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What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting and wished all members, visiting Rotarians and guests a Happy New Year!

He reiterated his initiative of membership development and wished to see six new members joining in the next 6 months.

He would aim to arrange two Club Assemblies to improve fellowship and one or two Open Forum.

The provisional date for the joint annual function was announced as the 5th of May 2001. The other clubs participating are:-

Hong Kong South
Quarry Bay
Queensway
Victoria

It is anticipated that 200 people will attend. The cost of attending for members of our club is pre-paid, however additional tickets will be approximately HK\$400.

President Taj also made a commitment to include more vocational talks from our own members.

Rtn. Rudy welcomed the visiting Rotarians and invited hosts to introduce their guests.

Visiting Rtns: John Malliris Jackson View, FL, USA
Benny Ratnani Hong Kong North East

PDG Peter's guest Richard Yau from New York
welcome back to Ates and Kenny



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

Rudy also acting as S.A.A. reported 19 members attending with a collection of HK\$1,000.

PDs Peter then made a special announcement and presentation of a 1 star Paul Harris Fellow Pin to President Taj.

Lawrence Chan was introduced as speaker for the meeting and presented his vocational talk, titled.

"I.T. Lessons drawn from the US Election".

A number of lessons were presented with humour and personal experience.

Lessons

1. It is not the size of error rate that matters but the importance of its outcome.
2. Expert review is no substitute for real users.
3. "Users are not like us"
No expertise can provide reliable insight into the experience of actual users.
4.
 - a. Hypothetical experience in lieu of actual experience is no real test.
 - b. People will not complain if they think they understand the form.
 - c. The real ballot differs from the sample in that the position of holes did not appear.
5. It is very often true that for something that is obvious to one but may not be so for the others.

Summarised Lessons learnt from the use of Information Technology

- Actual user acceptance
- Common sense design
- Communication
- Error impact
- Prototypes
- Test

We must learn how to ACCEPT in I.T.!

Lawrence was then able to give a synopsis of his 30 years in the I.T. industry and to let the club know of his family of 3 boys age 14, 22 and 25.

Rotary Information was presented by Uncle Peter who chose the subject of Club Assembly.

How many per year.	6 to 8
What is it for	Discussion of Clubs Officers and Directors at which ordinary members may attend.
Regular or separate meeting	No requirement
Chaired by	V.P. or P.E.

Uncle Peter also mentioned the International Convention taking place June 24-27 in San Antonio Texas USA and encouraged members to attend.

The meeting was formally closed with a toast to R.I. and Hong Kong North East.

President Taj kindly sponsored a glass of champagne to each member for the toast to the New Year.



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Rtn. Laurence Chan delivering his vocational talk to the club.



Pres. Taj receiving his 1-Star Paul Harris Fellow Pin from PDG. Uncle Peter.



PP Edwin looking after visiting Rotarian John Mallaris from Jackson View FL., USA.



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Rtn. Benny Ratnani from HKNE, being given the wellcome treatment from two illustrious members.



Group photograph of visiting Rotarians (left to right) Richard Yau (former member of our club), Benny Ratnani, PDG Uncle Peter, Pres. Taj, Laurence Chan, John Malliris & Ates Yucel on 3rd January, 2001.

Rotary Information

The rules and regulation of Rotary are changing once every three years at the Council on Legislation. There are confusions existing in our club regarding the Club Assembly. In order to have a clear picture of the existing requirement for Club Assembly, PDG Peter had a conversation with the incumbent district governor John Wan which is recorded hereunder for general information:

Q. How many club assemblies should be held in one Rotary year?

A. As often as necessary, but one should be held in connection with the Governor's official visit or the Assistant Governor's visit, and after the District Conference. In practice, clubs normally hold 4 to 6 club assemblies each Rotary year.

Q. What is the assembly for?

A. Club assemblies are meetings of all club officers, directors and committee chairmen for the purpose of discussing programmes and activities of the Club. All other members can and are urged to attend.

Q. How should it be carried out, during the regular meeting or better be in a separate venue?

A. There is no fixed format. Each club can decide what is best for its members. The problem with holding it during the regular meeting is that there may be visitors, but that is not fundamental.

