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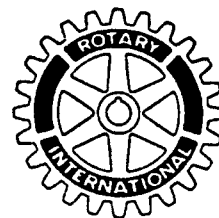
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TUNG FENG

香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF
HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

President Elect Taj stood in for President Desmond last week. He welcomed us to programme of music and poetry, delivered to a mixed culture audience. (I didn't say "cultured audience"!)

P.P. Tim Lui welcomed the following visiting Rotarians:

Anwer Islam	King's Park
Jens Peder Jensen	Amager Denmark
Fritz Sommeral	Kowloon
Peter Tse	TST East
Mukesh Malhotra	Hounslow

Rtn. Rudy also introduced his guest, Eddy Wong; and Rtn John Pavarotti Luk introduced his handsome son, Johnson.

Acting President Taj mentioned Rtn John Luk's CD, Romanza Di Italia, which was available to any Rotarian who made a contribution to the Red Box.

PP Long John drew the attention of all club members to our very own HKIE website (see top of page)

Acting Sgt. David Li announced we had 19 members present, largely due to the "sale" of John Luk's CD and \$1200 that came from the sale of the CD at the alumni meeting of the PolyU DBA programme.

A draw was then conducted for a CD of Mahler's work (donated by Taj) which was won by IPP C Y Fu.

Ungar, a journalist and writer for more than 30 years, was recently named director of Voice of America, the international radio service that reaches some 83 million listeners worldwide. He was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1966-67 sponsored by District 7410, Pennsylvania, USA, and studied government at the London School of Economics, London, England. Ungar served as Washington editor for the Atlantic Monthly, managing director of Foreign Policy magazine, correspondent for United Press International in Paris, correspondent for Newsweek in Nairobi, Kenya, and contributor to the Economist. Ungar was also host of several radio news programs.

He is a former board member of the International Human Rights Law Group, the National Immigration Forum, and the Public Diplomacy Foundation. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Society of Professional Journalists. Before taking his post at Voice of America, he served as dean of the school of communications at American University in Washington, D.C.

Nashar was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1949-50 sponsored by District 9670, Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. She studied geology at Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. Upon returning to Australia, Nashar spent 25 years teaching geology and acting as an administrator at the University of Newcastle in New South Wales. In addition to her academic responsibilities, she took on leadership roles in the Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Organization of Australia, encouraging young women to pursue professional careers. She was also active in the Red Cross.

Nashar has been recognized as an exemplary teacher, administrator, and humanitarian. She was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1972, named "Woman of the Year" by the United Nations Association in 1975, and has received the Meritorious Service (1988) and Distinguished Service (1994) Awards from the Red Cross. Since her retirement from the University of Newcastle in 1980, Nashar has remained active in the Red Cross and in the BPW.

The awards are given to former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars who have been nominated by Rotarians. Final selection is made by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and the awards are presented at a special event preceding the Rotary International Convention. The 1999-2000 awards will be presented on June 3, 2000, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Rotary Information was provided by Uncle Peter. This was identical to the information in last week's bulletin, except to add that the Club would sponsor attendance by any Club member by 50%.

Rtn Malcolm then introduced Rtn Rudy, who spoke on the topic of Poetry.

The Song of the Earth (Das Lied von der Erde) was composed by an > Austrian composer - Gustav Mahler in 1908. It was written as a > symphony : for contralto (or baritone) and tenor voices and large orchestra. This work reflected Mahler's philosophy of life and a promise of a better world. The German lyrics were originated from a few Chinese oems in the period of the Tang Dynasty (about 1300 years ago) and translated by Hans Bethge and published under the title "The Chinese Flute" (Die Chinesische Flote) in 1907. The story was legendary as the German translation were based on both a French book (Le livre de jade) in 1867 by Judith Gautier and another German work by Hans Heilmann in 1905 (translated from Hervey Saint-Denys's "Poesies des Thang-1862" which were again based on Japanese translated works.) Rudy knew nothing about this symphony until he read an article from a Chinese magazine in last October regarding the mystery of two unknown Tang poems which arouse much speculation after the first performance of "Song of the Earth" as part of a German cultural exchange program in May 1998 in the People Hall of Beijing. The unresolved mystery was the second song - the Solitary in Autumn ("Der Einsame im Herbst", nach Tschang Tsi) and the third song - Youth ("Von der Jugend" - also known as "Der Pavillon aus Porzellan", nach Li-Tai-Po). The language in the poems is never abstract, but colourful and graphical. They achieve expressiveness and arouse emotions and let us go along with our imagination.

