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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

Pres. Desmond opened the meeting by welcoming visiting dignitaries in the person of PDG Moses Cheng and Rtn Benny Ratnani of our baby club HK Northeast. There were no birthday boys but he welcome back PP Dave Chang. Also our long missing PP in the person of Sam Lam showed up and was most welcomed back to the Club also.

Then Acting Sergeant-at-arms, Rtn Lewis, announced that there were 20 members present and the collected donations amounted to \$1,500 approx.

A belated birthday celebration was accorded PP Dave Chang because was away during his birthday and PE Tajwar lead the birthday song to help Dave celebrate.

Next came an unusual event. Rtn Kishu announced that we are to hold an auction of all the gifts collected throughout the last couple of years and he wanted to make space available for other essential properties of the Club. Among the items were:

- 1. Two souvenir mugs
- 2. A beautiful swan motif gold platelet
- 3. An engraved pewter plate from Penang club
- 4. A beautiful paper folding fan from Japan

All in all, a total of \$1,900 was raised which will benefit our SAA collections besides making a lot more room for our normal essential items for the Club meetings. This makes

the hotel much happier also because we will not clutter up their storeroom without junk.

Our guest speaker was Rotaractor VP Wilson Leung who gave us a report on the activities of the Rotaract club of Hong Kong Island East which is a club we sponsored. He told us that their clubs is working on a few projects, the first of which is a The Government of the The Government of the HKSAR project called Youth Jamboree to be held in December of this year and is co-sponsored by Rotary District 3450 and chaired by our owned PDG Y.K. Cheng. This project is targeted at youth activities for the ages of 15-24 years. The Rotaract Club of HKIE will help run this project.

A second initiatives is a joint project with the Lingnan College Rotaract Club, which is a Christmas party for the children of the Victoria Park School of the Deaf.

A third project is also with the Lingnan College Rotaract Club to run a PC project for the six student libraries (3 in Tuen Mun and 3 in Eastern District).

No doubt VP Wilson will return to report on their progress in the future.

Rtn Joseph Chan give the speaker a vote of thanks for this interesting information and talk.

The meeting ended with a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast.









SPEALER'S PROGRAM

Date	Speaker	Subject
25 Aug	Paulus Lee	Jockey Club
1 Sept	Patrick Granito	Excelsior Hotel Executive Chef
8 Sept	Lars Peterson	Porsche Motor Cars
15 Sept	Mable Mak	Air Pollution
22 Sept	David Lloyd	Golf Topic
29 Sept	DG Dipo Sani Official Visit	



Sere is a letter recently received by Incle Peter from one of our former members :

11 June 1999

Dear PDG Peter.

Greetings from Chicago. I trust you are doing well. The Warning family is fine. On the professional side, I have started my own executive recruiting firm. I guess I've always been an entrepreneur at heart. Too early to predict financial results, but am certainly happier. I am assuming you have just returned from the RI International convention. Unfortunately, Nancy and I were not able to attend. Maybe we will see you in Argentina in 2000.

Rotary continues to be an important part of my life. I will be put to the test in a few weeks when I become the President of the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club. I am proud of our club. Its 43 members are some of the hardest working and most dedicated Rotarians I've seen in a single club. Yet I have my challenges. Chartered ten years ago, over half of our members have been Rotarians less than three years. We have no charter members. A lot of our members still don't realize be full potential of our club or how we fit into the Rotary World.

My plan is to initiate some new Rotarian traditions, many to be modeled after HKIE. As an example, I've started a PP council (four members), and will be having a weekly Rotary Information minute. I'm creating our own club stationery. I've required each Avenue of Service to be lead by a Board member. We need to create a better balance between fund raising and service projects with fun, so I'm strengthening our programs and fellowship events.

If you or other HKIE members visit the Chicago area, I'd very mush like for you to speak to our club about Rotary in Hong Kong. We need to inject more "international" into our Club. On the plus idea, we are sponsoring a Japanese exchange high school student, who will live with several members for ten months beginning in August.

Although I've become good friends with DG Bob Williams, I still wish I had an "Uncle Peter" here to ask advice. I would appreciate receiving any advice or materials you might have for new Presidents which supplements the RI package. As an example, I was always impressed with HKIE's new member induction ceremony. If that is written, I would appreciate receiving a copy. Likewise, I would like a copy of HKIE's pre-printed meeting schedule, any written PP council guidelines, and the list of questions goes on. Any and all advice would be appreciated.

A PP who I highly respect (my dad) advised me not to try to do too many new things at once. However, I sense our club is hungry to inject new Rotary traditions, which is why I was elected to become if only half of my goals are achieved, then we have moved in the right direction.

Please give my regards to all of my Rotary friends. Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Best Regards,

David Waring

Rotary Information

INIS C.V. Lu gave us our Rotary Information today. Se give us an excerpt of the message from RI Isres. Carlo Ravizza on club extensions into China. Se said:

"RI leaders have met with Chinese officials several times in the past 10 years, but the government has not yet approved the establishment of Rotary clubs there. Communications continue, and we are hopeful that an agreement eventually will be reached.

In the meantime, I would caution clubs that a violation of RI policy on extension into China could result in disciplinary action, up to and including the revocation of a club's charter.

Instead, I encourage you to channel your desire to extend Rotary service to China into specific projects. Support PolioPlus Partners' efforts that fund immunization activities in China; apply for Helping Grants from The Rotary Foundation of RI to carry out international service in China; donate scholarships for Chinese students to study in your country.

These are just a few ways in which we can establish a positive presence in China and reintroduce the concept of Rotary service, while promoting international understanding and goodwill. Then, when the barriers to Rotary in China have been removed, we will have a solid base on which to build. Having had an opportunity to see Rotary in action, Chinese business and professional leaders will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Rotarian and of the ideals of service and fellowship that Rotary promotes."

LAZIGE FOR TEE WEEK:

A man is driving down a country road, when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass. He pulls the car over to the side of the road and notices that the farmer is just standing there, doing nothing, looking at nothing.

The man gets out of the car, walks all the way out to the farmer and asks, "Ah, excuse me mister, but what are you doing?"

The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize."

"How?" asks the man, puzzled.

"Well, I hear they give the Nobel Prize to people who are out standing in their field."



"Hey! C'mon! Hold it! Hold it! ... Or someone's gonna get hurt!"

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Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Excelsior Hotel. Club 4350 - District 3450 of Rotary International





VP Wilson Leung of Rotaract club of HKIE telling us their projects for this year



PP Sam: "Good to be back!"



Regular visitor RTN Benny from HKNE seated next to RTN Sam Wong



Belated birthday song lead by VP Tajwar

PDG Moses Paid us a visit flanked by our Joseph & JL



Lucky PP Tim seated next to charming visitor



