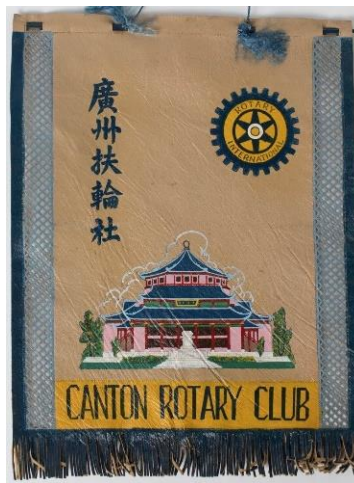


Birth of Canton Rotary Club (廣州扶輪社) in 1931

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

15 September 2015



This piece of history is referred to the Canton Rotary Club (廣州扶輪社) formed in the first republican nation in Asia – The Republic of China (中華民國). The Club was organized at the year end of 1931 and was later admitted to Rotary International in spring 1932, but was regrettably terminated in 1950 due to adverse political environment.

There are still 4 Rotary clubs of Canton active in the Rotary World, and they are all located in the United States of America:

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| (1) Rotary Club of Canton, Ohio (1915) | (2) Rotary Club of Canton, Illinois (1919) |
| (3) Rotary Club of Canton, Georgia (1937) | (4) Rotary Club of Canton, Michigan (1977) |

The Oriental Rotary Extension to South China

On Saturday, 15 November 1930, the “Marco Polo of Rotary” James Wheeler Davidson (禮密臣 / 達飛聲), Honorary General Commissioner of Rotary International, visited Canton (Guangzhou) (廣州) of the Republic of China together with his wife Lillian and daughter Marjory. It was Jim’s earnest desire to organize a Rotary Club there in Canton as the plan of his Far East Rotary Extension Mission assigned by Rotary International. Jim had been touring the Orient for the last 2 years, organizing Rotary clubs at different places in the Far East.

Speaking of the ideals of Rotary, in Canton, Jim told the local press 《*The Canton Gazette*》: “... its success is probably due to the fact that it is perhaps the first great movement that has had the world as its field, that has shocked no faith or creed, offended no custom and aroused no greed. Its appeal ignores all international boundaries: it has no mystic rites; it places methods, its aims and objects frankly before the world and is open equally to the member and non-member; it can never be wrecked on the rocks of political argument since it demands of its members first of all good citizenship; it can never be accused of disloyalty since it stands for the rights of nations and believes in patriotism. It is not even a pacifist organization.

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The next day, Jim and family went southward to visit the British Crown Colony Hong Kong. At the moment a good start had already been made in Hong Kong which offered an ideal city for a Rotary Club on account of its cosmopolitan population. Prior to this visit, Jim had already established a Rotary Club in Singapore of the British Straits Settlements.



James W. Davidson with daughter Marjory and wife Lillian

The City of Canton in the 1930s

Canton, one of the foremost cities of China, is situated on the Pearl River (珠江), the great commercial metropolis of South China (25° 11» N., 115° 14*E.). It is the capital of the province of Kwangtung (*Guangdong*) (廣東) and the seat of government of the province. By the Chinese it is often referred to as the City of Five Rams (五羊城) which name has come down from an ancient legend. Canton is, by the way, the western misnomer for Kwangtung, the real name.

Because of its favoured situation, Canton at an early date drew European traffic. As far back as 1516 the Portuguese found their way to this port and as early as the 10th century Arab navigators had made regular voyages between here and the western ports of Asia. After them came the Dutch, the English and other western traders.

“Canton” was the name given in the 19th Century by the European for the Guangdong provincial capital “Guangzhou”. The English name “Canton” derived from Portuguese “Cantão” or “Cidade de Cantão”, a muddling of dialectical pronunciations of “Kwangtung”. Although it originally and chiefly applied to the walled city, it was also used in English in reference to Guangdong generally. It was adopted as the Postal Map Romanization of “Kwangchow” and

remained in common use until the gradual adoption of *pinyin* “Guangzhou”. As an adjective, “Cantonese” is still used in describing the people, language, cuisine and culture of Guangzhou and the surrounding Liangguang Region (兩廣), i.e. the greater region of the Guangdong (廣東) and Guangxi (廣西) provinces. The city which was fast expanding then stretched along the river front for a length of four miles, with a depth of two miles. Formerly it was enclosed by a wall 43 feet thick at the base and from 25 to 40 feet high. This had been demolished in order that a motor road from 80 to 100 feet wide could be constructed. Modern buildings, wide streets and handsome parks adorn the city.

