolm who announced that the topic would be: "The Global Market Outlook and the Euro."

Mr. Goetti said that, for the global market, the investment environment over the past 9 years had experienced disinflation. He showed a graph which illustrated the changing interest rates in the US over the past 200 years. He pointed out that all the rising phases of the cycles were accompanied by an innovation of some kind e.g., introduction of railroads, development of the automobile, and recently, the emergence of IT.

Mr. Goetti pointed out that the current low interest rates would likely continue over the next 10 years at least. He also observed that the disparity in value between equities and bonds, particularly when it reached about 20 percent, would create the pressure for a correction. He predicted a rising stock market over the next 10 years. The world economy is being flooded with liquidity and he also predicted that the Dow Jones would go to 20,000.

For Europe, the equities market is very optimistic at present because they are much lower in value than in the US. In Asia, it seems that the hedge funds have been driven out and shouldn't cause much trouble in the forseeable future. In fact, the banks won't advance funds to them.

In summary, Mr Goetti made the following points:

- 1. There is optimism for the long-term performance of equities and bonds.
- 2. The Asian economies will begin to improve later this year.
- 3. It is time to invest in Japanese equities for the long-term.

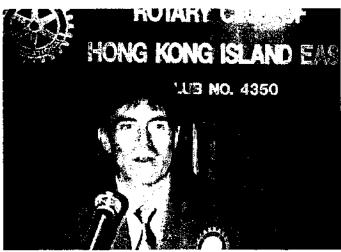
Rtn Andrew Shek thanked Mr Goetti for his very interesting review of the global economy.

To conclude the meeting, PE Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of HK Sunrise.

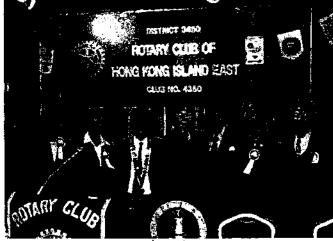


Rtns Chris & Kenny look happy in the company of visitor Philip Lee (HK Birthday boy, Rtn Jason is congratulated by PE Desmond and Rtn Robert





Mr. Hans Goetti (Citibank) gives the facts and figures on the global market outlook.



Guests and visitor to the Club, 10th March 1999

ROTARY 2000



Rotary 1999-2000 Theme

Dear Follow Rotarians,

On the eve of a new century, our thoughts naturally turn to the future. We ask ourselves: Where is Rotary going? Is our organization fully prepared to enter the 21st century? What direction should we take to become stronger and more effective?



Carlo Ravizza Ri President 1999-2000

The answers to these questions lie in the past and, even more so, in the present. The future is not a autonomous state, but one that we are constantly creating through the choices we make and the actions we make today. Let us begin now to ensure Rotary's success in the 21st century by applying the criteria of consistency, credibility, and continuity to all our actions and decisions.

Consistency requires that individuals adhere to their core beliefs and allow these basic principles to guide their actions. Potary's mission is service, and for 94 years Potarians have embraced this fundamental purpose and followed its ideals. Even as the world and our organization have changed so dramatically, our dedication to humanitarian service and international understanding has grown ever stronger. At the same time, however, we have seen how consistency with our mission in today's world demands new approaches and ideas. To remain consistent to the ideals of Potary in the 21st century will require not only commitment to our founding principles but also the willingness and ability to change and grow.

Credibility means acting with honour in all our dealings - in our families, our businesses and professions, our clubs, an our communities. People believe in what Rotary does when Rotarians demonstrate their integrity and set an example of high ethical standards. Today, Rotary International stands at its highest level of credibility because Rotarians have proven their commitment to humanitarian service through PolioPlus. In the same way, each club will gain and maintain credibility in its community if all members always exemplify in their daily lives the ideals that Rotary espouses.

Continuity is essential to an organization in which the leadership changes annually. If each new team of leaders were to revamp a club or district program every year, little would be accomplished in the long run. Buy continuity requires a certain amount of humility and generosity. It asks in coming leaders to meet those goals that have already been established before beginning a new project. Therefore, they need to defer their own plans and ideas until those of their predecessors have been fully developed.

The same criteria hold true at the international level. For Rotary international in the year 1999-2000, continuity will mean running the final leg of the race against polic; it will mean working within the existing framework of programs to prepare for service in the 21st century; and it will mean continuing our efforts to create a world in which all human beings live in peace and dignity, surrounded by tolerance and solidarity.

Potary 2000 is a time for consolidating the best of our past and present, while keeping our eyes fixed on the future and the challenges it will present. And there will be no shortage of those. Today's global outlook for the coming century lists the growing gap in living standards between rich and poor, increasing violence, population growth, food distribution, globalization vs. regionalism and fragmentation, environmental deterioration, and loss of cultural values as just some of the problems we will face. On the positive side, futurists cits the advent of even factor and different communications systems, new sources of energies, and genetically based productions among the advances that will improve life in the 21st century.

Clearly, we are moving toward a future that will be characterized at once by desperate needs and vast potential. We Rotarians are especially well-positioned to serve as a bridge between the problems and the possibilities. We have a strong presence in nations that are technology-rich as well as in countries that can havely meet even the most basic human needs. Let us use that presence - and the unique perspective it affords us - to create the vibrant spirit of Rotary 2000 and extend it to every part of the globe.

Rotary 2000 is a forward-looking spirit, but one that is grounded in the best traditions of our rich past. It is a spirit of service and followship. It is a spirit of international understanding. It is a spirit of tolerance and solidarity. It is a spirit which must originate in the hearts of individual Rotarians and radiate outward filing our clubs and districts. It is a spirit of which must spread into the world beyond. It is a powerful spirit that will enable us all to work together, and it will advance the goals of Rotary around the globe. With consistency, credibility, and continuity as our compass, let us forge ahead to great the opportunities awaiting Rotary in the new century.

Rotary 2000 : Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity

Carlo Ravizza

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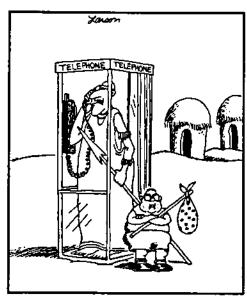
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A young woman was preparing for her wedding. She asked her mother to go out and buy a nice long black negligee and carefully place it in her suitcase so it would not wrinkle. Well, her mum forgot until the last minute. She dashed out and could only find a short pink nightgown. She bought it and threw it into the suitcase.

After the wedding, the bride and groom entered their hotel room. The groom was a little self-conscious, so he asked his new bride to change in the bathroom and promise not to peek while he got ready for bed. While she was in the bathroom, the bride opened her suitcase and saw the negligee her mother had thrown in there.

"Oh no! It's short, pink, and wrinkled!" she exclaimed.

Hearing this, her groom cried out, "I told you not to peek!"



"Mrs. Harriet Schwartz? This is Zaithu Nananga of the Masai. ... Are you missing a little boy?"

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Rtn Robin then took charge of welcoming the other visitors and guests:
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Mark Craig (Tim Lui)

Zuhal Mansfield (Peter Hall)

PP Peter Tse (TST East)

Cemal Kasikci (Peter Hall)

Dr. Judy Ho (Speaker)

PE Desmond then invited Zuhal Mansfield to present a banner to the Club on behalf of Mr T. Bekisoglu who recently visited the Club without his club's banner.

PP John Kwok gave members a reminder about the arrangements for the registrations at the District Conference on Saturday, and urged members not to forget to turn up. [This reminder was apparently necessary as PE Desmond was in fact going on Monday - Ed.] DG Anthony said a few words in appreciation of PP John's stirling efforts in organizing the registration procedures and the involvement of HKIE in this task.

Mr. Mark Craig, the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar hosted by HKIE, informed members that this would be his last visit to the Club as he was returning to Australia at the completion of his study in Hong Kong. He thanked Club members for their help and courtesy during his stay. PE Desmond presented

Mark with a HKIE banner to take back with him.

Sergeant Danny Kilis then reported that 22 members were present at the meeting and \$1,720 had been collected.

It was then time for the speaker and Rtn Malcolm introduced Dr. Judy Ho who is a specialist in the field of colon cancer. This was a timely presentation as she informed members that it is the second most prevalent cancer in Hong Kong and the incidence is increasing. She displayed some slides which illustrated that colon cancer normally begins from polyps which grow on the interior walls. The trigger for changes in the polyp seems to be related primarily to diet, but other factors play a part. These include age (average age for development of this cancer is 65 years), family history of colorectal, breast, uterine and bladder cancers, and individual's history of polyps.

Diet, however, seems to be a major influencing factor as this governs the levels of free radicals and carcinogens circulating in the body. Those food items that should be avoided or minimized are red meats (particularly barbequed), French fries, cheese cake, salad dressing, coke and like foods. Foods that appear to have a preventative effect are: Tomatoes and green tea (for their antioxidants), garlic and broccoli, Omega-3 fatty acids (found in flax seeds and oily fish), red wine, fresh fruits and lentils.

Dr. Ho suggested a balanced diet could assist in preventing this cancer:

ONE THIRD

Starchy foods (bread, rice, pasta, cereals, potatoes)

ONE THIRD

Fruit and vegetables

ONE THIRD

Low fat dairy products

Fish and meat

Sweets

Sensible dieting could eliminate 2/3 - 3/4 of all colon cancers.

PP George thanked Dr. Ho for her informative presentation and reminded members of several other past members of HKIE who had succumed to this disease, the most recent being Garry Chiu.

To close the meeting, PE Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Tai Po.



PE Desmond receiving a Rotary banner from Zuhal Mansfield and her father, Cemal Kasikci.



DG Anthony happy with his preparations for the upcoming District Conference.



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Mark Craig, receives a HKIE banner to take back to Australia.



Dr. Judy Ho enlightens members about protecting their colons from cancer.



Rotary Information

Final conference for 1998-99 examines, celebrates Rotary in Asia

RI President James L. Lacy invites Rotarians to meet in Kyoto, known as the cultural capital of Japan, for the 1998-99 Asian Presidential Conference. The conference, to be held May 6-8, will provide an opportunity to examine the current Rotary situation in Asia and the ways in which Rotarians in the region can enhance communication and cooperation.

"As Rotary honors 80 years of service in Asia, the time to reflect and celebrate is upon us," said Lacy.

Lacy added that Asian Rotarians, who make up 25 percent of Rotary's worldwide membership, are playing an increasingly important role in the organization's humanitarian initiatives: "Tens of thousands of volunteers in Asia are working to eradicate polio through PolioPlus in their own countries as well as in non-Rotary countries," he said. "Ongoing projects addressing today's most critical issues are also a meaningful part of Rotarian efforts in Asia."

Participants at the meeting – the final presidential conference of 1998-99 – will explore concerns relating to children, emphasizing at-risk youth and the influences of culture, education and technology. They also will assess and analyze significant community concerns and examine the resources available through the programs of RI and The Rotary Foundation that can improve the quality of life for disadvantaged people in the region. Plenary sessions and discussion groups will be offered in Japanese and English.

Rotary Theme of R.I. President (1999-2000)

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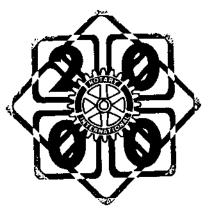
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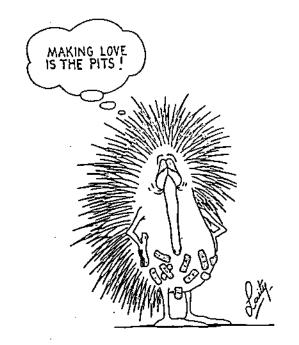
LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A funeral service is being held in a church for a woman who has just passed away.

At the end of the service, the pall-bearers are carrying the casket out when they accidentally bump into a wall, jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan.

They open the casket and find that the woman is actually still alive. She lives for ten more years and then dies.

A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end of the ceremony, the pall-bearers are again carrying out the casket. As they are walking, the husband cries out: WATCH OUT FOR THAT WALL!"



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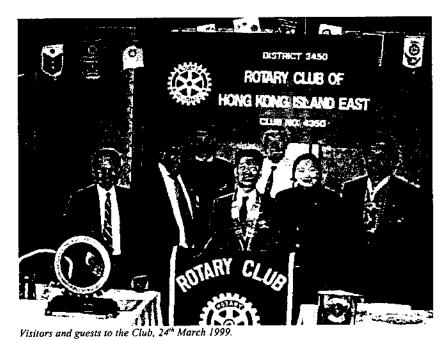
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What Happened Last Week



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This was President C.Y's homecoming and he looked as though he hadn't lost any of his usual flair. He opened the meeting on time and announced the sad news that long-time member, Dragon Nie, had passed away. Members stood to observe one minute's silence in memory and respect for a good friend.

Following this, Rtn Rudy took charge of the introductions of visitors:

Betty Mok (Queensway) Robert Parsons (London) Robert Moakes (Admiralty)

President C.Y. gave a special welcome back to secretary Ates who has been absent for two months in Turkey.

There was only one birthday boy for this week, Rtn W.S., and he selected his distant cousin PP Sam to lead the singing.

President C.Y. announced that there were 21 HKIE members present at the District Conference to attend to registrations on the Saturday morning. He thanked those members for their time and assistance, and particularly PP John Kwok for the work in organizing this task. HKIE had the most registrations for the conference and received a Certificate of Recognition for this feat.

