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



Best Wishes for a very Successful

NEW YEAR NEW CENTURY & NEW MILLENNIUM

As we enter this exciting new era, the old problems of the past continue to follow us.

We therefore need to continue supporting and building a strong club to help in addressing these pressing issues.

Let's make this new era another dynamic one for

HONG KONG ISLAND EAST!

What Happened Last Week

By all accounts, this should have been a very special meeting for the Club because it was the last meeting of HKIE for 1999; the last meeting in the 20th Century; and the last meeting of the 2nd Millennium. Although there were only 19 members present, numbers were bolstered by a large contingent of visitors from other clubs.

President Desmond got proceedings underway by giving a very special welcome to all the visitors, including IPDG Anthony Hung.

Rtn Henry took charge of the official welcomes. These included:

Laura Flores-Chang (Crescent City, California)

Anthony Cooperwood (Kirksville, Missouri)

IPDG Anthony Hung (Tai Po)

Tan Kim Siew (Victoria)

PP Wendy Wong (Peninsula South)

Bessy Ho (Peninsula South)

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Joseph Leung (Kings Park, HK)

David Cheung (Kings Park, HK)

Simon Leung (HK South)

Benny Ratnani (HK North East)

Bill Ling (Alex Ling)

President Desmond then exchanged banners with the two American visitors, Laura Flores-Chang and Anthony Cooperwood. The latter visitor informed the meeting that he is a musician staying at and playing for the Peninsula Hotel over the festive season.

Secretary Ates was invited to explain his long absence from the Club meetings and he informed members that he had been in Turkey helping with the relief effort after the earthquake. He said that he had nevertheless done make-ups for all the meetings missed here.

The birthday boys this week were Chris Howe and Henry Chan, and they wisely chose PP Hubert to lead the singing. While he was the centre of attention, Rtn Chris Explained his absence from the last meeting: It appears that a little 9 lbs bundle of joy couldn't wait any longer to see her dad, and his new daughter, Georgia was born about the same time as the Rotary meeting was getting underway. Members thought this was a reasonable excuse for missing a meeting and President Desmond presented Chris with a gift of baby clothes from Wing On department store.

Sergeant Rudy was next off the block, and he announced that there were 19 members present and \$1,900 had been collected.

Of course, the highlight of the meeting was the speaker, and this meeting marked the beginning of Club members giving a review of their lives. PE Tajwar was a very appropriate starter and he set a very high standard for others to emulate. The title of his life story was "The Peep Show." With a title like this, members thought they were going to hear some very lurid stories, but Tajwar left all those out and kept to the straight and narrow.

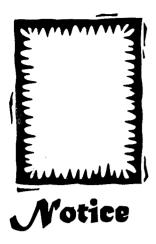
His origins lie in Afghanistan which was simply referred to when he was a boy, as The North Frontier. Although his family lived in a village called Shadikhan (hence his family name), Tajwar was in fact born on a train travelling between that village and Kashmir where his family had a summer house. He had a fairly normal upbringing and received his education at home from teachers who visited the house. His grandfather somehow was converted to Christianity (the Anglican faith) and so Tajwar was brought up as a Christian. At six years of age, his family left Afghanistan, and it was in 1960, at the age of 20 years, that he came to Hong Kong.

Tajwar's first job was in a bank in the UK, followed by stockbroker in New York. After 1978, the expertise learned in these positions was put to use in advising such firms as General Electric and British Rail; and it was the latter firm which stimulated his interest in the recycling of lubrication oils. This has lead, over the years, to the development of his unique process for repurifying used lubrication oil to a very high standard, a process which he has just patented. He has been invited by British Oil to set up a facility in Ireland to apply this process in recycling lubrication oils. Tajwar's next project is to perfect a process of using the nitrogen in sea water to make plant fertilizers.

Away from his business interests, Tajwar said that he is married to his wife Christina who has been a stalwart behind him, and he has two lovely daughters. He likened his life to living in a cage, well protected by his wife, but with a little door which she leaves open for him to come and go. His leisure life is now dominated by golf which he plays two or three times per week, but this was preceded by other outdoor interests he enjoyed until Christina put her foot down and reigned him in. Specifically, he played Polo but his horse riding was the cause of an accident and the leg injury that put a stop to this activity. Then he took up squash and flying with the Hong Kong Flying Club, but his interest in flying was curtailed after his unfortunate adventure in landing in the Philippines during a military coup.

Rotary has been a great love of his for many years now and he enjoys the fellowship and sense of achievement in helping others. At this stage, Tajwar was interrupted by Uncle Peter who asked him to divulge who introduced him to Rotary. In response, Tajwar very apologetically thanked Uncle Peter for sponsoring him to join Hong Kong Island East.

After several questions to Tajwar, he was thanked for his enlightening revelation of his life story. President Desmond then closed the meeting by proposing a toast to the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri.



We missed you on 29th December 1999!!!

Team 1 Chellaram, Manolo: Liu, Stephen: Luk, John

Team 2 Lamport, William; Li Francis; Lui, Tim

Team 3 Fung, Lewis

Team 4 Cheng, Y.K.; Ghose, T.K.; Kilis, Danny;

Leung, George; Li David

Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Narain, Kishu;

Shek, Andrew; Yao, John

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan Paul

19 members missing

Please makeup!!!



A businessman boards a flight and is lucky enough to be seated next to a gorgeous woman. They exchange brief hellos and he notices she is reading a manual about sexual statistics. He asks her about it and she replies, "This is a very interesting book about sexual statistics. It identifies that American Indians have the longest average penis and Polish men have the biggest average diameter. By the way, my name is Jill. What's yours?"

He coolly replies, "Tonto Kawalski. Nice to meet you."



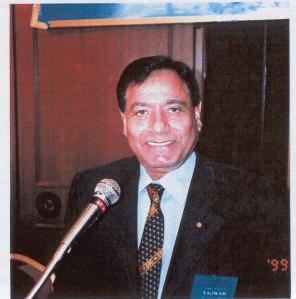
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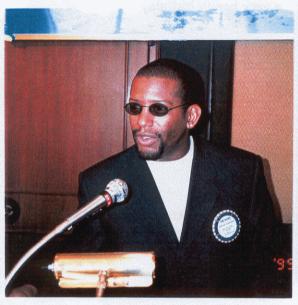
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Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Excelsior Hotel.

Club 4350 - District 3450 of Rotary International



PE Tajwar enlightens members on his "reverse" philosophy of life during his life story account.



Rtn. Anthony Cooperwood (USA), a musician playing at the Peninsula Hotel over Christmas.



Congratulation Chris! A big gift for a big, little girl: 9 lbs Georgia Howe.



Rtn. Chris: "Well, that's the second one-two to go!"







PP Hubert wishing Rtns. Chris & Henry a very happy birthday.

Birthday boys Rtn. Chris & Henry are 'lucky' to receive their birthday gifts from Pres. Desmond.



Rtn. Anthony Cooperwood (Missouri, USA) exchanges banners with Pres. Desmond.



Rtn. Laura Flores-Chang (California, USA) exchanges banners too. (IPDG Anthony gives atmosphere on this occasion).





In company with the heavy-weights, Rtn.
Anthony Cooperwood (USA) with PDG. Uncle Peter & IPDG Anthony.



Rtn. Alex on good behavior with his brother Bill.



IPP. C.Y. taking care of two of the many visitors of the day.





Rtns. Malcolm & Jason enjoying the company of one of our visitors.



A happy table of visitors ably hosted by PP. Hubert.



Visitors to the meeting 29 December, 1999