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What Happened Last Week

This was the first meeting of the new Rotary year and there was a good roll-up of members to find out what plans the new President Stephen has for the Club. President Stephen opened the meeting by giving a special welcome to all in attendance. He asked, "If I make any enemies, please let me know." Members assured him they would, in their usual tradition.

President Stephen himself introduced the only visitor to the meeting, Rtn Susan Schofield from Rotary Club of Hong Kong. He also welcomed back PDG Y.K. who had been to the USA and China, Rtn Ates (to USA), Rtn Kishu, Malcolm and Danny.

There were two birthday boys this week: Rtns Ates and Clark. They were heartily congratulated by President Stephen and Rtn Bill.

Secretary Eddy announced that his policy this year will be to send information to members by e-mail.

Rtn Kishu reported that Rotaract had enjoyed a very good year last year, and that the Rotaract Club of HKIE will soon be having its 15th inauguration meeting.

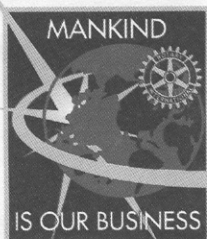
President Stephen then made a series of announcements:

- The District Installation ceremony will be held at the Convention and Exhibition Centre this coming Friday, 6 July.
- The first Board meeting for 2001-2002 will be held next Monday, 9 July, beginning 6:30 p.m., at the Craigenower Cricket Club, Wong Ngai Chung Road, Causeway Bay.
- Graduation ceremonies will be held by the Hong Kong School for the Deaf and Victoria School for the Deaf soon and members are invited to attend.
- The District Governor's visit to HKIE will be on Wednesday, 25 July.

Sergeant Laurence reported that there were 25 members present and \$2,100 had been donated.

Finally, President Stephen spoke to the meeting about his plans for the coming year. He began by thanking members for their trust in accepting him to lead the Club in 2001-2002. He said that there were four key challenges to face:

- Membership development
- Member education
- Enhancing the image of Rotary
- Strengthening and developing clubs



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

Stephen said that his priorities were to develop good communications for Club members. He would also like the Club to make a contribution to the community, and welcomed suggestions from members. Rtns Malcolm and Rudy will be in charge of these activities. Membership growth is a continuing concern, and he is aiming for a net gain of five new members by the end of his year. (In fact, every member who sponsors three new members will receive a special pin in recognition.) VP Henry will coordinate membership development plans this year.

It is also hoped that attendance at meetings will improve, and some emphasis will be given to increasing fellowship under the supervision of PP John. Firesides may be revived. Stephen urged members to support the Rotary Foundation and he hopes that at least five members will donate to PHF awards this year.

Some attention will be given to the seating plan in order to facilitate conversation and fellowship at the meetings. Stephen also hopes to improve the financial position of the Club and suggested that the birthday boys will have to pay for their lunches; and the payment for secretarial services will be reduced (Miriam will be employed only to assist in production of the weekly bulletin.) Finally, Stephen announced that PDG Uncle Peter would continue as Club Advisor, and PP Hubert will be the spokesperson for the PP Council.

To conclude the meeting, President Stephen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong. For the first day of the new year, a group photograph of the whole assembly was taken.



Rotary Information

PROFILE ON RICHARD KING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, 2001-2002

- Husband and Father
 - Veteran of Active Duty
 - Mormon Church Elder
 - Trial Lawyer
 - Public Speaker
 - Educator
 - Professional Entertainer
 - DeMolay Legion of Honor
 - R.I. International Director
 - Chair, R.I. Exec. Committee
 - Trustee, Rotary Foundation

Richard D. King is the President-elect of Rotary International. He is a Past International Director and Past Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board. Prior to becoming the President-elect, he served as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, and served as Chairman of the Fund Development Committee and as Liaison to RI's Leadership Development Committee and the 2005 Centennial Planning Committee.

Rick has served Rotary as District Governor, as a member of the USA PolioPlus Committee, member and vice chairman of the Rotary Village Corps Committee, Chairman of the World Community Service Committee, member and Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Preserve Planet Earth, Rotary True Image and Vocational Service Committees, member of the Joint Committee of the Board and Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, two term member of the Tenth Decade Committee and World Chairman of the R.I. Membership Task Force. He has served as Chairman, and on two occasions as a member, of the Nominating Committee for RI President.

Appointed by two RI Presidents as an International Assembly Instructor, Rick has addressed RI Assemblies, Conventions, Institutes, Foundation Seminars, and District Conferences in more than 64 Nations.

A trial lawyer by profession, Rick is a graduate of U. C. Berkeley with three different degrees. He is admitted to practice in both California and Utah and before the United States Supreme Court.

