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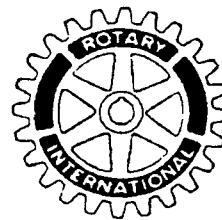
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Rotary Service
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1954**
by Founding President, the late
PDG (Uncle) John Yuen



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TUNG FENG

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

What Happened Last Week

This was a dinner meeting instead of the usual lunch-time meeting and, despite the low attendance of members, the numbers were boosted by a good rollup of spouses and guests.

President Taj opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a special welcome to PP Edwin who said that he has been in the USA.

Rtn Rudy then had the honour of conducting the introductions:

DG John Wan
AG Bob Schroeder and wife
Emily (daughter) Uncle Peter
Winnie (god-daughter) Uncle Peter
Mae (PP John)
Gae (PP Rob)
Donna (IPP Desmond)
Josephine (PP Hubert)
Christina (Pres. Taj)
Eileen (Rtn Rudy)

President Taj said that this was the first evening meeting for his year, and he would like to try at least one more to gauge its popularity. He then invited DG John Wan to address the meeting before he had to leave early.

DG John said that he had recently visited the Club, and he was happy to return. He said that, in his opinion, he was glad that Pres. Taj was different in his approach as change was always needed. John remarked that he liked to see ladies at club

meetings because they are "the gentle part of Rotary." He finally advised that he supported members taking action where it is required to improve their Club, and he hoped HKIE members would continue to offer their assistance in making this "the best Club" as Pres. Taj insists.

President Taj thanked DG John for coming and bid him farewell. He then reminded the meeting that this was a night specifically for IPP Desmond, to whom he presented bound copies of the 1999-2000 Club bulletins.

IPP Desmond confessed that his Rotary year was a hard one for him personally, resulting from pressures of business as well as the responsibilities of the Presidency. He surmised that this may have affected his leadership of the Club and been partly responsible for the decline in membership. However, he is now happy with, and supportive of Pres. Taj trying new things and asked members to also put their weight behind him in developing the fellowship between Club members. Finally, he said he really enjoyed his last Board meeting because he was able to relax and enjoy the fellowship and conversation with other members.

President Taj then presented the 100% attendance awards for 1999-2000 to the following members who were present: Sec. Ates

PDG Uncle Peter

PP John

He then made several announcements:

- One new nomination had been received for candidates for the Nomination Committee for the DG Nominee. This was PP Denis Ting (HK South). The nominee from HKIE is PP Tim Lui and, therefore, there will have to be a ballot. Pres. Taj put PP Tim's name to the members for approval and it was accepted unanimously.
- Next Wednesday (13 September, 2000) is a public holiday and the scheduled meeting will be cancelled.
- Yesterday (5 September, 2000), the HKIE Board had its third meeting for the year and he called on PP Rob to announce the decisions made.

PP Rob reported the following issues:

- A Taiwan Rotary Club had written to HKIE seeking ties to a Hong Kong Club. We will acknowledge their letter, but there was no strong commitment to increase the number of sister clubs overseas.
- A Vocational Service Seminar will be held in Hong Kong later in the year and Vocational Service Director, Andrew Shek will attend with two other members. The Board agreed to pay their fees.
- Twelve existing members have not yet paid their semi-annual fees. These members are being contacted to remind them of their responsibilities.
- Alex Shang's membership was terminated due to non-payment of fees.

- Two new people were proposed for membership: Mr Clark Lu (PDG Uncle Peter)
Mr Laurence Chan (Rtn Rudy)
Their nominations were accepted by the Board and will be proposed in the next Tung Feng.
- Sec. Ates has been classified as Senior Active and his classification (Trading: General) has now become vacant.
- Minor changes were proposed to the Tung Feng: Simplifying the list of officers on the front cover, minor modifications on the back page, as well as the inclusion of a cumulative attendance list on the back page once a month.
- A committee has been formed to plan the Annual Dinner Party for the year. This may involve participation by another Rotary Club and the first meeting of the committee will be held on 8 September, 2000.

Acting Sergeant, Stephen Liu, reported that there were 16 members present and \$500 had been donated.

President Taj then called out the birthday boys: PDG Uncle Peter
PP Edwin
PE Stephen

The highlight was a big birthday cake for all to sample, and the birthday song was lead by AG Bob Schroeder.

Then it was time for reminiscing:

Rtn William Lam said that he joined HKIE in 1974, having been sponsored ny PP Edwin. He recounted several notable events that he enjoyed:

- He accompanied Uncle Peter when he was DG to Taiwan, which was in the District at that time.
- He went with Uncle Peter to the International Conference in Chicago in 1980.
- He also travelled with Uncle Peter and Pres. Taj to India in 1985.

