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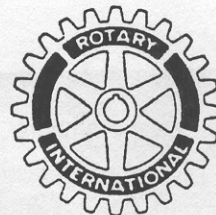
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**Our 46th Year of
Rotary Service
Chartered : 6th April,
1954**

by Founding President, the late
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen



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What Happened Last Week

This was an exciting time for President C.Y. and it showed by the beaming smile that never left his face throughout the meeting. It was his last meeting as President and it was time to hand over the reins to PE Desmond, who was also beaming with the freshness and anticipation of a prospectively good year ahead of him.

President C.Y. asked Rtn Rudy to welcome the visitors to the Club. They were:

- PDG Aldred Evershei (Bletchley, UK)
- Pres. Peter Youchel (Burgas, Bulgaria)
- Rtn John Mereweather (Wellingborough, UK)
- Rtn Ian Costain (?, Australia)
- Mary Yao (Queensway)

During the exchange of banners, PDG Aldred Evershei actually exchanged his club's banner with Pres. C.Y., and John Mereweather, Peter Youchel, and Ian Costain made an exchange with an IOU.

PDG Aldred was invited to say a few words. He said it was a pleasure to be in HK where his son is working. He congratulated Pres. C.Y. on his year as President and wished the incoming President Desmond all the best for the year ahead.

President C.Y. made the following announcements:

- A letter of appreciation was received from Oxfam for the donation from HKIE.
- An IOU banner was received from a recent visitor from Birmingham, UK.
- A letter of thanks was received from sister club, Osaka Jonan.
- Sergeant Stephen then reported the day's figures: 21 members were present for the change-over meeting and \$1,300 was donated.

PDG Uncle Peter was then invited to give his report on the recent Singapore Convention which he had attended in company with PDG Y.K. and Secretary Ates. His report is reproduced in full elsewhere in this bulletin.

Following Uncle Peter's report, President C.Y. briefly summarized his year's achievements and thanked those who took a significant role in assisting him. *[His full report is still to come and this will be reproduced in a forthcoming issue as it comes to hand - Ed.]* As a symbol of the sweet memories C.Y. has of the support provided to him over the past year (or was it the buzz of activity he experienced?) he presented some members with a jar of Australian honey from his well-stocked health shelves.

It was then time for the important moment and C.Y. handed over the Club collar to the new President of HKIE who will lead us into the new century. In return, President Desmond affixed the Past-president's pin on PP C.Y.'s lapel. Pres. Desmond declared that it was a pleasure to take over the Presidency and that he had a distinct advantage over C.Y.: He started with a very competent President Elect in Tajwar.

To close the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Bletchley, UK.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

You've all heard of the US Air Force's ultra-high-security, super-secret base in Nevada, known simply as "Area 51."

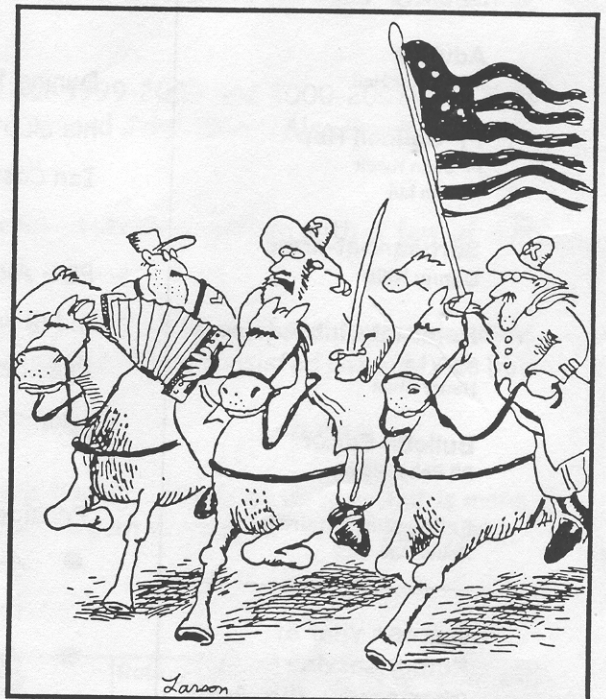
Well, late one afternoon, the Air Force folks at Area 51 were very surprised to see a Cessna landing at their "secret" base. They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room.

The pilot's story was that he took off from Vegas, got lost, and spotted the Base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full FBI background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation.

By the next day, they were finally convinced that the pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his aeroplane, gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing, complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, told him that Vegas was that-a-way on such-and-such a heading, and sent him on his way.

The next day, to the total disbelief of the Air Force, the same Cessna showed up again. Once again, the MPs surrounded the plane ... only this time there were two people in it.

The same pilot jumped out and said, "Do anything you want with me, but my wife is in the plane and you have to tell her where I was last night!"



