

Many FIRSTs in the Rotary Club of Hong Kong

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November 1951 – George Ernest Marden, the first Hongkonger serves as Rotary International Director, addressing the Hong Kong Rotarians at his Home Club, while President Kwok Chan presiding the meeting.

The British Crown Colony Hong Kong located at the south China coast was the first prospect of Rotary International to extend Rotary landing on the continent of Asia. The story has to be dated back to June 1918. In his annual report to the Board of Directors of International Association of Rotary Clubs (forerunner of Rotary International), Secretary Chesley R. Perry wrote: “We have recently received words that the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, China, has been organized through the efforts of Mr. Coombes of Calcutta, who when in Chicago recently accepted the assignment to organize a Rotary Club in Calcutta.” However, failure reports were received after several attempts not until the visit by Jim to Hong Kong in 1930---the last goal of his Far East Rotary Extension Mission in two and a half years. The birth of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong was given by the voluntary mission of Past President “Jim” James W. Davidson (禮密臣) of Calgary Rotary Club, Alberta, Canada, and who was the 3rd Vice-President of Rotary International in 1926-1927, with the assistance of his wife Lillian and daughter Marjory. Jim was an explorer, writer, United States diplomat, merchant and philanthropist. Affectionately, Jim was honoured as “The Marco Polo of Rotary” who established most of the first Rotary clubs in countries of the Orient.

8 December 1930

The *FIRST* Rotary Club –

The inaugural dinner meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club (香港扶輪社) was held on Tuesday, 8 December 1930, at the Lane Crawford restaurant (The Café Wiseman) in the basement of the newly built Exchange House, the center of industry and finance in Hong Kong. The charter members included 79 of the leading citizens: 31 Chinese, 46 Americans and Europeans, 1 Indian and 1 Japanese. The Club was admitted to Rotary International on 20 February 1931. Within the Great Chinese Region, the Club remains today the oldest with more than 85 years of regular weekly meetings, and also the home of most number of Rotary International officers, including vice-president, directors, and district governors.

1930 – 1932

The *FIRST* Rotary Club President –

Sir William Woodward Hornell, Kt, CIE, MA (*Oxford*) (康寧爵士), Charter President 1930-1932 of The Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社), was the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong (香港大學校長) in 1924-1937. In 1933, the University conferred Hornell the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*).

1930 – 1932

The *FIRST* 2 Club Secretaries –

There were 2 joint club secretaries of the Hong Kong Rotary Club: (1) L. F. C. Bellamy (English language); (2) Benjamin Wong-Tape (黃炳耀太平紳士), JP (Chinese language).

Bellamy was later elected to serve as Club President in 1939-1940.

1930 – 1932

The *FIRST* Knight Bachelor joined the Rotary Club –

The Honourable Sir Shouson Chow (周壽臣爵士), Kt., JP, was the first Knight Bachelor joined the Rotary Club of Hong Kong as an Active Member.



康寧 William W. Hornell



曹善允 Ts'o Seen-Wan



黃炳耀 Benjamin Wong-Tape

January 1931

The *FIRST* Club President honoured Knight Bachelor –

William Woodward Hornell (康寧爵士), Charter President 1930-1932 of The Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社), was appointed “Knight Bachelor” by King George V, King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India.

20-24 June 1932

The *FIRST* attendance to Rotary International Convention –

One member of The Rotary Club of Hong Kong attended the 23rd Annual Convention of Rotary International held on 20-24 June 1932 at Seattle, Washington, United States.

1932 – 1933

The *FIRST* ethnic Chinese Rotary Club President –

Dr. The Honourable Ts’o Seen-Wan (曹善允博士), OBE, *HonLLD (HKU)*, JP, who was the charter Vice-President 1931-1932 and was later elected the second Club President of Hong Kong Rotary Club in 1932-1933.

Because of such a position, Ts’o made the historical record of the *FIRST* Rotary Club President to serve as an Unofficial Member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council (香港立法局非官守議員) in 1929-1937. Likewise, Ts’o was the *FIRST* Rotarian and Club President to serve as Honorary Commissioner of Hong Kong Police Reserve (香港後備警察隊榮譽總監) in 1920-1939, which was the forerunner of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force (香港輔助警察隊) today.

