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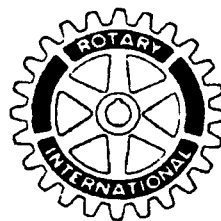
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# TUNG FENG

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

## Announcement!

Lunch meeting on September 6, 2000 will be changed to be an evening meeting. The venue will be the same, which is the Excelsior Hotel. The price of the meal will also remain unchanged at \$240 per head. The cocktail will be started at 6:30 and the dinner will be at 7:30. All Rotarians, guests and wives are welcome.

## What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the proceedings with a warm welcome to the District Governor John Wan and his delegation. Rtn Malcolm followed up quickly by proposing a formal welcome to all the guests, who included:

### Visiting Rotarians

D.G.	John Wan	Kingspark HK
D.G.E.	Johnson Chu	Peninsula
A.G.	Bob Schroeder	Queensway
D.S.	Alice Liu	Bayview Sunshine
P.D.G.	Don Vessigault	Hong Kong
P.D.G.	Anthony Hung	Tai Po
P.A.G.	Rory Nicholas	Hong Kong
Rtn	John Ng	Mid Level

### Visitors

Laurence Chan  
Veronica Pearson

introduced by Rtn. Rudy  
introduced by P.D.G. Uncle Peter

Pres. Taj then welcomed back Secretary Ates, who said he had been on holiday in Turkey; P.P. Rob Fielding, who said he also had been enjoying Turkish belly dancing; Rtn Malcolm who had been in the Austrian mountains; Rtn W.S., who had been practising his Mandarin in Beijing; and Rtn Kenny, who had been to a family gathering in Canada.

Rtn Kenny was the Birthday boy, who got a free lunch, a gift from the President, and a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday.

P.P. John Kwok reported that we had been invited by our sister club, the Rotary Club of Penang, to attend their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Hence members were encouraged to join a club trip, with wives, on 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October.

PDG Uncle Peter then reported on the Rotary Foundation. As of May 25 this year, our club had 130 Paul Harris Fellow, 22 Benefactors and 3 major donors. New members may ask how can we achieve 130 PHFs while our membership is just around 50. The answer is that each PHF can become a multiple PHF.

How do we distinguish a PHF and a multiple PHF?

At a glance of your PHF pin, you will notice that there are pins with blue sapphire stones. One stone indicates a first multiple PHF and each additional contribution of US\$1,000 on top of the basic PHF contribution is entitled to have one sapphire stone up to a maximum of 5 sapphire stones.

When a contribution reaches \$7,000, a ruby stone will be decorated in your PHF badge with a maximum of 3 rubies, that is to say, your contribution reaches \$9,000 or just below \$10,000.

The major donor giving levels are defined below. These represent cumulative contributions to the Annual Program Fund and/or the Permanent Fund.

- Level one - US\$10,000.-
- Level two - US\$25,000.-
- Level three - US\$50,000.-
- Level four - US\$100,000.-
- Level five - US\$500,000.-
- Level six - US\$1 million or above

Our club has the following major donors:

PDG John Yuen	US\$150,000
PP Sam Lam	US\$ 25,000
PDG Y K Cheng	US\$ 10,000

But we are still not a 100% PHF club.

Rotary Club of Kowloon East is a 100% PHF club up to to-day's date, while R/C of Kowloon Northwest is a 100% PHF club only on its charter on 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1981.

D.G. John Wan opened the floor for questions. Rtn Kishu said that he was the Advisor to both our Rotaract Clubs, namely Lingnan University and HK Island East. Recently, there had been some changes to the District Fund Per Capita Levy. As for the Rotaractors, where would the line be drawn as far as what the District will take care of and the Rotary Club's part? Where do our respective responsibilities lie?

D.G. John replied that the District Fund was managed by the Finance Committee, who allocated funding for the District assembly, PETS, RYLA, training in general, and the administration of the Rotary Centre. Huge chunks were also made available to the public. The details of what would be made available for RYLA camps, Youth Forum etc. were decided by the committee. The individual Rotaract clubs were funded by the clubs themselves, but they could seek subsidies from the committee.

Pres. Taj thanked the D.G., saying that he certainly had demonstrated what it took to be D.G. He reiterated that we (HKIE) still think we're the best.

Pres. Taj then concluded the proceedings with a toast to Rotary International coupled with the Rotary Club of Kingspark.



# Rotary Information

## *Hong Kong Rotary club honors disabled achievers*

A prolific writer and a village teacher in China's hinterland have been honored by the Rotary Club of Admiralty, Hong Kong, for their courage and achievements in public service and in dealing with disability.

The club presented its Outstanding Disabled Persons Award 2000 to writer Liu Shui and teacher Wei Yingjiang on June 17. They both received a trophy, a certificate of merit, and a cash prize of HK\$10,000 (about US\$1,300)

Born in a poor family in northwest China's Gansu Province, Liu Shui was left paralyzed after an illness in infancy. He began to write fiction in the 1980s. The 35-year-old writer has published several stories, poetry, and essays since 1983. He is a member of the China Writers' Association and one of Ten Outstanding Disabled Writers in China.

