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What Happened Last Week

After all the rain over the past week, members still weren't going to miss their Rotary meeting, and some looked like they had swum miles to get to the hotel. President Taj began the meeting by giving a very special welcome to former member, PP Warren Wilson who is visiting Hong Kong.

Rtn Lawrence then took charge of the introductions:

PP Warren Wilson (Adelaide)

PP Peter Tse (TST East)

Rtn Luke Lei (City NW)

Rtn Jensen Lee (Peninsula)

It was also reported that 19 members were in attendance, and \$800 was donated.

There was one birthday boy this week and President Taj congratulated PP C.Y., while PPs Hubert and Warren Wilson helped out with the choir.

President Taj also announced that a cocktail reception would be held on Friday, 15 June to celebrate the reopening of the newly refurbished Rotary Information Centre. Members were invited to attend.

At this point, PP Warren Wilson was invited to say a few words. He said that he was visiting Hong Kong with his wife of 38 years, Jill. He left Hong Kong eight years ago, but his son Scott has recently taken up a position in HK with Microsoft, so he might be making more frequent visits here in future. He is now a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide, and is still busy in the workplace, being a Board member for the TABs in Melbourne and Sydney, as well as on a Board responsible for administering state forests in South Australia.



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

Finally, Rtn Tony introduced the speaker, Ms Mary Leung, a social worker and Director of the Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service. Her topic was, "Youth Character Development and the Media in Hong Kong."

Mary pointed out that young people are very much captivated by what is disseminated in the various types of media, including TV, soap opera, music, video, magazines, comics, newspapers, etc. In all of these, there is an abundance of sexual content which may be explicit or implied. Most of this coverage, however, is about sensationalizing and promoting sexual activity rather than educating youth about the subject. Because only glamorous people are used in these visuals, young people tend to associate sexual activity with being glamorous and acceptable.

It is around puberty that youth become interested in sexual matters, and girls seem more influenced through the media, than are boys. It seems that, if parents communicate with their children about these matters, they can have a significant moderating influence on the impressions children pick up from the media.

In summing up, Mary gave the following advice:

1. Young people should be educated about the media so that they understand how it can subtly manipulate opinion and attitudes; as well as the vested interests the media has in serving advertisers.
2. Parents have a vital responsibility in educating and advising their children about sexual matters.
3. Some censorship of the media should be retained to ensure that they abide by generally accepted community standards.

PP Rob thanked Mary for a very well researched and structured address.

President Taj then closed the meeting with a toast to the Rotary Club of Adelaide.

Rotary Information

For those who can't come to Texas, virtual convention is option

The inability to physically attend the RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA, should not be an impediment to Rotarians looking to have fellowship and a meeting of minds with



PP Warren Wilson (Adelaide) returns to his old Club.



PP C.Y. enjoying his birthday with Pres. Taj, PP Warren and PP Hubert.



PP Warren catching up on news from PP C.Y. and Rtn Paul.



PP Warren Wilson enjoying the company of Rtn Henry and Rtn Alex.



Sec. Miriam hemmed in by PE Stephen and Rtn Lawrence.



Two 'old' friends, PP Rob and PP Peter Tse.



Visitors to the Club, 13 June, 2001.



Guest speaker, Mary Leung being ably entertained by PDG Uncle Peter and Pres. Taj.



Rtn Francis and PP Desmond enjoying the fellowship of Rtn Jensen Lee (Peninsula).



Good friends together, Rtn Luke Lei (City NorthWest HK), PDG YK & Rtn Tony.



PP Andrew and PP Hubert enjoying their company together.

other Rotarians, because it will be possible to participate in this annual event virtually via RI President Frank J. Devlyn's Web site.

"This is the very first time that Rotary will have a 'Virtual Convention' that will enable Rotarians around the world to view Institute and Convention activities and proceedings soon after they occur throughout both events," said President Devlyn in letter inviting all Rotarians who cannot come to San Antonio to register at his Web site. "Create Awareness about the Virtual Convention among your fellow Rotarians (and friends) by telling them about this Web site and then Take Action by having the information published in your weekly bulletin. We welcome your comments and hope that you will visit often during the coming weeks."

