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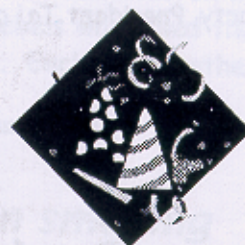


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**A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL MEMBERS**

**MAY ALL YOUR HOPES & WISHES
BE ACHIEVED**



What Happened at the last meeting (20 December, 2000)

This was the last meeting for the year 2000 and it was the special occasion for the Club's Christmas Party. Those members and their guests who did attend certainly wore their big smiles for all to see. On entering the meeting room, everybody was given a glass of champagne and a ticket for the lucky prize draw to be held later.

President Taj opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and extending a very Merry Christmas to them. He thanked PP Rob for the organization of the Party; and Rtn Andrew for the special donations of prizes and wine provided by the Excelsior Hotel. The members were then called on to introduce their guests:

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Lily Loy | (Rtn Tony) |
| Suki Lee | (Rtn Malcolm) |
| Christina Shadikhan | (Pres. Taj) |
| Eileen Law | (Rtn Rudy) |



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

This week, there were three birthdays to celebrate: PP Hubert Chan, Rtn Henry Chan, and Miriam Young. They were joined at the front of the room by Pres. Taj, and PPs David Li and John Kwok as the members sang the birthday song.

On this special day, the Club decided to take up a collection which would be donated in equal portions to two charities: The China Coast Community (for old people) and St Christopher Home (for disadvantaged children), in order to help make their Christmas a little more happy. PP Li volunteered to squeeze the cash out of the members, but as it turned out, not much squeezing was necessary.

This very worthwhile event was followed by the lucky draw which was ably conducted by Rtn Malcolm. All members brought along a prize to contribute to the pool so that, by the time Malcolm was finished, almost every member received a prize. The important part was that every prize winner was required to donate \$100 to the collection. President Taj set a goal of \$8,000 and offered to donate any additional money to reach this target. Because the collection reached the magnificent sum of \$6,700, he was required to donate only \$1,300. This was a superb effort by all concerned and each charity will benefit to the tune of \$4,000.

Of course, one of the highlights was the joke competition which was judged by PDG Uncle Peter. It was kicked off by Rtn Tony Loy with a very thought-provoking and poignant poem about the impact of Jesus Christ on humanity. Then followed the real contestants who kept the audience amused with some humour about Christmas. The winner was Rtn Malcolm who was presented with a very beautiful prize brought back from Istanbul by Sec. Ates.

To close the Party, President Taj appropriately proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East.



Rotary Information

Club spruces up Tree of Light to raise funds for charity

In the run-up to Christmas, a colorful campaign to raise money for children's charities has been launched by the Rotary Club of Saltram, Devon, England.

A 25-foot (7.6-meter) Christmas Tree of Light, which last year raised more than GBP5,000 (more than US\$7,000), will again be placed outside the Safeway store at Plymstock, Plymouth, on 4 December.

Members of the club ask visitors to dedicate bulbs on the tree to loved ones. A light can be dedicated to family, friends or even pets for a minimum donation of GBP5 (\$7). The children's ward at Derriford Hospital will be among the causes to benefit from cash raised in the city this year.

One of the main beneficiaries of last year's fundraising effort was Dame Hannah Rogers School in Ivybridge. Money raised from the charity tree was added to money from other Rotary club events to make GBP11,000 (more than \$15,000), which went to the school's multi-sports center and swimming pool appeal.



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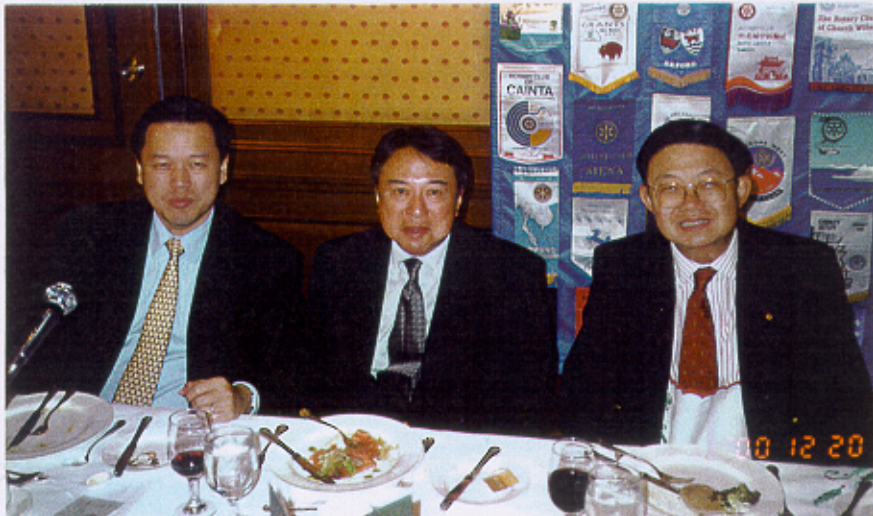
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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2000

