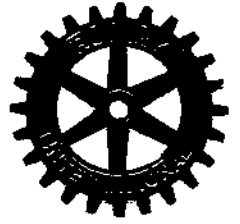




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What Happened Last Week

23rd January December was the 27th meeting. President Stephen started the meeting with a special welcome to AG Peter Tse of TST East and our former member Murray MacDonald, for his return from New Zealand.

Rtn Bill introduced his son Jonathan as his guest. Murray also brought us the Island East banners when he checked his stock. PP John confirmed that there still had about 3,000 banners at our stock.

President Stephen announced that the District Conference would be held during March 16th and 17th. Ten members had already signed to join. Enrollment was still open. One week before this meeting, there would have a golf tournament at Fanling. The deadline for the registration was at mid-February.

President Stephen then announced the annual function would be held, tentatively, on the 3rd of April at Shatin Jockey Club together with our sister clubs' members from Japan and Philippines on the evening. Since this is a Wednesday night, the regular luncheon will be cancelled. President Stephen thanked the special arrangement by VP Henry. He also said that one day after this exciting night function, a golf tournament would be held together with our sister clubs' members.

Sergeant-at-arms, Rtn Laurence, reported that there had totally HK\$800 contribution.

Uncle Peter than gave the Rotary Information Update. He recapped what was discussed on last week with threw us some more questions.

First question was, on what circumstance, the club could cancel the meeting? The answers were on the death of any member, any legal holiday, disaster or any armed conflicts that endangered the members' life.

Second question was related to the membership classification. He reminded us that there used to have four types of classifications and now there was only two. These were active and Honorary



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membership. However, no one who is a member of a Rotary club as of 1st July 2001 will lose membership by reason of these new provisions. All such persons will be considered as active members. This information could be obtained from the booklet on Constitution and By-laws. Each member should have a copy.

Then came to the highlight of the meeting. Rtn Kishu introduced our speaker Mr. S S Kwong, Executive Director of Employees Retraining Board (ERB). His topic was Employees Retraining.

Mr. Kwong introduced some of the background of ERB and roles of this organization. He mentioned the board was just finished the reorganization on the monetary funding with the government. Monthly there were 1,400 applications to the board for retraining; this indicated a strong growth on the demand of their service. One of the major functions of ERB was setting up standards for all training courses across their centers. Most of these courses would focus on the soft side of the skill such as attitudes change, communication skill, safety knowledge, etc. He highlighted couple of projects that were lately been introduced.

The first project was the tailored-made courses requested from companies, industries or trade associations. The return was to have at least 15 job vacancies available in the market. 2,500 courses had been requested already with a placement rate at 95%.

The second project was related to the local domestic helper. ERB would assess and certify these helpers. The board would become the central agency for the operation of these helpers.

Regarding the question on the retraining on employees from the construction industry, ERB planned to retrain these workers to the building security function, but he admitted there needed effort to change these workers' attitudes. He re-emphasized that what ERB did could only be one of the approaches to reduce unemployment but not the mean.

PP Tim thanked the speaker for his information sharing.

A toast was made to TST East and the guests before the meeting was declared adjourned.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

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| Jan 30 | The Hong Kong Fiscal Dilemma - is there light at the end of the tunnel?
By PP Tim Lui |
| Feb 06 | Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta: Aviation in Transition
by Mr. David Dodwell, Executive Director of Golin/Harris Forrest |
| Feb 13 | Chinese New Year Holiday
Meeting cancelled |

Rotary Information

in Rotary Awareness Month

- Q: Under what circumstances may a club cancel its meetings?
- A: If the meeting falls on a legal holiday or in the case of the death of a club member, an epidemic, a disaster affecting the whole community, or an armed conflict which endangers the lives of club members. (For the full policy, refer to Article 5, SRCC.)

Classifications

- Q: What do the changes in the classification system mean for my club?
- A: Members retain classifications (Article VII, SRCC), but the number of members allowed under a single classification has changed, reflecting the reduction in types of membership from five (active, additional active, past service, senior active, and honorary) to two (active and honorary).

In a club with 50 or fewer members, up to five members may have one classification; in a club with 50 or more members, 10 percent may. [Note: the Council did not specify how to calculate if 10 percent produces a fraction like 5.5 members. Club and District Administration representatives suggest rounding to the nearest number.]

