

What Happened at Our Meeting on 14th July, 2004

Hurray! At 1:28 pm, President Rudy kicked off his first home meeting with a warm welcome to all those present at the luncheon. A special welcome was extended to the Visiting Rotarian Michiko Normura from RC Tokyo Ebisu and the respective club banners were duly exchanged. For a change, there was no welcome back or birthday celebration but President Rudy disclosed that the birthday gift for his year is a massage pen - PP Hubert was really looking forward to laying his hands on this tool and do let us have your frank feedback in due course.

Various members stepped up to the rostrum to make announcements. First up was Rtn Andy who talked about our community service project of summer teaching in Zhaoqing. The Club has sponsored 10 Rotaractors from Lingnan University for this project at a cost of \$20,000. IPP Henry will lead a delegation including PP George, Pres Rudy and Rtn Andy as well as their family members to visit the School on 17 July. Furthermore, PP Stephen and Watanabe-san of RC Osaka Jonan have jointly donated \$4,000 scholarship and bursary to the School for 2004-2005. PP Hubert also donated 20 Nokia watches as a gift to the scholarship students. PP George, PP Hubert, PP John, IPP Henry, Pres. Rudy, PE Robert and Rtn Laurence, Jason, Andy, Eddy have combined together and donated \$10,000 for books, arts & crafts and sport supplies for the School. Well done members for participating in this very meaningful community project and appreciate very much their kind generosity.

Next came PP John who advised us that RC HKNE has invited a past tennis ace, Mark Kratzmann to be the speaker at its meeting on Friday 16 July at the World Trade Centre Club. Our members are most welcomed to join them on that occasion. This was followed by Rtn Tony, SAA who reported attendance of 16 members and a take of \$900 but Pres Rudy topped it up by another \$200 making a grand total of \$1,100 for the day. In the future, all donations will go straight into a Red Box at the reception counter. In an appeal for donations, we need \$50,000 per annum to support the various initiatives and on average, this translate to an average donation of \$50 per member each meeting. Let us be at this point in mind and do our best for the Red Box.

IPP Henry spoke on the hastily put together vocational service project pursuant to an urgent request made by a former member, Joseph Chan. The City University of Hong Kong was hosting a party of some 25 exchange students from the Shanghai University of Finance and the Club within a very short period of time managed to put together a program me for them. PP Tim organised a presentation for the group on Monday at PricewaterhouseCoopers and IPP Henry did a similar arrangement at the HKJC. The group will also be visiting Euroclear Bank(organised by PP Stephen's wife) and some accountancy students will have the opportunity to work in the office of PP Li during their stay. Another round of applause for all those involved as this fostered the fellowship spirit which is the cornerstone of our Club.

PE Robert came forward and reminded members that we have been allocated to 6 teams and each team will be held responsible for the activities of a particular month. The leaders are Rtn Tony Loy, Andy Wong, John Yao, Eddy Wong, Jason Chiu and Andrew Shek for the months of July through to December. When the call of duty comes, do participate and enjoy the fun of doing something during the luncheon meeting. There will be a vote for the best team performance and PE Robert announced a prize worth at least \$1000 for each member of the winning team.

Talking about lunch, we can enjoy a free lunch in the following month (apparently courtesy of PE Robert's wallet) if we turn up at all the RCHKIE luncheon meetings in the current month. Make up does not count for this purpose; so do try your best to achieve this and rest be assured that PE Robert will not even feel the pinch in relation to the related cost. Lastly, he announced that the date of the President's night has been set for 24 September 2004 and Pres. Rudy had apparently pledged a donation of \$10,000 for the fund raising effort of that event. Please mark your diary for this important date to show our appreciation to IPP Henry as well as to support the Club fund raising activity.

As for Rotary Information, the ever resourceful PDG Uncle Peter came forward and without any difficulty gave us a run-down on Board of Directors. RCHKIE has 12 directors with IPP as ex-officio member on one year term. RI has 19 directors on a two year term with the VP and Treasurer appointed by the RI President. The RI Secretary is a paid member of staff. District 3450 had never been able to return a RI director due to structural issue whereas Japan and India have invariably been able to do so due to the number of districts within those countries. However, the most important message was that RI directors never walk out of board meetings and this example should be followed everywhere including RCHKIE. If anyone has any issue, Uncle Peter would be pleased to deal with it face to face.

Pres. Rudy then talked about the activities highlight for the coming six months. For details, please refer to the attachment.

Prior to closing the meeting, PDG Uncle Peter reminded the Secretary to have the current Rotary banner on display in our next meeting. The speaker next week will be Dr Kaiser Lau talking about the important topic of "Anti-ageing" and RC TST East will have a delegation visiting our Club next week. Finally, the meeting came to a close at 2 pm with a toast to RI coupled with RCHKIE and RC Tokyo Ebisu. A group photo was also taken to commemorate the first home meeting of the current Rotary Year.

