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# What Happened Last Week

Last week was a busy week for our Club.

For the celebration of our 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary, two of our sister clubs, namely Rotary Club of Makati North and Rotary Club of Osaka Jonan visited us from 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April.

President Stephen, PDG Peter Hall, PDG YK Cheng, VP Henry Chan and Int. Dir. Laurence Chan greeted the delegation from Makati North in the airport in the morning and then the delegation of Osaka Jonan in the afternoon.

The delegation from Makati North includes:

President Boy Sevilla & Ann Yoling DG Ernie & Ann Chichi IPP Boy Ampil and Ann Thelma PP Pabling Calma and Ann Maribel VP Orly Morabe and Ann Apple Rtn Jose Reano & Ann Choi Rtn Ric dela Torre & Ann Daisy Rtn Enteng Romano & Ann Marissa Sec. Donnies & his son PP Ed Mijares PP Roger Nicandro Rtn Mari Cacho

The delegation from Osaka Jonan includes:

President Okakura Saburo
PDG Nakagawa Syozo
Sec. Yamazaki Hiroshi
Int. Dir. Saeki Tameji
Rtn Sakamoto Takashi and Ann Hatsuko
Rtn Shingaki Yoshio and Ann Shizuko
Rtn Watanabe Kunio and Ann Yoko
Rtn Tsuwa Akimasa
Rtn Fukuhara Shinji
Rtn Imai Kenjiro
Rtn Kadokawa Yakichi



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

香港東區扶輪社凋報

Club 4350

District 3450

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

A welcoming dinner was held in the World Trade Centre Club in the evening for the visiting members to enjoy the fellowship of our club.

Our annual function was held on Wednesday (3-4-2002) in the form of Racing Night in the Shatin Racecourse organized by VP Henry Chan. We had the honour to have DG Johnson Chu and Ann Jenny attending our Annual Function despite their busy schedule. It was a wonderful evening and many Rotarians and Anns won some money from the Jockey Club because of the tips provided by Rtn Kenny Chan.

The following day was a golf and sight seeing trip to Macau. We joined the District golf tournament and President Ritchie of Rotary Club of Macau arranged with the Tourist Board for a full day tour in Macau for non-golfers and then followed by a fellowship dinner at the famous Militar Clube de Macau for Portugese food. It was also the birthday for President Stephen's better half Christina and the party was filled with birthday song, cake, flowers and kisses. The whole delegation came back to Hong Kong at 11:00 pm.

Everyone enjoyed the three days of fellowship and the two delegations left Hong Kong on Friday afternoon with smiling faces.

A copy of the thank you letter from President Okakura of Osaka Jonan was received on the following day of his arrival back in Osaka. (See attached).

Memory of the three days events can be seen in the photos enclosed in this builetin.

The two sister club presidents invited our members to visit them in return of the friendship and hospitality.

We hope that the sisterhood between us will continue forever.



# Rotary Information

## Rotary Leaders Meet With Mainland China Officials, Rotarians

Rotary International President Richard D. King led a delegation of top valunteer leaders of Rotary on a successful mission to the People's Republic of China on 26-30 March. Hosted by China's Vice Minister for Civil Affairs Li Baoku, the delegation traveled to the mainland to see the status and progress of the proposed legislation that will allow NGOs such as RI to exist in China and to explore opportunities for Rotary to expand its humanitarian programs in the country.

"We were briefed that this piece of legislation has already been put out in the field for discussion and will shortly be brought before the National People's Congress, China's parliament," said RI General Secretary Ed Futa, who was part of the delegation. "Our visit demonstrates to the Chinese government and officials that we are serious with our China initiative; that we have a consistent goal; and that China is high on our priority list."

The delegation also included Past RI Directors Dan Mooers and Robert A. Coultas, Membership Development Executive Steering Committee Chairman Kenneth R. Boyd, Past District Governor Jon Grant, and Rotarian Christopher Bramsen, Denmark's ambassador to Spain. Formerly his country's ambassador to China, Bramsen was instrumental in arranging the historic November 2000 visit by a delegation of senior Rotary leaders to mainland China, led by then RI President Frank J. Devlyn. Bramsen continues to play a critical role in RI's contacts with China.

Vice Minister Li told the delegation that he was impressed with the work of the provisional clubs in China, especially with the Gift of Life program that is providing a new lease on life for Chinese children with heart ailments. The minister encouraged Rotary to work with the Chinese government in providing healthcare, education, and other services to underprivileged children, seniors, and the disabled.

President King extended an invitation to Li and other government representatives to visit RI World Headquarters and U.S. Rotary clubs to gain a broader perspective on the activities and grassroots structure of Rotary.

The Rotary delegation also met with the beneficiaries of the Gift of Life program and their parents and delivered 200 wheelchairs, donated through a project co-sponsored by Rotary clubs and the Wheelchair Foundation, to a city near Shanghai.

## The Rotary Foundation Now Offers A Donor Advised Fund

Recognizing that many Rotarians have diverse charitable interests, The Rotary Foundation is pleased to offer individuals and Rotary-affiliated groups in the USA a new financial strategy that will allow them to meet their ongoing charitable objectives and continue to support the Foundation's essential programs.

The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund is an innovative giving vehicle that offers donors the flexibility of making grant recommendations now, next year, or whenever they are ready to help their preferred charities. Through a Donor Advised Fund, a Rotarian can create a separate investment or savings account earmarked exclusively for charitable giving to The Rotary Foundation and other approved charitable organizations through an "Individual" account or, in conjunction with a larger group of Rotary friends, through a "Group" account.

