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HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

Last week we only had one visiting Rotarian, PP David Leung of HK Harbour, but he brought along his brother, PP George of our Club.

Thanks to Christina, better half of PE Tajwar, for the new display of banners which hangs the banners on a large plastic sheet instead of the old way of hanging the banners on a string. The sheet can be rolled up and put into a tailored bag for easy storage and better protection of the banners. Christina has prepared four new display for us and PE Taj would like to some volunteers to make a few more.



Announcement

PE Taj informed members about his negotiations with the Excelsior Hotel on the lunch cost and the good news that the cost of lunch would be reduced to \$230 from 1 September. This was a result of a reduction of \$10 by the hotel and a subsidy of \$20 by the Club. PE Taj urged members to maintain good attendance and bring guests to the meeting as the cost of lunch would drop to below \$200 if the attendance was more than 35.

Rtn Kishu informed members that the inauguration dinner of the Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East would be held at 6:30 p.m. on 7 August at the Kowloon Tong Club. Members interested to go should contact Kishu.

PP Hubert gave a report on the visit to the primary school in Chung Shan on 24 July. Eight members including Uncle Peter attended the school's summer school graduation ceremony. 20

members of the Rotaract Club of Lingnan College participated in the summer school to teach the students and computer knowledge. The project was sponsored by our club and organized by PP Hubert. The effort of our Rotaractors was rewarded by the excellent performance by the students at the graduation ceremony. PP David organized a round of golf after the visit to the school for members attending and PP George organized an unforgettable night according to PP Hubert but no further details were disclosed.

Sergeant Report

Sergeant Kishu informed us that 22 members were present and that \$1400 had been collected.

Highlight

Rtn Rudy introduced the speaker, Mrs. Anna Wong, a consultant on smart card technology. Mrs. Wong had led a number of very successful project in developing smart card applications and was most knowledgeable in this field. She shared with us the development of the smart card technology, different types of cards and the wide range of applications.

Smart Card was invented by the French in 1974. The chip on the card would provide higher security and more memory than the cards using magnetic stripe. Smart cards could be used as stored value cards like phone cards, health cards holding medical records and for identification and authentication purposes. Cards could be operated in contact mode and contactless mode (without the need to insert the card into a reader) like the Octopus. Mrs Wong projected that the use of smart cards would accelerate with the increasing need for better security and lowering of costs for cards and associated equipment She advocated that instead of each trade or industry trying to develop their own applications they should put together a joint effort to develop multi-purpose cards which would benefit all including the users.

Rtn Paul thanked Mrs Wong in the customary manner.

Closing

President Desmond closed the meeting with a toast to Rotary International coupled with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour.



PRESIDENT DESMOND AND CLUB MEMBERS SINCERELY THANK CHRISTINA SHADIKHAN FOR THE EXCELLENT SEWING WORK SHE HAS DONE IN CREATING THE DISPLAYS OF DONATED ROTARY BANNERS. THIS WILL BE MUCH MORE SPECTACULAR AND EASIER TO ASSEMBLE FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS.



Rotary Information

Rotarian's action snuffs out blaze during ancient pagoda visit

Unplanned excitement highlighted the Rotary Club of Hamden, Connecticut's annual pre-convention fundraising tour, according to E.L. "Woody" Hoyt, president of the club.

While touring in Xi'An, China, just prior to the June 13-16 RI Convention in Singapore, the group visited the ancient Small Wild Goose Pagoda. As they entered a courtyard at the pagoda, sparks flew when a circuit-breaker shorted out, and a small fire began in the roof of the attached building.

In the ensuing confusion, attempts were made by staff members to extinguish the slowly spreading flames, to no avail. A fire extinguisher was deemed inoperable, and attempts using a bamboo pole and a floor mop also failed.

As the fire grew in the lower level caves, tourist Marty Bowers, past president of the Rotary Club of Frederick, Maryland, sprang into action. Bowers quickly released the jammed safety on the discarded fire extinguisher, and the resulting cloud of carbon dioxide completely extinguished the blaze.

"The amazed staff watched with appreciation as newfound fireman Marty Bowers immediately returned to the tour at hand," marveled Woody Hoyt.

Rotary a leader in private assistance to the Balkans

Rotary announced during the 1999 RI Convention in Singapore earlier this month that clubs worldwide had raised nearly US\$1.2 million to help support victims of the crisis in the Balkans. The funds, which represent the single largest private donation to the effort so far, were donated to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

"Rotary members have responded to an appeal for support. And they continue to respond to the great human suffering occurring in the region," said IPP James Lacy. "Rotary members are often in a crisis area, providing short-term support and helping with sustainable projects. However, given the magnitude of this crisis, it makes sense to join with the International Red Cross since they are on the ground and best equipped to meet immediate needs."

The International Red Cross called for financial support for its operations in the crisis area. The Rotary donation will provide emergency relief including food, medical items, water supply and sanitation materials.