Rick holds the Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay, the Spirit of Life Award from the City of Hope, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the United Portuguese of California, the PolioPlus Pioneer Award, the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He has served as a member of the board of the Eden Hospital Foundation, as a Trustee of the City of Hope, and as the fund raising Chairman for the Boys Scouts of America. He is an elder in the Mormon Church, a member of the Commonwealth Club, Order of Chevalier and a member of Actor's Equity. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from U.C. and served on active duty for two year in Military Intelligence with the rank of Captain.

Rick, and his wife, Cherie, are recipients of the Two Diamond-Major Donor Paul Harris Fellow. They reside in the Mission San Jose area of Fremont, California. They have two sons, Rob and Ty.

Extracted from his acceptance speech at the 2000 Rotary International Convention, these remarks say much about Richard King's Rotary philosophy and goals...

Rotary is of great value. It changes the course of human life. It changes the lives of every Rotary beneficiary, as well as the lives of each Rotarian. It is worthy of our time, effort, energy, means, and commitment; and it brings people together. It is a great privilege to be a member of the world's oldest and most distinguished service club.

It has always amazed me that Rotary works. Men and women of every race, creed, nationality, politics, culture, language, color, religion and every ethnic background, coming together each week in some 30,000 cities, town, villages and municipalities all over this planet of ours to break bread and work together to serve others and solve problems. It is surely what the Lord God intended when he told each of us to "Love one another."

Perhaps Rotary works because its ranks are filled with the finest people on the globe. Managers, professionals, owners, and executives, men and women of competence, leadership, skill, integrity and most of all, good will. Rotary executes, on a daily basis, the eternal hope of mankind for, "Peace on earth and good will toward men!" Indeed, Rotary is of great value....

It is my firm conviction that Rotary's best days lie ahead. We have demonstrated our strength and our ability to solve the problems of mankind on this globe. In immunizing the children of the world, we have demonstrated the ability of Rotarians united to make the 21st century the prime of Rotary service. And because of Rotary service, mankind's best century ever. I see the day when people everywhere will recognize the Rotary wheel as the hope, help, and life of mankind. The people who solve problems.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A woman meets a gorgeous man in a bar. They talk, they connect, and end up leaving together.

They get back to his place and, as he shows her around his apartment, she notices that his bedroom is completely packed with teddy bears. Hundreds of small bears on a shelf all the way along the floor, medium sized ones on a shelf a little higher, and huge bears on the top shelf along the wall.

The woman is a little surprised that this guy would have a collection of teddy bears, but she decides not to mention this to him.

She turns to him ... they kiss ... and then they rip each other's clothes off and have their way with each other.

After an intense night of passion, as they are lying there together in the afterglow, the woman rolls over and asks, smiling, "Well, how was it?"

The guy says, "You can have any prize from the bottom shelf."

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor who had him fitted with a set of hearing aids that allowed the old guy to hear 100%.

So, the elderly gentleman went back to the doctor after a month and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

To which the gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times so far."



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**ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m. AT
EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY**

R.I. San Antonio Convention

The R.I. 92nd Convention kicked off on schedule on Sunday, 24th June 2001 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A. attended by around 25,000 registrants from 131 countries including nearly 40 Rotarians and guests from district 3450 headed by our D.G. John Wan, with the assistance of the On-to-Convention chairman, Alcuin Li. In our group, there were PDGs Peter Hall, Arthur Au, Jason Yeung, Dom Vessigault together with DGE Johnson Chu and DGN Gloria Chan as well as the incumbent presidents, spouses and Rotarians. Apart from the above number of participants, there were around 5000 registered online viewers through the Rotary website.

The opening plenary session marked with musical prelude from The Mariachi Campanas de America and Ballet Folklorico followed by welcome remarks by the chairman of the Convention, Irving J. Sonny Brown and R.I. President Franklin J. Devlyn. United States President George Bush also gave a welcome speech through the television screen. Of course, Mayor Ed Garza of San Antonio, enthusiastically welcomed the well packed audience at the Alamodome. The site was so huge that we have only one seating instead of the usual two seatings arrangement.

One of the most important announcements was that after years of negotiation, Rotary is now reinstated in the Peoples Republic of China as the provisional club status was granted by the Rotary International Board to the Provisional Rotary Club in Beijing and the Provisional Rotary Club in Shanghai. Both representatives from the two provisional clubs were present at the Convention, viz., Vice President Christopher Bo Bramsen, (Ambassador of the Royal Danish Embassy in Beijing) for the R/C of Beijing and Hon. Secretary Frank Yih for the R/C of Shanghai. Members attending meetings at these two provisional Rotary clubs are counted as make-up attendance. The Provisional R/C of Beijing meets at 12.30 p.m. each Tuesday at the China World Hotel, Beijing while the Provisional R/C of Shanghai meets at 6.30 p.m. at the Regal International East Asia Hotel, Shanghai.