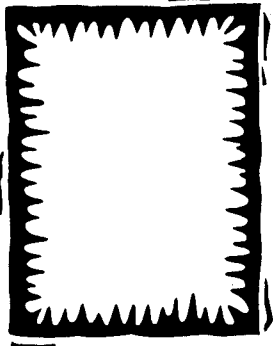
Rtn Chris Howe thanked Rudy for his enthusiasm, and commended his passion for study of the arts.

Acting President Taj closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of Hounslow.

Rotary Information

Ungar, Nashar honored with Foundation awards

The Rotary Foundation has announced the recipients of its two scholar alumni awards for 1999-2000. Sanford J. Ungar and Beryl Nashar will be presented with the Scholar Alumni Achievement Award and the scholar Alumni Service Award, respectively, at the 200 Rotary International Convention in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Notice

We missed you on 12th January 2000!!!

- Team 1 Chellaram, Manolo
- Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Lamport, William; Li, Francis
- Team 3 Chan, Henry; Fung, Lewis; Pang, K.T.; Wong Sam
- Team 4 Chen, Andrew; Cheng, Y.K.; Kilis, Danny;
Leung, George
- Team 5 Cheung, Desmond; Fielding, Rob;
Ling, Thomas; Loy, Tony
- Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Chiu, Jason

19 members missing

Please makeup!!!

LAUGS FOR THE WEEK

A bad golfer hacked his shot into the trees. Moments later, he found his ball next to a man lying on the ground.

"I'm a lawyer," the injured man yelled, pressing his hand against the growing lump on his head. "This will cost you \$5,000."

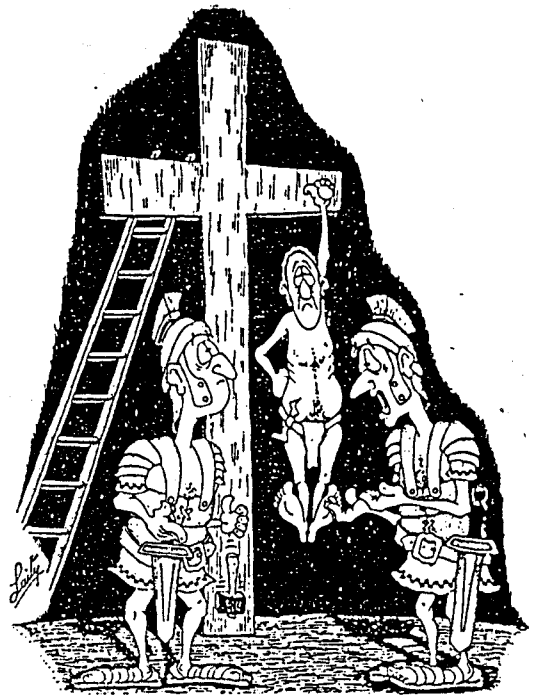
"I'm terribly sorry," the golfer replied contritely, "but I distinctly remember yelling 'fore.'"

"Well, all right," said the lawyer, "you've got a deal."

"Will you marry me?" asked the young man, getting down on his knees and offering the girl a glittering ring.

"Ooooh!" exclaimed the girl, are they real diamonds?"

"I hope so," said the young man, "because if they aren't, I've been swindled out of \$20."



"WE'VE RUN OUT OF NAILS!"

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

Rtn. Rudy in poetical mode.



Acting Pres. Taj presents banners to our guests at the top table.



Rtn. Mukesh Malhotra found us through the Internet.



PP David Li, PP Tim Lui & Rudy's guest, Eddy Wong counting the loot.

Sec. Ates entertains
Rtn. Mukesh
Malhotra &
Anwer Islam.



PP John Luk
& his son
Johnson.

IPP C.Y.
wins the
draw --
Lucky guy.



Rtn Kishu entertains our
guests-Rtn Fritz Sommeral,
Jens Jensen & PP Peter Tse.



Acting Pres. Taj,
Hon Sec Ates,
Uncle Peter & guests
on 12 January, 2000