



# Tung Feng

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## What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting with Chinese New Year Greetings, especially to those members not present at the previous meeting. He then extended a warm welcome back to Rotarian Eddy. President Taj asked members to note that an updated list of members' contact and attendance record were distributed with the Tung Feng. He reminded members about the attendance requirements.

PE Stephen introduced the two beautiful ladies at the head table: Ms Lale Kesebi who was our speaker for the meeting and Ms Ceyda Oeuz, guest of Secretary Ates.

PP David Li and PP John Luk led the birthday song for Rotarian Tony.

Rotarian Rudy reminded members about the arrangements for collecting donations for the Gujarat Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund as detailed in his fax. He also announced the Board's decision to redirect the \$25,000 earmarked for the Turkey Earthquake Relief to the disaster relief actions in India, Inner Mongolia and Independent Mongolia.

Rotarian Malcolm announced that the District Tree Planting Day would be held on 1 April. In addition to tree planting there would be other family activities planned for participants. Members were urged to take part and make a strong representation from HKIE.

PP John Kwok asked members to check their particulars in the roster and advise him of any change as soon as possible as he would be getting it in print soon.

Secretary Ates introduced our speaker for the meeting, Ms Lale Kesebi who is the Director -Asia Pacific Strategic Alliance of Futurestep, responsible for co-ordinating marketing initiatives and developing strategic alliance across the region. Prior to joining Futurestep she was the Executive Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.



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District 3450

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PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

"Dr. Matthew Lukwiya made the ultimate sacrifice in his Service Above Self," said Past District Governor Sam Owori. "An extraordinarily qualified professional with three master's degrees in medicine to his credit, Rotarian Lukwiya has challenged us Rotarians here in Uganda like nobody else has before."

Hailing his heroic leadership, governments, international aid agencies and Ugandan health institutions have established a hospital grant, as well as medical scholarships and fellowships in honor of Rotarian Lukwiya. A street in Kampala, Uganda's largest city and capital, has been renamed after him.

In addition to volunteering their time and putting their lives on the line, Rotarians across the world contributed medical aid to support the efforts to halt the spread of the virus. For example, local Rotarians received a consignment of two sea containers of medical supplies sent by U.S. Rotarians through the Worldwide Humanitarian Alliance of Rotarians and Friends (WHARF), a coalition of Rotary Service Projects and NGOs working together to increase the flow of humanitarian aid from North America to developing countries.

### *Australian Rotarians sell vintage pennies for polio*

To raise funds for the PolioPlus Partners Program, the PolioPlus Committee of District 9450, Australia, has hit on an idea that makes every vintage Aussie penny count.

The committee runs the Pennies for Polio project, conceived more than two years ago, to sell a trove of Australian pennies which were phased out in 1964 in favor of the decimal currency the country's central bank has been issuing for more than three decades. With the assistance of the Perth Mint, based in Western Australia, Rotarians working on the project acquired 100,000 pennies in mint condition and attractively packaged them with a story of what the world's 1.2 million Rotarians are doing to help eradicate polio, and the history of the Australian penny.

Priced at AU\$250 (US\$130) a pack (containing 50 coins), 10,000 of the pennies have been sold, and interest in them is growing across Australia and other parts of the world. According to David Goldstone, chairman of District 9450's PolioPlus Committee, the increased demand for the pennies may be explained by Rotarians' eagerness to hasten the demise of polio, and because the coins make ideal gifts and are genuine pieces of Australian heritage.



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Our speaker Ms. Lale Kesebi,  
Vice President /Director  
of the Canadian Chamber  
of Commerce in Hong Kong.



Dr. Ceyda Oğuz & Ms. Lale Kesebi grace our head table.



Our Club's best singers  
PP John Luk &  
PP David Li led the  
birthday song for  
Rtn Tony.



Sec. Ates & Rtn Malcolm  
supporting Pres. Taj for  
the group photo with our  
guests on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2001

Her talk was about the environmental issues facing Hong Kong. She pointed out that if these issues were not properly addressed it would adversely affect Hong Kong's competitiveness. In addressing these issues there would be social and economic implications and any single group alone would not be able to tackle the problems effectively. All the stakeholders should come together to build consensus, agree on actions required, set priorities and then take the recommendations to Government. She asked Rotarians to help spread the words and help promote the awareness. She pointed out that Canada has outstanding achievements in tackling the environmental issues and it has a lot of expertise and experience that would be useful to Hong Kong.

Rotarian Chris thanked the speaker for her fascinating and thought provoking talk. Sgt-at-Arms Rotarian Eddy gave his report, announcing a collection of \$1,000.

President Taj closed the meeting with a toast to HKIE.



## *Rotary Information*

### *Ugandan Rotarian pays ultimate price in bid to halt epidemic*

The last known victim of an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in Uganda was discharged from hospital last week, and the country will be officially declared Ebola-free on 24 February if no new cases of the disease are recorded, according to Ugandan health officials. The virus, which has no cure, killed 30 percent of the more than 400 people it infected in the past three months.

Rotarians played a pivotal alongside the Ugandan government, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other sectors of the international community in quickly containing an epidemic that could have easily spiraled out of control. Dr. Matthew Lukwiya, a past president of the Rotary Club of Gulu in northern Uganda, had sounded the alarm on the October 2000 outbreak from Lacor Hospital where he was medical superintendent. While spearheading the fight against the epidemic, he contracted the Ebola virus from patients in his care and died on 8 December.

# LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Tom died and arrived in Hell. He was met by the Devil and was told that in the new, more customer-focused Hell, each person is offered three choices of torture. The Devil explained that these tortures run in 1,000 year cycles and you can pick which cycle to begin with.

The Devil took Tom to the first room where a man was hung by his feet and was being whipped with chains. Tom said he did not think that was where he wanted to start.

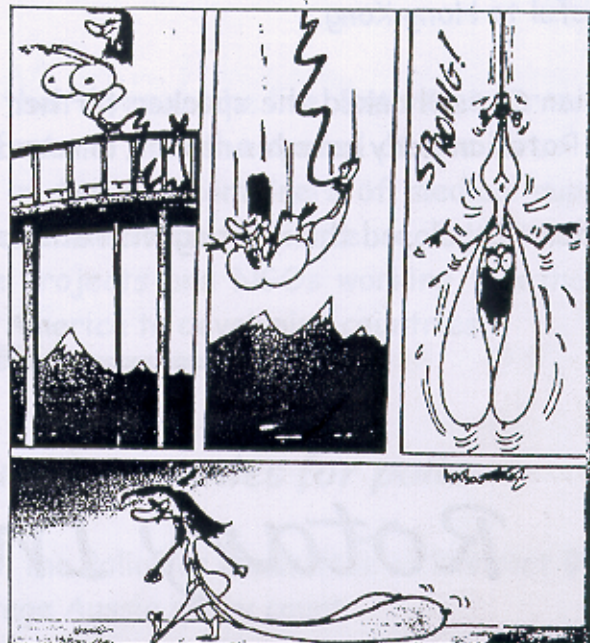
They proceeded to next room where a man was tied on his back on a stretching rack and was being stretched senseless. Tom also rejected this form of torture to start with.

The third room had an old man chained to the wall naked, and a very beautiful young woman was performing oral sex on him. Tom told the Devil this was more like it, and this was the way he would like to spend the first thousand years.

Tom assured him this was the punishment he wanted.

So the Devil walked over to the young woman and said, "You can finish now - I've found your replacement."

Two cannibals just finished a big meal and one turns to the other while rubbing his stomach with his fist and says, "You know, I just ate my mother-in-law and she still doesn't agree with me."



Why women don't bungee jump.

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