January 1933

The *FIRST* Rotarian lawmaker bestowed Knight Bachelor –

The Honourable William Edward Leonard Shenton (Charter Member & Director of Hong Kong Rotary Club in 1930-1933), was bestowed Knight Bachelor by George V, King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India, in recognition to his public services as Unofficial Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hong Kong.

1933

The *FIRST* 2 Rotarians conferred Honorary Doctorate –

These 2 Rotarians were conferred Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, by the University of Hong Kong (香港大學) at the same congregation:

- (1) The Honourable Sir Shouson Chow (周壽臣爵士), Kt, JP;
- (2) Sir William Woodward Hornell (康寧爵士), Kt, CIE, MA (*Oxford*)

14 February 1935

The *FIRST* visit of the Rotary Founder –

Rotary International President Emeritus Paul Percy Harris and Mrs. Jean Harris, accompanied by President Robert E. Lee Hill and Mrs. Hill, visited the Rotary Club of Hong Kong on their route to Manila, The Philippine Islands, to attend the Fifth Pacific Regional Conference. Club meeting was held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, jointly attended by more than 2 dozens of visiting Rotarians from China.

18-20 February 1935

The *FIRST* attendance to Regional Conference –

Hong Kong Rotary Club sent 8 persons to The Fifth Pacific Regional Conference which was held at Manila, The Philippine Islands, on 18-20 February 1935.

The Conference was officiated by Rotary International President Emeritus Paul Percy Harris and President Robert E. Lee Hill.

13-15 April 1936

The *FIRST* attendance to District Conference –

Hong Kong Rotary Club was one of the first 15 member clubs of the Rotary International 81st District which was established on 1 October 1935. The first District Conference was held on 13-15 April 1936 at the International Settlement of Shanghai, Republic of China (中華民國上海公共租界). The Hong Kong delegation was represented by F. C. Mackintosh and David W. K. Au (歐偉國).

The Conference was presided by District Governor Dr. Chengting Thomas Wang (王正廷博士), of Shanghai, who later joined Hong Kong Rotary Club in 1950.

1936

The *FIRST* 2 Rotarians sitting in the *FIRST* Urban Council –

- (1) Benjamin Wong-Tape (黃炳耀太平紳士), JP, Charter Secretary 1930-1932 of Hong Kong Rotary Club, and
- (2) William Ngartse Thomas Tam (譚雅士太平紳士), JP, Charter Member 1930 of Hong Kong Rotary Club and later Club President in 1936-1937

were both appointed Unofficial Members of the *FIRST* Urban Council (市政局非官守議員) by the Hong Kong Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott (香港總督郝德傑爵士), since the inception of the 《Urban Council Ordinance 1935》 on 1 January 1936.

(Note: Hong Kong Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott was a former Rotarian---Charter President 1929-1930 of The Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States.)



王正廷 Chengting T. Wang



譚雅士 William N. T. Tam



李樹芬 Li Shu-Fan

1936 – 1937

The *FIRST* Rotarian Chairman of Po Leung Kuk –

The Honourable William Ngartse Thomas Tam (議員譚雅士太平紳士), JP, was a charter member 1930 of Hong Kong Rotary Club and later served Club President in 1936-1937. During the same year, concurrently, Tam was elected to serve as Chairman of Po Leung Kuk (保良局丙子年董事會主席).

1941

The *FIRST* Rotary Clinic –

Since 1941, even during the Pacific War period, Hong Kong Rotary Club had built and maintained an anti-Trachoma clinic which provided free treatment for some 800 patients a month, and was in-charged by Rotarian doctors.

June 1947

The *FIRST* Rotary Extension to neighbouring territory –

Introduced by Past President Arthur W. Woo (太平紳士胡惠德醫生), JP, and sponsored by Hong Kong Rotary Club, the *FIRST* Rotary Club located in the Portuguese Territory Macao, Macau Rotary Club (澳門扶輪社) was admitted to Rotary International on 18 June 1947.

