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# What Happened Last Week

President Stephen was away on business and Acting President Chris took the chair. He opened the meeting by reading a message from District Governor, Johnson Chu concerning the recent tragedy in the US: "The Rotarians of District 3450 are profoundly shocked and saddened that the unthinkable has happened. Our heart goes to the dead and injured and their families, including the many emergency personnel who were fighting to save lives at the time. We call for Rotarians world-wide to unite and to continue to work for peace and international understanding, and we stand by to assist those who need our service." Acting President Chris then asked members to observe one minute of silence to pay respect to the victims in this tragedy.

Rotarian Rudy introduced his guest, Mr Heron Chan, a prospective member for our Club. PP David Li then introduced a guest who does not need introduction, Joseph Chan, a former member of our Club. Joseph by popular request led the birthday song for PP Sam Wong.

Rotarian Kishu took over the floor and conducted an auction for two paintings presented to the Club by the Victoria School for the Deaf and a memento presented to President Stephen by the Rotary Club of Makati North. The auctioned items went to PP Sam Wong, PP Hubert Chan and Rotarian Malcolm respectively. Sergeant Laurence collected a total of \$1,500 from the auction and he announced that there were 21 members present and the collection was \$1,600.

Rotarian Tony introduced our speaker Mr Lyndon Rees, Managing Director of Citybus and his assistant Ms Christine Lau. Mr Rees told us that there are 650,000 vehicles on the road and 6,000 of them are public buses. Most of the buses in Hong Kong are already the most modern models in the market and are using environmental friendly fuel but inevitably the exhausted gas of diesel engines would create some pollution.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 4350

District 3450

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

To make Hong Kong a world city the air pollution must be improved and Citybus took up the challenge and conducted a trial of Trolly Bus, electric buses to help improve roadside pollution. These buses are being used in many cities like Vancouver, Shanghai and Beijing. Citybus spent \$5 million to set up the overhead network and a test track, and converted one of their buses, the first double deck, high capacity and air conditioned trolley bus in the world, for the trial. A series of tests, including noise and air pollution, power consumption, hill climbing and manoeuvrability were conducted. A demonstration was given to the other bus operators and government officials and they were impressed. However to take the project further government support is essential and Mr. Rees urged members to help spreading the words and to help in pushing the idea through government bureaucracy.

PP Desmond thanked Mr. Rees and Ms Lau in our usual Rotary manner and Acting President Chris closed the meeting with a toast to R I and Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East.



Dear District Governor,

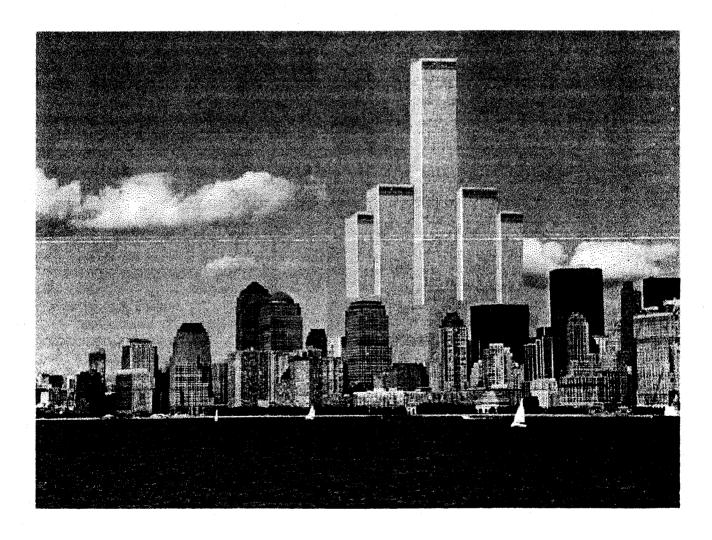
On behalf of 1.2 million Rotarians in 163 countries of the world, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the victims and families of the tragic events of 11 September 2001. At this early stage, we do not yet know what losses our own Rotary family may have experienced, but I am quite certain that all Rotarians stand united in offering sympathy and support in these difficult times. Since this tragedy occurred in the country where our world headquarters is located, Rotary International has received an outpouring of concern from Rotarians throughout the world. To share these concerns and condolences with other members of the Rotary family, we have put these messages on our Web site. This Web page will remain on the site permanently to allow Rotarians to respond to the future disasters that seem almost inevitable in our troubled world. Many Rotarians have asked us how they can help. We strongly encourage Rotarians to turn to their own individual clubs or local districts for guidance. In the days and weeks ahead, clubs and districts in the New York and Washington, D.C., areas will undoubtedly begin initiating projects to help their communities recover. If you or your club want to provide assistance, the best way is to contact these clubs directly through your own district. Meanwhile, we are suggesting that Rotarians or Rotary clubs consider working with the Red Cross and other

organizations that are equipped to respond quickly to such disasters. These events demonstrate all the more the importance of Rotary's Global Quest to keep our organization growing and thriving. Where Rotary exists in the world, there is a greater chance for peace. By swelling the ranks of Rotarians dedicated to peace, we can further to foster international understanding and goodwill.

Sincerely,

Richard D. King President, Rotary International

### The Rebuild World Trade Center



## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

### A Senior Moment

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said. "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know...the one that is red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes," the man said. He turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

A mortician was working late one night. It was his job to examine the dead bodies before they were sent off to be buried or cremated. As he examined the body of Mr. Schwartz, who was about to be cremated, he made an amazing discovery: Schwartz had the longest private part he had ever seen!

"I'm sorry Mr. Schwartz," said the mortician, "But I can't send you off to be cremated with a tremendously huge private part like this. It has to be saved for posterity." And with that the coroner used his tools to remove the dead man's penis. The

coroner stuffed his prize into a briefcase and took it home.

The first person he showed was his wife. "I have something to show you that you won't believe," he said, and opened his briefcase.

"Oh my!" she screamed, "Schwartz is dead!"



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Mr Lyndon Rees, our speaker to talk about the pollution-free / electric Trolley Bus.



A moment of silence for the victims in September 11 tragedy in NY.



Happy birthday to Rtn Samuel, sung by visiting ex-member Joseph Chan and acting Pres. Chris.



Our three pillars - PP John, PDG Uncle Peter, and PP Edwin.





Rtn Kenny and Rtn Alex – two buddies.



A happy reunion of four – PP Hubert, Joseph (long time no see!), PP Desmond, and PP Li.



Rtn Tony entertaining prospective member Heron Chan and PP\_CY.



SAA Laurence, PP Desmond and VP Henry.



PP Tim, Birthday Boy Samuel, and Rtn Francis.