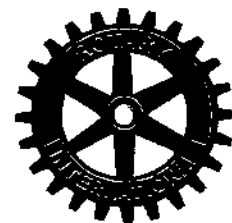




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What Happened Last Week

In case you missed it, this was what happened on that day.....

After tasting the sumptuous dessert, PE Chris asked PP CY to introduce the two-and-a-half visiting fellow Rotarians! The first two were Rotarian Benny Ratnani (HK North East) and, our speaker-of-the-day, PP Michael Chiang (Pennisula). The mysterious latter half was actually our ex-Rotarian Robert Lai, who was supposed to be re-introduced to our Club. We gave a big welcome to all three of them, particularly a big one to Robert!

PP Stephen, PP John and Lawrence then gave a briefing on our Club's visit to Makati. PP Stephen's memory was so fresh, as they just returned from Manila in the same morning! Lawrence praised the warm welcome extended by our sister club as (quoted) they were all accompanied by beautiful rotarians (unquoted)! Next year will be the 30th Anniversary of our Sister Club. Let's give them a big support.

But before that, we jointly celebrated the joy of our **Birthday Boy Kenny** in our usual hearty manner. Then PE Chris switched back to something formal and reminded us of the **Board Meeting** on August 8. **Sergeant-at-Arms** reported that our attendance was 20, supported by a handsome \$1,400 collection.

Then came the last event before the speech-of-the-day - the re-introduction of ex-Rotarian Robert Lai. PE Chris was at the helm and exercised due care and respect to this sacred ceremony. Uncle Peter gave us a brief introduction, despite our familiarity with Robert. Robert was a member of our Club since 1982 but resigned 2 years ago due to personal reasons. He is married with 2 children and a keen horse racing fan. Robert appreciated our warm welcome back and pledged to give more support to the Club in the future.



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

Finally, PP Desmond introduced our speaker-of-the-day, PP Michael Chiang of Peninsula, who is an architect by profession, an authorized person, a columnist and a member of the Fung Shiu School of Lo Yang. As PP Michael has written 3 books about Fung Shiu, he wanted to share with us his vision about the Fung Shiu of Hong Kong. After the interesting speech, PP Tajwar formally thanked PP Michael and Rotarian Tony announced that next week's program would be an introduction of the Tourist and Business Opportunity of Hungary, to be presented by the Acting Counsel General of Hungary.

Below is a summary of certain more salient and interesting issues raised by PP Michael: -

- ☺ The Chinese believe that Fung Shiu (i.e. Wind and Water) is one of the laws of nature and can be viewed as a collection of observations and knowledge of the psychic part of the nature.
- ☺ Fung Shiu was developed as Chinese historically did not travel extensively overseas, and were therefore able to observe the changes in fortune with respect to changes in the environment.
- ☺ Based on observations of many psychic changes in every 180 years, a Chinese calendar (Tung Shing) was then prepared and served as the Chinese version of the Horoscope. It basically helps to predict the occurrence of major pleasant and unfortunate events on a daily basis. Thus, Fung Shiu does seem to have a scientific nature, instead of just being purely superstitious.
- ☺ Hong Kong was originally an uninhabited island with numerous bays. These bays are considered as bad Fung Shiu as the water (a symbol of wealth) is being trapped and symbolized stagnant growth of wealth.
- ☺ But as Hong Kong developed over the years, more and more reclamation helped to smooth out the jagged coastline and amplify the flow of water (i.e. accumulation of wealth). This was good for Hong Kong's Fung Shiu and helped to fuel its prosperity.
- ☺ Unfortunately, the excessive reclamation has now overly smoothed out our coastline and this is why trouble starts. Moreover, in the next 20 years, Hong Kong's Fung Shiu will be further deteriorated if there are more mining in important mountains such as Fei O Shan and Henderson Quarry. These mountains are supposedly the 'guardian angels' to the fortunes of Hong Kong.
- ☺ Historically, unprecedented political and economic changes took place in China/Hong Kong in every 20 years starting from 1924.
 - * 1924 - End of Ching Dynasty and the beginning of Civil War. Defeated warlords fled to Hong Kong and brought their wealth along.
 - * 1944 - Major exodus from Hong Kong due to World War II.
 - * 1964 - Cultural Revolution in China stimulated a big exodus of wealth to Hong Kong.
 - * 1984 - Signing of the Sino-British Joint Declaration.
 - * 2004 - Major event(s) is/are bound to happen.

- ☺ An interesting common observation of kids under the age of 10 in Hong Kong is that most of their ears tend to stick out. This is a sign of frequent migration or traveling, thereby prompting Hong Kong to become more cosmopolitan.

Believe or not!!

Rotary Information

Rotary's Global Quest for membership will continue throughout 2002-03 with some modifications. While the overall association goal remains an annual net gain of 5 members per club, clubs and districts are asked to establish their own individual goals. With the recent influx of new members and poor retention statistics in various regions, clubs are encouraged to focus on retaining members through orientation, education, mentoring and immediate involvement of members.