The charter was presented by the 96-97-98th District Governor 1946-1947 Dr. Chengting Thomas Wang (王正廷博士), of Chungking Rotary Club (Rotary International 2nd Vice President 1945-1946; Director 1944-1946).

1947 -- 1948

The *FIRST* District Governor from Hong Kong –

Dr. The Honourable Li Shu-Fan (議員李樹芬醫生), FICS, FRCS, FCCP, MBBS (*Edinburgh*), JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1938-1939) was elected Governor of the 96th District of Rotary International 1947-1948.

1947 -- 1948

The *FIRST* Father/Son-in-Laws Club Presidents –

Dr. The Honourable Ts'oo Seen-Wan (曹善允博士), OBE, *HonLLD (HKU)*, JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1932-1933); Dr. Tseung Fat-Im (蔣法賢醫師), OStJ, MBBS (*HKU*), (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1947-1948).

1948

The *FIRST* District Conference held in Hong Kong –

Dr. The Honourable Li Shu-Fan (議員李樹芬醫生), FICS, FRCS, FCCP, MBBS (*Edinburgh*), JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1938-1939) was elected Governor of the 96th District of Rotary International in 1947-1948. The District Conference was held by Hong Kong Rotary Club as the host the *FIRST* time. Member clubs came from South China provinces of Fukien (*Fujian*) (福建), Kwangtung (*Guangdong*) (廣東), Kwangsi (*Guangxi*) (廣西), Kweichow (*Guizhou*) (貴州), Yunnan (雲南); and the Portuguese Territory Macao (澳門). Governor Li reported the largest attendance in the then District history, with Wuchow Rotary Club (梧州扶輪社), Kwangsi, sent half of its members, and the newly re-established Rotary Club of Swatow (汕頭扶輪社), Fukien, represented by nearly one-third of its membership.

June 1948

The *FIRST* Rotary Extension in Hong Kong –

Kowloon Rotary Club (九龍扶輪社), sponsored by Hong Kong Rotary Club, was admitted to Rotary International on 28 June 1948.

1950 -- 1957

The *FIRST* Hong Kong Rotarian served International Olympics Committee –

Dr. Chengting Thomas Wang (王正廷博士), *HonLLD (Peking)*, *HonLLD (St. John's)*, BA (Yale) (joined Hong Kong Rotary Club in 1950) (Rotary International 2nd Vice President 1945-1946; Director 1944-1946) was a Member of International Olympics Committee representing The Republic of China (國際奧林匹克委員會中華民國代表委員) from 1921 until 1957.

1951 -- 1952

The *FIRST* Administrative Advisor from Hong Kong –

Dr. Arthur W. Woo (太平紳士胡惠德醫生), FRCS, MBBS, MRCS, LRCP, JP, (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1940-1941), was appointed by Rotary International President Frank E. Spain to serve as Administrative Advisor to The Board 1951-1952 (*the former title equivalent to nowadays President's Special Representative*) to supervise the non-districted 2 clubs located in the British Crown Colony Hong Kong (Hong Kong 香港, Kowloon 九龍); 1 in the Portuguese Territory Macao (Macau 澳門); 1 in Taiwan (Taipei 臺北); as well as 3 in China mainland (Tientsin 天津, Nanking 南京, Shanghai West 滬西).



胡惠德 Arthur W. Woo



Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales



George Ernest Marden

1951 – 1997

The *FIRST* Rotarian served as President of Olympic Committee of Hong Kong –

The Honourable Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales (議員沙利士太平紳士), CBE, JP, (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1965-1966), was the *FIRST* Rotarian to establish and be the first president of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong since 1951 until 1997.

1951 -- 1952

The *FIRST* Rotary International Director from Hong Kong –

“Gem” George Ernest Marden (Hong Kong Rotary Club) (Shanghai Rotary Club President 1928-1929; Governor 1949-1950 of the 57th District) was elected to serve Rotary International as Director in 1951-1952, and concurrently the Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Fellowships.

