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## *What Happened Last Week*

President Stephen kicked off the meeting a bit earlier by extending a warm welcome to visiting Rotarians and guest. They were:

- 1) IPDG Jean Pierre Lan Yee Chiu from Mauritius
- 2) IPP Bob Wilson from Hong Kong Island South
- 3) Ms. Suzanne Wan Rotaractor from Hong Kong Island East.

IPDG Jean then shared with us about his district. There were totally 40 clubs and more than 1,200 members in his district which covered Asia, Africa and part of Europe. It was quite a challenge for him to visit all the clubs since this was a vast area. This was not his first time to Hong Kong and had fellowship with our club. President Stephen then presented our club banner to him.

Ms. Suzanne Wan, one of the GSE team members, then shared that she would represent our club to South Carolina, USA in mid-April for about two weeks. Currently she was practicing legal services in a local law firm. She was glad to have such honor.

President Stephen congratulated Rtn. Rudy for he had had been awarded the "4 Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians" from RI. He then presented a copy to Rtn. Rudy.

President Stephen reminded us the meetings during our sister clubs' visit on next week. A copy of the detail function and the attendance table had been disseminated to members. There would have no regular luncheon meeting on next Wednesday afternoon. It had been replaced by the horseracing meeting in the evening. Currently, there had totally 21 members and friends joined the horseracing night and 9 members would join for the golf function in Macau on the next day. There had 10 members signed to join the joint fellowship and vocational dinner with nine other clubs on 10 April. Members were encouraged to join these meetings.

Then came to the highlight of today's meeting, Club Assembly, led by PE Chris.

PE Chris stated that the poor business environment also affected our Rotary club. The Rotary theme for next year would come up later. However, he would focus on some basic principles. RI's core focus would be a good reference. IPP Bob Wilson would be our club's advisor. He then talked about club services and would open this to the floor for further discussion.

Rtn. Tony shared about his view on inviting speakers to our luncheon meeting. He believed good speakers were the attraction to our club's regular meeting. Currently, there had only one member to look after this would limit the diversity and balance of it. He suggested this activity should involve all members' participation.



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District 3450

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

Rtn. Rudy then shared that since our club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary would be in two years time, he would suggest our club should consider having an afternoon to have 4 members sharing with us monthly so that such information would be recorded in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary handbook.

VP Henry reminded us that there would have TV programme on 19<sup>th</sup> May introducing Rotary to the public about our services to community, this would be a good time for members to invite and promote membership.

Rtn. Clark asked whether we could have a VCD. PE Chris acknowledged Rtn. Clark's good idea and he would find out the availability.

Rtn. Ates asked two questions.

- 1) How to keep our existing members - retention?
- 2) What was the status about the special offering/low entrance fee package - recruiting membership proposed by PP Tim?

VP Henry replied that this idea had been discussed during the board meeting, there had concerns regarding on such subsidizing actions.

PE Chris proposed to revisit this again.

Rtn. Ates raised that we should consider thing such as waived the first year annual fee as one of the alternatives to improve membership.

Rtn. Bill stated that quality of the members was the key concern; he did not believe cost was the major barrier for new membership.

Rtn. Kishu shared whether the club would look for average members or would be a cheque book club. He suggested revisit the cost structure again such as the weekly luncheon charge from the hotel service since it was a good time for negotiating for a different cost.

PE Chris agreed to take an overall on the cost structure for new membership.

VP Henry agreed all the ideas would be captured and discussed later. They had not made up a final decision onto this issue yet.

Rtn. Bill commented that he talked with some of the ex-members and one of the reasons they did not join the meeting because the club was not interesting.

PE Chris said there was so much knowledge among our members. There had great opportunities for us to learn from each other. We needed collaboration between members and tried to learn different views from other members. For example, members could discuss their opinions about issues from the news.

Rtn. Kishu said he did not really keen on to have speakers on a weekly basis. Open forum for constructive ideas and networking would be important and worth for us to consider.

Rtn. Chris agreed that there had at least HK\$ 250,000 cost involved for all the members spending an hour together; we had to make good use of such opportunity.

Rtn. Ates clarified that it was not the cost that he concerned. Being a Rotarian, it was the obligation that counts. He treasured on good fellowship.

PP John Luk shared that during the reunion with all the PPs of 95/96 on last night; over half of them had faced financial difficulties. He said that affordability to come to all regular meetings might be an issue.