President's Corner

President Rudy outlined our activities highlights for the first six months of this year as follows:

July, 2004 Zhaoqing School Visit in China

- * RCHKIE sponsor 10 Rotaractors from Lingnan University to do a summer teaching in the school between July 13-17.
- * RCHKIE members visiting the school to provide scholarship / bursary, and some assistance for books, arts & crafts, sport supplies on July 17.

August, 2004 Roaract Day

- * RCHKIE would invite some of our Rotaractors from Lingnan University & HK Island East to attend our luncheon and talk about their 2004-5 Rotaract planning & Zhaoqing school teaching experience etc. on August 4.
- * RCHKIE would sponsor our Rotar actors to attend the Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference at HK PoluU, August 5-8.

September, 2004 President's Night

- * RCHKIE would like to honor our IPP Henry for his leadership and contributions in our 50th Anniversary Celebration. We plan to have it as a fund raising activity for our future community projects.
- * There may also be a separatwe function for Area 3 joint meeting (together with HK South, Quarry Bay, Queensway, Victoria) in an evening meeting.

October, 2004 Rotary Foundation

* RCHKIE plans to achieve our target, having 5 PHF by October and inviote a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to speak on this occasion.

November, 2004 Membership Development

- * RCHKIE plan to have new members induction after 4 month's membership drive between July -October.
- * PDG Uncle Peter Golf Tournament will be held in November.

December, 2004 Family for Rotary

- * RCHKIE plans to have Family for Rotary event before X'mas.
- * RCHKIE plans to have a soft launch of a web site project for the deaf children (as our Centennial project).

Message from Osaka-Jonan

Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan Osaka, Japan

1st June 2004

De ar Sirs,

It is my great pleasure to send my summer greetings to you all.

Thank you very much for taking your busy time off to visit our club's 35th Anniversary celebration on 22nd May. The celebration event ended smoothly and I must offer my deepest gratitude to everyone, all members and families for the tremendous support to us.

During our celebration event, certain things and our hospitality to you could have been done better and I appreciated your kind understanding for bearing with us any of our shortcomings.

All our members shall take this opportunity to return to foundation of Rotary and learn and practice more of the Rotary spirit in a higher level. And I sincerely wish that you will continue to support and give us your guidance in the future.

Please accept this brief written remarks and greetings to you.

Since rely yours

Nonaka Kazuhiko Chairman of 35th Anniversary Committee

Ue Toshiro,

President

A newly married sailor was informed by the navy that he was going to be stationed a long way from home on a remote island in the Pacific for a year.

A few weeks after he got there, he began to miss his new wife, so he wrote her a letter. "My love," he wrote "we are going to be apart for a very long time. Already I'm starting to miss you and there's really not much to do here in the evenings. Besides that, young attractive native girls constantly surround us. Do you think if I had a hobby of some kind I would not tempted?"

So his wife sent him back a harmonica, saying, "Why don't you learn to play this?"

Eventually his tour of duty came to an end and he rushed back to his wife. "Darling," he said, "I can't wait to get you into bed so that we make passionate love!'

She kissed him and said, "First, let's see you play that harmonica."

A man took his wife to the County Fair and one of the exhibits was that of breeding bulls. They went up to the first pen and there was a sign that said, "This bull mated 50 times last year."

The wife poked her husband in the ribs and said, "He mated 50 times last year."

They walked a little further and saw another pen with a sign that said, This bull mated 120 times last year."

The wife hit her husband and said, "That's more than twice a week! You could learn a lot from him."

They walked further and a third pen had a bull with a sign saying, "This bull mated 365 times last year."

The wife got really excited and said, "That's once a day. You could REALLY learn something from this one."

The husband looked at her and said, "Go up and ask him if it was with the same old cow."

The husband's condition has been reduced from critical to stable...

Photographs of Our Meeting on 14th July, 2004



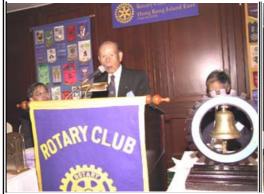
Pres. Rudy, his first day on the job greets members & visitors to our club.





 $(L \ to \ R)$ PDG Uncle Peter & Pres.Rudy at the left head table.

(L to R) Hon Sec John, Visiting Rotarian Michiko Nomura (Tokyo Ebisu) & Dir Eddy at the right head table.



PDG Uncle Peter giving us useful Rotary Information.



PE Robert giving us what we will looking forward to this year.



(L to R) PP's Andrew, Hubert, Tim & Rtn Kenny enjoying the meeting.



(L to R)Dir Andy, IPP Henry, Hon. Tres. Laurence, Dr Tony, Rtn John V, & PE Robert taking in the meeting.



Pres. Rudy exchanging banner with Rtn Michiko (Tokyo Ebisu).



Group Photo of PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Rudy & visiting Rotarian & our members on 14th July, 2004