1951 – 1955

The *FIRST* Rotarian Chairman of Chung Chi College –

David W. K. Au (歐偉國) (Hong Kong Rotary Club Active Member), representing The Board of Regents of St. John’s University, Shanghai (上海聖約翰大學), was a co-founder of Chung Chi College (崇基學院), served also as the *FIRST* Chairman of the College Board of Directors in 1951-1955.



羅文錦 Lo Man-Kam



歐偉國 David W. K. Au



蔣法賢 Tseung Fat-Im

1952 – 1955

The *FIRST* Rotarian Director of St. John Ambulance Association –

Dr. Arthur W. Woo (太平紳士胡惠德醫生), OBE, CStJ, FRCS, MBBS, MRCS, LRCP, JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1946-1947) served as the *FIRST* Director from 1952 to 1955 of St. John Ambulance Association (香港聖約翰救傷會總監).

1953 --1958

The *FIRST* Rotarian Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade –

The Honourable Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, JP (議員馮秉芬太平紳士) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1949-1950) served as the Commissioner from 1953 to 1958 of St. John Ambulance Brigade (香港聖約翰救傷隊總監) from 1953 to 1958.

1953 -- 1959

The *FIRST* Rotarian President of The Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong Branch –

“Gem” George Ernest Marden (Shanghai Rotary Club President 1928-1929; Governor of 57th District 1949-1950; Rotary International Director 1951-1952) was the first Rotarian to serve as President of The Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong Branch (香港童子軍總會) from 1953 to 1959.

1954

The Rotarian served as the *FIRST* President of Asian Football Confederation –

Dr. The Honourable Sir Man-Kam Lo (議員羅文錦爵士), Kt, CBE, *Hon*LLD (*HKU*), JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1934-1935), President of the Hong Kong Football Association (香港足球總會), was a co-founder of the Asian Football Confederation on 8 May 1954 and served as its first President for one year.

1956 – 1959

The *FIRST* Rotarian President of the United College of Hong Kong –

Dr. Tseung Fat-Im (蔣法賢太平紳士), CStJ, MBBS (*HKU*), JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1947-1948) was the *FIRST* President of The United College of Hong Kong (香港聯合學院校長) from 1956 to 1959.

May 1962

Hong Kong was the *FIRST* time to host the District 345 Conference, Rotary International –

The Conference was convened by District Governor, The Honourable Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, JP (議員馮秉芬太平紳士) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1949-1950), and was attended by member clubs from the British Crown Colony Hong Kong, the Portuguese Territory Macao as well as the Chinese province Taiwan. Kenneth was the second Governor of District 345 Rotary International.

1963 -- 1973

The *FIRST* Rotarian served as Chief Commissioner of The Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong Branch (香港童子軍總會) –

C. K. Lo (羅徵勤 太平紳士), MBE, JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1976-1977) was the first Rotarian to serve as Chief Commissioner of Hong Kong Scouting from 1963 to 1973.

Lo was nominated for District 345 Governor 1988-1989. Regrettably, Lo passed away in early 1988 prior to his office be assumed on 1 July.

1967 -- 1968

The *FIRST* Father & Son served as District Governors –

“Gem” George Ernest Marden (Shanghai Rotary Club President 1928-1929) was elected Governor of the 57th District of Rotary International in 1949-1950. He later served Rotary International as Director in 1951-1952.

His son The Honourable John Louis Marden, CBE, JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1964-1965) was the 8th Governor of District 345 of Rotary International in 1967-1968.

June 1971

The *FIRST* Past District Governor bestowed Knight Bachelor –

Dr. The Honourable Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (太平紳士馮秉芬博士), CBE, KStJ, *HonLLD* (*HKU*), *HonDSocSc* (*CUHK*), JP, (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1949-1950; Rotary International District 345 Governor 1961-1962), was bestowed Knight Bachelor by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom.