PP John (Somehow, he forgot that he was supposed to be reminiscing!) gave the results of his recent survey on members' fellowship interests. It seems that a visit to the Mei Po bird sanctuary came out on top, followed by a visit to Pres. Taj's oil recycling factory, a golfing day, a visit to the HK Weather Observatory, and a Happy Hour, in that order.

So, PP John will proceed to organize events on that basis, and expects that members who voted for these events will support them.

He also reported his analysis of attendance figures. It seems attendance is improving:

July 1999	55.65%	July 2000	68%
Aug 1999	51%	Aug 2000	61.26%

According to PP John, the better results in 2000 are due mainly to better use of make-ups.

PDG Y.K. said he joined HKIE in 1983, and was immediately rewarded with the position of Secretary. He then made the effort to go to W.S. Lam's workplace to retrieve the files, but when he arrived, W.S. informed him that he doesn't keep files! He also remembers Long John rang him every day about Rotary matters, and nearly drove him mad. Finally, he said that it is an honour and privilege to know Uncles Peter and Edwin, and that the training he received in HKIE was wonderful preparation for his year as DG.

PP Edwin thinks that he must be the oldest HKIE member now, being a charter member from 1954. He was President in 1960-61 and he recounted a number of little experiences he had in those long-gone days.

PDG Peter began with "I know I'm old, but Edwin says he's older!" Uncle Peter said that he was born in 1925, so we can guess how old he is. He said he has qualified for exemption from attendance for a long time, but he is still a 100% attendee. To be a true Rotarian means attending your meetings and being involved. In 1964-65, he was President of HKIE and has served in all positions except VP. In 1981-82 he served as DG. His advice was that, if we are to be a great Club, then we must work in harmony. (See separate article by Uncle Peter in this issue)

AG Bob Schroeder confessed that he learned a lot about HKIE during this meeting. He said that he has a very high regard and affection for PDG Uncle Peter; he and his family travelled with Uncle Peter to Mongolia for the chartering of the RC of Ulan Bator, and Uncle Peter was a true uncle to his children. Finally, he congratulated Pres. Taj in trying to make HKIE the best club.

President Taj then distributed a gift of elixir to all the women present, compliments of PP C.Y.

It was then PP John's turn to conduct the raffle draw. There were five lucky winners of the cash prizes and a Year 2000 silver medallion (compliments of Rtn Rudy) was won by Rtn Danny.

Finally, President Taj closed the meeting with one of his jokes.





DG John Wan addresses the meeting.



AG Bob Schroeder shows his support for our club.



PDG Uncle Peter: "I thought I was Old, but he (Edwin) says he's even older."



PDG Y.K.: "when I first joined the club, this long fellow nearly drove me crazy with phone calls".



PP Edwin: "Well guys, I'm the oldest & even Uncle Peter can't beat that".



Rtn. W.S. Lam reminiscing about good old times.



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AG Bob Schroeder & wife enjoying the company of PP Edwin.



A distinguished group: DG John Wan with Pres. Taj & wife Christina.



PP John IV for once on his best behavior with wife Mae watching his every move.



PE Stephen takes care of Uncle Peter's daughter Emily & God-daughter Winnie.



Two lovely ladies together: Joshephine Chan & Donna Cheung.



IPP Desmond in fellowship with PP Rob & wife Gae.



Rtn Danny receives his Millenium medallion.

The Raffle Winners !



Sec Ates out of debt for another week.



Mrs. Schroeder receives her cash.



Josephine Chan receives her pocket money for the week.



...and what's this? PP John handing over some grocery money to wife Mae.



