



# Tung Feng

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## What Happened Last Week

President Taj extended a warm welcome to all, and an invitation to relax and enjoy our fellowship.

PE Stephen officially welcomed the following visiting Rotarians:

Pres. Bob Wilson of HK South

PP Peter Tse of TST East

PE Federico Sevilla of Makati North

PP Ko Ying of HKNW

He also welcomed the media who had come to report on the talk from today's speaker, Chief Superintendent William Tang.

The Birthday Boy was Rudy Law, who received the birthday serenade from all present led by PP Hubert Chan.

Secretary Ates then read out a letter from the Rtn who had visited us from Israel recently. The tone of the letter clearly indicated that he rated the hospitality of HKIE very highly.

PP. Rob referred all members to the Speaker appeal. Members could simply feel out the details of a potential speaker on the form provided, and pass it on to Rtn Tony Loy.

Pres. Taj announced that we had won two District citations, the first for the Rapid Disaster Relief - India Earthquake, and the second for the best English Language Bulletin. PP. Rob asked for an acknowledgement of the Bulletin support team, Rtns. Chris Howe, Henry Chan, Malcolm Phillips and PP. Long John.

Pres. Taj announced that a President's night would be held on 18th May at the Country Club.

Next week there would be a General Study Exchange visit from Tennessee. All the delegates would be taken to see one of HK's leading industries-the hotel industry- by means of a formal visit to The Excelsior.

PE Federico Sevilla gave a short talk on his club, which was the third oldest in Makati, and invited HKIE members to come down for their induction on 18th July.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社週報

Club 4350

District 3450

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

The highlight of the meeting was a talk from Chief Superintendent William Tang of the HK Police Traffic Branch. He spoke on road safety. He pointed out that whilst the ratio of the number of fatal and other traffic accidents against the number of the vehicles on the road was in decline, there was still room for improvement. The factors which determined whether an accident happened or not were:

- Complacency - which resulted in tail-gating, speeding and other poor behaviour
- Carelessness - particularly in lane-changing, reversing and careless entry into road junctions
- Fatigue particularly after midnight

The solutions to the problem were:

- Smart driving - assume all other drivers are inexperienced and careless, and maintain a distance
- Avoid a rush - allow a sensible amount of time to complete the journey
- Know yourself - if you feel unwell or tired leave the car at home
- Use Common Sense - which indeed decides the quality of our lives

He invited all present to become a Road Safety Ambassador, as doing so might help to save the lives of others or even a loved one.

Chief Superintendent Tang then answered several questions from the floor.

Despite the high standards of the HK School of Motoring, road accidents were caused by overconfidence. In the future, convicted drivers may be sent for retraining, during which they would be shown some real and nasty pictures.

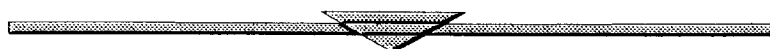
It was hard to gauge whether mobile phone usage whilst driving was a major cause of accidents. However, the police would prosecute drivers spotted using a mobile phone whilst driving.

A form had been designed by which officers could report sightings of irresponsible driving behaviour. Also, unmarked police cars were on patrol.

IPP Desmond Cheung officially thanked the speaker for his efforts to increase public awareness.

The Sergeant at Arms reported a total collection of \$900.

The luncheon concluded with a toast to RI International coupled with Makati North.





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Chief Superintendent William Tang talks on Road Safety.



PE Federico Sevilla of Makati North.



PP Hubert & Pres Taj congratulate the birthday boy, Rudy.

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PP Hubert & PE Stephen entertain PE Federico from Makati North.



Rtn. Andrew & Malcolm smile along with our visiting Pres. Bob Wilson (HKS).



Rtn Andrew & PP Hubert with PP Ko Ying (HKNW).



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Sec. Ates & PP Edwin with PP Peter Tse (TSTE).



Visitors join our President, Secretary & Uncle Peter on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2001.



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Hong Kong Island East members take part in the District Tree Planting at Saikung Country park on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2001.



Left to right: Donna Cheung & daughters Andrea & Sophie, Hon Tres. Jason Chiu, Jacqueline Law, Justin Chiu, Eileen Law, Paul & Elizabeth Chan, PP Desmond Cheung, & Dir. Rudy Law.

# Rotary Information

## Rotary News Basket

### *Centenarian Rotarian Chu's death marks end of era*

The best introduction of Percy Chu was probably given by the man himself, during a moving presentation on 75 years of Rotary in Asia at the 1994 RI Convention in Taipei, Taiwan.

