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Our 46th Year of Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April, 1954 by Founding President, the late PDG (Uncle) John Yuen



What Happened Last Week

This was a very BIG day for President Desmond as it was his very first meeting to run as President of HKIE. He opened the meeting by reminding members, "I am your President!"

Rtn Stephen took over to introduce the visitors to the meeting:
Rtn Benny Ratnani (HKNE)
Rtn Edward Pong (Kowloon)

President Desmond gave a special welcome back to our long-missed stalwart, PP John Kwok. John informed members that he had been in San Francisco for the past two months.

Other announcements made by President Desmond were:

- He and PP George will be attending a prize giving ceremony at the Victoria School for the Deaf this week.
- The Rotary 1999-2000 calendar has been issued and members would be given a copy at a later date. Of immediate interest, however, is the Intercity Meeting on 27 August, 1999.

Sergeant Rudy then reported that there were 21 members present and \$1,200 had been collected.

At this stage it was time for Rtn Malcolm to introduce the speaker, Dr Sheilah Hamilton, Director of her firm, Forensic Focus. Her topic was, "An Overview of Forensic Science in Hong Kong." Dr Hamilton advises the legal profession on forensic scientific matters and has appeared as an expert witness in Hong Kong courts.

Dr Hamilton initially made the observation that forensic scientists are like ambulances - they turn up when something goes wrong. She tried to give members a description of the meaning of forensic science. Apparently the word 'forensic' is derived from the Latin 'forum', which means, 'of the people.' So it directly relates to the things done by people. Forensic scientists generally do not have a medical background; they may come from diverse disciplines such as chemists, biologists, entomologists, etc.

Work is closely coordinated with forensic pathologists and involves investigations at the scenes of crime, laboratory analysis of material evidence and samples, as well as appearance as an expert witness in courts of law.

Dr Hamilton explained that the timely collection of evidence is important as long delays can compromise what is available. Crimes investigated include homicide (collection and analysis of blood, finger prints, car tracks, etc.), fires (to determine if deliberate, where it started, where entry occurred, etc.), burglaries, counterfeiting, narcotics, etc. Forensic scientists base their work on Lockhart's Principle which claims that when there is contact between two or more people, there is an exchange of material substances. This is often on a microscopic scale.

Her profession is also involved in document examination for civil and criminal cases. This often requires the investigation of handwriting for authenticity, and the detection of pressure impressions, etc.

Of prime importance is the presentation of evidence in courts of law. Evidence is offered in the form of fact as well as opinion and forensic scientists have to try to be fair and honest. What has to be born in mind is that the same facts or evidence can be interpreted by two different forensic scientists in different ways.

Rtn Tony Loy had the privilege of thanking Dr Hamilton for her talk and he made the interesting connection between her profession's emphasis on 'timely collection' of evidence and our members' 'timely payment' of membership fees.

To conclude the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North East.

Rotary Information

Ravizza calls strong clubs, active members, key to Rotary's future

Guided by the theme, "Rotary 2000: Act With Consistency, Credibility, Continuity," incoming RI President Carlo Ravizza seeks to position Rotary for service in the new millennium. Ravizza, who takes office as RI president July 1, asks Rotarians to "begin now to ensure Rotary's success in the $21^{\rm st}$ century by applying the criteria of consistency, credibility and continuity to all our actions and decisions."

These values, he said, can help to raise the club's image in the community and ensure the continuation of worthwhile club and district projects despite yearly changes in leadership. Saying Rotary needs a "quantity of quality" in its membership, the president calls for an increase in the number of well-informed and active Rotarians. Clubs are also encouraged to participate in the 1999-2000 Presidential Citation Program, which offers a challenge to individual members to achieve a full understanidng of what is means to be a Rotarian.

Ravizza has planned four presidential conferences for the 1999-2000 Rotary year. The meetings will be in Brussels, Belgium, Oct. 8-10, 1999; Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Jan. 21-23, 2000; Hong Kong, Feb. 25-27, 2000; and Dhaka, Bangladesh, April 7-9, 2000.

A member of the Rotary Club of Milano Sub-Ovest, Italy, RI's 1999-2000 president was the owner of an architectural firm that bears his name, specializing in the design of industrial complexes and office buildings on an international scale, and serves as an industrial and financial consultant to companies in Italy and Switzerland. He was a member of the Board of Italian Engineers Association, a member of the Swiss Engineers and Architects Association, and was twice honoured by Germany for his outstanding work in planning public facilities and industrial plants.

A Rotarian since 1971, Ravizza was most recently chairman of the 1997 International Assembly Committee and has served Rotary International as a vice-president and director and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

Through Rotary, he has worked to improve the quality of life of people around the world. In 1996, he led a mission to northern Kenya to chronicle Rotary's efforts to immunize children in nomadic tribes against polio, and was one of the first leaders of Rotary's World Community Service program to link industrialized nations' resources to needs in developing countries.

The 1999-2000 chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees will be Past RI President Bill Huntley of the Rotary Club of Alford & Maplethorpe, England. RI's new vice president will be Abraham I. Gordon of the Rotary Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA. William B. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, new Zealand, will assume the office of RI treasurer.

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1990-2000 Rotary International President

Carlo Ravizza Milan, Italy

Theme: Rotary2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity



Carlo Ravizza was the owner of an architectural firm that bears his name, specializing in the design of industrial complexes and office buildings on an international scale. He is an industrial and financial consultant to companies in Italy and Switzerland. Born in Milan, he is a graduate of Milan University, where he studied civil engineering.

Mr. Ravizza was a member of the Board of Italian Engineers and Architects Association and was twice honoured by Germany for his outstanding work in planning public facilities and industrial plants.

Through Rotary, Mr. Ravizza has worked to improve the quality of life of people around the world. In 1996, he led a mission to northern Kenya to chronicle Rotary's effort s to immunize children in nomadic tribes against polio. The mission is an example of his ongoing leadership for Rotary's PolioPlus program to help eradicate polio by the year 2000. He was one of the first leaders of Rotary's World Community Service program to link industrialized nations' resources to needs in developing countries. From 1986 to 1988 he chaired four Rotary International Conferences for Development - in Bangladesh, France, the Philppines and Zimbabwe.

In addition, he has represented Rotary International at world summits addressing major global issues such as housing and hunger.

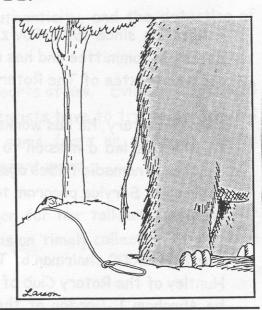
A Rotarian since 1971, he is a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Milano Sub-Ovest, Italy. He has served RI as district governor, advisory group member, committee member and chairman, presidents information counselor, Foundation trustee, director, and vice president.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A minister gave a talk to a local Rotary Club on religious attitudes to sex. When he got home he couldn't tell his wife that he had spoken on sex, so he said he had discussed horseback riding with the members.

A few days later she ran into some of the Club members at a shopping centre and they complimented her on the speech her husband had made.

She said, "Yes, I heard. I was surprised about the topic as he's only tried it twice. The first time he got so sore, he could hardly walk; and the second time he fell off."



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The speaker, Dr Hamilton: "I'd sure like to get all of your DNA profiles."



Rtns Robin and Malcolm ably looking after our visitor.



Visitor and guest to the Club, 7 July 1999.



Rtn Andrew and PDG Uncle Peter sgaring fellowship with regular, Benny Ratani.



The first 1999 board meeting - how hard they work!



Workaholics at the first board meeting.