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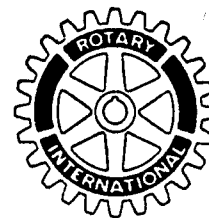
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## What Happened Last Week

After last week's meeting, this week saw an improvement in numbers as members were gradually drifting back from New Year holidays. It was made especially enjoyable with the return of former member, PP Jack Lau, who is on holidays from his adopted home, New Zealand. In opening the meeting, President Desmond extended him a very special welcome to his old club.

Rtn John Yao then officially introduced and welcomed the visitors and guests:

Paul Knight (Cornwall, UK)

PP Jack Lau (Onehunga, New Zealand)

Irene Kwok (PP Jack)

Anita Kwok (PDG Uncle Peter)

Two birthday boys were present this week. They were Rtns Tommy Ling and Tony Loy. The birthday singing was lead by PP Jack Lau and PP John Luk.

President Desmond then took the opportunity to present our newest member, Rtn Peter Huang with the HKIE souvenir fob watch.

The announcements for the day came from PP John and President Desmond:

PP John gave members forewarning of the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> District Conference which will be held on the weekend of 1 - 2 April at the Landmark in Macau. Members were encouraged to note this in their diaries and endeavour to attend.

President Desmond reminded members of the RI Presidential Conference to be held in Hong Kong on 25 - 27 February, 2000. He announced the Community Walkathon at Chek Lap Kok on 27 February; and a tree planting and walkathon function on 12 March. More details to be announced at a later date.

It was then time for the main event of the meeting: The introduction of the guest speaker. PP Andrew introduced PP Jack, only necessary for our new members and the guests and visitors.

PP Jack said it was marvellous to come back - it was like coming home after a long absence. He then gave a long account of his lifestyle in his adopted country. Jack is officially retired but his account indicates that he is far from inactive. He described the city in which he lives (Auckland) as quiet compared with Hong Kong, consisting of about one million people, or about one third of the population of New Zealand. (The largest population, by far, is the sheep, of which there are about 60 million - *This gives rise to suspicions held by Australians that Kiwi men take sheep as their lovers and mistresses - Ed.*) In New Zealand, there are about 90,000 Asian migrants, of which about half are Chinese.

Around Auckland, the climate is very mild, with the temperature rarely rising above 28-29 degrees, so golf can be played all year round. However, the sun can be intense, and exposure for more than 5-6 minutes can cause burn damage to the skin. Therefore, it is necessary to apply sunscreen creams before going outdoors.

PP Jack said that sport is very important to New Zealanders. At present, the Americas Cup for yachting is being fought out (actually just won by the Italian challengers sponsored by the fashion house, Prada). Rugby union is a national culture in which New Zealanders pride themselves with international dominance (*until their recent defeat in the World Cup by the Australian Wallabies - Ed.*). Golf, too, is widely played with large numbers of courses dotting the country.

Personally, Jack said that he enjoys the quietness and relaxation of the lifestyle there. He plays plenty of golf, with his house actually adjoining the No. 2 hole of a golf course. His handicap, however, remains the same as he keeps repeating the same mistakes. His other passion is singing (*as we all knew before he left Hong Kong - Ed.*), and he has pursued this in New Zealand also. He finally agreed to join a Rotary Club in Auckland, and after trying to find a suitable classification for a retiree, the Club came up with "Jazz Singer." Other than these pursuits, Jack fills in time by helping his wife care for the home - mowing the lawn, sweeping the floors (like practising putting), etc. He also has joined the Institute of Management in New Zealand as an advisor; as well as taking an active interest in his church, particularly in the choir.

Finally, Jack told members a little about his music career there. He has taken lessons in improving the timing and improvisation required for Jazz singing and has actually performed in nightclubs, often for free so that he can gain the experience. He reported that he had just recently cut his own disk, "Time After Time", copies of which he had available for HK\$100 - with 50% going to HKIE coffers. As time had run out, Jack was only able to play a short excerpt from one of his songs.

PE Tajwar thanked Jack for his talk. Interestingly, he said that we all know the saying, "the boomerang always comes back"; but in this case, it should be "the kiwi fruit always comes back" because the kiwi fruit that is now so closely associated with New Zealand, in fact is a native fruit of China.

To close the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to PP Jack's Club, Onehunga.

