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What Happened Last Week

President Stephen welcomed everyone for the last meeting of this year. He welcomed visiting Rotarians and friends:

- 1) Jimmy Pun from HK Island
- 2) Our ex member Robert Lai
- 3) Rotaractors from Lingnan University, Ms. Wai-Man Chow and Ms. Wai-Yee Chung
- 4) Club secretary, Ms. Miriam Young

PE Chris reminded us the 4th July RI District Installation event would be held at the HK Convention and Exhibition Centre, there were 11 members enrolled already. He then continued to share his idea on membership development. This required every member's help and involvement. For the next year's arrangement on speakers, every member would be assigned for a date so that he would be responsible for the speaker invitation from his vocation.

Then Rotaractor Wai-Yee Chung shared their proposed visit to the school at Siu Hing as led by Rtn. Rudy. The proposed date was from 9th July to 14th July; ten Rotaractor members from Lingnan University would participate for this event. The main objective was to teach knowledge such as English to the local students. Team members would encourage to do the community service, establish better friendship, experience life in PRC and practice activities based learning. Rotaractor Wai-Man Chow continued to share the details of the program. One of the examples was the team would use drama and art as means to share with the local students.

President Stephen thanked Rtn. Rudy, Rtn. Clark and Rtn. Jason for their financial support for this event. He continued to thank for PP Hubert's donation on gift and teaching materials to the School. He then presented a trophy, which was presented from the Hope's school project. PP CY was kind to take this trophy by bidding for it.

President Stephen announced that Ms. Miriam Young would leave us to Canada, a small gift was presented to her for her support during this Rotary year.

President Stephen shared with us on his year-end report:

He emphasized on the importance of harmony within the club with the support of majority members at the beginning of this Rotary year. During the second Board meeting, three Directors and the IPP walked out during the discussion on PP Council. The three Directors were eventually resigned from the club. He took this issue to AGM to seek for members' decision on the PP Council's legality and made it formalized by amending the Constitutions and By-laws. The proposed amendments were passed with majority support.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 4350

District 3450

Chartered on 6 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen In the second nalf of the Rotary year, Rtn. Laurence Chan had taken up the role of director. He personally thanked PDG Uncle Peter Hall, PP John Kwok and the late PP Edwin Tao for their advice and guidance in handling this incidence. They are the pillars of the club. Regarding the matter on membership, the club's membership had not been increased in this Rotary year. With the resignation of PP Baker (due to health problem) and Rtn. Emperor (mainly due to old age); addition of two new members, Rtn. Raymond and Rtn. Heron; latest decision of PP Dave and Rtn. WS to resign from the club; the recent passed away of PP Edwin, plus the departure of the mentioned three Directors, the total membership was 40 compared with 46 at the beginning of the Rotary year.

For individual member, two of the members had achieved recognition from the District and RI. First, PDG Peter Hall was honored with the "Life Time Achievement Award" in the District Conference. Director Rudy was awarded the "Four Avenues of Services Citation" from RI. For the club, thanks for the effort of Rtn. Rudy and PP John Kwok, the club was awarded the "Best House of Friendship Exhibition" in the District Conference.

President Stephen then shared with us the community services in this Rotary year:

- 1. Donation of \$ 40,000 for the Samaritan Life Saving Program.
- 2. Donation of bursary to the 3 universities namely PolyU, CityU and Lingnan University.
- 3. Donation in conjunction with PP Hubert's contribution a total \$ 22,000 for scholarship, staff training fund and bursary to Victoria Park School for the Deaf.
- 4. Donation in conjunction with his own contribution a total of \$ 10,000 for the Creative Art Exhibition for the Hong Kong School for the Deaf in Hammer Hill.
- 5. Donation of \$ 5,000 for the China Flooding Relief Fund.
- 6. Donation to the Hong Kong Sea School for one student.
- 7. Organizing the Christmas Party for the Victoria Park School for the Deaf.
- 8. Supporting the District for the Rotary Show on TV.
- 9. Supporting Rotary Foundation with six PHF.
- 10. Sponsoring a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, Mr. Calvin Hui.

On the international service, three oversea sister clubs, namely Osaka Jonan, Kawasaki South and Makati North, had visited us. He expressed special thanks to VP Henry and Rtn. Laurence for the function in Jockey Club and golf day in Macau.