1971 -- 1974

Dr. The Honourable Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬爵士), Kt, CBE, KStJ, *HonLLD* (*HKU*), *HonDSocSc* (*CUHK*), JP, was the *FIRST* Rotarian to serve as Chairman of the Council of the Order of St. John in Hong Kong (香港聖約翰議會主席) from 1971 to 1974.

1971 -- 1972

The *FIRST* brother club presidents –

Robert Choa (蔡永興) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1966-1967); Dr. George Choa (蔡永善醫生) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1971-1972).

1 April 1973 -- 1981

The *FIRST* Rotarian elected to serve as Chairman of the Hong Kong Urban Council –

The Honourable Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales (沙利士), CBE, JP, President 1965-1966 of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, was the first Rotarian elected to serve as Chairman of the Hong Kong Urban Council (香港市政局) from 1973 to 1981.

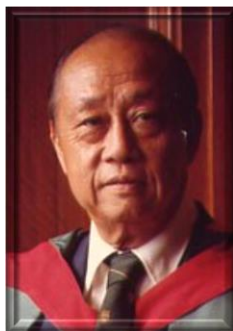
1973 -- 1974

The *FIRST* Father & Son served as Club Presidents –

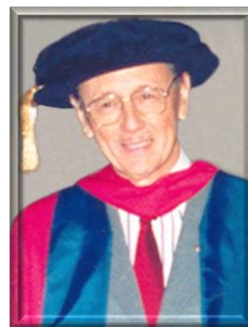
Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1949-1950); Dr. Lawrence Fung (馮慶麟醫生) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1973-1974).



羅保 Rogerio H. Lobo



馮秉芬 Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan



蔡永善 George Choa

1977 – 1992

The *FIRST* Rotarian Commissioner of The Civil Aid Service –

Dr. The Honourable Sir Rogerio “Roger” Hyndman Lobo (議員羅保爵士), Kt., CBE, HonLLD (HKU), J.P. (Hong Kong Rotary Club Honorary Member), served as the 3rd Commissioner of the Civil Aid Service (民眾安全服務隊處長) from 1977 to 1992.

1979 -- 1980

The *FIRST* brother District Governors –

Robert Choa (蔡永興) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1966-1967), Rotary International District 345 Governor 1971-1972; Dr. George Choa (太平紳士蔡永善醫生), JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1971-1972), District 345 Governor 1979-1980.



陳棟榮 Archibald John Chan Tai-Wing



楊鐵樑 Ti-Liang Yang



周湛榮 Chau Cham-Son

1980 -- 1984

The *FIRST* Rotarian served as President of Rehabilitation International –

Dr. Harry S. Y. Fang (方心讓醫生), CBE, *HonLLD* (HKU), J.P. (Hong Kong Rotary Club Honorary Member) was the *FIRST* Asian elected to serve as President from 1980 to 1984 of Rehabilitation International (國際復康總會).

1987 – 1996

The *FIRST* Rotarian Commandant of the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force –

“Archie” Archibald John Chan Tai-Wing (陳棣榮), MBE, QPM, CPM, BSc (HKU), Active Member of Hong Kong Rotary Club, first joined the Hong Kong Police Reserve (香港後備警察隊) in 1953 as a police constable. Later, from a Senior Police Superintendent, he was the *FIRST* Rotarian to head the Force which was named Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force since 1969, as Commandant (皇家香港輔助警察隊總監) between 1987 and 1996. The official rank in the Hong Kong Police Force was “Honorary Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police (Auxiliary)” (榮譽高級助理警務處長).

1988 -- 1992

The *FIRST* Rotarian Chairman of Land Development Corporation –

The Honourable Hu Fa-Kuang (議員胡法光太平紳士), CBE, JP, (Hong Kong Rotary Club Active Member) was the *FIRST* Chairman of the Land Development Corporation (土地發展公司) from 1988 to 1992.