"We applaud Rotary International for its commitment to help those who are suffering because of this crisis," said Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross. "Rotary's donation is the largest private donation to our effort and one of the largest donations overall."

"When it comes to community improvement, it is important that business and professional leaders work with the government and reach out to those who are in need," said Lacy.



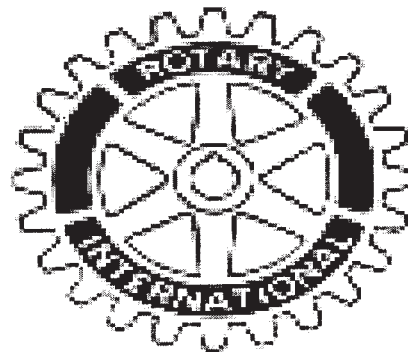
IPP LACY APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE BALKANS

In light of the situation in the Balkans, Rotary International IPP James L. Lacy had issued a worldwide appeal for donations to an account set up to benefit those impacted by the crisis. A special grant of U.S.\$500,000 from the Children's Opportunities Fund has been made to start the account, which was established with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the non-political disaster-relief organization based in Geneva, Switzerland.

IPP Lacy wrote in a letter to Rotarians. "As individuals committed to the ideals of world understanding and peace, you are most certainly concerned with the grave situation unfolding in the Balkans - the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled and the plight of those who have remained in the area and are enduring hardships."

"Through a contribution to a specific Rotary account established with the ICRC, Rotarians can help to provide immediate assistance to the innocent victims, particularly children, suffering because of the conflict."

"Contributions to this fund will provide emergency relief, including food, medical items, water supply and sanitation materials. Funds, rather than donated goods, are needed at this time."



IPP Lacy also sent a letter to district governors urging them to contribute up to \$10,000 in District Designated Funds.

Rotarians can contribute directly to the fund by sending payment to : Account Number CO-183,222.8-2770, CH-1211, Geneva 2, Switzerland.

Restricted donations, made to The Rotary Foundation of R.I., will in turn be donated to the same fund in Geneva. Those checks should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation, earmarked "Rotary HPCPB," and sent to The Rotary Foundation, c/o Northern Trust Bank, P.O. Box 75133, Chicago, IL 60675-5133, U.S.A.

Contributions through The Rotary Foundation will be eligible for the usual recognition.

Club's postal address : P.O. Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, HK
Make-up cards to : Miss Elsa Li, Rm 1021 Sun Hung Kai Centre, 30 Harbour Road, Hong Kong. Fax : (852) 2827 5086
Bulletin Materials to Rtn Rob Fielding Fax (852) 2774 5067

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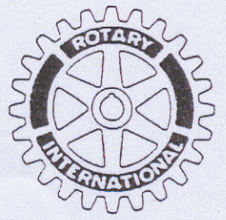
Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Excelsior Hotel.
Club 4350 - District 3450 of Rotary International

ROTARY CLUB OF
HONG KONG ISLAND EAST



Guest speaker, Mrs. Anna Wong enlightens members on smart cards

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VOCATIONAL SERVICE PLUS FELLOWSHIP

The yearly visit to Ming Lock Primary School in Zhongshan, PRC started again on the 24th July headed by Pres. Desmond Cheung with the following members:

PDG Peter Hall
PP Hubert Chan
PP John Kwok
PP George Leung
PP David Li
Rm Henry Chan
Rm Andrew Shek
Rm Stephen Liu

to attend the graduation ceremony of the said school.

Just for general information, the Ming Lock Primary School was completed in the year 1996. Through the assistance of PP John Luk, 20 used computers with monitor and mouse were donated to the school to start the computer class. Every year, a group of Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Lingnan College went to the school to teach the students English and the technique of operating the computers. Transportation, lodging and food for the Rotaractors were at the expense of PP Hubert. We were satisfied with the vocational service carried out by the Rotaractors judging by the performance of the students during the graduation ceremony. The school headmaster appreciated our effort to go up there every year in such a hot summer.

After attending the graduation ceremony, our group left for a game of golf at the Zhongshan Hot Spring Golf Club, finishing 18-holes except PP John and Rm Henry Chan due to the extreme heat of the day. We returned to Hong Kong the next day safe and sound. We all look forward for another trip to inspect the school and golf exercise in a cooler weather for a fine fellowship gathering again hoping that PP George will treat us for another palatable breakfast in Zhongshan. Hon. Treasurer Jason was happy to note that only \$10,000 was incurred by our club for this meaningful vocational service project.

Peter Hall

Happy faces of students demonstrating their skills at the computer



PDG Peter, PP Hubert & Pres. Desmond pictured with The Rotaractors from Lingnan College



Pres. Desmond thanking the Rotaractors for their good job done



PDG Peter & PP Hubert pictured with the charming Rotaractors



The reward for such a great job done with a game of golf