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What Happened Last Week

President Desmond opened the meeting by warmly welcoming DG Dipo Sani, DS K T Tang, DDS Joseph Chan, PDG Anthony Hung and H.E. Tarik Yalvac Consul General of Turkey.

Rtn. Robert introduced visiting Rotarian Fedwces Carrassom from Hong Kong South and Ms Stephenie, secretary of our Secretary Ates.

Our birthday boy Sam Wong asked PP John Kwok to lead the birthday song and received an IOU from President Desmond for his birthday present.

H.E. Tarik Yalvac expressed his gratitude for our generous donation of 500 tents to the victims who lost their homes in the earthquake in Turkey. Secretary Ates showed us a video of the damages in the earthquake and the site where our tents were used.

The Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Howe announced that there were 29 members present and the collected donation of \$2760 which included \$500 from Secretary Ates and \$300 from the birthday boy Sam Wong.

President Desmond informed us that the DG had made an appeal that we donate the red box collection in the month of October to the victims of the earthquake in Taiwan and this would be considered by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

DG Dipo Sani took over the floor and addressed us. He first gave a brief introduction of R.I. President Carlo Ravizza who was born in Milan and is an architect by profession. He has been a Rotarian since 1971 and his Rotary credentials are very impressive. President Carlo Ravizza has chosen his theme this year as: "ROTARY 2000: ACT WITH CONSISTENCY, CREDIBILITY, CONTINUITY".

CONSISTENCY means we Rotarians have to act consistently with our club rules, for example the rule for minimum attendance.

CREDIBILITY means we must strive to set the standards for ethical behaviour within our business and professions. Credibility has always been the hallmark of Rotarians and has been the key to our success. Only when we are credible in our community will we be able to attract the quality members we seek.

CONTINUITY means instead of re-inventing ourselves every July 1st, we continue our predecessors' meaningful programs. We can now work on multi-year program with both current and future leaders involved. We must move from "I" to "we" and from "ego" to "teamwork".

DG went on highlighting the problem in membership growth and retention in our district. We already had a net loss of members two years in a row and we have to take a strong and focused approach to turn this trend around. The responsibility of membership development does not only lie with the president, it really rests with each and every member of the club.

The DG further pointed out what we need in Rotary is not just quantity but a "quantity of quality". In a typical club only 30 percent of the members normally do almost all the work. Just by adding numbers to our membership will not guarantee an improvement in the club's efficiency. We have to find some means to convert the balance 70 percent of un-involved members into dedicated Rotarians.

The DG concluded his address by reminding us of our commitment to the Rotary Foundation. In order to keep Rotary International's many service projects functioning we have to continue supporting the Rotary Foundation through donations under the Paul Harris Program or by donations to the permanent fund.

To close the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong South.

Rotary Information

Rotarian to run broadcasting station in Losovo

A Swiss Rotarian has been appointed head of Radio/Television Kosovo (RTK).

Eric Lehmann, the president of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation, was appointed last month to launch the new station set up in Pristina by the European Broadcasting Union. RTK will be broadcasting initially for two hours a day in Albanian and Serbo-Croatian, the two major languages spoken in Kosovo.

Lehmann, a member of the Rotary Club of Geneve-Lac since 1989, says that his goal is to "create a democratic television under Kosovar leadership which promotes reconciliation and the values of tolerance and peace, as well as the protection of minorities."

Lehmann has prior experience as a journalist, radio commentator, editor-in-chief, publisher, and board member of various media organizations.





Roster for fellowship duty:

6 October

Rtn. Phillips Malcolm

13 October

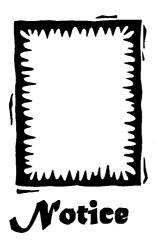
Rtn. John Yao

20 October

Rtn. Lewis Fung

27 October

Rtn. Chris Howe



We missed you on 19th January 2000!!!

Team 1 Hubert Chan; Chellaram, Manolo; Liu, Stephen; Luk, John

Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Fu, C.Y.

Team 3 Pang, K.T.

Team 4 Kilis, Danny; Li, David

Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Shek, Andrew

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Chiu, Jason

15 members missing

Please makeup!!!



A young lady was in a terrible car accident. Her face was burned terribly The doctors couldn't use any skin from her body to graft onto her face for reconstructive surgery, so her husband offered the skin off his butt for the surgery.

After the successful surgery, all her friends agreed that she was as beautiful as she was before the accident.

One evening, the young lady suddenly broke down crying.

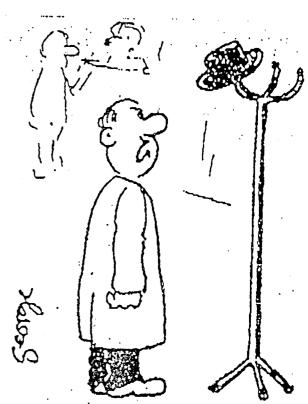
"What's the matter?" her husband asked.

"I can't believe what a loving thing you did for me," she cried.

Her husband hugged her and replied, "Don't worry, dear, I love you I would do anything for you."

"But, how can I ever repay you?" she asked.

"You don't need to repay me," said her husband.
"You wouldn't believe the satisfaction I get every time I see your mum kiss you on the cheek."



"For the last time, is this the optician's?"

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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



Our Speaker Dr. Anthony Tam telling us what life time learning is about.







Left: "My name Ca-Va-So-Ni & I'm Italiano" Rtn, Kishu got his priority wrong & visiting Rtn Cavasoni (HKS) is left unattended.

Happy Birthday Rtn. Malcolm!



Pres. Desmond presenting our banner to PP Derek Kember from the Rotary Club of Midway UK. We got an IOU in return.





Rtn Bill & his guest Peter Kuang, a soon to-be inducted Rotarian.



PP Leslie (HKS) does not look like he needs help from Rtn Tony.



Sec. Ates seated with PP Kemper (Midway, UK) & Mrs. Kemper.



Pres. Desmond pictured with visiting Rotarians & guests on 19th January, 2000





9 lb. 10Z. !!

Georgia Isabelle Howe born at Matilda Hospital on 22nd December, 1999 weighing 9 lb. 1 oz. Little Georgia Howe thanks everyone at Rotary for the lovely outfit given to her for her birth day. She's sure it will keep her warm through the winter. Mom & Dad send their thanks too-Best Wishes, Lisa & Christopher





Here are some more pictures of the Christmas party for the Victoria Park School for the Deaf. Right photo closeup of Santa Kishu Claus.