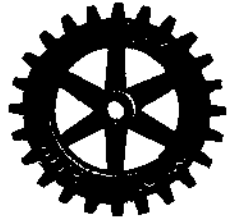




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What Happened Last Week

President Stephen opened the meeting with a warm welcome to PE Carolyn Bickerton from the Rotary Club of Queensway and our speaker Mrs. Stephanie Kumaria.

PP John Kwok led the birthday song for Rotarian John Yao, followed by Sergeant Laurence's report on the red box collection.

PE Carolyn made an appeal for support of the joint fund raising ball by the Rotary Clubs of Hong Kong South, Victoria, Causeway Bay and Queensway to be held on Saturday 11 May. She brought along some tickets for the ball as well as some raffle tickets for our members.

Rotarian Kishu formally introduced our speaker, Mrs. Stephanie Kumaria, Director of the Samaritans, Multi-lingual Suicide Prevention Service, one of three Suicide Prevention Services in Hong Kong but the only one that operates in both Cantonese, English and Mandarin. Stephanie talked to us before on the work of her unit and this time the title of her talk was "It's great to be young, or is it?"

Stephanie told us that youth suicide in Hong Kong is four times that of UK. In the past ten years 394 under 20 committed suicide. In response to the increasing numbers of teenage suicide and suicide attempts, the Samaritans, the KELY support Group and Outward Bound Hong Kong joined together in 1998 to start The Joint SKO Life Skills Project, a project our Club had supported. Stephanie introduced the background of this project and showed us a video of the training course given to the participants.

The SKO Life Skills Project is to help reduce the number of teenage suicides by training teenagers in listening and other life skills. The participants are taught skills that they would



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be able to use to assess and monitor their own emotional responses to stress, and skills which may help to save another life. These skills include self-knowledge, leadership skills, community awareness, coping skills and knowledge of support structures and sources of help that are available.

The participants are carefully selected students between the ages of 17-19. Each year 24 students from Chinese secondary schools and 24 from English secondary schools will participate. Over the last five years, nearly 100 students from more than 40 schools have participated in the training. The training includes workshops from the Samaritans and KELY Support Group which will be given on a number of Saturdays and during a residential section at Outward Bound Hong Kong. At the end of the course, the participants return to their respective schools and set up the peer support programmes. They will continue to receive timely guidance from the KELY Support Group and the Samaritans. The students will work within their schools to support those in distress and to teach others how to recognize and respond to people in distress and despair. In this way, the knowledge of Life Skills will spread throughout our community.

PP CY thanked Mrs. Kumaria for taking the time to come and talk to us on this meaningful project which our Club was proud to have the opportunity to take part. President Stephen then closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with the Rotary Club of Queensway.



Rotary Information

Frequent question has been raised by longtime "senior active" members whether they have to attend every club meeting after the Council on Legislation reduced membership types to active and honorary in 2001.

The answer is that although 'senior active' membership no longer exists, the longtime "senior active" members still can enjoy the privilege to be excused from attendance under the present Section 2 (b) of Article VIII of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution which states as follows:

"A member's absence shall be excused if the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved."

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Is it right for the club to create Honorary membership to its old timers or past presidents of the club for the sake of membership retention ?

The proper thing to do is to reserve honorary membership for persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals.

Please contact the club secretary or the district administration representative for more information or review the latest Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

- May 15 Golf's #1 Trade-off, Distance Versus Direction
Talk/demonstration by Golf Expert
Mr. David Lloyd, Improve Your Game Ltd.
- May 22 Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Agreement
Talk by Dr. Eden Woon
Director of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- May 29 Succession Planning - Why do we need it?
Talk by Ms Pearl Lam
Lawyer, with the law firm of W. I. Cheung & Co.

BIRTHDAY BOYS

- May 04 Flicker L.
May 11 John Y.
May 20 C. Y. Fu

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

A man walks into a restaurant with an ostrich behind him, and as he sits, the waitress comes over and asks for their order. The man says, "I'll have a hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich. "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$6.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "I'll have a hamburger, fries and a coke," and the ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes a routine until late one evening, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and salad," says the man. "Same for me," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress comes with the order and says, "That will be \$12.62." Once again the man pulls exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?" "Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and I found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first

wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, just put my hand in my pocket, and the right amount of money would always be there." "That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" "That's right! Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. The waitress asks, "One other thing, sir, what's with the ostrich?" The man replies, "My second wish was for a chick with long legs."

God was just about done creating the universe but he had two extra things left over in his bag so he decided to split them between Adam and Eve. He told them that one of the things he had left was a thing that would allow the owner to pee while standing up. "It's a very handy thing," God told them, "and I was wondering if either one of you would like that." Adam jumped up and down and begged, "Oh, give that to me! I'd love to be able to do that. On and on he went like an excited little boy. Eve smiled and told God that if Adam really wanted it so badly, he should have it. So God gave it to Adam. He was so excited he went off to write his name in the sand, laughing with delight all the while. God and Eve watched him for a moment and then God said to Eve, "Well, here's the other thing and I guess you can have it." "What's it called?" Eve asked. "Brains" God said.