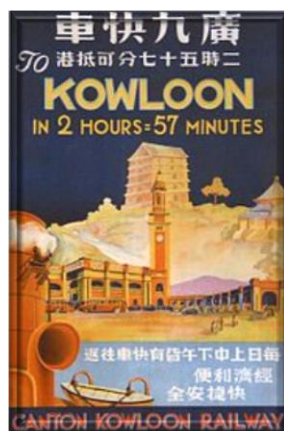
Much has been done in recent years to develop home industries. Factories have sprung with mushroom-like rapidity, especially at Honam (河南) (*South Bund*). A cotton spinning factory equipped with up-to-date machinery has been erected by a local concern at an outlay of \$5,000,000. Locally made matches were exported as far as the Straits Settlements (*Malaysia and Singapore today*) and the Dutch East Indies (now *Indonesia*). Five factories and several hundred workshops for producing hosiery and underwear might be counted among other industries. The silks, ivories, and jades of Canton were too well-known to require mention. The population of Canton City itself was estimated at one million.

There was ample means of communication between Canton and the British Crown Colony Hong Kong (英國殖民地香港), a distance of 111 miles by rail and 95 miles by water. An express train took a little under 3 hours to cover the distance. The complete railway between Canton and Kowloon (九龍) in Hong Kong was opened on 5 October 1911. Through-trains ran from Canton at Tai Sha Tau station (大沙頭火車站) across the border to the southern terminus in Tsim Sha Tsui (尖沙咀). There was regular steamboat service between Canton and the Portuguese Territory Macao (葡萄牙領土澳門), Wu Chow (*Wuzhou*) (梧州), West River ports, New Chwang (牛莊埠) (now Port of Ying Kou 營口港), Kwang Chau Wan (*Guangzhouwan*) (廣州灣), Shanghai (上海), etc. Rail work had been begun on the uncompleted section of the Canton-Hankow Railway (粵漢鐵路) so that in the near future rail travel would be possible between the two cities. A branch line of this railway from Canton to Sham Sui (*Sanshui*) (三水), making the West River ports within easier reach. An extension of this line to Shiu Shing (*Zhaoqing*) (肇慶) and from there to Kwang Si (*Guangxi*) (廣西) was being planned by the authorities who were also contemplating the construction of an east-bound line to link up Canton with Swatow (*Shantou*) (汕頭) and Amoy (*Xiamen*) (廈門). On 1 September 1931, long distance telephone service was opened between Canton and Hong Kong.

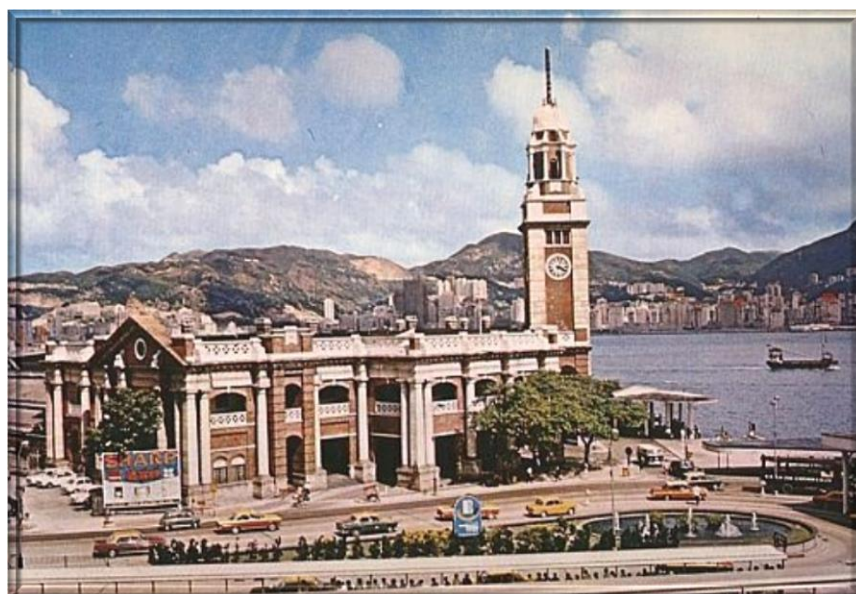
No description of Canton, however brief, is complete without a word on Shameen (*Shamian*) (沙面), which is an artificial island towards the West of Canton City, on which foreign interests were centered. Shameen comprised the British and French Concessions and was well laid out with paths shaded by handsome trees, gardens and tennis courts. From here foreign nationals conducted their business activities and here the majority of them had their homes. Trading companies from Britain, the United States, France, Holland, Italy, Germany, Portugal, and Japan built stone mansions along the waterfront. Shameen was also the consulates district for Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, as well as the United States of America. Certainly, no doubt, the Canton Rotary Club’s secretariat was also located at Shameen.



