



GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

District 3450, Rotary International
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February - World Understanding Month 二月 - 世界瞭解月

Dear Rotary Leaders, My Presidents 2000,

Kung Hei Fat Choy or to be more in line with the times Gong Xi Fa Cai as it is said in Mandarin.

Renuka and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous happy year of the Dragon. I hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable holiday with your families.

Rotary International has designated February as World Understanding month. It was also on February 23rd 1905 that our founder Paul Percy Harris, a young lawyer met together with three of his friends in a spirit of friendship and understanding. A unique feature of this meeting was that each of the participants was engaged in a different vocation. This feature- where one person from each business or profession in a club- is still a cornerstone of our Organization. It was during this meeting when it was decided to meet weekly in rotation at their various places of business that suggested the name "Rotary".

From this humble beginning- Rotary now claims a worldwide membership of almost One million one hundred and ninety thousand members spread out in over 29,700 clubs located in over one hundred and sixty countries.

It was in 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary's sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary ... for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational and other avenues of community service." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA. In 1928 when the fund had grown to US\$5,000 the fund was renamed the Rotary Foundation.

Over the years support of the Foundation has grown tremendously. Since the first \$26.50 donation in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling almost US\$825 million. To date some 492,000 individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Over the years many Foundation Programs like the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship programs; Group Study Exchange, Matching Grants; 3-H and PolioPlus programs were adopted to help foster understanding and help our fellow human beings.

As we reflect on illustrious history we cannot but also reflect at our future. It is clear that there is still much to be done as is emphasized by President Carlo Ravizza when he calls us to action in his message, which appears in the January issue of the Rotarian. He asks us to have the courage to change- to discard timeworn traditions and attitudes and rethink Rotary's structure and direction. He asks us to take the kind of action that will better serve our communities and in the process draw in new members into our clubs.

I am sure during the week of February 23rd - many of you at your club meetings will be wishing Rotary a happy 95th birthday - I hope you will stop for a few minutes and reflect at all that has been achieved by men and women like us over the last 95 years. I also hope you will say to your self "I am proud to be I am proud to be a Rotarian".

On December 16th 1999 our District Governor Nominating Committee met and selected Past President Johnson Chu of the Rotary Club of Peninsula as our District Governor for the Rotary year 2001-2002. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate PP Johnson on his election.

Yours in Rotary,

Dipo C. Sani

親愛的扶輪領袖，扶輪2000的社長：

恭喜發財！萬事如意！新春大吉！

際此龍年新禧，我與內子向各位府上拜年，祝願大家身心康泰，家庭幸福！

國際扶輪指定每年的二月為《世界瞭解月》，因為1905年2月23日，一位年青的律師保羅·哈理斯先生 Paul Percy Harris 與三位志同道合的好友，以友誼與諒解的精神，始創了扶輪的聚會。這個聚會獨特之處，是每一位參加者都是來自不同的行業。時至今日，每一個扶輪社內的每一位社員，都是代表著每一個不同的行業。這項特色，是扶輪的基石。也因為四位先驅者訂定了「輪流在大家不同的營業處所舉行每週例會」，而倡議了《扶輪》這個名字。

由於這個簡單而崇高的開始，扶輪至今已發展成為一個全球性的組織，社員人數達一百一十九萬，在一百六十多個國家和地區，成立了二萬九千七百多個扶輪社。

另一個扶輪歷史的里程碑是在1917當年，國際扶輪的第六任社長 Arch C. Klumph 在美國喬治阿州亞特蘭大市向國際扶輪年會動議：「設立一項永久性的基金.....用於向全世界施行善舉，包括教育和各類型的社會服務項目。」幾個月之後，美國密蘇里州的肯薩斯城扶輪社(Rotary Club of Kansas City)向基金送出了第一筆捐款26.50美元。1928年，該項基金共收得捐款五萬美元，隨後即確定命名為《扶輪基金》。

經過多年來各方的支持，扶輪基金迅速增長。由1917年的第一筆捐款26.50美元開始，扶輪基金會共收得捐款達8億2千5百萬美元。最近的統計，超過492,000人成為了《保羅·哈理斯之友》。單是1998-1999年度，已錄得捐款合共6千8百萬美元。

幾十年以來，扶輪基金會的各項計劃，例如：扶輪大使獎學金；團體研究交流；配合資助金；3-H計劃；根滅小兒麻痺及其他疾病等等；均全面實施，加強了人類之間的互相諒解，扶助了有需要的人。也許你樂於知道，單是上一個扶輪年度，1998-1999所有計劃的總支出達到1億2千4百萬美元，其中部份資助了1,176名扶輪大使學人，他們來自62個國家，分別去了53個國家留學。

當我們回顧扶輪的光輝的歷史的時候，我們也要憧憬她的未來。明顯地，有很多情況依然需要我們不斷改進的。在一月份的社長文告內，賴唯捨社長強烈地邀請大家加緊行動。他要求大家要有改革的勇氣，洗脫陳年陋習，重新為扶輪的結構和方向定位。他邀請大家為了改善我們的社區，應該多做點實事，同時招攬更多新血加入我們的扶輪社。

我相信，在二月二十三日這個星期內，大家都會在例會當中慶祝扶輪的95歲生辰。我希望大家會用幾分鐘的時間，回顧前人在過去94年以來的建樹。我希望大家會向自己說一聲：「身為扶輪社員，是一份光榮。」讓我們一齊邁步向前，展示持恆、持守和持續的行動。

在1999年12月16日的地區總監推選委員會會議中，大家決定提名半島社的宋梓熿前社長出任2001-2002年度的總監。借此篇幅，我向Johnson表示衷心的祝賀。

你的服務夥伴



辛迪寶

To Rotary Leaders of D-3450.....

