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## What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting with a warm welcome to everyone, in particular the Action Presidents.

We were honoured with visits from:

Meggy Tseung Pen. Sunrise
Chris Tsang Pen Sunrise
Nigel Mattravers Quarry Bay
Pres.Bob Wilson HK South
PP Peter Tse TST East

Pres. Bob Wilson brought with him Mike Tanner as his guest. Rtn. Rudy Law introduced his prospective new member, Laurence Chan, and also Professor Norman Ko, Chairman of the School Council of the Victoria Park School for the Deaf.

President Taj introduced PP. Con Conway, Vice President of the HK Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee, who spoke to us on "Asian Games 2006 - Hong Kong for Sure!" PP. Con showed us a videotape which had been shown by the Chief Secretary Anson Chan to the International Olympic Committee, and which highlighted the reasons why HK should host the Games in 2006.

PP.Con then outlined some reasons of his own as to why the HK community should support this bid. Firstly, HK was committed to growth and development, and this was another area where we had the ability to make things happen. Secondly, HK officials had attended every Asian Games and Olympics since the ASFOC had formed 50 years ago, but had never hosted one. Thirdly, we had

experienced administrators and officials in each of 71 different represented sports disciplines. Fourthly, the Asian Games would bring in revenue, as had been the case with the games in Bangkok in 1998. Fifthly, we had our own gold medallists from previous games, not to mention Li Lai Shan's Olympic Gold Medal.

Although the HK education system did not give impetus to a sporting ethos in the HK community, the Asian Games 2006 would help to make people realise the benefits of a healthy mind in a healthy body. This was important to the community given that \$14 billion was spent annually on drugs in HK and only \$200 million on promoting wellness. In addition, half the population was on prescription drugs and HK had the second highest rate of obesity in S.E Asia.

PP. George thanked PP Con in the traditional manner, adding that he had no doubt that HK would do the Asian Games proud if we won the bid.

The Sergeant at Arms (Peter Kuang) reported a sizeable contribution to the Red Box, and all were thanked for their generous contributions.

Pres. Taj concluded the meeting by stating that next week would be a Club Assembly, and that the Board had approved that the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July would be cancelled as many members were away.

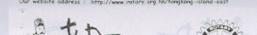


# Rotary Information

### Kofi Annan and Ted Turner receive RI's top polio award

In recognition of their contributions to the initiative to rid the world of polio, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Anna and media magnate Ted Turner were presented with Rotary International's Polio Eradication Champion Award on March 17.

"It is a great honor to present these awards to Kofi Annan and Ted Turner," said Herbert G. Brown, vice-chairman of The Rotary Foundation trustees and past RI president, in remarks during the award ceremony at the UN headquarters in New York City. "The generous commitment of their leadership and resources are making significant contributions to the victory over polio."





Angus Chung, director



PP Con struts his stuff.



Birthday Boy Andrew is honoured by Pres. Taj & PP Rob.



Professor Norman Ko is looked after by club members.



PP Rob & Rtn JohnV looking after our VVIP Angus Chung, director of Catering of the Excelsior hotel.





A lawyer, a doctor, and a trainer, guess who's who.



Very Important Visiting
Rotarians & guest
entertained by PP C.Y. Fu
left to right Pres. Nigel
Mattravers (Quarry Bay),
guest Michael Turner,
Pres Bob Wilson (HKS),
Pres Maggie Tseung &
Rtn Chris Tsang
(Peninsula Sunrise)



Visitors to our club On 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2000

#### 2000 Rotary International Convention Buenos Aires, Argentina





The world famous water fall "Iguassu".



The Main Entrance of the Convention site - La Rural, Buenos Aires.

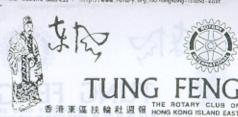


Home Hospitality Night at an Argentinian family at the home Of D.G.E. Sr. Truppi of La Plata.



Reunion Dinner hoste by DG Dipo For the delegates from D3450.





Uncle Peter & Daughter Emily taken Under the hugh statue of Paul Harris.



A Tango partner was arranged for PDG Uncle Peter in Buenos Aires.



## A Side Trip to Vancouver, Canada



77/78 President Y. P. Yang recalled his memory of the good old days of the R/C of HKIE.



Former member & PP Bill Nichol Sent his regards to all Members of HKIE.

## Pot-Pourri in Buenos Aires

Just a few notes to share with you my experience in Buenous Aires, Argentina as follows:

- 1. To enforce dollarization, the exchange rate is US\$1 to one Argentinian Pesos;
- 2. Hotels are rather expensive. It is rated as one of the most expensive places in the world which can match with New York, Paris and Tokyo for travelers;
- 3. "ASADO" means roast, therefore roast beef is a popular recommendation in the restaurants' menu;
- 4. Sight-seeing places are worthwhile going, such as:
  - a) The world famous water fall "Iguassu" bordering between Brazil and Argentina;
  - b) Tango show at La Boca, a local town near Buenos Aires;
  - c) Tigre Delta by a chain of transportation, namely Coach/train/boat;
  - d) City tour including the Presidential Palace where the film "Viva Peron" was actually filmed there;
- 5. Argentina is a left-hand drive traffic country;
- 6. In the middle of the city area in Buenos Aires, the roads are wide with 6 to 7 lanes on one traffic flow;
- 7. Shopping: Leather goods, such as jackets, shoes and handbags as well as silver wares are available in town. Antiques and handicrafts can be found at flee market on Sunday.