March 1988 – 1996

The *FIRST* Rotarian served as the Chief Justice of Hong Kong –

Dr. The Honourable Dato Seri Paduka Sir Ti-Liang Yang (拿督楊鐵樑爵士), Kt, SPMB, *HonLLD* (PolyHK), *HonDLitt* (HKU), *HonLLD* (CUHK), FCI Arb, LLB (UCL), JP, President 1983-1984 of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, was the first Rotarian appointed to serve as the Chief Justice of the British Crown Colony Hong Kong (香港首席按察司/首席大法官) Concurrently, he was also appointed as President of the Court of Appeal of Brunei Darussalam from 24 May 1988 until 16 May 1993, according to the customary practice of the British Commonwealth.

1990

The *FIRST* Rotarian honoured the highest award of World Scouting –

Chau Cham-Son (周湛堯太平紳士), OBE, JP, (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1991-1992), served as Chief Commissioner of The Scout Association of Hong Kong (香港童軍總監) from 1985 to 1996, was honoured in 1990 The Bronze Wolf Award---the only distinction of the World Organization of the Scout Movement for exceptional services to World Scouting.

Chau was also the *FIRST* Hong Kong Rotarian to serve as a Member of the World Scout Committee from 1993 to 1999. In this year 1999, Chau has been serving the Hong Kong Scouting for more than 50 years since 1946 when he was invested a Boy Scout of the 15th Hong Kong Group in his alma mater Wah Yan College, Hong Kong (香港華仁書院).

1994 – 1998

The *FIRST* Hong Kong Rotarian served as President of the Commonwealth Games Federation –

Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales (沙利士太平紳士), CBE, JP (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1965-1966), served as President of the Commonwealth Games Federation from 1994 to 1998.

1 October 1998

The *FIRST* Past Club President awarded Grand Bauhinia Medal –

One of the three eminent Rotarians was conferred the highest honour Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) (大紫荊勳章) by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government was Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales (沙利士) (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1965-1966) in recognition of his long term contribution in promoting the development of amateur sports and the Hong Kong Olympics.

1998 – 2018

The *FIRST* Rotarian headed the Hong Kong Branch of the Red Cross of China –

Dr. The Honorable Dato Seri Paduka Sir Ti-Liang Yang (拿督楊鐵樑爵士), Kt, GBM, SPMB, HonLLD (PolyHK), HonDLitt (HKU), HonLLD (CUHK), FCI Arb, LLB (UCL), JP, was a senior Rotarian who served the Rotary Club of Hong Kong as its 49th President in 1983-1984.

He was elected to serve the “Hong Kong Red Cross (Branch of the Red Cross Society of China)” (香港紅十字會—中國紅十字會分會) as Chairman from 1998 to 2012, and then the President from 2012 until 2018.

2001 – 2002

The *FIRST* woman Club President –

Mrs. Sandra Walters (華圖斯夫人) --- a pioneering and tenacious art dealer and agent who had been a fixture of Hong Kong's art scene since the 1970s until 2015.

2001 – 2004

The *FIRST* Rotarian Chairman of Urban Renewal Authority –

Lau Wah-Sum (劉華森太平紳士), JP, (Hong Kong Rotary Club President 1996-1997) was the *FIRST* Chairman of Urban Renewal Authority (市區重建局) in 2001-2004.

The Land Development Corporation (土地發展公司) was the forerunner of the Authority, of which Lau was the last Chairman from 1996 to 2001.

7 November 2002

The *FIRST* Rotary Ann honoured Dame –

Mrs. Anson Maria Elizabeth Chan Fang On-Sang (陳方安生女士), CBE, HonLLD (AUW), HonLLD (Sheffield), HonLLD (CUHK), HonDLitt (HKOU), HonLLD (Liverpool), HonLLD (HKU), HonLHD (Tufts), BA (HKU), JP, was appointed “Honorary Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (GCMG)” by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom. Since Anson was no longer British citizen in 2002, the Order granted to her was hence in the nature of “honorary”.

Anson was the wife of Rotarian Archibald “Archie” John Chan Tai-Wing (陳棣榮), MBE, QPM, CPM, BSc (HKU), who was an Active Member of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong (香港扶輪社) and served the Club as Director and Club Secretary for some years.

