



# Tung Feng

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## What Happened Last Week

The meeting was opened by President Taj when he gave a special welcome to visitor, PDG Mike Fennell from Kingston, Jamaica (also the President of the Jamaican Olympic Committee) who was returning to his country from the Olympic Games in Sydney. A special welcome was also extended to "Lampport & Co." consisting of father Bill and his three sons, Lawrence, Jeffrey and Jonathan.

The birthday boy for this week was PP Andrew and he was honoured by the singing of PP Sam.

President Taj reminded members that the HKIE delegation to the Rotary Club of Penang would be leaving Hong Kong on Friday.

Rtn Kishu gave a report on the activities of the Rotaractors:

- The Teen Aids Walkathon raised \$250,000, of which \$10,000 was donated by Rotaract.
- In July, Rotaractors made their third annual pilgrimage to the Middle School set up in China by HKIE. Here, they give students a one week intensive course in English.
- This Sunday (8 October), a Rotaract Academy will be held at Baptist University to promote Rotaract amongst young people.
- Currently, some investigation is being conducted on the home for the aged at Aberdeen to see if a project can be organized there.

Visitor, PDG Mike Fennell (Kingston, Jamaica) was invited to speak. He said that his Rotary District encompassed seven island countries. He was impressed with our involvement in Rotaract; and he was delighted to have just attended the best Olympic Games ever in Sydney, Australia.



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 it was the turn of another PDG more familiar to us: PDG Uncle Peter. His talk was titled, "The Reminiscence of HK Island East." This was very valuable history put together by one of our longest standing members and it is reported in full with an insert in this issue.

President Taj thanked Uncle Peter for his talk and said that he has been a catalyst to many friendships that have been formed in this Club over the years. Rounding off, Taj remarked, "In Rotary, if not at golf, you are the greatest."

Belatedly, President Taj remembered that he had forgotten several important items:

- Rtn Clark was asked to take care of the introductions:  
PDG Mike Fennell (Kingston, Jamaica)  
PP Leslie Soltay (HK South)  
And Rtn Bill's sons, Lawrence, Jeffrey and Jonathan.
- Acting Sergeant, PE Stephen reported that there were 25 members present, and \$1,100 had been donated.
- An IOU Club banner was presented to PDG Mike Fennell.

The meeting was then closed with a toast to the Rotary Club of Kingston, Jamaica.



PDG Uncle Peter gives a definitive history of HKIE.



PDG Mike Fennell – from the greatest Olympic Games to the greatest Rotary Club.



Pres. Taj presents a HKIE banner to PDG Mike Fennell (Kingston, Jamaica)



A distinguished birthday boy – PP Andrew receives best wishes from Pres. Taj.

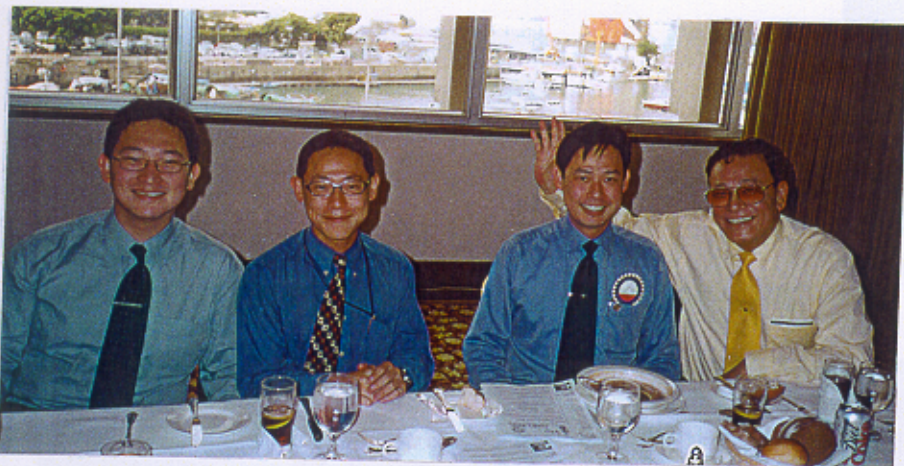


PP Andrew celebrates his birthday with Pres. Taj & PP Sam.



