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William Pettus and his family

## William Pettus – a notable Rotarian in China

Based on material by Herbert K. Lau

William Winston Pettus, a US citizen and missionary-surgeon, was born in Shanghai, China, on February 25, 1912. He was appointed professor of surgery at Hsiang-Ya Hospital in Changsha, Hunan, 1940, where he remained until the Japanese occupation in 1944. In 1944 he returned, first coming to Chongqing and then he was among the first foreigners to return to Changsha in 1944. It was largely due to his efforts that medical work was begun again in the seriously damaged hospital. He also worked in Chongqing and other locations after 1944. On November 18, 1945, Winston's little L-5 plane crashed on a lonely peak in a sudden heavy fog while he was flying over the most treacherous mountainous area in Guizhou Province, China, on November 18, 1945.

In 1940, via Southeast Asia, the Pettus family arrived in Changsha and set to work immediately because there were masses of sick and wounded civilians and soldiers. When the Japanese military took over Changsha city, the United States was still a neutral country, hence American properties were safe. The hospital compound became a major refugee camp. In a letter to his parents, Winston wrote that there was a great shortage of doctors, nurses, and helpers. Most of the hospital staff had left. There were only two doctors and three nurses remained. Winston and his wife Maude were neutrals protecting Chinese people and the American properties. When masses of refugees flocked into the hospital, Winston and Maude, with other remaining hospital staff, provided shelter for them. At one time, the hospital compound was filled with nearly 8,000 refugees in a day. Virtually every inch of the floor space was occupied. One time when the enemy came to search the compound, Maude calmly led the officers to a room and served tea. Strategically she prevented the Japanese military from discovering the operation room. At another time when a cart load of rice was taken away, Winston went and argued with the Japanese and finally convinced the officer the rice was too inferior for his soldiers.

Four Rotarians who still remained in the ruined city, reorganized the Club, and grew it to about twenty-five members, supporting various relief efforts in the face of bombardments and occupation. Thus Winston Pettus exhibited to the highest degree what Rotarians should strive for.

For further information, read: «Dauntless Adventurer: The Story of Dr. Winston Pettus» by Dr. Edward H. Hume (University of California Press, 1952).



Gift packing for Charity on Dec. 17th



### The Four-Way Test

#### 四大考验

#### Si Da Kao Yan

Of the things we think, say or do:

我们说的做的要符合: Wǒ men Shuō de Zuò de Yào Fǔ Hé:

1. Is it the truth?  
是真的吗? Shì Zhēn de ma?
2. Is it Fair to all Concerned?  
是公平的吗? Shì Gōng Píng de ma?
3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?  
是善意的并促进友谊吗? Shì Shàn Yì de - Bìng Cù Jìn Yǒu Yí ma?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?  
是对大家有利吗? Shì Duì Dà Jiā Yǒu Lì ma?

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting	./.
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No meeting	./.
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tbd.	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00



December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Jungle You	RC Shanghai West	China
Valerie THIA KIME	RC de Saint Joseph	France#9220
Tom Faye	RC Auckland	New Zealand

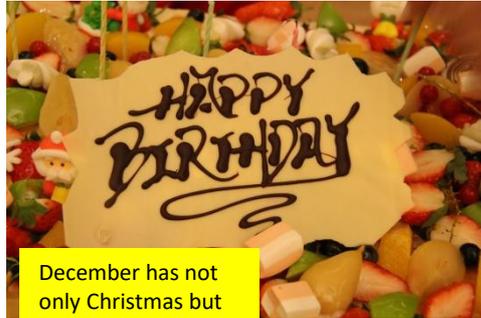
68 people joined the RCS Christmas dinner, including 34 members, 3 visitors and 31 guests. Happy money was RMB 2231.

