

Tung Feng

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What Happened Last Last Week

This was President Stephen's second meeting of the year and he first gave a warm welcome to two distinguished visitors, Assistant Governor Peter Tse (TST East) and District Secretary Jones Wong (Mid-Levels).

He also introduces the only other visitor, Rtn Egon Heldmer (Petaling Jaya, Malaysia).

President Stephen informed members that PDG Uncle Peter had been in hospital in the US due to a collapsed lung condition, but that he is now recuperating at his daughter's home. Rtn Tony then became an impromptu speaker by giving a very informative explanation of collapsed lungs.

The first Board meeting for 2001-02 was held on 9 July and President Stephen announced several decisions:

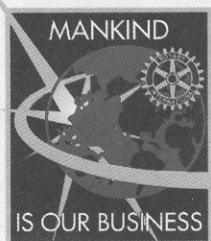
- Our long-term member, Emperor Cheung (39 years) has resigned from the Club.
- Rtn Alex Ling's application for exemption from attendance was accepted.
- Funding for the Club's on-going involvement with the Victoria Park School for the Deaf was approved.
- The Club dues were set at \$3,000.00.
- The District Installation night has been rescheduled for Friday, 20 July, due to the disruption from the recent typhoon.

Rtn Kishu had been rummaging through the Club's property and found a good bottle of Australian bubbly. So, he held an impromptu auction and raised \$200, courtesy of Rtn Paul. Kishu also reported the forthcoming 16th birthday party for the Rotaract Club of HKIE and invited Club members to attend. Finally, he spoke about the necessity for having a good program of speakers for meetings, and asked every member to be responsible for inviting one speaker for the year.

Back to President Stephen, he announced that a Membership Development Seminar would be held on the afternoon of 4 August; and a Rotary Foundation Seminar on 8 September.

It was then AG Peter Tse's turn and he briefly outlined his job as a facilitator to see that Club plans and problems were attended to. He advised also that the DG would visit HKIE on 25 July.

District Secretary Jones Wong spoke briefly about the criteria to be fulfilled for the clubs to receive a citation.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

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Club 4350

District 3450

Chartered on 6 April, 1954 by Charter President
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

Sergeant Lawrence then announced that there were 17 members present at the meeting and \$900 had been collected.

It was then time for the Club Assembly which was officiated by PE Chris.

First off the block was PP Hubert. He reported that he attended the last Board meeting as the PP Council representative, and several members questioned the need his presence at Board meetings. He explained that the PP Council was an informal committee whose role was advisory only and that they meet only once per year to select a suitable nominee for Vice President.

PP Andrew then spoke in support of the PP Council and affirmed its helpful role in the Club.

Rtn Ates spoke against the need to have a PP Council. He said its very limited composition excluded other members in the Club from having a strong input in deciding who should be nominated as the VP.

PP Rob also spoke out against the necessity for the PP Council. He said its exclusivity was a divisive factor in the Club and an official representative on the Board was a curiosity given that the Board already has an Advisor in PDG Uncle Peter. Finally, he claimed that the PPs were not necessarily the most suitable members for selecting a VP, due to many of them having poor attendance records and exemption from attendance; but that a more democratic process would be for the Board to form its own selection committee composed of a broad cross-section of members who knew everyone in the Club well.

Finally, Rtn Kishu spoke again about the speaker program, and asked that a Coordinator be appointed quickly to look after the schedule.

To close the meeting, President Stephen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia).

Rotary Information

Rotarians celebrate year's successes at RI Convention

The more than 24,000 Rotarians from 131 nations who attended the 92nd RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA, this week left for home rejuvenated by a meeting that was equal parts inspiration, education and fellowship.

"Every Convention has its particular flavor that reflects the people and culture of the country where it is held," 2000-01 RI President Frank J. Devlyn said in his welcoming keynote address." San Antonio is unique in that we have both the flavor of Texas, USA, as well as the flavor of Mexico."

The two most popular fellowship opportunities were the ticketed events, Saturday's Night in Old San Antonio, a Mexican-style fiesta and a Texas Ranch Party and Rodeo attended by more than 6,000 Rotarians. Hundreds more accepted invitations to the homes of local Rotarians during Monday's Hospitality Night.

On Sunday morning, more than 1,000 Rotarian volunteers gathered to plant about US\$75,000 worth of flowers and ornamental plants at the base of the landmark Tower of the Americas as a permanent gift to the host city and a tribute to Past RI President Paulo V.C. Costa, who died in April 2000.

The RI Convention and related events included several "firsts," among them the first-ever Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) International Convention, held at a nearby college campus just before the RI meeting. Also this year for the first time, the Rotary International Institute that preceded the convention was open to all convention participants and not limited to Rotary leaders.

The important issue of membership growth and retention received considerable attention, capped by the good news that Rotary club membership as of 15 May stood at 1,187,112, a gain of 24,531 members since July 2000. During Tuesday's plenary session, President Devlyn and W. Gary Romp, chairman of the 2000-01 RI Membership Development Task Force, recognized the winning districts and clubs from the 21st Century Challenge, a yearlong incentive campaign to boost membership worldwide. The top district was District 3160 (India), which under the governorship of P. Baskar Reddy gained more than 700 new members. Forty-nine other districts also were recognized for their success in growth, along with each district's top large and small club.

President-elect Richard "Rick" D. King hammered home the membership message in his address on Wednesday, noting that the Challenge winners were "in the minority". "It has been estimated that 90 percent of the Rotarians in the world have never sponsored a single new member," he said. "This is a tremendous challenge. We must keep Rotary healthy internally if we are to meet our global mission. If we do not build for the future, we are destined to become a relic of the past."

