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What Happened Last Week

President Chris started the meeting with a special welcome to Mr. Istvan Darvasi, Acting Consul General of the Republic of Hungary, who was also the guest speaker. President Chris then asked PP C.Y. to introduce the following visiting Rotarian and guests:

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IPP Tony Hui of New Territories

Mr. Eugene Lee - guest of Rtn Clark

Mr. David Huang - guest of Rtn Clark

Mr. Andy Wong - guest of Dir. Laurence

Mr. Charles Hui - District Interact Representative

VP Rudy and PE Henry were welcomed back from their trips overseas: VP Rudy had visited London and PE Henry Beijing and Thailand.

PP George led the birthday song to celebrate the birthday of our two splendid Rotarians and pillars of HKIE: PP John and Dir Laurence.



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. Charles Hui made an announcement on the upcoming Interact Bazaar 2002 to be held on Sunday, 18 August at the Entrance Atrium of Olympian City 2. The theme for this year's charity bazaar is Change the World with Children. There will be 26 game booths with 21 performances of dancing and singing. Everyone is welcomed. Admission is free of charge and each game ticket will cost \$10. Net proceeds of the bazaar will go to UNICEP for the "China Children's Health Fund".

Acting Sergeant-at-arms Laurence announced that \$1,300 had been collected. A job well done.

After IPP Stephen had shared the Rotary Information with members, Mr. Darvsi came up to the podium and gave a very informative talk on Hungary.

Mr. Darvis highlighted four characteristics which make Hungary an attractive place to do business and an exciting tourist destination:

- Political stability a multi-party parliamentary democratic society, no political unrest in recent history and a full member of NATO
- * Sustainable growth strong export led GDP growth, declining current deficit, declining inflation, declining unemployment rate and full currency convertibility
- * Prosperous future Expect to join EU, becoming part of a fully integrated European community in June 2004.
- * Good tourist value With over 1,100 years of rich history, Hungary is full of cultural attractions and historical sites. The capital city, Budapest, is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cites in Europe.

Rtn Robert thanked the speaker in the usual manner and also encouraged Mr. Darvis to host more events/seminars to let people learn more about Hungary.

President Chris ended the meeting with a toast to Rotary Club of HK Island East and Rotary Club of New Territories.

Rotary Information

August is the "Membership & Extension Month" in the rotary calendar. The RI has set the goal of increasing membership to 1.5 million by 2005, the Rotary's centennial year and we need to focus on attracting more new members to our club and at the same time to retain existing members.

The District has organized a "Membership Development & Retention Seminar" on 17th August 2002 and all clubs' President and officers are encouraged to attend to learn how to set the plan to attract new members and to retain existing members in their clubs.

The Polio-Plus Program with the aim to eradicate polio worldwide by 2005 is in shortage of fund. In the RI Convention in Barcelona last June, the RI set the goal to raise further US\$80M fund for the program. All Rotary clubs are encouraged to help to achieve this target.

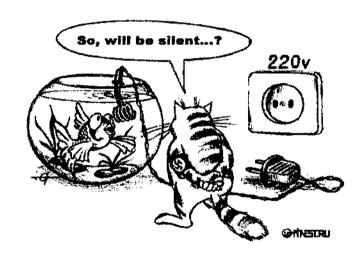
In September, the District has organized the Rotary Foundation Seminar on 7th September 2002. Members are encouraged to attend the seminar and to contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

IPP Stephen

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Two little kids are in a hospital, lying on stretchers next to each other, outside the operating room. The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?" The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous." The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze." The second kid then asks, "What are you here for?" The first kid says, "A Circumcision." And the second kid says, "Whoa, Good luck buddy, I had that done when I was born. Couldn't walk for a vear."

A golfer set up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3 woods, he took another mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him. As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer?" to which the man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"



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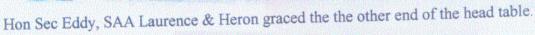
Our guest speaker for this week was Mr. Istvan Darvasi the Acting Consul General of the Republic of Hungary.



PDG Peter here sitting with our guest speaker next to Pres. Chris.



Our two birthday boys John IV & Laurence here with big smile with their birthday presents. PP George led the birthday song for the two guys.





IPP Tony Hui (NT), Interactor Charles Hui, Rtns Kenny, Robert, guest Andy Wong, guest of Laurence & IPP Stephen.





District Interact Representative Charles Hui gave us an invitation To visit their bazaar which will be Held to aid UNICEP for the "China Children's Health Fund". The bazaar will be held on 18 August, 2002.

IPP Stephen gave us this week's Rotary Information.



Rtn Francis sitting with guest Eugene Lee, PP George, Hon Tres Clark, & guest David Huang both guests are Clark's. next to PP John



clockwise-Dir Jason, PE Henry, PP C.Y., Doctor Tony, & PP Hubert, enjoying the meeting.



Our group photo showing PDG Uncle Peter & Pres, Chris with our guests and visitors on 7th August, 2002.