Gracing the head table:
PDG Uncle Peter, Pres.
Taj & his wife Christina.



Three good friends
together: PP Tim,
PP Andrew &
PDG Y.K.



Rtn Malcolm showing off his
new PA, Suki Lee to Rtn
Tony & his wife, Lily.



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Rtn Rudy on his best behaviour (for a change) with wife Eileen in attendance.



Three birthday celebrants: PP Hubert, Miriam, & Rtn Henry, congratulated by Pres Taj, & PPs John & Li.



Members & their guests at the Club Christmas Party, 20th December, 2000.

A sweet memory on the “Unusual Academy” project.

In early 1997 PP CY Fu, who was then VP-elect, proposed a community project for the “Unusual Academy” organized by HK Playground Association (www.hkpa1933.org.hk), in which the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East sponsored HK\$100,000. The project was targeted to a small sample from the 2,000 school drop-outs in that current year. The project went smoothly and yet soon faded in our memory.

Initially, the Unusual Academy project was controversial. Some of our club members expressed concern about the effects of such an 8-week courses (including orientation camp, adventure camp, outing to farm, self-strengthening module, back-to-school module, pre-vocational training module, school drop-out forum etc.) to 42 high school drop-outs who had failed in the normal education system in Hong Kong. However, the project was finally endorsed by PP Hubert Chan (by then President) and all members, after a thorough discussion at our luncheon meeting. A noteworthy statement was made by PP George Leung, who said that the project funds would be worthwhile, so long as there was a chance that one lost soul could be saved.

In a recent MingPao news report (www.mingpaonews.com/20001126/t_gbc1h.htm), our reward of that project sponsorship turned out to be very sweet. A young girl (pseudo name - Sheung Ling, a Form 3 drop-out in 1996 and with a minor drug-abused offense) was reported to be back at school again after probation in a girl’s home and taking courses from the Unusual Academy. She is now in Form 6 and has passed the HKCEE fine art examination with flying colours. She has an aspiration to seek admission to the CUHK’s fine art faculty next year.

We are glad that Sheung Ling is back to the right track again.



嗰丸少女惜今是咗非
輟學一年 重返校園展新生

At our recent Club Christmas Party, Rtn Tony Loy read out a short extract about the life of Jesus Christ, written by a relatively unknown author, James Allan Francis. Regardless of our religious allegiances, one cannot fail to be deeply impressed by the magnitude of Jesus in the human story. So, for those who missed this reading, or would like to hear it again, here is the extract in print:

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another obscure village,
where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.
Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book.
He never held an office.
He never had a family or owned a home.
He never lived in a big city.
He never travelled 200 miles from the place where he was born.
He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.
He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him.
His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies,
and went through the mockery of a trial.
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments,
the only property he had on earth.
When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave,
through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone,
and today his is the central figure for much of the human race.
All the armies that ever marched,
All the navies that ever sailed,
All the parliaments that ever sat,
All the kings that ever reigned,
put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth
as much as this
One Solitary Life.