"It is the love of literature that has helped me deal with my condition," said the writer who is

confined to a wheelchair.

Wei Yingjiang, incapacitated by polio, launched a school in a remote mountainous village in southwest China's Guizhou Province. He also donated CNY1,000 (about US\$120) that he saved for his wedding to purchase textbooks and stationery for poor students.

"The award winners have demonstrated outstanding ability in their personal endeavors and their commitment to the community," said Cheng Kai from the Chinese Disabled Person's Federation. Ten disabled Chinese have been honored in the eight years the award has been held in Hong Kong and China's inland areas.

# HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

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District Governor John Wan addresses the club.

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Sec. Ates hosts PDG Anthony Hung.



DG Elect Johnson Chu, PDG Dom Vessigault, & ADG Bob Schroeder.



Pres. Taj with Birthday Boy Kenny & PP Sam the singer.



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Past Assistant Governor Rory Nicholas with our Sargeant-at-Arm Eddy.



PP Rob gets the best job : looking after DS Alice Liu.



Rtn. Rudy with his guest & prospective member Laurence Chan.



Visitors & guests to the club on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2000  
Watch that hand, Monsieur Dom!



Uncle Peter's guest Professor Veronica Pearson & Rtn John Ng (Mid-Level)

It seems rather complicated to have so many kinds of recognition. In order to equip yourself with better Rotary Foundation knowledge. Please attend the Rotary Foundation Seminar on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2000 at the Holiday Inn KGM. The club will pay for the registration of HK\$350 per head. Just go there and listen and better still, raise questions during the discussion session.

To start the ball rolling, President Taj volunteered himself as the first multiple PHF this Rotary year. We need someone to follow his example, especially those new members.

It is quite easy. You don't have to purchase a draft like in the old days, because you can pay by credit card and the relative form could be obtained from PDG Peter Hall anytime you wish. You even can be a Paul Harris Sustaining Member to start by paying US\$100 for the first year. You will be recognized a full PHF when you have paid up to full amount of US\$1,000.

We look forward to seeing you at the Rotary Foundation Seminar as mentioned above.

The Sergeant-at-arms reported that 22 members and 10 guests were present and that \$1,700 had been collected.

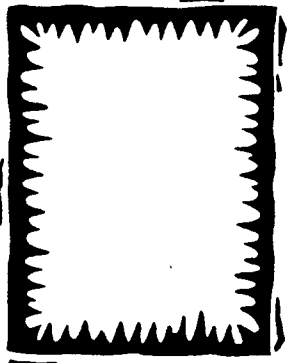
Pres. Taj then introduced us to the speaker, our very own District Governor, John Wan. The D.G. thanked the club, and said he would try to visit again during his year. He recognized that there were many hard-working Rotarians at Hong Kong Island East. He went on to say he was not really concerned whether HKIE was the best Rotary Club in the District, but rather whether it was strong and effective. The ultimate test of effectiveness is how well you perceive the direction in which the club is going. An effective President should provide focus, and provide an environment in which differences of opinion can be discussed in a frank and open manner.

D.G. John then outlined four yardsticks for an effective club:

1. Sustained membership growth
2. Club projects meeting the needs of the community
3. Contribution to the Rotary Foundation
4. The extent to which the club provides leadership beyond the club level

D.G. John reiterated the words of IPDG Dipo Sani by paraphrasing "there are no good or bad club, only good or bad leadership". Still, leadership changes by rotation, hence every member has the responsibility to make his club effective. If a member does not like what the President and his Board are doing, he should tell them at an assembly or forum.

He concluded by saying that whilst we were attracted by our similarities, it is our differences which make life interesting. With tolerance of these differences, we can reach our impossible dreams together.



# Notice

We missed you on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2000 !!!

Team 1 Liu, Stephen; Luk, John

Team 2 Fu, C.Y; Lamport, Willilam; Li, Francis; Ling, Alex; Lui, Tim

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

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

Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Shek, Andrew; Yao, John

Team 6

19 of 38 members missing 50%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!

## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A young female stockbroker was bored with driving her BMW. It lacked individuality and besides that, every other lady in the office had one. She fancied something a bit more individual, perhaps a MG convertible. That week she visited a car dealer and saw a beautiful Jaguar XK140 convertible. It was wonderfully restored and she fell in love with its gorgeous red paint work. An empty cheque stub later and off she was tearing around the countryside in the New Territories enjoying her beautiful new car. Her long black hair was flowing in the wind, music blaring from the radio; what could possibly go wrong?

At that instant there was a splutter from the engine and the car slowly coasted to a stop. She got out and lifted the bonnet and concluded after a few minutes that she didn't have a bloody clue what was wrong. Luckily, she had her mobile phone with her and a quick phone call to the Auto Club and a short wait saw a bright shiny Van pull up behind her.

"What seems to be the matter?"

"Well, it just conked out, I'm afraid."

"Let me have a look." He set to work and ten minutes later, the engine was purring like a cat again.

"Thank goodness," she said. "What was the matter?"

"Simple really, just crap in the carburettor," he replied.

Looking shocked, she asked, "Oh, okay. How many times a week do I have to do that?"



"That's a lovely car," said the mechanic.

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