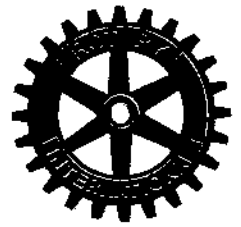




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## *What Happened Last Week*

Today, our member's turnout was 21. President Chris opened the meeting and welcomed visiting Rotarian, Tony Luce from Princeton Corridor, New Jersey and guest Andy Wong.

President Chris informed the meeting that there are a total of HK\$3,150 in the red box (being collection of this week and last) available for donation to the China Flood Relieve.

Acting Sergeant-at-arms, Rtn Eddy reported a total collection of HK\$2,000 today.

PP John Luk was requested to lead the chorus to sing for our birthday boys today, PDG Uncle Peter and IPP Stephen.

PP Tim was welcomed back. He visited London, St Petersburg and Stockholm. What a wonderful holiday!

President Chris reminded members of the coming Club Assembly to be held on 12 September at Rotary Information Centre, Causeway Bay. He then introduced today's speaker, Mr David Coles. Mr Coles has been a Primary Education Officer in English School Foundation (ESF) for ten years. He was previously Inspector of Schools in U.K. His topic today was "Literacy and Numeracy Developments in International ESP Schools".

David gave us a brief background of ESF in Hong Kong. It was established in Hong Kong since the sixties. ESF operates 16 primary and secondary schools, 3 kindergartens and a special education school for English-speaking students with moderate to severe learning difficulties. There are more than 12,000 students of many different nationalities. ESF is an education system based on English as media of instruction and 75% of the students are Asian. The framework of ESF curriculum is based on the UK National Curriculum and time allocation but increasingly the content and values reflect the context of Hong Kong and southeast Asia.



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Local schools in Hong Kong emphasis on direct learning. In ESF primary schools, students learn English, maths, science, technology, history, geography, art, music and physical education. They are taught to solve problems, to be independent and to collaborate with others. In the secondary school, additional subjects of religious education, drama, a foreign language, personal and social education together with Mandarin are added to the curriculum. In addition, students' individual talents are further extended through an involvement through a wide range of extra-curricular activities. High expectations are set for all students through a broad and challenging curriculum.

Parents play an essential part within the ESF and their tremendous support is indispensable. It is recognized that children and young people spend more time at home than at school and therefore it is vital that there is a close working partnership between home and school. Parents collaborate closely with teachers supporting learning in the classrooms. The advantage of a good day school education which the ESF provides is that parents can support their children through all the vital phases of their educational and social development. A close home school partnership can also foster positive growth of a student's personal and social as well as intellectual development.

Literacy involves speaking and listening of the language, reading and writing. High proficiency in use of language is very important. By numeracy, we refer to ability to apply the numbers to usage rather than high accuracy in master of numbers which is computation. The ability to transfer and apply learning is more important.

David concluded that the objectives of ESF or what they aim for the students are flexibility, articulation, creativity, collaboration, team work, learn how to learn and think fast.

Rtn Clark thanked the speaker for his informative presentation and we were sure rest that our children and Hong Kong's future are in good hands.

PP John was asked to inform the meeting about the speaker of next week. He told us that there will be a great speaker Mr. Farland Chang who might talk something relating to Sept 11. PP John could not give much detail but was reminded by Pres. Chris that the topic of the talk will be "The Challenge of What to Say & How to Say it - Under Pressure" and he emphasized that it would be a talk that you should not miss!

Today's session ended with a toast to R.I. and U.S.A.

## *Rotary Information*

September is designated as New Generations Month by Rotary International. The slogan "Every Rotarian an example to Youth expresses Rotary's commitment to New Generations. September is a good time to consider the many ways in which Rotarians reach out to help young people. Rotary clubs all over the world carry out youth-related projects, such as sponsoring summer camps, coordinating outings for disadvantaged children, and building playgrounds. Rotary International helps young people develop important life skills through four structured programmes: Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

Through grants of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Rotarians support international projects, such as equipping children's hospitals or schools. And every Rotarian is united in PolioPlus, which has already protected two billion children from the paralyzing disease and when completed, will benefit all children in the next generation and beyond. By serving the needs of young people in key areas - health, education and self-development, Rotary clubs prepare New Generations for the brightest future possible.

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***In Memory of 9/11***  
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*This has not been broken since 9/11/01, please keep it going...*

*This has been kept alive and moving since 9/11. In memory of all those who perished this morning; the passengers and the pilots on the United Air and AA flights, the workers in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and all the innocent bystanders. Our prayers go out to the friends and families of the deceased.*

**IF I KNEW**

*If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.*

*If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.*

*If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.*

*If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute to stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.*

*If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.*

*For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything just right.*

*There will always be another day to say "I love you," and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do?" But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget. Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.*

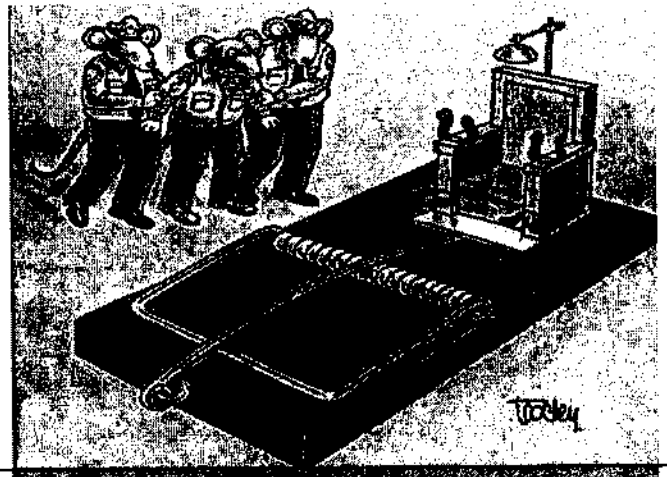
*So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.*

*So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear, tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear. Take time to say "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay." And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.*

## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all of the background checks, interviews, and testing were done there were three finalists... Two men and a woman. For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow your instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside of this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her!!!" The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job." The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow, and said, "This gun is loaded with blanks. I had to beat him to death with the chair." Moral of the story: Don't mess with a woman.