PP John responded by naming and thanking all members who assisted him in the registration process.

PE Desmond informed members that they and their spouses will be admitted free of charge to the upcoming Club ball and that only their guests will have to pay.

Secretary Ates then presented to President C.Y. three banners from Rotary clubs he visited while in Turkey.

Rtn Stephen informed members about a trip he is arranging for HKIE members to attend anniversary celebrations of one of our sister clubs in Japan on 28-30 May 1999. Any other interested members should contact him as soon as possible.

PDG Uncle Peter then performed the honour of presenting a three star PHF pin to PP Hubert.

Sergeant Jason announced that there were 23 members present and \$2,320 had been collected.

Visitor Robert Parsons from the Rotary Club of London was given the opportunity to speak to members. He said that his club is the oldest in the UK and they send their greetings to HKIE. He added that he is retired and has set up a charitable organization called "Hope for Children". He has recently been in Sri Lanka to organize the provision of prostheses for children maimed during the ongong civil war. Other projects of his organization in Asia have been support for disabled children in Beijing and for street children in Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam. He said that any assistance from Rotary clubs in Hong Kong would be very much appreciated.

Rtm Malcolm then introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Roger Moss who is a Senior Advisor with Goldman Sachs. He has been in Hong Kong for 15 years, and for 12 of them he worked with the MTRC. He was responsible for securing the link between Central and the new airport at Chek Lap Kok. The title of the day's talk was: "Qingdao - German High Seas Fleet; The Falklands - Two Battles; Hong Kong, 1983 - An Unlikely Combination."

This talk turned out to be a rambling journey through time and location with frequent reference to the prime ministership of Margaret Thatcher. It began with the recall of the German Far East Fleet based at Qingdao at the commencement of hostilities during the last great war. To avoid the British Fleet, the Germans sailed for home via Cape Horn but were eventually cornered off the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic and sunk. So ended the first Falklands battle.

Roger then gave some inside information on the machinations of the Thatcher government that he was privy to, due largely to his position as Deputy Finance Director of British Airways around 1978. It was at this time that BA was committed to expansion and the raising of one billion pounds. Roger outlined the pressures of accomplishing a task of this magnitude in a climate of economic stringency and iron-willed commitment from the Iron Lady.

Margaret Thatcher had come to power with a promise to cut defense expenditure. But there was little to prune. It was suggested that some minor economies could be achieved (and the promise fulfilled) by withdrawing the survey ship "Endurance" from its deployment around the Falklands. This was done and gave the Argentinian Junta the impression that the British were not committed to their claim to the Falkland Islands. The rest of this story is well known. What isn't well known was that only the British Navy was in favour of retaking the islands and that the Army and Air Force was against what appeared to be a futile venture. In the end, many hundreds of lives were lost, and six million sheep saved.

To complete this circle, Roger returned to Hong Kong and China and referred to Maggie Thatcher's negotiations with the Chinese government in 1983 over the return of Hong Kong. Flush from her victory in the South Atlantic, she had a reputation of looking after her colonies. The six million residents of Hong Kong were expecting nothing less. She was overheard pontificating before the negotiations: "When you deal with the Chinese, you must speak loudly, clearly, and repeat it - then they might understand." In actual fact, it was reported that despite her characteristic blustering, Chairman Deng told her that if she did not vacate Hong Kong forthwith, he could take it in one day at anytime. In the end, Maggie slinked out with tail between the legs and Hong Kong was left with the One Country - Two Systems and the Basic Law; not quite the same outcome as her previous military adventure.

Rtn Tajwar wound up this presentation by thanking Roger for his very interesting insights to significant international events through which we've all lived.

The meeting was then closed by President C.Y. with a toast to the Rotary Club of London.



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Rtn W.S. congratulated on his birthday by Pres. C.Y. and PP Sam.



PDG Uncle Peter presents a 3-star PHF pin to PP Hubert



Rtn Robert Parsons (RC London) speaks about his children's charity.



Speaker Roger Moss: "Blame Maggie Thatcher for it all!"



Rotary Information

Hong Kong Rotarians lend a hand in Bangladesh NIDs

When an estimated 20 million children under the age of 5 received the oral polio vaccine during the second round of national immunization days (NID) in Bangladesh last month, the efforts of more than 600,000 volunteers at 120,000 immunization sites were required. Among those volunteers, Rotarians from Hong Kong, along with their Bangladeshi hosts, received prominent coverage on national television as they administered the oral polio vaccine to school children and infants.

For both the first (held in December) and second rounds of Bangladesh's NIDs, the Rotary Club of Kowloon, Hong Kong, sponsored the production of social mobilization tools such as stickers, posters, radio and TV commercials, banners and billboards touting the health initiative.

Among the visiting Rotarian contingent were members of a family well-versed in International Service. Dr. Raymond Wong, a general surgeon and Past Governor of District 3450, is Asia's coordinator for the PolioPlus Partners Program and has served as a volunteer on numerous PolioPlus and Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) missions. His younger brother, plastic surgeon Dr. Andrew Wong, a member of the Rotary Club of Tokyo Josei, also joined the delegation. Andrew, who studied medicine in Japan as an Ambassadorial Scholar in the 1970s, has

served as District 2750's PolioPlus Partners Committee vice-chairman and also as a Rotary Volunteer in Asia and during polio eradication exercise in Ethiopia.

Although she was unable to join her brothers in Bangladesh for the NIDs, Dr. Josephine Wong, a neurologist belonging to the Rotary Club of Fujung, Taiwan, was carrying out volunteer work of her own. In February, Josephine helped deliver a mobile medical and dental clinic to a tribe of aborigines in central Taiwan as part of a Matching Grants project. She has also volunteered in many other parts or Asia and in South America and Africa.

The three Rotarian siblings have coordinated donations-in-kind and Foundation program assistance to Rotary and non-Rotary countries and all share the unique distinction of having been awarded Rotary's Service Above Self Award. It's highly unlikely though, that the Wong family will choose to rest on its laurels any time soon:

"There is no other way to express Rotary's mission of world understanding than to participate in its programs," said Andrew Wong. "It's no use to talk - only work is important!"

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a pet dog which he loved and doted on. After many long years of companionship, the dog finally died so Muldoon went to the parish priest.

"Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a mass for the creature?"

Father Patrick, replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog's death. But, unfortunately, we can not have a service for an animal in the church. However, there's a new denomination down the road; no telling what they believe, and maybe they will do something for the animal."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right now. Do you think \$1,000 is enough to donate for the service?"

"Why didn't you tell me the dog was catholic?" replied Father Patrick quickly.

An Irishman was being tried for being drunk and disorderly. The judge asked him where he had bought all the liquor.

"I didn't buy it, Your Honour," said the Irishman. "A Scotsman gave it to me."

"Fourteen days for perjury," said the judge.



You can take off that garlic necklace now – Mother isn't coming!

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

This meeting was held in the Marina Room on the second floor and was opened by President C.Y. who called on PP Andrew to introduce the visitor to our meeting. He was PP Stanley Chik from the Rotary Club of Selkirk, Canada.

President C.Y. then called for exchange of banners and this was effected with our visitor from Canada. C.Y. then gave a special welcome back to PP Edwin and PP Ramish.

Our only birthday boy for this week was Rtn Rudy and he chose Treasurer Jason to lead the birthday song.

There were numerous announcements, beginning with PP John who came to the front with a very stern face. "I'm very angry!" he confirmed, and gave members a serve about the attendance figures. Singled out as an example was PP Hubert's team all of whom (except PP Hubert, of course) were below the minimum requirement. For a bit of balance, PP John congratulated PDG Y.K's team, all of whom were above the minimum attendance level. PP John exhorted members to improve attendance and to do make-ups whenever unable to attend HKIE meetings. Secretary Ates was displayed as a visual aid in this regard, having just returned from two months in Turkey, and still with 100% attendance.

President C.Y. reminded members that the Club's 45th anniversary party will be held on 17 April and everyone should try to attend. It will be held at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley and members and their partners will be admitted free. As well, a special pocket watch has been designed for distribution to each member attending.

President C.Y. also reminded members that Secretaries' Day will be celebrated at a forthcoming meeting in April.

Acting Sergeant at Arms, Tajwar, announced what everyone could observe: The day's attendance was very poor but the donations of \$2,040 compensated for this.

PP Hubert provided the Rotary information for the day. It recounted RI President James Lacy's concern about membership. In Asia, a two percent loss of membership is due in part to the economic crisis in the region. Latin America, the region which comparatively suffered the greatest loss of 2.45 percent, is also facing an economic downturn and experiencing many social and political changes.

The following factors should be used by clubs to arrest this membership recession:

- A proactive and dynamic club president and board.
- The issue of "challenges" and special recognition to those who bring in new member.
- Diverse, informative, and entertaining programs to keep interest high among current members and guests.
- If necessary, a change in the club's meeting time or location to accommodate more members (e.g., a noon club witching to a morning club).
- Seeking diversity by actively recruiting women and members representative of the overall community.
- Recruiting younger members. There is no minimum age to qualify for membership.

If each one of us brought in just one new member, this year would go down as the greatest membership increase in history!

It was then time for the guest speaker, Mr. Winston Chu, who was introduced by Rtn Malcolm. Mr Chu addressed the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of the Society for Protection of the Harbour. He is in fact a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, as well as of the Supreme Court of England and Wales.

The topic of discussion was the reclamation of Victoria Harbour. Mr. Chu said that since 1980, 2000 hectares of the harbour had been reclaimed for building purposes and this constituted about half of the original area of the harbour. It is now proposed by the government to reclaim a further 636 hectares around Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon Bay, Central and Green Island. In effect, if this goes ahead, it will leave a 'river', a mere 800-1000 metres wide. The proposed reclamations will be used to erect a wall of tall buildings on the waterfront, creating a concrete canyon that will hide what was once a beautiful asset for both residents and tourists.

Mr. Chu outlined the benefits for protecting what remains of the harbour:

- It is the most important natural, visual asset a symbol of Hong Kong.
- It contributes to Hong Kong's economic success, particularly as a much used transportation route (5000 vessels per day).
- It is a major tourist attraction.
- It is vital to the environmental well-being of Hong Kong a natural lung that helps to cleanse the polluted

The problems associated with filling in the harbour are:

- It damages the environment the air & water.
- It damages the ecology the marine plants and animals.
- It damages the tourist industry.
- It disrupts water transportation the water becomes more turbulent and choppy.
- It damages the visual aesthetics of the cityscape.
- It destroys the very spirit of Hong Kong as a unique city.

Mr. Chu said that the population of Hong Kong was increasing at the rate of about one million people each decade. This will continue for some time, but the maximum population should not be allowed to exceed 10 million. To accommodate this increase, he suggests that there is ample land available in the New Territories, and that the government should be putting its efforts into developing satellite cities in these areas to relieve the congestion in the city area. It is heartening to see that, while the present government is receptive to the big property developers in reclaiming the harbour, they can not gain one vote in Legco to approve the finance that would allow these plans to go ahead.

Finally, Mr. Chu urged members to sign the petition that protests against the wholesale destruction of the heart of Hong Kong.

Mr. Chu was 'thanked' for his presentation by PP John Luk who expressed his disappointment that he did not have the time to give his views on this topic.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Selkirk, Canada.



Pres. C. Y. exchanges Club banner with PP Stanley Chick (Selkirk, Canada).



Pres. C. Y. and Rin Jason wish Rin Rudy a very happy birthday.



Members PP Tim and Rtn Joseph look after visitor PP Stanley Chick.



Grand old member PP Edwin Tao taken care of by Rtns Henry and Rudy.



Winston Chu gives members the facts on Victoria Harbour reclamation.



Visitor and guest to the Club, 31 March 1999.



Rotary Information

Indian Interactors steer residents to recycling

Two ambitious projects implemented by Interactors in Thirumangalam, Tamil Nadu, India, are helping residents in a number of important ways. The Interactors at the P.K.N. Girls' School taught people living near the Gundaru River how to avoid using polluted water and shoed farmers how to convert waste into fertilizer.

The Interactors surveyed residents to determine their awareness of pollution and its causes. They found that most of the people living near the river are poor and illiterate, and use the river for a variety of purposes, including drinking water, bathing, and washing clothes and animals.

The club set out to educate the residents about the ways in which they could valid polluting the river. At the same time, the river's pollutants were analyzed and a filtration system was devised so that a tank of clean water would be available.

The Interactors also staged a campaign to raise awareness of proper waste disposal. Residents were taught to identify degradable and non-degradable waste. Next, they were shown how to convert the degradable waste – paper, vegetable waste, etc. – into bio-fertilizer by burying the materials in the ground with mushroom seeds.

The result is a fungus rich in carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium that can be used as a fertilizer. The Interactors' demonstration of the technique yielded 28 kilograms of fertilizer from 30 kilograms of waste. Residents observed the process and sued the fertilizers in their gardens.

"The projects have been sincerely undertaken and implemented for the betterment of society at large," said R. Theenachandran, president of the Rotary Cub of Madurai Metro, the Interact clubs' sponsor club.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Sam and Bessie are in their 80s, and Sam always wanted an expensive pair of crocodile skin shoes. Seeing a pair on sale on day, he purchased them and came home, asking Bessie, "So, you notice anything different about me?"