President Carlo Ravizza joins me in extending to you cordial thanks for promoting the R.I. Presidential Conference 2000 Hong Kong. We look forward to share your vision of a twenty-first century Rotary and your contribution in finding the best way that Rotary International and its Foundation could help to build a better future for Asia.

So far, we have registrants from Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Korea, Canada, Australia, U.S.A., Germany, India and Taiwan. We are expecting more, as there will be registration on site.

Please prepare your questions on any facet of Rotary, because both President Carlo Ravizza and Past President Bill Huntley, Chairman of the Rotary Foundation, will have an open dialogue with you. Bring your Rotaractors and Interactors as well. President Carlo will dedicate a special session to the youths of Asia, as well as the Foundation Alumni.

Till February, and with warmest wishes, in the New Year of the Dragon.

Ever sincerely,



PDG Dr. Raymond Wong
Chairman
RI Presidential Conference 2000 Hong Kong

Draft Program Agenda

All Conference Events Will Take Place at The Regent Hong Kong
Please visit our District Web-site for details : <http://www.rotary.org.hk>

CONFERENCE WELCOME & MAJOR ARRIVAL DAY - Friday, 25 February 2000

1100-1200 Sergeants-at-Arms Meeting
1200-2030 Conference Registration
1700-1830 Leaders Meeting
1900-2100 Welcome Reception (business attire) (free snacks & cash bar)
Pre-Conference Golf at Fanling (please contact PP Ronald Lu (RC Hong Kong South))

SECOND CONFERENCE DAY - Saturday, 26 February 2000

0800-1600 Conference Registration
0900-1030 Opening Plenary Session
Invocation
Welcome Remarks by Conference Chairman, Dr. Raymond Wong
Welcome Remarks by the Honorable C.Y. Leung, Convenor, Executive Council of Hong Kong, S.A.R.
"The Impact of the Regional Economy on Community Service" — Keynote Address by the Honorable C.Y. Leung, Convenor, Executive Council of Hong Kong, S.A.R.
Questions from the Audience
1030-1100 Coffee Break
1100-1230 Discussion Groups - Rotary Service 2000: Asia
Acting With Consistency in 2000 and Beyond: Adapting Rotary Ideal of Service in a Changing World (with Mandarin/English Simultaneous Interpretation)
Acting With Credibility to Improve Your Club's Image in the Community (Separate English & Mandarin Groups)
Acting With Continuity and the Value of Long-Term Club Goals (Separate English & Mandarin Groups)
1230-1400 Networking Luncheon
1400-1530 Second Plenary Session
Address by RI President Carlo Ravizza and Open Forum with the President
1530-1600 Coffee Break
1600-1700 Third Plenary Session
Panel Discussion — Effective Rotary Clubs 2000
1730-1930 Youth Forum (An Opportunity for Rotaractors/Interactors to discuss their vision of Rotary 2000)
1930-2200 Conference Banquet
Lion Dance (Hosted by HK Tourist Association)
Welcome Speech (Mr. David Lan, Secretary of Home Affairs of the HK SAR)
Remarks by Carlo's Crew Member Dipo Sani, Governor, District 3450
Cultural Performance Children Choir & Traditional Dances
Partners' Program available from morning to 5 pm - please contact PP Ronald Lu (Hong Kong South)

THIRD CONFERENCE DAY - Sunday, 27 February 2000

0800-1500 Conference Registration
0900-1030 Fourth Plenary Session
Address by The Rotary Foundation Chairman, Bill Huntley & Questions from the Audience
PolioPlus in Asia - Countdown to Eradication & Questions from the Audience
1030-1100 Coffee Break
1100-1230 Discussion Groups - Rotary 2000: The Rotary Foundation
Service Opportunities in Non-Rotary Countries (with Mandarin/English SI)
Effective Use of Foundation Alumni (Separate English & Mandarin Groups)
Building Upon the Regional Success of TRF Educational Programs (Separate English & Mandarin Groups)
1230-1400 Closing Plenary Session
Reports from the Discussion Groups & Youth Forum
Saturday Presenter
Sunday Presenter
Youth Forum Presenter
Questions from the Audience
Open Forum with the RI President, TRF Chairman and other Rotary Senior Leaders

Note: There will be no farewell lunch

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GSE China Helps Hong Kong to Understand Practice of Chinese Medicine

By Kay Lau - GSE China Committee Chairman

The preparation for the 2000 Group Study Exchange (GSE) with China is well under way.

GSE China is a special program started by RI District 3450, in addition to the normal GSE programs that the district has been involved in for quite a few years.

Now in its third year, the program will include an exchange of medical professionals between District 3450 and China. A team of four members from Beijing, China lead by a group leader who is the fifth person will visit Hong Kong and Macau in April, 2000 for four weeks. This will be followed by a reciprocating visit of a team of five from Hong Kong.

The difference between GSE, China and normal GSE programs is that it is a single vocation exchange, with all members coming from the same field of work, while in a normal GSE team each member comes from a different profession. Furthermore, it is an exchange with an area

(China) where Rotary is not officially present.

