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## What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened up the meeting by warmly welcoming everybody, in particular two returnees: PE. Stephen said he had been in the USA and Australia; PP Tim Lui said he had been travelling all over and had even run into some fellow Rotarians in a casino.

Rtn Eddy officially welcomed visiting Rotarian PP. Ratuani. The following guests were also acknowledged:

John Neir

our speaker guest of Rtn. Tony Lui

Jeffrey Lamport son of Rtn. Bill

Andrew Hirst

new member guest of Pres. Taj

Clark Lu

potential new member, guest of Uncle Peter

Gordon Lee

guest of Rtn. Danny Killis

Acting Sgt. at Arms Rtn Rudy reported that we had 19 members present and had raised \$800.

Pres. Taj reminded members that the meeting next week would be a President's evening meeting at the Excelsior Hotel, and would also serve as a celebration of Uncle Peter's birthday. It was hoped that members would bring their Rotariannes.

Pres. Taj then conducted the pleasant task of inducting Andrew Hirst as a member of the Club. Andrew has spent his career in the hotel industry, culminating in his appointment to his present position as General Manager of the Excelsior Hotel. Andrew is not new to Rotary as he was a member of a Rotary Club whilst he was working in Macau in 1996-7. Andrew thanked the Club for

the warmth and friendliness he had found amongst us, and looked forward to a long and fruitful time as a member. As GM of the host hotel he was also attending in an official capacity, and welcomed any suggestions for improvement.

Pres. Taj introduced the speaker, John Neir, who gave an interesting talk on his charitable work in China, accompanied by slides. The charity is Medicare Resources Ltd. which operates two Loving Heart Clinics in Wuhan and Yichang. The Wuhan Clinic, opened in September 1997, provides free medical aid to the staff of the Zhong Nan Seminary as well as walk-in patients. It was also active in flood relief activities in 1998. The Yichang Clinic is in a hub city at the entrance to the Three Gorges Dam, with access to a population of 4 million in an area of 9 counties. Through the Clinic, Medicare is helping to provide education to a remote Tujia minority group.

Medicare is looking for extra funding to assist in their projects, particularly in the purchase of a mobile van to reach people in remote rural areas out of Yichang, and to train up local doctors to respond to emergencies in the villages.

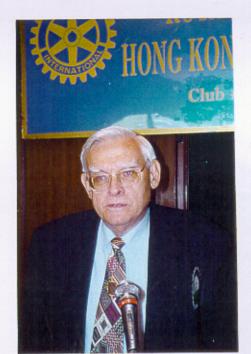
In response to a question from Rtn. Bill, John agreed that Medicare was cooperating with the Protestant Church, and would share the Christian message with patients. However, Medicare does not evangelise and keeps the Religious Affairs Bureau updated on what they are doing.

Rtn. Tony Loy then postulated that Medicare's work would be difficult if they were not associated with the Zhong Nan Seminary. John agreed that they were cooperating with local bodies as Medicare was not recognized in China.

PP. Tim Lui officially thanked John for Creating Awareness, and challenged Rotarians in our Club to Take Action. The slides had clearly depicted the need for improvements in China.

Pres. Taj then called the meeting to a close.





John Nair speaks to us about the "Loving Heart" Clinics in China.





Pres. Taj inducts our new member Andrew Hirst.



Acting Sgt. Rudy seated with Rtn. Benny Ratnani (HKNE).



Rtn. Danny Kilis with his guest Gordon Lee.





Rtn. Malcolm & Kenny entertain prospective new member Clark Lu.



Our new member Rtn. Andrew III & Rtn. Bill looking after Bill's son Jeffrey.



A happy gathering of Members & guests with the President on 30 August, 2000.

#### Multiple Paul Harris Fellow (circa 1981)

As mentioned in my appeal last week for more Paul Harris Fellows in our club, I am glad that Pres. Tajwar Shadikhan has pledged to become a multiple PHF. I would like to have more members contributing to The Rotary Foundation this Rotary year. Please contact PDG Peter Hall should you be interested to support the Foundation.

While looking up my old files as a district Governor of D3450, I found one photo showing Rotaryanne Elaine who became the first lady Paul Harris Fellow of our Club in 1981. Hence PP Sam is automatically a multiple PHF. Of course, he is now a 5-star PHF. Thank you for setting a good example, PP Sam!

PDG Peter Hall



# Rotary Information

## Rotary's membership recruitment drive intensifies this month

August is Rotary's Membership and Extension Month, when Rotary clubs place special emphasis on the all-important task of retaining current memberships and attracting new ones.

During 2000-01, RI President Frank J. Devlyn is stressing the importance of membership growth and encouraging all clubs and districts to increase their numbers because this is the most effective way that Rotarians can strengthen Rotary's ability to do good in the world.

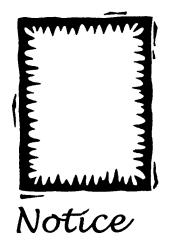
A centerpiece of membership development in 2000-01 is the <u>21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge</u>, a special program to recognize those districts and clubs that achieve the highest net gains in membership between July 1, 2000, and May 15, 2001. Other incentive programs this year include the Presidential Membership Goal, which challenges each club to increase its net Presidential Club Citation, Recruitment Recognition Rings and the RI Membership Development and Extension Award.

To meet the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge, clubs set their own goals for membership growth. In consultation with their district governor, many club presidents and their boards have already determined by what percentage they can increase their club's membership. More than 400 governors have already reported those club goals to President Devlyn.

Fifty districts will be challenge winners. There will be at least one winning district from each zone, and the district with the largest net gain will be the overall world winner. In the case of a tie, a drawing will be held to select the champion. Two top clubs will be selected from each winning district. To keep the competition more evenly matched, the clubs will be divided into two categories – clubs with fewer than 50 members and those with 51 members or more.

Winning clubs and districts will receive handsome commemorative awards, including the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Trophy. At the 2001 San Antonio Convention (June 24-27), President Devlyn will invite the presidents of winning clubs and governors of winning districts to join him on stage for special recognition. World winners will attend the San Antonio Convention at RI's expense and receive special recognition on stage.

"If every club meets the  $21^{st}$  Century Challenge," notes President Devlyn, "the results will be felt worldwide, as an ever-growing force of Rotarians strives to *Create Awareness and Take Action.*"



### We missed you on 30th August, 2000 !!!

- Team 1 Chan, Hubert; Chellaram, Manolo; Luk, John
- Team 2 Ling, Alex
- Team 3 Chan, Henry: Fung, Lewis: Wong, Sam
- Team 4 Chen, Andrew: Cheng, Y.K.; Kuang, Peter, Leung, George; Li, David
- Team 5 Cheung, Desmond; Luy, Henry; Narain, Kishu; Shek, Andrew; Yao, John
- Team 6 Chiu, Jason

18 of 38 members missing 47%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!



#### LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Last weekend, IPP Desmond was playing his usual lousy game of golf. He teed off and sliced terribly, seeing the ball fly past a stand of trees and then heard a shriek. He ran over and found a woman knocked out cold.

Desmond ran back to the clubhouse and shouted, "Is there a doctor here?"

"I'm a doctor," replied a guy standing there. "What's the trouble?"

"I just hit a woman with a golf ball out there and she's unconscious."

"Well, where did you hit her?" the doctor asked.

"Between the first and second holes," replied Taj.

"Oh dear," the doctor said, shaking his head, "that doesn't leave much room for stitches!"



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