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## Last Week's Proceedings - 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2006

As World Cup fever has arrived, please excuse the writer of adopting football terminology.

After a very leisurely lunch (good food), Present Eddie kicked off the meeting. He commenced that 4 members of our club (President Eddie, Uncle Peter, PP John and PP Rudy) attended the opening of Rotary Cub of Shanghai.

Acting Secretary Lawrence then introduced visiting Rotarian David and Rotarianne Beverly from Tarranga, New Zealand.

David has kindly provided an extract of his speech to us which is reproduced below. The writer gathered that David is involved in fruits namely Kiwi fruits. His great grandfather also planted Chinese gooseberries in New Zealand.

David also thought that the World Cup should not take place yet but in 3 years' time! But apparently he was thinking about an olive-shaped ball (Rugby).

Welcome back PP Stephen who had been to the U.S. Sergeant-at-arms announced a total collection of HK\$700.00.

Then came the highlight. The speaker was Mr. Gilbert Cheng of Hong Kong Jockey Club. His speech was a virtuoso performance very much like the great game of football. First, he started off with a quick as part World Cup information, Alex, sitting next to the writer knew all the answers. But he let others answer once of the questions. The prize, given to each person who got the right answer, was a deluxe book on this World Cup.



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Then Gilbert went into an analysis of the present participants of this World Cup. In particular, he focused on Group C the "Group of Death" with Argentina and the Netherlands in the same group. He felt sorry for Argentina which was always drawn into the Group of Death. He then played a song which mourned for the bad luck of Argentina – a Cantonese "Don't cry for me, Argentina".

To round things off, he gave us some tips. Brazil would appear to be the favourite but who know? The ball is round, as they say. But what Gilbert demonstrated was that how the whole scenario changes if just one of the predicted results vary.

The writer thanked the speaker. Next week's talk is by Rotarian Tony, who will talk on Da Vinci Code. Not to be missed.

### *Speech of David*

"Thank you for your welcome. Beverley and I bring greetings from New Zealand and from our Rotary Club of Tauranga.

Our city, Tauranga has a population of 100,000, is situated in the Bay of Plenty region around two and a half hours south east of New Zealand largest city, Auckland.

The Bay of Plenty is the centre of the New Zealand Kiwi Fruit growing industry. We in New Zealand are often reminded that we need to acknowledge our forebears who brought this plant known as the Chinese Gooseberry from your country, China.

Our country has a population of 4.5 million as compared to Hong Kong's 7 million and is about a twentieth larger, we enjoy lots of space.

Rotary in New Zealand has a membership of 10,500 in 273 clubs covering 6 Districts. We have the largest Rotary membership per capita of any country in Rotary International.

Our one month visit to China commenced with a nine day Rotary Friendship Exchange visit to District 3520, Taiwan where we were hosted in the homes of Rotarians in the Taipei City area. What a wonderful trip this was and outstanding hospitality and fellowship. I was the leader of our group of nine New Zealand Rotarians and spouses.

The Rotary friendship exchange programme, organized between two Districts is an outstanding programme of international fellowship and world understanding. Because the guests are living with local Rotarians both learn more about each other and in particular our different cultures.

In Beijing the Rotary Club meeting was conducted by Club President Carl-Ludwig Doerwald, while Club president Dr. Lee Wah Hin led the meeting in Shanghai. The clubs received gifts and exchanged banners with a number of visiting Rotarians and clubs and signed sistership agreements with a number of clubs. This included a sistership agreement between the two clubs in China, underlining the importance of the new Rotary structure in China.

In Beijing as well as in Shanghai, the two clubs organized gala evenings on the occasion of the RI President's visit to China. With top class entertainment, inspiring speeches, good fund-raising activities and many hundreds of guests, each of the two gala evenings were a great success. Together, the Rotary functions in Beijing and in Shanghai turned out to become the largest Rotary Event ever to be held in the People's Republic of China.

The RI President's visit to China consolidated the new Rotary approach towards China and clearly showed that Rotary has entered a new phase in the relationship between Rotary International and the People's Republic of China."

## LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Kaite went straight to her grandparent's house to visit her 95-year-old grandmother and comfort her.

When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday Morning".

Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that 2 people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble.

"Oh no, my dear," replied granny. "Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and ever ..... Nothing too strenuous, simply in on the Ding and out on the Dong."

She paused to wipe away a tear, and continued, "He'd still be alive if the ice cream truck hadn't come along."

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## The Zebra

A Zebra dies and arrives at the Pearly Gates. As he enters, he asks St. Peter, "I have a question that's haunted me all of my days on earth. Am I white with black stripes, or am I black with white stripes?"

St. Peter said, "That's a question only God can answer."

So the Zebra went off in search of God. When he found Him, the Zebra asked, "God, please – I must know. Am I white with black stripes, or am I black with white stripes?"

