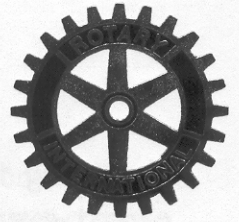


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What Happened Last Week

President Stephen extended a special welcome to PDG Moses Cheng from Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast and Rtn. Gabrielle Tsui from Kingspark.

Dir. Rudy introduced his guest, Mr Heron Chan from Hong Kong.

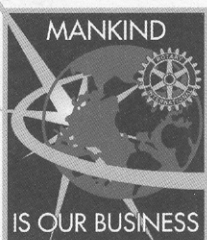
President Stephen welcomed back Rtn. Andrew II who had been away for some time on a job posting to Japan.

PDG Moses led the birthday song for birthday boy Rtn. Laurence.

President Stephen announced that the next Board meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on 13 August at the RIC and members were welcomed to attend. He further announced that the Rotary of Hong Kong will change its meeting venue from the Furama Hotel to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel from 28 August 2001. He asked members to note that the Rotary Foundation Seminar would be held on 8 September and all Club officers and new members would be asked to attend. Further details would follow.

Sgt at Arms, Rtn. Laurence reported a collection of \$700 and an attendance of 15 members.

PP George introduced the speaker, Mr Yeung Kai Hing, Assistant Director of the Hong Kong Observatory. His talk was about seasonal forecasts or long range forecasts, weather forecasts made several weeks to a year ahead. The Hong Kong Observatory started offering long range forecasts to the public in March this year. It had provided the forecast of rainfall and number of tropical cyclone in the year 2001. How good the forecasts were would be known a few months time.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 4350

District 3450

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

Mr Yeung told us that the El Nino and La Nina conditions had caused abnormal weather in almost every part of the world and there was increasing demand for long range weather forecasts, which would be very useful for agriculture, power generation, commodity trading, retailing and construction industries. Some of us were surprised to know that there was temperature futures being traded in the Chicago Exchange.

PP Hubert thanked Mr Yeung for a very informative talk.

President announced that PP John Luk would tell us the Westside story next week and he closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast.



Rotary Information

Clubs' International Project is a Godsend for Thailand's Orphans

Thousands of children in Thailand's AIDS ravaged province of Chiang Rai have lost both their parents to the dreaded epidemic. Unable to attend school without the support of relatives or the community, many of them are forced to cut short their education and seek early employment to support themselves and their siblings.

However, through collaboration between the Rotary clubs of Little Falls, New York, USA, and Maechan, Thailand, the future now looks brighter for some of these orphans. The two clubs are sponsors of a World Community Service project that helps to raise funds for the care and education of some of the province's AIDS orphans.

The project was initiated by George Bunk, chairman of the Little Falls club's international projects committee, who was exposed to some of the hardships endured by Thai orphans when he visited Maechan in 1983 as part of a GSE team. "That GSE literally changed my life and the memory of what I saw there stuck with me," said Bunk. "When early this year my club wanted to sponsor an international project, I suggested that we do something about orphans in Thailand." After identifying the children in need of assistance, the Thai Rotary club contacts their school and pays a local equivalent of US\$75 to cover the cost of school fees, school lunches, books, uniforms and shoes for an entire year.

Currently, the Rotary Club of Maechan is supporting 18 children in 10 schools. Funds permitting, the club hopes to expand the project to benefit at least 80 children next year. The partner Rotary Club of Little Falls has pledged to support 10 students for five years, beginning in 2001. To do this, Rotarians are currently raising funds through appeals in the media and activities in which members of the local community can participate to show their compassion and generosity to children thousands of miles away.

Australian Club's Scholarship Assists Indigenous Students

The Rotary Club of Canberra East, Australia, has established an annual scholarship to assist a deserving undergraduate student from the country's indigenous community admitted to the Australian National University.