Rtn. Clark shared that the quality of the program was definitely the key. Members did count what were the opportunity costs to attend a regular luncheon we had. He believed members' fellowship, knowledge learnt from each other, quality speaker, good community services and networking were the important components of our club.

President Stephen ended the meeting with the suggestion for a similar meeting on next month. He then closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Mauritius.

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## Rotary Information

### *First Rotary Club Chartered in The United Arab Emirates*

R.I. President Richard D. King presented the charter of the Rotary Club of Dubai on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. As the first Rotary Club in the United Arab Emirates, the Dubai club represents a historic step in membership growth and extension in the Muslim and Arab world.

"I am flattered to charter the first Rotary club in the UAE" said President King, according to the Gulf News newspaper. "Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Makroum, president of Dubai Civil Aviation and chairman of Emirates (local airline), will be the charter president of the club."

The R.I. president was hopeful that the 25 members of the new club would join other Rotarians in the region in promoting a positive image of Rotary as a non-political and non-partisan service organization.

The charter of the Rotary Club of Dubai brings the number of clubs in District 2450 to 103, with nearly 4,000 members.

### SPEAKER PROGRAMME

Apr 03    Annual Dinner Function  
          Racing Night at Jockey Club Shatin Race Track  
          Joint Fellowship Meeting with Sister Rotary Clubs of Makati-North  
          and Osaka-Jonan

Apr 10    Lunch Meeting changed to Joint Fellowship and Vocational Dinner  
          Meeting with eight other clubs of District 3450

There will be 3 prominent speakers:

- Mr. George Leung, Chief Economist of HSBC
- PDG Moses Cheng of RC of HK Northeast
- DGE Gloria Chan of RC of Queensway

Venue : World Trade Centre Club

Time : Cocktails 6.30pm

Dinner : 7.00PM

# LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

After a long illness, a woman died and arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the Gates. She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her. They saw her and began calling greetings to her: "Hello. How are you? We've been waiting for you. Good to see you."

Then Saint Peter came by. The woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her.

"Which word?" asked the woman. "Love," said Saint Peter.

The woman correctly spelled "L-O-V-E" and Saint Peter welcomed her into Heaven.

About a year later, Saint Peter asked the woman to watch the Gates of Heaven for him that day. While she was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived.

"Oh, I'm so surprised to see you!" said the woman. "How have you been?"

"I've been doing really well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the lottery. I sold the little house you and I shared and moved into a big mansion. And then my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation today, water skiing, when I fell and hit my head on one of the skis, and here I am. How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," said the woman.

"Which word?" her husband asked,

"Czechoslovakia."



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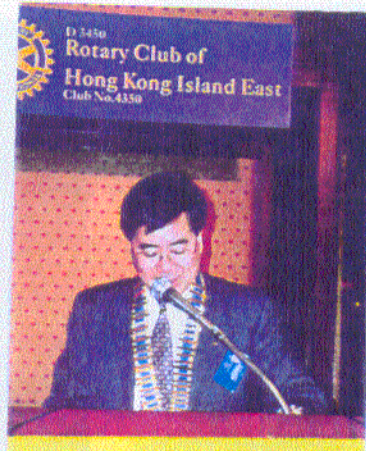
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ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 12:30 p.m. AT  
EXCELSIOR HOTEL, CAUSEWAY BAY



VP Henry reported on The Club Assembly.



Pres. Stephen welcomed the guest.



PE Chris opened the forum for member discussion.



Rtn Tony asked members To nominate potential speakers.



Rtn Bill made his point.



Rtn John Yau  
Rtn Francis & Heron.



GSE candidate Ms Suzanne Wan visited us before heading for South Carolina in April.



Rtn Ates making suggestion.



Rtn Kishu & Hon. Treasurer Clark listened attentively.



PP Hubert led the birthday song for Rtn Raymond Lee and Rtn Rudy Law.



Visiting IPDG Jean Pierre from Mauritius.



PP Edwin and PP Andrew joined VP Henry, PP Hubert and visiting IPDG Jean Pierre (Mauritius).



Rtn Rudy received his RI citation "Four Avenues of Service" from PDG Uncle Peter.



Rtn Alex and Rtn Raymond entertained Visiting IPP Bob Wilson (Island South).



Group photo on March 27, 2002