God simply replied "You are what you are."

The Zebra returned to see St. Peter once more, who asked him, "Well, did God straighten out your query for you?"

The zebra looked puzzled. "No sir, God simply said, "You are what you are."

St. Peter smiled and said to the zebra, "Well then, there you are. You are white with black stripes."

The zebra asked St. Peter, "How do you know that for certain?"

"Because," said St. Peter, "If you were black with white stripes, God would have said, "You is what you is"."



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If your Club and Rotary District have not participated in the Rotary Friendship Exchange programme I strongly recommend that you investigate the opportunities and encourage your District Governor to work to the establishment of an exchange. If you would to know more about the programme I will be please to help and invite to talk to me today or to email me. I am sure that our District would be keen to arrange a visit of your Rotarians to New Zealand. 170 Rotarians in our District have traveled to USA, Scotland, Taiwan, Goa (India) and Tasmania in the past year.

The other Rotary programme that I would like to encourage you to investigate is Rotary's International Travel and Hosting Fellowship. I am the New Zealand Vice President of this fellowship. We have 40 members in New Zealand, Hong Kong has only one. Many of you will know Ozer Ebraheim.

This fellowship is a great for Rotarians who travel for Business or leisure and provides a personal linkage with 3000 Rotarians worldwide. Beverley and my visit to you today is the result of that link with Ozer.

The fellowship provides members the opportunity of various forms of connections including up to three nights home hosted accommodation. The membership fee of US\$75.00 provides and international directory of members, newsletters but importantly the opportunity to meet other members and make international friendships.

Information and application details are available on the ITHF web site, [WWW.ithf.org](http://WWW.ithf.org)

Again I invite you to ask me for more details about this or to email me.

Thank you again for your welcome. Beverley and I have enjoyed our month in China, which included a 15 day tour to Beijing, Great Wall, Xian, Terracotta Warriors, Shanghai and your amazing city of Hong Kong. We will return to New Zealand with wonderful memories of your amazing country."

  
**Rotary Information**  
RI President's Visit to China

The following is an extract of the statement made by the RI Special Representative, Christopher Bo Bramsen, regarding the visit of RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer to the PRC in May 2006.

“The President of Rotary International, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, made a visit to China from 20 to 23 of May 2006. The purpose of the visit was to meet with the members of the two Rotary clubs in China, in Beijing and in Shanghai, in order to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotarians meeting in China. In June 1996 a group of foreign Rotarians, living in Beijing, began to meet on a regular basis. They were followed shortly afterwards by a similar group of Rotarians from abroad who were meeting regularly in Shanghai.

In Beijing and Shanghai the RI President attended Rotary meetings and also participated in the large fund-raising gala evenings organized by the two clubs. He was joined by a number of distinguished Rotarians, including current and incoming RI Directors, past and future RI Presidents as well as members of the Rotary Foundation and RI committees. A number of present and past District Governors and many Rotarians from other countries also participated in the Rotary celebrations.

In his keynote speeches, President Stenhammar elaborated on how Rotary International today had become an international organization with a truly global reach. Countries such as Russia were now entering the world of Rotary. As for China, the RI Board had made an important decision in November 2005 when they had opened the PRC for the extension of Rotary clubs. The Board had also decided to establish a new Rotary structure for China, by appointing a Special Representative to China for a three year term. One of the tasks of the SR would be to liaise with the Chinese Government officials to pursue official registration of Rotary clubs in China. Furthermore, similar to a District Governor, the new SR would provide guidance to the Rotary clubs in China. As non-districted clubs with full club status, consisting of non-PRC members, the two existing clubs in Beijing and Shanghai were now better able to access financial support from the Rotary Foundation and other RI programs and sources.

The RI President recalled that he had appointed Christopher Bo Bramsen, former ambassador of Denmark to China, and one of the Rotarians who began to meet in Beijing in 1996, as RI's Special Representative to China. It was his firm conviction that by creating a direct channel of communication between the RI leadership and the PRC government, Rotary International was now in a good position to formalize the presence of Rotary in China.

In his remarks at the two Rotary meetings, SR Bramsen confirmed that contacts with the Chinese Government were now in good progress. He congratulated the two clubs for their active and impressive work during the past 10 years. The new Rotary China Team, with PP Serge Dumont as Assistant Special Representative, would function as a small-scale District Leadership Team. Bramsen looked forward to a good cooperation between the RCT and the two Rotary clubs in China as well as with the District 3450.



President Eddy exchanged banners with Rtn David Garland (Tauranga, NZ)



Welcome back to PP Stephen



HT Laurence was awarded by our speaker on his quiz "World Cup Soccers"



Rtn Alex joins our PP Desmond (bulletin editor), Rtn Peter and Rtn Eric



Speaker Mr Gilbert Cheng of HKJC



Group photo on June 7, 2006