What's different?" It's the same shirt you wore yesterday and the same pants. What's different?"

Frustrated, Sam goes into the bathroom, undresses and comes out completely naked, just wearing the new shoes. Again, he says, "So, Bessie, do you notice anything different?"

"What's different, Sam? It's hanging down today; it was hanging down yesterday and will be hanging down tomorrow."

Angrily, Sam yells, "Do you know why it's hanging down? "Cause it's looking at my new shoes!!!"

To which Bessie replies, "Sam, you should have bought a new hat!"



"I have sex about three times a week. I don't know how often my wife has it."

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What Happened Last Week

The meeting was held in Marina Room No 1, second floor, and was opened by President C.Y. on time. He gave a special welcome to Visitors DG Anthony (Tai Po) and Allan Howes (RC Canberra City, Australia).

Rtn Andrew was then invited to welcome the visitors who were the same gentlemen identified by President C.Y. Rtn Malcolm also introduced his guest, Derek Howes, to the members.

President C.Y. announced that there was one birthday boy, Rtn Tajwar. To lead the birthday choir, Tajwar selected DG Anthony.

PDG Uncle Peter then addressed the meeting to inform members that Rtn Allan Howes was no stranger to Hong Kong as he had visited in 1985 to introduce the scheme called Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) to Hong Kong. This scheme was a Rotary initiative of Australia and New Zealand since 1959 and adopted officially by Rotary in 1971. Since Allan's original visit here, it has taken on strongly in Hong Kong since 1986 and is held once a year, usually in January. Uncle Peter presented Allan with a report of our first batch of Rylarians to visit the RYLA camp in District 971 in Australia.

President C.Y. informed members that the Rotaract Club of Lingnan College will hold its inauguration night on 17 April, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and all members are welcome to attend. Cost will be \$220 per head.

He also announced that the funeral of Dragon Nie will be held on Thursday, 8 April at the Hong Kong Funeral House, and members attending should assemble there between 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Sergeant at Arms Andrew reported that there were 24 members in attendance and \$1,590 had been collected.

The Rotary information this week was delivered by IPP Li. He spoke about five very significant entities of Rotary:

The Rotary Wheel

The original Rotary wheel was a wagon wheel designed by Chicago Rotarian, Montague M. Bear, not long after Rotary was founded. A gear wheel was selected as Rotary's emblem at the 1912 Convention in Duluth, Minnesota, U.S.A. The emblem underwent various changes until the current version was adopted by the 1923-24 R.I. Board. The wheel has six spokes and 24 cogs. The name and emblem of Rotary International are registered in more than 30 countries, increasing on an annual basis. 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."

The 4-Way Test

The 4-Way Test began in 1932 as a simple ethical yardstick. It was devised by Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., who served as R.I. President for 1954-55. It was composed as a test for employees of his company. The test is: Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Official Directory

The Official Directory is the annual publication that lists the names, chief officers and meeting times and places of the world's Rotary clubs.

The Rotarian

The Rotarian is the official magazine of R.I. first published in January 1911. The magazine family also includes 27 regional magazines, published in 21 languages.

Rotarian World

Rotarian World is an eight page, tabloid-sized newspaper published five times a year for Rotary club, district, and international leaders. A subscription to the publication, available in 10 languages, is US\$4 per year. Each Club receives three gratis copies.

It was then Rtn Malcolm's turn to introduce the speaker for the day. She was Ms Elaine Ng, Executive Director of Pedorthic Technology Ltd., who spoke on the subject of "Heel Pain."

This seemed to be a topic of interest to the golfers in the Club (no pun) and she explained the three main causes of heel pain:

- 1. The heel spur is out of alignment with the bone line of the leg. This causes stretching of the tendon attached to the heel.
- 2. The Achilles tendon may be too short and vigorous exercise causes stretching that imparts pain to the heel.
- 3. The forefoot may not be in perpendicular alignment with the heel spur. This causes stretching of the tendon at the heel.

All of these physical abnormalities may be remedied by the construction and use of pedorthic supports to create artificial arches and splints for the feet; and certain stretching exercises. Her company specializes in the laser analysis of feet structure and the construction of pedorthic supports that can be worn inside shoes to compensate for abnormal deformities. Members who wish to avail themselves of this service may contact this firm on Tel: 2332 9375 (Tsuen Wan) 2522 9673 (Central) 2384 0084 (Jordan)

PP George thanked Elaine for her very informative talk and expressed great relief that the pain he has personally experienced in his feet is not caused by the weight of the genital organs.

The meeting was closed by President C.Y. who proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Canberra City, Australia.



It looks like Uncle Peter has been dating Monica Lewinsky.



DG Anthony, PDG Uncle Peter and Allan Howes (Canberra City) reflect on times past.





Rin Malcolm looks after hi guest Derek Wharton.



Birthday boy Tajwar congratulated by Pres. C. Y. and DG Anthony.



Pres. C. Y. exchanges banners





Visitors and guests to the Club, 7th April 1999.

Jill Doggett, wife of our late PP Gerry Doggett (1968-69) of Hong Kong Island East, passed away at the age of 87 years in the UK. Her funeral will be in Gt Britain next week and a memorial service will be held in Hong Kong later.



Rotary Information

New Vocational Service guidebook now available

The new RI publication Vocational Service in Your Community presents Rotarians with everything they need to know about Rotary's second Avenue of Service. In addition to a history of Vocational Service and project models from Rotary clubs worldwide, the guidebook (509-EN) includes step-by-step instructions on planning and managing Vocational Service projects, detailed descriptions of the responsibilities of all of the various subcommittees of Vocational Service and a listing of resources to assist clubs in their efforts.

Vocational Service in Your Community is currently available in English, with versions in French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish to be available by April 15. The book may be ordered for US\$2.50 a copy through RI's Publication Order Services Section, telephone (847) 866-4600 or fax (847) 866-3276.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

It's a beautiful, warm spring morning and a man and his wife are spending the day at the zoo. She's wearing a cute, loose-fitting, pink spring dress, sleeveless with straps. He's wearing his normal jeans and a T-shirt. The zoo is not very busy this morning. As they walk through the ape exhibit, they pass in front of a very large hairy gorilla. Noticing the girl, the gorilla goes ape. (No pun intended) He jumps up on the bars, and holding on with one hand (and two feet), he grunts and pounds his chest with his free hand. He is obviously excited at the pretty lady in the wavy dress.

The husband, noticing the excitement, thinks this is funny. He suggests that his wife teases the poor fellow some more. The husband suggests she pucker her lips, wiggle her bottom at him, and play along. She does and Mr. Gorilla gets even more excited, making noises that would wake the dead.

Then the husband suggests that she let one of her straps fall to show a little more skin. She does, and Mr. Gorilla is about to tear the bars down. "Now try lifting your dress up your thighs and sort of fan it at him," he says. This drives the gorilla absolutely crazy and now he's doing flips.

Then the husband grabs his wife by the hair, rips open the door to the cage, flings her in with the gorilla and slams the cage door shut. "Now tell him you have a headache!"



"IM WARNING YOU MYRTLE! IF YOU DON'T LOSE THAT HEADACHE WELL BECOME EXTINCT!"

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What Happened Last Week

President C.Y. opened the meeting and gave a special welcome to Ms Jean Uy, a visiting Ambassadorial Scholar from Ohio, USA.

Rtn Robert followed this up with introductions for the visiting Rotarians:

Donald Goodier (Overwyre, UK) Ali Takhiri (Colombo NE) PP Peter Tse (TST East)

There was indeed a birthday boy this week, and it was Rtn Joseph. IPP David Li lead the singing of the birthday song.

PE Desmond then took the opportunity to remind members of the annual party to be held on Saturday night. This was followed by a series of other annual party annual party to be held on Saturday night. This was followed by a series of other annual party to be held on Saturday night.

- The annual District Assembly will be held on 15 May, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Golden Mile. New members and incoming Club officers are advised to attend.
- A joint dinner meeting with HKIE's 10 baby clubs will be held on Saturday, 8 May at the Miramar Hotel. Cost will be \$380 per head.
- On Saturday, 17 April, from 1:30-4:00 p.m., the Rotaract Club of Lingnan College will hold its inauguration meeting. Members were invited to attend.
- An Intercity meeting will be held at the Regent Hotel on 3 June, hosted by HKIE.
- This is in fact the last Board meeting of Rotary International. (Ref. details elsewhere in this issue.)

The announcements were followed by Sgt. Danny's Report: There were 28 members present and \$2,460 had been donated.

As mentioned above, in attendance at this meeting was one of Hong Kong's two Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars, Ms Jean Uy from the Rotary Club of Findley, Ohio. She was invited to address the members and she reported that she was an Arts major graduate who arrived here in September, 1998. She is studying at the University of Hong Kong and is doing some research in the field of medicine. Her one observation during her stay so far is that it can be lonely for such students, particularly when they first arrive and that Clubs should make more use of them by inviting them to meetings to give presentations.

It was then time for the guest speaker and Rtn Malcolm introduced Miss Internet, Professor Christine Choy, Director of the School of Creative Media at City University. Her topic was "Creativity and Technology."

Professor Choy recounted that she was born in Shanghai, where as a girl she had a figure 36-26-36, but after all the work since arriving in Hong Kong, she is something like 22-22-22, hence the title: Miss Internet.

She said that she arrived here 9 months ago after being invited by the President of CityU to set up and head the new School of Creative Media. It is her conviction that humans have a unique design ability for communicating with each other. Her impression of Hong Kong students, however, is that they have not developed this ability to any significant degree, due mainly to the educational practices in schools which favour rote learning. It is her goal to bring about changes in her university that will facilitate students developing more creative and critical ways of thinking. One of the problems she sees is that traditional education separates knowledge into discrete subject areas and this encourages a convergent linear thinking. She would like to introduce subjects that range over broad vistas of information, e.g., "City and Space", which could draw upon the total field of human knowledge. In such an interdisciplinary program, it is more likely that students will develop multi-lateral modes of thinking.

It was also her opinion that this type of education can be facilitated by the internet and electronic technology. In fact, she predicted that on-line education will make universities obsolete in their present form, probably in the next decade.

Professor Choy was thanked by Rtn Rudy for her stimulating presentation.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Overwyre, UK.



Some of the happy gang on the recent seafood dinner cruise.



PE Desmond entertains some of our Japanese Rotary friends



Our Japanese friends get a taste of Hong Kong golf.



Rtn Malcolm looks after Rtns Don Goodier (Overwyre) and Ali Tahiri (Colombo NE)



Who could complain about this: Ambassadorial Scholar Jean Uy cuddles up to PP Rob.



Rin Joseph congratulated on his birthday by Pres. C.Y. and IPP Li.



Miss Internet, Professor Christine Choy: "As you can see, I'm now only 22-



Visitors and guests to the Club, 14th April 1999.

RI BOARD meets here in June

By John Wan

PRESIDENT JAMES LACY HAS decided to hold his last Board Meeting of Rotary International in Hong Kong in June 1999, just before he sets out for his International Convention to be held in Singapore from 11th June 1999. This will be the second visit of James and Claudine Lacy to Hong Kong in just less than ten months. They were last here in August 1998.

Accompanying the RI President will be his successor PE Carlo Ravizza & Rossana, President-Nominee Frank Devlyn & Gloria, all present RI Director, Directors-elect, their spouse, and General Secretary Aaron & Jane Hyatt. The full team of 60 members will study at the Regent Hotel which will also be the venue for the Board Meeting.

It has also been agreed that the District will held an Intercity Meeting in honour of President James Lacy and the visitors on Thursday, 3 June 1999 at the Regent Hotel Ballroom. Last week, Governor Anthony Hung has been busy calling up presidents of a few Thursday clubs to plan and host the momentous event RI Coordinator, Director Service Betty Rozanski said the President "would like it to be a very social evening with dinner and not many speeches".

Planning and preparation for the June Board Meeting actually began shortly after the beginning of his term. At one time, it was suggested that Singapore could play host, so as to save the Directors having to make an additional trip. There were high level discussions around the last visit to Hong Kong of President James, at which time it was by no means certain that the meeting would be held here. We understand that the Hong Kong Tourist Association has been very keen to have the RI Board in Hong Kong for visits of high profile guests will always have positive spin-offs for Hong Kong in general and the tourism industry in particular, particularly if the visit is handled well. Past RI Director Jack Forrest also stayed at Regent Hotel when he was here lest month as James Lacy's Personal Representative to our District Conference. He said as he left the hotel for the Airport that "it is a very good hotel" and was positive that "James Lacy and the Directors will definitely enjoy their stay here".

The RI party will stay here for ten days, from 1 June to 10 June. They will have a busy schedule, so will the leadership of District 3450. It is also possible for small-group sessions and reunions between friends to be organized.

One possible meeting is one between RI President-elect Carlo Ravizza and our District Governor-elect Dipo Sani and his team of presidents-elect. And it is possible that a similar meeting could be organized between President-Nominee Frank Devlyn and his team in the District.

Last week, Governor Anthony was thinking of inviting President James Lacy to present Presidential Citations to the clubs of the District. We learnt that most of the 48 clubs would be qualified.