## 91st R.I. Convention in Argentina

by PDG Peter Hall

The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of R.I. held in Buenos Aires, Argentina was kicked off on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2000 at the La Rural with an estimated attendance of around 14,000 registrants from 120 countries including 23 from District 3450 which figure was lower than expected. However, two seatings were required for the opening ceremony.

The programme was more or less the same as in the previous conventions, Two new flags were added during the national flags parade, viz., Bosnia and Macau SAR. Also a new official anthem of R. I. was played. The keynote speaker was H.E. Dr. Fernando de la Rua, president of Argentina who was out of town on the opening and only delivered his speech on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. After all the formalities, R.I. President Carlo Ravizza gave his welcome speech. Entertainment features the Tango dance plus festival folklorico de Angelina. Reports for the year were made by Rtn Ed Fulta, Associate General Secretary of R.I., and Treasurer William B. Boyd. Election of 2001-2001 officers of R.I. met no challenge and Richard King was proclaimed R.I. President for the year 2001-02. He delivered a brilliant acceptance remarks, stressing on membership growth and retention.

Apart from normal proceedings, a special memorial tribute to the late Past R.I. President Paulo V.C. Costa appeared on the screen.

During the 4-day convention, there were 20-Task Force booths in action. One of the booths called "Children at Risk" was partly manned by PDG Jason Yeung who is the Vice Chairman of the said Task Force. The writer also volunteered to be on duty at the booth distributing brochures and answering questions from interested Rotarian.

The House of Friendship was a bit small but it was fully utilized by participants. As usual, there were numerous workshops everyday touching and debating on New Concept in Rotary, Membership Development and Education, in-coming club presidents and the Understanding the Rotary Foundation sessions.

The convention was conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Japanese and Korean, but no Chinese. After finishing all the programmes, R.I. President Carlo Ravizza adjourned the convention with a closing remark, emphasized again the "Courage of Change" in Rotary, making Rotary rules and regulations more-to-date and flexible. It is envisaged that there would be a lot of enactments put up at the coming Council on Legislation proposed by R.I.

The adjournment was followed by Entertainment Features of a Grand Orchestra with tenor and soprano conducted by Maestro Jose Carli. In the melody of Auld Lang Syne, the curtain of the convention was lowered. See you again next year in San Antonio, U.S.A.

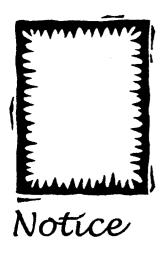
Among many of his contributions, the UN secretary general successfully brokered "days of tranquility" in several countries amid civil unrest, enabling health officials and volunteers to get the polio vaccine through to the children, sometimes across battle lines.

"I am proud and honored to receive this award," said Annan. "Tremendous progress has been made in recent years in controlling and eradicating some of the most terrible diseases facing humankind." The UN chief said that the steady gains against polio would not be possible without the dedication of Rotary clubs and other humanitarian groups. He noted that the polio eradication effort is just one facet of the continuing partnership between Rotary International and the UN.

Turner demonstrated his commitment to the eradication of polio by donating US\$28 million through his United Nations Foundation primarily to strengthen the vaccine delivery infrastructure, and to track where the disease is occurring.

"It is a great honor to receive this award from Rotary International, which has provided crucial leadership in the effort to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century that is free from the threat of polio," said Turner. "The public-private partnership established by Rotary and the UN is a model for addressing global challenges in the future."

During an informal meeting prior to the presentation, Turner discussed his long history with Rotary, recollecting that his father and grandfather had been Rotarians. "In fact," he told RI President-elect Frank Devlyn and Foundation Vice-chairman Brown, "I credit part of my own international outlook to my days in Rotary." He told the Rotary leaders that he tries to follow Rotary's mottoes of "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best." Turner also treated them to a verse of the song, "R-O-T-A-R-Y."



## We missed you on 12th July, 2000 !!!

Team 1

Team 2 Lamport, William; Li, Francis; Ling, Alex

Team 3 Chan, Henry; Pang, K.T.

Team 4 Chen, Andrew; Cheng, Y.K.; Kilis, Danny; Li, David

Team 5 Luy, Henry

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Chiu, Jason; Howe, Chris

14 of 39 members missing 36%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!



#### LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A married couple was on a holiday in the Middle East. They were touring around a marketplace looking at the goods, when they came across this small sandal shop. From inside they heard the merchant say, "Sir! Madam! Come into my humble shop."

So the married couple walked in. The merchant said to them, "I have some special sandals I think you would be interested in. They make you wild at sex like a great desert camel."

Well, the wife was really interested in buying the sandals after what the merchant claimed, but her husband felt he really didn't need them, being the sex god he was. The husband asked the merchant, "How could sandals make me into a sex freak?"

The merchant replied, "Just try them on, Sir."

Well, the husband, after much badgering from his wife, finally agreed to try them on. As soon as he slipped them on to his feet, he got this wild look in his eyes; something his wife had not seen in many years - raw sexual power. In the blink of an eye, the husband grabbed the merchant, bent him violently over a table, yanked down both their trousers, and grabbed a firm hold of the merchant's thighs



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