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



Visiting Rotarian Carolyn sitting comfortably between Hon Sec Eddy & PP IL at the head table.



PP John IV got the honor of leading the singing of the birthday song for John V as Pres. Stephen presents the birthday gift.



John V , PP CY, Kishu & Dr. Tony making fun at the lunch meeting.



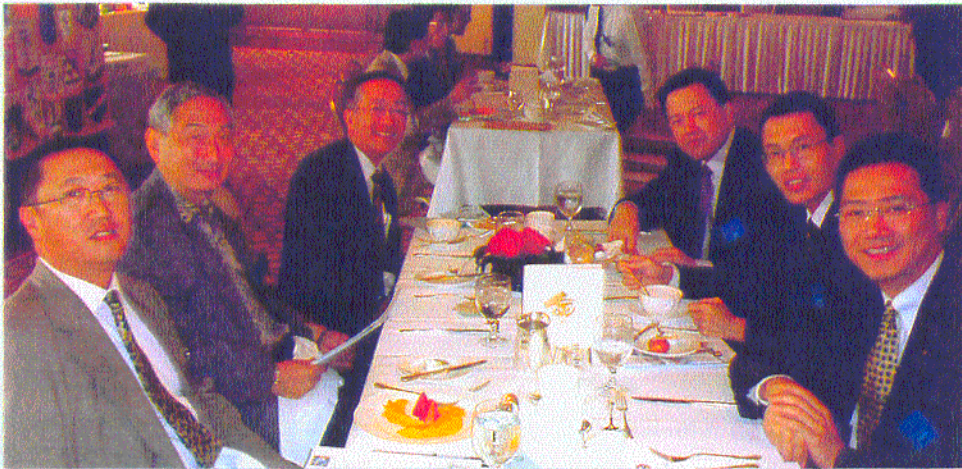
Our Speaker Stephanie Kumaria telling us about the good work of the Samaritans in the prevention of suicide in young people.



Visiting Rotarian Carolyn Bickerton (Bayview) asking us to support their money raising function.



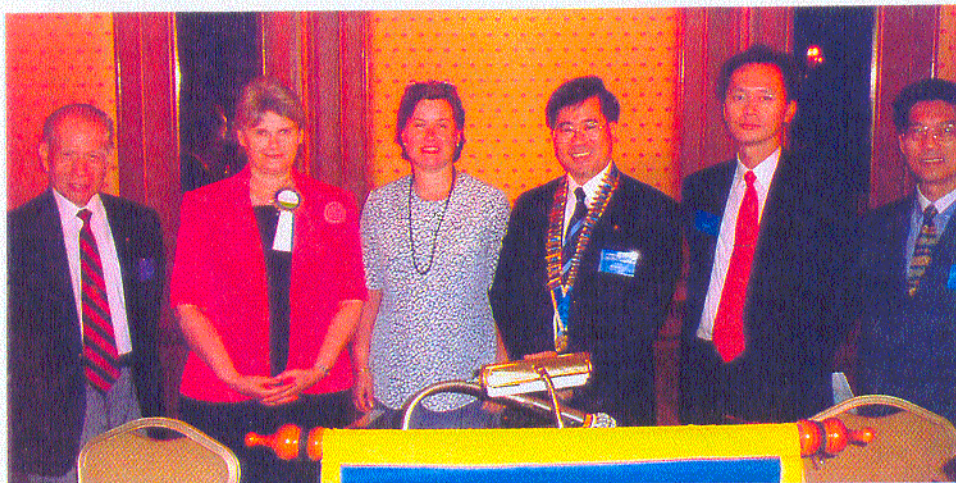
Laurence, IPP Taj & Ates enjoying the lunch meeting.



PP George, Alex, VP Henry, PP Tim, PP Hubert & Heron here enjoying their Rotary lunch meeting.



Rudy, Francis, Sam, PDG Y.K. & PE Chris at their happy luncheon meeting.



PDG Peter pictured here with our guest speaker, visiting Rotarian, Pres Stephen, Hon Sec Eddy & PP CY at our meeting on 8th May, 2002.

New Membership Proposal

In accordance with Article V of our Club Constitution and Article XI of our By-Laws, the Board has approved the proposal of the following person to be admitted to our Club as Active member:

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| Wife: | Finny |
| Children: | Eric, Ada |
| Hobbies: | hiking, reading, model building for wooden ship. |



If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, are received by the Board from any member of the Club within seven (7) days from the date hereof, the above proposed member shall be considered duly elected to membership, subject to payment of Club fees.