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What Happened Last Week

The meeting commenced when President Taj asked PP Rob to take care of the introductions. This week, there were only visitors to the Club:

ADG Robert Schroeder (RC Queensway)

PP Loop Litmaath (HK)

CP Albert Yao (Peninsula South)

PDG Anthony Hung (Tai Po)

Rtn Francesco Cavazzoni (HK South)

Rtn Benny Ratnani (HK North East)

President Taj must have been drinking with a few of his mates during the week because he had a couple of dirty jokes to relate to members. He was soon joined by one of our visitors, Loop Litmaath, who tried to out-do him. Anyhow, it was all good fun.

While he was at the microphone, PP Loop advised members that, some years ago, his Club (HK) formed the Beijing Fellowship Group, a small cohort of Rotarians who frequently reside in Beijing, and who meet every Tuesday; but it was always an unofficial Rotary meeting. Recently, RI has been given approval by the Chinese government to allow formation of an official club in Beijing, and this small group will be the nucleus of a new Rotary Club which will be administered directly by RI initially.

PDG Anthony Hung then spoke to members about a committee which had been set up to oversee the renovation and re-equipment of the Rotary Information Centre, starting on 15 December, 2000. \$250,000 has been earmarked for this project, with more to be spent on computers and software. Clubs and individual members were urged to support this fund.



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

Immediately after, PP Loop Litmaath rose to report that he had been appointed by DG John Wan to head a separate committee to look into the same matter, and he was unaware that this other committee had met and made this decision. (It seems that the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing!)

It was then PDG Y.K.'s turn to speak about the Rotary Foundation. He first thanked PP John Kwok for sitting still and refraining from flashing in front of him. He went on to say that the Rotary Foundation is a fund to which every member should contribute, even if only a small amount. Since the target for 2000-01 is US\$180k, this could be reached if every member in the District contributed US\$100.

Sergeant Eddie Wong reported that there were 18 members present and \$1,000 had been donated.

Finally, Rtn Malcolm took over as speaker for the day. His talk was titled, "Hiking in Austria." Malcolm said that his reason for spending his holiday in such an arduous manner could only be understood when one experienced the pristine beauty of the region - its clean air, sunshine, open spaces - things that have been there since time immemorial, and which will continue to be available for eons to come.

He advised that he flew into Munich where he met his wife Cindy, and they went to Austria from there. There was a diverse group of people in their companions for the eight-day hike through the Kaiserberger Range. These included a very introverted guy from the UK, counterbalanced by a very outgoing lady from the USA (actually the District Attorney from San Francisco), and a 70 year old guy from Australia.

To round off his talk, Malcolm showed some slides of his experiences, including the landscape and the accommodation they stayed in.

At this stage, the time had run out and President Taj thanked Malcolm for a very entertaining talk.

To close the meeting, President Taj proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong.

4 WAY TEST

1. Is this the TRUTH?
2. Is this FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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Rtn. Malcolm singing to The Sound of Music.



Rtn. Francesco Cavazzoni (HKS) always enjoys his visit to HKIE.



Three distinguished visitors AG Bob Schroeder, PP Joop Litmaath, & Rtn. Benny Ratnani.



Visitors to the club, on 22 November, 2000.

Rotary Information

European Rotaractors, Interactors meet in France

More than 350 participants attended the 31st annual Rotaract and Interact France Convention in Cannes, France, on 13-15 October.

Organized by the Multidistrict Information Organization (a regional office of information and resources for Rotaractors) of France and the Rotaract clubs of District 1730, this year's meeting attracted Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from France, Monaco, Germany and Italy.

Christian Soubira, an Avoidable Blindness Task Force member who represented RI President Frank J. Devlyn, urged participants to create awareness and take action regarding important issues in their clubs and the world. He encouraged Rotaractors to follow the official guidelines on age limit, and to focus on membership development.

In a keynote address, Cyril Noirtin, the Rotaract France PolioPlus Committee chairman, told participants how French Rotaractors helped raise funds for PolioPlus Partners and increased public awareness about the global initiative to eradicate polio.

Topics discussed at the convention included ways to turn former Rotaractors into Rotarians, the use of public relations to help Rotaract clubs organize successful projects, and how Rotaract clubs can improve communication and information exchange through the Multidistrict Information Organization.

Rotary Foundation receives US\$7 million gift

The Rotary Foundation has received a US\$7 million gift, the largest ever, from posthumous donors Paul Elder and his wife, Jean. This generous gift was recognized with the placing of a photograph of the couple in the Hall of Honor at RI Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, at a special ceremony on 28 October.

Strongly resisting recognition all his 54 years as a Rotarian, Paul Elder preferred to give and serve quietly -- which may explain the timing of this gift. Whenever Rotarians in his district (D-7300) tried to nominate him for recognition, he would always say: "If you do anything like that, I will never give another gift to the Foundation or attend a district meeting."

Born on 13 June 1917, Paul Elder joined his hometown Rotary Club of Turtle Creek, part of a tightly knit community near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, in 1947. When he died on 31 December 1999, Elder had served in practically every leadership position in his district and zone. Jean died in 1984, some 15 years before her husband.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

To the Citizens of the United States of America,

In the light of your failure to elect a President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effectively today.

Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume Monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths and other territories.

Except Utah, which she does not fancy.

Your new prime minister (The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, MP for the 97.85% of you who have until now been unaware that there is a world outside your borders) will appoint a minister for America without the need for further elections.

Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire will be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in the transition to a British Crown Dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

1. You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary. Then look up "aluminium". Check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it. Generally, you should raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. Look up "vocabulary". Using the same twenty seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. Look up "interspersed".
2. There is no such thing as "US English". We will let Microsoft know on your behalf.
3. You should learn to distinguish the English and Australian accents. It really isn't that hard.
4. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as the good guys.
5. You should relearn your original national anthem, "God Save The Queen", but only after fully carrying out task 1. We would not want you to get confused and give up half way through.
6. You should stop playing American "football". There is only one kind of football. What you refer to as American "football" is not a very good game. The 2.15% of you who are aware that there is a world outside your borders may have noticed that no one else plays "American football". You will no longer be allowed to play it, and should instead play proper football. Initially, it would be best if you played with the girls. It is a difficult game. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which is similar to American "football", but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full Kevlar body armour like nancies). We are hoping to get together at least a US rugby sevens side by 2005.
7. You should declare war on Quebec and France, using nuclear weapons if they give you any merde. The 98.85% of you who were not aware that there is a world outside your borders should count yourselves lucky. Russians have never been the bad guys. "Merde" is French for "sh*t".
8. July 4th is no longer a public holiday. November 8th will be a new national holiday, but only in England. It will be called "Indecisive Day".
9. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap and it is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will understand what we mean.
10. Please tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us crazy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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