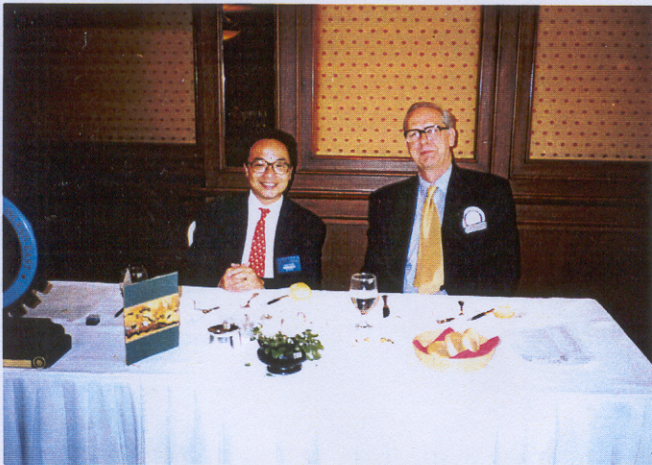
"You heard me, Simmons! ... You get that cursed bugle fixed!"



IPP C.Y. hands over to Pres. Desmond.



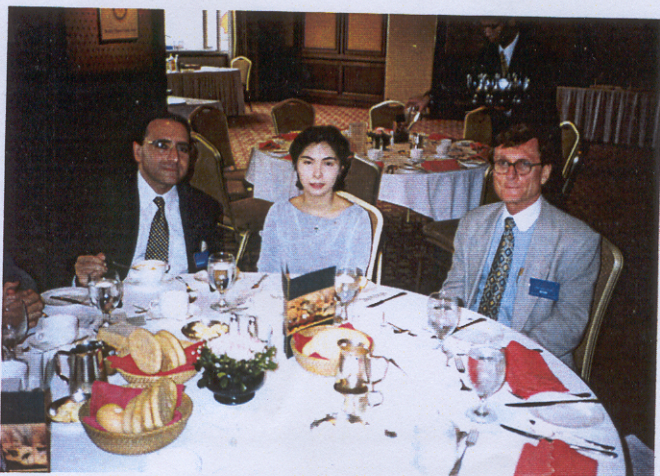
PDG Uncle Peter gives a report on the Rotary International Convention in Singapore.



Pres. Desmond gets a few hints from PDG Aldred Evershei (Bletchley, UK).



Part of the District 3450 delegates to the R.I. Annual Convention in Singapore.



Rtn Manolo and PP Rob looking after Rtn Mary Yao (Queensway).



Fellowship between PP Tim and Rtms John Mereweather (UK) and Ian Costain (Australia).

Rotary Information

90th Annual Convention of R.I.

The yearly grand event of R.I. is the Annual Convention which attracted a large number of Rotarians and guests from all parts of the Rotary world. The highest registration was the one held in Tokyo in 1978 which brought in nearly 40,000 members and friends.

Presumably, due to the Asian economic crisis, the Singapore Convention recorded the smallest number since 1991 in Mexico City, Mexico. At the last plenary session at the Singapore Convention, the general secretary reported 17,863 registrants from 127 countries have registered.

There was no VIP keynote speaker from the Singapore Government R.I. President Jim Lacy opened the Convention at the first seating and proceeded with all the necessary formalities, started with lions and dragon dance and the parade of national flags. The SAR flag was also among the procession. Though the total registration was not up to the expectation of 25,000 yet the delegates from District 3450 had nearly 200 plus around 70 Rotaractors who were there before the Convention to receive from R.I. President Jim Lacy a recognition for the best project the Rotaractors have completed in our district.

Due to housing problem in Singapore, home hospitality was not extended to every participant to the Convention. However, they have made up by inviting large group of Rotarians & guests for dinner at various local social private clubs. It was well organized. Hong Kong would face the same problem, should we be successful in holding a Convention in future years.

Around 250 Rotary dignitaries with spouses (including the writer) were entertained to a buffet dinner at the "Fountain of Wealth" in Suntec City which was a night to be well remembered. The names of the participants were shown around the fountain through sophisticated hi-tech electronic beams.

On the fellowship side, D.G. Anthony arranged a reunion dinner (ticketed event) for all the delegates at the Amara Hotel, Singapore.

Throughout the 4-day sessions, the programmes were well prepared. There were also quite a number of talks at various workshops, such as Welfare of Children, Literacy and Numeracy, Polio Eradication, Membership Development and Retention, etc.

During the election of officers at the last day, nominees for D.G. for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 were duly elected en-block which of course, included our own Nominees Dipo Sani and John Wan. Also Frank J. Devlyn was elected R.I. President for the year 2000-2001.

One particular sight was that our D.G. Anthony served as Sergeant-at-Arms together with a few of our Rotarians as well. It was a real Rotary spirit to serve.

Before closing, R.I. President Elect Carol Ravizza delivered a well prepared 30-minute speech with video aide defining his aims for a new Millenium of service in Rotary. He explained his theme consisted not only 3 Cs but actually 5 C as follows :

Consistency Credibility Continuity Courage Change

All in all, it had been a successful convention, though some felt it was boring. Well, let us see what is more attractive when we meet again at the next Convention in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 4th to 7th June 2000.

By Peter Hall

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