Supported with a donation of Australian \$25,000 (approximately US\$10,285) from the Rotary club and a matching contribution from the university's Endowment of Excellence fund, the Alf Gillespie Scholarship is named in honor of the late Alfred Ravenswood Gillespie (1910-1984), a banker, administrator, past district governor, Paul Harris Fellow, and community activist.

In addition to providing an opportunity for an indigenous person to discover and share his or her history and culture with the Australian population in general, the scholarship will foster understanding between the earliest Australians and their fellow citizens. In that spirit, the scholarship will assist a full-time merit student in archaeology, anthropology, or other studies related to indigenous Australian culture, history or linguistics.

The scholarship was the brainchild of Rotarian Stephen Lucas-Smith, who with his wife, Marie, was visiting the Split Rock Aboriginal Art Site at Laura in July 2000 and learned the meanings behind the rock art from a representative of the Ang-Gnarra Aboriginal Council. Impressed by the passion with which the representative spoke of his vision to find ways to bridge the gap between the traditional culture and today's generation of Australians, Lucas-Smith enlisted the support of his fellow Rotarians to raise funds for the scholarship through the club's hot food stall at the annual Royal Canberra Show.

"Canberra East Club has a proud history of supporting youth and has provided scholarships in the past, on a piecemeal / needs basis," Lucas-Smith said. "We have now cemented this effort, in a permanent partnership with the Australian National University, to maximize our efforts."

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A young couple are on their honeymoon. The husband was sitting in the bathroom saying to himself, "How can I tell my wife that I've got really smelly feet and that my socks absolutely stink? I've managed to keep it from her while we dated, but she's bound to find out sooner or later."

Meanwhile, his wife was sitting on the bed saying to herself, "How do I tell my husband that I've got really bad breath? I've been very lucky to keep it from him while we were courting, but as soon as he's lived with me for a week, he's bound to find out."

The husband finally plucks up enough courage to tell his wife and so he walks into the bedroom. He walks over to the bed, puts his arm around her waist, moves his face very close to hers and says, "Darling, I've a confession to make."

And she says, "So have I, Love."

To which he replies, "Don't tell me ... you've eaten my socks."

A police officer stops a blond for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you took away my license and now today you expect me to show it to you."

There's this blond out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blond on the opposite bank. "Yoo-hoo," she shouts, "How can I get to the other side?"

The second blond looks up and down the river, then shouts back, "You are on the other side."



"Mr Swartz, the tests show you're not impotent.
Your penis is just scared to death."

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

Report on Board Meeting held on 13th August 2001

The 2nd Board Meeting was held on 13th August 2001 in the Rotary Information Centre at 6:30pm.

When we were discussing on matters arising from the minutes of last Board Meeting, the issue on PP Council Representative in the Board was raised by PP Rob Fielding. He said that he would not attend any Board Meeting if there was any representative from PP Council. IPP Tajwar asked if I would rescind my decision to invite PP Hubert Chan to attend the Board Meeting as the PP Council Representative in my President Message delivered in the first meeting of this Rotary Year.

I confirmed my support to PP Council and the recognition of their advice and guidance to the Board.

At this juncture, IPP Tajwar, PP Rob, Rtn. Atles and Rtn. Malcolm walked out from the meeting. I had to adjourn the Board meeting due to insufficient quorum.

I feel sorry for the decision made by the four Board Members to walk out from a Board Meeting. The current status is that PP Hubert is attending the Board Meeting officially as a Rotarian and unofficially as PP Council Representative (without voting right).

I hope that all our members will join with me to keep our club in harmony and serve our community.