Monthly Attendance Report

(July - December, 2000)

| | | | | | Cumulative Percentage | |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Cumulative | | | | Home Attendance |
| Last Name | First Name | Home Attendance | Make-ups | Total # of meetings | Home Attendance | plus Make-ups |
| Chan | Hubert | 15 | 1 | 23 | 65% | 70% |
| Chan | Kenny | 12 | 4 | 23 | 52% | 70% |
| Chan | Henry | 12 | 0 | 23 | 52% | 52% |
| Chan | Paul | 3 | 0 | 23 | 13% | 13% |
| Chan | Laurance | 6 | 2 | 12 | 50% | 67% |
| Chang | Dave | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0% | 0% |
| Chen | Andrew | 10 | 0 | 23 | 43% | 43% |
| Cheng | Y.K. | 8 | 3 | 23 | 35% | 48% |
| Cheung | Desmond | 13 | 0 | 23 | 57% | 57% |
| Cheung | Emperor | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0% | 0% |
| Chiu | Jason | 12 | 0 | 23 | 52% | 52% |
| Conway | Con | 5 | 0 | 23 | 22% | 22% |
| Fielding | Rob | 20 | 3 | 23 | 87% | 100% |
| Fu | C.Y. | 12 | 0 | 23 | 52% | 52% |
| Fung | Lewis | 8 | 0 | 23 | 35% | 35% |
| Hall | Peter | 21 | 2 | 23 | 91% | 100% |
| Hirst | Andrew | 8 | 0 | 15 | 53% | 53% |
| Howe | Chris | 15 | 0 | 23 | 65% | 65% |
| Kilis | Danny | 10 | 0 | 23 | 43% | 43% |
| Kwok | John | 20 | 1 | 23 | 87% | 91% |
| Lam | William | 7 | 0 | 23 | 30% | 30% |
| Lam | Sam | 6 | 0 | 23 | 26% | 26% |
| Lamport | William | 11 | 0 | 23 | 48% | 48% |
| Law | Rudy | 20 | 1 | 23 | 87% | 91% |
| Leung | George | 8 | 1 | 23 | 35% | 39% |
| Li | David | 7 | 14 | 23 | 30% | 91% |
| Li | Francis | 10 | 1 | 23 | 43% | 48% |
| Ling | Alex | 12 | 11 | 23 | 52% | 100% |
| Ling | Thomas | 8 | 0 | 23 | 35% | 35% |
| Liu | Stephen | 20 | 0 | 23 | 87% | 87% |
| Loy | Tony | 20 | 0 | 23 | 87% | 87% |
| Lu | Clark | 8 | 0 | 12 | 67% | 67% |
| Lui | Tim | 10 | 0 | 23 | 43% | 43% |
| Luk | John | 5 | 1 | 23 | 22% | 26% |
| Luy | Henry | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0% | 0% |
| Mahtani | Remesh | 3 | 0 | 23 | 13% | 13% |
| Moosdeen | Baker | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0% | 0% |
| Narain | Kishu | 8 | 4 | 23 | 35% | 52% |
| Phillips | Malcolm | 16 | 0 | 23 | 70% | 70% |
| Shadikhan | Tajwar | 22 | 0 | 23 | 96% | 96% |
| Shek | Andrew | 6 | 0 | 23 | 26% | 26% |
| Tao | Edwin | 7 | 0 | 23 | 30% | 30% |
| Wong | Sam | 9 | 0 | 23 | 39% | 39% |
| Wong | Eddy | 21 | 0 | 23 | 91% | 91% |
| Wu | James | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0% | 0% |
| Yao | John | 10 | 0 | 23 | 43% | 43% |
| Yucel | Ates | 12 | 9 | 23 | 52% | 91% |

Rotary requires a minimum 60% attendance at any half year.

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

As well as supporting local charities, Rotarians working on the project say that dedicating a light is a symbolic way to remember those who cannot be at home at Christmas, and a gesture to let people closer to home know they are in the thoughts of their loved ones.

Jonathan Philpotts, spokesman for the Rotary Club of Saltram, said donations big or small were equally welcome. He said the Tree of Light idea was popular with Rotarians worldwide, and is believed to have originated in South Africa.

"It is a lot of work, but it's something we enjoy," he said. "Safeway likes it, residents and people who shop there like it, and it certainly raises a lot of money for charity."

U.S. Rotary club's gift of limbs aids Sierra Leone war victims

Eight amputees who are victims of a terror campaign by rebels in the West African state of Sierra Leone have been fitted with prosthetic limbs, as a result of an effort sponsored by Rotary clubs in the New York area. More than 20,000 civilians have been maimed by the rebels, who have gained global notoriety for attacks on civilians in a violent bid to control Sierra Leone's lucrative diamond-mining industry.