The changes notwithstanding, clubs should maintain a balance wherein no classification dominates. The changes should open your club up to a greater cross-section of the community, strengthen your club, and increase membership.

- Q: Now that senior actives have become actives, what happens if too many members have the same classification?
- A: First, former senior active members should only be counted in a classification if they are truly *retired* - a definition that is up to the club.

Second, the Council stipulated that no member as of 1 July, 2001 is to lose membership because of the changes to membership categories.

If, as a result of that Council stipulation, a club has too many members in one classification now, it may admit no further members with that classification. The club should reduce the number in that classification over time through attrition.

- Q: Our club had 60 members on 1 September, 2001, six with the same classification. Now that our membership is only 50, does the board need to terminate a member?
- A: No. The only actions to be taken are to admit no further members with this classification and to reduce the number of members with that classification to five through attrition.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A drunk man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway seat next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?" "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol and a contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of bath." "Well, I'll be damned," the drunk muttered, returning to his paper. The priest, having second thoughts about what he had said because he wasn't impressed by the drunk, nudged him and said. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?" "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does".

A bus full of politicians was driving down the highway when suddenly it swerved and crashed into a tree on a farm. A few days later a police came to the farmers door and asked if there had been a bus crash here, and of course, the answer was yes. Then the police asked the farmer what had happen to all the politicians that were on the bus. The farmer said that he had buried them all. The police thought this was strange and asked him if all of them were dead before he had buried them. To this the farmer replied, "Well, not all of them, but you know how politicians lie!"

It's Monday, go to work!



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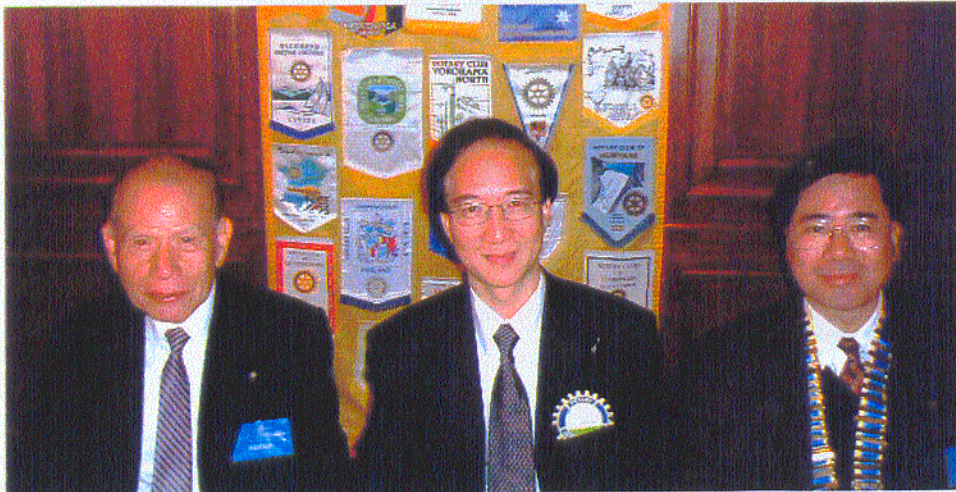
**ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m. AT
EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY**



Our guest speaker Mr. S.S. Kwong talking about Employees Retraining.



PDG Uncle Peter gave us more Rotary Information about Rotary Awareness Month.



Seated at the head table is our speaker Mr. Kwong between PDG Peter & Pres. Stephen.



Seated on the right side of the head table is our former member Murray McDonald between VP Henry & PP Edwin.



Murray thanking our member for such a warm welcome.



Here are some of our members enjoying the meeting. (L to R)
Rtn. Heron, guest Jonathan Lamport, Rtn Bill, PE Chris & Rtn Tony.



Here are more of our members enjoying our weekly meeting.
(L to R) Rtn Jason, PP George, PP Hubert, PP Andrew & Rtn Alex.



Another table consist of AG Peter Tse (TSTE), PP Desmond, Rtn. Kishu, Rtn. Laurence & PP Tim.



Group Photo of our guest speaker & visitors on 23rd January, 2002.