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What Happened The Week Before Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting much earlier than usual, before lunch was served!

Rtn. Chris introduced the visiting Rotarians: PP Brian Splatt (Rotary Club of Colac West in Victoria, Australia) and Rtn. K. M. Chau (Rotary Club of Kowloon). Uncle Peter and President Taj introduced their guests: Mr. Andrew Hirst (General Manager of the Excelsior Hotel) and Mr. Clark Lu (Morgan Stanley Dean Witter).

President Taj took over the floor and informed members that the District levy for this Rotary Year would be increased by almost 100 per cent to \$1,100 but this would not mean members having to pay more as some of the District activities and Rotaract/Interact activities that our Club used to support and fund separately would now be covered centrally by the District. The Board considered that the increase in District levy and the new arrangements were acceptable, and President Taj asked members to endorse the Board's decision to accept the proposed District levy. The proposal was unanimously agreed by members present.

President Taj then explained that the rest of the meeting would be a Club Forum (not an Assembly!) He explained that a Club Forum is, in fact, a discussion of Club issues by Board members and other members can attend as observers if they wish. He showed members a copy of the Rotary bible (Manual of Procedure) and highlighted a number of the rules in the book, especially those in relation to attendance and introduction of new

members. He pointed out that the attendance of our Club in the last six months was only 48.75 per cent, far below the minimum requirement and that in the coming year the attendance requirement will be strictly enforced. Members who failed to meet the minimum requirement of 60 per cent attendance (half of it must be at the home club) or were absent for four consecutive meetings in a six month period would be automatically terminated.

There would be new procedures for introducing new members too. Members who have potential candidates to recommend should simply present the person's particulars to the Secretary. The Board would evaluate the person's suitability for membership and make a decision within 30 days. If the person is considered suitable by the Board, the person's name would be printed in the Bulletin and the person would be elected as member if no objection was received within 14 days.

President Taj also reminded members that they should pay up within 30 days upon receipt of the notice from the Treasurer and that the Board would consider membership termination if members failed to do so.

Uncle Peter pointed out that the enforcement of the rules and procedures described in the Manual should not be interpreted as a correction of wrong practices in the past. The past practices in our Club were within the flexibility allowed. PP Con also pointed out that while enforcing the rules and procedures. Rtn. Tommy raised questions about giving 20 per cent of the red box collection to the lucky draw winner and he considered that it was against the spirit of giving donations to the red box. President Taj emphasized that the lucky draw was to add fun and gimmick to help increase the red box take. Rtn. Kishu was disappointed that he was not given the opportunity to air his views and comments as the meeting was already overrun. President Taj said time would be allowed for further discussion in future meetings.

Sergeant-At-Arms PE Stephen reported that the red box collection was \$1,100, 20 per cent of which would go to the lucky draw winner. Uncle Peter conducted the draw and PP Tim was the lucky winner, but he donated his prize back to the red box.

President Taj reminded members that there would be no meeting on 26 July and closed the meeting with a toast to RI, coupled with Rotary Club of HK Island East.









President Tajwar exchanging banners with visiting Rotarian Brian Splatt of Rotary club of Colac West in Victoria, Australia.



PP Con - Guardian of our club's culture.



Rtn Malcolm looking after a very important guest --The General Manager of The Excelsior Hotel, Mr. Andrew Hurst.

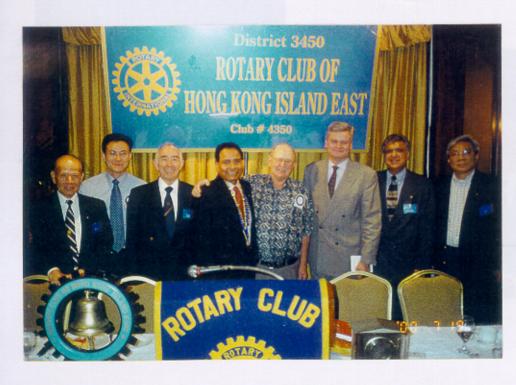




The Senior Actives of our club, PP Sam Lam, PDG Peter Hall, & PP Ramesh Mahtani.



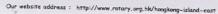
PP Con & Rtn Eddy looking after our visiting Rotarians (center).



Visiting Rotarian & guests with the godfathers of the club on 19th July, 2000.