100% attendance award presentation

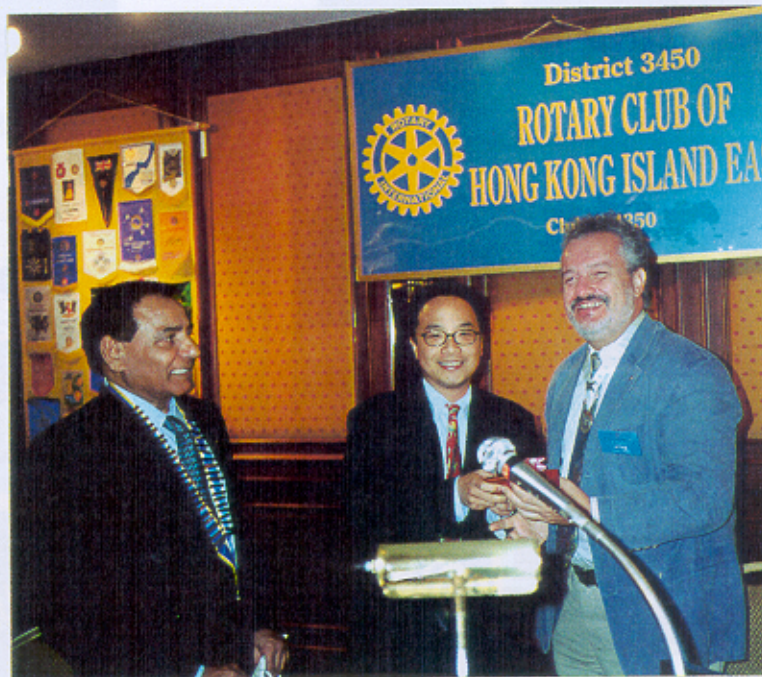


IPP Desmond presents the
100% attendance award to
PDG Uncle Peter.



Two other recipients were absent: They are PP David Li
& Rtn Alex Ling.

Also to PP John IV.



And Hon. Sec. Ates Yucel also got his 100% award.



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Pres. Taj presents IPP Desmond with the bound memoirs of his Presidential year.



The birthday boys
Cutting their cake:
PE Stephen, PDG Uncle
Peter, & PP Edwin.



Pres. Taj just couldn't resist getting amongst the ladies on 6th September, 2000.



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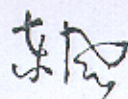


The Officers & Board Members of HKIE
1964/1965

(front row, seated, left to right) Dir. Henry Chang
Dir. H.Y. Koh
Pres. Peter Hall
Hon. Sec. John Parker
Vice President Leslie Sung

(back row, standing, left to right) Dir. William Ling
Dir. Andy Rankin
Dir. Frank Goldberg
Dir. Bill Nichol
Hon. Tres. James M Chen

(Dir. Pat Cha) Absent



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New Membership Proposals

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 members:

Clark Lu

Classification: Banking: Asset Management
Company's Name: Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (Asia) Ltd
Position: Management Associate
Business Address: 28/F, Three Exchange Square, Hong Kong
Tel: 2848 8860
9863 3105 (mobile)
Fax: 2848 5257
Residence: Flat F, 34/F, 3 Island Place, 61 Tanner Road, North Point
Sponsor: PDG Uncle Peter



Laurence Chan

Classification: Banking: System Development
Company's Name: General Software Ltd
(subsidiary of ABN AMRO Bank)
Position: Senior Vice President (Banking System Development)
Business Address: General Software-ABN Ambro Bank
8th floor, Lincoln House, Taikoo Place
979 King's Road
Quarry Bay, HONG KONG
Tel: 2823 5309
9181 8663 (mobile)
Fax: 2529 7522
Residence: House No. 4, Section G, First Street,
Fairview Park, Yuen Long,
New Territories, HONG KONG
Sponsor: Rtn Rudy



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.

Rotary Information

Rotary clubs in Turkey mark anniversary of quake

Rotary clubs are among hundreds of organizations holding exhibitions of projects to observe the anniversary of the devastating earthquake that sowed death and destruction across Northern Turkey on August 17, 1999. The disaster left 18,000 dead, 30,000 injured, 60,000 homeless, and thousands of children orphaned.

As part of the anniversary activities, the Rotary Club of Istanbul - Suadiye and Bogazici University showed at a press conference three episodes of a US\$40,000 educational cartoon film they co-sponsored. Named "Grandpa Earthquake and Nature the Kitten," the film is part of a project aimed at teaching children about earthquakes. It shows what people should do before, during and after a major earthquake.

"Earthquake education is very important and should start in childhood," said Governor Hatice Sarizi of District 2420 at the press conference. "With the help of Turkish media, we will achieve our aim." The Suadiye Rotary Club will produce and distribute copies of the film to schools across Turkey. German, English, French, Spanish and Japanese versions of the cartoon are planned.

Also present at the press conference was Professor Ahmet Mete Isikara, Turkey's foremost earthquake expert and chairman of the country's best-equipped earthquake laboratory at the Bogazici University Kandilli Observatory. Isikara, who starred as Grandpa Earthquake in the film, promised to continue cooperating with RAYG, the Rotary Disaster Relief Group formed by Rotarians in D-2420 to coordinate humanitarian aid and reconstruction efforts.

"I hope this cartoon show is also useful for adults," said Isikara, who has been teaching school children how to save themselves in their houses, schools or on the road when an earthquake hits. The other characters in the cartoon are two children and "Doga" (Nature), an endearingly funny cat.