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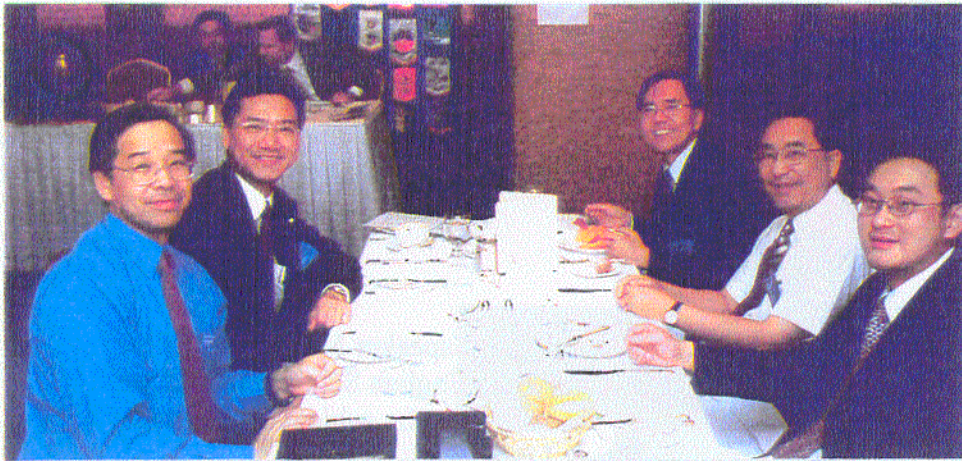
Our guest speaker Mr. David Coles from the English School Foundation speaking on the subject of Numeracy & Literacy.



Hon Sec Eddy sitting next to PDG Y.K. & visiting Rotarian Egli Guido from Lucern, Switzerland



The Secretary of PP Li, Elsa sitting next to Rtn Tony Luce from Rotary Club of Princeton Corridor USA & Rtn Kenny.



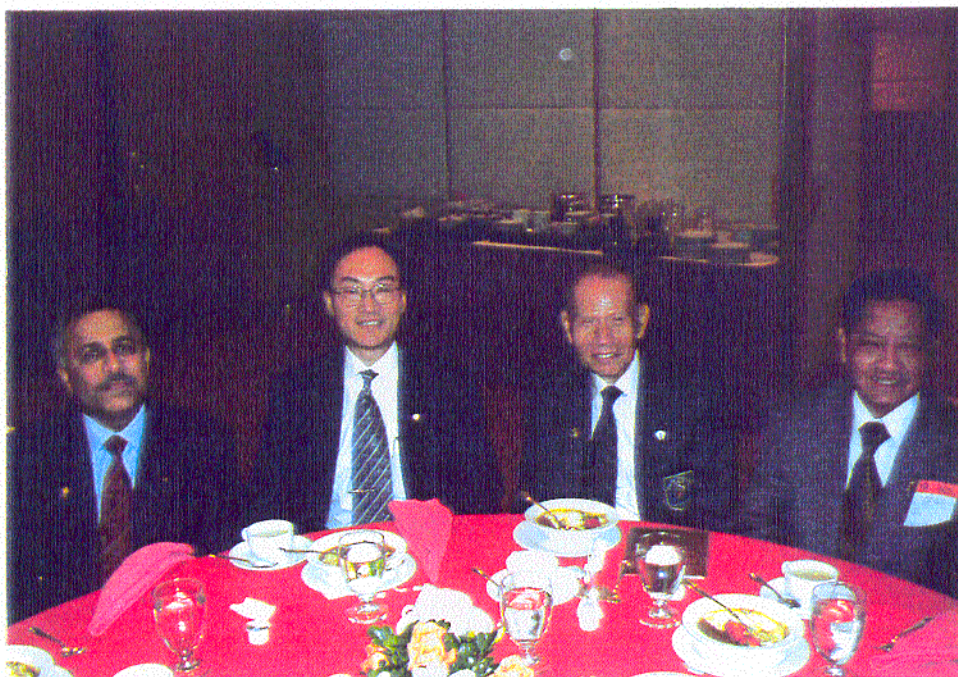
A serious Rudy, happy Heron, smiling John V & Dr. Tony and guest Andy Wong.



A happy foursome of PP Desmond, Rtn Francis, IPP Stephen, & PP JL definitely enjoying the meeting.



Hon Tres. Clark, Rtns Laurence, Jason & PE Henry also enjoying themselves.



At the Rotary Foundation Seminar we found the VIP's in the persons of PDG's Dipo, Jason, Peter & IPDG Johnson sitting together at the dinner.



At this Foundation dinner two of our members became Paul Harris Fellows. The two proud members are John Kwok & Laurence Chan here holding their certificates. (left to right) DG Gloria, PP John IV, Rtn Laurence & DG Dipo.



PP Andrew , PP Tim, with Rtn Robert in deep thoughts.



PP J.L. leading the birthday song for PDG Uncle Peter & IPP Stephen while Pres. Chris looks on.



Group photo of our guest speaker with PDG Uncle Peter & Pres. Chris with guest and Rotarians on 4 Sept., 2002.