Enthusiastically endorsed by Rotary Internal, the program has been tremendously successful in its first two years. However, GSE 2000 is breaking new ground by concentrating on Chinese medical practices and Chinese medicine. With the important role of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong and the new interests generated, it is deemed that a better understanding of the practice of Chinese medicine in China would be of benefit.

It is therefore of no surprise that the program is well supported by the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and the Ministry of Health in China, and both have committed to post a highly competent team this year to maximise the benefits from the exchange.

The Hong Kong team has now been selected and is a high calibre combination including two hospital chief executives,

and top experts from the pharmacy, nursing, and administration fields. The list of the team members are :

- David P.W. Cheng, Hospital Chief Executive, Yan Chai Hospital
- Antony C.T. Leung, Hospital Chief Executive, Haven of Hope Hospital
- Esther Wong Yee Hing, General Manager (Nursing) Ruttonjee Hospital, Tang Shiu Kin Hospital
- Anna Lee See Wing, Senior Pharmacist (Clinical Service Development) Hospital Authority
- Y.C. Lee, Hospital Administrator, Haven of Hope Hospital

In the next issue I hope to be able to report to you on the team from China, as well as the planned activities of the two teams during their visits.



Continuity 繼往開來篇(之七)

Happy Birthday 慎「宗」追遠

(February 2000 Issue)

By Governor-Elect John Wan 溫頌安 (候任總監)

Everyone knows one's birthday. Every man remembers or is expected to remember his wife's birthday. Every club president who is worth his or her salt would remember the charter day or at least the charter month of his or her club. Indeed, most clubs would organize functions annually to mark the occasions. Many Rotarians in the District love attending these anniversary balls or celebration dinners. Quite a few of them though would complain about the high costs of attending these extravaganzas, but in the same breath would call up their friends to make sure that they would accompany them for the big evening. There is nothing wrong with that. Indeed, Rotary is as much about fellowship as about service; and nothing except good would come out of these celebratory events which are normally hallmarks of fun and fellowship. The question one should ask of oneself is perhaps this. Will these dinners and balls help clubs bring more Rotary to the membership, and is there a danger that the membership might lose sight of what Rotary is all about in the quest for fun and fellowship?

Talking of fun and fellowship reminds me of a recent sermon by Father Joseph Ha. The Regional Minister of the Franciscan Order spoke to a gathering of young people attending the Midnight Mass last Christmas eve in open air at freezing temperature during the Youth Jamboree at Wan Tsai peninsula. It was a short sermon, but very much to the point and

befitting the occasion. Father Ha spoke of a person who was not religious at all, but who loved the festive spirit of Christmas so much that he would have Christmas food complete with turkey and Christmas pudding every time he ate out or played host. He decorated his home with holly and ivy and his Christmas tree was always well lit up. Very interestingly, he would wish his friends Happy Christmas year round and gave them Christmas presents. He was asked why he did all that and what the charade was all about. His response was serious and could even be regarded as logical. He said that he believed Christmas was the happiest season in the year. He wanted to be happy every day and to communicate his happiness to others.

Well, even the not very religious would know that Christmas is one of the more if not the most important feasts observed by Christians worldwide and that it is meant to remind them of the birth of Christ and more importantly the love of God for Man. Christians believe that God loves Man so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to our world so that Man could be saved from eternal damnation. The feast has since become commercialized, but on the other hand it is widely observed everywhere, even in non-religious countries, which in turn would help Christians in their mission to spread the gospel. It is for the Church to ponder on the implications, but there could be a lesson to be learnt from the analogy by service organizations such as Rotary.

Let me come closer to the subject of this article. All of you would know that February is Rotary's World Understanding Month and 23 February, World Understanding and Peace Day. In essence, 23 February is Rotary's birthday. How many clubs in the

District have organized a celebratory event on this day in the past five years? How many have planned one for this year. Not very many, I believe. But why?

You would all be familiar with Cliff Dochterman's celebrated publication "The ABCs of Rotary." In this book, he has placed "Definition of Rotary" ahead of all articles, and quite rightly so. Let me repeat his words here, "Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world." I urge you to remember these 31 words by heart, but more importantly, to live up to these words.

It may be too late to organize something for 23 February 2000 or during that week, but it is still worth trying. However, don't worry too much if you miss this one. Give your club one year to plan an activity for 23 February 2001. Meanwhile, I have one simple suggestion that everyone can achieve relatively effortlessly if he or she is so minded. On 23 February 2000, try greet each other with "It is Rotary's Birthday" or a similar message. Better still, tell a friend who is not a Rotarian that it is Rotary's Birthday and recite him or her the 31 words. That would certainly help promote Rotary thereby maintaining continuity.