Based on the percentage of net membership increases, the Global Quest will recognize 50 winning districts and 100 winning clubs, each of which will receive a monetary award to be used for a community or international service project. One district and its two winning clubs will be the worldwide winners, the governor, the two club presidents, and their spouses will be invited to attend the 2003 RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia, where they will receive recognition on stage and reimbursement for expenses other than travel. The time frame for the Global Quest is 1st July 2002 - 1st May 2003.

Clubs and districts are also encouraged to participate in the RI Membership Development and Extension Award programme through which each governor may identify a winning club in the following categories:

1. Highest percentage growth rate,
2. Induction of the most new member,
3. Highest retention rate,
4. Sponsorship of a new Rotary club.

Districts that achieve their established membership goal will also be recognized. The time frame for this programme is 1st July 2002 to 15th May 2003.

A new programme has been developed specifically to encourage clubs to improve their retention rates. Spanning the Rotary years 2002-04, the Retention Recognition programme will recognize 5 districts and one club within each winning district for their success in retaining members between 1st July 2002 and 4th April; 2004. The winning clubs and districts will receive a monetary award to be used toward the completion of a service project.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

One day while walking down the street a highly successful Human Resources Director was tragically hit by a bus and she died. St. Peter himself met her soul at the Pearly Gates. "Welcome to Heaven," said St. Peter. "Before you get settled in, it seems we have a problem. You see, we've never had a Human Resources Director make it this far and we're not really sure what to do with you." "No problem, just let me in" said the woman. "Well, I'd like to, but I have higher orders. What we're going to do is let you have a day in Hell and a day in Heaven and then you can choose whichever one you want to spend an eternity in." "Actually, I think I've made up my mind, I prefer to stay in Heaven", said the woman. "Sorry, we have rules..." And with that St. Peter put the Executive in an elevator and it went down to hell. The doors opened and she found herself stepping out onto the putting green of a beautiful golf course. In the distance was a country club and standing in front of her were all her friends - fellow executives that she had worked with and they were all cheering for her. They ran up and kissed her on both cheeks and talked about old times. They played an excellent round of golf and at night went to the country club where she enjoyed an excellent steak and lobster dinner.

She met the Devil who was actually a really nice guy (kinds cute) and she had a great time telling jokes and dancing. Everybody shook her hand and waved good-bye as she got on the elevator. The elevator opened at the Pearly Gates and she found St. Peter waiting for her. She spent the next 24 hours lounging around on clouds and playing the harp and singing. She had a great time and before she knew it her 24 hours were up and St. Peter came and got her. "So, you've spent a day in hell and you've spent a day in heaven. Now choose your eternity," he said. The woman replied: "Well, I never thought I'd say this, I mean, Heaven has been really great and all, but I think I had a better time in Hell." St. Peter escorted her to the elevator and again she went down back to Hell. When the doors of the elevator opened she found herself standing in desolate wasteland covered in garbage and filth. She saw her friends were dressed in rags and were picking up the garbage and putting it in sacks. The Devil came up to her and put his arm around her. "I don't understand," stammered the woman, "yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and a country club and we ate lobster and we danced and had a great time. Now all there is a wasteland of garbage and all my friends look miserable." The Devil looked at her and smiled. "Yesterday we were recruiting you, Today you're staff..."

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**ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 11:30 p.m. AT
EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY**



Our guest speaker was PP Michael Chiang of the Rotary Club Peninsula who gave a talk on the Fung Shui of Hong Kong.



We inducted Robert Lai back into our club today.



Robert giving thanks for being readmitted into our Club.



Robert had the honor of leading the birthday song for Kenny.



Our regular visiting Rotarian Benny Ratnani seen here sitting with our PP C.Y. & Rtn Laurence.



Our group picture of our guest speaker taken with PDG Uncle Peter, visiting Rotarian & other members of our club on 31 July, 2002.

**A PICTORIAL REPORT ON OUR VISIT TO
MAKATI NORTH'S INDUCTION &
INSTALLATION
OF THEIR CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2002/2003**

BY

PP John Kwok

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



We were warmly welcome at the airport restricted area by Rtn Porong Herrera (third from right).

The same evening we were treated to a welcome dinner by at more than 36 Rotarians & Rotarianns.



(seated left to right) Vicky Magadia, Chi Chi Salas, Jenny Chan, Apples Morabe. (Standing left to right) Tina Herrera, Maribel Calma, Choi Reano, Yoling Sevilla, Stephen Liu, Myles Artes, Daisy Dela Torre, Laurence Chan.

