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What Happened Last Week

Today's session started with Rt. Laurence introducing his guest and dear friend, Andy Wong who was in the travel business. Then, President Chris announced that PP. Hubert visited the Rotary club in Shanghai last Thursday and brought back with him the club's flag. PP Hubert went on describing his pleasant experience during his visit, and he also mentioned that 90% of the members there were foreigners, thus, the meeting was conducted in English. The Shanghai club also had a practice to recite the Rotary's four-way test at the beginning of every meeting. The meeting was held between 6:30pm-8:00pm at the Regal Far East Hotel, every Thursday evening.

In last week's session, President Chris announced the nomination of PP John Kwok as the Committee Members of "DG Nominating Committee for 2004-2005," thus, he would like the present members to vote for or against the motion. The result was unanimous in favor of the motion. Today, acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Danny Kilis, reported the presence of 19 Rotarians and a handsome collection amount of HK\$1,550.

Then, President Chris went on to introduce the speaker, Andrew Duncan, of today's featured presentation, entitling "Digital and Visual Presentation." Andrew Duncan and Derek Power are directors of Symmetry, a specialist company providing state of the art digital and visual presentations. President Chris had known Andy since the mid 80's when they were both working in the London design offices of Percy Thomas. Andy had more recently been involved in many of the large scale infrastructure projects in Hong Kong. Symmetry's service scope included Animation, Construction Sequences, Immerse Photography, Interactive Multimedia, Video Production, Visualization, Web Solutions and so forth.

Andrew started his presentation by introducing the various stages of evolution that presentation tools had gone through. He said that before the Microsoft PowerPoint was available, people were mostly using overhead projector or slide carousel as tools for visual presentation in business organizations. The former was cumbersome and had to be positioned directly in front of the projection screen. In addition, presenters had to face the possibility of embarrassingly dropping their slides in front of the audience and in the midst of their talk. The slide carousel also had the problem of frequent mechanical jamming situations.



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The initial use of the PowerPoint marked the beginning of the change of ways of presentation. However, the early versions of PowerPoint were rather monotonous in their background color, limiting to only Blue, Yellow or White. These early versions also had limited functionalities (also constrained by the power of desktop computers), which prevented presenters from being able to modify their slides at the last minutes. Despite these early problems, PowerPoint had gradually become a de facto presentation tool in the business world as well as many walks of life, owing mainly to the tool's ease of usage.

Andrew continued that the nature of presentation materials and media had also changed over time with the advancements in computer power and maturity of presentation tools. The types of presentation materials nowadays can vary from computer images and multimedia to animation and video presentation. These approaches had all been adopted by Symmetry. Computer images had been used to illustrate architectural designs, products and photomontages. Multimedia had been used to produce interactive presentation, interactive VCD/DVD, and many web-based solutions. Animation had been used in computer modeling, architectural and construction modeling, animation diagrams and so forth. Video production had also appeared in the form of storyboard, scripting, animated diagrams and so forth.

Subsequently, Andrew showed us many vivid examples of architectural rendering, montages, animation and video production. These examples included computer models that were built a year ago, covering such notable buildings and structures as, the Hong Kong's International Finance Center (IFC), Jinan's Airport in China, MTR station in Causeway Bay and East TST, offices in Beijing, skyline in Shanghai, KCR station at Lok Ma Chow, highways, and bridges. Andrew then ended his presentation with a full video production of the East Hall expansion of the HK International Airport, which was aimed to complete in 2003.

IPP Stephen thanked the speaker for the impressive arrays of presentation display and production. He noted that these impressive examples marked the evolution and power of technology that had made it possible for forms of presentation that we could produce today. President Chris then closed the session and proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of HK Island East.

Rotary Information

20 Answers to the Question – "WHY JOIN ROTARY"

By IPP Richard King of RI

- (1) *Friendship* : In an increasing complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- (2) *Business Development* : The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

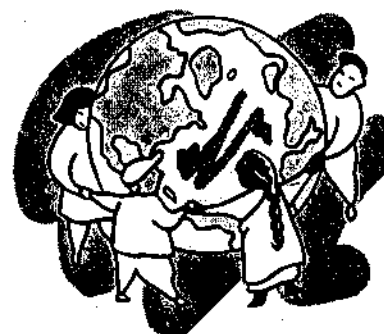
- (3) *Personal Growth and Development* : Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- (4) *Leadership Development* : Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership is learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
- (5) *Citizenship in the Community* : Membership in a Rotary Club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club of the most active citizens of any community.
- (6) *Continuing Education* : Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the Community, nation, and the world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
- (7) *Fun* : Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
- (8) *Public Speaking Skills* : Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
- (9) *Citizenship in the World* : Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International". There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome-even encouraged-to attend any of the 30,000 clubs in 199 nations and geographical regions. This instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
- (10) *Assistance when Traveling* : Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.

~ To be continued ~

The Provisional Rotary Club of Shanghai

The banner appearing in this column, of the provisional Rotary Club of Shanghai, was brought back by our PP Hubert Chan who visited the said club on last Thursday to make up his attendance.

