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G. J. McCarthy (right), 1947-48 President of the Shanghai, China, Rotary Club, and fellow Rotarians pose beside their mobile anti-trachoma clinic. The Club provides such treatment for many of the 2,100 youngsters living in Boys' Town, a settlement of former street urchins in an old jail which the Japanese used as a stable.

Project Anti-Trachoma 1944-1951 Lanchow Rotary Club & Shanghai Rotary Club

- By Herbert K. Lau (劉敬恒), Rotary China Historian

Since the inception of the 6 Areas of Focus by Rotary International in recent years, December every year is designated as “Disease Prevention and Treatment Month”, commencing from Rotary Year 2015-2016.

The concern on disease prevention and treatment is not a new idea of service to address the community need in China. In the 1940s of the last century, Shanghai Rotary Club as well as Lanchow Rotary Club which was even several months old, had paid attention to the public health of the local people. There were projects in “Anti-Trachoma”.

What is Trachoma

Trachoma is an infectious disease caused by bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis. The infection causes a roughening of the inner surface of the eyelids. This roughening can lead to pain in the eyes, breakdown of the outer surface or cornea of the eyes, and eventual blindness. Untreated, repeated trachoma infections can result in a form of permanent blindness when the eyelids turn inward.

The bacteria that cause the disease can be spread by both direct and indirect contact with an affected person's eyes or nose. Children spread the disease more often than adults. Poor sanitation, crowded living conditions, and not enough clean water and toilets also increase spread. Efforts to prevent the disease include improving access to clean water and treatment with antibiotics to decrease the number of people infected with the bacterium. This may include treating, all at once, whole groups of people in whom the disease is known to be common. Washing, by itself, is not enough to prevent disease but may be useful with other measures. Treatment options include oral azithromycin and topical tetracycline. Azithromycin is preferred because it can be used as a single oral dose. After scarring of the eyelid has occurred, surgery may be required to correct the position of the eyelashes and prevent blindness. When the Rotary Club of Lanchow was still few months old, it had already established a station to treat sufferers of trachoma. The Club did not do the job alone. It won the generous financial support of the local public, obtained the full co-operation of a local hospital which furnished staff and supplies, and provided the necessary premises and equipment itself. Another Chinese Rotary Club – Shanghai – had taken up the matter of improving the eye health of the nation. In 1947, the Club earmarked 12 million dollars (Chinese National) to start and support an anti-trachoma clinic. Anti-trachoma work had had a top priority among Shanghai Rotarians for some time. During a ten-month period the Club's clinic on the grounds of a local factory treated 2,000 to 3,000 persons a month, for a total of 30,000 treatments. Another clinic saw 1,312 cases examined; a third clinic, a mobile

unit, in operating on a regular schedule (see photo). During the 4th Plenary Session convened at the 39th Annual Convention of Rotary International on 19 May 1948, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wei Tsen-Fu (President 1946-1947 of Shanghai Rotary Club) told the congregation: “In the Shanghai Club during the past years, we have tackled many short projects for one year, a maternity hospital, tuberculosis, Salvation Army, orphanages, and things like that. But at the beginning of last year, we thought we would tackle something on the longer term.

You know, China has two deadly enemies: one is tuberculosis and the other is trachoma, which you people from America are not familiar with because you do not have that disease. But in China we have over 30 per cent of the population afflicted with trachoma.

So, the Board of Directors and the Community Service Committee got together, and formed an Anti-Trachoma Committee. I was made Chairman of that Committee this year.

I want to tell the Rotarians here what we are doing. We started to ask for voluntary contributions from members, and we got the equivalent of about \$2,000. So, we started a clinic in a congested section. After that clinic got going, we sold the idea to the hospital agency, and we started clinics elsewhere. We also started a mobile unit so that the unit could visit the schools and factories. We plan to extend that project all over the country so that in a few years' time we hope that Rotary will have made some contribution toward Community Service in China. “

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
December 12 th	RCS Christmas Party	5 th Floor Meeting Room 1-2, Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 19 th	Healthy Foods-Mr. Zhao Qun, Chief Data Officer Fresh Fresh	5 th Floor Meeting Room 1-2, Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 26 th	Semi Fellowship	5 th Floor Meeting Room 1-2, Marriott City Center, 19:00
January 2 nd 2018	Cancelled	No meeting

December, 5th 2017

Venus Teo-lim	RC Senosa	Singapore
Sophia Slingerland	RC Nyon-La Cote	CH
Edwin Ngoi	RC Hawaii E-club	USA
Robert James	RC Staranger	
Steve Johnson	RC KK South	Malaysia

20 members, 5 visiting Rotarians, 16 guests, total headcount 41
Happy Money: 3140rmb

Highlights from the last meeting

This would probably be remembered as the “cutting hands” meeting. Several Rotarians and friends helped out preparing the material for the DIY activity part of a Service project at Shanghai Children Medical Center. Anyway our tradition was not affected by this wonderful act of solidarity. We started by the Four Way Test lead by Rotaractor Masaki Kagesaswa, PE Linnet’s mentee, followed by visiting Rotarians and guests introduction by Tiziana.

Few announcements : President Moto-san told us about special recognition by Yue Miao Yuan Home for Disabled on a special day as December, 3rd (International Day of Disabled Persons), Rita reminded all about the upcoming activity at SCMC, Andrew about the Library Project and Tracy about our Xmas party and its dress code (blue jeans and white shirt). We saw the happy return of our friend Jim Becker who gave us a brief (due to time) update about GOL and telemedicine program established with Fudan Hospital.

