





Let me quote the following poem:

“My memories of yesterday will last a lifetime....  
I will take the best, forget the rest....  
And someday I will find that these are the best of  
times.....”

I wish to convey herewith my deep respect to all of you, my friends, and I wish you all the very best in your personal and professional lives as well as a happy and healthy family life.

During all these years, working in a global company, with different responsibilities, I was fortunate to have been able to develop many meaningful friendships. Here, in Taiwan, I met many wonderful people who became close friends, members of the Rotary Club of Taipei, and so many young and enjoyable Rotaractors.

I sincerely wish the Rotary Club of Taipei and President Furniture and his team a successful Rotary Year 2007/2008, to keep the Ladies activities on the same high level as now and to find many new wonderful members. A special encouragement to PE Bio for the Rotary Year 2008/2009, the year you will celebrate 60 Years of Rotary in Taiwan with the special honor to be the very first and oldest Rotary Club in Taiwan.



PP Vienna with President Furniture

Taiwan is facing an interesting future, with Legislative elections this January and the Presidential election in March. Whatever the result will be, I wish the country, which has been my home for over 10 years and will always be a second home to Heidi and me, a bright and promising future.

My heartfelt “Thank You” to all of you. I do hope to see some if not all of you again in the ensuing years.

May God bless you all.



Was it a teardrop we saw or just our imagination?



PP Vienna is an 8 times Paul Harris Fellow



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Relaxing under a big banyan tree in Tainan with Rotarian Mandarin & Rotarian Helmut

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ROTARIANS

President Elect Rotary Year 08-09 – Rotarian Ampo  
Vice-President Rotary Year 08-09 – Rotarian Helmut

Directors for Rotary Year 08-09 (in alphabetical order)

Rotarian Elizabeth – Rotarian Mandarin – Rotarian Paul –

PP Pi-song – Rotarian Sean – Rotarian Stephen – Rotarian Suiwen

Directors-in-line for Rotary Year 08-09

PP Braces – Rotarian Morgan – Rotarian Steven – Rotarian Shi De Na

President Furniture & President-Elect Bio, together with the newly elected President-Elect, Vice President & seven Directors (total 11) will form the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2008-2009, pursuant to Article II of our By-laws.

Sincerely yours in Rotary,

*Dennis Liao* 

Dennis Liao (IPP Building)  
Chair, Nomination & Elections Committee



The Rotary Year 02-03 President-Secretary team



Oops!

**Pictures from the December 13 meeting**



Our famous lighters singing the Christmas carols  
For he's a jolly good fellow.....



President Furniture giving his report for the first half of the Rotary Year which has gone by...



PP Dale recalls his friendship & brotherly relationship with PP Vienna

December 13 was also the Club Assembly Day and many members shared their thoughts. Comments ranged from the magic of being a Rotarian (Rotarian EFE) to how the Rotary Club of Taipei should be internationalized (Rotarian Jill).



Newcomer, "old-girl-young-thinking" Rotarian Jill wants to go to New York to learn English and won't come back until her English has improved.



PP Pi-song explains what Rotary Foundation is about and updates us on the Matching Grant projects that our club is undertaking.



Rotarian Stephen reports on Club Administrative Services activities and progress. He was also Sergeant-at-Arms for the day. It was Stephen's first time as SAA and he sure put his best foot, I mean, angle, forward!



Rotarian Jeff flew in from Singapore just for the Elections & the Club Assembly – isn't he simply Number 1?



Rotarian Ken hopes that the newly installed Integrated Systems that his company donated can make administrative work for the club a lot easier.



The wise owl of our Club, Rotarian EFE marvels at the magic of wearing the Rotary pin – total strangers become friends under the unique magic of Rotary!



Many varied expressions and one of the many light moments....

## WHY DO WE SAY IT?



**GUY.** What is the reason the word “guy” is used to mean a man? The English use “guy” to signify a grotesque and ludicrous person – in allusion to Guy Fawkes, a leader of the “Gunpowder Plot” of 1605, and the effigies of him strung up on street corners on November 5. The

American term is derived from the “guy” rope of a circus tent – in such phrases as, “Who’s the ‘main guy’ here?”



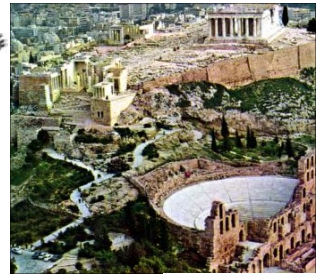
**Gypsy.** How did the “Gypsies” get their name?

The Gypsies claim Egypt as their original native land and their name is derived from “Egypt.” But it is far more likely that they originally came from India in the Middle Ages – and merely passed through Egypt on their way into Europe.



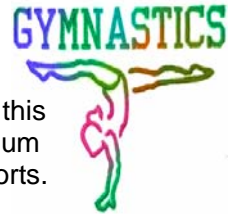
**Heart on One’s Sleeve.** Where do we get the expression “wearing one’s heart on one’s sleeve”?

From chivalry. It was the custom among the knights of old to tie a kerchief, scarf, or other favor from a lady on the sleeve. Since this indicated the state of the man’s heart he was said to wear his “heart” on his sleeve.



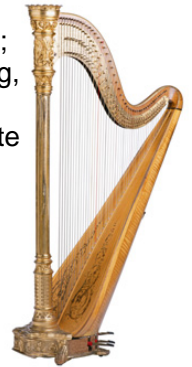
**Gymnastics.** Where did we get the word “gymnastics”?

The word comes to us from the Greek Gumnos, which means “naked.” From this the Greeks devised the word Gymnasium to denote a public place for athletic sports. The athletes of early Greece removed their clothes to compete with one another.



**Harp on Things.** How did the term “harping” come to mean the reiteration of a single point?

To “harp” is really to play the harp; and the allusion is to an old saying, “Harping on just one string” – in other words, playing the same note over and over again.



## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark these dates in your diary.

- Monday, January 14, 2008  
Rotary Club of Taipei is celebrating its 54<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary on January 14, 2008. Details will be made available soon.
- Thursday, January 17, 2008  
D3480 1<sup>st</sup> Sub-district Joint Meeting  
Time – 12.00 noon  
Venue – Formosa Room,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Caesar Park Hotel Taipei  
Participating Clubs – Rotary Clubs of Taipei, Tokai,  
Tin Harbour, New Century & Elite.

### ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 13, 2007 (Week 24)

#### Weekly Meeting Performance

Members present	33
Club Guests	0
Visiting Guests	0
Visiting Rotarians	0
Total present at Meeting	33

#### % MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE

Members	71
Honorary members	11
Active members	33
Members absent	28
Make-up attendance	15
Percentage attendance	78.7%

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Previous Total	NT\$ 319,500
Last week	NT\$ 10,950
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NT\$ 330,450</b>

### 2007-2008 BOARD

President: FURNITURE  
President's Advisor: PP DALE  
Club Advisor: PP VIENNA  
Vice President: CAGER  
Secretary: ELIZABETH  
Honorary Treasurer: PAUL  
Sergeant-at-Arms: MANDARIN

### BOARD of Directors:

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