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What Happened Last Week

President Stephen is back at the helm this week after a trip to Kunming. He remarked that the weather was beautiful there and so were the golf course. Unfortunately he did not have the opportunity to play. He thanked PE Chris for standing in for him last week.

Special welcome back for PDG Y.K. who was back from New York! Fortunately, he was there before the disaster happened.

PP Hubert then introduced the following visiting Rotarians:

- (1) Steven Stokes of Logan USA;
- (2) HW Ramchandam of Bangalore;
- (3) Albert Yao of Peninsula South; and
- (4) Eddie Hurip of Admiralty.

Rtn Rudy introduced his guest (later to be inducted) Heron Chan.

President Stephen then made the following announcements:

- Our own PP Tim Lui was one of the 2 members nominated to the election committee for the election of District Governor 2003-2004. The Board had approved to nominate our PP Tim and our Members fully endorsed the Board's decision.
- 2. Rotary Club of Hong Kong CityNorth will change their meeting venue to Conrad Hotel from 9th October onward.
- 3. The RI President for 2003-2004 shall be Jonathan B. Majiyagbe of the Rotary Club of Kano, Kano State, Nigeria.
- 4. The Next Board Meeting will be held on 3rd October 2001 at 6:30pm in RIC.



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

Then came the induction of Heron Chan. Rtn Rudy, with his typical efficiency, has prepared the particulars of Heron and Heron promised to talk about himself more at a later time. Welcome Heron!

Following the induction was the highlight of the meeting Mr. Chan Siu Cheuk of the Christian Zheng Sheng College talked enthusiastically about his organization and the drug rehabilitation service it provides in Hong Kong. Based on Christian faith, his organization provides education and vocational training for drug addicts, coupled with counseling, sports and shared communal tasks. They are particularly strong in long distance running (so watch out Malcolm). Their method is "MODELING" which means that the teachers and their students will all participate (even in menial jobs) and they learn from one another. Mr. Chan's talk was supported by a lively video show.

Rtn Tony thanked the speaker for us. Tony remarked that for those drug addicts who have been treated, a lot of them will go back to their old ways after rehabilitation unless they are supported by Christian faith. So the healing process is very much spiritual as well as physical. Tony also hoped that Rotary will play a part in supporting this organization and its worthwhile causes.

President Stephen then declared the meeting closed, with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Logan, USA.



New Generation Month

The 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide are observing the month of New Generations in September as R.I. has so designated. In the past, we observed September as a Youth Activities Month. Whatever you may call it, the aspect of youth work remains the same, such as to prepare youth to be good and productive citizen in the communities. This means letting youth make decision and carry out responsibilities. Vocational preparation and opportunities to socialize are important concerns of the youth at all times. They are also eager to learn how their community's institution operate and what will be expected of them in each new phase of their lives.

Once a year during New Generations Month, youth and Rotarians join in celebrating their work together. This is a time for special club programmes that accent both the needs and opportunities of youth. During this month, club members take time to visit meetings of Rotary sponsored youth groups and to hold programmes such as leadership or community conferences on topics of importance to young people. Rotarians also choose this month to invite young people as observers to their places of business as an expression of vocational service. To this end, many clubs invite

outstanding young people to their meetings to receive awards for having demonstrated such qualities as leadership or good sportsmanship in the community.

New Generations Month is also a time for a club to take stock of its programme of service to youth and to decide on the most needed youth project for the year.

How can we help the youth and what programme should we implement are the questions often asked by Rotarians.

The easy way to start is to establish Interact clubs or Rotaract Clubs and to sponsor Youth Exchange with youth overseas. Get youngster to participate (RYLA) Rotary Juvenile delinquency is a problem to society nowadays. Try to solve their problems in a more acceptable Rotary way.

At present, we have two Rotaract Clubs, viz Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East and Rotaract Club of Lingnan University. They are both looked after by our Rotarian advisor.



President's Announcement

- 1. Election of Members to serve on the Nominating Committee for District Governor 2003-2004:
 There are two nominations for our area, i.e. PP Tim Lui (Island East) and PP Bob Schroeder (Queensway). The board had approved to nominate our PP Tim subject to the general meeting endorsement.
- 2. RYLA: nomination is invited from members for young people from 17 to 25 to join the RYLA camp on 22 to 24 February 2002.
- 3. Rotary Club of HK City North will change their meeting venue to Conrad Hotel from 9-10-2001 onward.
- 4. Upcoming events:

District Bowling tournament on 28-10-01 (Sunday) at \$1000 per team

DG visit - 21-11-01

District Conference – 16 to 17 March 2002 (Sat and Sun) -\$1600 per member.

Po Leung Kuk Charity Walk on 21-10-2001 from Hong Kong Stadium to Aberdeen country Park organised by PDG Vincent To

- RI President for 2003-2004 will be: Jonathan B. Majiyagbe
 Of the Rotary Club of Kano, Kano State, Nigeria
- 6. Next Board meeting 3rd October 2001 (Wed) at 6:30 pm in RIC Causeway Bay

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LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Golfing Couple

A couple was golfing one day on an exclusive golf course lined with million-dollar houses. Off the third tee, the wife hit the ball right through the window of the biggest house on the course. Embarrassed, they ran up to the house and knocked on the door. A voice said, "Come on in." Entering the house, they saw glass all over the floor, a broken bottle lying in the fover, and a man sitting on the couch. "Are you the people who broke my window?" he asked. "Yes we are, but we're very sorry," the husband said. "Actually I wanted to thank you." The man replied. "I'm a genie who was trapped for a thousand years inside that bottle you broke. Since you've released me, I'm allowed to grant two wishes - one for you and one for myself." "Wow!" the husband replied. "In that case, I want a million dollars a year for the rest of my life." "Granted." The genie told him. "Now for my wish...I've been trapped in that bottle, and without a woman, for a thousand years, so my wish is

to sleep with your wife." The husband looked at his wife, then shrugged. "Well, we did get a lot of money, so I guess I don't care." The genie

took the wife upstairs and ravished her for When they were finally done, he rolledover, looked at the wife, and asked, "How old is your husband?" "Thirty-five," she replied.