Though many sections are still under construction, the virtual convention Web pages allow Rotarians to register now. Those who wish to do so can register by going to President Devlyn's Web site at <http://www.frankdevlyn.org> and following a link to the online registration center. Scores of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and those who describe themselves as visitors registered soon after word went out that there will be a virtual convention.

Schools learn The 4-Way Test with Rotary coloring books

Ever since its adoption by RI in 1943, The 4-way Test has guided generations of Rotarians in their pursuit of high ethical standards in the workplace. Yet this philosophical code is also applicable universally, not necessarily limited to Rotarians, professional settings, or even adults.

Fourth graders at Abney Elementary School know The 4-Way Test and can apply it in the classroom and on the playground, thanks to a coloring book program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Slidell North Shore, Slidell, Louisiana, USA.

In January, the club distributed 133 4-Way Test Coloring Books to the entire fourth-grade class at Abney, located in Slidell. The coloring book emphasizes character building by giving hypothetical examples of each part of The 4-Way Test. Students learn the importance of principles such as truth and fairness.

Rotarians spend about 30 minutes with a class as students read the 25-page book aloud. "I ask the class how they would solve a problem or act under a set of circumstances," say Lydia Alford, president of the Rotary Club of Slidell North Shore. "We also spend a little time at the end of each story to discuss its moral."

LAUGH FOR THE WEEK

Bill had a bit of a drinking problem. Every night, after dinner, he took off for the local pub. He spent the whole evening there and arrived home well inebriated, around midnight each night.

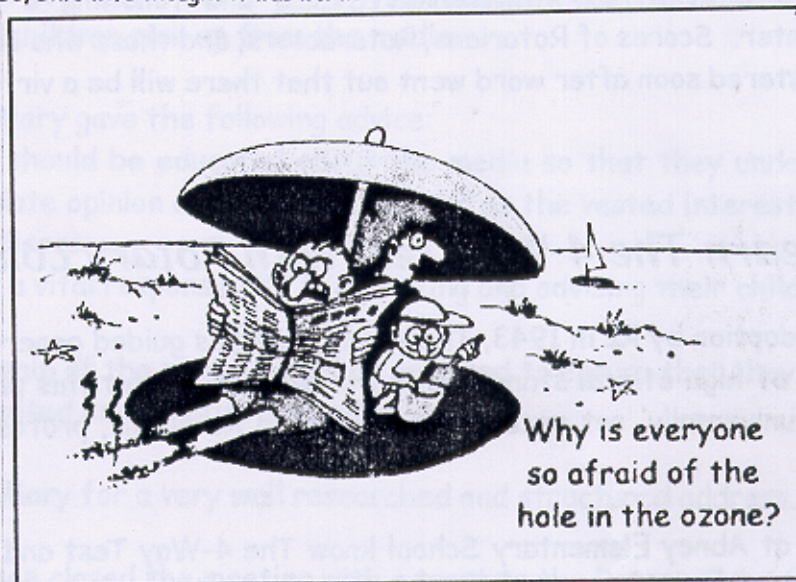
He always had trouble getting his key into the keyhole to get the door open. His wife, waiting up for him, would go to the door and let him in. Then she would proceed to yell and scream at him for his constant nights out, and coming home in a drunken state. But Bill continued his nightly routine.

One day, his wife was talking to a friend about her husband's behaviour. The friend listened to her and then said, "Why don't you treat him a little differently when he comes home? Instead of scolding him, why don't you speak to him lovingly and welcome home with a kiss? He then might change his ways." So, Bill's wife thought it was worth trying.

That night Bill went off to the pub again after dinner. And, about midnight, he arrived home as usual in his drunken condition. His wife heard him at the door, quickly opened it and let him in.

This time. Instead of shouting at him as she had always done, she gently took his arm and led him into the living room. She sat him down in an easy chair, put his feet up on the foot-rest, and took his shoes off. Then she went behind him and started to cuddle him a little. After a while, she said to him, "It's very late. I think we should go upstairs to bed now, don't you?"

At that, Bill replied in his drunken state, "I guess we might as well. I'll be in trouble when I get home anyway."



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