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### What Happened Last Week

President Taj opened the meeting and announced that the Club Forum would be conducted by Rob Fielding.

Fellowship duty was performed by Rtn. Eddy who welcomed visiting Rtn. Peter Tse of TST East.

Ates introduced his guest Baris Gencel from Turkey.

Rtn. Rudy gave a brief report about his visit to China, where he and Lawrence plus family visited Xian to the Ningsha School official opening. Rudy mentioned that a full report would be produced by World Vision at a later date. At the official opening he was presented with a Flag and a plaque as a momento.

President Taj then told the members that our Club had won two district awards; one for the Best English Bulletin and other for Disaster Relief work in India.

Rtm. Rob Fielding was presented the Bulletin Award and P.P. Hubert the Disaster Relief Award. Rob thanked the supporting team of Malcolm, John, Henry, Chris and Miriam whilst Hubert thanked all the donors with special thanks to P.P. Ramesh and his family.

Rtn. Rob then opened the Forum for discussion, which was led by P.E. Stephen. Stephen talked about the district conference and next years theme of membership development. He introduced the Club team for next Rotary year as;-

> Rudy Vocational Chris Club Service

John Fellowship Henry Membership Malcolm Community

Ates International

Sec Clark Tres. Jason Sgt. Lawrence



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 following topics were discussed;-

Women in Rotary
Fellowship improvement
How to serve community in HKIE area
St. James Settlement

P.E. Stephen ended by asking any Rotarians that have any suggestion can email him so that they can be discussed at the joint Board meeting to be held in June.

Our programme Chairman Tony then announced that the next week's speaker would be Arthur Gomez.

Sgt. Clark collected \$1,000 and recorded 22 members present.

President Taj then closed the meeting with a toast to R.C. of TST East.



### Rotary Information

### Deadline extended for ordering San Antonio host and RI events tickets

To give Rotarians and others who registered for the 24-27 June 2001 RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas, by 31 March an opportunity to purchase tickets for host- and RI-ticketed events, the deadline for submitting ticket order forms has been extended to 30 April.

Please remember that RI- and host-event tickets are only available to confirmed convention attendees. Those who order these tickets by the extended deadline stand the best chance of securing a place at the popular host events that will feature the following fun-filled attractions:

- The Fiesta Golf Tournament and Clinic on 23 June will be conducted by 1981 British Open champion Bill Rogers, who also is a past Ryder Cup winner and PGA Tour Player of the Year. The clinic is in the morning and will be followed by a US\$10,000 Hole-in-One contest to benefit Rotary's Hunger Plus project. The \$125 ticket includes green fees, cart, practice balls, and tournament gifts.
- Also on 23 June, the Night in Old San Antonio will feature a delicious dinner with famous South Texas, Mexican, French, German, English, Asian, and Spanish cuisine. In addition, attendees will hear entertainment at La Villita, an 18<sup>th</sup> century replica of San Antonio, along the banks of the San Antonio River. A ticket is \$60; children under 12 pay half price and under age 6 get to attend free.
- Taking place on 24 June, The Flower the Tower of the Americas provides the first 2,500 Rotarians to sign up the opportunity of a lifetime to bestow on San Antonio a gift of flowers which will commemorate



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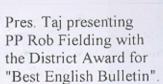


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Pres Taj presenting PP Hubert with the District Award for "Disaster Relief" in India.





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Guest of Hon. Sec. Ates, Baris Gencel being looked after by Rtn Rudy & PP Hubert.



Our frequent visitor PP Peter Tse (TSTE) is entertained by PP Rob & Rtn Danny.



Visiting Rotarian & guest pictured on 18th April, 2001.

the RI convention for years to come. Registration at \$10 per ticket comes with the offer of a commemorative T-shirt.

The 26 June Texas Ranch Party and Rodeo is the ideal opportunity for convention participants to visit a real Hill Country Texas ranch and rodeo with live action by cowboys, armadillo races, a Texas barbecue, and dinner. Also, this open-skies night event will offer attendees a chance to rope their own calves. A ticket is \$60; children under 12 will pay half price and those under age 6 will attend at no cost.

#### Presidential Conference celebrates Rotary's success in Asia, world

It was a weekend of plenary sessions, workshop discussions, and Rotarian fellowship for more than 600 Rotarians from 18 countries who gathered in Manilla, Philippines, on 6-8 April for the Asia-Pacific Presidential Conference.

"We're looking at what the power of Rotary can do," said RI President Frank J. Devlyn on the conference's opening day at the historic Manila Hotel. "We're here because we have a lot to learn, and so much that we can exchange with each other."

Based on the theme "Youth and Service Opportunities," the conference was also a celebration of polio eradication in the Philippines, the site of the first polio immunization initiative in the form of a pilot project more than two decades ago. "Thanks to the tremendous financial support and volunteer efforts by Rotarians and the Philippine government, the [project] was a huge success and eventually expanded to the rest of the world," said Devlyn.

Regional Director Shigeru Omi of the World Health Organization's Western Pacific Region presented President Devlyn with a plaque that officially recognizes the polio-free status of the Philippines.

The RI president invoked the power of the Internet as the means for Rotarians to communicate and find out about the latest news in the world of Rotary. In this technological vein, the Asia-Pacific marked a historic first, with a computerized teleconference linking Rotarians in Manila with those in Hong Kong, who were attending their district(3450) conference.

#### Announcement

#### **Annual Function**

Date: May 5, 2001
Venue: Middle Kingdom, Ocean Park
Time: 6:30 (Entrance at Tai Shue Wan, Green Gate)

Dress Code: Black Tie or Theme Costume

#### LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Father O'Grady was saying his goodbyes to the parishioners after his Sunday morning service as he always does, when Mary Clancey came up to him in tears.

"What's bothering you much, Dear?" inquired Father O'Grady.

"Well, yes he did, Father," replied Mary.

"What did he ask, Mary?" said the Father.

Mary replied, "He said, 'Please, Mary, put the gun down."

Q: What is the best form of birth control after 50? A: Nudity.

"Oh, Father, I've got terrible news," replied Mary. "Well, what is it, Mary?" asked Father O'Grady. "My husband passed away last night, Father," said Mary. "Oh, Mary," said Father. "That's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?"

A man went into a pharmacy and asked to talk to a male pharmacist. The lady behind the counter said that she and her sister owned the store, her sister was the pharmacist, and there were no males employed there. She asked if there was something she could help the gentleman with.

The man replied, "This is embarrassing for me, but I have a permanent erection which causes me a lot of problems. I was wondering what you could give me for it?"

The woman said, "Just a minute - I'll talk to my pharmacist sister."

When she returned, she said, "The best we can do is 1/3 ownership in the shop, \$50,000 a month, and housing



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