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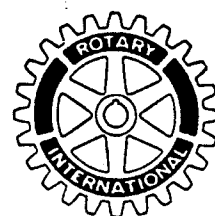
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HONG KONG ISLAND EAST

## What Happened Last Week

President Desmond opened the meeting with a warm welcome back to PE Taj who was away to see his factory in Ireland. Rtn. John V introduced visiting Rotarians : PP Benny Ratrani of HK Northeast and Rtn. Alex Lau of Golden Mile who was also our guest speaker. Rtn. Flicker introduced his guest, Mr. Raymond Chow and also led the birthday song for Rtn. Karain.

PE Taj took over the floor and raised a serious concern on the declining attendance. He asked members to make an effort to attend the Club Assembly to be held on 15 June at which a proposal of pre-payment of lunch fees would be discussed. He also asked members to let him have any idea that could help boost attendance. He then reminded members that there would be no lunch meeting on 28 June as the meeting would be replaced by the District Installation to be held on 29 June.

Rtn. Kishu announced the fund raising campaign of the Rotaract Club of Hong Kong Island East and appealed for members' support. A total of \$2000 was collected at the meeting. Rtn. Kishu thanked members for the flowers and messages sent to his family at the funeral of his mother two weeks ago.

Sergeant-at -arms Rudy announced that 18 members were present and the collection was \$1,250.

Rtn. Malcolm introduced the speaker Rtn. Alex Lau who is the Chairman of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Selection Committee. Rtn. Alex explained to members the selection process for the scholarship. The Selection Committee would look for young persons between the age of 19 and 35 with a minimum of two years in college education who have an outgoing

personality and a strong commitment to Hong Kong. The recipients have to act as ambassadors for Hong Kong while they are having education in overseas countries, and they have to return to Hong Kong to save the community after education. Grades are not an important factor and this makes Rotary scholarship different from other scholarship.

Being selected for the scholarship does not mean admission to the universities in overseas countries, and the individuals are required to apply on their own. The amount of the scholarship is about HK\$180,000. Each year our District sponsors 6 to 8 scholarship and the total number of Rotary scholarship world-wide is about 1,200 a year. The funding of the programme is from the Paul Harris Fellow donations made to the Rotary Foundation three years ago together with the interest earned in the past three years.

The Selection Committee is now receiving applications for the school term commencing in September 2001. Applications have to reach the Committee by the middle of August and the screening would start in September. Application forms are available on the Rotary Web Site. Children of Rotarians are not eligible to apply but Rotarians are encouraged to propose suitable applicants.

PP George thanked the speaker in the customary manner. President Desmond then closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with Rotary Club of Hong Kong Northeast and Rotary Club of Golden Mile.



## ***Rotary Information***

### ***Dayton club joins bid to give troubled youths a fresh start***

Being thrown out of school can be a serious setback in a child's life. But the lack of a high school education need not spell a doomed future.

This is the message the Trade and Technology Prep Community School in Dayton is sending to the parents of troubled children. The school has, through the Improved Solutions for Urban Systems (ISUS) program, been giving a second chance to youths who have been expelled from school.

Most of the 160 students currently enrolled in the program were referred by the local juvenile courts. They are taught construction as a trade instead of going to jail. They are taught construction as a trade instead of going to jail. The program also helps to

improve neighborhoods. With limited funding, students have restored and rebuilt 13 homes and an eight-unit apartment building over the years.

The Rotary Club of Dayton contributed US\$175,000 to the program last Spring. With this and a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), ISUS is now enrolling more students, hiring new teachers, and financing its vocational curriculum.

Ann Higdon, the program director, says that ISUS is a cheaper and better alternative to the prison system where, according to recent studies, a youth faces nearly a 90 percent chance of returning to prison.

"It costs \$36,000 to incarcerate a young person," she points out. With the money from the club and HUD, the school pays students a \$12 daily stipend. This is raised to \$50 when they get their GED, which is the equivalent of a high school diploma, and continue with the program through Sinclair Community College. The students get free tuition within the construction certificate program of Sinclair. They can transfer the credits earned there towards a degree program in a college or university of their choice.

With the money from the club and HUD, the program will construct 50 to 60 houses over the next three years. In the same period, up to 350 students will be enrolled, mostly from court referrals, and offered a new beginning.

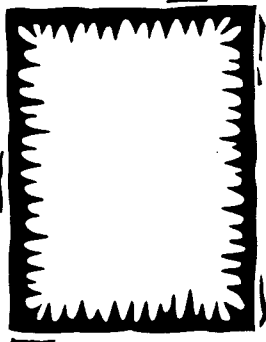
## ***Rotary club ensures that 'Character Counts' in Texas schools***

Educators and testing services may not be rushing to include character on their list of examinable subjects, but the EI Paso Independent School District, Texas, USA, has adopted a program started by the local Rotary club to groom children into model citizens.

Character Counts was started several years ago by the Rotary Club of West EI Paso to counter a growing problem of youths who thought it was all right to vandalize property, pick on weaker children, steal and cheat. The program teaches character based on six pillars or traits : respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship and trustworthiness.

According to Terry Campbell, the club's Community Service director, after some research, the club concluded that children might be behaving badly because in some families parents spent little time with their kids, while in others, children were virtually raising children.

"We could not change those circumstances", she said. "But[we] knew that if we found a program that could be taught in the schools, character education could work backwards into the home."