Clips of the film as well as the remarks of Prof. Isikara and Mrs. Sarizi with the backdrop of the Rotary logo were shown on the nation's major TV stations - CNN Turkey, NTV, TGRT, ATV, Kanal D and STAR.

The Change of Rotary

The world is changing all the time and so is Rotary, but the change must be for a better cause.

Past R.I. President Carlo Ravizza always emphasized in his R.I. Theme of 3-Cs which must include the "courage of change" making it to read 4-Cs.

The most drastic change was to admit women into Rotary in the year 1989. This proved to be a great success to share Rotary between the two genders. In a short period of time of around ten years, there are lady district governors in the Rotary world. It would not be surprising that there would be R.I. lady directors as well in the near future.

We must adhere to the territorial limits of a Rotary club and this also applies to members. In the old days, a club cannot take a candidate from the west side of Arsenal Street which is just a line outside our club's territory, not to mention from Kowloon area. As an example, one of our learned members, PP Henry Chang lost his chance to become a D.G. because he moved his office from North Point to Central which was outside our club's boundary.

In 1991, the number of a district was changed by adding a zero at the end of each number and therefore our district number is now known as 3450.

At the Council on Legislation held in 1995, it was resolved that members may be exempted from attending regular meetings when his/her age plus the years of membership reach the magic figure of 85 or more.

Our old system of classification was divided into two parts, such as Major and Minors. For example, my classification was

Major: Shipping

Minor: Freight Agency

It has now been simplified just by one category as Freight Shipping Agency.

In the past, it took at least 3 months to admit a new member. It was not that we purposely delayed the procedure and made it difficult. It was purely due to the steps that we have to go through, such as:

1. submit a proposal to the secretary,
2. the secretary passes the proposal to the board,
3. the board passes it to the classification chairman,
4. the classification chairman returns it to the board with his comments,
5. the board passes it to the membership chairman,
6. the membership chairman returns it to the board with his comments.

When everything is approved, the board notifies the proposer to publish such proposal by means of letter or in the club's bulletin and wait for another ten days. Please remember that the board only meets once a month. Hence at least 3 months are required.

The new system is that all these steps will be waived and every step to be decided by the board within 30 days, thus expediting the whole procedure.

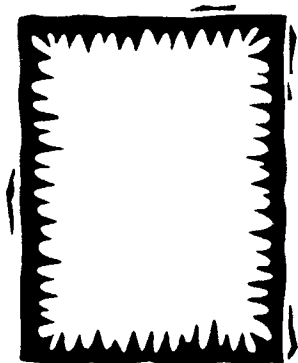
All these changes make Rotary more flexible and erased some of the red tapes.

President Taj wishes me to tell something about myself in Rotary. Actually there was nothing worthwhile mentioning as I am just a simple Rotarian like all of you. I was born in 1925 (or in Chinese calendar the year of the Ox) and you can figure out my age now. I joined Rotary in 1960 as an active member and I am still active, though I am qualified for exemption in holding any classification.

I was elected director in 1961 until I was in the chair in 1964. Strange enough, I have gone through all the posts in Rotary, but I have never been a vice president. After completing my year as President in 1964/65, I was elected Hon. Secretary where I served for 3 years. According to the Rotary ruling, I cannot serve more than 3 years consecutively. I was then elected Hon. Treasurer serving another 3 years. I was in the board until I was elected DGN in 1980. After which, I remained a club advisor of HKIE up to the present time.

I have experienced all the changes in HKIE from 25 charter members to its peak number of 85. We are now down to around 50 members. If we wish to retain the name of one of the best clubs in district 3450, we should prove it to our D.G. by action, firstly to improve the membership growth and secondly, retention of members. So let us all work closely together in a harmonious manner.

- PDG Uncle Peter



Notice

We missed you on 6th September, 2000 !!!

- Team 1 Luk, John
- Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Lamport, William; Li, Francis; Ling, Alex; Lui, Tim
- Team 3 Chan, Henry; Fung, Lewis; Hirst, Andrew; Wong, Sam
- Team 4 Chen, Andrew; Kuang, Peter, Leung, George; Li, David; Wong, Eddy
- Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Loy, Tony; Luy, Henry; Narain, Kishu; Shek, Andrew; Yao, John
- Team 6 Chan, Paul; Phillips, Malcolm

23 of 38 members missing 60%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A woman goes to see a psychiatrist.

"So, what can I do for you, Madam," says the psychiatrist.

"Oh, there's no problem with me, Doctor," she says. "It's my husband ... he thinks he's a racehorse."

"No problem," says the doctor. "I can cure him, but it's going to be costly."

"Oh, money isn't an issue," says the woman. "He's already won two races!"



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