2003 -- 2004

The *FIRST* Rotary Extension to neighbouring country –

Organized by Herbert K. Lau, and sponsored by Hong Kong Rotary Club, the fifth Rotary Club located in the capital city Ulaanbaatar (Улаанбаатар) (烏蘭巴托) of the nation Mongolia (Монгол Улс) (蒙古國), Tuul Rotary Club (Туул Ротари клуб) was admitted to Rotary International on 23 February 2004.



Hong Kong Rotary Club is the Home of Many

Rotary International Vice President

Chengting Thomas Wang (王正廷) (1945-1946)

- Wang joined the Hong Kong Rotary Club in 1950.

Rotary International Directors

- (1) Chengting Thomas Wang (王正廷) (1944-1946)
- (2) George Ernest Marden (1951-1952)

Rotary International Honorary Commissioner/Administrative Advisors

- (1) Chenting Thomas Wang (王正廷) (1934-1935) (1942-1946)**HC
- (2) Arthur W. Woo (胡惠德) (1951-1952)
- (3) George Ernest Marden (1953-1954)
- (4) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (1957-1958)
- (5) Tseng Fat-Im (蔣法賢) (1959-1960)

Rotary International District Governors

- (1) Chengting Thomas Wang (王正廷) (1935-1936) (1946-1947)
- (2) Li Shu-Fan (李樹芬) (1947-1948)
- (3) George Ernest Marden (1949-1950)
- (4) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (1961-1962)
- (5) John Louis Marden (馬登) (1967-1968)
- (6) George Lin (凌志揚) (1969-1970)
- (7) Robert Choa (蔡永興) (1971-1972)
- (8) S. H. Sung (宋常康) (1975-1976)
- (9) George Choa (蔡永善) (1979-1980)
- (10) Dom Vessigault (韋思高) (1992-1993)

Father & Son District Governors

George Ernest Marden (1949-1950) / John Louis Marden (1967-1968)

Brother District Governors

Robert Choa (蔡永興) (1971-1972) / George Choa (蔡永善) (1979-1980)

Father/Son-in-Laws Club Presidents

- (1) Ts'o Seen-Wan (曹善允) (1932-1933) / Tseung Fat-Im (蔣法賢) (1947-1948)
- (2) William Ngartse Thomas Tam (譚雅士) (1936-1937) / Yang Ti-Liang (楊鐵樑) (1983-1984)

Father/Son-in-Laws

Sir Shouson Chow (周壽臣爵士), Kt, *Hon*LLD (HKU), JP / Chengting T. Wang (王正廷)

Father & Son(s) Club Presidents

- (1) Kenneth Fung-Ping Fan (馮秉芬) (1949-1950) /
Lawrence Fung (馮慶麟) (1973-1974) / Robert Fung (馮慶彪) (1979-1980)
- (2) Lau Wah-Sum (劉華森) (1996-1997) / Peter Lau (劉文邦) (2020-2021)

Brother Club Presidents

- (1) Robert Choa (蔡永興) (1966-1967) / George Choa (蔡永善) (1971-1972)
- (2) Lawrence Fung (馮慶麟) (1973-1974) / Robert Fung (馮慶彪) (1979-1980)

Clan-Brother Club Presidents

Philip Kwok (郭志權) (1980-1981) / Russell Kwok (郭志仁) (1985-1986)

Knights Bachelor

- (1) Sir Shouson Chow (周壽臣爵士) (1926)
- (2) Sir William Woodward Hornell (康寧爵士) (1931)
- (3) Sir William Edward Leonard Shenton (1933)
- (4) Sir Man-Kam Lo (羅文錦爵士) (1948)
- (5) Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬爵士) (1971)
- (6) Sir Rogerio “Roger” Hyndman Lobo (羅保爵士) (1978)
- (7) Sir Ti-Liang Yang (楊鐵樑爵士) (1988)
- (8) Sir Harry S. Y. Fang (方心讓爵士) (1996)

Sanitary Board Members 香港潔淨局議員

- (1) Ts’o Seen-Wan (曹善允) (1918-1929)
- (2) Shouson Chow (周壽臣) (1922-1931)
- (3) Lo Man-Kam (羅文錦) (1929-1932) (1932-1937)
- (4) Li Shu-Fan (李樹芬) (1932-1937)