Q. Who should attend the club assembly?

A. All club members. See also answer to Question 2.

Rotary Information

President Devlyn to attend the Tournament of Roses Parade

RI President Frank J. Devlyn will be among the many Rotarians attending the 112th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, USA, on 1 January 2001. For more than 20 years, Rotarians have participated in this tradition-rich New Year's festival of flowers, music and sports by entering a float as a major public relations project of U.S. Rotary clubs.

With "Recognizing Tomorrow's Leaders" as its theme, the 2001 Rotary float will celebrate the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), an intensive, all-expenses-paid leadership training program, through which RI has imparted leadership skills to thousands of promising young leaders throughout the world.

Ten recent RYLA participants will ride on the 2001 Rotary float, a 35-foot long, 18-foot wide and 24-foot high deck depicting Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, two characters in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain's world-famous novel, on a raft. The float, whose motif fits into "The Fabric of America," the overall theme of the tournament, will be 26th in the long line of parade entries on 1 January. The event will be broadcast live to millions of television viewers across the world.

"The tournament is more than just a parade," said Steve Garrett, chairman of the Rotary Rose Float Committee, in a recent press release. "It's America's New Year celebration, a greeting to the world on the first day of the year, and a salute to the community spirit and love of pageantry that have thrived in Pasadena for more than a century."

This year, hundreds of RYLArians, Rotaractors, Interactors and Youth Exchange students are joining thousands of Rotarian volunteers across the United States who for decades have paid their way to Pasadena to decorate the float.

Permanent Fund raised at past RI president's birthday party

Hundreds of Rotarians and friends, representing 84 Rotary districts, celebrated the 75th birthday of Past RI President Cliff Dochterman in San Jose, California, USA, on 10 December.

Organized by the "Red Coat Governors" of Rotary year 1992-93 to raise funds for the President Cliff Dochterman Red Coat Endowment for the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation, the dinner event raised more than US\$65,000 for the endowment fund, which has now reached a total of \$260,000. Greetings and contributions came from Red Coat Governors from all parts of the world.

A special feature of the evening was a video production reviewing the life and activities of Past RI President Dochterman. All who attended the party had a good time, and everyone agreed that it was a "fun way to raise funds!"

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Loving Parents:

As Alicia was getting to know Michael and his family, she was very impressed by how much his parents loved each other. "They're so considerate of each other," Alicia said. "Your dad even brings your mum a cup of hot coffee in bed every morning."

After time, Alicia and Michael were engaged and then married. On the way from the reception, Alicia again remarked on Michael's loving parents, and even the coffee in bed. "Tell me," she said, "does it run in the family?"

"It sure does," replied Michael. "And I take after my mum."

Q: What is the difference between men and women?

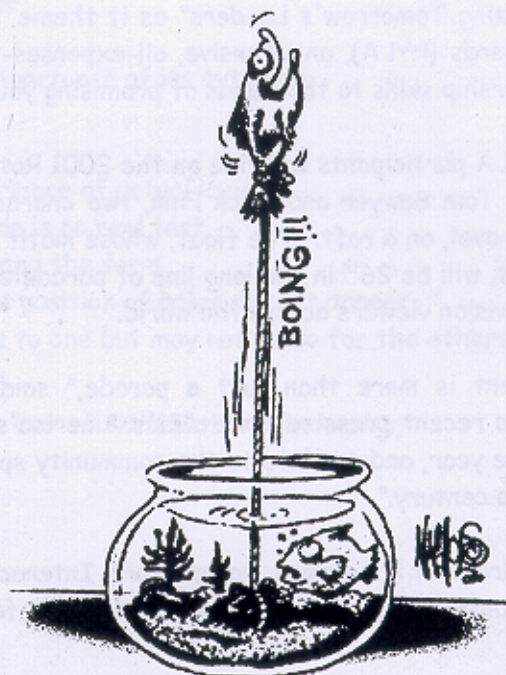
A: A woman wants one man to satisfy her every need... A man wants every woman to satisfy his one need.

A guy picks up a young woman in a bar and invites her to come back to his flat.

When they are relaxing afterwards, he asks, "Am I the first man you ever made love to?"

She looks at him thoughtfully for a second before replying. "You might be," she says. "Your face looks familiar."

Continuing our cartoons on life in a fish bowl:



When fish bungee jump.

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