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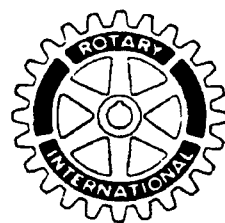
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HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

There seemed to be a big roll up at this meeting and that was soon confirmed when members took their places at the tables and found that there were not enough place settings. The problem was eventually solved and President Taj opened the meeting by giving a special welcome to PDG Anthony Hung (Tai Po), PP Leslie Soltay (HK South) and PP Edwin.

Rtn Eddie then made the introductions of visitors and guest:

PDG Anthony Hung (Tai Po)
Lucia Locmele (Latvia Riga)
John Harmer (Riga International)
PP Peter Tse (TST East)
PP Leslie Soltay (HK South)
Michael Duck (HK)
K.M. Chan (Kowloon)
Clark Lu (Peter Hall)

President Taj then announced the birthday of PP John. John asked PP C.Y. to lead the singing.

President Taj also reported on the recent trip to sister club, Makati North. Apparently, HKIE members were hosted in great style even to the extent of being flown around the golf course in a helicopter. One of the great features of this club which impressed our members was the wonderful camaraderie and fellowship displayed within the Makati Club. Taj asked members to be on hand to reciprocate this great hospitality when Makati North members pay a return visit in November.

It was then Acting Sergeant Rudy's turn to announce that there were 21 members present and takings for the meeting amounted to \$1,200.

President Taj then handed the meeting over to PP Rob to moderate the continuing discussion in relation to the Club's policies and procedures proposed by President Taj at the 19 July meeting.

To start off, Rtn Tommy said that he wasn't comfortable with the proposed changes to the red box and he was pleased to see that the original procedures had been reverted to. It was his opinion that this indicated that President Taj did listen to members' opinions and was prepared to change his mind.

Rtn Kishu said that he had been a member of HKIE for 19 years and that this was the first time he had felt compelled to criticize the policies of a Club President. In his view, some of the policies proposed by President Taj were counter to the 50 years of tradition of this Club. He continued by pointing out some of the areas with which he was concerned:

- . He feared that the Treasurer might be over-burdened.
- . He was not comfortable with the proposal to institute advanced payment of lunch fees because it departed from the usual practices and members have not had the opportunity to comment.
- . The cancellation of a meeting due to the absence of some members (including the President) visiting our sister club, Makati North in the Philippines.
- . After becoming involved with the Rotaract project on recycling paper, he felt some conflict with the recent distribution of a lengthy extract of the MOP to members by fax.

PDG Uncle Peter continued by saying that we should always have the courage to change, but it must be for the good. He expressed a concern for the new policy of signing attendance sheets. His view was that the President should always seek Board opinion and endorsement before changes are introduced.

Rtn Rudy thanked President Taj for his courage in making changes. Rudy's two main concerns with the Club were the poor attendance of many members and the conflict that the work culture in Hong Kong presented for fellowship.

Rtn Kishu rejoined by opining that the proposed changes have introduced some animosity in the Club and that this is not easily erased.

PP Hubert made the next two points. First, he was very impressed with the high spirit of members in the Makati North Club and with the involvement of their members in Club affairs.

Rtn Tony then said that he has been a member of HKIE for seven years. It was his opinion that some members of the Club were shocked because we have become too complacent. He was concerned that the Club was sinking fast. In his constructive wisdom, Tony suggested three courses of action:



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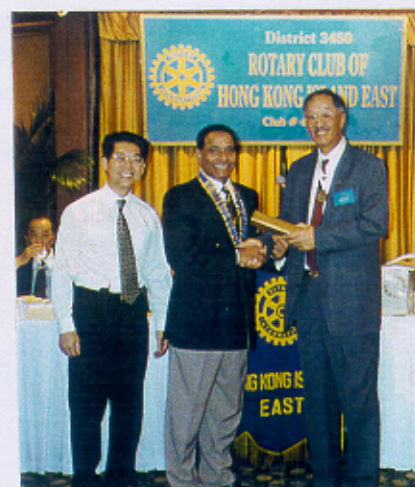
PP Rob chairs the forum on Club policies & procedures for 2000-2001.



Pres. Taj addresses the meeting while PPs John, Rob, & Rtn. Tony look on.



PDG Peter & PP Edwin enjoying the meeting.



Pres. Taj & PP C. Y. congratulate the birthday boy, Long John.



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Part of our meeting intensely focused on the meeting discussion.



Pres. Taj presents a Club banner to Rtn. John Harmer (Riga International).



Rtn Lucia Locmele (Latvia Riga) receives a Club Banner from Pres. Taj.



Visitors & guests to the meeting, 2 August, 2000.

New Membership Proposal

In accordance with article V of our Club Constitution and Article XI of our By-Laws, the board has approved the proposal of the following person to be admitted to our Club as an active member.

Name: Andrew R. R. Hirst

Classification: Hotel – Management

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Position: General Manager

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If no written objection to the proposal, stating reason, is received by the Board from any member of the club within (7) seven days from date hereof, the above proposed member shall be considered duly elected to membership.

Rotary Information

August: time for focus on membership efforts

According to RI President Frank Devlyn, increasing club membership is the single most effective way to strengthen Rotary's ability to do good in the world. He has set this as a major challenge and goal for the Rotary year 2000-01.

