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## What Happened Last Week

It was a special day, as DG Gloria of Queensway delivered a wonderful speech on her thoughts of promoting the Rotarian spirit. President Chris opened the session with a special welcome to DG Gloria. IPP Stephen formally welcomed 3 DGs and PDGs, namely, DG John Wan of Kingspark, PDG Moses Cheng of HK NorthEast and DGE Jones Wong of Mid Levels. Members of our Club then collectively welcomed all the visiting Rotarians, including CDS Peter Wan of Tolo Harbour, DS Ada Cheung of Wanchai, PP Brian Pickersgill of Stourbridge, UK and Rotarian Egon Heidner of HK South.

PP Brian Pickersgill briefed us the background of his club, which is 20 miles west of Birmingham and has about 40 members. The Club is active in support various community projects, in particular a wheelchair project. President Chris then gladly exchanged banners with PP Brian.

Upon Uncle Peter's request, DG Gloria presented the Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Award to PP John and New Paul Harris Fellow Award to Director Lawrence.

Rotarian Paul Chan then announced the upcoming Vocational Program. A conference on Environmental Protection Issues will be held by the HK Environmental Department on November 3. A related site visit at Victoria Road will be held on November 9, Saturday, from 10:00a.m. to around 12 noon.

All members were then given the opportunity to vote for or against PP John\_Kwok's nomination as a member of the Nomination Committee of the District. This happened because a tie in votes occurred between our PP John and PP Patrick Edwards of another club. Unsurprisingly, all members give our full support and unanimously voted for PP John's nomination.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

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Club 4350

District 3450

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

Our Sergeant-at-arms Rotarian Lawrence reported that today's contribution to the Red Box is \$1,100.

Finally, President Chris gave a warm welcome again to DG Gloria and also a brief summary of her impressive bibliography. DG Gloria runs a private practice in therapy since early 1990, which focuses on communication and learning strategy. In 1992, DG Gloria chartered the Rotary Club of Queensway and had become President twice. In recognition of her business accomplishment and contribution to the community services, she was awarded the 5-Star Paul Harris Fellow and Women of the Year awards.

DG Gloria firstly praised the fine works of HKIE, which has been established for more than 50 years. Nevertheless, she believed that HKIE could publicize more about our projects in occasions such as the District Conference.

Regarding the Rotarian spirit, DG Gloria emphasized the importance of the Rotary's Principles/Foundations, which gave hope, dignity and peace to people in need and differentiating Rotary from other charity organization.

DG Gloria cited the touching story of the current RI President of Thailand, who had served Rotary for more than 20 years and had actively spearheaded and personally involved in various services. For instance, he had personally assisted various poor families and looked after their children, thereby building up not only rapport but also emotional attachment. This illustrates the importance of serving that comes from our heart.

DG Gloria also urged us not to miss any opportunity to serve and contribute. We need to think of the impact created by serving these people, and also how we are able to change their future. There are numerous opportunities for us to make the world a better place, including participation in events such as the Rotarian Foundation and Peace Scholarship. To imagine the impact we could possibly create, DG Gloria cited the analogy of dropping a tiny stone in the water with continuous ripple effect spreading out from the center. To amplify such ripple effect, we should also try to connect to Rotarians worldwide.

As every piece of action is worthwhile, DG Gloria reminded us of the Gala Premier on October 7 that aims to raise \$700,000 for the Hepatitis Project in China. This will be collaborated with the Ministry of Health with the objective of immunizing newborn babies in rural China. We should try to support this event by participating and promoting this to our friends and relatives.

In closing, DG Gloria also mentioned the Polio Project that was started in 1995 and is now 98% completed. In expressing her gratitude to our hospitality, she presented our Club with a pin flag of HK, Macau and Mongolia which symbolizes our unified action to serve the community.

President Chris then formally thanked DG Gloria again and PP Tim announced that next week's talk would be given by one his fellow partners at PWC (Mr. Philip Hung) regarding Field Audits and Investigations.

