



Tung Feng



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What Happened Last Week

President Taj was back in the Chair and he first extended a warm welcome to DG John Wan. President Taj then opened the meeting with a piece of sad news, the passing away of Rotaryanne Betty, and he on behalf of members expressed our condolences to PP Andrew and his family. Members observed one minute of silence in memory of Rotaryanne Betty.

Rtn. Andrew II introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests:

DG John Wan

Rtn. Joseph Hung (San Francisco, Del Monte, District 3780)

Rtn. Ginseab Fortini (Triest North, Italy)

Rtn. Alan Howes (Canberra City, Australia)

Mr Y Matsuyama (guest of PP Andrew)

Rtn Andrew II reported that the Sergeant's collection was \$480.

President Taj extended a warm welcome back to Rtn. Kenny who had been to Canada for a body check up, and he handed over the floor to DG John Wan for an announcement about the 2000 Rotary Institute to be held from 10 to 12 November in Hong Kong. Past Presidents, current Presidents and incoming Presidents from 27 Districts will attend and this event for the first time will be open to Rotarians too. DG John Wan encouraged members to attend and to help wherever possible in playing a good host to our guests from overseas.

Rtn. Alan Howes who is a member of the RYLA Committee of District 9710 took the floor and gave an introduction about the First RYLA International Convention to be held from June 21-23 2001 in San Antonio, Texas, USA. He handed out copies of an article written by him in the Rotary Down Under titled "RYLA's future directions should get impetus from San Antonio convention" for members to get a better understanding about the RYLA programme and its recent development.



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

The speaker for this meeting did not need any introduction and it was PP Rob. He stepped in at the last minute as the scheduled speaker was not able to come. PP Rob in his usual manner gave us a very informative, educational and entertaining talk about Flight Safety. Despite the short notice PP Rob was able to conduct a research and obtained figures and statistics to show that flying is still the safest way to travel. In the 19 million flights last year, there were only 43 accidents and 674 fatalities. The figures also showed that 4 out of 5 survived in crashes.

PP Rob told us that he is a great supporter of Cathay as it has a very good safety record. He also showed us a list of the airlines that failed to get permissions to fly into the US because their safety standard was not up to the US requirements. Some airlines only got conditional permits and Indonesia and Philippine airlines are among this group. Apart from choosing airlines with good safety record the other advice he gave members was to take direct flights where possible as both taking off and landing are the high risks part of flying.

PP Rob pointed out that as a passenger there is little control you would have in what happens in the cockpit and in some cases you don't want to know either, but there are many things you could do to maximize your own safety: avoid DVT by drinking a lot of water and exercising your body in long flights, dress clothes with natural fibres, no high heels, take note of the closest exit as well as the alternative exits, listen to pre-flight announcements and follow all the instructions etc.

President Taj thanked PP Rob for the most valuable advice. He announced that the meeting next week would be an open forum, at which the Board of Directors would welcome views and comments from members on the affairs of the Club. President Taj closed the meeting with a toast to RI and Rotary Club of Canberra City.



Rotary Information

China invites senior Rotary leaders to Beijing

The government of the People's Republic of China has invited RI President-elect Richard D. King and seven other Rotary leaders on an official visit to China next month.

The official letter from the Department of Foreign Affairs invited the RI delegation to visit China, 14-21 November, "in the spirit of developing close cooperation between the Ministry



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PP Rob, our speaker-on-demand.



Rtn Alan Howes, District 9710
RYLA Committee Member.



Uncle Peter & Pres Taj helping DG John Wan
in his chair until he finished his meal.



PP George & PE Stephen
hosting Ginseab Fortini
from Italy.



PP Rob & Rtn Malcolm
entertaining Alan Howes
from Downunder.



PE. Stephen looking
relaxed & enjoying fellowship
with Rtn. Joseph Hung
from San Francisco.



Visitors & guests
to the Club
on 25 October, 2000.

Monthly Attendance Report

(July to Date)

