

# Last week's Proceedings -

## 19th October, 2005

Pres. Eddy fresh from his trip to Penang opened the meeting by asking Rtn Kishu to welcome the visiting Rotarians and guest. He welcomed Pres. Gerard Soothill from the Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham 1702, England, Rtn Steven Adkins from Washington DC, USA, Rtn. Kishore Idnani from Rotary Club of St. Maarten, N. Antilles and Rtn Christophe Piganiol from Bugis Junction, Singapore. He then invited Pres. Gerard to introduce his guest who turned out to be his wife Rotariann Joan. And finally, he will reserved his introduction of our guest speaker till later.

Pres Eddy then reported that he and IPP Rudy paid a visit to the Rotary Club of Penang to help them celebrate their 75th Anniversary. Details of it is reported in the current issue of the Tung Feng.

Pres. Eddy went on regarding the South Asia Earthquake donation, the board has decided to donate the Red Box collection of this week together with last week's collection to District disaster fund. The District has decided to donate HK\$1.0 million to MSF. Before 22 October, there is a pledge from one Rotarian PP (name withheld) to match all donations up to HK\$1 million. If you donate HK\$100, this PP will match it with \$100. So fellow Rotarians please show your generosity to the victims now.

He announced that the District:

- 1) will hold a Karaoke on 30th October, 2005.
- 2) There will be a District Bowling Tournament on 20th November, 2005.
- 3) The district Tennis Tournament will be held on 27th November and 11th December

4) Rotary Week will be 7th to 12th November, 2005. It is recommended that the new members to visit RIC from 5:00 pm to 9:0 pm to learn more about Rotary.

5) Youth Exchange Program - our District is looking for a host family for a South African female student. Any interested member, please let Pres. Eddy know. Also the Youth Exchange Program for local young person is opened for application now. Any 15-19 years old qualified students would like to join a short term exchange up to 6 weeks and stay with host family for 1 year and full time schooling are welcomed.

6) There will be a "Service Above Self" Photo Competition sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hong Kong North East in partnership with the Rotary clubs of District 3450.

If you are interested in any of the above please ask PP John for more information and Entry forms.

Pres. Eddy then invited Rtn Kishu to introduce the speaker for today who is Mr. K.P. Daswani.

EDUCATION: BACHELOR OF COMMERCE , UNIVERSITY OF PUNE, INDIA BUSINESSMAN, BORN 1936; CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1956 EXPORT TRADING OFFICES IN HONG KONG, CHINA, THAILAND AND INDIA

ACTIVE IN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

### CURRENT:

TR USTEE CENTRAL CHINMAYA MISSION, WORLDWIDE AND HONG KONG CHAIRMAN OVERSEAS INDIANS' BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG. VICE-PRES. WORLD FOUNDATION ON REVERENCE FOR ALL LIFE, INDIA ADVISOR: GLOBAL BOARD FOR MASS MOVEMENT IN EDUCATION 'EKAL VIDYALAYA'

PAST:

VICE-CHAIRMAN INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, H.K. FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN INDIAN ARTS CIRCLE, H.K. TRUSTEE HUMAN SERVICE TRUST, H.K.

Mr. Daswani's talk today is entitled:

## 'MECHANICS OF LIFE: A SHORT PREVIEW

Observation: this is a cosmos-perfect law and order and not a chaos. As such, we must re-educate ourselves in learning and becoming aware of this law concerning the structure of this universe.

At the outset, this law of KARMA is not to be confused with 'destiny' or fatalism. You and I are products of the past, yet architects of our future. It is to do with the conscious will of a human being to grow and evolve into higher realms of perfection.

The structure of this law is exclusively based upon the law of giving. Every element in creation gives: the sun, the moon, the mountains & the rivers, birds and animals, trees and plants all give! Man is the only creature who just takes and is ready to grab more than what he needs. This is the primary cause for man's failure and his suffering.

Anatomy of action needs to be understood.'

Rtn John V come up to thank the speaker for a very interesting speech and thanked him in our usual Rotary manner.

Finally, Pres. Eddy invited PDG Uncle Peter to report on his harvest for today. Uncle Peter reported a very good collection of around \$3,100 from many of our generous Rotarians. Together with our last week's collection of \$6,700 came to \$9,800. Then a final donation of \$200 from another Rotarian to top it up to \$10,000. This will be our donation to the Asian Disaster Fund requested by District 3450.

Pres Eddy then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Clubs of Bognor Hotham, UK, Washington DC, USA, St. Maarten, N. Antilles and Bugis Junction, Singapore.

## **Rotary Information**

#### **The Paul Harris Society**

The Rotary Foundation is creating a new measure called The Paul Harris Society in order to raise more fund for the Foundation.

The Paul Harris Society is a new level of recognition for those donors who chose to give US\$1,000.- or more each Rotary year to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Programmes Fund or Restricted Giving Fund.

The guidelines are set hereunder for general information.

- 1. Contribution to The Permanent Fund does not qualify towards membership in the Paul Harris Society;
- 2. Only new money counts towards membership. Recognition "Points" do not count;
- 3. Each donor must give a minimum US\$1000 per year to qualify as member of the Paul Harris Society;
- 4. Contributions to club foundation do not qualify towards membership in the Paul Harris Society;
- 5. Membership in the Paul Harris Society will be determined as contributions are recorded by The Rotary Foundation and
- 6. Pledges do not count towards membership in the Paul Harris Society.