## Rotary Information 20

What is a Cyber Club? At their last meeting in June 2002, the 2001-02 RI Board of Directors agreed to implement a cyber Rotary clubs pilot project whereby up to 75 new clubs worldwide may operate online for a four-year trial. The clubs may either have membership residing or working within a Rotary zone or be open to any qualified members, regardless of geography.

District governors and governors-elect may submit proposals for participation in the pilot project, which will be limited to new clubs. In November 2002 – provided there are at least 20 acceptable proposals – the Board will select clubs for the pilot. An RI director appointed by the president will liaise with and provide orientation for the cyber clubs.

The project, which aims to appeal to demographic groups that cannot participate in traditional Rotary clubs, follows on the heels of the New Models Rotary Club pilot project which began a three-year trial on 1 July 2001. The New Models and cyber pilot projects were both authorized by the 2001 Council on Legislation.

One of the New Models is the first cyber club One, in U.S. District 5450 which has generated wide interest among Rotarians in online clubs. In the first four months after its chartering, more than 600 persons had done make-ups on its Web site (www.rotary5450.org/eclub)

At the first meeting of the 2002-2003 Board, the directors put a priority on membership retention measures. Among other actions, they agreed to conduct surveys of terminating members and to assist relocating Rotarians in connecting with clubs in their new communities in certain areas outside North America, which is where these two membership recruitment and retention tools were initially introduced.

#### John Yven Charitable Foundation

The late PDG Charter President John Yuen of our club had always been known as "Uncle John" for his public spiritedness. He believed that 'what was taken from society should be returned to society'. He was kind and generous, especially to the young and the elderly. We could proudly say that he was a man of philanthropy.

Through the generosity of our founder president as provided in his will, and with the kind permission of the Sheng Kung Hui Tseung Kwan O Aged Care Complex will be named after him. The John Yuen Home for the Elderly will be dedicated on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2002. The most Revd. Dr. and Right Hon. George Leonard Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury has kindly consented to officiate at the ceremony.

We are all proud to cherish his name in Rotary all the time.

### LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Brian Hester invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, Brian's mother couldn't help but keep noticing how beautiful Brian's roommate. Stephanie, was. Mrs. Hester had long been suspicious of a relationship between Brian and his roommate, Stephanie, and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, Mrs. Hester started to wonder if there was more between Brian and his roommate, Stephanie, than met the eve. Reading his Mom's thoughts, Brian volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you Stephanie and I are just roommates." About a week later, Stephanie came to Brian saying, "Ever since your Mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. "You don't suppose she took it, do you?" Brian said, "Well, I doubt it, but I'll send her an e-mail just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm not saying that you 'did' take the gravy ladle from the house.

I'm not saying that you 'did not' take the ladle. But it's been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love, your Son." Several days later, Brian received a letter from his Mother that read: "Dear Son, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Stephanie, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Stephanie. But the fact remains that if she were sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now. Love, Mom."

LESSON OF THE DAY.....NEVER LIE TO YOUR MOTHER



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Our District Governor Gloria Chan addressing us on her official visit today.



At the left head table is PDG Peter, DG Gloria & Pres. Chris all enjoying the meeting.



At the right head table is Hon. Sec. Eddy, DGE Jones Wong & CDS Peter Wan.



Our club produced two more Paul Harris Fellows in Laurence Chan(above) & three star PHF in PP John Kwok (below)





Pres. Chris receiving the souvenir for our club members from DG Gloria.



IPP Tajwar never fails a chance to take a picture with the lovely DS Ada Cheng.



Three PDG's & a PP sitting together exchanging views. (L to R) PDG's Y.K., Moses, John & PP Tim.



Four of our members left to right-Robert, Francis, Raymond & Alex



John V, Rtn Egon Heldner (HKS) & IPP Stephen sitting together.



(clockwise) Danny, Heron, Paul, Laurence, Andrew II & Rudy.



PE Henry standing behind PP Brian Pickersgill (Stourbridge UK) & his Rotarianne, & DS Ada Cheng.



PP Brian receiving our banner from Pres. Chris



DG Gloria's group picture taken with our PDG Peter & Pres. Chris on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2002.