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We meet on Thursdays, at 12:30 pm., Formosa Room, Caesar Park Taipei, 38, Chung Hsiao West Road, Sec. 1, Taipei

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 This week	 Birthdays	 Anniversaries
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Guest Speaker:

**Our Honorary Rotarian
Frederick Chien**

**Topic: "Philanthropy:
The News Trends"**

June 24 – Rotarian Philip
 June 25 – Rotarian Steven C
 June 25 – Rotarian Richard
 June 29 – PP Way

June 26 – Rotarian Shi De Na & Spouse
 Rotary Ann Marijke
 June 26 – Rotarian Stephen & Spouse
 Rotary Ann I-Chun

Mortenson stresses the need to build relationships

Greg Mortenson, best-selling author of *Three Cups of Tea* and co-founder of the non-profit Central Asia Institute, encouraged Rotarians on June 21 to keep working to make the world a better place and thanked Rotary for its efforts to eradicate polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Speaking during the second plenary session of the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, Mortenson stressed the similarities between how his organization works and how Rotarians operate, especially the importance of building relationships and involving local leaders. "All of us here, as Rotarians or honorary Rotarians, we are compelled to help people," he said. "The real key -- and Rotarians do this -- is that it's not about helping, but it's about empowering people. And when you empower people, then you can make a change in the world."

The Central Asia Institute has been empowering villages throughout Afghanistan and Pakistan to combat illiteracy by building schools for children, especially for girls who have been denied an education. Mortenson shared that there are now more than nine million children in school in Afghanistan, 2.9 million of those girls, compared with only 800,000 children, mostly boys, 10 years ago. "We can drop bombs, we can surge troops, we can put in electricity, we can build roads, we can put in computers. But if girls are not educated, society will never change," he said. "In Africa as a child, I learned a proverb. It says, 'If we educate a boy, we educate an individual. But if we educate a girl, we educate a community.'"

Mortenson said he learned a powerful lesson from an elder named Haji Ali in Korphe, Pakistan, a village he described in *Three Cups of Tea*. After watching Mortenson struggle for almost three years to build a school, Ali told him that he needed to sit down, be quiet, and let the villagers do the work. "He took my plumb line, he took my receipts and records, and he locked them up and came back and said, 'There, everything will be fine,'" Mortenson recalled. "Of course, I was horrified. Guess what happened? Six weeks later, the Korphe school got built. "What that does, as you know with many of your efforts, is that it ensures local buy-in," he added.

Rotarians also heard from Father Marciano "Rocky" Evangelista, a member of the Rotary Club of Alabang, Metro Manila, Philippines, and founder of the Tuloy Foundation Inc., who spoke about the urgency of helping street children. "Children in distress cannot wait," Evangelista said. "For you or me, what is a day or two? But for a child who is slowly being toughened and hardened by the harsh realities of the school of the streets, waiting is a luxury that he or she cannot afford."

The Tuloy Foundation takes in street children from the ages of 9 to 18 and provides them with vocational training tailored to each child. From a one-room facility that helped 12 children in 1993, the organization has grown to a 4.5-hectare compound that serves about 700 youth. "But we cannot sit back and relax. I know the smell of misery from wandering the streets at night with volunteers to seek out street children," Evangelista said. "And let me tell you, the smell never leaves you. I will never forget that there are still children in the street."



Left: Greg Mortenson, best-selling author, addresses attendees during the second plenary session on June 21 at the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Right: Bottom: Father Marciano "Rocky" Evangelista, founder of the Tuloy Foundation Inc., talks to Rotarians about the urgency of helping street children. *Photos by Monika Lozinska-Lee/Rotary Images*

GUESTS of June 17

Club Guests (1) :

Ms. Sharon Chu - Guest Speaker

Visiting Rotarians (0)

Visiting Rotaractors ()

Visiting Guests (5)

Hosts:

Rotarian Steven C
PP Dale

PP Dale
PP Dale
Our Former PP Frank

Guests:

Daughter, Ms. Alice Chen
The Honorable
Dr. Ludwig Dowong Keke
Ambassador of Nauru
Mr. Jan-Chr. Rosemeyer
Dr. Larry Chiang
PP Frank Lee

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Weekly Meeting Performance

Total present	37
Club Guests	1
Guests	5
Rotarians	0
Rotaractors	

Membership Attendance

Total Club Members	93
Honorary Members	23
Active Members	70
Members present	27
Members absent	31
Make-up attendance	10
Percentage attendance	63.8%

CONTRIBUTIONS

Previous Total	NT\$ 1086235
Last week	NT\$ 5200
TOTAL	NT\$ 1091435

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday, June 24, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Weekly luncheon meeting at the Caesar Park Hotel, 38, Chung Hsiao West Road, Sec. 1, Taipei. Tel. 2-2311-5151.
Guest Speaker: Our Honorary Rotarian Frederick Chien. Topic: "Philanthropy: The News Trends."
- Wednesday, June 30, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. District Governor - Thank You Dinner.
- Thursday, July 1, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Weekly luncheon meeting at the Caesar Park Hotel, 38, Chung Hsiao West Road, Sec. 1, Taipei, Tel. 2-2311-5151. PRESIDENT AMPO'S FAREWELL SPEECH & INCOMING PRESIDENT STORY'S INAUGURAL SPEECH. Officers - Change Over. Committee Members' Plans for the Year. Induction of four New Members.
- Thursday, July 1, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. RC Tokai Change-Over at Grand Formosa Regent Taipei, 4th Floor, 41, Chung Shan North Road, Section 2, Taipei, Tel. 2-2523-8000.
1. 2010-11 President CPA.
2. 2010-11 Honorary Secretary Misens.



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