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What Happened Last Week

The meeting got off to a start with President Stephen, fresh from his trip to Japan, gave a special welcome to AG Peter Tse. He also thanked PE Chris for taking over during his absence.

PP C.Y. took charge of the introduction of visitors:
AG Peter Tse (TST East)
Stone Zang (Chi-An, Taiwan)
Heldner Egon (Petaling Jaya, Malaysia)

President Stephen then presented a HKIE banner with IOU to Rtn Stone Zang from Taiwan.

There was a flood of birthday boys this week: PDG Uncle Peter, PP Edwin and President Stephen himself. PP David Li was chosen to lead the congratulations with the birthday song.

President Stephen had several further announcements to make:

- The Rotary Foundation Seminar was to be held on Saturday (8 September) and four members would be representing HKIE: President Stephen, PDG Uncle Peter, PP John and Secretary Eddy.
- The next Club Board meeting is to be held on Monday, 10 September.
- While in Japan, President Stephen attended a meeting of RC Osaka Jonan who will be celebrating their 35th
 anniversary this year.

Sergeant Lawrence announced that there were 21 members in attendance, and \$1,620 had been donated.

It was then PDG Uncle Peter's turn to deliver the Rotary Information. This week, he chose to speak on the provisional Rotary Clubs in China:

- Beijing: Meets 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, at China World Hotel (Contact person: VP C.B. Bramsen, Tel: 6532 2431)
- Shanghai: Meets 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, at Regal International East Asia Hotel (Contact person: Secretary Frank Yih, Tel: 6208 5577)

Members travelling to China are welcome to make-up at either of these clubs.

It was then time for the Club Assembly:

President Stephen started off by outlining the persons responsible for the various Club functions:

PE Chris: Club Service



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Club 4350

District 3450

Chartered on 6 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

VP Henry: Membership Rtn Eddy: Club Secretary Rtn Clark: Treasurer

Rtn Rudy: Vocational Service Rtn Malcolm: Community Service Rtn Ates: International Service

PP John: Classifications, Attendance, Fellowship, Club Program

PP Rob: Bulletin Editor
IPP Taj: Rotary Information

PP George: Fellowship

Rtn Malcolm gave some brief details of the Community Service program which included several commitments from the previous year, including the Christmas Party for the children at the Victoria School for the Deaf (\$15,000), a fund for staff development at Victoria School for the Deaf (\$12,000). He also proposed that the Club continue involvement with the Samaritans by committing \$40,000 for advertising on buses and a workshop for staff; also, a further \$50,000 to defray the costs of publishing and distributing 3,000 copies of a brochure, produced by the HK School for the Deaf to publicize their Art Exhibition.

PP John outlined his full-time job: He has produced a new classifications list. He proposed reorganizing the teams for facilitating better attendance, and put members on notice that he would be issuing "soft" reminders to poor attendees. He is also involved in developing a new speaker list for the year, and proposed several outings for Club members, including a day at the Mai Po Bird Sanctuary, a yachting day, and a golf tournament.

Rtn Rudy has proposed a \$20,000 budget for Vocational Service activities to include:

- Issuing HK schools with a 3-dimensional, plastic contour map of Hong Kong; and
- A vocational visit to the HK Airport Cargo Terminals.

As part of his International Service program, Rth Ates proposed:

- Two matching grants projects with Turkey and Makati North; and
- Promoting the Rotary Foundation through PDG Uncle Peter

(At this stage - 1:59 p.m. - PP George was seen to arrive for the meeting. Better late than not at all is his motto!)

To conclude the meeting, President Stephen proposed a toast to the RC of TST East and Chi-An, Taiwan.



Rotary News Basket

President King invites Rotarians to European conference.

The third RI Presidential Conference of 2001-02 will take place in east and central Europe from 27 September to 3 October in a unique four-venue format aimed at attracting the widest possible audience to address the issue of membership growth in a region that saw the reemergence of Rotary clubs 12 years ago.

In addition to the main meeting, scheduled for 29-30 September, in Bucharest, Romania, the multi-national event will include conference dinners in Prague, Czech Republic (27 September); Budapest, Hungary (1 October); and Warsaw, Poland (3 October).

Rotary International President Richard D. King encourages all Rotarians to seize this opportunity of a lifetime to be part of a worldwide effort to reinvigorate Rotary and, through its service programs, to build viable communities in eastern and central Europe.

At the conference in Bucharest, as in the two preceding ones in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, President King will deliver a keynote address based on the theme of the Rotary year "Mankind is Our Business" and reiterate his concern that the business of Rotary — feeding the hungry, healing the sick, building community, providing hope to thousands of people — cannot be done without a committed, dedicated volunteer group of professional men and women.