Governor-Elect John Wan
溫頌安 (候任總監)

每個人都會記得自己的生日，怕者每一位男士都會記得愛妻的生日。每一位稱職的扶輪社社長，都會記得創社的授證日期，最低限度總會曉得是那一月份。真的，差不多所有扶輪社都會籌辦一些週年紀念活動。我們區內有很多社友，都熱衷於出席這類的週年餐舞會，授證紀念晚宴等等。雖然，部份小眾會因為參加這些奢華盛會，所費不菲，而感到肉痛，但是仍然會呼朋喚友，齊齊去湊這份熱鬧。當然，本質上並無不妥。事實上，扶輪注重服務，更注重聯誼。這些慶祝活動，只會帶來歡樂，加深友誼，而並無其他。問題是，我們會否撫心自問一下，這些晚宴、餐舞會等等，能否為扶輪社招攬更多社員？而另一方面，會否令大家有一個錯覺，扶輪只是一個吃喝玩樂的組織？

談到歡愉和聯誼，讓我省起夏志誠神父最近的一篇講道。去年的聖誕前夕，寒流襲港，在西貢灣仔半島舉行的《青年大露營》，一大群青年人聚集在露天空地上，參加方濟會會長夏志誠神父主持的子夜彌撒。該篇講道雖然很短，但是正好切中時弊。夏神父說：有一個人，他並沒有宗教信仰，但是卻非常熱愛聖誕的節日氣氛。在節日裏面，他一定會準備豐富的聖誕大餐，由火雞以至布甸，林林種種，廣宴親朋。他為家裏裝飾了火樹銀花、聖誕樹、一品紅，好不熱鬧。更有趣的是，

他向每一位親友都祝願聖誕快樂，派贈禮物。有人問他，這是為了什麼？這種種的佈置又有什麼含義？他回應得非敘認真而又像合乎邏輯，他說：聖誕節是一年中最快樂的日子。他希望自己快樂，也希望可以和別人分享快樂。

可是，對宗教不大熟識的人都會知道，聖誕節是全世界基督信徒較為重視，甚至是最隆重瞻仰的節日。因為這個日子，提醒大家基督的降臨，更重要的是，神愛世人。基督信徒堅信，神愛世人，甚至將祂的獨生子耶穌基督，賜給世人，叫一切信祂的，不致滅亡，反得永生。不知甚的，基督降世的慶祝，變得商業化起來。但是另一方面，正因為這種情況，將基督降世的信息，推廣到地球上每一個角落，甚至不以信仰基督為宗教的國家，也間接地幫助了基督信徒傳播福音的使命。本來，這些現象的啟示，應該由教會去探索。不過，好像扶輪這一類的服務團體，也可以借以為鑑。

不如讓我把話題拉回本文的中心。大家都知道，二月是扶輪的《世界瞭解月》，而二月二十三日，是《世界瞭解與和平日》。準確地說，二月二十三日是扶輪的誕辰。在我們的區內，究竟會有多少個扶輪社，曾經在過去五年之內，都會在當日舉行一些慶祝活動呢？究竟

有幾個社已經計劃今年會舉行？我相信，不會很多。但是，為什麼？

大家熟悉的陶德曼前社長 Clifford Dochterman 在他的著作《The ABCs of Rotary》這本小書內，他將《扶輪釋義》放在所有文章的最前面，他做得很對。讓我們重新閱讀一下：「扶輪是結合全世界事業及專業的領導人士的一種組織，提供博愛的服務，在職業方面鼓勵崇高的道德標準，並幫助建立世界的親善與和平。」我想請大家在心中銘記這 57 個字，更重要的是，讓這幾句話得到生命。

今天才開始計劃在 2000 年 2 月 23 日或該週內舉辦相應的活動，也許太遲。不過，天羊補牢，未為晚也。給你社多一年的時間，在 2001 年的 2 月 23 日，再來一個適當的慶祝活動。同時，我有一個簡單的提議，如果大家認真地想有一點表示的話，不妨在今年的 2 月 23 日，互相祝賀「扶輪生辰快樂」或其他類似的頌詞。想更進一步的，告訴一位尚未參加扶輪的朋友，當天是「扶輪的生日」，向他闡述前段的 57 個字。這絕對是推廣扶輪的好方法，也給扶輪繼往開來賦予生命力。



District Golf Tournament Report

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West had the honour of organizing the District Golf Tournament for District 3450 at the Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling on Friday 21st January, 2000. Fifty Rotarians from fifteen Clubs participated in the event, including four Rotarians from Macau. DG Dipo Sani officiated at the event at 10:30 a.m. by hitting a drive down the first fairway. There were a total of 13 flights. The last flight returned at 4:20 p.m.

In light of the vast support for the event evidenced by the large number of participants, three categories of competition were set up to accommodate golfers of various skill levels. To add further excitement to the event, the organizing Club donated a free golf trip to Thailand

as a special "Hole-in-One" prize. Unfortunately, no one was lucky enough to win this prize.

After the game, a buffet lunch was served at a private function room in the Hong Kong Golf Club from 3 & 5 p.m. PDG George Choa, AG Kenneth Chow and AG Ronald Lu kindly presented prizes and trophies to the 14 winners who had played well in the tournament. AG Ronald Lu also addressed the group before the event closed at 5:15 p.m.

The success of the event can be attributed to the support of DG Dipo, AG Ronald, AG Kenneth and the enthusiasm of all the

participating Rotarians. It has been a pleasure for Hong Kong Island West to be able to serve fellow Rotarians in the District.



District Golf Tournament - January 21, 2000 Held At Fanling. Some of the Participants Pose Before Tee Off.

Competition and Prizewinners

There were three categories of competition to accommodate golfers of different skill levels.