廣州大沙頭火車站 *Tai Sha Tau Railway Station, Canton*



Canton-Kowloon Express Train Advertisement



九龍尖沙咀鐵路總站 *Kowloon Railway Terminus*

Inception and Birth of Canton Rotary Club

There was no further action in Canton after James W. Davidson's visit in 1930. But with the organizing effort by Jim, the Hong Kong Rotary Club (香港扶輪社) was admitted to Rotary International on 20 February 1931. When Dr. Fong Foo-Sec (鄺富灼博士), a Guangdong native, took up the presidential office of Shanghai Rotary Club (上海扶輪社) on 1 July 1931, there was a wish from the Club to sponsor a new Club in Canton. Taking the opportunity that Dr. James M. Henry (香雅各博士), Provost of Lingnan University (嶺南大學教務長), visited Shanghai in the fall of 1931, James was persuaded to undertake the organization of the new Club. Very soon, the Shanghai Rotary Club decided and appointed its immediate past president George Ashmore Fitch (費吳生) to serve as the Special Representative to take up this mission of Rotary extension.

The first meeting, taking the form of a luncheon at Hotel Asia (亞洲大酒店), to discuss the organization of a Rotary Club in the city of Canton, was held on 13 November 1931 with the presence of Dr. James M. Henry, Dr. Chien Shu-Fan, Patrick T. Carey, Huang Kuang, George William Greene, Edward Shim, Lee Ying-Lam, and Lo Po-Shue. The second meeting to continue the discussion was held on 23 November 1931, with a few more in attendance than previously. A provisional committee was appointed consisting of James M. Henry, K. Huang and Patrick T. Carey to arrange for an inauguration meeting.

The first formal meeting which gave birth to this Club was held, again at Hotel Asia, on Tuesday, 15 December 1931, from 7 to 9:30 p. m., with 30 charter members and the following 4 visiting Rotarians present: (1) From Shanghai Rotary Club: George Ashmore Fitch, Special Representative; (2) From Hong Kong Rotary Club: Sir William W. Hornell (康寧爵士), President; Maurice Frederick Key (紀連), Secretary; and Rotarian Dr. David Macrum Maynard (梅納德博士). At this inaugural meeting, charter membership cards were filled in, election of officers made, appropriate speeches given by George A. Fitch, William Hornell and James M. Henry, and it was unanimously agreed on motion by James Henry and seconded by Patrick T. Carey to apply to the Rotary International for a charter.

Address by George Ashmore Fitch (費吳生), Past President & Special Representative of Shanghai Rotary Club (Head of Y.M.C.A. in China)

In his address, Fitch spoke on the objects and organization of the Rotary Movement which represented on September last a total of 3,463 clubs and an approximate membership of 155,000 business and professional men throughout the world. He brought out the significant fact that Rotary appeals especially to those who live in the great port cities of the East because of the work it was doing in building up a great world fellowship.

Fitch said: "We know that friendship between nations cannot be achieved by treaties, or by the kind words of diplomats: international amity can only come through the world desiring friendship, and it is not brought about by the acceptance of it as an ideal, but by contact." Fitch also pointed out: "International-mindedness and friendship were not the only aims of Rotary, which sought also to carry out community and vocational services."

Fitch then explained in detail the pitch of organization to which a Club like that in Shanghai ---twelve years old---had been brought about. This part of his speech was rather strong meat for

babies, and one-year-old like the Hong Kong Rotary Club. He concluded by reading the Objects of Rotary.

Advises by Sir William Woodward Hornell (康寧爵士), Charter President of Hong Kong Rotary Club (Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong University 香港大學校長)

In calling upon Sir William Hornell to address the meeting, James Henry said the example of Hong Kong would stimulate them to friendly emulation. Sir William Hornell gave a few words of advice that were timely and appropriate to the occasion. He said:

I will give you a few words of advice, based on my very short experience of Rotary. To succeed, you have to make your meetings a success — something you look forward to attending. Don't 'grouse' when the room is hot, or the speaker dull, or the lunch indigestible. Make a point of coming regularly to the meetings and don't dun the directors with application for leave of absence. First establish a real bond of friendly feeling between yourselves and then you will be able to go out and make Canton a better and a happier place.