The RI president and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay will host a question and answer session in which they will exchange views with participants on key issues affecting RI and the Foundation. Also, lined up as panelists, moderators and facilitators, a team of senior Rotary leaders will share inspiring experiences, lead open forum discussions, and outline strategies for increasing membership and service in Eastern Europe. For example, Past RI Directors Robert A. Coultas, Mark Maloney, and Kenneth Boyd (chairman 2001-02 Membership Executive Steering Committee) will motivate and empower Rotarians with addresses on "Why I joined Rotary," "What Rotary Means to Me," and "How to Succeed in Rotary's Global Quest."

For Rotarians and guests, registration fees are US\$75 for the main conference in Bucharest, \$25 for the conference dinner in Warsaw, and \$15 for the conference dinners in Budapest and Prague.

Fortune writer paints positive image of Rotary

Kenneth Klee, a writer from the U.S. monthly publication Fortune Small Business (FSB), recently set out to discover how Rotary "was faring in a faster, more complicated world," nearly 100 years after it was founded. He attended Rotary club meetings, interviewed a slew of Rotarians (including RI President Rick King and Frank Devlyn, his predecessor), and watched up close Rotary's activities in communities. The result is a sympathetic portrait of the world's pioneer service organization at the turn of the 21st Century.

"Rotary at the Crossroads," Klee's article — first published on 28 August in the online version of F5B magazine — discusses some of the reasons behind the decline in Rotary club membership and how this trend may be reversed. It also features profiles of a new type of club membership that, according to President King, is based on "a quality of the heart, not just on income or position." The article is printed in the September issue of the magazine.

In spite of the demographic challenges that face service organizations in the United States and across the world, the FSB writer saw much optimism in the fact that many Rotarians he met live the service ethic that has distinguished Rotary. To Klee, a major sign of Rotary's willingness to transform itself is RI's launch of "The New Models for Rotary Clubs," a pilot project aimed at finding a new model for a Rotary club that will better meet the needs of the 21st century, be more attractive to younger professional and business leaders, and increase the effectiveness of clubs and future potential for membership growth and extension.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A guy walks into a bar one night and orders a beer.

"Certainly Sir, that will be 10 cents."

"TEN CENTS!" exclaimed the guy.

The barman replied, "Yes."

So the guy glances at over at the menu and asks, "Could I have a nice, juicy T-bone steak with chips, peas and fried egg?"

"Certainly Sir," replies the bartender, "but all of that comes to big money."

"How much money?" inquires the guy.

"Fifty cents," he replies.

"FIFTY CENTS!" exclaims the guy again "Who owns this place?"

The barman replies, "He's upstairs with my wife."

"What's he doing with your wife?"

The bartender replies, "Same as I'm doing to his business."

A blond turned up for her final university examination that consists of "yes/no" type answers. She took her seat, stares at the question paper for five minutes and then, in a fit of inspiration, takes out a coin and starts tossing it, marking the answer sheet Yes for Heads and No for Tails.

Within half an hour she is finished whereas the rest of the class is sweating it out. During the last five minutes, she is seen desperately throwing the coin, muttering and sweating. The moderator, alarmed, approaches her and asks what is going on.

"I finished the exam early, and now I'm checking my answers."

Marriage is a three ring circus: Engagement ring, wedding ring, suffering.



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Club Assembly

Seated at our head table left to right--Hon. Sec. Eddy, Rtn Egon Heldner, PP Tim Lui



Our IPP Tajwar seen relaxing between VP Henry & Rtn Malcolm.



VP Chris looking on two happy Rotarians Tony & Lewis.



Three Char-Siu lovers enjoying their lunch. Yummy!!



Visiting Rtn Stone Yeung (Chi-An) seated next to Rtn. Jason & PP C:Y.



Visiting Rotarians to our club on 5th September, 2001.



Three happy birthday boys being serenaded by PP Li.



Three birthday boys with their presents and visiting Rtn Stone Yeung (Chi-An) holding our club banner.



Enjoying the meeting are Rtn. Danny, Clark & PP Edwin.

New Membership Proposal

In accordance with Article V of our Club Constitution and Article XI of our By-Laws, the Board has approved the proposal of the following people to be admitted to our Club as Active member:

Name:

Chan Sing Fat, Heron

Nationality:

UK

Job:

Sales & Marketing Director

Employer:

SAS Institute Ltd.

Classification: Computer - Software

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Birthday:

Jan 10

Wife:

Josephine

Children:

Janzen

Hobbies:

Driving, Tennis, Table Tennis



If no written objections to the proposals, stating reasons, are received by the Board from any member of the Club within seven (7) days from date hereof, the above proposed members shall be considered duly elected to membership, subject to payment of Club fees.