Yours in Rotary

Stephen Liu
President

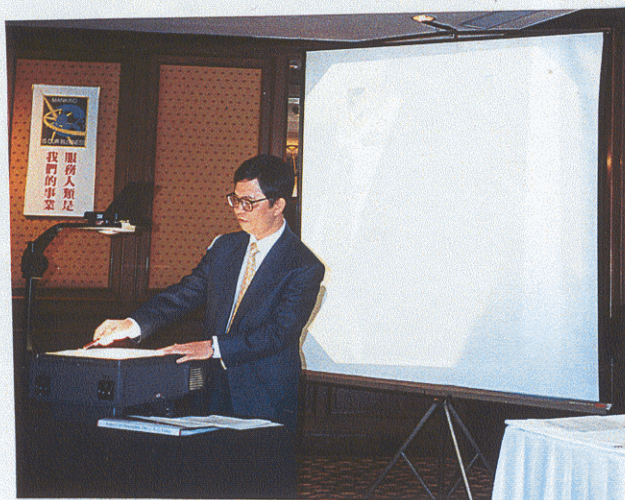
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PP George introducing the Speaker.



Pres. Stephen welcomes the visiting Rotarian and guests.



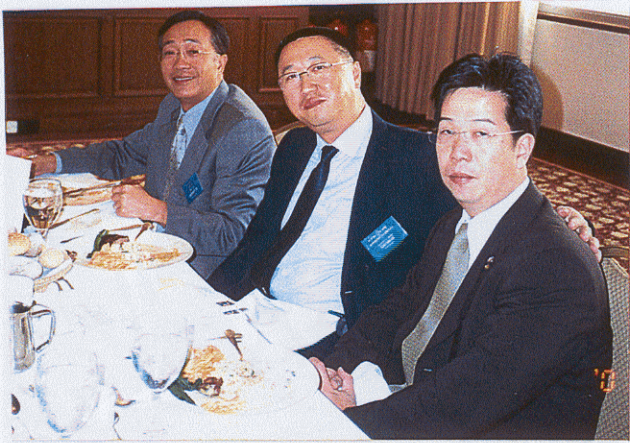
Speaker Mr Yeung Ka-hing, Assistant Director of HK Observatory.



PP Hubert thanking the Speaker for his talk on weather forecast.



Group Photo (August 8, 2001)



VP Henry, PP George & Rtn Raymond.



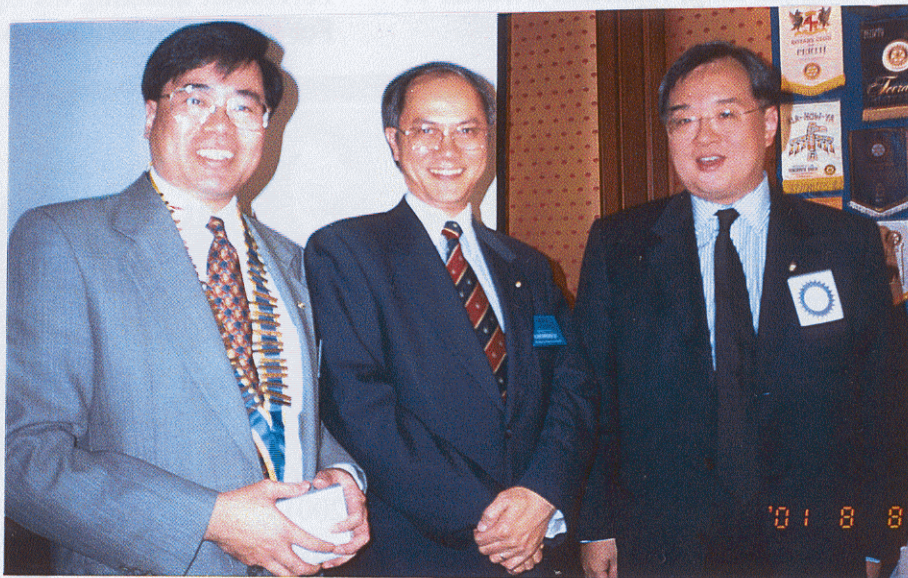
Mr Heron Chan, guest of Rudy, enjoys his treat by SAA Laurence.



Rtn Malcolm, happily entertaining visiting Rtn Gabrielle Tsui (Kingspark) and Rtn Ates.



Rtn Andrewk Shek and Rtn Paul enjoy the companion of PP Hubert .



Pres. Stephen presents the birthday gift to SAA Laurence, with PDG Moses leading the birthday song.