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The Lamport clique – ready for a takeover?



Rtn John V & PP Rob are both not responding to the advances from PP Leslie.



Visitors & guests to the Club on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.



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Rotaract President & V/P presenting a banner & souvenir to Headmaster Chiu.

**Zhongshan Ming Lok Middle school. Lingnan University Rotaract Club Project, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Project.**



Lingnan Rotaractors performing a skit show.



Rotaract V/P Carman teaching pupils in drama class.



Students with Rotaractors in Liberal Arts Class.



Farewell performance by students in the Drama Class.



Advisor Kishu Narain pictured here with some of the Rotaractors.

## **The Reminiscence of HK Island East**

It is very true that time and tide wait for no man. 46 years seems a long time but it just faded away merciless, making one felt it was just yesterday. In looking back to those good old days, it is interesting to compile a short history of what had really transpired.

During this period, we have witnessed a great era of changes in Hong Kong Island East. From a quiet piece of land, our territories have become industrial areas as well as business centres with high-rise buildings on every corner. A handful of inhabitants down at Quarry Bay has now grown to such a size that it is over populated, especially in Causeway Bay area. Such changes, which startled us all, have happily ushered our club into the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This club has flourished and cherished the Rotary ideals of fellowship and service on which Rotary was founded 95 years ago by a lonely lawyer, Paul Harris. We have experienced ups and downs, especially after the change over of territories in 1997.

### **Club History**

In December 1953, Hong Kong Island East and West were at the same time sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hong Kong under the personal suggestion of the then R.I. President Jaocuin Serratoso Cibils, who officially visited Hong Kong in November 1953. Two extension committees for the new clubs were appointed. For the Eastern District, it was chaired by Rtms. John Yuen with K.A. Goh, K.C. Goh and P.Y. Foo as members. For the Western District, it was headed by Rtn. T.F. Wei and its members were Daniel P.R. Au, James T.S. Choy, Man-Wei Wai and David S.C. Lam. Our club held its inaugural meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1954 as a provisional club at the Winner House, King's Road, Hong Kong. The original language for our club was Mandarin Chinese but later, it was changed to English to meet the desire of its members. The West club maintained the original intention to conduct its meeting in Cantonese.

### **Boundaries**

Several joint meetings were held by the members of the two extension committees to decide on the territorial limits of the twin clubs. With the valuable assistance of Rtn. K.M.A. Barnett, former Chairman of the Urban Council, the respective territories were mapped out and were approved by R.I. Advisor G.E. Marden.

The territorial limits of our club embraced all that part of the island of Hong Kong situated east of Arsenal Street, including Wan Chai, Causeway Bay, North Point, Quarry Bay, Shaukiwan, Stanley, Repulse Bay, Wong Nai Chung Gap and Happy Valley. Later, it was revised when we sponsored the new club of Hong Kong South (1973) and revision was again made when another new club, this time Hong Kong North, (1978) became our second sponsored club. This was the position until 1983 when we shared our territory with another new club of Hong Kong Northeast (1983) as well as the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour (1987) as the youngest baby in our external extension programme.

## **Non-Districted**

During the Rotary year of 1953/54 we were non-districted. The re-districting didn't come until 1960 which entitled us to be District 345, comprising Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan with a total of 19 clubs and 803 members. Our last District Governor (86/87) Gary Huang (now R.I. Director) ruled district 345 for the last time, having 101 clubs. Due to the growing size of our district 345, we were separated from Taiwan in 1987/88 during the reign of the then D.G. Raymond Wong. Since 1991, our district was renamed 3450.

## **Charter Members & Officers**

Hong Kong Island East had 25 Charter members, amongst whom the officers elected were John Yuen as the Founding President, K.C. Goh, Vice President, Pat Cha, Hon. Secretary, Dragon Nie, Hon. Treasurer and Rotarians S.K. Chan, K.S. Chang, Joseph Fung, S.H. Ma, Bill Nichol and Alan Yin as directors. Up to now, we have one and only charter member. PP James M.H. Wu remains in our clubs. It is with delight to mention that one of our ex-charter members, Bill Nichol who is now over 90, is a frequent visitor to our club with his wife Moira.