Today was Rtn. Eckhard Zink’s Classification. As most of us followed his speech about Dentistry few weeks ago he made it simpler tonight, mentioning the great Charles Magne concepts about knowledge and action, learning culminating into creation and creativity.

Time for our evening speech by Rtn. Guillame Rue’ de Bernadac. Christmas Etiquette. Guillaume started giving us some notions about tradition and history to show how rules can also be changing all the time. Then he instructed us about Xmas dinner classics, on how to set table up and how to make a perfect table plan, or at least try to, because there are always exceptions and we have to take the risk of our decisions but knowing the fundamentals is very important, to avoid family troubles or even political tensions.

Meeting ended with a toast to etiquette offered by our President Moto-san.



Cutting hands party



Happy return of Jim Becker, here with SR Frank Yih and Rtn. Sam



Everybody is carefully listening to Rtn. Guillame’s lesson



President Moto and Secretary Michelle still at work after meeting

Of the series “ Rotarians never rest”

Very busy weekend for Rotary Club Shanghai. Probably due to the fact that we are close to Christmas the spirit of Service Above Self is stronger than other periods of the year.

We started on Saturday, Dec. 9th by visiting inpatient kids at Shanghai Children’s Medical Center in Pudong. An amazing group of Rotarians, visiting Rotarians and friends met on a sunny afternoon to cheer up kids affected by leukemia and other types of cancer. Hospital organized a big activity room for us but still we had to divide ourselves into two different teams cause 5th and 6th floors patients conditions are so severe that they cannot leave their floor and sometimes even their beds. A smaller group called “Santa’s team” was in charge of delivering the gifts to every single room while the other friends were in charge of inviting remaining kids to DIY activity and singing on 4th floor. All kids were so happy to see Santa! And our Santa was just excellent, in some cases he sneaked into rooms silently to leave the presents close to sleeping parents and kids like the real one.. Or is he the real one? Our rewards weer their smiles and glittering eyes, especially from those who stood up in discomfort and pain to welcome us. We saw we could make a small difference into their lives even if for little time and we wish everyone could make a difference this Christmas with hope and love.



We then continued on a freezing Sunday morning. Another group of volunteers moved to Changxing Island, Chongming District, to build the 3rd library in Shanghai dedicated to improve Children Literacy and Education. At its 3rd library Rotary Club Shanghai is becoming very professional in building libraries: divided into teams, Rotarians, friends and visiting Rotarians started assembling the furniture while others divided and labelled the books. Once again it was a very good occasion to spend time together, better knowing each other, having fun and making a difference!

Upcoming events – Save the date!

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK BY TUESDAY BEFORE 2PM

Merry Christmas

RCS Fun Party

Come and Join!

Dress Code: blue jean, white shirt

6:30PM, Dec 12, 2017

5F, Marriott City Center

No. 555, Xizhang Rd, Shanghai

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Promoting Health and Helping Others!

Date: Saturday, April 21st, 2018

Venue: JIANGNING 江宁 (TBA)

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Purpose: To Foster *Community, Family, and Health* while raising money for the **Inclusion Factory of Nanjing.**

Important Date

❖ Last day to sign up for the event: **Saturday, April 14th, 2018**

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Hilton SHANGHAI HONGQIAO 上海虹桥元一希尔顿酒店

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FITHEARTS

THIS CHRISTMAS, FITHEARTS UNLEASHES 1000 BOXERS INTO THE RING
 DEC 16 17:30-20:30 | HILTON SHANGHAI HONGQIAO | 100RMB

ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF GIVING

75% of all proceeds going to Rende Foundation for Chinese New Year gifts to left behind and orphans children in rural China.
 All participants will receive a Christmas gifts bag. Scan to sign up & learn more

LEARN MORE PARTNERS SIGN UP

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To:

December 2017						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	Children Hospital Project
10	11	RCS XMAS PARTY	12	13	14	15
The Library Project	Giovanni Pisacane			Peter Bromberger		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Adam McWhirter	Andrew Hill		Charles Van Themsche			Ingo Wolfsholz
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Christmas				Wolfgang Hagn	
31						
Natalie Koeppe						

* In green color other relevant monthly club events

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
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Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai
 Friday, 7:45-9:00 am
 Location: Naked Hub
 Address : 5/F, 89 Taixing Lu, near Nanjing Xi Lu
 地址: 请带我去泰兴路89号5楼, 近南京西路
 For more information about Fresh Start and for anyone interested to attend, please visit <http://freshstartrotaryshanghai.org/>
 Email: tobikars@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui
 Thursday, 19:00-20:30
 Location: Grand 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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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
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Our website:
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Officers & Boardmembers

- Motohiro Yamane – President
- Linnet Kwok – President Elect
- Alejandro Buriel – Vice President
- Michelle Li – Hon. Secretary
- Carsten Schmidt-Jochmann - Treasurer
- Andrew Hill - IPP
- David Smith
- Eckhard Zink
- Frank Mulligan
- Tracy Hua
- Terri Lau

Basic Info of our Club

- First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006
- Number of active Members – 69
- Number of Honorary Members - 6

Committees and Directors

- Club Administration Committee**
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