After hearing about the magnificence of the organization in Shanghai and the wonderful things they do there, I feel about the Queen of Sheba after a memorable interview with King Solomon — 'there is no life left in me.' (*laughter*) But after a year of considerable difficulties and some disappointments, I say unfeignedly that I do not regret having accepted office as the first President in Hong Kong. I sincerely congratulate Canton on having taken this step, because I believe that the primary thing in Rotary is that it offers the opportunity for its members to become socially-minded, to find joy in the society of their fellow human beings.

Shanghai is a very rich town, an international town they seem to have most marvellous ways of screwing money out of each other! They wouldn't stand it in Hong Kong! (*laughter*) In Shanghai, where Rotarians sing, they must meet in a padded room — (*laughter*) — at least, a sound-proof room, and so they can sing as much as they like. We have to hold our meetings in Hong Kong in a section of a restaurant, and if we took to singing it would soon be a question whether Lane Crawford's would not have to raise the price of lunch to the other people — unless they had to lower it! (*laughter*) However, Rotary flourishes where use of the first name or a nickname is not prevalent, where there is no singing, no horseplay and no so-called stunts. These are incidentals and not part of the Constitution. I believe the reason why Rotary is a world movement to be found in the joy which men who are socially-minded find in working together for a common purpose. The man who is a good citizen, who is fond of his own country, is much more likely to be acceptable to people of other countries.

Remarks by Dr. James McClure Henry (香雅各博士), Charter Member & Vice-President (Provost, Lingnan University 嶺南大學教務長)

When President Dr. Chien Shu-Fan (錢樹芬博士) was compelled to leave the meeting on account of indisposition, James Henry took the chair and congratulated the members on having a president who was one of the leading citizens of Canton and remarked that this new-born Club was grateful to the Shanghai Rotary Club for sending so able and inspiring a representative as George A. Fitch. James Henry dwelled on the organization of the Club and the part Shanghai and Hong Kong took in it. He further said that a good deal of the enthusiasm for Rotary in

Canton was due to the interesting reports in the papers of the meetings of the Hong Kong Rotary Club and that Canton Rotary Club was going to succeed and make itself felt for international friendship, better understanding and a better Canton. It might be added here that James Henry was more instrumental in bringing into being the Canton Rotary Club than any other person.

Greetings from Rotary International

Canton Rotary Club was elected membership to Rotary International on 25 April 1932 with Charter #3509 granted. It was the 4th Club formed in the Republic of China. The charter did not arrive until the latter part of May 1932. In a letter of the 27 April 1932, the Rotary International Secretary at Chicago wrote to every charter member in brief as follows:

These few words of welcome may surprise you, but with them I am expressing the fraternal greetings of all Rotarians to you as one who has recently come into the fellowship of Rotary. This fellowship opens to your association with approximately 155,000 business and professional men who are wishing and working for the welfare of all peoples and nations. Just as you are welcomed in your own Rotary club so will you be received and welcomed in the Rotary club of any city in the world.

List of Charter Members with Classifications (** former Rotarian)

- (1) [President 社長] Chien Shu-Fan (錢樹芬) (*General Law Practice*)
- (2) [Vice President 副社長] James McClure Henry (香雅各) (*Education-Universities*) (*Lingnan University 嶺南大學*)
- (3) [Secretary 書記] Alfred Elliott Quin (*River Shipping*) (*Deacon & Co., Ltd. 的喺洋行*)
- (4) Walter F. Arndt (*Ocean Shipping*) (*The Robert Dollar Co. 大來輪船公司*)
- (5) Benjamin Bennett Anthony (*Lubricating Oil Distributing*) (*Standard Oil Co. of New York 美孚火油公司*)
- (6) George Bodiker (*Metal Mining & Refining*) (*Bodiker & Co. 些刺士洋行*)
- (7) Patrick T. Carey (*Electrical Supplies Distributing*) (*China Electric Co., Ltd. 中國電氣股份有限公司*) **
- (8) Chang Hua-Ling (*Newspaper Publishing*) (*The Canton Gazette 廣州英文日報*)
- (9) Tso H. Chen (陳祖顯) (*Silk Brokerage*) (*Silk Bank 廣州絲業銀行*)
- (10) Chu Yu-Mai (朱友枚) (*Light & Power Service*) (*Kwangtung Electric Supply Co., Ltd. 廣東電燈股份有限公司*)
- (11) Deane Tsung-Yao (丁宗耀) (*Telephone Service*) (*Canton Municipal Telephone Administration 廣州市電話局*)
- (12) Paul Kwong Fu (*Silk Testing*) (*Raw Silk Testing Bureau 農商部生絲檢驗局*)