In order to widen your knowledge of TRF, Rotarians are urged to attend the Rotary Foundation Seminar to be held on the 5th (Saturday) November 2005 at the Miramar Hotel, Tsim-Sha-Tsui, Kowloon, from, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. PDG Dens Shao will be the main guest speaker. There would be open discussion on matters which may be brought up at the seminar. Cost for the registration and lunch will be \$250 per head. Please contact our Hon. Secretary for details.

#### Earthquake in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan

Continued from our last issue of the Tung Feng weekly bulletin, we were given to understand from D.G. Peter Wan that a cheque presentation ceremony was held on 17th October 2005 at the Rotary Information Centre, Hong Kong in relation to the South Asia Earthquake Disaster.

D.G. Peter Wan announced two good news regarding the disaster relief. Firstly, He had received a pledge from an anonymous Rotarian who offered a matching donation up to HK\$1 million for all monies raised from our Rotarians in the district toward this project during the next 10 days. Rotarians, please act quickly to raise more money with this wonderful "Dollar for Dollar" scheme.

Secondly, another anonymous Rotarian had offered to sponsor advertisement space in local newspapers to be decided by the Disaster Relief Committee to publicize our work. The committee is working on the contents of the advertisement which will be published early next week.

For general information, Medicins San Frontiere is chosen to be the organization that the district wishes to partner with

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## Joke

The followings are great stress relievers:

#### Stress Reliever # 1

Wife: You always carry my photo in your handbag to the office. Why?

Hubby: When there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.

Wife: You see, how miraculous and powerful I am for you?

Hubby: Yes, I see your picture and say to myself, "What other problem can there be greater than this one?"

#### Stress Reliever # 2

Girl: When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.

Boy: It's very kind of you, darling, But I don't have any worries or troubles.

Girl: Well that's because we aren't married yet.

#### Stress Reliever # 3

Son: Mom, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.

Mom: Well, you have done the right thing.

Son: But mum, I was sitting on daddy's lap.

#### Stress Reliever # 4

Wife to husband: "What's your excuse for coming home at this time of the night?"

Husband to wife: "Golfing with friends, my dear."

Wife to husband: "What? At 2 am?"

Husband to wife: "Yes, We used night clubs."

### Stress Reliever # 5

A newly married man asked his wife, "Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?"

"Honey," the woman replied sweetly, "I 'd have married you NO MATTER WHO LEFT YOU A FORTUNE"

#### Stress Reliever # 6

Father to son after exam: "Let me see your report card."

Son: "My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents."

#### Stress Reliever # 7

"How was your blind date?" a college student asked her roommate.

"Terrible!" the roommate answered. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow! That's a very expensive car. What 's so bad about that?"

"He was the original owner."

#### Stress Reliever # 9

A teacher asked her class for sentences using the word "beans"...

"My father grows beans," said one student. "My father cooks beans," said another.

Then little Johnny spoke up: "We are all human beans."

#### Stress Reliever # 10

Interviewer to Millionaire: To whom do you owe your success as a millionaire?"

Millionaire: "I owe everything to my wife."

Interviewer: "Wow, she must be some woman. What were vou before vou married her?"

Millionaire: "A Billionaire"

## Stress Reliever # 11

Girl to her boyfriend: One kiss and I'll be yours forever.

The guy replies: Thanks for the warning.

### Stress Reliever # 12

A husband was asked: "Do you talk to your wife after sex?"

He replied: "Depends, if I can find a phone."

## Stress Reliever # 13

Man to wife on wedding night: "Are you sure I'm the first man you are sleeping with?"

Wife replied: "Of course honey, I stayed awake with all the others!"

## Stress Reliever # 14

"Why did they stop printing PAMELA ANDERSON stamps in the U.S.?"

Answer: "Because people started licking the wrong side."

#### Stress Reliever #15

A wife asked her husband: "What do you like most in me - my pretty face or my sexy body?"

He looked at her from head to toe and replied: "I like your sense of humour."

#### Stress Reliever # 16

Doctor to his lady patient: "You look terribly weak and exhausted! Are you having your meals three times a day as I have advised?"

Lady replied: "Doctor, I thought you said three males a day."

## **Photographs of our meeting**

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Mr. K. P Daswani was our guest speaker today. His talk was entitled "Mechanics of Life: A Short Preview".





(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, Mr. K.P. Daswani, and Pres. Eddy.

(L to R) Hon Sec. Andy, Rotariann Joan and Pres. Gerard Soothill (Bognor Hotl U.K.).



Pres Eddy exchanging Club banners with Pres. Gerard.



Rtn Steven Adkins received a banner from Pres. Eddy for an IOU.



Rtn. Kishore also receiving a banner for an IOU.



(L to R) Rtn. Steven Adkins (Washington, DC, USA), PP Stephen, Rtn Sam Wong, Dr Tony, Rtn Christophe Piganiol (Bugis Junction, Singapore), and Rtn Norman.



(L to R) PP's Henry, Rudy, Hon Tres. Laurence, Rtn Kishu, Rtn Kishore Idnani (St. Maarten, N. Antilles) and PP Hubert.



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