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**Create Awareness
Take Action**

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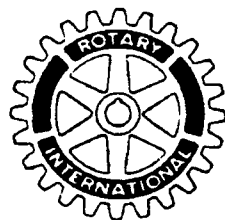
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Rotary Service
Chartered : 6th April,
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by Founding President, the late
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

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

What Happened Last Week

P. Taj opened the meeting and introduced the following :-

PDG's Moses Cheng
Y. K. Cheng
Peter Hall

Bill invited the following Rotarians to introduce their guests :-

P. Taj - Andrew Hirst
PDG Y. K. - Ms Amy Lau (HKIE John Yuen Scholarship)
PDG Peter - Clark Lu

PDG Y. K. Cheng gave a short address to the Club, his first comment was that he liked the table arrangement as it restricts John Kwok's "movements"! Y. K. talked about the John Yuen scholarship and introduced Amy Lau who is a Cambridge University Graduate, UK. She previously worked for Lehman Bro's Analyst, and as an independent Consultancy Analyst. The scholarship will help her go to the University of Chicago to study for an MBA. Amy gave a special Thank-you to the Club and the John Yuen scholarship.

P. Taj reminded members that the D. G. Visit was scheduled for 23 August 2000 all members should do their best to attend.

Danny Kilis, New York and Bermuda "Welcome back".

PDG Peter Hall - Rotary Information on Membership

- August is the month designated by R.I. as Membership and Extension month, so I would like to touch on this subject with some detailed explanations.

- Rotary membership is on the downward trend worldwide due to several main factors, such as the economic crisis, time constraint and lack of interest.
- These reasons do not apply only to Rotary but to other similar organizations as well. Before the change over of Hong Kong to China in 1997, there were certain uncertainties in our mind, hence clubs had been losing members. Now, 3 years have elapsed and things have been settled down. We, Rotarians have the privilege and obligation of seeking, firstly, new potential and qualified members into our club. Remember, membership is our asset. Secondly, we must build up our fine fellowship again in a harmonious style to induce new recruits. Thirdly, do not forget the potential role of women. Even as we boast to-day of our nearly 2 millions Rotarians in more than 29,000 clubs in our Rotary world, only around 10,000 clubs have women members. Women are playing an important role in business or professional fields nowadays. Invite them to join our club.
- Please recall when you were inducted into this club and who was your sponsor. Now is your duty and obligation to introduce someone you know to this club to share Rotary. It is very simple, but not as simple as just to drop a name card. We need to follow the steps as required by R.I. Now, I wish to enumerate the simplified membership proposal procedure as follows :
 1. Rotary is by invitation. The prospective member's name is submitted to the board through the secretary;
 2. The board shall ensure that the proposal meets the classification and membership requirement of the club constitution;
 3. The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission and shall notify the proposer of its decision;
 4. If the decision of the board is favourable, the prospective member shall be informed and requested to sign the membership card and to permit his or her name to be published;
 5. If no written objection to the proposal, stating reason, is received within 7 days following the publication, the prospective member, upon payment of admission fee, shall be considered elected to membership. If any objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved, despite the objection, the prospective member, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered elected to membership.
 6. After completing the above steps, orientation and induction shall be arranged.

Rotary Information

Millions of Congolese children immunized

A three-day polio immunization drive in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) during the weekend of July 7-9 was successfully completed despite disruption by rebel forces in the eastern part of the country.

Eleven million children under age 5 were targeted in the vaccination campaign, and initial feedback indicates that approximately 80 percent of urban and 60 percent of rural children have now been immunized, according to a United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) spokesperson.

In May, The Rotary Foundation made a US\$500,000 rapid response grant to UNICEF for polio immunization activities in the DRC. The funds were earmarked to procure fuel for aircraft operations necessary to deliver vaccine, equipment, and personnel for the July 7-9 National Immunization Days, as well as two rounds of NIDs on August 11-13 and September 15-17.

The global partnership to eradicate polio, which includes RI, WHO, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has made the DRC one of its priorities in the fight against polio as it has one of the highest rates of transmission each year.

Eighteen African countries to carry out joint NIDs

For the first time, synchronized National Immunization Days (NIDs) are to be organized by 18 West and Central African countries this year in collaboration with RI, World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of the global effort to eradicate polio.

Announcing the synchronized NIDs at WHO-Africa Headquarters in Harare, Zimbabwe, on July 10, WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, said these would target at least 35 million children in the 18 countries. He explained that massive population movements across borders due to the high level of economic integration in the zone had made the joint immunization campaign necessary.

"The peer psychology of doing things together engendered by this exercise would foster effective cross-border collaboration among health officials in the 18 countries involved," Dr. Samba said. "The exercise will also be more cost-effective, and the logistics of the operation better streamlined and better managed."

The NIDs will be carried out in two phases in October and November 2000 in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Togo.

To reach many of the targeted children, Jonathan Majiyagbe, chairman of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee, said that this committee will request governments of countries participating in the synchronized NIDs to declare work-free days during the period of the exercise.

CAN YOU GUESS WHO IT IS?



HINT: THIS IS AN ASIAN GUY IN OUR CLUB!
If you can by the end of the meeting, you will win a prize.



"Now listen to me!" PP John Kwok in action.



Amy Lau- PDG John Yuen Scholar.