Highlights from the last meeting

Christmas ahoy. Under the presidency of Santa, the RC Shanghai had its Christmas party. Many partial Santas also added to the festive red color. Yet on the insistence of PP Pradeep, we started off as usual with the 4 Way test, this time read by Pradeep himself. There were no announcements or so but we proceeded immediately with the festivities. 'Santa is coming home' was sung (?) by our board. Wisely, the board elections had already been held – otherwise some members might have reconsidered their choice. A large Christmas Buffet was then inaugurated, while two Musicians, one a fellow Rotarian, entertained us through the evening. The only other standard item was the saddle, which this time relied more on auction items. The meeting was adjourned with a large Photo-shoot and a toast to Christmas.



Christmas carols by the Board – more memorable for the spirit than for the singing



December has not only Christmas but also Rotarian birthdays.....



Some had a very special idea about a Christmas dress



The food was good



Merry Christmas to all



Santa came all the way from Wisconsin....

Club Information

Contacts & Meetings

The club meeting is a dinner meeting (by invitation only) every Tuesday at the: Marriott City Center No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd, Shanghai 上海雅居乐万豪酒店, 中国 上海 黄浦区西藏中路 555 号 18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner For details, contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at RSVp@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Officers & Boardmembers

- Andrew Hill – President
- Moto Yamane – President Elect
- Linnet Kwok – Vice President
- Tracy Hua – Hon. Secretary
- Chee Ming Tsang – Treasurer
- Dean Merritt - IPP
- Filippo Garini
- Alejandro Buriel Rocha
- Dave Smith
- Christian Kober
- Susanne Moskop

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006  
 Number of active members – 68  
 Number of honorary members – 5

Committees and Directors

- Club Administration Committee**  
Chair: Moto Yamane, [yamane@tmish.com](mailto:yamane@tmish.com)
- Membership Committee**  
Chair: Terri Lau, [Terri.Lau@asiantigers-china.com](mailto:Terri.Lau@asiantigers-china.com)
- Service Projects**  
Chair: Alejandro Buriel-Rocha, [alejandro.buriel@smchinaconsult.com](mailto:alejandro.buriel@smchinaconsult.com)
- Youth Service Committee**  
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- Sister Clubs**  
Chair: Dean Merritt, [deanm@mdmlevel.com](mailto:deanm@mdmlevel.com)
- PR Committee**  
Chair: Christian Kober, [kober.christian@gmail.com](mailto:kober.christian@gmail.com)
- Rotary Foundation**  
Chair: Chee Ming Tsang, [lwcmt@gmail.com](mailto:lwcmt@gmail.com)
- Gift of Life**  
Chair: Linnet Kwok, [linnetkwok@hotmail.com](mailto:linnetkwok@hotmail.com)
- Gala dinner**  
Chair: Linnet Kwok, [linnetkwok@hotmail.com](mailto:linnetkwok@hotmail.com)

For more information, please visit [www.rotaryshanghai.org](http://www.rotaryshanghai.org)

Rotary Club of Shanghai West  
 Wednesday, 18:30-20:30  
 Location: Shanghai Pullman Hotel  
 位置: 上海中星铂爾曼酒店  
 Address: No. 1 Pubei Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai  
 上海徐汇区浦北路1号  
 For more information please contact President Roy Chu  
 Email: [roy.chu@exlink.com.cn](mailto:roy.chu@exlink.com.cn)

Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui  
 Thursday, 19:00-20:30  
 Location: Kempinski Hotel, Shanghai 上海凯宾斯基大酒店  
 1288 Lujiazui Ring Road, Pudong New Area  
 浦东新区陆家嘴环路1288号  
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Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai  
 Friday, 7:45-9:00 am  
 Location: 2nd floor, Element Fresh, Jing An Kerry Center  
 位置: 新元素静安嘉里中心店二楼  
 Address : No.1551 Nan Jing Xi Lu, Shanghai  
 地址: 南京西路1551号  
 For more information about Fresh Start and for anyone interested to attend, please visit <http://freshstartrotaryshanghai.org/>