As for the Intercity meeting planned for Thursday, 3 June, it will start at 7:00p.m. and finish by 10:30p.m. at the latest. The presidents present at the Anniversary celebration of Rotary Club of Kwun Tong last Saturday had an informal chat on who to do what, but plans had yet to firm up.



Rotary Information

Singapore Home Hospitality event all booked

All guest openings for Home Hospitality, to be held Monday, June 14, in conjunction with this year's RI Convention in Singapore, have been filled. While the Singapore Host Organization Committee can no longer accept guests for the event, during the convention, Rotarians may inquire about openings resulting from cancellations by visiting the Home Hospitality booth near the registration area in the lobby of the Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A guy arrives at the pearly gates of Heaven, waiting to be admitted. St. Peter is reading through the Big Book to see if the gay's name is written in it. After several minutes, St. Peter closes the book furrows his brow, and says, "I'm sorry, I don't see your name written in the Book."

"How current is your copy?" he asks.

"I get a download every ten minutes," "St. Peter replies. "Why do you ask?"

"I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I was always the stubborn type. It was not until my death was imminent that I cried out to God, so my name probably hasn't arrived to your copy yet."

"I'm glad to hear that," Peter says, "but while we're waiting for the update to come through, can you tell me about a really good deed that you did in your life?

The gay thinks for a moment and say, "Hmmm, well there was this one time when I was driving down a road and I saw a group of biker gang members harassing this poor girl. I slowed down, and sure enough, there they were, about 20 of them harassing this poor woman. Infuriated, I got out of my car, grabbed a tire lever out of my trunk, and walked up to the leader of the gang. He was a huge guy, 6-foot-4, 260 pounds, with a studded leather jacket and a chain running from his nose to his ears. As I walked up to him, the bikers formed a circle around me and told me to get lost or I'd be next. So I ripped the leader's chain out of his face and smashed him over the head with the tire lever. Then I turned around and yelled to the rest of them, "Leave this poor innocent girl alone! You're all a bunch of sick, deranged animals! Get going before I really teach you a painful lesson!"

St. Peter, duly impressed, says "Wow! When did this happen?"

"About three minutes ago?"



THIS YEAR I WANT TO GO WHERE NO WOMAN IS SAFE!

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What Happened Last Week

This meeting was held in the Marina Room on the second floor. President C.Y. opened the meeting by extending a special welcome to the two visiting PDGs, Moses Cheng (HKNE) and Herbert Ho (Penang).

Rtn Robert then performed the other introductions:

Albert Wong (Richmond, BC, Canada)
Gerard Steenland (Gouda, Holland)
Peter Tse (TSTE)
Maggie Tseung (Peninsula Sunrise)
Benny Ratnani (HKNE)

Members were then invited to introduce their guest secretaries with PP John Kwok and PP John Luk in hot competition to see who could introduce the most girls.

President C.Y. reported that the Anniversary Party Night was a great success and he publicly thanked PE Desmond for the good job he did in organizing it.

One of the visiting Rotarians, Maggie Tseung, was then invited to make an announcement. She pointed out that her club, the Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise, is the official organizer for the Annual District Assembly to be held at the Holiday Inn Golden Mile, on 15 May. She encouraged new members and incoming Club officers to attend in particular.

Sergeant Jason announced that there were 23 members present at the meeting and \$1,300 had been collected.

IPP David Li provided the Rotary Information for the day. It concerned attendance. Members are required to attend or make-up at least 60% of Club regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year. At least 30% of those attendances must be with his home club. Attendance is credited if a member is required to attend an official Rotaract or Interact club meeting, a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary district conference or assembly, intercity meeting of Rotary clubs, and several other infrequent categories of meetings. Attendance is also credited if the member presents himself for another club's meeting but the club has changed its meeting time or venue.

A member may be exempted from meeting attendance if he is travelling in a country where there is no Rotary club or is suffering from a protracted illness, subject to Board approval.

A Senior Active member may be exempted from attendance if the aggregate of his years of age and years of membership is 85 years or more.

President C.Y. informed members that the pocket watch presented to each member to mark the anniversary of HKIE was designed by PDG Uncle Peter. He also announced that HKIE would hold a special get-together meeting with its 10 baby clubs on 8 May at the Miramar Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui. The regular meeting on 5 May will be cancelled.

The exchange of banners for this meeting involved Rtn Gerard Steenland (RC Gouda, Holland) and Rtn Albert Wong (Richmond, Canada).

Finally, Rtn Malcolm introduced the guest speaker, Ms Elinor Young, to speak on "Colour and Clothing Combinations." Using swathes of various coloured cloth, she first demonstrated three principles of colour combination using one of the guest secretaries as her model. The first principle is to use warm with warm colour, and cool with cool colour. The second principle is to be aware that the stronger the contrast in tone or colour, the more assertive and unfriendly you will appear. Conversely, by lowering the contrast, a friendlier image can be created. The third successful principle is that strong and subdued variations of the one colour go together well.

To show that these three principles are as appropriate to men's dress as to ladies', Elinor used 'Mr Cool', alias Manolo, as a model to demonstrate how to select accessories, e.g., ties, to match shirts and coats.

All of this was enjoyed by members and the guests and we will be expecting a much improved standard of dress at meetings in future.

Rtn Tajwar informed members that he is partially colour blind but could still gain some impression of the substance of the demonstration. He thanked Elinor for a very informative presentation.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Penang.



Two PDGs, Moses Cheng and Herbert Ho with potential Rotarian John (?)



Three happy guys, Benny Ratnani (HKNE), Rtn Chris and Rtn Kishu.



Rtn Maggie Tseung (Peninsula Sunrise) speaks about the District Assembly.



Exchange of banners with Gerard Steenland (Holland) and Albert Wong (Canada).



Guest speaker Elinor Young thinks Manolo will look good as an Archbishop.



Visitors and guests to the Club, 21 April 1999.



Rotary Information

President Lacy appeals for assistance to the Balkans

In light of the situation in the Balkans, RI President James L. Lacy has issued an appeal for donations to an account set up to benefit those impacted by the crisis. A special grant of US\$500,000 from the Children's Opportunities Fund has been made to start the account, which was established with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the non-political, Geneva, Switzerland-based disaster-relief organization.

"As individuals committed to the ideals of world understanding and peace, you are most certainly concerned with the grave situation unfolding in the Balkans – the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled and the plight of those who have remained in the area and are enduring hardships," Lacy wrote in a letter to Rotarians.

"Through a contribution to a specific Rotary account established with the ICRC, Rotarians can help to provide immediate assistance to the innocent victims, particularly children, suffering because of the conflict," the president wrote. "Contributions to this fund will provide emergency relief, including food, medical items, water supply and sanitation materials. Funds, rather than donated goods, are needed at this time."

Lacy also sent a letter to district governors urging them to contribute up to \$10,000 in District Designated funds.

Rotarians can contribute directly to the fund by sending payment to:
Account Number CO-183,222.8 - Rotary HPCPB, UBS SA, P. O. Box 2770, CH-1211, Geneva 2, Switzerland.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A 54 year old accountant leaves a letter for his wife one Friday evening that reads: Dear Wife, I am 54 and by the time you receive this letter, I will be at the Lisboa Hotel with my beautiful and sexy 18 year old secretary.

When he arrived at that hotel, there was a faxed letter waiting for him that read as follows: Dear Husband, I too am 54 and by the time you receive this letter, I will be at the Gold Coast Hotel with my handsome and virile 18 years old toy boy. Since you are an accountant, you will appreciate that 18 goes into 54 many more times than 54 goes into 18.



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What Happened Last Week



Visitors to our club in group photo, 28th April 1999.

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East has been awarded two citations this year!

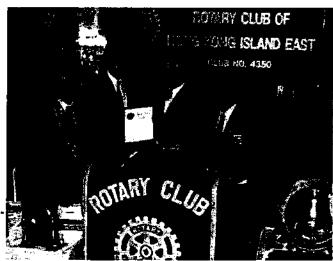
At our luncheon meeting on Wednesday 28 April, DG Anthony Hung presented the award for "Highest Registration at the 39th District Conference" to President C.Y. As our PDG Uncle Peter pointed out, this excellent award was largely due to the hard work of PP John Kwok, who encouraged 21 of our members to sign up and attend.

Uncle Peter also admonished us that had all 21 stayed right through to the last plenary session, we would have achieved the award for highest attendance!

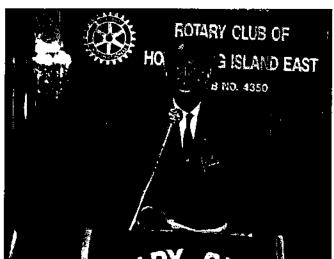
DG Anthony also presented the second award, which went to PP John Kwok. This award was the "4-Avenue of Service" Citation for Individual Rotarians. Uncle Peter explained to us that this citation was very similar to the "Service Above Self Award". The award is open to individual Rotarians (excluding past or present R.I. officers) who have demonstrated dedication, have served in all four avenues of service, and are still continuing to practice such service.



Our former member Chan Soo addressing the club.

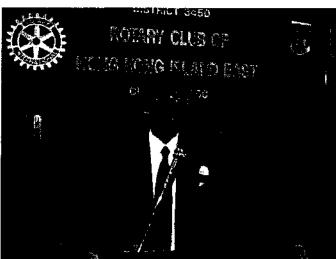


Four Avenues of Service Citation is presented by DG Anthony to PP John Kwok..



PP John Kwok thank DG Anthony and RI for the Citation.





Speaker Dr. Benjamin Lai speaking on the subject of "Sleep".



Serah MacNamara the other speaker on "The Benefits of Food Suppliments" sitting with Pres. C.Y.



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Tung Feng Supplement

11 May, 1999

Eleven Clubs Joint Meeting

An eleven-club joint meeting headed by HKIE was held at the Miramar Hotel on the 8th May, 1999 with approximately 200 members and guests attended.

The banquet was in Chinese style spread out in 20 tables with mixed seating of various clubs in order to renew our acquaintance and foster better fellowship. No head table was reserved. Games, magic shows and singing entertainments were well performed by our own Rotarians during the meeting. The fellowship dinner lasted until 10:30 p.m. when everybody left with a contended heart.

Also, there was no formality, except one short speech by PDG Peter Hall which is reproduced in this supplement.

The dream of a 4 generations joint meeting has come true under the R.I. theme of "Follow your Rotary Dream."

Tonight is the first joint meeting of a big Rotary family dating back some 45 years ago. When HKIE was born, there were only 3 Rotary clubs in our area, namely: Hong Kong Club, Macau Club and Kowloon Club.

HKIE and HKIW, the so-called twin-club were added in 1954.

We have grown in size. The Family tree of HKIE has added 10 clubs within the past 2 decades. To explain a bit in detail, HKIE has 4 baby clubs: HK South, HK North, HK Northeast and HK Harbour which formed the 2nd generation.

As time goes on, siblings mushroomed gradually.

HK South gave birth to Quarry Bay

HK North founded the HK City North

HK Northeast chartered 2 clubs- HK Bayview and Happy Valley

which became the 3rd generation.

The grand daughter clubs also sprang up by creating new borns.

HK City North sponsored Causeway Bay

HK Bayview brought in Bayview Sunshine

making it the 4th generation.

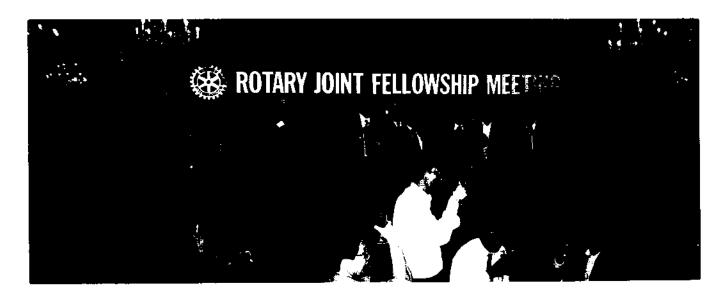
Though we have eleven clubs in existence, we do not have frequent communications as it should be, because we have forgotten our roots. This is the reason why we initiated to-night's function and hope we can foster better fellowship and cement better relationship among the eleven clubs. This occasion is not suppose to have any speeches. I would rather stop here and let you all enjoy a happy and wonderful evening.

Before I sit down, I would like to practice a little Chinese tradition by presenting each participating President of the 10 clubs with a small Rotary pocket-watch as a good memory of your coming home.

May I start by calling upon the presidents according to the club's age from the youngest to the eldest.