"In addition to infusing your club with fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm, new members can help you to broaden your service base, expanding the number or scope of the projects you undertake," the president said in a special message to Rotary club presidents and members.

The Membership Development Task Force, chaired by Past RI Director W. Gary Romp, is promoting five tools designed to strengthen membership in 2000-01:

- The 21st Century Challenge, which will specially recognize those districts and clubs that achieve the highest net gains in membership between 1 July 2000 and 15 May 2001;
- The Presidential Membership Goal for 2000-01, a challenge to each club to increase its net membership by five Rotarians;
- Recruitment Recognition Rings, which club presidents are encouraged to purchase and distribute to Rotarians who bring new members into their clubs;
- "Rotarians are your Friends" business cards, which Rotarians can hand out to people who qualify to become new members; and
- The Transfer of Power tool, which challenges Rotary club presidents to lead by example and induct a new member into their clubs at its 1 July 2001 changeover ceremonies.

The task force, as well as RI publications and the Rotary Web site, will be promoting the five tools above throughout the year.

August, Membership and Extension Month, provides the impetus for Rotary clubs and districts to address membership retention and growth. Look for ideas that work in the Membership Development Corner, in the Club Focus section of the RI Web site (www.rotary.org).

- . Since this is designated an English speaking Club, members should observe this status and always converse in English.
- . Members should get to know each other better. We should have members speaking more often at meetings about their hobbies and interests.
- . Good quality speakers should be invited to give presentations to members.

Rtn Kishu returned (for the last time) and advised members to have a look at our baby Club, Rotary Club of North East, to see a fine example of how members enjoy each other's company: Most of them arrive at 12:30 p.m. to spend 30 minutes on fellowship conversation and activities.

PP Rob then had his say. He said that he joined HKIE about five years ago, mainly because it was a vibrant, friendly Club. However, in the past couple of years, he has witnessed the decline of the Club until he is fearful of its survival. At this stage, it needs a drastic resuscitation. He said that the main changes proposed by President Taj concerned attendance and membership retention and growth. All members should have been aware of Rotary policies on attendance before they joined, and should not have become Rotarians if they were not prepared to observe those policies. In his case, he said that he is quite comfortable to conform to those policies. What is missing in this Club is a little discipline and adhering to the MOP will smarten members up. He also referred to the excuse that every Club develops its own culture on attendance and termination. In fact, he pointed out that the outcomes of such cultures can be seen in the miniscule attendances of many of the other Clubs he had visited over the past six months. Finally, he expressed that he was proud of the way in which members had conducted themselves during this airing of views, and it was a good example of how a democratic Club should operate.

The last words were left for President Taj. He said that members should accept that each President will have a different style and focus. His focus this year is on attendance, retention and extension. He is prepared to listen to the opinions of members and many have already talked to him on the telephone.

He confirmed that there will be no more cancellations of meetings for golf, but, in fact, the last cancellation was mainly to allow members to cool off after recent heated exchanges.

He agreed that the faxed extract of the MOP was wasteful of paper, but his intention was that ALL members should share in his views. He gave the assurance that he will avoid repeating this.

Finally, he said he hoped the long-standing PPs would return so that their talents could be utilized in resuscitating the Club. He promised that he will provide the leadership that will make HKIE again the premier Club in the District.

At 2:00 p.m., President Taj closed the meeting by proposing a toast to the Rotary Clubs of Latvia Riga and Riga International.





Notice

We missed you on 2nd August, 2000 !!!

Team 1 Luk, John; Yucel, Ates

Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Lamport, William; Li, Francis; Ling, Alex; Lui, Tim

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

Team 4 Kuang, Peter; Kilis, Danny; Leung, George; Li, David

Team 5 Luy, Henry

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Phillips, Malcolm

18 of 39 members missing 46%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Three dead bodies are brought to the mortuary, all with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls the police to inform them of what has happened.

A Detective Inspector arrives to take a look and the coroner takes him to the first body. "Englishman, 60, died of heart failure while making love to his mistress - hence the enormous smile, Inspector," says the coroner.

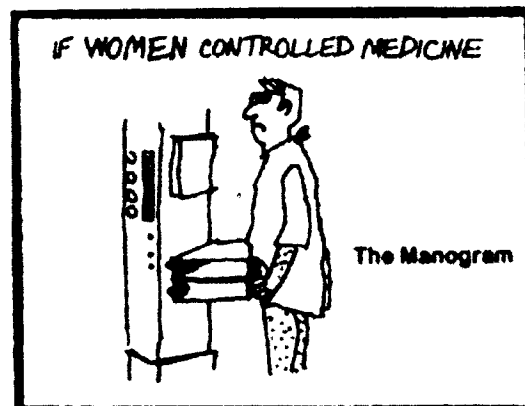
They then inspect the second body. "Scotsman, 25, won a thousand pounds on the lottery, spent it all on whiskey. Died of alcohol poisoning - hence the smile."

"Nothing unusual here," thinks the Inspector, and he asks to be shown the third body.

"Ah," says the coroner, "this is the most unusual one. Irishman, 30, struck by lightning."

"Why is he smiling then?" inquires the Inspector.

To which the coroner replies: "Thought he was having his picture taken."



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