Every contribution donors make will provide them with an immediate tax deduction. Rules and regulations regarding tax deductions vary at the state level in the U.S., so the donor is encouraged to check with his or her tax advisor. The assets in the account are professionally invested and managed so that they have the potential for growth.

The minimum initial contribution is US\$20,000 in cash or securities. Additional contributions must be at least \$1,000, and the minimum amount for grant recommendations is \$250. Rotarians will also have online access 24 hours a day to establish new Donor Advised Fund accounts, view account balances and history, initiate contributions, recommend grants, and search for qualified grant recipients.

For an information kit on The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund, call 847-866-3100 or visit the Fund Development pages in the Foundation's section of the Rotary Web site at <a href="http://www.rotary.org">http://www.rotary.org</a>.

### SPEAKER PROGRAMME

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 Gioria Chan of RC of Queensway

Venue : World Trade Centre Club

Time : Cocktails 6.30pm

Dinner: 7.00PM

Apr 17. Who moved your cheese?

Talk by Mr. David S. Cheung

Human Engineer, Institute for Executive Development Ltd

Apr 24 Secretary's Day Fellowship Lunch

between members and their secretaries

(In appreciation of their support and services)

May 08 It's great to be young, or is it?

Talk/video presentation by Ms Stephanie Kumaria

Director of The Samaritans

## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

### **Vacations**

Billy Bob and Luther were talking one afternoon when Billy Bob tells Luther, "Ya know, I reckon I'm 'bout ready for a vacation. Only this year I'm gonna do it a little different. The last few years, I took your advice about where to go. Three years ago you said to go to Hawaii. I went to Hawaii and Earline got pregnant. Then two years ago, you told me to go to the Bahamas, and Earline got pregnant again. Last year you suggested Tahiti and darned if Earline didn't get pregnant again."

Luther asks Billy Bob, "So, what you gonna do this year that's different?"

Billy Bob says, "This year I'm taking Earline with me."

### Wedding Advice

A man was called in for an audit by the IRS. So. he asked his accountant for advice on what to wear. "Wear your worst clothing and an old pair of shoes. Let them think you are a pauper," the accountant replied. He then asked his lawyer the same question, but got the opposite advice: "Don't let them intimidate you. Wear your best suit and an expensive tie." Confused, the man went to his Rabbi who would surely know the correct answer. He told him of the conflicting advice he had received, and asked what he should do. "Let me tell you a story," replied the Rabbi. "A woman, about to be married, asked her mother what to wear on her wedding night. Her mother advised, "Wear a heavy, long, flannel nightgown that goes right up to your neck and wool socks." But when the woman asked her best friend, she got conflicting advice: "Wear your sexiest negligee, with a V-neck right down to your navel." The man did not understand. "But, Rabbi, what does all this have to do with my problem with the IRS?" "It doesn't matter what you wear," replied the Rabbi, "You're going to get screwed either way".

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PP Tim and Rtn Raymond entertaining the sister club visitors on the welcoming reception on April 2.



PP Tim, PP George, Rtn Raymond, Pres. Stephen and Christina welcomed the Makati North visitors.



PP CY Fu & SAA Laurence enjoyed the company of PP Boy & Rtn Joe ( Makati North).



Pres. Stephen & PDG Peter welcomed Intl. Services Dir. of Osaka Jonan – Watanabe Kunio and his wife Yoko



Pres. Stephen & PDG Peter welcomed Pres. 'Boy' Sevilla and DG Ernie From Makiti North at the airport.



PDG Peter, PDG YK, Pres. Stephen welcomed the Osaka Jonan delegation With PDG Nakagawa Syozo (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and Pres. Okakura Saburo (1<sup>st</sup> right).



PDG Peter, Pres. Stephen and VP Henry welcomed the Makiti North Delegation.



The three Rotariannes from Osaka Jonan celebrated their small fortunes in front of the betting pool display.



The Osaka Jonan visiting Rotarians enjoying their wine and the racing atmosphere together.



PP Desmond and his wife Donna, Rtn Kenny (champion of racing tips) and Hon. Secretary Eddy entertained the Osaka guests.



Pres. Stephen & Christina, SAA Laurence & Jennie took a group photo with the guests from Makati North.



PDG Peter, PDG YK and Pres. Stephen took a photo with DG Johnson, PDG Anthony and our VIPs from Makati North and Osaka Jonan.



Pres. Stephen welcomed the members and guests for our 48th annual function at the VIP box of Shatin Race Course, reserved by VP Henry.



The Island East members and VIP guests were led into Our annual function by the friendly staff of HK Jockey Club.



Island East visitors enjoyed a ride to Shatin Race Course.



DG Johnson joined Pres. Stephen, PDG Peter And PP Desmond for a photo at the Westin Resort club house.



Pres. Stephen gave Christina a birthday kiss in Macau.



PDG Peter presented a prize to Yoko For her outstanding golf performance.



PDG Peter, Pres. Stephen, PP Andrew, PP Li, PP Hubert, and Dir Jason shared their joy with the guests at Clube Militar de Macau for dinner.



Pres. Stephen and our guests joined the District Golf in Macau.



Non-golfers went for the Ruin of St. Paul.



Pres. Stephen on behalf of HK Island East Presented our souvenirs to the overseas visitors.



Special gift from Pres. Okakura Saburo (Osaka Jonan) to Pres. Stephen.



Special gift from Pres. Boy (Makati North) to Pres. Stephen.



PDG Peter greeting the visitors in both Philippine's Tagalog and Japanese.



DG Johnson and his wife Jenny; Rotarianne Irene (PDG YK's wife) joined Rtn Heron, Laurence and Rudy, together with our Japanese visitors for a group photo.