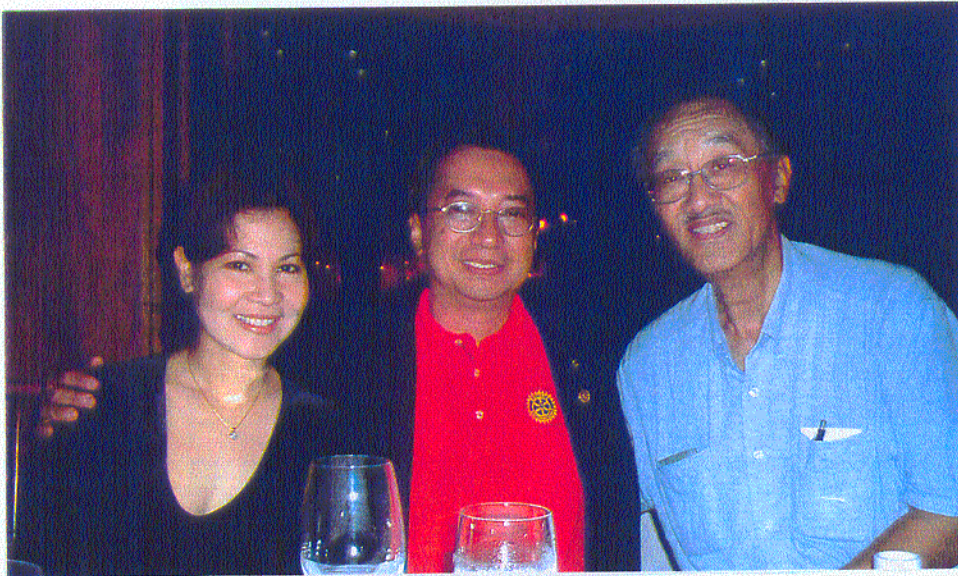


(Seated left to right) Archie Lacson, Boy Sevilla, Jr, Porong Herrera.
(Standing left to right) Rene Magadia, Donnies Alas, PDG Ernie Salas, Laurence Chan, Stephen Liu, John Kwok, Ric Dela Torre, Pres. Orly Morabe, Pabling Calma, Chito Frandoso, Allyson Artes, and Joe Reano.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



Two old friends John Kwok & Roger Nicandro.



Pres. Orly & Apples pictured here with John Kwok.



(Standing left to right) Stephen Liu, Pabing Calma, Maribel Calma, John Kwok.
(Seated left to right) Choi Reano, Allyson Artes, Joe Reano, Chito Frandoso.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



Five potential winners of the golf tournament at the start of the game. (left to right) Stephen Liu, Donnies Alas, Ric Dela Torre, John Kwok, & Chito Frandos.



Arriving at the 17th hole are the two really potential winners & they are not from Hong Kong Island East.



After the fierce battle on the golf course we were treated royally at the beautiful residence of Ed Mijares to a sumptuous buffet dinner that was impossible to finish.



Pictured here are the participants with our host, Ed Mijares. Thanks you very, very, much PP Ed!

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



Our three guys standing behind.
(seated left to right) George Mercado, Allyson Artes, Archie Lacon, IPP Boy Sevilla, our host Ed Mijares.



(left to right) Daisy Dela Torre, Joe Reano, Yoling Sevilla, Ric DelaTorre, Ed Mijares, Iwan Soetjahja.



(left to right) Farida Soetjahja, Choi Reano, Jenny & Laurence Chan.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



Our Rtn Laurence is getting some good ideas from Iwan for his next year's projects no doubt.



Now it is Vicky's turn on the mike with PE Donnies looking on.



Of course our Laurence just couldn't keep his hands off of the mike either.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



Rene Macadia showing us how to sing the Karaoke songs.



Even John Kwok couldn't resist trying his gravelly voice on the machine.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



The Main purpose of our trip was the induction ceremony of the Makati North Rotary Club. Here's the picture of our members taken with Pres. Orly & IPP Boy with the beautiful back drop at the ceremony.



Closeup of IPP Stephen taken with Jenny Chan, Vicky & Rene Macadia at the induction ceremony dinner.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



A very important person is Past RI President Mat Caparas, (left to right) IPDG Ernie Salas, John Kwok, PRIP Mat Caparas, & District Governor Romy V Cruz of D3830.

The next day we were treated to a second day of golf at the famous Wack Wack Golf Club. We had the pleasure of playing with some very good players in the persons of MARRISA & ENTENG ROMANO & ALLYSON ARTES. Eat you heart out George!!!!



Picture taken just before teeing off (front left to right) MARRISA & ENTENG ROMANO & ALLYSON ARTES.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



Sorry about this picture. It was not taken by me but by the caddy. Thus cutting out Allyson.



The swing of Enteng.



The swing of Marrison.

Makati Visit on 28-31 July, 2002



The swing of Rene.



The Swing of Allyson.



And the bad swing of John.

Shame, Shame.



After our golf game we had a very enjoyable lunch courtesy of Rene. Thanks a lot Rene for a very enjoyable game. I did better the second day then the first.