"I have been a Rotarian since 1926, and I was a member and a past president of the former Rotary Club of Shanghai, in China," he told tens of thousands of attentive participants. "I have continued to consider myself a Rotarian for all these years. I will remain a Rotarian for the rest of my life."

And true to his words, Chu devoted himself to the ideals of Rotary until his death on 19 March. Born Zhu Bo Quan in 1898, during the sunset years of the Qing Dynasty, he lived through three centuries and five vastly different regimes in China. Though he could not attend weekly meetings after Rotary clubs in mainland China disbanded, he kept in touch with Rotarians throughout the world.

"Percy's passing is truly the passing of a Rotary era as he was the last Rotarian alive who had personally met Paul Harris," said Russ Miller, chairman of the Beijing Fellowship of Rotarians, an informal gathering of Rotarians living in the Chinese capital. Chu met Paul Harris when the Rotary founder visited the Rotary Club of Shanghai in 1935.

The centenarian Rotarian was a banker with business administration degrees from Shanghai University and Columbia University, USA. He was credited with establishing the first night college for working people in China and served as the president of Shanghai University for several years.

In spite of having been jailed no less than four times by different Chinese regimes for ideological reasons, losing all his property during the tumultuous changes in China in the first half of the past century, and suffering political persecution until 1981, Chu's spirit was never broken.

"He was a terrific person to meet," said Peter Finamore, a Rotarian who until recently lived in Beijing. "His life wasn't easy, but listening to Percy as a person, you'd never sense in his voice any regret for not having run away from China. He was a real patriot. He didn't always believe in the government of the day but he had absolute faith in the Chinese people."

Chu's patriotism was only rivaled by his dedication to Rotary, and he had hoped to live enough to see Rotary reintroduced into China. He is survived by daughters Jane, 80, Alice, 71, and Mary, 68. Chiana Tona-Chi, his wife of 50 years, died in 1981.

# LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A woman went to her psychiatrist because she was having severe problems with her sex life. The psychiatrist asked her many questions but did not seem to be getting a clear picture of her problems. Finally, he asked, "Do you ever watch your husband's face while you are having sex?"

"Well, yes, I did once."

"How did he look?"

"Very angry."

At this point the psychiatrist felt that he was really getting somewhere and he said, "Well, that's very interesting - we must look into this further. Now tell me, you say that you have only seen your husband's face once during sex - that seems somewhat unusual. How did it occur that you saw his face that time?"

"He was looking through the window at me."

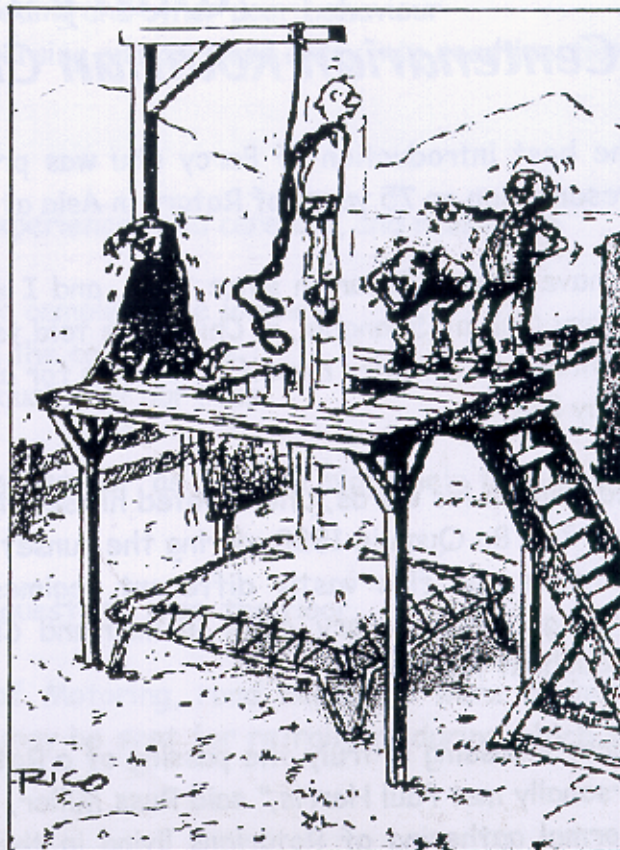
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An American businessman in Glasgow walked into a restaurant and asked the waitress what the special was.

"Roast and rice," the Scottish miss replied in a heavy brogue.

"You certainly do roll your Rs," the businessman observed.

"I suppose," she giggled, beginning to blush, "but only when I wear high heels."

*Did you get caught on 1 April recently? Probably not as badly as this guy:*



*"April fool!"*

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