## Notice

We missed you on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2000!!!

Team 1	Chan, Hubert; Luk, John; Yucel, Ates
Team 2	Chan, Kenny; Fu, C.Y.; Hall, Peter; Li, Francis; Ling, Alex
Team 3	Lai, Robert; Pang, K.T.; Wong, Sam
Team 4	Chen, Andrew; Kuang, Peter; Li, David; Wong, Eddy
Team 5	Fielding, Rob; Ling, Thomas; Luy, Henry; Shek Andrew
Team 6	Chan, Joseph; Chan, Paul; Chiu, Jason

*22 of 40 members missing 55%!!! Missing*  
**Please makeup!!!**

## LAZYG FOR THE WEEK

A group of people were touring Ireland. One of the women in the group was very nasty and constantly complaining about everything. She said the bus seats were uncomfortable, the food terrible, it was too hot, or too cold, the accommodation was terrible, etc., etc.

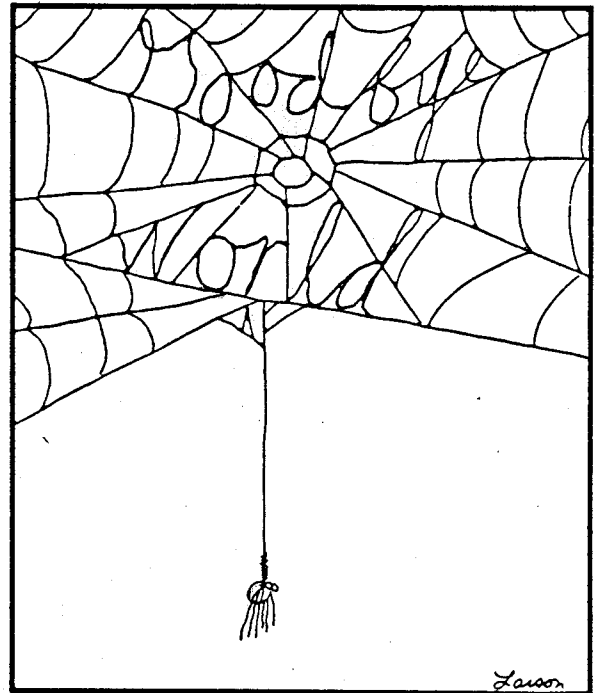
The group arrived at the site of the famous Blarney Stone. "Good luck will be following you all your days if you kiss the Blarney Stone," the guide said. "Unfortunately, it's being cleaned today and so no one will be able to kiss it. Perhaps we can come back tomorrow."

"We can't be here tomorrow," the nasty woman shouted. "we have some other boring tour to go on. So I guess we can't kiss the stupid stone."

"Well now," the guide said, "it is said that if you kiss someone who has kissed the stone, you'll have the same good fortune."

"And I suppose you've kissed the stone," the woman scoffed.

"No, Ma' am," the irritated guide said, "but I've sat on it."



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Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East meet each  
Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Excelsior Hotel.  
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Guest speaker Rtn Alex Lau (KGM) talking to us about RI's Ambassadorial Scholarship program.



Rtn. Manolo sitting at the head table with frequent visitor Rtn Benny Ratnani (NE).



Our Rotarian Kishu receiving his birthday present from Pres. Desmond.

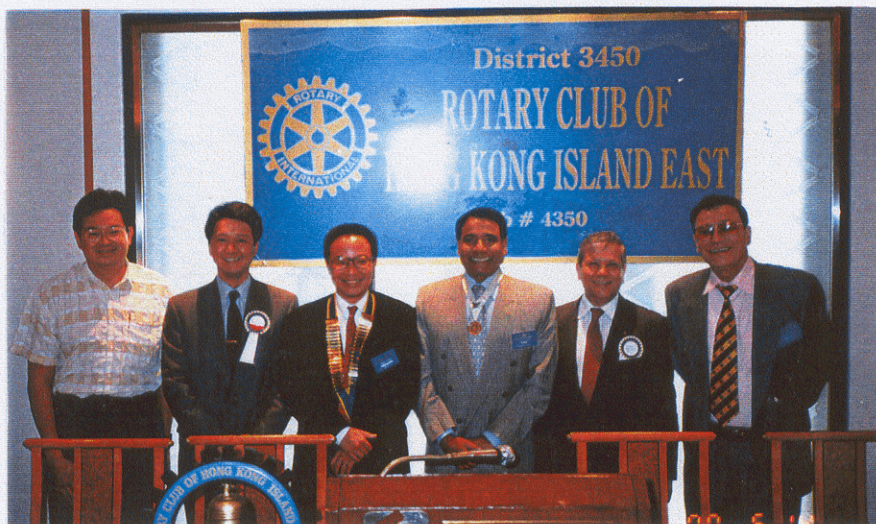




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Rtns. William, John V & Kishu pictured here with our new candidate for membership in our club Mr. Raymond Chow.



Visitors & guest to our Club on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.

**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 an active member.

Name: Raymond W. H. Chow (周焯鴻)  
Classification: Leasing-Loan Admin.

Company's Name: Chevalier MLD Leasing Co., Ltd.  
Position: Legal Officer  
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If no written objection to the proposal, stating reason, is received by the Board from any member of the club with (7) seven days from date hereof, the above proposed member shall be considered duly elected to membership.