On the Vocational service, Rtn. Rudy had organized a vocational talk in CityU together with PP CY Fu and our ex-member Joseph Chan. Rtn. Rudy had also printed some bookmarks to promote the Rotary image. The main theme for the year was the Joint Vocational Forum by nine Rotary clubs in April. Over 160 people had attended the Forum.

This year's speaker program was also well received by members. Some of the high profile speakers were PP Tim Lui, PDG Moses Cheng, Dr. Eden Woon from the HK General Chamber of Commerce, Superintendent from the Custom & Excise Department, Assistant Commissioner from the Corrective Service Department. He would thanked the program chairman, Rtn Kishu, for his hard work and also kept the food menu and club properties in good order.

He also thanked the bulletin editor PP Desmond and his team members, PE Chris, VP Henry, and Rtn. Heron, for the support of the weekly bulletin. PP Desmond and Rtn. Heron took up the burden of continuing the work after the resignation of two Directors.

For the attendance matter, five members had achieved 100% up to the last second meeting. He then presented personal gifts to all members with more than 90% attendance rate. They were PDG Uncle Peter, PP John Kwok, Sec. Eddy, Rtn Rudy, PE Chris, PP David Li, Rtn Laurence, Rtn Heron, Treasury Clark and himself.

He thanked the professional support from Sec. Eddy. President then continued that although he did not achieve all the goals at the beginning of the Rotary year, he still enjoyed the fellowship and support from the members.

He then passed the President pin to PE Chris. PE Chris thanked the members and he looked forward to this challenge. He then quoted the message from RI Bhichai Rattakul regarding the theme of next year.

To each of us, Rotary has a different and special meaning. Some of us cherish the warm fellowship our clubs offer, while others especially appreciate the opportunities to serve and help these in need. Many of us value Rotary for its international spirit, which so efficiently binds us together in service from every part of the world (RI Bhichai Rattakul, 42 Annual District Assembly).

PE Chris continued to emphasis the theme for next year was the "Sow the Seeds of Love". He continued the message from RI President for the year 2002-2003: Rotary offers us countless ways to Sow the Seeds of Love, Rotarian experiences firsthand the joy of true Rotary service. For this year, the goal is to keep Rotary simple. This Seeds of Love will be in our club, in your vocation, in your community and in the world.

The meeting ended with a toast to RI and the club of HK Island East.



Grants structure is also changing - The Trustees are changing the Humanitarian Grants structure and approved process to simplify and streamline them for clubs and districts. They are reorganizing the ever-expanding list of grants into three categories:

District Simplified Grants, Individual Grants and Matching Grants.

The name changes notwithstanding, the Trustees affirm that Rotarians can continue to undertake all the service activities that they have to date, from transporting goods to volunteering for overseas service. At their April meeting, the Trustees were expected to devise criteria for the new grants categories and a business cycle for implementing them, beginning in 2003-04.

As part of the restructure, as of the 2002-02 year, there will no longer be club and district Peace Programs Grants. The Trustees affirm the relevancy of peace programmes but note that they maybe supported by other humanitarian grants.

To improve and speed up the approval process for humanitarian grants, the Trustees are calling upon districts for help in screening applications. To-day, many of these applications go back and forth between clubs and World Headquarters because crucial information is missing.

Effective 1 July 2003, district Foundation Grants Subcommittees are asked to advice grant sponsors on the accuracy and completeness of their applications prior to submission to the Foundation. Districts are encouraged to identify knowledgeable Rotarians who can serve as resources for this task and to begin using their services now. Once review of applications at the district level becomes mandatory in 2003, incomplete grants applications will be returned to sponsors without processing or explanation.

THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT STEPHEN

Dear President Stephen,

On behalf of myself and members of the 100 percenters of our club in achieving 100 per cent attendance for the year 2001-2002, we wish to thank you most ardently for honouring your promise when you were enthroned to the chair as our president at the beginning of this Rotary year.

Time is really flying. Soon you will be welcome as a member of the Past President Council which had been established in the early years of the founding of this club. The Past Presidents Council is not a self created creature. The said issue could be found under Article IX of the By-Laws of this club, page No.31 of the reprint of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws of the R/C of Hong Kong Island East in 1971.