President Alice Liu of Bayview Sunshine HK
President Philip Wong of Causeway Bay
President Gordon Lam of Happy Valley
President Paul Chan of HK Bayview
President Edwin Wong of HK City North
President Stephen Tsai of Quarry Bay
President Antonio Chu of HK Harbour
President Raymond Ma of HK Northeast
President Frank Wong of HK North
President Pirie Nicholas of HK South

PDG Peter Hall



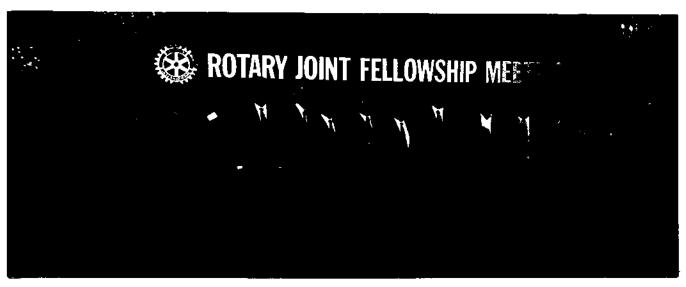
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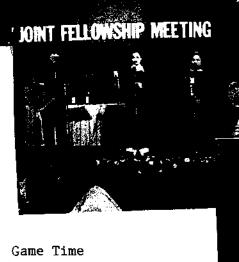
11 Club President & VIPs



MCs President Antonio Chu & President Alice Liu of Bayview Sunshine

Rotary Singer

David Li, Emily Mok Amy Leung, Joseph Chan



Mary PDG Peter Pres CY & Teresa





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OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY BALL 17TH April, 1999

Time is mercilessly flying! On the 17th April, 1999, HKIE was celebrating its 45th birthday by holding a dinner party at the Hong Kong Jockey Club where many of our members and guests attended.

Three of our sister clubs also came along way from overseas to congratulate us on this special occasion. They are R/C of Osaka-Jonan, Japan, R?C of Penang Malasia and R/C of Makati North, the Philippines, each brought with them a nice souvenir to us.

The Presidents of each of these three clubs gave a congratulatory message at the beginning of the dinner. In return, we gave each and every member of our sister clubs a Rotary Pocket watch bearing the name of HKIE.

Singing and tombola game were provided. Our own PDG Peter won the first prize. The curtain was lowered at 11:00 p.m. It has been a most enjoyable evening experienced by everyone who attended. We look forward for our Golden Jubilee.



(left) PDG Peter wins the first prize

(below) Delegates from Penang



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Uncle Peter pointed out that John IV had been performing such service both in the past and present and no doubt would continue to do so in the future. HKIE is proud of him for his untiring efforts for the club and for Rotary. We are also proud of the fact that this is the first time the R.I. President had given such a citation to our club.

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

The club (ably represented by Bill (Flicker) Lamport!) extended a warm welcome to visiting Rotarians at our last luncheon meeting. These were our DG Anthony Hung,Rtn. K M Chau from Kowloon, and PP Kam Leung from Victoria. Our guests were also similarly welcomed: Patrick Kan, Chan Soo, Sara McNamara, and Dr. Benjamin Lai. Chan Soo, a previous member of HKIE, was later asked to say a few words.

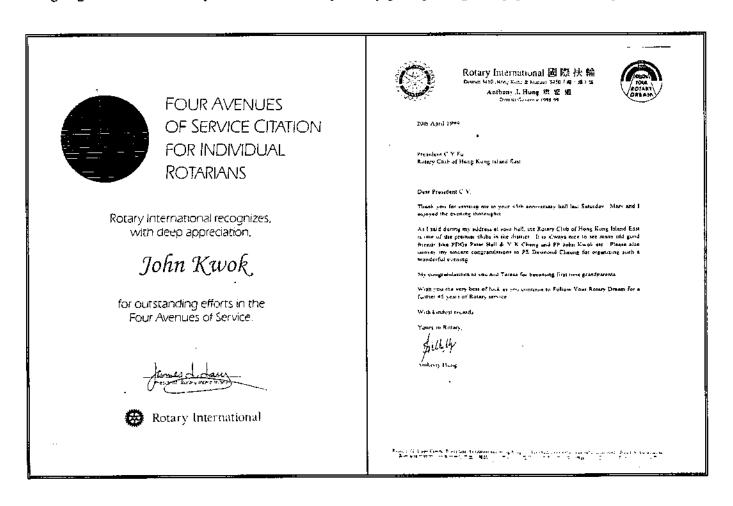
CHARITY

Acting Sgt Rudy announced that 27 members were attending the luncheon meeting, and \$2500 hads been collected.

DOUBLE SPEAKERS

Sara McNamara, who represents Blackmore, a company that distributes health products, gave us a short introduction to healthy living and recent developments in the field of health and well-being. This was followed by Dr. Benjamin Lai, a psychiatrist by profession, who spoke on the subject of sleep.

Dr Lai spoke of a case where a person was complaining of waking up at 3 a.m. and unable to get back to sleep. Further questioning revealed that she went to bed about 7 or 8 p.m. Chances are she probably got enough sleep! In another case a young man complained of not being able to get up until late in the morning; it turned out he was not going to bed until the early hours. He was also probably getting enough sleep, just at the wrong times!



Dr. Lai then went on to talk about the main causes of sleeplessness, and recommended certain practical measures to ensure a good night's sleep (we all need from 6 to 8 hours a night). These guidelines included trying to maintain a regular Sleep/Wake pattern, allocating sufficient time, maintaining a constant and cool temperature in the room, adequate exercise before sleep (which drew some ribald remarks from you-know-who!) and relaxation before going to bed.

As time was marching on, brief but sincere thanks were given by Rtn David Cheung.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to R.I. coupled with the name of the Rotary Club of Victoria.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

A little boy and his father, just arrived in Hong Kong from an isolated rural province in China, were visiting a shopping centre. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked, "What is this, Father?"

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life. I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, an old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls then closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up in sequence. They continued to watch until it reached last number and then these numbers began to light up in reverse order. When the numbers reached the bottom, the walls opened up again and a beautiful young woman stopped out.

The father, with his eyes glued to the young woman, said quietly to his son, "Go get your mother."



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What Happened Last Week

This meeting was held in the Gloucester Room on the third floor at the Excelsior Hotel. As President C.Y. was away, PE Desmond was in charge of proceedings. He opened the meeting by giving a special welcome to the guest speaker, Rtn Christopher Carroll (RC Kowloon Golden Mile).

Rtn Rudy then introduced the visitors and guests:

Betty Mok (Queensway)
Jens Peder Jensen (Amager, Denmark)
Philip Li (HK Sunrise)
Sam Ng (Rtn Bill)

It was then time for the birthday boys and three were identified: PP George, Rtn Emperor, and Rtn Bill They invited PDG Y.K. and PP T.K. to lead the singing.

PE Desmond then made the following announcements:

The joint meeting of the 11 clubs at the Miramar Hotel was a great success and PP John Kwok has produced a colour supplement on it for the bulletin.

Members wishing to obtain photos from the annual ball should order them a.s.a.p.

Eight Club members from HKIE will be attending the District Assembly on Saturday, 15 May.

Gifts were presented to HKIE by the visiting members from RC Makati North, RC Penang, and RC Osaka Jonan.

(These were opened at the Club meeting for members' inspection.)

PP John had a first cover stamped envelope from the African country of Malawi (Where is it? was the question on everyone's lips. Some weren't even sure where Africa was). Being an auctioneer of no mean repute, PP John proceeded to put the stamp up for bidding and, after a little 'encouragement', the top offer fell at \$300 to PP George. All good money for the Club's coffers and something for George that he didn't really want.

Secretary Ates reported that the donations for the day amounted to \$2,210.

The final event was the guest speaker (Rtn Christopher Carroll) who was introduced by Rtn Malcolm. Christopher has been a Rotarian for 14 years and lived in Hong Kong for the past 10 years. His topic was, "Y2K: Impact on Small to Medium Businesses."

Members were taken aback by the doomsday scenario outlined by the speaker. Just when everyone was thinking that all the major problems had been ironed out, Christopher (Dr Doom) pointed out that all was not well, and we should start preparing for many problems - and not just on 1 January 2000.

He said that Hong Kong was not 100% compliant and any firms that had not taken steps to tackle the problem could suffer a severe drop in the value of their shares. The risks could be separated into internal and external ones. The former pertained to the firm's computer equipment and programs and these could crash. The external risks involved those organizations (suppliers, customers, banks) with whom the firm dealt, particularly if they were not Y2K compliant. It is estimated that more than 50% of mainland Chinese businesses have not even heard of the Y2K problem!

The legal implications for non-compliance were threatening: Customers might sue and firms may have to sue others (e.g., suppliers). If computer controlled safety or security systems fail, then operators may be sued. It is estimated that the potential legal costs arising from this problem are three times the amount necessary to fix it in the first place. Insurance firms were now including exclusion clauses concerning the Y2K problem. Business people were advised to consult their lawyers as soon as possible to discuss these issues.

More ominous was the problem in well armed and nuclear countries like China and Russia which did not have the funds to carry out all the necessary adjustments. It is quite possible that malfunctions could occur in their computer controlled weapons systems, nuclear power plants and aviation networks.

Christopher's advice was:

- . Keep available enough cash to last two to three weeks.
- . Keep records of all financial possessions.
- . Stock up on two to three weeks of food.
- . Don't travel on small Asian airlines.
- . Check your insurance policies.
- . Stock up on materials and supplies for your firm.
- . Check your customers for their preparation and readiness.
- . Have contingency plans ready.

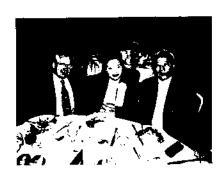
Rtn Rudy thanked Christopher for his interesting, though gloomy, address.

To close the meeting, PE Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Amager, Denmark, and to Y2K.

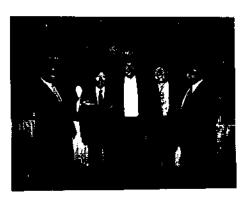
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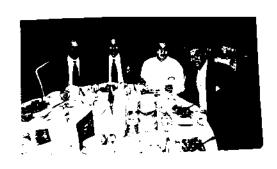
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Rtns Jens Peder Jensen(Denmark) and Betty Mok(Queensway)enjoying the company of PP Sam



Three Birthday boys, Emperor, Bill & George congratulated by PDG YK & PP TK



Rtns. Chris & Bill entertaining Rtn. Philip Li(Sunrise) & guest Sam Ng



Dr. Doom: "That's the good newsnow here's the bad news."



Visitors & guests to the club, 12 May 1999

Rotary Information

Club and district share their 'Dreams for the Future'

When RI President James L. Lacy put out the call last July for ideas from throughout the Rotary world to help shape the future of the organization, Rotarians responded on masse.

Rotary clubs and districts around the globe submitted some 2,000 recommendations on future projects, programs. Activities and emphases, which were discussed and reviewed by the Rotary's Dream for the Future Committee and the Rotary's Dream for the Future Regional Task Force. The committee identified 25 dreams that are being submitted to the RI Board of Directors for their consideration.

Other suggestions did not appear to have worldwide application but were considered by the committee to be worthwhile club projects and project ideas that other clubs might like to pursue. A list if 50 such ideas, covering the subject area of health care; food, water, shelter and disaster projects; children and youth projects; community improvement and responsibility; environmental and energy projects; international youth projects; and fund development, is now available to Rotarians.

Written requests for then list can be sent to Joani Orr, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, USA; fax: (847)866-9732; e-mail: orrio@riorc.mhs.compuserve.com.

Interactors make life a little easier in Tanzanian leprosy village

Interactors are making a significant difference in the lives of the residents of the Nunge Leprosy Village in Tanzania. Through fund raising and hard work, members of the Interact club at the International school in Dar-es-Salaam have provided the village with water, its own food supply and improved medical facilities. Along the way, they witnessed just how much a little help can benefit people in need.

"Working hand -in-hand with the disabled people, plowing their farm so they can become self-sustaining -- I have never seen such enthusiasm," said interactor Amreen Dinani. "Their determination is absolutely unbelievable."

The Interact club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dar-es-Salaam North, began its work at the village by organizing an International Night that raised enough money to finance the construction of a well in the middle of the village. Whereas once the villagers were often forced to walk long distance in search of clean water, now they have a well at their disposal.

Next, the Interactors set their sights on the good supply, which was irregular at best. They built a nursery in which tomatoes, papaya and spinach are grown, and then they weeded, cleared and irrigated plots were the food was planted. Also, banana trees were planted behind each of the 50 houses in the village.

During a speech she gave at the village on World Leprosy Day, Jan. 31, Dinani described the club's latest projects, which included raising funds to construct a drainage system that would allow for running water in every home and working with the German Leprosy Relief Association to bring improved, regular medical care to the village.

Dinani said the villager are not the only beneficiaries of the project. "It has made me aware that I can use my personal strength to develop and aid those who are less privilege than myself," she said. "My attachement to the people of Nunge is deep."

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK:

Well, we've all heard how the tight the Scots are:

In the local pub, a farmer met his neighbour, a dour old Scot.

"I see your daughter Maggie's getting married next week, Mac," said the farmer.

That'll be the fourth wedding in your family in the past two years, won't it?"

"Aye, it will that," replied the Scot. "And I don't mind telling you, the confetti's getting awful dirty.

McDougal took his girlfriend out for an evening and they were back at the door of her flat just before midnight. As she kissed him goodnight, she said: "Be careful on your way home now, Darling. I'd hate anyone to rob you of all the money you've saved this evening."



"Yes, the mudpack did help my wife's appearancebut it fell off after a few days."

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What Happened Last Week

President C.Y. was still absent in Australia and PE Desmond took charge of the meeting again. He opened proceedings by extending a special welcome to DG Anthony who is a valued regular visitor to our Club.