Category A:

All golfers, irrespective of their skill levels, were invited to compete in the "Nearest the Pin" Competition on all five Par 3's and "Longest Drive" Competition on two of the Par 5's. In addition, to add some excitement to the competition, there was a "Hole-in-One" challenge, the winner of which would be given a free golf trip to Thailand. Unfortunately, no one was able to "ace" his tee shot, though Rotarian Ernest Chiu's shot ended only inches from the cup. The results for Category A are as follows:

Competition	Hole	Prize	Winner	Club
Nearest the Pin	No. 2	Putter	George Choa	Hong Kong
Nearest the Pin	No. 4	Putter	Ronald Liang	New Territories
Nearest the Pin	No. 8	Putter	Solomon Lee	Kowloon East
Nearest the Pin	No. 13	Putter	Ernest Chiu	HK Island West
Nearest the Pin	No. 17	Putter	Peter Barrett	HK South
Longest Drive	No. 3	Clothing Bag	Nico Kooij	HK South
Longest Drive	No. 14	Clothing Bag	Winston Van	Peak



District Golf Tournament - AG Ronald Lu Receiving Trophy and Prize from PDG George Choa for Men's Individual Champion.

Category B:

Golfers with a handicap of 28 or below were invited to compete for the top five places based on their handicap-adjusted Stableford points. The following Rotarians received a trophy as well as a prize:

Competition	Place	Prize	Winner	Club	Score
Men's Individual	1st	Golf Bag	Ronald Lu	HK South	38 pts
Men's Individual	2nd	Golf Bag	Shigeru Tensaka	Tao Po	37 pts
Men's Individual	3rd	Golf Bag	Ricky Wong	N. Territories	36 pts
Men's Individual	4th	Golf Bag	Michael Choa	Peak	35 pts
Men's Individual	5th	Clothing Bag	Ernest Cheung	HKIW	35 pts
Ladies' Individual	1st	Golf Bag	Yasuko Lim	Wanchai	36 pts



District Golf Tournament - PDG George Choa (Hong Kong) Receiving Prize for "Nearest to the Pin" from AG Kenneth Chow.

Category C:

This was a competition between the 15 participating Clubs. A trophy was awarded to the Club with the highest combined score calculated by adding the sum of the best 2 Stableford points from their Club to the total number of participants from their Club. The winner of the trophy was Hong Kong Island West.

There were a total of 14 prizes. Each Rotarian also received an umbrella as a gift.

DISTRICT 3450- FEBRUARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

(1) 1999-2000 Presidential Citation - Are you up to the challenge? - Each club President should lead the effort to secure a Presidential Citation for his or her club. RI President Carlo Ravizza has said "the success of our organization in the next century will ultimately be shaped by the extent of to which our membership participate in the activities of the association: its service projects, the administration of its clubs and districts and the decision making process by which the structure and direction of Rotary is determined". In this spirit, President Carlo offers the challenge of the Presidential Citation to every member of every club - "to achieve full understanding of what it means to be a Rotarian. To qualify for a Rotary 2000 Presidential Citation - a club must meet eight of the fourteen goals (for details see Governor's August newsletter) set by President Carlo. This has to be done between July 1, 1999 and April 1, 2000. Once your club has completed the challenge, the certification form should be completed promptly and forwarded to DG Dipo. To qualify the forms are due at RI no later than April 15 2000.

(2) Rotary 2000 District Awards - Please submit urgently your projects and achievement reports for judging to the District Awards and Recognition Committee headed by PDG Peter Hall. Each category has a specific submission deadline - for more information on this please refer to the August Governor's Newsletter or contact your Area Assistant Governor. The awards committee have scheduled their first meeting for March 1 2000 - so please hurry and submit

your entries as soon as possible.

(3) Rotary International Presidential Conference - will be held February 25-27th 2000 at the Regent Hotel. All clubs should already have submitted their registrations by now. It is important you ensure all your members who have registered attend all the sessions of the Conference. This will be probable the only opportunity for your members to meet and question President Carlo Ravizza and his team on the future of Rotary in our area. Please make this conference a success for our District.

(4) 40th Annual District Conference - April 1st-2nd 2000 Landmark-Macau. Conference Chair PP Stella Kan has already distributed registration forms to each club president. Please appoint a senior Rotarian in your club to be the Conference Registration chairman and have him or her start early on getting registrations. Your help in getting maximum number of members from your club to register and attend this conference will be much appreciated. The organizers have promised a fun filled conference that is not to be missed. Remember to register early!

(5) "PETS" Rotary Year 2000-2001 - All incoming presidents are expected to attend the President-Elect Training session (PETS) on March 11th 2000. Attending this session is not merely a pro forma ritual. Rather it is designed to educate the incoming president about his or her duties in general and about the programs and

policies of RI during the coming year. The in-coming club president is the leader who is responsible for implementing the RI programs, which the DGE John Wan will explain at this session. Presidents 2000 - please ensure your successors get off to a solid start by attending PETS.

(6) Preserve Planet Earth Walkathon - Environmental Protection is an important objective for Rotary the world over. In order to fund the many projects we are considering the Preserver Planet Earth (PPE) committee has scheduled a fund raising walkathon on Sunday March 12th 2000 in Sai Kung. Informations on this walkathon as well as registration form have been distributed to all club presidents at the last JPM. Please make copies of these forms and hand out to your entire club members so they may participate in this walk. Remember before any PPE programs for our District can become a reality we all must take a step and participate in this walkathon. Please register early.

(7) Rotary's mission:

The mission of Rotary International is:

To support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary;

To Globally promote the concept of service as a worthy endeavor;

To Strengthen and expand Rotary to communities around the world; and

To Foster unity among member clubs of the association.