MEMORIES FROM MAKATI

26-28 July, 2000





We were welcomed to Manila airport by Orly Morabe & Mike Marcos. Pictured here is Orly, Pres. Tajwar & PDG Peter Hall outside of Manila airport. We were the vanguard of our members consisting of three members who arrived earlier at 1100. The second group will arrived at 1625.

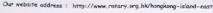


Big Welcome!

We were treated to a delicious lunch consisting of fillipino food. Pictured (left to right) Tony Ortigas, Roger Nicandro, PDG Peter, Pres. Tajwar (partly hidden) Orly Morabe & PP John IV.



Here is an old friend of ours PP Roger Nicandro sitting next to PDG Peter enjoying the delicious lunch.





PDG Peter sitting next to Nila & PP Edwin Andrews who was their club President when our PP Sam Lam signed our sisterhood relationship agreement.



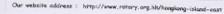
(left to right) Shy & Mike Marcos, Pres. Tajwar & (front) Marje Syjuco.



PP John IV & PDG Peter congratulate Pres. Boy Ampil (2000/2001).



A happy group (back row)PP Peny Reloza, PP John IV, Boy Sevilla,Jr, PP David Li. (front row) unknown, Myles & Allyson Artes, Robert & Marje Syjuco.







The Long & short story! PP John IV & PP Dieter Brueckner with Donnies Alas with Allyson & Robert looking on.



(left to right)Bien Cabral, Roger Nicandro, John, Hubert PDG Peter, PP Edwin Andrews, PP David Li.



(left to right)PP Pabling Calma, David & George Leung, unknown, Joe Reano.





Lynn & PP Dieter Brueckner & their very cute daughter Gabrielle. Happy family!



PP John IV pictured here with Myles & Allyson Artes, Robert & Marje Sayjuco



PDG Peter Hall congratulates the new President Boy Ampil for (2000-2001).





Swearing in ceremony of three "baby" Rotarians with their Sponsors.



Sponsoring Rotarians putting the bips of their new "baby" Rotarians.



The whole casts of players in their costumes. Can you guess who they are?





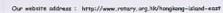
PP Roger Nicandro showing his dancing skills.



Choy & Joe Reano strutting the stuff.



The finale, cast of "thousands" Taking their bows. Bravo!!!



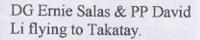




We were transported by helicopter from the roof of the Manila Peninsula hotel to Pres Ed's home at Takatay Highlands on a trilling ride of 15 minutes whereas if we travel there by car would take us upwards of 1 to 2 hours depending on the traffic.



PP David Li, PP John IV & PDG Peter in front of the helicopter.









We were greeted by this group of Rotarians too many to mention.





(left to right)Porong Herrera,Tony Marco,Roger Nicandro,Peny Reloza &Orly Morabe. (front) Chichi Salas.



Archie Lacson getting the Hong Kong golfers organized for the tee off.





Fellowship dinner after the golf game was held at the Highlands Steakhouse Restaurant. Pictured here are Pres. Tajwar PDG Peter & IPP Ed Mijares our host.



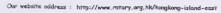
(front) PP Pabling Calma, David Leung,(back) Mike Marcos & George Leung.



PP Dieter Brueckner & PP Roger Nicandro.



(left to right)Tony Marco, Iwan Soetjahja, PP Hubert Chan, Robert Sayjuco, & unknown member.





Pres. Tajwar amongst the beautiful Rotarianns. (clockwise)Marje Syjuco, Myles & Allyson Artes, Pres. Tajwar, Rene Magadia, Thelma Ampil, unknown couple, & Vicky Magadia.





(back row) Chito Frondoso, George Leung, David Li, PP. Edwin Andrews. (front row) Donnies Alas Tony Ortigas, Peny Reloza.



(left to right) Tony Marco, Iwan Soetjahja, PP Hubert.





(left to right) PP Edwin Andrews, Mari Cacho, Archie Lacson, & Tony Marco.

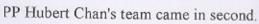


(left to right) Val Bermejo, Charles Lam, Pres. Boy, El Presidente Reano with PP George Leung (standing).





PP George receives the top prize for golf tournament.





PP David Li's team came in third.

President Tajwar thanks Makati club for their generosity.





The final day's prize presentation was attended by all players.



The top golfers of the tournament cross their weapons before teeing off.



IPP Ed Mijares hosted the prize presentation ceremony.



FINALLY—a big thank you!!



