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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## What Happened at Our Meeting

on

28th July, 2004

President Rudy was back in the chair last week from the Philippines after attending the installation of the new president of the Rotary Club of Makati-North, one of our sister clubs. A full report of our delegation to the Philippines appeared in our Bulletin No.3 Vol. 52.

A warm welcome was extended to PDG Anthony Hung and Assistant Governor Ada Cheng who later made a reminder on district functions respectively. AG Ada touched on the topic of The Rotary Centennial Gobi Race 2004 to be held on 29th September to 2nd October 2004 and split into 30km, 20km, 10km and 3km sections. Participants can join any of the 4 sections to raise funds for the PolioPlus project depending on their own physical strength, or can seek their sponsorship before and after the Race. A 2-day sightseeing fellowship tour will be arranged after the Race. All cost shall be borne by the participants themselves.

Rotarians, their spouses and family members, their friends and relatives are welcome to join the fund-raising fellowship event. The routing and the tour of the nearby Gobi desert is planned by Silk Road Travel Management Limited. For further particulars, please contact AG Ada Cheng at mobile phone No. 9199-9392 or email ayccheng@netvigator.com.

PDG Anthony Hung reminded Rotaractors and Rotarians to attend the first conference of its kind in Hong Kong - Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference hosted by District 3450 from 5th to 8th August 2004 at the PolyU. The sponsored club should pay a sum of HK\$5000 per Rotaract Club towards the running cost of the conference. Several heavy-weight RI dignitaries will be speakers during the conference. President Rudy has been fully informed of all the details.

Finally, an Inter-City meeting/Foundation Night will be held on the 9th August 2004 in honour of the RI past and present officers for dinner in the evening at the Four Seasons Room of the New World Renaissance Hotel, Tsim-Sha-Tsui, Kowloon. He urged all our members to participate, especially the major donors and the new/multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Please refer to your president for details.

PP George Leung was asked to make a report of our visit to Zhaoqing, PRC for which he presented a brief remark. (Full report had been given by President Rudy as appeared in this bulletin).

As reported by the Sergeant-at-Arms, a collection of HK\$1000 had been recorded.

Our first Club Assembly kicked off rather late after the briefing by the two Rotary dignitaries, PP John Kwok and PP George Leung. The agenda was as follows :

- 1) The new system of team workings
- 2) The meeting Venue
- 3) Accepting women in our club.

The implement of the new system to invite each team of Rotarians to take charge of the duties assigned by the President-Elect has been in force as from July 2004. The reaction of the members was that it was premature to judge the result as it was only on a trial period for less than a month.

The suggestion to change our present venue to the World Trade Centre Club because of a cheaper cost of the lunch, say HK\$180.00 per head, thus saving \$60 each. One member asked what's wrong with the present venue. PDG Peter reported that according to the search made by PP David Li last month, the WTCC cannot find any space to store all our furniture, files, banners, etc. especially the big Red Box we are having. Rtn. Kishu was asked to further check with the WTCC. PDG Peter also added that to explore into the possibility of patronizing the Lusitano Club in Central.

The old question of "Women in Rotary" was brought up again. PDG Peter said that in the past years, we had been discussing this subject with no result. The first thing we did was to ask the wives of the members for their view and the reply was "No" with various reasons for objection. He added that there is a Equal Opportunity Commission in Hong Kong and no sexual discrimination should exist. As a past RI officer, he is all for it. AG Ada suggested to induct at the same time, more than one female member so that the lady-members feel more at home.

It was already five passed two and President Rudy adjourned the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with the names of the Rotary Clubs of Wanchai and Taipo.

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## Rotary Information

### RI Board Decision related to Rotary Club & Districts

At the June 2004 meeting, the RI Board decided to adopt the following decisions :

(a) **RI Vision Statement for 2010**

Rotary will:

- \* be recognized for its leadership and success in the eradication of polio.
- \*have a strong and visible presence worldwide.
- \*achieve enhanced capacity for friendship and service through a strong organization with increased and diverse membership.
- \*advance its ideals of high ethical standards, international understanding, goodwill and peace, through a membership united in service.

(b) **Possible Incorporation of District**

The Board requested the President to appoint a committee to draft appropriate documents for the incorporation of districts. The committee will provide any necessary recommendations for amending RI constitutional documents and the Rotary Code of Policies to allow districts to incorporate under local law. The Board will review preliminary report on this matter at its June 2005 meeting.