					<i>Cumulative Percentage</i>	
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Last Name	First Name	Home Attendance	Make-ups	Total # of meetings	Home Attendance	Home Attendance plus Make-ups
Chan	Hubert	10	1	15	67%	73%
Chan	Kenny	8	4	15	53%	80%
Chan	Henry	5	0	15	33%	33%
Chan	Paul	3	0	15	20%	20%
Chan	Laurance	1	0	4	25%	25%
Chang	Dave	0	0	15	0%	0%
Chellaram	Manolo	5	0	15	33%	33%
Chen	Andrew	7	0	15	47%	47%
Cheng	Y.K.	5	1	15	33%	40%
Cheung	Desmond	8	0	15	53%	53%
Cheung	Emperor	0	0	15	0%	0%
Chiu	Jason	8	0	15	53%	53%
Conway	Con	4	0	15	27%	27%
Fielding	Rob	13	2	15	87%	100%
Fu	C.Y.	10	0	15	67%	67%
Fung	Lewis	5	0	15	33%	33%
Hall	Peter	14	1	15	93%	100%
Hirst	Andrew	4	0	7	57%	57%
Howe	Chris	10	0	15	67%	67%
Kilis	Danny	7	0	15	47%	47%
Kuang	Peter	1	0	15	7%	7%
Kwok	John	14	0	15	93%	93%
Lam	William	5	0	15	33%	33%
Lam	Sam	4	0	15	27%	27%
Lamport	William	8	0	15	53%	53%
Law	Rudy	13	1	15	87%	93%
Leung	George	6	1	15	40%	47%
Li	David	2	10	15	13%	80%
Li	Francis	5	1	15	33%	40%
Ling	Alex	4	9	15	27%	87%
Ling	Thomas	7	0	15	47%	47%
Liu	Stephen	13	0	15	87%	87%
Loy	Tony	12	0	15	80%	80%
Lu	Clark	2	0	4	50%	50%
Lui	Tim	7	0	15	47%	47%
Luk	John	2	1	15	13%	20%
Luy	Henry	0	0	15	0%	0%
Mahtani	Remesh	2	0	15	13%	13%
Moosdeen	Baker	0	0	15	0%	0%
Narain	Kishu	6	4	15	40%	67%
Phillips	Malcolm	10	0	15	67%	67%
Shadikhan	Tajwar	14	0	15	93%	93%
Shek	Andrew	6	0	15	40%	40%
Tao	Edwin	5	0	15	33%	33%
Wong	Sam	7	0	15	47%	47%
Wong	Eddy	13	0	15	87%	87%
Wu	James	0	0	15	0%	0%
Yao	John	8	0	15	53%	53%
Yucel	Ates	9	2	15	60%	73%

Rotary requires a minimum 80% attendance at any half year.

Rotary requires a minimum 30% attendance at your home club during each half year.

of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China and Rotary International." Headed by President-elect King, the official delegation will include RI President-nominee Bhichai Rattakul, RI Director Kenneth Collins, RI General Secretary Ed Futa, Past Directors Daniel Mooers and Edgar Hatcher Jr., and Past District Governors Kenneth Boyd and Dominique Vessigault. Rotarian Christopher Bramsen, who is Denmark's ambassador to China, Mongolia and North Korea, was instrumental in arranging the meeting and will continue to play a critical role throughout the Rotary delegation's visit.

The November visit offers an opportunity for RI and the authorities of the People's Republic of China to explore and discuss the future of Rotary on the mainland. Although no Rotary clubs have existed on mainland China since 1953, Rotary enjoys a rich history there, dating back to 1919 with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Shanghai. By 1937, China had 25 clubs and some 900 Rotarians. Though Rotary's expansion and activities were severely curtailed by outbreak of war between China and Japan that year, Chinese clubs continued to provide community service such as supplying ambulances, medical equipment and school books.

More recently, Rotarians have continued to participate in the civic life of the country through projects supported by The Rotary Foundation. In its effort to rid the country of polio, China was aided by grants from PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners, and Rotarians visited the country to participate in national immunization days. China was certified polio-free in 1997. In addition, Rotary clubs and districts have sponsored a number of Helping Grants to address other specific needs there. In an effort to learn more about China and strengthen international ties, Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams have visited the country, and Chinese teams and scholars have been sponsored and hosted by Rotary clubs in other countries.

Pakistan head of state honors Rotarian for Polio work

Pakistan's Chief Executive Pervez Musharraf has honored Past District Governor Abdul Haiy Khan, chairman of the Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee, with the Tamgha-I-Imtiaz civil award for his role in polio immunization activities in the country. The award recognizes a recipient for praiseworthy efforts in public service.

Presenting the award on 14 August, the Pakistani Independence Day, General Musharraf cited Khan's contributions to polio eradication through RI's PolioPlus program as the reason for honoring the Rotary leader.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Bill Clinton, Al Gore and George Bush (Jr) died and found themselves standing on the other side of the Jordan River, looking across at the promised land. The Archangel Michael was standing on the other side and shouted over to the three surprised Americans: "Contrary to what you have been taught, each of you will have to wade across the Jordan River." As Michael saw their perplexed looks, he reassured them by saying, "Don't worry, you will only sink proportionally according to your sins on earth. The more you have sinned, the deeper you will sink into the water."

The three Americans sages of politics looked at one another, trying to determine who would be the first brave soul to cross the river. Finally, George Bush volunteered to go first. Slowly he began to wade out into the river, and slowly the water began to rise higher and higher, reaching to his waist. George began to sweat, thinking that all of his sins were coming back to haunt him. He was beginning to wonder if he would ever reach the other side. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, he began to emerge on the river's bank. As he climbed up on to the dry land, he looked behind him to see which one of the other brave souls was going next. A shock of surprise registered on his face as he saw Al Gore almost in the middle of the river with the water only up to his ankles. George turned to Michael and exclaimed, "I know Al Gore, and he has sinned much, much more than that!"

Before the Archangel Michael could reply, Al Gore shouted back, "It's okay, I'm standing on Clinton's shoulders!"

Message for the week: If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a mortgage repayment.

... and, continuing our computer cartoons:



"Dear Andy: How have you been?
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.
Please sign off your computer and come
downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."

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