Well done, Stephen, you have performed exceedingly well during your presidency. We sincerely hope to see you more often at our regular meeting and board meetings. We count on your support in the years to come, especially our 50th Anniversary.

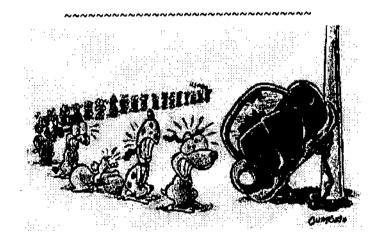
Peter Hall

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

It was the stir of the town when an 80 year old man married a 20 year old girl. After a year she went into the hospital to give birth. The nurse came out to congratulate the fellow saying "This is amazing. How do you do it at your age?" He answered "You've got to keep that old motor running." The following year she gave birth The same nurse said "You really are again. amazing. How do you do it?" He again said "You've got to keep the old motor running." The same thing happened the next year. The nurse said "You must be quite a man." He responded "You've got to keep that old motor running." The nurse then said, "Well, you had better change the oil. This one's black."

Boudreaux and two other men were sitting naked in a Cajun sauna. Suddenly there is a beeping sound. The first man presses his forearm and the beeping stops. Boudreaux look astonished.

"Oh", the first man says, "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm and that's my pager". A moment later there is a ringing sound. The second man lifts his arm to his ear and starts talking. When he is done he explains, "I have a microchip in my arm and that's my mobile phone. "Boudreaux, feeling somewhat left out, steps out of the sauna. After a few minutes he returns with a piece of toilet paper sticking out from between his buttocks. The other two men look astonished. "Oh," he explains, "I'm just getting a Fax.



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Installation of Pres Chris

Pres. Stephen pinning the President's Pin on PE. Chris.



And Outgoing Pres Stephen putting the President's sash around Pres. Chris.



Pres. Chris first duty is pinning the PP pin on Stephen.



The head table were graced by PDG Peter, our hard working Club Secretary Miriam & Pres. Stephen.



At the other end of the head table is Acting Sec Laurence, PP Andrew & Visiting Rtn Jimmy Pun (HK)..



Hon Tres. Clark & Rtn Heron putting their heads together. What are they up to?



Pres. Stephen presenting a souvenir to VP Rudy for his work in Community Service Project in 2002.



Also a souvenir to incoming director Laurence for his work during the year.



A souvenir for Rtn Heron & Hon Tres. Clark for their work.



His last official duty was awarding a check to our two Rotaractors from Lingnan University to further their studies.



Pres. Stephen presenting a souvenir to PP C.Y. for his year's work in a project.



A special trophy is presented to PDG Peter for his support of Pres Stephen's year.



Our Club Sec. receiving a gift from President Stephen for her hard work during her two year with us. We wish her the best for her future.



PP Desmond looking on smiling at the strange hand holding of Rtn Sam & former member Robert Lai.



The group photo of our visiting Rotarian and guests taken with PP John IV, PDG Peter, Pres. Chris and IPP Stephen, and PP C.Y.



Incoming Director Danny & PP C.Y. sitting face to face and enjoying the meeting.



Rtn Alex, Dr. Tony & PP Hubert enjoying their meeting together.



PE Chris & Rtn Raymond paying undivided attention.

Joint District Installation on 4th July, 2002



Over all picture of the Installation Ceremony with all District Officers & DGE Gloria.



Photo of IPP Stephen & Pres. Chris with DGE Gloria & PDG Moses at the Installation



PDG Peter congratulates Pres. Chris & IPP Stephen.



PP Con & PP Tajwar at the Installation.

Joint District Installation on 4th July, 2002



Induction ceremony of the new Presidents of Dist.3450 showing the IPP in front of the PE of every club.



(L to R) Rtn Paul, Heron, PP John IV & IPP Stephen relaxing.



IPP Stephen, VP Rudy, & PP C.Y.



Picture of Pres. Christ taken right after the Installation, (left) PE Henry Chan & (right) Hon Sec Eddy.



Group Photo of some of our members taken with PDG Peter Hall on 4th July, 2002.