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Our 46th Year of Rotary Service Chartered: 6th April, 1954 by Founding President, the late PDG (Uncle) John Yuen



What Happened Last Week

President Desmond opened the meeting on time and welcomed members and the number of visitors and guests to the Club.

Rtn Henry had the honour of making the introductions:

PP Ross Rocca (Ryde, Australia)
PDG Alex Sawyer (Ryde, Australia)
H.W. Ramchandani (Bangalore, India)
PP Peter Tse (TAT East)
Dorothy Au (Admiralty)
PP Kelvin Wong (Admiralty)

Mr Peter Kong (Rtn Bill)

President Desmond then asked the visitors to come forward to exchange banners. This was accepted by PDG Alex Sawyer and Rtn Ramchandani.

The birthday boy for the day was Rtn Francis Fung. He asked PE Tajwar to lead the singing. (Apparently Tajwar is one of those dark horses with the golden voice)

Several announcements were made:

PE Tajwar informed members that the Club Assembly, due to be held on Thursday, 4 Nov., was cancelled due to lack of interest. However, the Board meeting would proceed as planned. He also reminded members that the Uncle Peter Golf Tournament would be held on 12 November, followed by lunch which would be paid for by the winner.

Rtn Kishu announced that the digital camera auction, due to be held during the meeting, would be postponed until more members were in attendance. He also advised that Hong Kong University is looking for people who could act as mentors to second year students at that university from 1 November 1999 to 31 October 2000. Willing members could contact Kishu. Finally, he reported that \$1,450 had been donated and there were 22 members present.

IPP C.y's Rotary Information for the day was on the mission statement for Rotary International. The mission is to assist and guide Rotarians and Rotary clubs to accomplish the Object of Rotary, to ensure Rotary's continuing relevance, and to help build a better world, emphasising service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encouraging high ethical standards, and creating greater understanding among all people and to advance the search for peace in the world.

The speaker for the day was Katy McDonald, House Manager for Ronald McDonald House in Hong Kong. She was introduced by PP Rob.

Katy explained to members that her organization is a charity which provides a temporary home for parents (and sometimes children) who need to be close to their children who are receiving treatment in hospital for serious conditions like cancers. It is a place where parents can get some rest, cook meals, and receive support and advice from others in the same predicament.

The first Ronald McDonald House was established in Philadelphia in 1974, and since then, about 200 other houses have been established worldwide in 15 countries. The latest was in Hungary in September, 1999.

The Ronald McDonald House in Hong Kong was established at Shatin, close to the Prince of Wales Hospital in September,1996. Over its two and a half year operation, it has housed about 200 families. Katy refers to it as "the house of love" because of the warmth and care it bestows on those who desperately need its support. She welcomed involvement by any member as it is dependent on volunteers for its upkeep; and donations are always very welcome.

To conclude her address, she showed a video recording of the Hong Kong house and some of its activities.

She was thanked for her address by Rtn John.

To close the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Clubs of Ryde and Bangalore.

President's Report

Dear Members,

Hi! It is my report to you again.

This month's board meeting was held at the Aberdeen Boat Club, the host being Rtn. Lewis.

The room which we had our meeting has a panoramic view of Aberdeen harbour and its floating restaurants.

Under such setting, the board settled down to some serious talks over the attendance of member and fellowship, which took up the bulk of the time.

As you all know, the attendance of our members at our regular meetings have been quite poor. Poor attendance can be attributable to a variety of reasons, one of which is the current economic climate. I am aware the we all have to work doubly hard in order just to stay afloat, and there are millions and one thing which are making claim on our time. But try to view attendance as not an obligation but an opportunity to meet some friends and let off some steam!

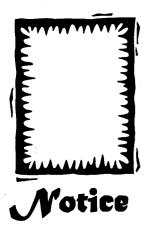
Another reason for poor attendance could be that our club is not providing a good enough service to you. If that is the case, I must take full responsibility. However, there has been no response to my previous request for comments and new ideas from you. Please note that we won't know what to change unless you tell us what is wrong. All the members of the board are keen to listen to view by members on how to improve our services. Please comment and criticize.

At the meeting, it was decided that \$2,000 from our weekly collection be donated to Taiwan Earthquake relief.

With regard to fellowship function, Rtn. Lewis is organizing a "think tank" to bring in new ideas.

Incidentally, PP John has taken up the unenviable task of chasing up on attendance. It would appear that he has faced hostility from certain members. I do not think that PP John expects to be thanked for what he does but it is unfair on him that he has to face hostility. Will members please appreciate what PP John is doing is for the good of our club and the fact that he has to chase up at all demonstrates the poor state we are in.

President Desmond



We missed you on 3rd November 1999!!!

Chan, Hubert; Luk, John Team 1

Team 2 Li, Francis: Ling, Alex; Lui, Tim

Chan, Henry; Fung, Lewis; Lai, Robert; Pang, K.T. Team 3

Chen, Andrew; Ghose, T.K.; Kilis, Danny; Leung, George; Team 4

Li, David

Team 5 Luy, Henry; Shek, Andrew;

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Phillips, Malcolm

Please makeup!!!



The teenage son was packing his bags. "Don't try to stop me," he warned his father. "I've had enough. I'm off. I'm going to look for women, excitement, fun and adventure ..."

"Stop you?" cried his father. "Hold on, I'm coming with you!"

He had been out to a stag party and when his wife went out to bring in the milk early next morning, she was surprised to find him sprawled on the doorstep, fast asleep, snoring loudly and smelling of intoxicating liquor.

"So you didn't come home last night?" she exclaimed. "That raises the question ... who did?"

A day in the life of Tony Loy:



"Let me know if that stuff I prescribed does the trick . . . I've got the same symptoms!"

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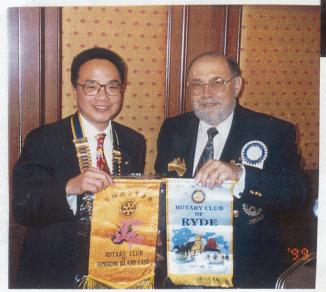
Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Excelsior Hotel. Club 4350 - District 3450 of Rotary International



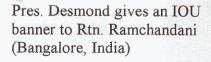


Ms. Katy Lo talks about the good work done at Ronald McDonald House

Mysterious visitor from France who is interested in becoming a Rotarian receiving a banner from PE Tajwar.



Pres. Desmond exchanging banners with PDG Alex Sawyer (Ryde, Australia)







Birthday boy Lewis being serenaded by PE Tajwar.





Rtn Ross Rocca (Ryde, Australia) with locals, Rtn Henry Chan & PP Peter Tse.



PDG Alex Sawyer (Ryde, Australia) meets Rtn Dorothy Au (Admiralty).



PP Kelvin Wong (Admiralty) chats with Rtn Rudy



Visitors & guests to the club, 3 November, 1999