The eight West Africans who are currently undergoing further medical evaluation, rehabilitation, and occupational therapy at the Staten Island University Hospital, range from ages 4 to 27. Four-year-old Memunatu was the lone survivor of a January 1999 massacre in which men, women and children who had taken refuge in a mosque died. Her right arm below the elbow was hacked by the rebels who killed the rest of her family. The rebels cut off the hands and ear of Muktar Jalloh, 27, a student. Each of the other victims has lost at least a limb or ear.

Tennessee club wages war against teen smoking

The Rotary Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA, has launched a campaign to stop smoking among the town's teenagers.

Starting this past summer, the club has been working with the Interact Club at Oak Ridge High School, local newspapers and television stations to design media and billboard messages, as well as posters and leaflets aimed at empowering the youth with factual and statistical information about smoking as a national and global health problem.

A video tape featuring Oak Ridge Rotary club President William Martin and members of the Oak Ridge High School Interact club has been aired on several local cable stations including CNN, Sports South, and ESPN. The video's core message is that prevention is easier than cure since youths can become addicted to nicotine.

The club has also enlisted the support of Charlie Daniel, a cartoonist for the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a local newspaper, to draw a series of anti-smoking cartoons, and convinced Comcast Cable TV to make an anti-smoking Public Service Announcement. Good Stuff, a local promotional items manufacturer, has offered to contribute "Don't Smoke" buttons to be distributed free to local teenagers.

Partnering with local businesses and organizations, the Oak Ridge Rotary club sponsored the appearance of Dana Davis, a young singer and ventriloquist who is a national volunteer spokesperson for the Tobacco Free movement, at four elementary schools in Oak Ridge last month. More than 1000 pupils attended the 16-year-old Tennessee native's motivational performance aimed at strengthening the resolve of teens to steer clear of cigarettes.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Every time a new pope is elected, there are a lot of rituals and ceremonies that have to be gone through, in accordance with tradition. Well, there's one tradition that very few people know about.

Shortly after the new pope is enthroned, the chief rabbi seeks an audience. He is shown into the pope's presence, whereupon he presents him with a silver tray bearing a velvet cushion. On top of the cushion is an ancient, shriveled parchment envelope. The pope symbolically always stretches out his arm in a gesture of rejection.

The chief rabbi then retires, taking the envelope with him and does not return until the next pope is elected. Pope John Paul II was intrigued by this ritual whose origins had been forgotten in time. He instructed the best scholars of the Vatican to research it, but they came up with nothing. When the time came for him to participate in this ritual, the chief rabbi was shown into his presence and, by tradition, he faithfully enacted the rejection. However, as the chief rabbi turned to leave, he called him back.

"My brother," the pope whispered, "I must confess that we Catholics are ignorant of the meaning of this ritual enacted for centuries between us and you, the representative of the Jewish people. I have to ask you, what is it all about?"

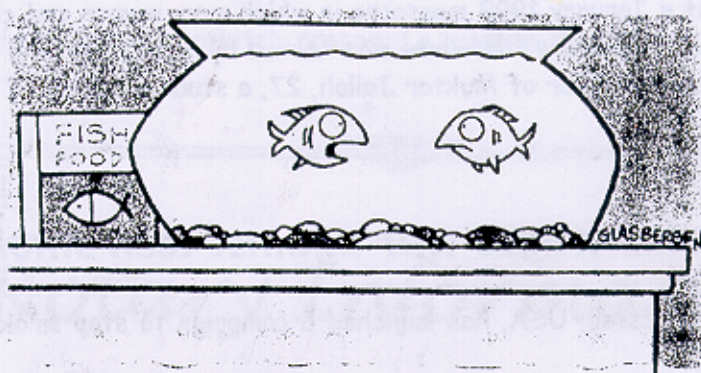
The chief rabbi shrugs and replies, "But we have no more idea than you do. The origin of the ceremony is lost in the traditions of ancient history."

The pope then said, "Let us retire to my private chambers and enjoy a glass of wine together; then, with your agreement, we could open the envelope and discover at last the secret."

The chief rabbi agreed: Fortified in their resolve by the wine, they gingerly pried open the curling parchment envelope and with trembling fingers, the chief rabbi reached inside and extracted a folded sheet of similarly ancient paper. As the pope peered over his shoulder, he slowly opened it.

They both gasped with shock. It was the bill for the last supper.

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This is the beginning of a series of fish cartoons:



"I broke up with you and you're still hanging around—you are so pathetic!"

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