## **Joint Charter Night**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1954, together with the Rotary club of Hong Kong Island West, we formally received our charters from Rotary International. A joint charter night was glamorously held at the Ritz Ballroom on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1964, in which Rtn. F.T. Wei acting on behalf of Rtn. G.E. Marden, the R.I. Administrative Advisor, who was absent from Hong Kong, presented the Rotary Charters to the new clubs. Fifty charter members and Rotaryannes of both clubs were the hosts. The event was well attended by 350 persons including Rotarians and Rotaryannes from the Rotary Clubs of Hong Kong, Kowloon and Taipei.

At the gathering, Dr. C.T. Wang, past R.I. Vice President and father of Rotary in China remarked that such an unusual birth of twins in the same city was his first experience in Rotary. The Rotarian magazine also presented a special write-up with picture of the twin birth of East and West clubs in Hong Kong.

## **District Governorship**

Up to 1973, our District 345 expanded to 53 clubs with 2,388 members. Our club reached to 57 members. It was in this year, Uncle John was elected district governor for the year 1973/74. Hong Kong Island East created another district governor for district 345 in the person of Peter Hall in the year 1981 when there was a total of 60 clubs with a total membership of nearly 3,000. District 345 still composed of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

PP Moses Cheng of our club was also elected district governor for the year 1993/94 when he was chosen Charter President of our sponsored club, the R/C of HK Northeast.

It was until 1996/97, our past president Y.K. Cheng was elected district governor. We can claim that we have created 4 district governors from our club so far.



## **Club Meeting Venue**

Many of our provisional or regular meetings were held in Winner House, North Point before we moved to the Sunning House, Causeway Bay. Later, we met at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, then Victoria Restaurant, on to the Lee Gardens, but again temporarily to the Caravelle Hotel, Happy Valley while the Lee Gardens building was being redeveloped. As the club is growing, we had to accommodate our meetings in a bigger venue. For this reason, we are now housed at the Excelsior Hotel for our regular meetings.

## **Service Projects**

During the past 46 years, we have had numerous projects for community service. It will be too long a list to enumerate all of them. Initially in 1954 as a new and small club, we were bold enough to raise \$250,000.00 to build the Victoria Park School for the Deaf at Hing Fat Street, Causeway Bay on a piece of land granted by the Hong Kong Government. It took us five years to complete this huge project. The School is now incorporated into the Hong Kong School for the Deaf in which a couple of our members are serving as directors.

Later, we had many other service projects such as setting up free dental clinic, library and youth centres, donating mobile vans, television sets, sewing machines, furniture, computers and hearing aid equipments. We care not only locally but also outside Hong Kong by supplying urgent need of tents to the Turkey Earthquake and also donation to the China flooding.

Working in conjunction with "Vision", we are embarking on a big project for the benefit of the deaf children in Northern China with the potential support of our own members, viz. PP Hubert Chan, PP Andrew Chen and PP Sam Lam. The target sum of \$500,000.00 has now been fulfilled.

To better our world understanding, we have cemented good relationship with Rotary clubs abroad by establishing sisterhood with the following clubs:

- Rotary Club of Penang (Malaysia)
- Rotary Club of Niigata (Japan)
- Rotary Club of Kawasaki South (Japan)
- Rotary Club of Osaka-Jonan (Japan)
- Rotary Club of Makati-North (Philippines)
- Rotary Club of Westwood Village (USA)

## **Vocational Service**

We conducted campaigns for traffic safety, free distribution of books for the Ranfurly Library, yearly contributions for two students at the Hong Kong Sea School and organized career talks for students. One of the successful projects was the "Golden Flag Awards" aiming for the most courteous and knowledgeable taxi drivers. We continue to donate bursaries to local universities every year.

