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

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WAN

FROM MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting by extending a special welcome back to P.P. Con (Paris & Dublin) and I.P.P. Desmond (Kota Kinabala).

Rtn Eddy on fellowship duty introduced the visiting Rotarians:

ADG Bob Schroder - Queensway

P.P. Laurine Finland

P.P. Leslie Soltay - HK South

Rtn John Ng Mid-Level

President Taj had invited Leslie as his guest in order to wish him a happy birthday. P.P. Con was elected to lead the singing.

Next Rtn. Kenny presented the Sgt at Arms Report being 18 members with a collection of HK\$700.

A.G. Bob gave a short talk to the Club concerning:

- the challenge of membership growth
- to support the D.G. visit to our club next week
- personal thanks to Ates for his donation and evening of Turkish Delight which raised HK\$297,000

Today's speaker introduced by Pres. Taj was P.P. John Kwok whose subject was "What makes an ideal Rotary Club".

First, his definition of an ideal Rotary Club -

Ideal Rotary Club is: without reminders or

- 1. All members are 100% attendance.
- 2. All members pay bills on time.
- 3. All members participate in all activities of the club.
- 4. All members work together in all projects committed by the club.
- 5. All weekly club functions are done without any intervention automatically.
- 6. All functions of the club are planned & in place & made known to all members.
- 7. Support all district functions: district conference and assembly.

Impossible he said. We already have such members in our club. But the challenge is to make all members to be like that.

He suggested that we could attain this status if we only try. We may never reach this goal.

To make the members understand & remember what he was going to tell us just remember the word S.P.O.R.T.

- S = Spirit. This is what makes you participate in all club functions. Keep up your spirit at all times. Don't ever give up.
- P = Participation. Do it and we will not have any trouble attaining our goal of 100% attendance.
- O = Organization. Organize all you function with care to details. Make programs which interest your members to induce them to participate.
- R = Revive your spirit in Rotary.
- T = Lastly, take part in all activities of your club.

Now what about the programs of activities.

We must determine what activities will interest our members. After all there is no sense to have activities which do not interest your members. He passed out the question sheets to

Rotary Information

Youth Exchange Students meet in Michigan

During the July 14-16 weekend, more than 1,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students, parents and Rotarians gathered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, to share their experiences, hopes and fears at the Central States Youth Conference. Participants came from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, USA, and Ontario, Canada.

Organized by Great Lakes area district Youth Exchange officers and district governors, the conference offered informational sessions for inbound (teens currently on their exchange in the Great Lakes region), outbound (teens from the area who will soon travel abroad), and rebound (teens from the area who just returned from their year abroad) students.

"We want our outbound students to learn from the rebound students' experience, and we want our outbound parents to learn from the rebound parents," said conference Chairman Don Mayo. "Some parents don't know how to deal with their child living abroad for a year, so we are there to help them through it and to offer guidance."

The weekend also served as a reunion for Youth Exchange students who met during the year, but who do not live near each other. For rebound Youth Exchange students Agata Piskunowicz from Canada and Muriel Zimmerman from Michigan, who met the past year in the same German town, the conference was a time to relive their experiences abroad.

"I lived my year away to the fullest, and I enjoyed meeting so many new people, making my own decisions and seeing more of the world," Agata said. "When we went abroad we left our family and friends, so Muriel and I became really close and connected. Being together again feels right."

"In Germany it was good to know there were other Youth Exchange students around when you needed someone to talk to," Muriel said.

For inbound students, the conference was the last time many of them would ever see each other. For Julius Manalo from the Philippines, saying goodbye to the Youth Exchange students he met while on a three-week bus tour of the United States was difficult.

"This conference is great because you get to see everybody you met during your year, but it's going to be really sad to say goodbye," he said. "I don't know if I will ever see any of these kids again."



PP John Kwok as speaker " The Ideal Rotary Club".





Rtn Chris Howe, PP John Kwok & Rtn John Yao enjoying fellowship on the top table.



PDG Peter, ADG Bob Schroeder, & President Taj.



PP Con leading the birthday song for PP Leslie, Pres. Taj standing by bearing no present.



Visiting Rtn John Ng, IPP Desmond & Rtn Bill all looking relaxed.





PP Leslie, PP Andrew, Rtn Tommy, & PP Hubert.



Con is delighted to find something floating in his soup. I think he's about to share it with the photographer. Moral support from PP Hubert (left) & Rtn Andrew (right).



Rtn Bill sitting next to guest Dr. Edgar Shih, Rtn Eddy Wong next Rtn Ilpo Laine from Joensuu, Finland.



Pres. Taj with visiting Rtn John Ng, ADG Bob, PP Leslie, flanked by PDG Peter & PP John on 16th August, 2000.

ascertain what activities our club would like. Please fill it out and give it back to him. Thanks. After he digests this information, he will make another announcement to let the club know what activities we are planning for the members.

In the questionnaire there are all kinds of activities.

- 1. Golf tournaments
- 2. Tennis tournaments
- 3. Bowling tournaments
- 4. Yachting
- 5. Mah Jong games
- 6. Bridge tournaments
- 7. Poker games
- 8. Karaoke singing contest
- 9. Happy hours
- 10. Local tours:
 - a. Mai Po
 - b. Oil recycling plant (Taj)
 - c. Stock Exchange visit
 - d. Hong Kong container terminal
 - e. Weather Observatory.

"Did I missed anything? I need volunteers to help me organize this. Do I have any? In short I'm going to make everyone to participate in our club activities." [REVIVE.]

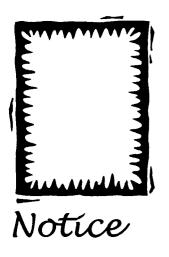
"Last but not least. TAKE PART. Everyone!!!"

- P.P. Leslie returned to the Rostrum to proclaim his support for the Club and for President Taj's direct approach to confronting the challenge. Leslie highlighted 3 C's to support this feeling that our Club was taking the right approach.
 - i. Conflict
 - ii. Consensus
 - iii. Confrontation
- P.P. Con chipped in and reminded the Club that membership discussions should be prefixed "we" rather than 'I' to engender team support.

The "guess who" from the photograph in the Tung Feng was not guessed by anyone although Pres. Taj was closest in thinking it was P. P. John Kwok's daughter, in fact it was John himself.

Pres. Taj closed the meeting with a toast to R.I. and H.K. South.





We missed you on 16th August, 2000 !!!

Team 1 Chellaram, Manolo; Liu, Stephen; Luk, John; Yucel, Ates

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

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

Team 4 Cheng, Y.K.; Kuang, Peter; Leung, George; Li, David

Team 5 Fielding, Rob; Luy, Henry; Narain, Kishu

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Phillips, Malcolm

21 of 38 members missing 55%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!

100% Attendance for 1999-2000

The following members have achieved 100% attendance in this club during the last Rotary Year:

Ates Yucel, John Kwok, Peter Hall, David Li & Alex Ling.

*Please file your complaint to the Attendance Chairman, PP John Kwok for correction should your name is missed in the 100%Attendance List.



LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Recently, when District Governor, John Wan, went to get his driver's license renewed, the Transport Department was packed with people. The line inched along for almost an hour until John finally got his license.

He inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the officer: "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this photo."

The officer looked at his photo closely. "It's okay," he reassured John, "That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."



"That settles it, Carli ... From now on, you'n getting only decaffeinated coffee!"

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