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## Boys Work by Shanghai Rotary Club in 1920–1940

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May is the “Youth Service Month” of Rotary International designated since the Year 2015-2016. This is to replace the previous special focus “September – New Generations Month” of which had been observed for some twenty years. Rotary International's structured programs for Youth Service are: Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Youth Exchange. The month of May is designated as “Youth Service Month” to focus on all Rotary activities that support the development of young people up to the age of 30. Prior to the establishment of the “Interact Club” program in 1962, Rotary's service to the younger generations was focused on “Boys Work”. Initiation of the “Boys Work” program could be traced back to the year 1915 when a number of Rotary clubs had become actively interested in working with boys. Why boys only? Probably, Rotary was a “male only” organization before 1989. In the 1916 Convention at Cincinnati, U.S.A., a resolution was adopted calling for the appointment of a “standing committee on the subject of work among the boys.” Thus began a long and concerted Rotary interest. In 1919 during the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs held at Salt Lake City of the United States, Dr. Charles E. Barker, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A., spoke on the subject: “A Father's Responsibility to his Son.” So impressive was his presentation that it was arranged for him to Rotary clubs and public meetings sponsored by Rotary clubs. The Convention then endorsed the report submitted by the Committee on Boys Work chaired by John Dolph of Washington D.C. And as a result of a convention resolution, “Boys Work” was declared a major activity for Rotary clubs and a Boys Work Department was established in the Secretary's Office. Since then, the Rotary clubs world-wide were catching the vision of the opportunity which was theirs for genuine service in the field of Boys Work and increased activity was being manifested both in the organization of committees and the actual doing of work. But being keenly desirous of having all of the clubs functioning in Boys Work, International President 1919-1920 “Bert” Albert S. Adams wrote the following letter to stir to action those clubs which have not been heard from. The Rotary Club of Shanghai in China, though only one year old, responded quickly the call and action immediately in 1920. Collected below are some of the records of Boys Work by the Club from 1921 to 1940.

Here is an extract taken from “The Rotarian” July 1921 edition:

### Shanghai Rotary Club supports Scouting

Many of the clubs will recall the account of the Shanghai Big Brother Idea and the Elder Brother Idea and the Elder Brother Committee given in this January issue of THE ROTARIAN. The latest report is that a Boy Scout Committee has been appointed and has arranged its program. To quote the words of the report:-

*“Here we have two Boy Scout organizations – the Baden Powell and the American – asking us directly for assistance. They are not asking us for very much – only a few hours of our abundant leisure and a few dollars from our well-lined pockets.*

*“The Baden Powell Boy Scouts require:*

*Three men (young) to give a couple of hours a week to the boys.*

*Offers from these who will act as instructors or examiners, in ambulance and first aid, boxing, nature studies, cooking, manual work (all kinds), etc. Attendance is needed only when a lecture is given and afterwards when examinations taken place, for the boys are offered badges.*

*A man to train a bugle band.*

*A man to teach the boys to swim.*

*Cups or shields of some kind for competition among the Scouts for works of charity or usefulness not individual rewards (these they must not accept), but something that can be placed in a position of honor at troop headquarters.*

*Adult members of the Association at \$5 per annum.*

*A ‘live’ man to act as secretary and treasurer’ the Association has funds of \$2,500.*

*“The American Boy Scouts require:*

*Personal equipment costing altogether \$150 (magnetic compass \$25, two tents \$50, cooking set \$15, carpenter's tools \$50).*

*Ten Scout uniforms at max. \$15 for those Scouts (sons of missionaries) who are too poor to buy for themselves. This should be considered a loan if so desired.*

*A series of, or single talks on forestry, bird lore, wild animals of China, first aid, use of tools, natural studies, craftsmanship, etc.*

*Offers from proprietors or managers of industrial plants who are willing to take Scouts through their works and explain how things are made.”*

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
May, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Interact Day	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Room 2, Marriott City Center, 19:00
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Special Fellowship Night	La Bota
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Marriott City Center, 19:00
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Challenge of Change - Eveline Goodman	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Marriott City Center, 19:00

Highlights from the last meeting

May, 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

RI President Elect Barry Rassin & Esther		
Past RI President Gary Huang & Corinna		
SR Elect Richard Zi	RC Shanghai West	China
Harry Wong	RC Suzhou	China
James Zhou	RC Hangzhou	China
Roger Inverarity	RC Adelaide region	
Dr. Andreas Winterfeldt	RC Ingelheim	Germany
Kazuhiro Komori	RC Kyoto Naka	Japan
Gemme Van Hasselt	RC Fresh Start	China
Aish	RC Beijing	China
Sally E Bellmaine	RCBS #52471	#3420
Sato Yoshiichi	RC Hamamatsu Naka	Japan

total headcount 64, 26 members, 14 visiting Rotarians, 24 guests Happy Money: 5800rmb

