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What Happened Last Week

This meeting was opened by President Desmond with a special welcome given to his friend, President Tony Choi (Admiralty). This was followed with Rtn Chris introducing the other visitor and guests:

PP Leslie Soltay (HK South) Tong Kwan Ho (VP Stephen) Lee Kwun Hei (VP Stephen)

PDG Uncle Peter then took over with a very important duty: The award of a multiple jewel PHF pin to PP Hubert.

On this day, there were two birthday boys present: Rtn John V and IPP C.Y. They chose PP John to lead the singing, after which President Desmond presented one gift between the two of them.

Important news for one of our members! Rtn Jason announced that his wife had given birth to a baby girl - their second daughter, and according to Jason, the last. President Desmond fittingly presented a Wing On gift to Jason to commemorate the event.

There were several announcements:

PE Tajwar asked members how they would like to address him as President. The members were just about to suggest a collection of very creative names, when he continued that the choice had to be between "Tajwar", "Taj", or "T.S." It was finally decided that for simplicity, "President Taj" would be

most appropriate; and, as it turned out, PP John had kept his old name badge with "Taj" on it so it would be unnecessary to make a new one.

PE Taj also informed members that a fellowship evening would be held at his residence on Saturday, 20 May, to brainstorm ideas for rejuvenating the Club after several years of demise.

President Desmond also announced that the dinner at the golf club in Clearwater Bay would be held on 26 May, and a good number of acceptances had been received; but more would be welcome.

Acting Sergeant Eddie then informed the meeting that \$2,050 had been donated for the day.

VP Stephen then introduced the two guests, Tong Kwan Ho and Lee Kwun Hei, both of whom are IT students from City University, and preparing for an exchange visit to Singapore Polytechnic. Each student gave a short address after which President Desmond presented each of them with a cheque from the Club to defray their expenses.

As there was no speaker for this meeting, President Desmond started some discussion by announcing that he has a personal aversion to communicating face to face, and prefers to use e-mail as he can give a more considered account of his thoughts. He then asked members for their reactions to this.

PE Taj was first to respond: He said that he rarely opens his e-mail. In fact, he finds that it is more satisfying for him to have personal communication. His view is that what you communicate is more important than how you communicate. He also prefers to write his messages by hand because it has a more human element in it.

Rtn Chris said that he doesn't open his e-mail much either. From his perspective as an architect and designer, it is very important to discuss plans with people face to face, otherwise the emotional vibes could be missed.

PP Hubert made the important observation that, through direct human contact, we pick up feeling infused in the conversation: Feeling is more than just thinking - it is experiencing the whole situation.

Secretary Ates begged to disagree because he said that, for him, feeling can be expressed through the e-mail.

It had to come up! Rtn Tony asked members whether they would like to hold their Rotary meeting over the internet - a virtual meeting! PP John Luk interjected that this could engender feeling, because virtual sex is possible via the computer.

To end the discussion, President Desmond put it to the vote: Who would prefer a physical or virtual meeting? Members opted for the former so we can expect to meet again next week at the Excelsior instead of having a virtual meal.

To close the meeting, President Desmond proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Admiralty.

Potary Information

Music man has perfect pitch in the Philippines

Twelve days after playing trombone in the New Year's Eve Millennium Jazz Festival in Italy, Rotarian Ron Nethercutt arrived in the Philippines to begin his next adventure --- the first term of a distinctive Rotary Grants for University Teachers spanning two Rotary years.

Having participated in more than 26 international activities during the past 10 years, the professional musician and music educator from Louisiana, USA, is a veteran in promoting music all over the world. Through his experience in a U.S. Army band and as a high school band director, as well as his 32 years at Southeastern Louisiana University wearing many hats, including that of general manager of KSLU Public Radio, Nethercutt brings a myriad of skills to the College of Music at the University of the Philippines.

During his first semester in Manila, Nethercutt was able to teach private trombone lessons, work with brass ensembles, and guest-conduct the university's concert and jazz bands.

"I also solved at two university concerts and performed with Filipino musicians at a jazz festival honouring Lito Molina, who's the Philippines' most famous musician," said Nethercutt.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hammond, Louisiana, for his two-year grant, the past president and GSE team leader has performed with the likes of Tony Bennett, Glen Campbell, Lou Rawls, Liberace, the Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, and Bob Hope. The accomplished musician will return to the University of the Philippines by June to begin his second semester of teaching in the 2000-01 Rotary year.

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We missed you on 17^h May 2000!!!

Team 1 Chelleram, Manolo

Team 2 Chan, Kenny; Lamport, William; Li, Francis; Lui, Tim

Team 3 Lai, Robert; Pang, K.T.; Wong, Sam

Team 4 Chan, Andrew; Cheng, Y.K.; Kuang, Peter; Leung, George;

Li, David

Team 5 Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Narain, Kishu; Shek, Andrew

Team 6 Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul

19 of 40 members missing 47.5%!!! Missing

Please makeup!!!



LAZIGS FOR TSE WEEK

"Flight 1234," the control tower advised, "turn right 45 degrees for noise abatement."

"Roger," the pilot responded, "but we're at 35,000 feet. We can't cause a noise problem at this height."

"Sir," replied the control tower, "have you ever heard the nose a 727 makes when it hits a 747?"

Lou goes to the doctor's office complaining of not feeling well. The doctor runs some tests on him and in a few minutes, comes back with the results. The doctor says, "Lou, sit down. I've got some bad news. You don't have much time to live."

Lou is obviously upset about this, but asks, "How much longer do I have, Doc?"

The doctor says, "10."

Lou says, "10 what? 10 weeks ... 10 months ... 10 years?"

The doctor replies. " 9 ... 8 ... 7 ..."



"No, Zak. ... It Wilga's turn lick bowl."

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Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Excelsior Hotel. Club 4350 - District 3450 of Rotary International



PDG Uncle Peter presents PP Hubert with his multiple PHF pin.





Hon Tres. Jason is presented with a "Wing On" gift by Pres. Desmond in congratulations for the birth of his baby daughter.



Pres. Desmond congratulates IPP C.Y. on his birthday.



Rtn John V also gets to handle the birthday gift on his birthday.

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Pres. Desmond presents cheques to the exchange students, Tong Kwan Ho & Lee Kwun Hei who are going to study in Singapore.



Accompanied by Sec. Ates, are two visitors, PP Leslie Soltay (HKS) & Pres. Tony Choi (ADM) who seemed to have figured out the jokes in Tung Feng.



Visitors & guests to the Club, 17 May, 2000.