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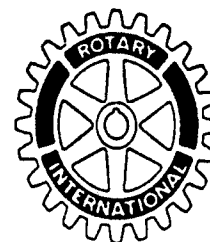
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香港東區扶輪社週報 THE ROTARY CLUB OF
HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

What Happened Last Week

The meeting was held in the Yee Tung Hin on the second floor. It was opened by President Desmond who invited Rtn Lewis to welcome the guests and visitors. The only guest was the speaker (more later): the visiting Rotarians included:

Rtn Jack Transport Leeds	(who exchanged banners with President Desmond)
PP Edward	H.K. Channel Islands
PP Peter Tse	TST East
Rtn Johnson Lui	Peninsula South
Benny Ratnani	H.K. North East

The birthday boy was our Treasurer, Rtn Jason, and he chose Rtn Rudy to sing the traditional song.

PP John Kwok spoke at length on the 40th District Conference in Macau on 1st and 2nd April.

Rtn Rudy spoke about the fund-raising and tree-planting activity taking place on 12th March. Also that the HK Island East Rotaract had made their way through to the final of a HK Sex and Aids Drama Competition and would be presenting a final show at the Arts Centre, Shouson Theatre on Mar 18th 8 p.m. The name of the Drama is "One Night Stand".

Acting Sergeant at Arms reported a collection of HK\$1650.

PDG Uncle Peter spoke on the Presidential Conference (details separately under Rotary Information).

Rtn Malcolm introduced the speaker who was William Kam, Senior Executive Officer of the HK Aids Foundation.

William revealed that there were 6 million cases of HIV+ infection in Asia. There were, according to official statistics, 1,300 cases in HK with 400 plus cases of full blown Aids. In fact the figures were probably a lot higher. The greatest incident of infection occurred in the 20 - 45 years age bracket, the economically most productive age group.

The key issues that the Foundation was tackling was the suffering of those infected and also the pain caused by discrimination and prejudice. The Foundation was taking a multi-pronged community based approach.

- Education skills building and attitude changing
- Publicity awareness raising, care and acceptance
- Service home and hospital visits and helping sufferers lead a normal life
- Volunteers recruit, train and deploy
- Networking collaborating with counterparts in different parts of the world, including the Mainland

William pointed out that the economic downturn had had an impact on fundraising, and HK Aids work had become an uphill struggle.

During question time, the following key points were added:

- There were reportedly 400,000 cases of Aids in Mainland China, but again the figure was probably much higher.
- There was a "cocktail" therapy which controlled further growth of the virus, but it would be some years before a vaccine was developed - One could be HIV infected for 7-10 years before the condition developed into full-blown Aids. After that, the sufferer was likely to live for about 2 more years.
- Sexual contact was the most frequent means of passing on the virus - HIV/Aids issues were included in text books relating to Health Education in schools. The HKG was also preparing a multi-media AIDs education package for parents and teachers.

PP Rob thanked William for his talk. He pointed out that whilst the figures suggested that AIDS was still an important global issue, publicity had died down in recent years. There was a danger of complacency setting in. Perhaps in 10 -15 years time Rotary could get involved in the eradication of this disease.

The meeting finished with a toast to Rotary International coupled with Jack Transport's Rotary Club in Leeds.

Rotary Information

Presidential Conference

Our World leader Carol Ravizza had chosen Hong Kong as a site for his Presidential Conference which was held here for the first time on 25th to 27th February 2000. Around 500 participants from 17 countries (Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Italy, U.K., Canada, Germany, Honduras, USA and Macau) took part in the discussion of Rotary policies. The Hon. C.Y. Leung, Convenor Executive Council of HK, SAR and Mr. David Lan, Secretary of Home Affairs of HK SAR were the keynote speakers.

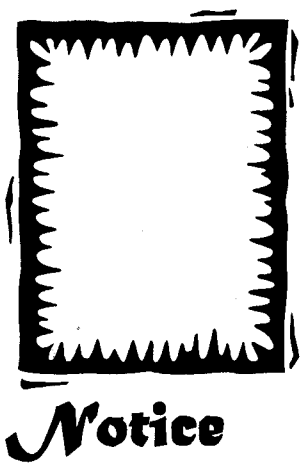
The agenda included the following five main points :

1. Future Rotary activities in Asia Pacific Area,
2. Strengthen communications among Asian countries after the economical Turmoil,
3. Carry out community service in non-Rotary countries
4. Education for youth
5. Eliminate Polio in 2005

The most interesting programme was the "open Forum" when all participants can raise questions from the floor while President Carol clearly gave the right answers. The following were the gist of Questions and Answers :

- Q. A Rotary fellowship group of over 40 members have been meeting regularly each week in Beijing and doing the same community service in China. When Rotary will be officially reinstated in PRC?
- R. As long as the country concerned can meet the basic requirement of R.I., there should be no problem.
- Q. There are small clubs in our district which have less than one dozen of members and it is difficult to look for potential speakers with just a handful of members in the meeting. Can these clubs merge with one another in order to survive?
- A. There are more than 100 such clubs in this Rotary world. They still can function well. Merger is not a solution. Membership growth is the right formula.
- Q. We noticed there are Rotary clubs which only meet bi-weekly. Why we have to meet every week?
- A. Clubs chartered before 1922 are not required to follow exactly the R.I. Rules. Anyway, a resolution will be up to change this practice at the coming Council on Legislation.
- Q. Why the Chinese language is not accepted as an official language in R.I. since there are so many Chinese speaking clubs?
- A. If there is a practical need, the subject can be proposed to the C.O.L. for adoption. There had been a case when "Hindi" was adopted as an official language during the last C.O.L. but practically, the Rotarians in India prefer to use English instead.

Other questions were raised, touching on the financial side, such as R.I. dues, Foundations, etc. All in all, it had been a most fruitful and informative forum.



We missed you on 8th March 2000!!!

Team 1 Luk, John; Yucel, Ates
 Team 2 Fu, C.Y.; Ling, Alex; Lui, Tim
 Team 3 Chan, Henry; Pang, K.T.; Wong, Sam
 Team 4 Kuang, Peter; Leung, George; Li, David
 Team 5 Luy, Henry; Yao, John
 Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul

15 members missing
Please makeup!!!



LAZIES FOR THE WEEK

Jack, an experienced sky-diver, was getting ready for a jump one day when he spotted another man outfitted to dive wearing dark glasses, carrying a white cane and holding a seeing-eye dog by an extremely long leash.

Shocked that the blind man was also going to jump, Jack struck up a conversation, expressing his admiration for the man's courage. Then, curious, he asked, "How do you know when the ground is getting close?"

"Easy," replied the blind man, "the leash goes slack."

... and here's a thought for the week :

Never argue with an idiot. The drag you down to their level, then beat you with experience.



"He still chases after women — but only downhill."

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"The Good, the Bad & the Ugly".

William Kam enlightens
Us on Aids



Three Wise Men.



Peter Tse reveals the effect of too many Rotary lunches.



Uncle Peter makes
Up the numbers on
8th March, 2000



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"Mine's bigger than yours!"



"Happy birthday, Dear Jason.....!"



Jack Transport, A stressed-out Executive from Leeds'