40th Annual Conference Macau Landmark Exhibition and Convention Centre 1st - 2nd April, 2000

By PP Stella Kan - District Conference Chairman

A District Conference is for all club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members. The purpose of a District Conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters which make one's Rotary membership more meaningful. Every person who attends a District Conference finds that being a Rotarian becomes even more rewarding because of the new experiences, insights and acquaintances developed at the Conference.

DG Dipo has planned for long time to host the 40th Annual Conference at Macau after its sovereignty returned to Peoples Republic of China. He has made several trips to Macau seeking the most ideal conference venue. A series of deep discussions were held with Conference Chairman, PP Stella Kan, AG Charles Fok and President Luis Lui. After thorough study of all the offers received from various sources, Macau Landmark Convention and Exhibition Centre has been selected as the venue for the 40th Annual Conference. A site visit to the venue was arranged for the Club Presidents when the 6th JPM was held in Macau in December, 1999. The main Auditorium Hall is so huge that it can easily cater our target of 600 conference participants.

Conference Chairman, PP Stella Kan has invited the 6 Rotary Clubs in Macau, Rotary Club of Hong Kong, Rotary Club of Kowloon and Rotary club of New Territories to be the host clubs. As from November, 1999, a number of group meetings have been called in Macau and DG Dipo's office to pursue different aspects especially on "How to facilitate Rotarians from Hong Kong to achieve maximum attendance".

The update developments of our meetings are as follows.

1. To invite CE Edmond Ho of Macau SAR to be our conference Distinguished Keynote Speaker.
2. President Carlo Ravizza and First Lady Rossana have selected Past Rotary International President M.A.T. Caparas and his charming wife Nita to be his personal representatives at our conference.
3. Conference Registration fee is as low as HK\$1,000.00 inclusive of 2 luncheons and Governor's Banquet.
4. 5 choices of hotel accommodation at competitive prices:
 - Mandarin Oriental
 - New World Emperor
 - New Century
 - Hyatt Regent
 - The Legend Club

5. To provide free coach service from the pier to conference venue from 9:00 - 10:00am on April 1, 2000.
6. To station reception delegates at the pier to welcome Rotarians from Hong Kong.
7. To investigate the feasibility with Macau immigration for exclusive counter to serve Rotarians arrive during peak timing before 10:00am.
8. To research the possibility to organize a Pre-Conference Fellowship in the evening for Rotarians arriving on March 31, 2000.
9. Golf Fellowship Tournament at Macau Golf Club on March 31, 2000. Registration fees include green fee, drinks and lunch buffet.
 - Member : HK\$300
 - Non-Member : HK\$800
10. President Luis Lui assures that the entertainment offered in the Governor's Banquet will certainly satisfy all participants.
11. Awards will be presented to clubs and Rotarians for their dedicated and outstanding performance for the year.

Presidents 2000, Rotary Leaders and fellow Rotarians, let's register to celebrate our 1st Annual Conference in Millennium 2000.

Thank you for your attention.



NEWS AND ACTIVITIES IN NT AREA

(By Kenneth Chow)

6th Annual Joint Meeting

The 6th Annual Joint Meeting took place at the Sheraton Hotel in the evening of January 17, 2000.

Legislative Councillor Ms. Y.H. Chan was invited as our speaker. District Governor Dipo Sani, PDG Peter Hall, PDG Arthur Au, PDG Dom Vessigault and Ann Christaine, PDG Liu Lit Mo, PDG Jason Yeung and Ann Rebecca, IPDG Anthony Hung and Ann Mary and DGE John Wan were also present to support us.

An update development of NT Area reported by AG Kenneth Chow covered:

1. Membership

As at December 31, 1999, 14 new members were inducted.

2. Attendance

Rotary Club of Shatin gave the best performance followed by Rotary Club of Tolo Harbour for the 1st half year.

3. Rotary Foundation

Following contributions were reported as at December 31, 1999.

Club	PHF	Benefactor	Sustaining members
New Territories	3	2	
Tsuen Wan	7		
Shatin	6		
Kwai Chung	3		8
Channel Islands	3		
Tolo Harbour	3		
Tai Po	7		5
Hong Kong Sunrise	7		2
Total	39	2	15

District Assignment

Event

1. Rotary Foundation Seminar (September, 1999)
2. Bowling Tournament (October, 1999)
3. Badminton Tournament
4. RYLA (April, 2000)
5. Tree Planting and Fund Raising Walkathon (March, 2000)
6. Table Tennis Tournament

Host Club

New Territories
Channel Islands
New Territories
Tolo Harbour
N. T. Area
Tsuen Wan

Joint Project - NT Area

- a. Project "X"
- b. Vocational Expo

Sports Activities

The District Golf Tournament hosted by Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West took place at the Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling on January 21, 2000.

Participating Rotarians from NT Area were:

New Territories Ronald Liang, Ricky Wong

Tsuen Wan Kenneth Chow, Pi Leung

Tai Po Shigeru Tensaka, Man Mo Leung, Leung Wo Ping, Christer Rolf

Rtn Teddy Tensaka was awarded the 1st runner-up and closer to the pin. PP Ricky Wong and Rtn Ronald Liang were also awarded the closer to the pin.