## International Service

We have donated substantial contributions to the Rotary Foundation all these years. The accumulated figure amounted to US\$420,777.00 up to May this year, representing 130 Paul Harris Fellows and 22 Benefactors. Besides, we have the following major donors, namely:

PDG John Yuen	-	US\$150,000.00
PP Sam Lam	-	US\$ 25,000.00
PDG Y.K. Cheng	-	US\$ 10,000.00

We were the first club to sponsor Interact Club in Hong Kong and Macau area in 1964 starting with the New Method College, Hong Kong. This was followed by Interact Clubs at Queen's College, Shaukiwan Technical School and St. Stephen's College. The Interact Club of Shaukeiwan Technical School was transferred to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North while the Interact Club of St. Stephen's College to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South. The other two interact clubs were not functioning.

In terms of Rotaract activities, we have sponsored two Rotaract clubs, viz., The Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East and the Rotaract Club of Lingnan University, both of which are at present, under the supervision of Rtn. Kishu Narain.

## Recognition

The first "Service Above Self" award in our district was awarded to PDG Peter Hall by R.I. in 1997 while PP John Kwok received his "Four Avenues of Service Citation".

Now, at the age of 46 years, our membership stands around 50. We continue in our quest of having more young potential business or professional persons to share Rotary ideals and to serve the community.

Our programme chairman Tony asked me to express my view regarding Joy and Sorrow in Rotary. Needless to say, I enjoyed every bit of Rotary and also the fine fellowship from day one when I joined this Rotary family. For men may come and men may go, but I have gained a lot of Rotary friends worldwide, especially in my own club which I cherished so much.

You may not consider me as a link in your chain of friendship, but I do consider myself as one of them.

Of course, there was sorrow in my Rotary life but a personal one. I lost my Rotaryanne in 1976 due to cancer. That was really a great sorrow to me because the funeral was held on a Wednesday, therefore I missed my club meeting. Throughout my Rotary life, that was the only one meeting I missed, so I was not a 100 percenter in 1976. If God gives me strength, I shall strive on to share Rotary.

- PDG Uncle Peter

# Rotary Information

## *RI honors Gates Foundation with polio award*

RI President Frank J. Devlyn, on September 11, presented an award of recognition to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for its 1999 donation of US\$50 million, the largest single private gift to the polio eradication initiative to date.

"I can think of no other foundation that is more deserving to receive this award which means so much to Rotary," said President Devlyn when presenting the award, a bronze statuette of a Rotary volunteer administering the oral polio vaccine to a child. "The generous donation by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is helping to save countless lives and generations from the threat of polio."

The gift from the foundation, established by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, is helping fund the cost of polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) and building infrastructure for immunization and disease surveillance in some of the world's poorest countries.

"We are excited to join with Rotary in this global effort to achieve a polio-free future for all the world's children," said William H. Gates, Sr., co-chair and CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, when accepting the award. "Rotary has done a tremendous job of mobilizing volunteers and resources to make polio a footnote in our history books."

Since 1988, the global initiative to eradicate polio, which includes partners RI, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has been assisting international health agencies and governments to fight against polio, and it has set the goal to certify the world as polio-free by 2005, Rotary's centennial anniversary.

Endemic on five continents in 1988, polio today strikes children only in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and parts of the Middle East. The fight against polio is particularly important in Africa, where years of war, civil unrest, and damaged infrastructure make immunization especially difficult.

# LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Now that the Olympic Games have finished in Sydney, you might be interested in reading some of the questions asked of, and answers supplied by the Sydney Olympic Committee via their Website:

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends on how much beer you've consumed.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney. Can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only 3,000 miles, so you'll need to have started about a year ago to get there in time for this September.

Q: Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Australia? (Sweden)

A: And accomplish what?

Q: Do you have perfume in Australia? (France)

A: No. Everybody stinks.

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A: You **MUST** be a blond to ask this.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: Are you a blond too?

Q: Can you tell me the regions in Tasmania where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)

A: Yes, gay nightclubs.

Q: Which direction is north in Australia? (USA)

A: Face north and you should be about right.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Book your airline tickets to Australia, not Austria.

Q: Are there places in Australia where you can make love outdoors? (Italy)

A: Yes. Outdoors.



"No, you weren't downloaded.  
You were born."

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