Special night for our regular meeting due to VIP visit, but this did not change our habits. In fact we started by The Four Way Test led by our Terri Lau followed by Sergeant Dave introducing visiting Rotarians and guests, quite a long job for the night and it is important to mention here again all the VIP attending our dinner starting from Rotary International President Elect Barry Rassin and his wife Esther, Past Rotary International President Gary Huang and his wife Corinna, Special Representative Elect Richard Zi and his wife Nancy. Special mention to Special Representative Frank Yih who is also our member. Few Announcements were offered during the dinner by President Motosan who also introduced our Club to Rotary International PE, starting from historical notes about our Club foundation, service and fellowship coming to nowadays. Immediately after we had a very interesting and inspiring presentation of the Trees Planting Project our Club is sponsoring in Qinghai directly by the founder of our local partner, Nyangchak (Robert) who informed about current status of the project and showed several pictures of the area, before and after by underlining how local community is very engaged in the project. Saddle moment was the in the hands of Rtns. Tiziana and Rita who did an amazing work considering the short time. We had the bell ringing 3 times, the first one by RIPE Barry Rassin encouraged by SR Frank Yih, the second by RIPP Gary Huang still under Frank's generosity and then Rtns. Michel Dv, Rita and Alan for the Qinghai Tree Project.

Here we are at clue moment of the meeting. SR Frank Yih first introduced RIPP Gary Huang who had the honor to introduce our special guest for the night. His speech was so powerful and his words, so simple and full of inspiration at the same time. He told us a few stories from his experience, very touching the one related to a GOL case in Haiti and so powerful the one related to Polio immunization in Pakistan where arms were put down by Taliban for a day in order to allow Rotarians to give vaccine to all kids. Rotarians truly have a big power in their hands. We do things others cannot do. Thanks to no politic, no religion policy we can talk to anyone to solve conflicts. Be proud!

Our President Motosan offered Club gifts to Rotary International Couple and then our traditional toast to "Be the Inspiration!"

Group photo marked our meeting end.



Rotary International President Elect Barry Rassin during his speech at our Club



Polio Eradication Cases: Almost 0!



Moments of the night



Happened last week

**A Presidential Week**

- by Tiziana Richiardi

This has been a busy week for Rotarians in Shanghai and China thanks to the special visit of Rotary International President Elect Barry Rassin and spouse Esther. Accompanied by RIPP Gary Huang, SR Frank Yih and SRE Richiard Zi he visited several Clubs during his trip to China so that more Rotarians and friends could have the occasion to meet him.

Personally I had the most incredible experience and I would like to share it with all of you.

My experience started on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May with the welcome celebration hosted by SR Frank Yih and spouse Nancy at their place. As RIPE Barry Rassin is very careful about Youth and future generations we firstly had short presentation about Rotaract and Interact activities in China (our Diane Russell did a great job) followed by his own speech. After that we all went on rooftop where we enjoyed a Friendship Tree Planting activity and great moments of fellowship among all Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors joining the event, fellowship that continued later at lunch time.

On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May RIPE Barry attending our Club regular dinner meeting and was our special speaker for the night. The evening went on under a great spirit of friendship and fellowship, so much to receive and share in terms of feelings and ideas with the leader of 1,2millions Rotarians in the world.

On the day after RIPE Barry Rassin invited all China Clubs PEs to a private meeting. Unfortunately our PE Linnet was not in town such as our VP elect Tracy and they asked me to represent our Club at this special meeting. What an honor! I will never stop thanking Linnet for this great opportunity.

After the meeting we all attended Rotary Club of Shanghai West dinner meeting, not before a special surprise: a flashmob to welcome RIPE Barry and spouse with Rotary songs. Special mention goes to the powerful voice of our PP Andrew Hill who opened the singing.

Rotary Club of Shanghai West meeting then started. Different Clubs, different traditions. The one that mostly attracts our attention is physical exercise before dinner, exercise performed by everyone, no one excluded, VIP guests included. The meeting went on with busy schedule until RIPE Barry had his speech. Another great inspirational speech. Before closing the meeting, Special Representative Elect Richard Zi officially invited his China Team to meet Barry on stage. Our Club was well represented in terms of number of Officers: PP Andrew will be Assistant Governor for Area 2, President Motosan will be Legal Affair Deputy Chair, Frank Mulligan who unfortunately was not present that night will be Youth Service Chair and Training Deputy Chair and myself, Public Image Deputy Chair.

