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Our 46th Year of Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April, 1954 by Founding President, the late PDG (Uncle) John Yuen



What Happened Last Week

President Desmond opened the meeting with a special welcome to Tony Rackham and Anna Wong (last week's speaker).

He was followed by Rtn Rudy who welcomed the visitors:
Peter Tse (Tsim Sha Tsui East)
Lesley Soltay (Hong Kong South)
Joop Litmaaim (Hong Kong)
Don Goodier (Overwire, UK)
Terry Rackham (Chislehurst, UK)

The birthday boys for this week were none other than Long John and Kenny Chan and they were given a rousing birthday song by the members.

President Desmond made two announcements:

- Rtn Kishu had spent considerable time in tidying up the boxes of Club paraphenalia and members should be mindful in now maintaining them in their tidy condition.
- An IOU banner has been received from Dick Beach of the Rotary Club of Marcellus, USA.

Acting Sergeant Jason informed members that there were 20 members present and a collection of \$1620 had been made.

The Rotary information for this week was delivered by IPP Fu. His topic was about Rotaract and you can read about it as a separate item elsewhere in this bulletin.

For the final item on the meeting agenda, Rtn Kishu introduced Dr. Virgil Erlandson, an eminent Professor of Dentistry from California. After issuing a number of disclaimers, he proceeded to enlighten members about the pros and cons

surrounding dental insurance when the trouble starts: insurance companies will not cover any pre-existing conditions. However, even with insurance cover, it is not normal that full coverage is offered e.g., reimbursement for fillings is around 75-80%: crowns 50%; and there are limits on the number of fillings, examinations, etc. that are covered per annum.

Research has shown that, while higher salaried clients can more easily afford insurance premiums, in fact they are less likely to require dental attention because they are more aware of the care that is required to prevent dental problems.

Dr. Erlandson expressed reservations about the insurance industry being taken over by big corporations. It seems that this has placed the focus on the profit motive; there is greater limitation on the choice of dentists available; and the judgment and recommendations of dentists themselves are being questioned.

To conclude, Dr. Erlandson emphasized that the best insurance is to prevent dental problems in the first place: Children should be trained in correct dental care, receive regular dental examinations, and limit the intake of sweet substances.

PP George (a dentist himself) supported these ideas and thanked the speaker for this interesting presentation.

To close the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to all the clubs represented by the visiting Rotarians.





SPEALER'S PROGRAM 11 August : President Nelson Fu

Vice President Wilson Leung Rotaract Club of HK Island East

18 August : President Desmond Cheung

RC Hong Kong Island East

25 August : Paulus Lee

Director of Finance & Central

Services

HK Jockey Club

1st September: Free day without a speaker

Rotary Information



Potaract

I would like to talk about the Rotaract Club in this week.

Our Club has sponsored 2 Rotaract Clubs. At the community base, we have HKIE, and at the Academic base, we have Rotaract Club of Lingnam College.

In last Rotary Year, the Rotaract Club of Lingnam college had won the best project award in the world. As a mother club, we all should feel pound of it.

At the end of last Rotary Year, the Rotaract Club of HKIE had prepared the Interota 2002 Bidding Proposal presented to all the Rotaract Clubs in District 3450.

For those who are not familiar with Interota, herewith is the explanation:

INTEROTA is a worldwide Rotaract meeting held every three years. It is organized and sponsored by Rotaractors and provides a forum to share ideas, concerns and experiences with their counterparts around the world.

While not an official Rotary International meeting, RI recognizes the value of this event and supports INTEROTA through approval of its program content and by ensuring representation of RI leadership.

The proposal prepared by Lingnam College detailed the Objective & Theme of the function, program and detailed activity during the proposed period of 1-7 August 2002, target participants, promotion and publicity strategy, budgeting, organization chart and job responsibilities. It is a very detailed and well constructed plan. Fortunately, and unfortunately, out of the 24 Rotaract Clubs in the Districts, these were 17 Clubs stating not to support the bid, 5 did not reply and only 2 stating support for the bid. The DRR Jiminie therefore declared officially that the District would not proceed on the bidding.

Though the binding was not proceeded with, as the mother club, we should feel proud that both our sponsored Rotaract Clubs are very active in the District.

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Rotary Information

Leadership by example marks first board meeting for 1999-2000

RI President Carlo Ravizza and his entire Board of Directors ended their first meeting for the 1999-2000 Rotary year by making personal contributions to the PolioPlus Partners program. Ravizza and each of the directors also pledged to propose a "quality person" as a member into Rotary during July

In taking these actions, the president and his board ask every Rotarian globally to do the same, thereby demonstrating leadership by example and acting with "Consistency, Credibility and Continuity."



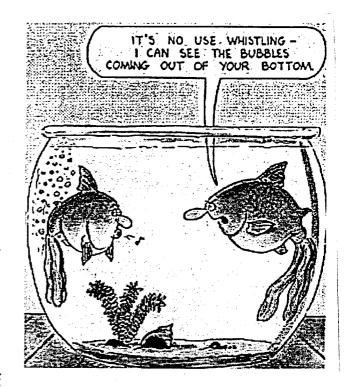
LAZIGH FOR THE WEEK:

When Ralph first noticed that his penis was growing larger and staying erect longer, he was delighted, as was his wife. But after several weeks his penis had grown to nearly twenty inches. Ralph became quite concerned, so he and his wife went to see a prominent urologist. After an initial examination, the urologist explained to the couple that, though rare, Ralph's condition could be cured through corrective surgery.

"How long will Ralph be on crutches?" the wife asked anxiously.

"Crutches? Why would he need crutches?" responded the surprised doctor.

"Well," said the wife coldly, "You ARE planning to lengthen Ralph's legs, aren't you?"



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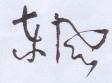
Speaker, Dr. Virgil Erlandson: "I'm not sure a dentist's chair is the best place to deliver a baby."



PP's Peter Tse, Lesley Soltay & Joop Litmaath share fellowship at the meeting

Visitors & guests at the meeting, 4August, 1999







TUNG FENG

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



PDG Uncle Peter shares good times with Tony Rackham(Chislehurst,UK)



Frequent visitor, Don Goodier for typical HKIE fellowship Kenny Chan & Long John enjoying their birthdays (below)