(c) **Youth Exchange Students' Travel Insurance Coverage**

The Board amended its recommendations for health, accident and liability Insurance that parents or legal guardians should provide for their exchange. The new recommendations are underlined as follows:

"Such insurance should provide medical and dental coverage for accidental injury and illness, death benefits (including repatriation of remains), disability/ dismemberment benefit (also known as capital benefits), emergency medical evacuation, emergency visitation expenses (for transportation of parent or guardian to student's location), 24-hour emergency assistance services, and legal liability. At the option of the parents or legal guardians, such insurance may also include cancellation expenses, loss of property, loss of money, or kidnap and ransom."

The Board further suggests that inbound clubs, districts and multidistrict youth exchange groups should determine level of insurance adequate for the exchange length and local conditions in which the youth exchange student will live and travel during the exchange.

(d) **Leadership Development and Training - focus on effective clubs**

The board encourages clubs to appoint a club Rotary Foundation committee as part of the association's focus on effective clubs.

(e) **District Training Committee**

The Board approved a new District Training Committee for training, in place of a system of a single district trainer and a number of optional assistant district Trainers. The chair of the new District Training Committee will be the district trainer.

(f) **Multidistrict PETS - governor-elect approval**

The Board agreed that governors-elect are responsible for developing and approving the final programme, selecting the training leaders and plenary speakers of multidistrict PETS programme, but eliminated the requirement that they submit to the RI President a letter indicating their approval of the multidistrict PETS programme.

(g) **RI Website Business Portal Access**

The Board agreed to grant membership data access rights to club paid administrative staff.

**July 2004 Board decision**

(a) **Per Capita Dues Billing**

The Board, pursuant to Council enactment 04-370 which takes effect 1 July 2004, authorizes the general secretary to invoice the US\$2.00 per half year increase in per capita dues as a separate item on the 1 January 2005 semi-annual report to the clubs.

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**Club News**

**Visit to the Zhaqing School  
by Pres. Rudy**

IPP Henry led the 11 people delegation (including George, Rudy and Andy's families) to visit the Dao Tou Primary School on July 17 (Saturday).

We departed on July 16 (Friday) at 8:15am, just 2 hours before HK hoisting the Typhoon Signal Number Eight. Nevertheless, the

delegation was heading good weather & the river was smooth as silk. Thanks to the arrangement of PE Robert, the foods and hotel accommodation in Zhaoqing was good. You could possibly see our group photos in half-day sight seeing & shopping there.

The highlight of the trip was our school visit (after 3.5 hours bus trip one-way) on Saturday morning & we were welcomed by the young music band from the school in smart uniform at the entrance.

\* The five groups of pupils (2 classes from P4 and 3 classes from P5) gave their well rehearsed performance on stage in English song & nursery rhymes (singing "my bonnie" and "head, shoulders, knees & toes"); acting 2 dramas of children tales with their own improvised costumes; performing one band for drums, percussion and rhythm instruments (brought by LNU & donated from our Club) and one water-jet rocket experiment (alas it was successfully launched 5m high). The winner went to the percussion & rhythm group from Class 5B. The performance award was brought by IPP Henry.

\* IPP Henry addressed the guests and pupils as well as presenting the 10 scholarships (RMB 100 each) on behalf of PP Stephen & Watanabe, and the Nokia watches donated by PP Hubert.

\* Mr Lee, the deputy education department chief of the Fung Kai County assisted us to present the 10 bursary to the needy pupils (also RMB 100 each)

\* The reading books, arts & crafts, and sport supplies were shipped from Guangzhou and arrived one day earlier. The supplies would be stored and put into good use by the school for their coming terms. They were donated by 10 members, including PP George, PP Hubert, PP John Kwok, IPP Henry, PE Robert, VP Jason, HT Laurence, Dir. Eddy, Andy and Rudy.

\* The 10 Lingnan Rotaractors did a wonderful job in the school between July 16-18 and brought funs and stimulations to the young pupils. The families from PP George (Cynthia and their daughters Noelle & Iris), Pres. Rudy (Eileen and their daughter Jacqueline) and Andy (Angela); together with IPP Henry and his friend Jason Leung - all were very much impressed by their work and shared the happy moments with the pupils.