It has been an intensive and meaningful experience of mine, one of those you cannot forget. Meeting such a charismatic leader gives you values you hardly can express by words but they are left into your heart. It makes you proud of being Rotarian, it makes you understand Rotarians are not dreamers only: we are people of action and we do sustainable projects where others don't even dare to start. We are a big family all over the world, we can count on each other. RIPE Barry Rassin's visit to China is also important for Rotary China future. It shows we are doing a great work to support the community we live in and we have to keep on going for everyone's better and brighter future.



Happened last week



**Rotary Club of Fermont, US**

- by PE Linnet Kwok

May 16th Tracy and I were guest of Herb Zhao, Rotarian of Club Fremont. We were warmly welcome by their club's welcoming song. During flag exchange, I took the opportunity to explain the story of our flag design. Meeting adjourned after an interesting talk about stroke awareness and prevention.



**Rotary Sport Fellowship**

- by Michel De Vriendt

Special thanks to Rotary Club of Adelaide who welcomed Shanghai Rotary members to Celebrate at Jiangwan Stadium for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Football League (AFL), one of the most popular Australian Sports and so intrinsically linked to Australian Culture. A Passion which can be applied to so many other aspects of Life which Rotary Club of Shanghai & Rotary Club of Adelaide are doing by building a New Bridge by planning together with other Rotary Clubs a Humanitarian project in Western China .

Yesterday 8 Rotary Clubs joined the Rotary Sports Fellowship to build better understanding between people in the World: RC of Shanghai, RC of Adelaide, RC of Adelaide South, RC of Shanghai West, RC of Hongqiao, Rotaract Club of Shanghai Fresh Start, RC of Hangzhou, RC of Oslo



## Upcoming events

### Rotary China Invitation

RI Convention Welcome Dinner, Toronto

We cordially invite your presence to the gathering hosted by Rotarian Frank Yih, RI Special Representative in China - an unique opportunity for fellowship with our sister clubs, project partners, Rotarians and friends during the Convention.

**Date:** Sunday, June 24, 2018  
**Time:** 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
**Venue:** Dynasty Chinese Cuisine (69 Yorkville Avenue)

Please RSVP to [sasha@rotarychina.org](mailto:sasha@rotarychina.org), [rio@rotarychina.org](mailto:rio@rotarychina.org) or [terry@rotarychina.org](mailto:terry@rotarychina.org)

Amid your busy schedule during the RI Convention from June 23 to 27, 2018, please also find time to visit many tourist attractions throughout the city.

### RCS Fellowship Dinner

Save the Date!

Rotary Club of Shanghai

RSVP BY May, 25<sup>th</sup>

### La Bota

from 6:30pm, May 29th, 2018  
 rmb220 per person  
 18 Mao Jiayuan Road

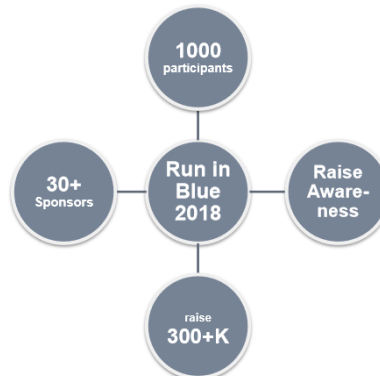
**YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

Rotary INTERNATIONAL

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

PLACE	DATE	TIME	CAUSE
Gucun Park Shanghai	23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2018	09:30-13:00	Support kids with Down syndrome



#### TICKETS

¥120
Child + Student (Earlybird)
¥150
Child + Student (Normal)
¥150
Adult (Earlybird)
¥180
Adult (Normal)
¥200
Adult (Premium)
¥80
Online Blue Runner

RUN IN BLUE

To:



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Motohiro Yamane	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Meeting RIPE Barry Rassin @ SR Frank Yih's place MOTHER'S DAY	14 VIP Visit @ our Club: RIPE Barry Rassin	15	16	17	18	19 Nikola Urosevic
20 Cathy Hau	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Thierry Melango	28	29	30	31		

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 Evan Huang  
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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](mailto: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  
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 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

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- 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 – 76
- Number of Honorary Members - 6

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