It was the first time ever that the presentation of the flags of the Rotary World was on horseback with well trained different kinds of trotting horses performing its skills in knelling when presenting the R.I. banner. The entertainment feature was the Rick Cavender Band and starring Glen Campbell.

Something different from the previous conventions were a large number of booths set up for selling jewellery, garments, daily accessories, Mexican and Texan art and crafts, tailoring (from Hong Kong) and Rotary articles. There were also booths for R.I. Task Forces, districts and clubs projects. Workshops were open to all Rotarians who want to learn more about the activities of these R.I. Task Forces and get involved in projects addressing these vital issues, such as

1. Avoidable Blindness
2. Children at Risk & Crime Reduction and Violence Prevention
3. Diplomatic Relations, UNs & Partnering with other Organizations
4. Environmental Concerns
5. Jobs for Disabled Persons
6. Membership Development & Membership Retention
7. Population & Development
8. Rapid Disaster Relief
9. Rotary Community Corps
10. World Community Service, Resource & Matched Clubs

Discussion workshops were also arranged for the following topics :

1. Maximizing use of the Web by club and District
2. Creating successful RYLA Programmes
3. Incoming Club Presidents
4. Public Relations
5. Population and Development
6. Sending and Hosting effective GSE Teams
7. Rotary Centers for International Studies

Full programme had been planned each day during the Convention and there was no time to spare if one really wants to participate in his choice of each topic.

Apart from the official programmes, we can relax at the House of Friendship to meet old friends and make new acquaintance over a cup of coffee and sampled local cuisine. Shopping for souvenirs from booth to booth was quite an excitement and enjoyed the best of Texas entertainment. Within the compound, we can locate personal computer website where we can send our email worldwide throughout the convention free of charge, but the queue was rather long.

As a yearly tradition, the R.I. Peacemaker Award this year was presented to the U.S. Peace Corps which recognized the organization's commitment to world understanding and peace and its ongoing efforts to help those in need, as well as the many volunteers of all ages who have served in the Peace Corps over the past 40 years.

At every convention, thousands of Rotarians and guests were invited to experience the culture and life style of the resident Rotarians by attending the "Home Hospitality Night" offered by local Rotarians. There was no exception this year. All those attended the "Hospitality Night" claimed that it was really a world understanding and rewarding evening.

While we were having our reunion dinner for the members from district 3450, others were flocking to the famous Don Strange Ranch in the scenic Texas Hill Country to enjoy the one-hour rodeo show and a sumptuous dinner of Texas BBQ and Mexican specialties followed by dancing under the Texas sky.

On the last day of the Convention, there came the closing ceremony when R.I. President appeared on stage with his wife Gloria Rita to deliver his closing remarks. All in all, it had been a most successful Convention with entertainment by Fiesta Symphony Orchestra with guest stars Vikki Carr and Arturo Sandoval. With the singing of the Auld Lang Syne, the whole Convention was concluded in harmony. See you all in Barcelona in 2002.

There were not much sight-seeing spots in San Antonio, but the flat bottom boats strolling up and down the river is a must for tourists. The boat ride was free to all Convention registrants. It was something like the Gondolier in Venice but much bigger. On both sides of the river called the Riverwalk, there were numerous restaurants suitable to all tastes. The writer patronized a Hunan cuisine which was quite acceptable to his desire.

The next interesting place was the Alamo where the American and the Mexican fought their battles for independence dating back 1893. The Market Square lured a lot of visitors for shopping handicrafts and silverwares. A band of Mariachis performed in the middle of the square to add more enjoyment. There was a revolving restaurant on top of a high tower near the Convention site conveniently catered for convention-goers.

This report will not be complete without mentioning the generosity of our D.G. John Wan who played host to all delegates from district 3450 to a Texan/Mexican restaurant called Mi Tierra for dinner and drinks accompanied by a band of Mariachis. All participants enjoyed to their fullest extent with a lot of drinking, toasting, speeches and chatting. DGE Johnson, during his address, also promised to do likewise when we support him to attend the Barcelona Convention in Spain next year.

Muchas Gracias

President Stephen's Message – Rotary Year 2001-2002

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The theme for this Rotary year -"Mankind is Our Business" - has clearly demonstrated the importance for Rotarians to integrate with the community in the delivery of our community services.