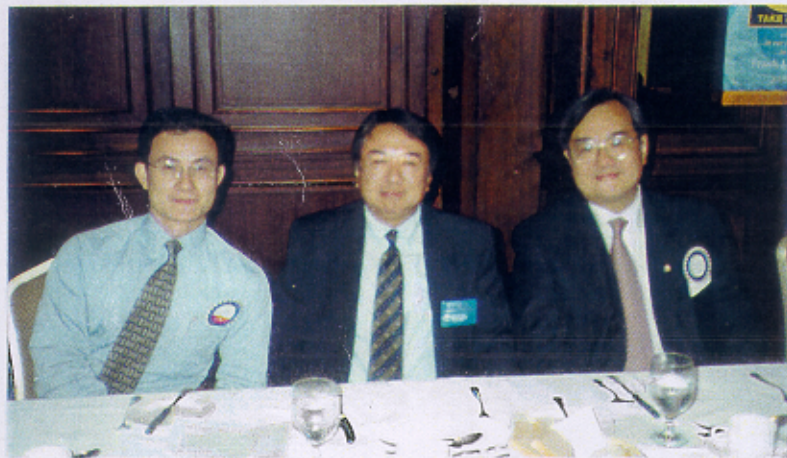
"Top Table" John Kwok, Andrew Hirst & Sgt Eddy.



PDG Y.K. Cheng enjoying the fact that John Kwok is sitting down.



Amy Lau-PDG John Yuen Scholar with PDG Y.K. Cheng



Visitor Clark Yu, PP Andrew & PDG Moses Cheng(HKNE)
all hiding something under the table.



Amy Lau in centre surrounded by our splendid Rotarians & guests on
9th August, 2000.

- The easiest way to propose a new member is an Additional Active Member from your own business or profession who is actively engaged in the same classification. If everyone proposes an Additional Active member, our membership will double at once.
- Another provision permits a club to elect to active membership by FORMER active member of a Rotary club who has established a business, practice, or residence in the community, even though that person's classification may already be represented. Of course, approval of the present holder of the classification is needed.
- Also permitted, with the approval of the present holder of the classification, is the election to additional active membership of former Rotaract membership, provided that they live or conduct business within the territorial limits of the Club and were members of one or more Rotaract clubs for a minimum of 4 years.
- Retired persons in your community are now eligible for past service membership, even if they have never previously been Rotarians, provided that they would have been eligible for membership prior to retirement.
- Now we are well aware of the procedure of proposing a new member and it is time to take action. After all, there is no weak club but only weak leader. We are all leaders and let us all work together to lead the club.

Sgt at Arms Report by Eddy. 17 members. with HK\$1,000 collected for red box. Well done!

John Kwok then conducted meeting discussion.

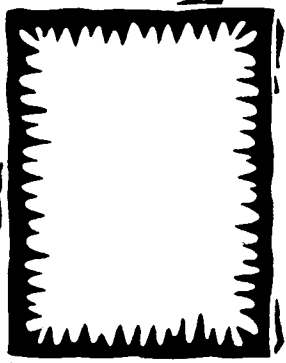
1. Pre-paid lunch - the Principle and background for the change was discussed. 8 lunches for a 6 month period based upon M.O.P. of 30% attendance of home club. It was stressed basically that Members must pay to prevent club taking funding liability.
2. District Fund - included into 6 month subscription payment. PDG Moses talked about M.O.P. for per capita levy from District to Club level. P. P. Hubert had a brilliant idea that was too clever for the members to fully understand and agreed to stay behind after the meeting to explain how it might work. Tony suggested trial for 6 months to be reviewed, which the club thought was a splendid idea. Thanks Tony!

John Kwok gave the following attendance statistics with the outlook for August being even better.

53.75%	Attendance last year.
60.68%	July current year.

P. Taj finally announced that the normal meeting procedure would commence next week, and gave a special thanks to all members for contributing to the recent discussions.

To close the meeting, President Taj proposed a toast to R.C. North East.



Notice

We missed you on 9th August, 2000 !!!

Team 1 Chellaram, Manolo; Law, Rudy; Luk, John; Yucel, Ates

Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Ling, Alex; Lui, Tim

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

Team 4 Kuang, Peter; Li, David

Team 5 Cheung, Desmond; Fielding, Rob; Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry;
Narain, Kishu; Shek, Andrew

Team 6 Chan, Paul; Phillips, Malcolm

21 of 38 members missing 55%!!! Missing

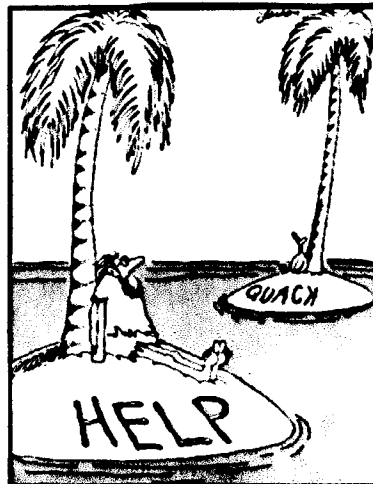
Please makeup!!!

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Sidney was not having a good day on the golf course. After he missed a twelve inch put, his partner asked him what the problem was.

"It's my wife," said Sid. "As you know, she's taken up golf also, and since she's been playing, she's cut my sex down to once a week."

"Well, you should consider yourself lucky," said his partner. "She's cut some of us out altogether!"



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