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What Happened Last Week

The meeting was opened by President Taj. Some members were wondering why there were no members present from our daughter Club, RC HK Harbour when the bulletin said they would be at this meeting. President Taj said that it was a mistake and that the visit would take place next week.

Rtn Henry Chan was in charge of making the introductions this week:

AG Bob Schroeder

(Queensway)

PP Tom Sheppard

(HK South)

Rtn T.S. Chan

(HK)

Rtn K.M. Chau

(Kowloon)

Henry also announced that there were 21 members present at the meeting and \$1,300 had been collected.

President Taj also welcomed back PP C.Y. who explained that he had just spent several weeks down under in his second home, Australia. C.Y. was looking very pale but we're not sure whether this was from the fright he received from seeing a snake in the Australian bush or being sucked dry by the leeches.

AG Bob Schroeder was here to report on several District events coming up:

 March: District Awards Committee to decide on awards for Club achievements. Clubs have to nominate their achievements in any of the following areas:

Vocational Service
Community Service
International Service
World Community Service
Club Bulletin (English)
Club Bulletin (Chinese)
Highest number of PHFs
Highest number of Benefactors
Highest membership growth by percentage
Highest average weekly attendance
Ecology



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 4350

China project

District 3450

Chartered on 6 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

- 24 March: Presidents Elect Training Session.
- 7-8 April: The District Conference.

PP John then announced that the golf tournament for the PDG Uncle Peter trophy will be held on 23 February and that several more golfers would be needed.

Rtn Rudy announced that our Club collected the sum of \$53, 460 for the Indian Earthquake Appeal; and also, two cheques of \$8,000 would be sent to the relief funds for the victims of the severe winter in both Inner and Independent Mongolia.

Finally, PE Stephen took charge of the Open Forum, beginning with a brief overview of the accomplishments of the different avenues of service.

PP Rob spoke briefly about the activities of Club Service, mentioning that the focus of the Club this year has been to tighten up on the Club rules and increase the membership. Despite a troubled beginning to the year, things have now settled down and the Club is running normally, with good speakers at meetings, and a number of new members inducted into the Club. This will hopefully continue.

PDG Uncle Peter raised the issue of members coming late to meetings and not participating in the pre-meeting fellowship. This was responded to by:

- PP Rob who supported Uncle Peter and urged members to mix and interact more with others in their Club.
- PP Li suggested that it should be the responsibility of Board members to ring around each week to urge members to attend early.
- PP John pointed out that there was already a system in place for this, but the team leaders were not doing their job.
- PP Andrew questioned President Taj's intention to enforce the attendance rules, suggesting that persuasion would be better than persecution. He said that we should be screening new members better to ensure that we gained quality rather than quantity.
- AG Bob Schroeder agreed with this latter policy and said that his Club, Queensway, had adopted a policy of culling those who were inactive in the Club and inducting only people committed to the Rotary ideals.

As time had run out, the Forum was closed. PE Stephen was thanked for his adjudication, and President Taj closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Queensway.



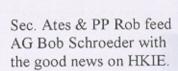


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PE Stephen gaining some practice for the "hot seat".





PP Andrew looking after Rtn. K.M. Chan (Kowloon) & PP Tom Sheppard(HK South).



Rtn. T.S. Chan (HK) enjoying fellowship with Rtn Eddy Wong.



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Three good mates: Rtn. Bill, & PP's George & Hubert.



Rtns. Laurence & Jason ensure PP C.Y. doesn't slip away again."



Visitors to the club on 21 February, 2001.



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Excerpt from Sing Tao newspaper dated on 9 February 2001



A nostalgic photo taken in the year 1981 showing the late Mr. T.C. Cheng being greeted by our club President Harold Lee during our club meeting.

Rotary Information

Rotarians discuss ways to extend Rotary in Russia, Eastern Europe

The fifth annual conference on "Rotary Expansion in Russia and Eastern Europe" opened colorfully with the singing of Russian and American peace songs, playing of background music and District 5890 Youth Exchange students presenting the flags of Rotary and 19 countries from all continents. Representing the three districts hosting the conference, district governors Charles Clemmons (D-5890) and John Germany (D-5910) and Governor-elect Wanda Cookskey (D-5010) each gave a rousing welcome to the participants.

Held at the Nassau Bay Hilton in Clear Lake City, Texas, USA, the 9-11 February event featured speeches, discussions and presentations aimed at assisting and guiding Rotarians and Rotary clubs in developing a strong network of Rotary clubs in Russia and Eastern Europe. In addition, the meeting offered opportunities for Russian and U.S. Rotarians to strike partnerships for club creation and mentoring, exchanges, World Community Service projects and Rotary Foundation programs. Hammering home this year's theme of Create Awareness and Take Action, RI President Frank J. Devlyn told attendees that Rotary needs to grow in order to serve more effectively at the local (club) and international level.

RYLA Web site is a key resource to organizers

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), an RI program that provides lifelong leadership skills to young people across the world, has gone online with a brand new Web site at http://www.rotaryryla.com.

Featuring information about the aims, objectives, activities and history of RYLA, the site is an important resource to Rotary clubs, districts and youth involved with conducting the program in their locale.

Since it became an official RI program in 1971, RYLA has assisted tens of thousands of young people to develop leadership skills at camps, seminars, and workshops. In Rotary year 1999-2000 alone, some 21,275 youth took part in RYLA.

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Here's one from a regular contributor, PP John:

A beautiful woman loved growing tomatoes, but couldn't seem to get her tomatoes to turn red. One day, while taking a stroll she came upon a gentleman neighbour who had the most beautiful garden full of huge red tomatoes. The woman said to him, "What do you do to get your tomatoes to ripen so red?"

The gentleman responded, "Well, twice a day I stand in front of my tomato garden and expose myself, and my tomatoes turn red from blushing so much."

So, the woman was so impressed, she decided to do the same thing to her tomato garden to see if it would work. Twice a day for two weeks she exposed herself to her garden hoping for the best. Then, one day the gentleman was passing by and asked the woman, "By the way, how did you make out?" Did your tomatoes turn red?"

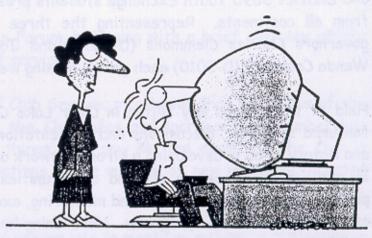
"No" she replied, "but my cucumbers are enormous."

Statistics show that married men live longer than single men ... but they are more willing to die.

Q. Why is divorce so expensive?

A. Because it's worth it.

....and another computer cartoon:



'It's the latest innovation in office safety. When your computer crashes, an air bag is activated so you won't bang your head in frustration.".

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