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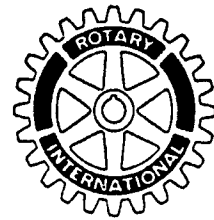
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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF
HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

This meeting was held in the Marina Room on the third floor. It was opened by President Desmond who gave a special welcome to IPDG Anthony Hung (Tai Po).

Rtn Chris then formally welcomed the following people:
Ali Tahiri (Scripps Mesa Sunrise, San Diego)
AG Kenny Chow (Tuen Wan)
Ken Lai (Kowloon NE)
Mark Bergt (Rtn Malcolm)
Ida Chan (Pres. Desmond)

There were many announcements to be made, beginning with PE Tajwar. He informed members that, due to lack of interest, the proposed two day visit to China would be cancelled; and in its place, a one day visit to his factory, including a game of golf would be organized for next Thursday, 9 March.

VP Stephen then drummed up support for a visit to one of our sister clubs, Kawasaki South in Japan, for their 40th anniversary. His investigations had revealed that a 10 member delegation from HKIE visited their club for their 30th anniversary and it would be good if the same interest could be generated this time. The visit is scheduled for 10-11 April, 2000.

PP John was also giving members forewarning of the District Conference in Macau on 1-2 April, 2000. The Club will pay for the \$1,000 registration fee (inc. the dinner) but members will have to cover their own accommodation. PP John promises his usual annual hassle to ensure a good attendance from our Club.

PP George also notified members of an upcoming golfing event: Some golfers from our sister club, RC Makati North in the Philippines, will be visiting Hong Kong on 7 April, 2000 and President Desmond has donated a trophy for the competition. Members are invited to participate in this event.

Finally, President Desmond informed members that he had just submitted the Club's projects for 1999-2000 to the District Awards Committee. He said that he was very impressed at the number and quality of our projects when they were all assembled.

IPP C.Y. then reported that the donations for the day amounted to \$1,200.

PP Edwin was chosen to introduce the day's speaker due to their long association in the Club. PP Andrew (the Club's President for 1984-85) spoke about the shipping industry in Hong Kong. As Chairman of the Hong Kong Ship Owners Association for 1999-2001, he obviously has a respected position, as well as a deep knowledge of the industry.

Essentially, what was revealed by his talk was that Hong Kong holds a pre-eminent position internationally in this industry. The figures he quoted were very impressive. The shipping industry contributes 20% of Hong Kong's GDP and is therefore of vital economic importance to the SAR. It has held the record of being the world's largest container port for the past six years - in 1998, 16.1 TEU (20 ft containers with 27 million tons of cargo passed through this port). This was handled by 123,000 ships.

The Hong Kong Ship Owners Association was formed in 1957. Its members consist of 71 shipping companies and 118 shipping related companies, i.e., banks, law firms, insurance companies, ship brokers, etc. Hong Kong ship owners alone possess 1100 ships with 57 million dead weight tons. This is the fifth largest fleet in the world.

PP Andrew said that his Association tries to encourage foreign registered shipping companies to take out registration in the SAR. They also work closely with SAR government departments, such as the Department of Economic Affairs and the Port and Maritime Board.

In his opinion, he thought that Hong Kong is in an ideal location in SE Asia:

1. It is a commercial centre for many large international companies.
2. Many maritime law firms are resident here.
3. It is a maritime arbitration centre.
4. 25 banks have shipping finance branches.
5. There is no taxation levied on shipping in the SAR.

As time had run out, Rtn Malcolm gave a vote of thanks to PP Andrew for his interesting revelations about another important industry in Hong Kong.

To conclude the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Tai Po.

Rotary Information

RI Board of Directors picks Ed Futa as new General Secretary

Following an extensive international search process that produced a large pool of well-qualified candidates, RI President Carlo Ravizza has announced, on behalf of the Board of Directors, the unanimous selection of ED Futa as the next General Secretary of Rotary International, effective July 1, 2000.

Futa is currently the Associate General Secretary. He joined the RI staff in November 1998 as the manager of strategic planning for the Secretariat. He came to Rotary International from Hawaii, where he was president of an international marketing consulting firm. Active in youth ministry, he also served on the board of governors of the YMCA and as a mediator in the Neighborhood Justice Center of Honolulu.

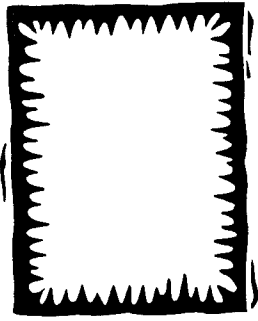
Thai Rotarians given children a lift to school

Many children in Ratchaburi Province, Thailand, lived so far away from school that after walking several kilometers they arrived late and were too tired to concentrate on their classes.

Acting on the conviction that education is very important for children, the Rotary Club of Photharam proposed a project to purchase bicycles to facilitate their travel and promote their studies. The Rotary clubs of Luk-Ha Damnern, Ganchan Ratchaburi, and Suanpeung, also in Thailand, co-sponsored the project.

With contributions from Districts 3330 and 3810 in Thailand and the Philippines respectively, Rotarians in both countries raised US\$8,400 and received a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation. The money helped in the purchase of 400 bicycles earmarked for primary and secondary school students who lived more than one kilometer (two-thirds of a mile) from school.

Equipped with a basket decorated with the Rotary wheel, a book rack, handbrakes, kickstand and bell for safety purposes, the bright yellow bikes were presented to several area schools. The children who benefited from this project are the proud owners of the rugged two-wheelers and will be responsible for their maintenance.



Notice

We missed you on 1st March 2000!!!