As the President of this Rotary year, I sincerely thank you for the trust and confidence in electing me to carry out a very meaningful but also a difficult assignment - of which I would like to reiterate all Rotarian members' commitments in achieving this year's challenges.

The RI President, Richard King, has called all Rotarians, clubs and districts to focus on "The Four challenges to Rotary Greatness".

1. Membership growth
2. Improved Rotary Education and Training in the club
3. Enhancing the public image of Rotary
4. Strengthening and development of the club

To overcome and achieve any of the above challenges, like any enterprising business, I trust you would agree with me that "Harmony" is the key.

Rotary is a club that provides the means and opportunities for people of different professions and talents to get together. On the personal perspective, it helps to make friends, to foster and develop business relationship, to share experience and develop leadership skill; on the club perspective, it is a means to gather together all the human resources and abilities with the main objective to serve the community, in particular to serve the needy and the under-privileged ones. If this is the purpose behind that both you and I joined the Rotary, then I am sure with your commitment and support," the Four challenges to Rotary Greatness" would no longer be challenges to us.

To grow membership is to invite more friends and professionals to join our club, at the heart of friendship and fellowship - it is "Harmony".

Anyone who wants to join the Rotary needs to have a strong sense of commitment

and keeps his commitment. A commitment to serve the club, the district, the community by forgetting one's self interest. Those who want to join, those who have the same "quest" within their heart, would definitely feel the same when our fellow Rotarians contacts them. So we need to spread this Rotarian enthusiasm and sincerity from our hearts and by putting aside any personal conflicts.

We have many dedicated, devoted and experienced Rotarians plus innovative and talented Rotarians – a pool of most precious and invaluable assets. The 21st century is called the "Knowledge Economy" whereby the "Knowledge of the Old Economy" formed the fundamental foundations for the "New Information Technology and Communication World" for our future generations to inherit and further expand, develop and invent.

It is with sincere belief that only by "inheriting from the past" that will enable "exploring into the future" (in Chinese 承先啓後，繼往開來) is the only way that "Mankind" could continue to improve and survive. It is only through "harmony" that our club will grow, that public image would enhance and accordingly the club would be strengthened and developed.

By providing feedback and sharing experience among the Rotarian members, by inviting and visiting international Rotarian members, by active participation in Rotary conferences and seminars, all these activities would indirectly help to educate and train our Rotarians – it is a only matter of effective communication and commitment. As the President, I am keen to promote communications among our Rotarian members either through direct interactions, open forum discussions or e-mail in the web site.

So far I have only focused on how to overcome the four challenges from the Rotarians' perspective, as a club, what are we going to do for the "Mankind"?

A Rotary Club would be lack of life and spirit if there were no contribution to the community! The questions are:

- What and how much are we going to contribute to the community?
- How committed and involved would each Rotarian be to make each event a success?

This is an area that I would definitely require your feedbacks and opinions on how to implement and deliver this "Service to Mankind".

It is too preliminary for me to provide you with detailed and scheduled events for this

Rotary year, but in line with the "Four Challenges" I have highlighted a few objectives to review with the Board of Directors and with you:

1. Membership growth –

The worldwide quest and the goal for 2001-2002 are to bring in one new member per month per club, with a minimum net gain of five new members per club at the end of the Rotary year.

All quest winners will receive a model globe made of semi-precious stones.

Every Rotarian who brings in three members will receive a recognition pin.

For this important assignment, our VP Henry Chan will be the Chairman of the Membership Development Committee. He will work out a plan on how to increase our club membership.

I look forward to increasing the membership from our existing 45 to 50, and would like to enlist the support of all of our members to spread your fire of Rotarians.

2. Attendance – While we all appreciate the difficulties for some members attending the regular luncheon meetings due to personal or business reasons, however, it also happens to be a sign of commitment to keep. Also this is the only formal occasion that members meet on a regular basis and when Rotary information is given to our Rotarians.
3. Better Fellowship – Other than the regular weekly meeting, I would like to organize more activities for the members such that the Rotarian families' members could enjoy fellowship activities too.
4. Rotary Foundation – I hope that we could have 5 new Paul Harris Fellows or equivalent financial support to the Rotary Foundation this year.
5. Community Services - Charity starts from home, I believe there are a lot of people in Hong Kong that require our attention and support. I always see education and training for the younger generation in Hong Kong being one of the top priorities for Hong Kong to remain competitive and be able to sustain any economic infrastructure changes. For this I would like to propose more career talks, language classes and community services being organized for those under-privileged students. In general, our children are blessed because they have wonderful parents like you; but there are many others who are less fortunate.