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## **Rotary Information**

### ***Children's Opportunities Grant keeps Virginia kids online***

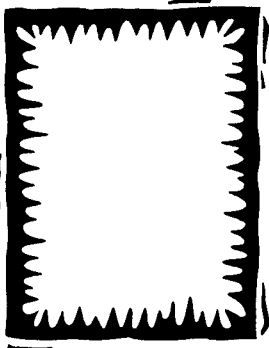
For working parents in Follansbee, West Virginia, USA, the Carol Ann Julio Neighborhood Center is the ideal place to send their children after school. It is well-supervised, safe and has an educationally active environment.

For members of the Rotary Club of Brooke County, the centre offered an opportunity to do more for young people.

"Most of our projects are oriented towards kids," said Kevin Diserio, past president of the club. "When the center was new, we'd drive by on the way to Rotary meetings in Follansbee, and we decided to get involved."

The Rotarians began to volunteer as tutors and mentors at the center which is run by a non-profit community action agency called CHANGE, Inc., but soon wanted to give more than just their time. With the support of a USD7,500 Children's Opportunities Grant, the 19-member club was able to provide the center with five Internet-ready multimedia computers, which were installed last November. Specialized programs donated by CHANGE, Inc., allow the young people to learn or improve reading and math skills.

Located in downtown Follansbee, the neighborhood center is accessible to children by walking or taking the bus after school - with a parent's permission. All students must sign in and out for activities and programs, and agency staffers monitor the center on a daily basis. Volunteers are recruited throughout the community, and with the assistance of neighborhood schools and churches the center has registered 115 children since its inception in 1998.



## Notice

We missed you on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2000!!!

- Team 1 Law, Rudy; Yucel, Ates
- Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Fu, C.Y.; Lamport, William; Ling Alex
- Team 3 Fung, Lewis; Pang, K.T.;  
Wong, Sam
- Team 4 Cheng, Y.K.; Killis, Danny; Leung, George, Li, David
- Team 5 Luy, Henry
- Team 6 Chan, Paul; Howe, Chris; Phillips, Malcolm

16 members missing

**Please makeup!!!**

## LAUGS FOR THE WEEK

*We all know how crazy the Irish can be - so here's an example :*

There was a German, an American and an Irishman on death row. The warden gave them a choice of three ways to die

- To be shot
- To be hung
- To be injected with the AIDS virus

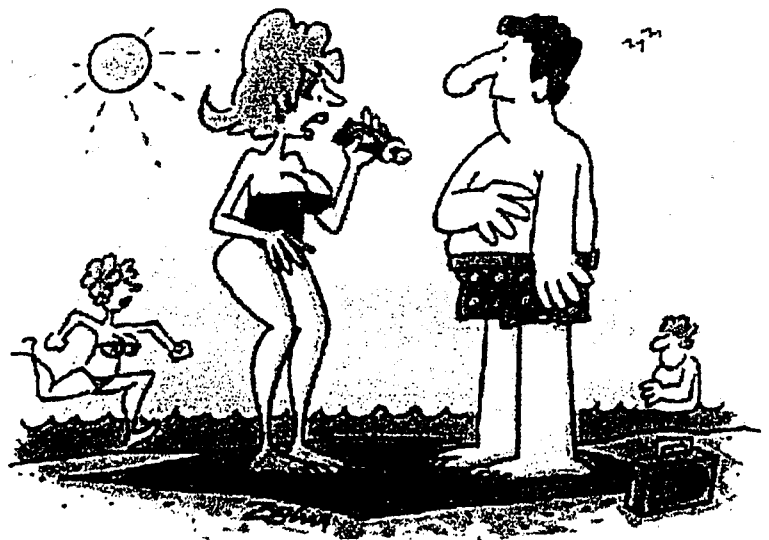
So the German said, "Shoot me in the head." They took him out and shot him.

The American said, "Give me some of that AIDS stuff." They gave him an injection of AIDS virus, and he broke up laughing. The guards looked at each other and wondered what was wrong with this guy.

Then the Irishman asked them to give him another of those shots, so the guards did. Now he was laughing so hard that he was almost peeing himself.

So, finally, the warden said, "What the hell is wrong with you?"

The Irishman replied, "You guys are so stupid. I'm wearing a condom!"



"This Isn't sun block! It's your penis enlarging cream!"

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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



PP Jack Lau gives an account of his retired life in New Zealand.



Birthday boys, Tony Loy & Tommy Ling receive their gifts from Pres. Desmond.



Congratulations to the birthday boys with birthday song from PP Jack Lau & PP John Luk. Perhaps the better singers from our club.



Visitors to our club & members on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2000