The delegation had a casual lunch with the County government officials and their 4 head teachers in the hotel where the Rotaractors lived and we returned to Zhaoqing City together in the afternoon. To sum up, the community project was well managed by Director & Rotaract Advisor Andy and completed within our HK\$20,000 budget; with our delegations and 10 Rotaractors all came back to HK on Sunday safely and happily, with a good memory.

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### **Joke & Cartoon**

An office manager was given the task of hiring an individual to fill a job opening. After sorting through a stack of resumes he found four people who were equally qualified. He decided to call the four in and ask them only one question. Their answer would determine which of them would get the job.

The day came and as the four sat around the conference room table the interviewer asked,

"What is the fastest thing you know of?" Acknowledging the first man on his right, the man replied,

"A THOUGHT. It just pops into your head. There's no warning that it's on the way; it's just there. A thought is the fastest thing I know of."

"That's very good!" replied the interviewer. "And now you sir?" he asked the second man.

"Hmm....let me see. A blink! It comes and goes and you don't know that it ever happened. A BLINK is the fastest thing I know of."

"Excellent!" said the interviewer. "The blink of an eye...that's a very popular cliché for speed."

He then turned to the third man who was contemplating his reply.

"Well, out at my dad's ranch, you step out of the house and on the wall there's a light switch. When you flip that switch, way out across the pasture the light in the barn comes on in less than an instant. Yep, TURNING ON A LIGHT is the fastest thing I can think of."

The interviewer was very impressed with the third answer and thought he had found his man. "It's hard to beat the speed of light" he said. Turning to the fourth and final man, the interviewer posed the same question.

The last man replied, "After hearing the three previous answers, it's obvious to me that the fastest thing known is DIARRHEA."

"WHAT!?" said the interviewer, stunned by the response.

"Oh I can explain." said the fourth man. "You see the other day I wasn't feeling so good and I ran for the bathroom. But, before I could THINK, BLINK, or TURN ON THE LIGHT, I had already shit my pants!"

HE GOT THE JOB.

**LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER**

- Memory was something that you lost with age
- An application was for employment
- A program was a TV show
- A cursor used profanity

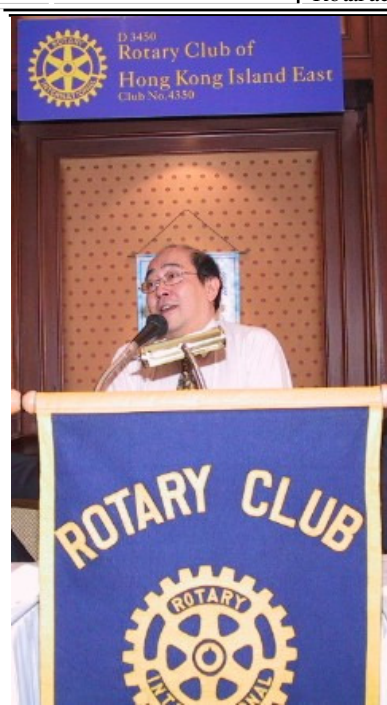


- A keyboard was a piano!
- A web was a spider's home
- A virus was the flu!
- A CD was a bank account
- A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy ... you just hoped nobody found out!

**Photographs of Our Meeting  
on  
28th July, 2004**

Today was our first club assembly, and we have six speakers

				
PP George reported on our Zhaoqing trip to Dao Tau	PP John reported on our Manila trip	AG Ada informed us about the planned The Rotary Centennial Gobi Race 2004.	PDG Tony reminded us to attend the first conference of its kind in Hong Kong - Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference	Dr. Tony summarized our topic for discussion in our Club Assembly.



PE Robert reported on how our Club Service is functioning after the new changes. What problems? No problems!



(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, PDG Anthony Hung (Taipo) & Pres Rudy.



(L to R) Hon Sec. John & AG Ada Cheng (Wanchai)



Pres. Rudy giving the birthday present to Rtn. Andrew II, while PP J.L. congratulates him. The birthday song was led by PP J.L. who else?



(L to R) PE Robert, VP Jason, PP George, Rtn Kenny, IPP Henry, & Rtn Dr. Tony.



(L to R) Rtn John V, PP J.L., guest of Pres. Rudy, Rtn Andrew II, & PP Hubert.



(L to R) Hon Tres. Laurence, Dir Eddy, PP Stephen, Dir Andy.



Group Photo of our visitors with PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Rudy & other members of our club on 28th July, 2004.

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