Therefore, on our first Board Meeting to be held next Monday, I would make the following proposal to the Board for endorsement:

1. Seating arrangements – will be revised such that members could communicate better among each other
2. Due to financial constraint, there will not be any free lunch for birthday boys
3. Reduce the secretarial support from outside assistance, members are requested to perform our own jobs
4. Continue to invite our PDG Uncle Peter Hall as our Club Advisor; and one of the PP as the PP Council Representative – to give advice and guidance to the Board. This year PP Hubert Chan has kindly agreed to be the PP Council Rep.
5. Any major changes relating to the club's matters would be discussed by the Board and then referred to the General Meeting for final decision and adoption.

Once the club's plan is finalized, the directors responsible for the four revenues of services will report to you in greater details.

As no two persons is the same, there are bound to be differences in opinions, and as the President of the Club, I welcome any feedbacks that would do for the well-being and harmony of the club.

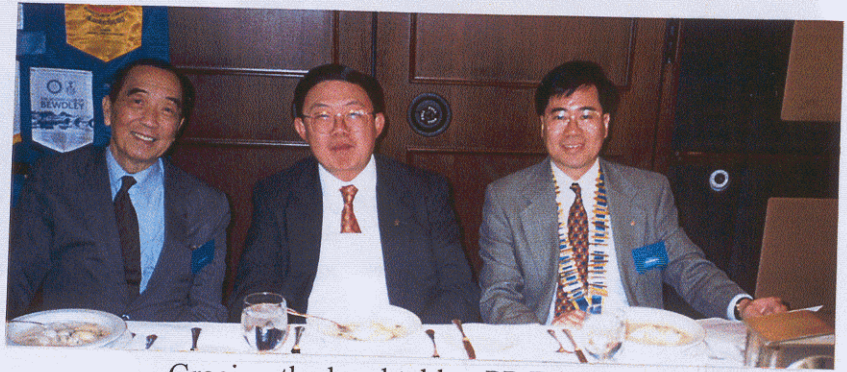
Once again, I thank you for electing me to be the President of this Rotary Year, to give me this highly important mission "possible" and many unforeseeable challenges to face. Nevertheless, as God says "You'll never walk alone", therefore, I would walk on with hope in my heart and seek your continued commitment and patronage to the club, I enlist your personal guidance and advice to help me and the Board of Directors to promote and strengthen the public image of our Club.

May I wish we all had a meaningful and joyful Rotary Year!

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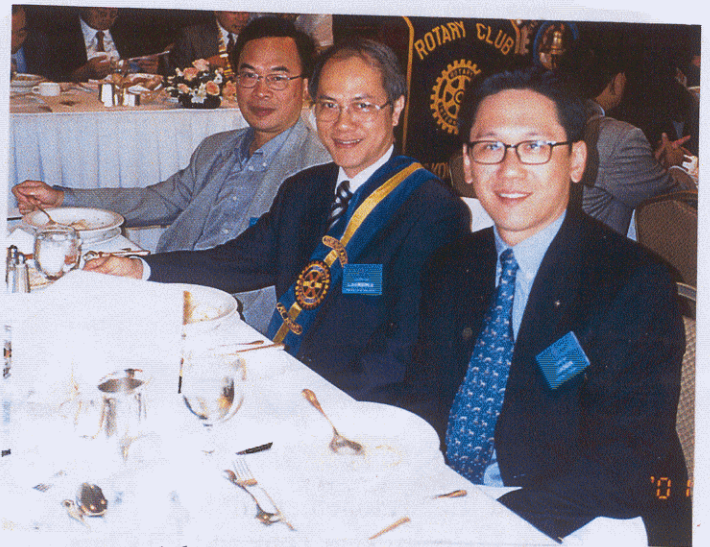
Pres. Stephen outlines his ideas for the 2001-2002 Rotary Year



Gracing the head table: PP Edwin, PDG Y.K. and Pres. Stephen



Hon. Sec. Eddy and Treasurer Clark looking after visitor, Rtn Susan Schofield (HK)



A happy group: Rtn Tommy, Rtn Laurence and Rtn Jason



A group photo on 4 July, 2001 to kick off the new Rotary Year



Enjoying their company together,
Rtn W.S., PP George and PP David



PP Hubert and VP Henry are very amused
by the long, tall Texan, Rtn Ates, just back
from R.I. conference, USA



Good friends together, PP Rob,
Rtn Malcolm, Rtn Tony and PE Chris



These guys look good together:
Rtn Bill, PP Tim and IPP Tajwar



Two birthday boys this week, Rtns Ates
and Hon Treasurer Clark congratulated
by Pres. Stephen and Rtn Bill