Rtn Malcolm took responsibility for the other introductions:

Albert Law (Admiralty)
K.M. Chau (Kowloon)
Jim Wardell (guest speaker)

PE Desmond then made a number of announcements:

- The District Assembly was held over the weekend and HKIE was represented by 6-7 members.
- Ten HKIE members have so far indicated that they will be attending the forthcoming intercity meeting.
- A Club Assembly will be held on 2 June and there will be no speaker.
- The attractiveness of Tung Feng has been enhanced by the colour photos recently and this is an initiative of PP John Kwok.

Acting Sergeant Chris announced that the takings for the day were \$1,670.

IPP David Li provided the Rotary information:

The Rotary International Visual Identity Style Manual has been created to give guidance to Clubs on how to properly publish Rotary information and use Rotary emblems. This applies to letterheads, envelopes, personal cards, brochures, program leaflets, club bulletins, district newsletters, etc.

In particular, the Manual will encourage consistency in the use and placement of the gearwheel in publications. The RI policy regarding use of the Rotary name and emblem is set forth in detail in the RI Manual of Procedure (035-EN).

Briefly, the RI name and emblem are registered in more than 30 countries, and that number is increasing. This protects its exclusiveness as an "intellectual property." Individual Rotary clubs or groups of clubs may use the name and emblem in connection with their activities provided that any promotional materials or publicity clearly identifies the participating clubs by name and does not relate the activity to RI.

When Rotary clubs cooperate with other organizations – commercial or otherwise – in sponsoring a local activity, published materials should not display the gearwheel emblem in a manner which could lead a viewer to conclude that there is a relationship between RI and the party or institution symbolized by another emblem that appears in the design of the publication. Neither the Rotary name nor the emblem may ever be used to further any commercial purpose or a political campaign. The emblem may not be used on business stationery or business cards.

Whenever the Rotary name or emblem is printed, it should not be altered, modified or obstructed in any way nor reproduced in other than its complete form. If it is included in a publication printed with ink of only one colour, the emblem may be printed in that colour. But when a publication is printed in inks of more than one colour, the emblem must be printed in the official Rotary colours, royal blue and gold (or metallic gold) or black.

It is the duty of all Rotarians to protect the integrity of their official symbols.

Finally, it was the turn of the guest speaker and Rtn Malcolm introduced Mr. Jim Wardell who spoke on the topic, Corporate Restructuring and Receiverships. Jim gave a very interesting talk on the scenario of companies which start out well and what may happen to them when they attempt to expand and subsequently find themselves in financial difficulties. This he illustrated with numerous examples he drew upon from his long experience in Hong Kong. He pointed out that the main creditors to the company are the banks and these take varying attitudes towards a company that is placed in receivership.

He warned that some banks will seek personal guarantees from directors, major share holders, etc. but it is important to avoid committing oneself to this as it can have disastrous liabilities for the guarantor.

Jim also warned members that new legislation on liability, bringing Hong Kong into line with other developed Western countries, would be introduced in October 1999. This will place liability on directors (executive and non-executive) and managers and, in his opinion, was a very worrying development. He urged members to oppose it if they have any influence.

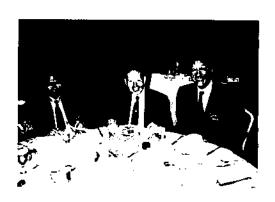
Rtn Robin, in his vote of thanks (and with the inside knowledge he has as the previous Official Receiver) said that his office and the HK Association of Banks supported the legislation because it will provide a safer environment for HK companies as has happened in other parts of the world.

The meeting was closed with a toast to the RC of Tai Po.

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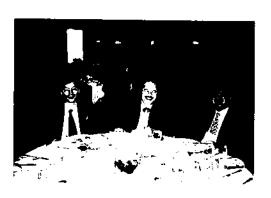
Rtn Francis, PDG Uncle Peter & PP John enjoy each other's company.



Rtn KT and Stephen entertain our visting Rotarian Ken Cha



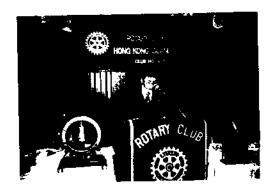
Which member is more interested in food than photos?



The DG's share a good joke.



Rtns Tajwar and Robin grace the head table.



IPP Li delivering the Rotary Information.



P.E. Desmond in charge of proceedings.

Rotary Information

Illinois Rotarians' literacy efforts rewrite the books

Formed eight years ago, the Literacy Committee of District 6420 has been very active in combating illiteracy – an emphasis of Rotary International since 1986. These Illinois Rotarians address the issue of illiteracy creatively. From reporting club literacy news articles in the district governor's newsletter to publishing those articles in an annual booklet, the eight-member committee challenges the clubs to have at least two meeting programs on Literacy each year and to be involved in literacy improvement activities.

The committee also presents a literacy display, along with club and individual literacy awards, at the district conference, and has established a speakers' bureau and a literacy month in November. "Illiteracy is a problem in essentially every community of the U.S.," says Page Bellinger, the district literacy Committee Chair. "We hope to get every club in the district involved."

Of the 56 clubs, 40 participate in literacy activities and have contacts or committees, depending on size. Club projects have been carried on in places as varied as schools, prisons, hospitals and libraries. This variety allows for clubs to explore different methods in approaching literacy.

For example, Rotarians have volunteered as readers in elementary schools, hospitals and libraries. One club donated books as prizes for the library's summer reading program and another contributed newspaper subscriptions for current events classes and projects at a local high school. Trained by Volunteers in Teaching Adult Literacy (VITAL), a Rotarian tutor brought his Spanish-speaking pupil through U.S. citizenship in English; another wrote reviews of new books for the "Let's Read" column of a local newspaper; and yet another provided free eye exams and glasses to needy I-READ participants.

A handbook produced by RI, "Rotary Promotes Literacy" (601-EN), is designed for those interested in underta,ing or supporting literacy efforts in their communities. Offering an overview of the topic and suggestions on ways to get involved, the book includes examples of model Rotary projects as well as a wealth of Rotary and public resources. "Rotary Promotes Literacy" may be ordered for US\$1 a copy through RI's Publication Order Services Section, telephone (847) 866-4600 or fax (847) 866-3276.

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An old man went to the local Catholic church and entered the confessional box.

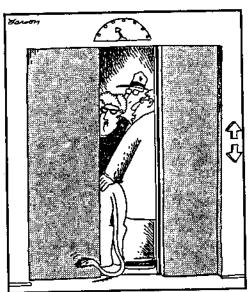
"Father," he said, "I'm 82 years old and I'm having this incredible, mad, passionate affair with a 20 year old girl. We make love two or three times a day, whenever and wherever we can."

The priest was a bit taken aback. "This is a most unusual confession considering your advanced years," he said. "For penance, I think you had better begin by saying twelve Hail Marys every morning, before you feel these sinful urges coming on."

"But, Father," said the old man, "I cant say twelve Hail Marys. I'm not a Catholic."

"Well, why are you telling me about your sins?" asked the priest.

"Father." said the old man, "I'm telling everyone."



"Don't be alarmed, folks. ... He's completely harmless unless something startles him."

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What Happened Last Week

PE Desmond opened the meeting on time in the Gloucester Room, third floor. He gave a very special welcome to the guest speaker, Dr. Ng.

Rtn Andrew Shek was then given the responsibility of introducing the visitors and guests. These included:

Greg Disney (Cooroy, Australia)

Michael Chang (Wanchai)

Teruko Akida (Tokyo)

Michael Duck (HK)

PP Peter Tse (TST East)

Francesco Cavazzoni (HK South)

Benny Ratnani

Thomas Lee (Rtn Malcolm)

Dr S.Y. Ng (Speaker)

Several announcements were then made:

- Rtn Stephen reported the impending trip to Osaka Jonan on Friday, 28 May. Five HKIE members plus three guests will make up the party.
- PE Desmond advised that there was now one seat available at the HKIE table for the Intercity meeting to be held on 2 June.

Also, this meeting was the last day that he would take orders for photos of the annual ball.

Acting Sergeant Rudy then announced that \$1,070 had been donated.

IPP David Li provided members with the following Rotary information; it was in the form of a well-recommended recipe for a well-run Rotary Club.

Ingredients:

25 to 30 men and women

Heaps of fun

Hours of fellowship Successful fundraising

Selective expenditure of funds

<u>Directions:</u> Select a container or meeting place with low ceilings, carpeted floor, circular tables, comfortable chairs, pleasant staff, and adequate meals at moderate prices.

Place gently into container the men and women. Stir vigorously, blending in as many extroverts as possible. Don't stop stirring. Soon members will be attracted to each other and start talking. If lumps occur, stir more vigorously. When an even consistency has been achieved, ring bell and let settle.

Pour in a structure and a purpose, but also add informality and interjections to taste. Blend two or three fundraising events and one reliable external money-raising venture. Sprinkle in a minimum of one fellowship each month. Add a president who is not too formal, with a vision for the year. Mix in a board of people who really want the portfolio they are assigned. All members should be given at least one job per year.

The rising ingredients are: A mixture of a hard-working membership chairman, a relaxed view of rules regarding induction procedure and attendance percentages, a relaxed dress code, and laughter. Bind this all together with an informative, entertaining bulletin.

Place in oven with a constant temperature generated by 20 percent of the members. Be prepared for it to sink in the middle some-times because some members will have more important priorities, but realize that as long as the above recipe is strictly followed, members will be proud of their club and will naturally invite other people.

Stand back and watch it rise. Perhaps you should have used a bigger container! (PP John Cook, RC Mitcham, Vic., Australia)

Following this presentation, Rtn Malcolm introduced the speaker, Dr S.Y. Ng who is a chiropractor. His topic was "Habit and Back Pain."

Dr Ng said tha 80 percent of people suffer some back pain in their lives. The three main causes can be attributed to: Faulty posture

Insufficient back strength

Ergonomics

Generally, these causes impact on the discs separating the vertebra in the spinal column. Abnormal lumbar curvature can cause the gel within the disc to rupture through the disc fibre. This generally results in vertebra rubbing together and the pinching of nerves. The symptoms of this trauma are back and leg pain, particularly in the mornings.

The following avoidable habits most frequently result in back problems:

- 1. Poor sitting posture. This is the most common cause of back pain. It is advisable that the direction of the thighs forms an obtuse angle to the line of the spine.
- 2. A large stomach forces the body to lean back when walking. This can put unnatural pressure on the spinal discs.
- 3. High heel shoes have the same effect as a large stomach.
- 4. Excessive pronation of the legs and feet causes lumbar curvature, and thus squeezing of the discs.
- 5. Lifting heavy weights if this has to be done, it is advisable to bend the knees and keep the load close to the body.

Rtn Henry Chan gave a vote of thanks to Dr. Ng for his helpful advice.

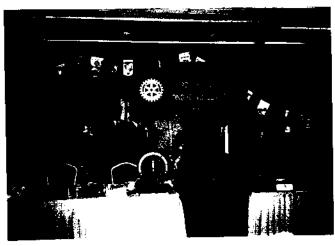
To close the meeting, PE Desmond proposed a toast to the RCs of Cooroy and Tokyo.



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Vistors and guests to the Club, 26 May 1999.



Speaker Dr S.Y. Ng presented with his photograph.



PP Rob chatting with Thomas Lee and Rtn Greg Dinsey (Cooroy, Australia).



PP T.K. looking after PP Peter Tse (T.S.T. East) and Rtn Teruko Akida (Tokyo).



Rtn Robin entertaining Rtn Michael Duck (HK) and Rtn Francesco Covazzoni (HK South).



Rtn Rudy with regular visitor Rtn Benny Ratnani.

Rotary Information

Rotary honors Taiwan president with Polio Eradication Leadership Award

Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui was recognized by RI earlier this week for his country's commitment of US\$5 million to the global polio eradication drive. The contribution will be used to combat polio in some of the poorest countries of Africa and South Asia and help advance disease-tracking systems in developing countries to reduce the spread of polio and other infectious diseases.

"With the strong personal leadership of President Lee Teng-Hui, and all the peoples of Taiwan, the last drive will be successful," said RI President James Lacy in presenting Rotary's Polio Eradication Leadership Award to the Taiwanese president at a May 3 ceremony in Taipei. "The end is in sight for global eradication. Building on the success of increasing levels of immunization coverage worldwide, Taiwan's committed funds will help for the final push to eradicate polio from the world."

The Polio Eradication Leadership Award recognizes world and regional leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of global polio eradication. U.S. President Bill Clinton was given the award in 1997; President Lee Teng-Hui becomes the second recipient.

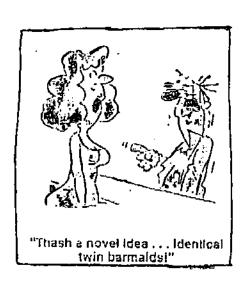
LAZIGS FOR TSE WEEK

A drunk gets up from the bar and heads for the toilet. A few minutes later, a loud, blood-curdling scream could be heard coming from the men's room. One minute goes by and another loud scream reverberates through the bar.

The bartender rushes to the toilet to investigate ... "What's all the screaming about in there? You're scaring the customers!"

the drunk shouts back at the bartender: "I'm just sitting on the toilet and every time I try to stand up, something comes up and squeezes the hell out of my balls."