Presidential Conference - February 25-27, 2000

As at January 31, 1999, the registration made with the conference are reported as follows:

New Territories	10	Tolo Harbour	7
Spouse	1	Channel Islands	7
Tsuen Wan	10	Tai Po	7
Shatin	6	Spouse	1
Kwai Chung	8	Hong Kong Sunrise	6
Total		63	

REPORT ON DISTRICT MAHJONG TOURNAMENT

By President Joseph Chui

The first ever District Mahjong Tournament organised by the Rotary Club of Kowloon East and Kowloon West took place on 15th Jan. 2000.

At noon, 48 Rotarians from 22 Clubs gathered together at the World Trade Centre Club. Warmed-up by a nice buffet fellowship lunch, tournament commenced at 1:30pm. The referees President Joseph Chui (Kowloon East) and P.P. Alfred Chong (Kowloon West) called the tournament to order. The contestants were separated by ballot into 12 tables to start the elimination round.

The elimination round lasted for two hours and ended at 3:30pm. Refreshing tea buffet was served, the contestants took a break to review their performance. Very soon, tournament restarted. The top 16 players won most chips proceeded to the final round-robin, while the 32 eliminated players organised their own friendly games.

The final round-robin actually comprised of 5 rounds when each finalist has a fair chance to combat all other 15 contestants.

After five hours of tight tackle the tournament ended at 8:00pm and the referees took the chip count.

The title went to Rtn Lawrence Lok (HK Bayview). PE Ada Cheng (Wan Chai) Rtn Y. C. Chun (Tsuen Wan) came first and second runner-up respectively.

Prize presentation was honoured by DG Dipo Sani accompanied by PDG Raymond Wong and DS Tang Kam-tim. The three best players received their own trophies. The champion Club is entitled to keep a Gold Cup donated by DG Dipo for one year whereas same can be owned by a 3-time champion Club.

The winning Club (HK Bayview) (subject to approval of DGE John Wan) was designated by DG to be the host Club for next year. Chinese dinner was served after prize presentation. Favourable remarks heard during dinner were "Great fun" "Exciting" "See you next year" Party ended at about 11:00pm with applause.

ROTARY 2000 FEBRUARY 24TH

FEBRUARY 25TH-27TH

MARCH 4TH

MARCH 11TH

MARCH 12TH

MAR. 20TH-APR. 20TH

APRIL 1ST- 2ND

APRIL 13TH- 16TH

APRIL 26TH - MAY 26TH

MAY 6TH

JUNE 4TH-JUNE 7TH

JUNE 29TH 2000

SPORTING EVENTS

MARCH 26TH 2000

APRIL 16TH 2000

MAY 2000

SPECIAL EVENTS AND DATES

ROTARACT INTERNATIONAL NIGHT -WITH RI
PRESIDENT CARLO RAVIZZA - REGAL
KOWLOON HOTEL.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL
CONFERENCE - REGENT HOTEL

2000-2001 ASSISTANT GOVERNOR TRAINING.

ROTARY YEAR 2000-2001 -PRESIDENT ELECT
TRAINING SESSION (PETS). VENUE-MIRAMAR
HOTEL - KOWLOON

TREE PLANTING DAY -DISTRICT WALKATHON
VENUE-CHUNG SHA TENG, SAI KUNG

INCOMING GSE TEAM FROM DISTRICT 7470

40TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE- MACAU

RYLA CAMP-PART "B" MAIN EVENT:
HIGH ISLAND TRAINING CAMP, SAI KUNG.

OUTGOING GSE TEAM TO DISTRICT 7470

40TH ANNUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION -
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

DISTRICT 3450- OFFICIAL HANDOVER

SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCOR TOURNAMENT - VENUE
STANLEY HO SPORTS CENTRE -SANDY BAY
HOST CLUB: ROTARY CLUB OF CAUSEWAY BAY.

BASKETBALL - VENUE-WESTERN SPORTS HALL
HOST CLUB: ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON
NORTHWEST.

PING-PONG - VENUE AND DATE TO BE ADVISED
HOST CLUB: ROTARY CLUB OF TSUEN WAN.