- Team 1 Chelleram, Manolo; Luk, John; Yucel, Ates
- Team 2 Lamport, William; Li, Francis; Ling, Alex; Lui, Tim
- Team 3 Fung, Lewis; Pang, K.T.;
- Team 4 Cheng, Y.K.; Kuang, Peter; Killis, Danny; Li, David
- Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Shek, Andrew; Yao, John
- Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul

20 members missing

Please makeup!!!

LAUGS FOR THE WEEK

Two young Irish guys, Paddy and Mick have never left Dublin, let alone Ireland before. One day they enter and win a competition, an all expenses paid trip to New York flying Aer Lingus. All excited, they board the plane and take off.

About an hour into the flight, the captain announces, "Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for flying Aer Lingus director Dublin—New York. I don't wish to alarm you, but one of our four engines has failed. Now, don't panic ... we can make it perfectly well on three engines. We could even make it on one if we needed to. However, it does mean we are going to be one hour late."

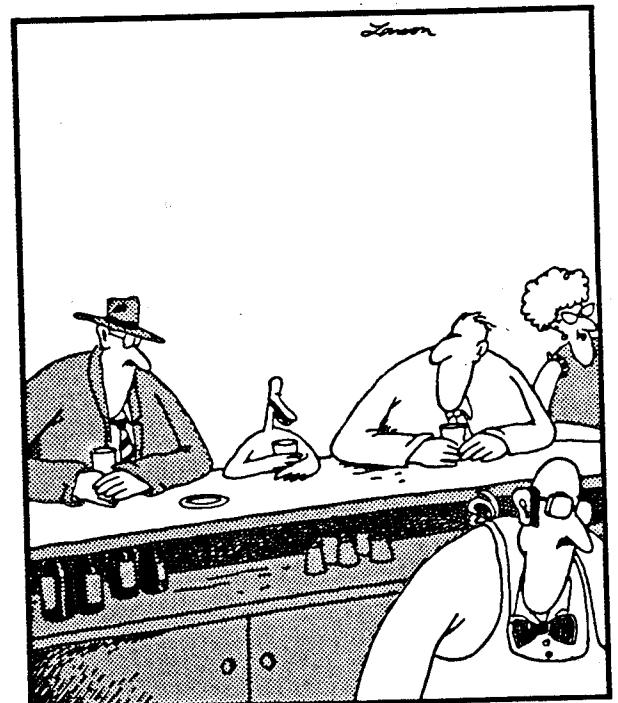
Mick turned to Paddy, "Bloody Hell, it's just like the trains back home ... always bloody delayed!"

After another hour, the captain comes back on, "Ladies and gentlemen, I don't mean to alarm you, but the second of our four engines has failed. Now, don't panic ... we can make it perfectly well on two engines. We could even make it on one if we needed to. However, it now means that we are going to be two hours late."

Paddy turns to Mick and says, "Just like the friggin' buses as well ..."

After 30 more minutes, the captain comes back on again, "Ladies and gentlemen, I don't mean to scare you, but the third of our four engines has been shut down due to a malfunction. Now, don't panic ... we can make it perfectly well on one engine. However, it does mean that we are going to be about four hours late."

Paddy then turns to Mick and says, "Well. I'll be damned, Mick, if the fourth engine fails we'll be up here all bloody night!"



"I tell you she's drivin' me nuts! ... I come home at night and it's 'quack quack quack' ... I get up in the morning and it's 'quack quack quack.'"

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Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each
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The speaker of the day is none other our own PP Andrew who talked to us about shipping in Hong Kong.



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Assistant District Governor Kenneth Chow seated next to Ida Chan the Secretary of Pres. Desmond. She is responsible for putting together our weekly bulletin. Thanks a lot Ida, you have done a fine job.



Visiting Rotarian Ken Lai (KNE) pictured here with our Kenny Chan, enjoying the fellowship.



Our head table seating is (left to right) PE Tajwar, IPDG Anthony and visiting Rotarian Ali Tahiri from San Diego.



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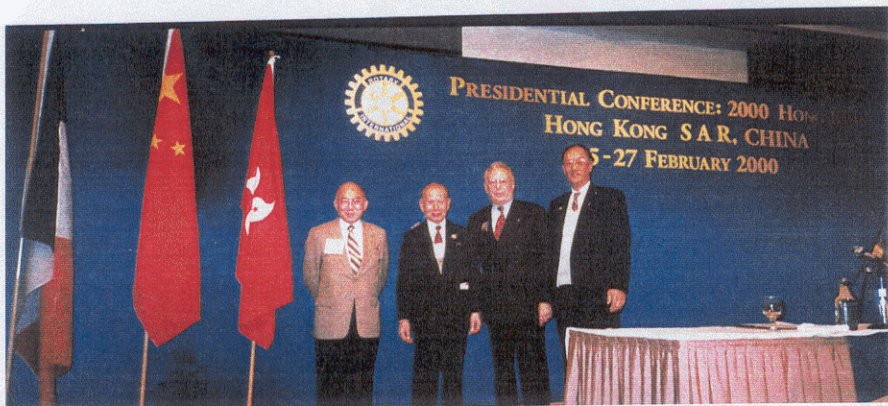
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The speaker PP Andrew & Pres. Desmond here with visitors & visiting Rotarians to our Club on 1 March, 2000.



We had a visitor from our sister club Makati North in the Philippines: PP Roger Nicandro is seated in the center with his father at a dinner hosted by us. We are planning to make a club visit to them in the near future.



Some of our members attended the Presidential Conference. Pictured here with R.I. Pres. Carlo Ravizza are PDG Arthur Au, PDG Peter Hall, The R.I. Pres. Carlo & PP John Kwok.