The bartender opens the door, takes a look and says, "You idiot! "You're sitting on the mop bucket!!!"



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What Happened Last Week

This meeting was held in the Mariner Room (3/F) and again was managed for President C.Y. by PE Desmond. He said at the outset that he thought he was going to have a break this meeting, but C.Y. was unexpectedly unable to attend, and he was thrown into the deep end again.

Rtn Paul then took charge of introductions. There were only three visitors for this meeting:

PP Don Goodier (Overwyre, UK) Hubert Ng (HK Harbour) Philip Li (HK Sunrise)

The birthday boy for this week was Rtn Kishu, but rumour has it he refuses to observe birthdays anymore, and he was not present to be reminded.

PE Desmond made only one announcement: The Intercity meeting was to be held on Thursday night, 7:00 p.m. at the Regent Hotel. HKIE has been given the honour of hosting one of the RI Directors at its table.

Rtn Rudy then reported that there were 20 members present for the meeting and \$1240 had been donated.

As this meeting was designated as a Club Assembly, PE Desmond first invited PP Hubert to give the report for Community Service. Hubert reported the accomplishments for the year. First, there is the Club's donation of computers and instruction in programming and English to Zhongshan primary school in China mainland which has gone off well. Second, the Club hosted, in partnership with our Rotaractors, the Christmas party for the children at the school for the deaf. And finally, there is the \$70,000 donated to purchase a ventillator for a child with a severe spinal disorder.

Rtn Paul (for Rtn Joseph) provided details of the service initiated by Vocational Service: First, HKIE carried out some research on the career decision-making behaviour of secondary school students. This research will be reported at forum organized in conjunction with our Rotaract Club in October, 1999. It is expected that this will be attended by headmasters, teachers and representatives from the Education

Department. In addition, a meeting will be held with the Education Department to present the findings. The second accomplishment is the competition held on career education materials (teaching aids) with submissions from 21 schools. This will be judged on 5 June 1999. A prize presentation will be held at our Club meeting later in the year.

PE Desmond reported the latest event in International Service for Rtn Stephen: The visit to sister club, RC Osaka Jonan was a resounding success and Desmond was very impressed with the organizing ability and courtesy of their Japanese hosts. It was thought that we have a lot to learn from their way of doing things.

While at the rostrum, PE Desmond also spoke about Club Service, particularly with what he has in mind for the coming Rotary year. He believes that the Club should go back to the basics: To provide good, value-for-money lunches; to have regular, high quality speakers (In this regard, he has in mind giving each member the responsibility of bringing along one speaker during the year); to effect a moderate increase in members (The members will be grouped into six teams and each team will be given the task of bringing one extra member into the Club.); to upgrade the bulletin; and to encourage better attendance.

In view of the low attendance for this meeting, Rtn Tajwar asked if the lunch-time meeting is the best time to hold a Club Assembly. PE Desmond opined that Assemblies are not popular at any time, and that maybe it might be better held after a Club Board meeting.

Rtn Robin also raised the issue of the cost of each meeting and urged that the new Board look into alternative ideas for lowering the cost of lunches (e.g., deleting the desert).

As time ran out, the meeting was closed with a toast to the Rotary Club of Overwyre, UK.



Australia to host RYLA workshop

Australia will be the site of the last in a series of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) workshops held around the world during 1998-99. Rotarians from Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and other areas of Zones 7 and 8 have been invited to convene in Chatswood, New South Wales, on June 4-6 to discuss common problems and solutions, share innovative ideas and learn how other districts rurn their RYLA activities.

The workshop marks the culmination of a year's worth of successful RYLA promotional efforts in the area. Warwick Bateman, RI RYLA Committee member and organizer of the Chatswood workshop, reports that 95 percent of the districts in Australia conduct RYLA events.

Subjects addressed at the workshop will include overcoming administration problems, topics for teen leaders in the new millennium, leadership training techniques that work and interpersonal relationship development and training.

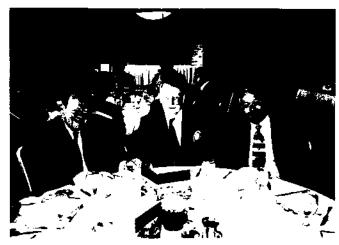
Similar workshops were staged in Stockholm, Sweden, last October; Ootacamundi, Tamil Nadu, India, and Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., in November; and Lima, Peru, in January.

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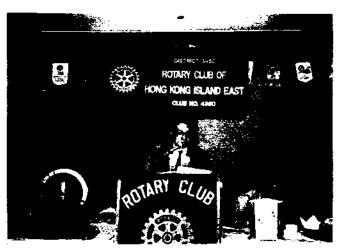
PP Dave, Rtns Lewis and Chris gearing up for the Club Assembly.



Rtns Robin and Samuel taking care of PP Don Goodier (Overwyre, UK)



Sec. Ates and PDG Uncle Peter gracing the head table.



PE Desmond gives his ideas for Club organization for 1999-2000.



PP Hubert reports achievements of Community Service.



Rtn Paul gives the report for Vocational Service.

Rotary Information

New Rotary Calendar keeps Rotary year in desktop perspective

The new, desk-size Rotary Calendar caries illustrations of Rotary activities around the world and essential Rotary dates, from July 1999 through June 2000. Colourful, portable and affordable (US\$4 each), the 28-page, 8-1/2-inch by 11-inch (21.5 cm x 28cm) calendar serves as an ideal gift for fellow Rotarians, partners in service, guest speakers and schools.

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

LACIGS FOR TSE WEEK:

An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman, all condemned to death for spying in France were lined up for execution by guillotine.

The Englishman was first. He knelt down and placed his head on the block. The blade came whistling down and jammed to an abrupt stop just before it reached his neck.

"Sacre bleu! Mon Dieu! Pomme frites!" exclaimed the executioner. "It is ze law - if ze blade, she do not work, you go free!"

So the Englishman got up and left, and the Scotsman took his place.

Again the blade came whistling down, and again it jammed, and so the Scotsman was pardoned and allowed to leave.

The executioner beckoned to the Irishman.

"No way," said the Irishman. "I'm not going near the bloody thing until you've fixed it."

"Do you remember Sam, the fanatic anti-smoker?" one friend asked another.

"Do you mean that gentleman who, as soon as he saw anyone smoking a cigarette, would pull it out of their mouth and step on it?"

"Yes, that one. He finally died of cancer of the foot."



"So there he was—this big gorilla just laying there.

And Jim here says, 'Do you suppose it's

dead or just asleep?'"

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What Happened Last Week

This was a good meeting from two points of view: We got our President C.Y. back after an absence of four weeks; and we were delighted also to see our Irish PP Con return to the fold after many months on the run. The Club won't be the same again!

President C.Y. commenced proceedings by acknowledging the death of PDG Ira Kaye and members observed one minute's silence.

Rtn Stephen then welcomed the visitors and guests: PDG Bob Harvey (South Lake County, Florida)
PP Dick Beach (Marcellus M, USA)
Marilyn Dix (Macklenburg N, Carolina)
Irving Dix (Lake Norman, USA)
JO Harvey (PDG Bob Harvey)
Pat Beach (PP Dick Beach)
Christina Cheng (Rtn Malcolm)

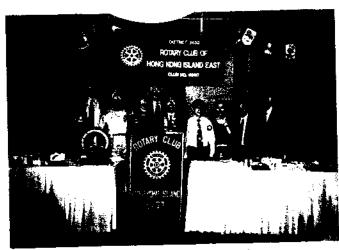
President C.Y. very proudly announced that he was feeling a lot older since his return – he is now a grandfather for the first time. This was welcomed by members with applause.

The birthday boys were then called out, two for this week (PP Con and Pres. C.Y.) and Rtn Kishu from last week. Secretary Ates and PP T.K. came out to lead the birthday song for these members.

Acting Sergeant Robert then initially announced that the takings for the day were \$2500 and this would all be donated to the Charity, Oxfam, whose Fundraising Director was the guest speaker for this meeting. Two other members then donated another \$200 and Robert himself made the fund up to \$3000. A wonderful gesture to a very worthy cause!

PDG Uncle Peter was asked to give the Rotary Information and he spoke about the recent Club visit to the sister club, Osaka Jonan. Rtn Francis had delayed his return and brought back with him a letter from the Club President thanking our members for making their visit and passing on some photographs of the occasion.

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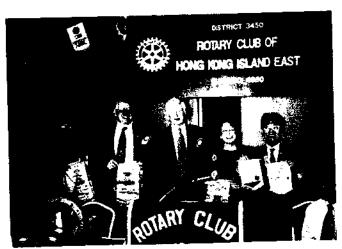
Vistors and guests to the Club on June 9, 1999.



Speaker Mr Chong Chan-Yau (Oxfam) and his assistant, Ms Christina Cheng.



Birthday boys, Kishu, C.Y., and PP Con congratulated by Ates and PP T.K.



President C.Y. exchanges banners with the American Visitors



PP Con: "Okay Guys, I won't play truant anymore."



Distinguished visitor, PDG Bob Harvey with his wife Jo and Rtn Marilyn Dix.

Rtn Malcolm introduced the speaker for the meeting, Mr. Chong Chan Yau, Fundraising Director of Oxfam Hong Kong. He is also President of the Hong Kong Blind Union, a graduate from the University of Hong Kong (1981), and a graduate with a Masters degree from the University of London (1985). After his education, he joined the Hong Kong Government and served as Assistant Secretary for Education and Home Affairs. In 1993, he joined Oxfam HK to be in charge of fundraising and outreach units.

Mr Chong said that Oxfam stands for Oxford Committee on Famine Relief and was originally created in the UK in 1942 to provide humanitarian assistance in Greece. An independent branch was established in Hong Kong in 1987. As it is an international organization, it provides assistance to people in need in over 120 countries. It is not a big group and has limited resources, and therefore concentrates these in areas that do not overlap the assistance provided by the larger bodies, such as the Red Cross, etc. One of its specializations is the provision of safe water supplies. But it does not merely make grants of money or material goods – the guiding philosophy is "helping people to help themselves." At present, it is concentrating its efforts on helping the refugees from Kosovo. This has involved assistance in 13 refugee camps in Albania and Macedonia.

To show something of what Oxfam is doing in this conflict area, Mr. Chong showed a video film of the refugees and their camps.

Mr. Chong was thanked for his information by PP Con.

To close the meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of South Lake County, Florida.

Rotary Information

New and improved Club Search Utility debuts on the RI Web site

Rotarian visitors to the RI Web site (http://www.rotary.org) who become so engrossed in the wealth of information available that they miss their weekly meeting can now take advantage of a new club search utility to locate a place to make up. The new Where-Clubs-Meet program, while simpler than its predecessor, is far more forgiving in terms of what it will accept for input and far more complete in what it will return to the user.

A search by any string of characters will return all of the club listings that include that string, whether it appears somewhere in the club name or in its meeting location. Each listing provides for an expanded search of all the clubs in that listing's district, and most provide a contact telephone number.

Those who know the number of the district in which they will be traveling can search by district, and those who know only the country they are going to, but neither the club name nor district number, can now "drill down" to the data on-line, and, after a few simple steps, receive a listing of all of the clubs in the appropriate districts.

LAZIGG FOR THE WEEK:

A little dwarf lady goes into her doctor's clinic complaining of an irritated crotch.

After an examination, the doctor says, "I don't see any problem. Does it get better or worse at any time?"

"Yeah, it's really bad whenever it rain," she replies.

"Well, then," says the Doc., "Nest time it rains, get in here at once and I'll take another look at it."

Two weeks later it's raining really hard and the little lady shows up at the doctor's clinic again. "Doctor, it's really bad today. You have to help me please!!"

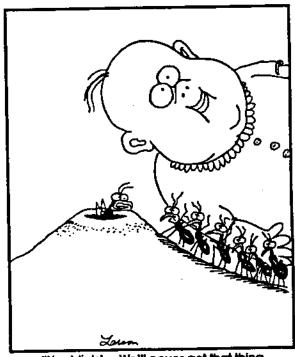
"Well, let's have a look," he says as he lifts her up on to the table. "Oh, yes, I think I see what the problem is. Nurse, bring me a surgical kit. Don't worry, Ma'am, this won't hurt a bit."

The dwarf lady closes her eyes in painful anticipation. The doctor begins snipping away and finishes a few minutes later.

"There you go, Ma' am, try that."

She walks back and forth around the clinic and exclaims, "That's great, Doc. What did you do?"

To which the doctor replies, "I just took a couple of inches off the top of your gumboots."



"You idiots! ... We'll never get that thing down the hole."

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What Happened Last Week

President C.Y. opened this 47th meeting by informing members that our two PDGs, Uncle Peter and Y.K. were in Singapore attending the 90th RI Annual Convention.

It was Rtn Joseph's job to introduce the visitors: PP Walther Nahr (Peninsula)

Rtn Philip Li (HK Sunrise)

PE Desmond then reminded members that they should pick up a gift handkerchief, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan. He also invited President C.Y. to open the large parcel presented to our Club by the RC Osaka Jonan. This turned out to be a Japanese fan in a glass display case. Due to problems with storage, it was resolved to auction this item at a forthcoming meeting.