Hong Kong Urban Council Members 香港市政局議員

- (1) William Ngartse Thomas Tam (譚雅士) (1936-1940)
- (2) Benjamin Wong-Tape (黃炳耀) (1936-1941) (1946-1950)
- (3) Lo Man-Kam (羅文錦) (1946-1951)
- (4) Kwok Chan (郭贊) (1950-1957)
- (5) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (1951-1960)
- (6) John Louis Marden (馬登) (1957-1961)
- (7) Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales (沙利士) (1957-1973) (1973-1981)
- (8) Rogerio Hyndman Lobo (羅保) (1965-1978)
- (9) Hu Fa-Kuang (胡法光) (1973-1983) (1983-1984)
- (10) Shum Choi-Sang (岑才生) (1974-1983) (1983-1985)
- (11) Lawrence Fung Hing-Lun (馮慶麟) (1976-1983) (1983-1986) (1986-1987)
- (12) Philip Kwok Chi-Kuen (郭志權) (1980-1983) (1983-1986) (1986-1989)

Hong Kong Legislative Council Members 香港立法局議員

- (1) Shouson Chow (周壽臣) (1926-1931)
- (2) William Edward Leonard Shenton (1927-1936)

- (3) Ts'o Seen-Wan (曹善允) (1929-1937)
- (4) Lo Man-Kam (羅文錦) (1935-1950)
- (5) Li Shu-Fan (李樹芬) (1937-1941)
- (6) William Ngartse Thomas Tam (譚雅士) (1939-1941)
- (7) Kwok Chan (郭贊) (1952-1962)
- (8) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (1959-1965)
- (9) Rogerio Hyndman Lobo (羅保) (1967) (1972-1985)
- (10) John Louis Marden (馬登) (1971)
- (11) Harry Fang Sin-Yang (方心讓) (1974-1985)
- (12) Hu Fa-Kuang (胡法光) (1979-1985)
- (13) Lau Wah-Sum (劉華森) (1988-1991)

Remarkable Lawmakers

There had been a number of Rotarians served the Hong Kong Legislative Council as Unofficial Members in different years and in various sessions. However, coincidentally in the year of 1940, the only 3 seats for ethnic Chinese members (華人非官守議員) were totally occupied by 3 past Rotary Club presidents: (1) Lo Man-Kam (Senior) (羅文錦)(首席); (2) Li Shu-Fan (李樹芬); and (3) William Ngartse Thomas Tam (譚雅士).

Hong Kong Executive Council Members 香港行政局議員

- (1) Shouson Chow (周壽臣) (1926-1936)
- (2) William Edward Leonard Shenton (1928-1936)
- (3) Lo Man-Kam (羅文錦) (1946-1959)
- (4) Kwok Chan (郭贊) (1959-1960)
- (5) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (1962-1972)
- (6) Harry Fang Sin-Yang (方心讓) (1978-1983)
- (7) Rogerio Hyndman Lobo (羅保) (1978-1985)

Commissioners of Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Brigade

- (1) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (1953-1958)
- (2) Tseung Fat-Im (蔣法賢) (1958-1963)

Chairmen of the Council of the Order of St. John in Hong Kong

- (1) Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan (馮秉芬) (1971-1974)
- (2) John Louis Marden (1976-1987)
- (3) George Choa (蔡永善) (1987-2002)

Chief Commissioners of Hong Kong Scouts

- (1) C. K. Lo (羅徵勤) (1963-1973)
- (2) Chau Cham-Son (周湛榮) (1985-1996)

Presidents of the Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong Branch / The Scouts Association of Hong Kong

- (1) George Ernest Marden (1953-1959)
- (2) Ti-Liang Yang (楊鐵樑) (1988-1998)

Presidents of Asian Football Confederation

- (1) Lo Man-Kam (羅文錦) (1954)
- (2) Kwok Chan (郭贊) (1954-1956)

This list may be longer subject to more historical facts be recovered.