Our gracious hosts, IPP Ed and his lovely Ann Mary. Thank you both very, very much for a most memorable two fun filled days of golf. Thanks again for your hospitality of the free run of your beautiful house on top of the Takatay mountains. It will be forever in our memories. Thank you both.



A final look at the beautiful view of the Taal lake from the landing pad of the helicopter. Beautiful!!!

Note: The editor cannot be held responsible for putting the wrong names to the persons. Please forgive me if I make this mistake. I am trying my best. Perhaps after another ten trips I will know everyone more intimately. ————Ed.

Rotary Information

New RI President calls for proactive approach to Rotary service

RI President Frank Devlyn took office on July 1 pledging to lead Rotarians on a mission to "Create Awareness and Take Action in our clubs, in our communities, and in our world."

"As Rotarians, we have the potential to strengthen our clubs, and we have the credibility to generate public support and implement solutions to problems in more than 29,500 communities in the world," he said. "We also have the extensive international network to expand our humanitarian actions to all parts of the globe."

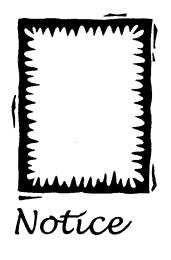
At their first meeting on June 12-14, 2000-01 President Devlyn and the RI Board of Directors pledged to make a personal contribution to PolioPlus Partners and to propose a quality person as a member into Rotary during July 2000. In making these decisions, the new RI president and Board ask every Rotarian globally to do the same, thereby demonstrating leadership by example.

Four RI presidential conferences are planned for the 2000-01 Rotary year; the North American Presidential Conference, Miami, Florida, USA, November 10-12, 2000; the African Presidential Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, January 26-28, 2001; the Asian Presidential Conference, Manila, The Philippines, April 6-8, 2001; and the European Presidential Conference, Vienna, Austria, May 11-13, 2001.

In addition, there will be four special international meetings; the Latin American Conference, Mexico City, September 14-17, 2000, and three conferences organized by the RI Population and Development committee: Zurich, Switzerland, July 27-30, 2000; New Delhi, India, September 22-24, 2000; and Brasilia, Brazil, March 16-18.

A member of the Rotary Club of Anahuac, Mexico City, Mexico, Devlyn is president of the Devlyn Optical Group of Mexico, a manufacturer, distributor and retailer of optical products. He grew up in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, and EI Paso, Texas, USA. Devlyn is a past president of Mexico's National Association of Opticians and Optometrists and of the National Chamber of Industries. He has served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations and corporations in Mexico.

A Rotarian since 1970, the 2000-01 RI president has served RI as director, Foundation Trustee, International Assembly discussion group leader, and district governor. As a RI officer, he has promoted Rotary programs such as "World Community Service" (WCS) by speaking to Rotary meetings in 34 countries. He is currently creating the largest used eyeglass bank in Mexico.



We missed you on 19th July, 2000 !!!

Team 1 Chan, Hubert; Chellaram, Manolo; Luk, John; Yucel, Ates

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

Team 3 Pang, K.T.; Wong, Sam

Team 4 Chen, Andrew; Cheng, Y.K.; Kuang, Peter; Kilis, Danny; Leung, George; Li, David

Team 5 Cheung, Desmond; Luy, Henry; Yao, John Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Chiu, Jason

20 of 39 members missing 51%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!



LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

An African leader makes an official trip to Russia. At the end of the trip, the Russian leader tells the African that in Russia they have a custom performed at farewells called Russian Roulette, to demonstrate one's courage.

The Russian whips out a revolver, loads one chamber, give the cylinder a spin, puts the gun to his head and pulls the trigger ... CLICK ... empty chamber.

He hands the revolver to his African guest and says, "Your turn." Not to be outdone, the African repeats the ritual ... CLICK ... empty.

The next year, the Russian visits the African country. At the end of the trip, the African tells his Russian peer that he was very impressed with the game of Russian Roulette and that he has spent the last year devising an African ritual to demonstrate one's courage.

The African then disappears through a door only to reappear a few minutes later smiling, and says, "Your turn." The African

escorts the Russian through the door. In the room are six of the most beautiful, naked African women he has ever seen. The African explains that he is to choose one of the women who will perform oral sex on him. Absolutely dumbfounded, the Russian asks what kind of test of courage is this?

The African replies, "One of them is a cannibal!"



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