RI District 3450 - Membership and Attendance Report 12-99

Rotary Club of	Code	Area	Membership			Dec-99	Attendance			Dec-99	This Year	
			1-Jul-99	Dec-99	Change	Meetings	Oct-99	Nov-99	Dec-99	District Rank	District Rank	Average %
Admiralty	1	HK1	31	37	6	3	53.00%	100.00%	50.00%	43	36	57.83%
Hong Kong	2	HK1	156	161	5	4	75.00%	72.00%	62.00%	26	10	70.33%
Hong Kong South	3	HK1	41	40	-1	5	73.00%	67.00%	63.00%	22	13	68.22%
Quarry Bay	4	HK1	18	16	-2	3	60.00%	41.40%	41.00%	47	47	48.70%
Queensway	5	HK1	29	29	0	5	50.00%	51.90%	51.52%	42	45	50.36%
Victoria	6	HK1	32	30	-2	3	69.00%	61.00%	67.00%	14	37	57.47%
Wanchai	7	HK1	32	32	0	3	75.00%	68.00%	70.00%	9	6	72.08%
Bayview Sunshine HK	8	HK2	23	23	0	5	60.09%	45.00%	47.70%	45	44	54.40%
Causeway Bay	9	HK2	34	33	-1	3	55.67%	63.60%	57.00%	36	33	58.31%
Happy Valley	10	HK2	35	36	1	3	61.00%	56.00%	55.00%	38	34	58.13%
Hong Kong Bayview	11	HK2	26	20	-6	4	64.00%	69.00%	68.00%	13	24	62.61%
Hong Kong Harbour	12	HK2	35	38	3	5	57.00%	49.25%	44.00%	46	35	57.88%
Hong Kong Island East	13	HK2	50	50	0	5	55.25%	54.00%	63.50%	20	39	56.92%
Hong Kong Northeast	14	HK2	60	58	-2	2	43.00%	47.00%	58.60%	33	46	49.90%
City Northwest HK	15	HK3	28	26	-2	4	58.00%	64.00%	62.00%	26	23	63.22%
Hong Kong City North	16	HK3	21	21	0	4	65.00%	61.00%	62.00%	26	16	65.12%
Hong Kong Island West	17	HK3	56	57	1	3	75.00%	72.00%	72.00%	7	14	67.83%
Hong Kong North	18	HK3	30	31	1	5	69.00%	56.75%	57.90%	35	27	61.70%
Hong Kong Northwest	19	HK3	40	39	-1	4	69.00%	70.00%	64.00%	19	20	64.33%
Mid-level	20	HK3	31	28	-3	5	64.00%	65.00%	58.00%	34	25	62.33%
The Peak	21	HK3	34	32	-2	3	56.00%	60.00%	55.00%	38	43	55.83%
Kowloon	22	KLN1	75	76	1	5	69.00%	65.00%	63.00%	22	17	65.00%
Kowloon Golden Mile	23	KLN1	54	58	4	5	63.00%	51.00%	57.00%	36	31	59.38%
Kowloon North	24	KLN1	26	28	-3	3	69.00%	71.25%	61.30%	29	32	58.59%
Peninsula	25	KLN1	28	31	3	4	64.17%	63.87%	60.00%	32	30	60.18%
Peninsula South	26	KLN1	28	31	3	5	92.37%	87.10%	83.01%	3	1	87.70%
Peninsula Sunrise	27	KLN1	16	16	0	4	78.90%	75.40%	78.30%	4	5	73.31%
Tsimshatsui East	28	KLN1	23	21	-2	3	87.60%	70.43%	63.49%	20	9	70.86%
Kingspark HK	29	KLN2	24	29	5	4	70.19%	79.44%	90.50%	2	2	76.00%
Kowloon East	30	KLN2	55	53	-2	4	67.00%	72.00%	72.00%	7	11	70.17%
Kowloon Northeast	31	KLN2	27	26	-1	4	67.40%	63.25%	63.00%	22	21	64.11%
Kowloon Northwest	32	KLN2	21	25	4	5	73.52%	62.00%	62.50%	25	15	65.53%
Kowloon West	33	KLN2	41	42	1	5	63.24%	71.21%	66.06%	16	22	64.02%
Kwun Tong	34	KLN2	19	19	0	4	43.42%	47.37%	39.47%	48	48	47.81%
Channel Islands	35	NT	32	28	-4	3	72.00%	66.00%	66.00%	17	18	64.60%
Hongkong Sunrise	36	NT	22	18	-4	4	61.00%	61.05%	61.11%	30	26	62.32%
Kwai Chung	37	NT	34	33	-1	5	57.06%	62.32%	68.91%	12	42	56.00%
New Territories	38	NT	63	53	-10	3	60.00%	55.00%	66.00%	17	29	60.33%
Shatin	39	NT	27	26	-1	4	68.27%	76.00%	67.00%	14	8	71.11%
Tai Po	40	NT	30	35	5	3	55.10%	52.50%	60.90%	31	38	56.97%
Tolo Harbour	41	NT	27	28	1	3	77.30%	65.71%	72.62%	6	12	68.23%
Tsuen Wan	42	NT	36	36	0	3	56.90%	64.00%	73.17%	5	28	61.33%
Amagao	43	Macau	14	17	3	3	58.82%	52.94%	52.94%	41	19	64.51%
Guia	44	Macau	18	16	-2	4	53.00%	50.00%	50.00%	43	41	56.23%
Hou Kuong	45	Macau	21	24	3	3	76.19%	73.64%	69.70%	11	3	75.87%
Macau	46	Macau	40	45	5	5	60.55%	48.00%	54.00%	40	40	56.56%
Macau Central	47	Macau	30	28	-2	1	73.12%	63.46%	92.31%	1	4	74.34%
Macau Islands	48	Macau	12	11	-1	3	70.00%	70.00%	70.00%	9	7	71.25%
			1685	" 1,690 "	5	183	65%	63.21%	62.78%			63.04%



District Happenings



Preserve Planet Earth's Web Page Design Competition organized by R.C. of Shatin - Launching Ceremony by the Hon. Rita Fan - January 9th 2000



Preserve Planet Earth - Web Page Design Competition organizers R.C. Shatin members with Chairman PP Edwin Tsoang



Informal Meeting in Beijing with our "Beijing Friendship Group Rotarians" January 13th 2000



Meeting with Vice - Minister Xu Ruixing at the Ministry of Civil Affairs in Beijing January 12th 2000



Meeting with Members of the Ministry of Health in Beijing - January 13th 2000



Visit to the HKSAR Beijing Office on January 13th 2000



District MaJiJong Tournament - held on January 15th 2000 - Rotarians in Action



District MaJiJong Tournament - the Winners with organizers R.C. of Kowloon East and Kowloon West



New Territories Eight Clubs - Joint Meeting held on January 17th 2000 - Keynote speaker Legislative Council Ms. Y.H. Chan