As reported by PP Hubert, the provisional club meets every week on Thursday at the Regal Far East Hotel, Shanghai PRC at 6.30p.m. It has a membership of over 30 members comprising of all foreign expatriates and one Chinese American.



Before the meeting starts, instead of singing the Rotary song, all members have to recite the 4-Way Test. Meeting was conducted in the usual Rotary way with announcement, S.A.A. report, guest speaker and toast to RI to close the meeting.

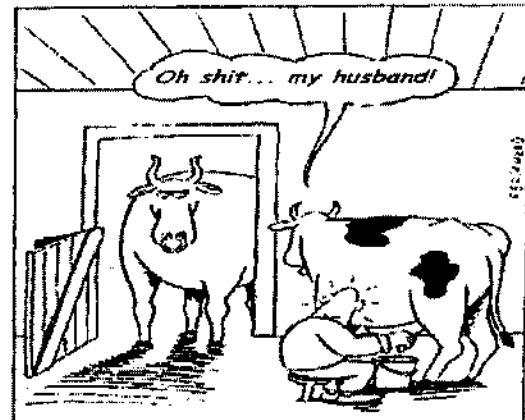
With this banner, President Brinton Scott extended his greetings to officers and members of HKIE.

By John Kwok

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Joan, a rather well proportioned secretary, planned to spend almost all of her vacation sunbathing. She found the ideal spot on the roof of her hotel. It was deserted and secluded, with a smooth, raised "deck" which received the sun all day long. She wore a bathing suit on the first day, but on the second, she decided that since no one could see her way up there that she would slip out of it and get rid of the tan lines on her back. She'd been lying there on her stomach for a little while when she heard someone running up the stairs towards the roof. Startled, she didn't have time to pull on her suit, and since she was lying on her stomach, she just pulled a towel over her rear. "Excuse me, miss," said the flustered assistant manager of the hotel, out of breath from running up the stairs.

"The Hilton doesn't mind you sunbathing up here, but we would very much appreciate you wearing a bathing suit, as you did yesterday" "YESTERDAY!" she exclaimed, rather irritated... "Have you been following me around? And besides, what difference does it make ANYWAY since no one except a nosy assistant manager can see me? I'm on the top floor and I'm covered with a towel." "Well, that would be true," said the embarrassed little man. "Except for the fact that you're lying on the dining room skylight..."



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PP Hubert proudly displaying his souvenir banner from Shanghai Rotary Club, the first one ever shown here. (reproduced here in this week's bulletin).



The banner reproduced here for your benefit so you could show it around. It is the first such banner from a Rotary Club in China.



Two great Pals Clark & Danny with big smiles.



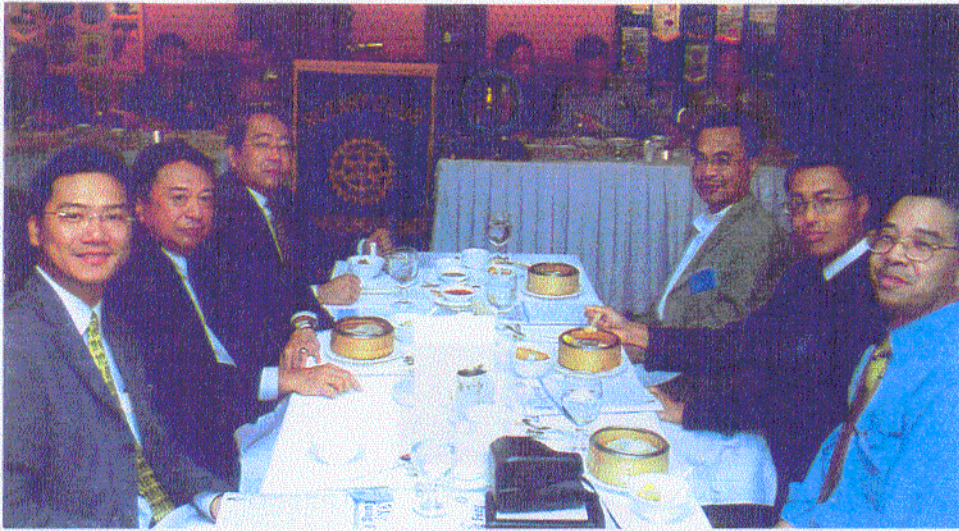
Our guest speaker of the week was Andy Duncan from Symmetry who spoke on the magic of the Medium of the Electronic Presentation.



Hon. Sec Eddy seated with Andy Duncan & PP J.L. at the right head table.



PDG Peter seated at the left head table with Andy's partner Derek Power & Pres. Chris.



(Left to right) Heron, PP Andrew, Robert, Tommy, PP Hubert, & VP Rudy enjoying the Chinese Dim Sum lunch.



(left to right) guest Andy Wong, Laurence, IPP Stephen, & Dr. Tony.



PDG Peter & visitors and guest to our club on 21st August, 2002