Other speakers Wednesday included RI's incoming president-elect, Bhichai Rattakul, of the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok, Thailand. "I know that I am following a path that has been lovingly forged by the selfless and magnificent efforts of our current and past leadership," he said in a heartfelt acceptance speech.

Praising Rotary's leadership and pioneering efforts in the global campaign to eradicate polio, keynote speaker Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), said: "Your commitment of time and funds have directly led to incredible progress in polio's eradication. You have in fact led the effort from the beginning, from a pilot project in the Philippines in 1979, to the official launch of PolioPlus in 1985." In recognition of the role played by Rotarians to address the plight of the estimated 610 million people with disabilities worldwide, President Devlyn presented RI's highest award, the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace, to Dr. Pramod Karan Sethi, a retired orthopedic surgeon who invented the "Jaipur foot", an artificial limb, that has given new hope to millions of amputees in India and other developing countries.

The convention received considerable media coverage, which included daily stories in the San Antonio Express-News and more than 30 segments carried by radio and television outlets in Texas and Mexico. National and international news services also used the convention to report on the polio eradication campaign.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Little Red Riding Hood is skipping down the road when she sees the Big Bad Wolf crouched down behind a log.

"My, what big eyes you have, Mr. Wolf," says Little Red Riding Hood. The surprise wolf jumps up and runs away.

Further down the road, Little Red Riding Hood sees the wolf again, this time crouched behind a tree stump.

"My, what big ears you have, Mr. Wolf," says Little Red Riding Hood. Again, the foiled wolf jumps up and runs away.

About two miles down the road, Little Red Riding Hood sees the wolf again, this time crouched down behind a road sign.

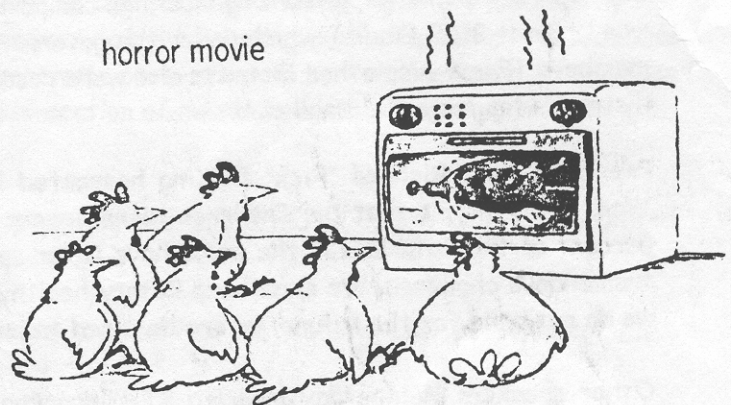
"My, what big teeth you have, Mr. Wolf," taunts Little Red Riding Hood.

With that, the Big Bad Wolf jumps up and screams, "Will you get lost! I'm trying to take a shit!"

A businessman was confused about a bill he had received, so he asked his secretary for some help in understanding the figures.

"If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary replied, "Everything but my earrings."



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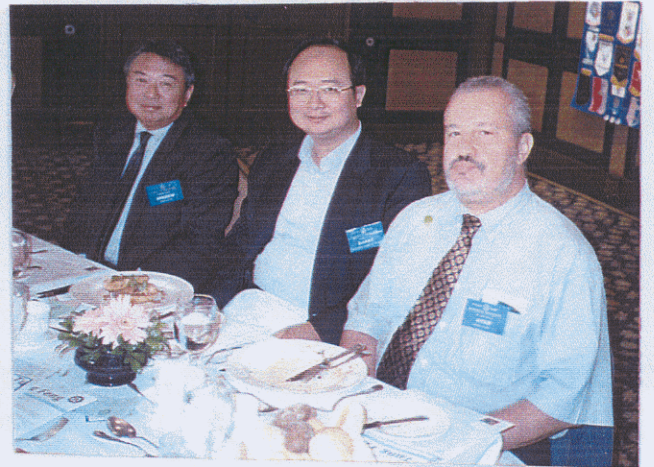
PP Rob and Rtn Paul Chan.



Hon Sec. Eddy and SAA Laurence.



PDG YK, Rtn Francis and PP Hubert.



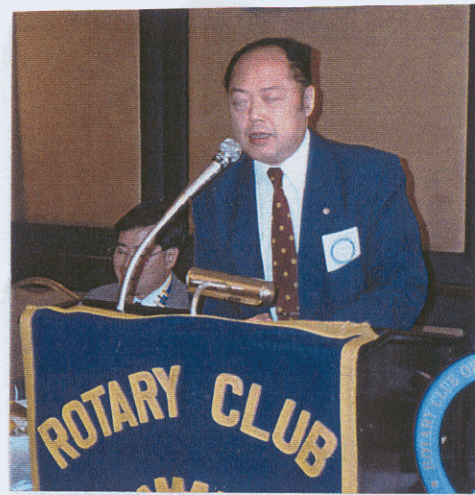
PP Andrew, Rtn Dennis, and Rtn Ates.



Group Photo of July 11, 2001.



PE Chris addressing the first club assembly.



AG Peter briefing us before the DG visit.



DS Jones, AG Peter and Pres. Stephen.



Rtn Tony informing us about the "pop in the lung".



Rtn Kishu enjoyed the company of Rtn Tony and PP John Luk.



Visiting Rtn Egon (Pataling Jaya, Malaysia) and Rtn John.

District Installation (20/7/01)



DG Johnson Addressing the members



Members from HK Island East

Visit to Sister Club - Rotary Club of Makati North



DG Ernie Salas and our delegates



President Stephen received gift from President Boy

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Our delegates presenting gift to President Boy



Prize Presentation after golf competition