"And he still believes in genies? That's amazing!"



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Mr Chan Siu-Cheuk, a speaker to present the youth services from Christian Zheng Sheng College.



Rtn Raymond, PE Chris and Rtn Sam Wong.



PP Desmond, PDG YK, and visiting Rotarian Eddie from Admiralty.



Rtn Francis, PP George and visiting Rtn Albert Yao from Peninsula South.



PP John, Rtn Jason and PP Andrew.



Pres. Stephen inducting Rtn Heron Chan, the second new member in his term.



PP Hubert introducing visiting Rotarians And guests.



Pres. Stephen exchanged banners with Rtn Ramchandani from Bangalore, India.



Pres. Stephen exchanged banners with Rtn Steven Stokes of Logan, Utah.

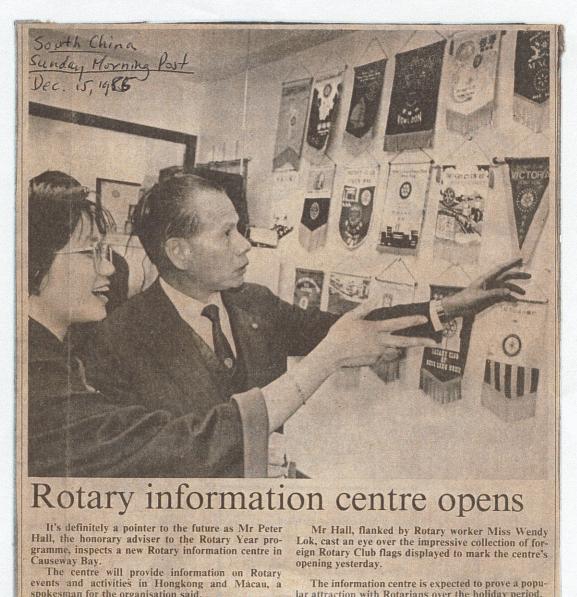


Group photo on September 26, 2001

The Past and the Present

RIC was established in December 1985. After 16 years, it has been renovated and reopened again on 15th June 2001. (Please read the article below for further information).





History of the Rotary Information Centre

The history of the Rotary Information Centre can be traced back to a very modest and slow beginning in 1973-74. In that year, DG John Yuen entered the name and telephone number of the then District Secretary, now PDG Peter Hall of H.K.I.E. in the Hong Kong Tourist Association's guide book under the heading of Rotary.

From then on, visiting Rotarians from abroad started to call Peter Hall regarding Rotary meeting venues and time. The enquiries gradually increased in volume until Peter Hall suggested some other alternative ways to handle all the various enquiries for information.

On 25th of November 1977, the Rotary Information Centre was established with its first office situated at Kai Tak Commercial Building, Connaught Road West, Hong Kong.

The late DGN C.K. Lo (HK Club) and PP Baker Moosdeen (HKIE) were elected to serve as supervisors,

The original concept, purpose behind the Rotary Information Centre was to provide, information through the establishment of a central resource center; information about Rotary to the general public, information about Rotary clubs in Hong Kong to visiting Rotarians and information to all Rotary clubs about Rotary events, news and speakers etc.

In 1978, it was decided to move the Centre to the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon with the assistance of Rtn. Bernard White (Kowloon Club) the then secretary general of the Y.M.C.A. PP Paul Young (HKS) was elected to serve as the supervisor.

At one of the 1980-81 Joint Presidents Meetings (JPM) it was then decided that there was a need to have an independent office with a paid secretary to run the center under the supervision of a supervisory committee. PP Philip Kwok (HK Club) was invited to serve as Chairman.

Through the generosity of chairman Philip Kwok. The RIC was located, free of charge, at the Wing On Life Building in the central, with one full time paid secretary employed by RIC.

Gradually, office space in Wing On Life Building became insufficient and the JPM decided to acquire its own premises which could also be used for all their meetings in addition to the already established office/information services. The dream finally materialized at the present location in the Capital Commercial Building, Causeway Bay. The purchase price was HK\$600,000.00. The opening ceremony was officiated by PDG Peter on the 14th December 1985. With the initial savings of around HK\$150,000.00 from all the past years, all the 23 Hong Kong and Macau clubs

contributed to the cost on a pro-rata basis, \$400 per member for Hong Kong clubs and \$200 per member for Macau clubs.

Due to wear and tear of the premises, furniture and fixture since its establishment in 1985, the present Supervisory Committee considered a renovation is necessary.

With the generous support of Rotary Clubs and Rotarians alike, the committee decided to close the Centre for several months to carry out the necessary refurbishment.

The Centre now comes to a prestigious shape with new partitions for the executive secretary and the office assistant together with a large meeting room capable to hold a Joint Presidents Meeting.

It was entirely due to the confidence and hard work of the Supervisory Committee members of the year 2000-2001 that this renovation was made possible.

To-day is our official reopening of the Centre. Heartfelt thanks should go to those who participated in this impossible mission and those who showed up here to witness the reopening event.

By Peter Hall

15th June 2001