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Our 46th Year of Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April, 1954 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

The meeting this week was held in the Chinese restaurant on the second floor, attended by a regular group of 21 members. President Desmond opened the meeting by giving a special welcome to former member, PP Tony Rackham, now a member of the Rotary Club of Chislehurst, UK.

Rtn Lewis then welcomed the two visitors: PP Tony Rackham (Chislehurst, UK) Rtn Michael Duck (Hong Kong)

There were no birthday boys this week but President Desmond called out and presented IOU gifts to PP John Kwok and Rtn Kenny who celebrated their birthdays last week.

Sgt Jason then announced that there were 21 members present at the meeting and \$1,220 had been collected. He also informed members that the luncheon payment had been reduced by the Excelsior Hotel to \$250, and that the Club would also apply a subsidy of \$20, bringing the cost of the lunch to \$230. This could also be reduced further if the attendance reached 35 members.

PP John informed members that a new schedule of teams had been drawn up, i.e., six teams each with a team leader. One of the prime functions of the leader will be to regularly contact members of his team to encourage attendance at the lunch meetings. PP john boasted that he had six out of eight members of his team present at this meeting. (Looking around, it explained why six of our members were eating with the use of only one hand.)

In summary, he reiterated that there would be no big changes, and no frustrating targets to be met. His aim is to improve Club service and encourage members' participation in Club meetings and activities.

Finally, President Desmond invited PP Tony Rackham out to exchange banners. Tony is a former member of HKIE and he said that it was good to return and meet old friends. He invited members to visit his Club in London when they are visiting the UK.

To close the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Clubs of Chislehurst, UK and Hong Kong.







CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

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100% ATTENDANCE FOR 1998-99

According to PP John Kwok's attendance record, the following members have achieved 100% attendance for regular meetings during the Rotary year 1998-99:

PDG Peter Hall PP David Li

PP John Kwok Rtn Alex Ling

Any 100 percenters whose names may have been omitted, please contact PP John Kwok for verification.

Secretary Ates also took the microphone to report that he had spent some time recently in Korea and Taiwan. In Korea, he did a make-up at an all-women's Rotary Club. It appears that they apply reverse discrimination by not inviting men to join their Club. (President Desmond suggested that we might consider making them a sister club until it was pointed out that they were all older women.) Anyway, Ates presented our Club with their banner.

It was then time for IPP C.Y's Rotary information. He intended enlightening members about the new RI President, Carlo Ravizza. Members were first asked who was the new President and only PDG Uncle Peter had the answer.

C.Y. gave some of President Carlo's family history. His father, also named Carlo, was born in Switzerland and educated as an architect in Germany. At the end of World War I, he migrated to Milan in Italy with his wife.

President Carlo was born and educated in Milan. He is a civil engineer by profession, and because he carried on in his father's business, he has travelled the world extensively. He was introduced to Rotary in 1969, but as an appropriate classification was not available in any of the five clubs around Milan at that time, he had to wait until 1971 to be inducted as a charter member of a new club, the Rotary Club of Milano Sud-Ovest. Six months later, he was the first President Elect of the club. Within six years, Carlo was nominated to serve as Governor of District 2040 in 1977-78. In spite of his demanding professional life, he never missed a club meeting and managed to visit every club in his district at least three times during his year as Governor. Thereafter, he held various positions in R.I. office, culminating in R.I. President for the new millennium.

Our speaker for the meeting was President Desmond. He said he perceives HKIE as a truly cosmopolitan Club with a group of very decent members. His objective in leading the Club is not to make too many radical changes, but to maintain the solid traditions which has served us well over the years. In his view, regular and sustained attendance of members at meetings and Club functions is vital for the survival and growth of the Club. To stimulate this crucial aspect of our Club, a number of actions have already been taken:

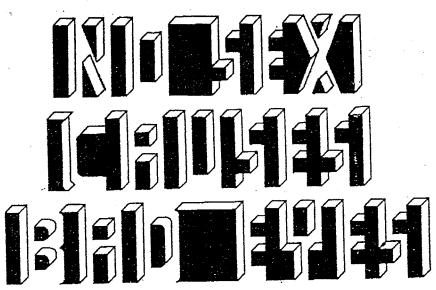
- Advanced notice of speakers will be provided.
- The cost of the lunch meeting is being reduced.
- Teams have been restructured with leaders who will encourage attendance.
- Members will be given opportunities for more active participation in Club activities.
- Better lines of communication between members and the Board will be set up.

President Desmond said that although his focus would be on stimulating renewed interest in the lunch meetings, he would be providing other social events and would like all members to try to come to at least a few of these.



TESTING

PP John Kwok has a concern for the eyesight of all Club members. He has kindly donated this test and advises that it should be viewed at increasing distances. The distance at which it can be read is directly related to the problem faced by the viewer.



LAZIGE FOR THE WEEK:

Here's a joke contributed by Long John:

HOW IT REALLY HAPPENED:

Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked him, "What is wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to. Thereupon, God said that he would make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman. He said, "This person will gather food for you, cook for you, and when you discover clothing, she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it."

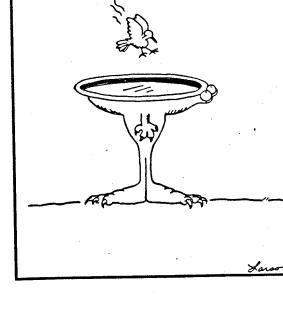
Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

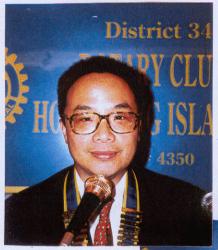
Then Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?"

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IPP C.Y. gives the Rotary information with

flair.

Pres. Desmond-our guest speaker for this week.







P.P. Rob happily flanked by visitors, Tony Rackham (Chislehurst, U.K.) and Michael Duck(H.K.)

Visitors to the Club, 11 August, 1999







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Pres. Desmond exchanges banners with former member, Tony Rackham,



PP Hubert: "Uncle Peter, who made me team leader of this lot?

Rtn. Kenny & PP John receive their IOU birthday gifts from Pres. Desmond(below)