The Sergeant announced that \$1,070 had been collected from members.

As there was no other business, Rtn Malcolm was invited to introduce the guest speaker, Mr Walther Nahr, whose address was on Motor Rallying. Walther is Vice President of the Hong Kong Automobile Association and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Peninsula.

He said that one of the features that sets Motor Rallying apart is the camaraderie that goes with it. He gave some examples of how participants are always ready to assist other participants, even though it may impair their own success in a rally. It was also explained that the rally drivers do not rely on maps, but use a sequence of very explicit instructions coordinated with distance intervals. These have to be read

and supplied to the driver by a navigator. This coordination is vital as penalties apply to arriving at rest stops early (2 minutes for every minute early); or late (10 seconds for every minute late).

Walther then finished his presentation by showing a video of the last Hong Kong to Beijing Rally (1994), won by Possum Bourne from New Zealand. Some footage of the Rally New Zealand was also shown.

PP Con thanked the speaker and suggested that members should support the Government's backing of this sport as it can potentially bring in many visitors as well as provide a wealth of publicity.

To close the meeting on time, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Peninsula.

LAZIGS FOR THE WEEK

Paddy gets a phone call from Murphy. "Paddy," says Murphy, "Oi've got a problem."

"What's the matter?" replies Paddy.

"Oi've bought a jigsaw puzzle and it's too hard, none of the pieces fit together and oi can't find any edges."

"What's the picture of?" asks Paddy.

"It's of a big cockerel," Murphy replies.

Paddy says, "Alroight, Murphy, Oi'll come over and have a look."

He gets to Murphy's house and Murphy opens the door. "Oh, thanks for coming Paddy."

He leads Paddy into the kitchen and shown him the jigsaw puzzle on the kitchen table.

Paddy looks at the jigsaw, then turns to Murphy and says, "Fer goodness sakes Murphy, put the cornflakes back in the packet."

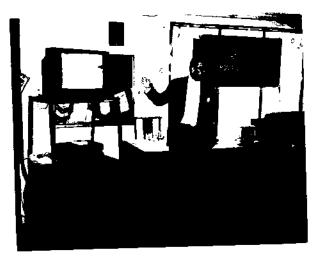


"Well, you've overslept and missed your vine again."

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President CY and PE Desmond and Rtn Stephen display the gift from Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan.



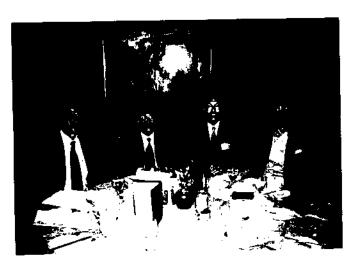
Speaker Mr Walter Nahr educates members on motor rallying.



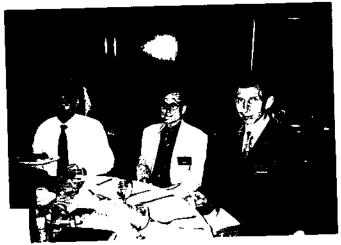
Three members enjoying the meeting: PP Tim, and Rtns Joseph & Francis.



PP Andrew sharing company with Rtns Samuel and Stephen.



Visitor Philip Li enjoys company of Rtn Henry, and PP Hubert and PP Sam.



Rtn John Yau, PP Rob and Rtn Malcolm pose for posterity.

Rotary Information

Rotarians' pre-convention stopover to open eyes in Vietnam

Like many Rotarians who plan to attend next week's international convention in Singapore, Dick Brown and Albert Alley are traveling beforehand. But the two members of Rotary District 7390 in Pennsylvania, USA, have more on their minds than guided tours and exotic cuisine. They are on a volunteer mission in Vietnam this week conducting a free eye clinic for indigent residents of a Mekong Delta community. When their team's work is finished on June 13, 150 people previously blinded by cataracts and other conditions are expected to have regained their sight.

Brown, governor of District 7390, and Alley, an ophthalmologist and member of the Rotary Club of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, are in Vietnam with World Blindness Outreach, a Rotarian-founded organization that provides eye care in developing nations. Since 1990, the group has visited more than 15 countries – many of them multiple times – providing thousands of sight-restoring operations and tens of thousands of eye exams for people who otherwise could not afford treatment.

"We've always wanted to go to Vietnam," Alley said, "and with the convention being so close it was the perfect opportunity." The catalyst, however, was his communication with a local exchange student from Vietnam. Than Mai, a young Buddhist nun, is enrolled in a social-work program at Lebanon Valley College and is being hosted by a close friend of Alley's.

"Then Mai really set the wheels in motion," Alley said. "When she learned of our work, she immediately made contacts in Vietnam to help arrange for our visit. Than Mai traveled with the group and even enlisted her friend, a Vietnamese exchange student in California, to go along as a second interpreter.

Others in the team of 12 are Michigan Rotarian Bill Ebinger, doctors from Virginia and Mexico, nurses and community residents – all volunteers who paid their own way. A \$10,000 Rotary Foundation New Opportunities Grant covered other costs. As is customary on these missions, the group hand-carried several dozen boxes of medical supplies, including microscopes, lens implants, surgical instruments and eye drops, which they will leave behind for local health-care workers.

Alley said he sees the Vietnam trip as a kind of reconciliation mission. "The area where we'll be was devastated by the war, and the people there have virtually no access to eye care. We're hoping to change that."

Representatives of World Blindness Outreach are typically hosted and assisted by Rotarians in the countries they visit, but there are no Rotary clubs in Vietnam. Still, it is clear that Rotary is behind this mission. The team is giving away pins bearing the Rotary emblem and, through its interpreters, spreading the world about Rotary's good work.

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This week's meeting was held in the Gloucester Room I, 3rd floor. President C.Y. opened the meeting by announcing that this was the 48th meeting (No doubt, he is counting down the minutes!) and he extended a special welcome to PP Edwin, and visiting Presidents Bernard Ho (Kowloon NW) and Alice Liu (Bayview Sunshine).

Rtn Andrew II was given the responsibility of introducing Rtn John Pagan (Solihull, UK). John then presented the Club with a watercolour painting (done by an artist member of his Club in the UK) in lieu of a banner; and President C.Y. reciprocated by exchanging a HKIE banner.

The only birthday boy for this week was PP Rob who was ably supported by Rtn Tajwar in the birthday song.

President C.Y. then welcomed back some long-missed faces: Secretary Ates who has been at the Singapore RI Convention, Rtn Bill who admitted he was at a convention too – to learn all about Viagra, and Rtn W.S. who has been in the USA. C.Y. also reminded members that next week will be the change-over ceremony and it is important that there is a good attendance.

[Indeed, this is one of the special Rotary meetings, which, unfortunately, is not given enough prominence. It is an occasion when the members can show their appreciation to the outgoing President for carrying out an onerous 12 months of dedicated service to the Club; and can show indicative support for the incoming President to boost his motivation for the long task ahead. – Ed.]

Acting Sergeant Dave reported that there were 25 members present and \$2,600 had been donated.

Finally, Rtn Malcolm introduced the speaker for the day, Mr Bernard Ho, President of the Rotary Club of Kowloon NW, who spoke on the topic of Chinese Baat Gwa and Management. Bernard has a MBA from York University, and an undergraduate degree from the University of Toronto, majoring in Computer Science.

Rotary Information

Rotary Centres will further movement for world peace

Fulfilling a long-held Rotary wish, Foundation Trustee Chairman Robert Barth unveiled plans to establish the Rotary Centres for International Studies during his plenary address Tuesday. "For 25 years, it has been a dream of the Foundation to proactively work toward world peace and understanding, "Barth said. "Now that dream is taking shape."

Rotarians have long envisioned a Rotary-sponsored academy that would promote world peace, goodwill and understanding. Building on the strength of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program. The Rotary Foundation Trustees recently agreed to create the Rotary Centres for International Studies as a new dimension to Foundation scholarships.

The Rotary Centres will be established with seven recognized universities, in diverse geographic locations, with superior curricula and faculty in world affairs, conflict resolution and international studies. Beginning in 2002-03, 10 Rotary Scholars will be selected each year to study for two academic years in graduate programs related to peace and conflict resolution at one of the seven centres.

The Rotary Centres will be located at the following universities:

International Christian University, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Paris, France; Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA; University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California, USA; Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"It is our hope that these scholars will become the world's future diplomats, professors and international agency leaders, infusing Rotary's philosophy into their polices and other decisions," Barth said.

Presidential Citations awarded to all clubs in 25 districts

During the year in which RI President James L. Lacy urged Rotarians to "Follow Your Rotary Dream," 25 RI districts saw every single one of their clubs recognized for their outstanding response to his call.

One hundred percent of the clubs in each of the following districts qualified for the 1998-99 Presidential Citation: 5000, 5030, 5180, 5260, 5280, 5340, 6690, 6890, 6960, 6980, 7210, 7370 and 7680 in the United States; 5360, 5370 and 7080 in Canada; 3480 and 3520 in Taiwan; 2551 in Australia; 3020 in India; 3800 in the Philippines; 3350 in Thailand; 3300 in Malaysia; 3450 in Hong Kong; and 4450 in Peru.

In addition, 75 percent or more of the clubs in 90 other districts qualified for the 1998-99 Presidential Citation. Governors from all of these districts received special recognition from President Lacy.

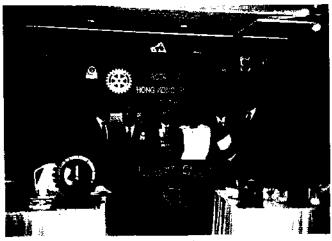
The Presidential Citation program is designed to increase Rotary club involvement in the Four Avenues of Service and at the same time.

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Rtn John Pagan (UK) presents a painting copy to President CY.



Visitors to the Club on 23rd June, 1999.



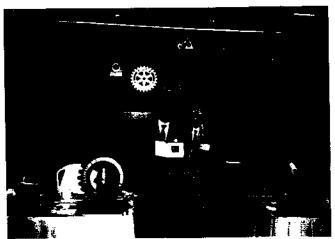
PPs Edwin and Dave welcome back Rtn WS.



Rtns Jason, Tony and Stephen are all smiles.



PP Rob given best wishes for his birthday by President CY and VP Tajwar.



President CY thanks the speaker, Pres. Bernard Ho (Kowloon NW).

His topic was introduced with reference to a little book (Not the little red book) titled, "Yi Jing" (Book of Change) which was written during the Han Dynasty, 3000-4000 years ago. It was once almost exclusively read by the Emperor and high court officials, but since 1949, it has been made available to all. It is actually a treatise on good management skills and Bernard has adapted the ideas to modern business management practices. Its key elements focus around agreement and disagreement among people, choosing the right time, and selecting the right location. These are elaborated under six levels of 'reform' or action:

Level 1 : Find the weak point by better understanding history, culture and people;

undertake reinforcement and self-improvement; and preserve one's strength.

Level 2 : Take action when the time is right - Gain support by promotion; wait until the

opposition weakens; obtain recognition and avoid regret.

Level 3 : Develop resistance - Reposition oneself and stand firm with tough opposition;

improve promotion and solicit more support; ensure credibility.

Level 4: Move on - Have a firm determination for success, as well as hope and faith;

overcome negative comments and encourage people; develop a tough mind.

Level 5 : Ensure reform is complete and thorough; be consistent and keep support.

Level 6: If acceptance of reform is in name only, the action is not thorough or complete;

need to consolidate to avoid rebellion.

President C.Y. then invited questions and the few that came from members indicated that they were finding the tenets of this model a little difficult to comprehend ... or at least, not significantly different to what they already know about business management.

Rtn Tajwar thanked Bernard for his very academic, but thought-provoking presentation.

To close this meeting, President C.Y. proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Kowloon North West.

LAZIGS FOR THE WEEK

There was this zebra who had lived her entire life in a zoo and was getting on a bit so the zoo keeper decided that, as a treat, she could spend her final years in bliss on a farm. The zebra was so excited – she got to see this huge space with green grass and hills and trees and all these strange animals she'd never seen before. She first saw a big, fat, weird looking, brown thing with horns and ran up to it excited: "Hi, I'm a zebra. What are you?"

"I'm a cow."

"Oh, yes. What do you do?"

"I make milk for the farmer."

"Cool." The zebra then saw this funny looking, little, white thing and ran over to it.

"Hi, I'm a zebra. What are you?"

"I'm a chicken."

"Oh, right. What do you do?"

"I make eggs for the farmer."

"Right, great, see you later." Then the zebra saw this very handsome beast that looked almost exactly like her, but without the stripes. She ran over to it and said,

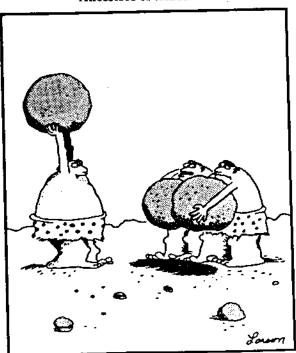
"Hi, I'm a zebra. What are you?"

"I'm a stallion," he said.

"Wow," said the zebra. "What do you do?"

"Takes off your pyjamas, Sweetheart, and I'll show you."

Ancestors of triads:



"We better do as he says, Thag.
... He's got the drop on us."