- (13) George William Greene (*Real Estate*) (*Asia Realty Co.* 普益地產公司)
- (14) E. R. Hill (*Piece Goods Distributing*) (*Dodwell & Co., Ltd.* 天祥洋行)
- (15) August Hoffmeister (*Raw & Waste Silk Distributing*) (*U. Spalinger & Co.* 同和洋行)
- (16) Huang Kuang (黃光) (*Telephone Service*) (*Canton Municipal Telephone Station* 廣州市電話所) **
- (17) James C. Huang (黃振勳) (*Government Administration – Engineering*) (*Bureau of Public Works, Canton Municipal Government* 廣州市政府工務局)
- (18) Henry Laffond (*Raw Silk Exporting*) (*Mandier Ribet & Cie* 信孚洋行)
- (19) Lau Tai-Chi (*Dentistry*)
- (20) Lee Ying-Lam (李應林) (*Young Men's Associations*) (*Young Men's Christian Association* 基督教青年會)
- (21) Li Lu-Chao (李祿超) (*Government Advisor*) (*Kwangtung Provincial Government* 廣東省政府)
- (22) T. Kai Liang (梁鼎介) (*Banking - Savings*) (*Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank* 上海商業儲蓄銀行)
- (23) Y. M. Lin (林逸民) (*Trust Company*) (*Canton Trust Co., Ltd.* 廣東信託有限公司)
- (24) Lo Po-Shue (羅步裕) (*Insurance – Fire*) (*China United Assurance Society Ltd.* 華安合群保壽股份有限公司)
- (25) Loo Ien-Ming (盧賢明) (*Banking – Domestic*) (*The China State Bank Ltd.* 國華商業銀行)
- (26) S. C. Mok (莫始端) (*Water Service*) (*Canton Municipal Water Works* 廣州市自來水管理處)
- (27) Edward Shim Ying-Lam (沈英霖) (*Agricultural Chemistry*) (*Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.* 英國帝國化學工業公司)
- (28) Girault T. Thach (*Banking – General*) (*National City Bank of New York* 美商花旗銀行)
- (29) Tong Hsuan (唐萱) (*Government Administration – Salt Revenue*) (*Salt Revenue Service* 鹽務稽核所/廣東鹽務局)
- (30) Samuel Wong Siu-Kei (黃肇麒) (*Theatres*) (*Chung Hwa Theatre* 中華戲院)



Regular Meeting Venues of Canton Rotary Club

Since inception, Canton Rotary Club had already decided to hold its regular meetings at 2 alternative venues, with the approval granted by Rotary International:

Option (1) -- Indoor Venue:

Hotel Asia (亞洲大酒店) located at the West Bund (西堤二馬路 34 號) which was close to the Club Secretariat at Shameen.



Option (2) -- Floating Venue:

On board one of the vessels of the “Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.” (省港澳輪船公司) which offered scheduled transports between Canton and Hong Kong.

(This proved to be a smart decision in the later days as an attraction to good attendance when the 2 clubs of Canton and Hong Kong held their regular inter-city meetings, alternatively. Canton and Hong Kong Rotary clubs were the closest neighbours and brotherhood to each other.)



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Mr. Davidson left for Hongkong yesterday and is staying at the Hongkong Hotel with his wife and daughter.

Mr. J. W. Davidson Of Rotary Fame Is Here In Canton

The Hon. General Commissioner of Rotary International, Mr. J. W. Davidson, arrived here on Saturday. It is Mr. Davidson's earnest desire to organise a Rotary Club here in Canton. Mr. Davidson has been touring the Far East for the last two years, organising Rotary Clubs at different places in the Far East. At the present moment a good start has already been made at Hongkong which offers an ideal City for a Rotary Club on account of its cosmopolitan population. Only recently Mr. Davidson established a Rotary Club in Singapore. Kuala Lumpur had long ago a Rotary Club and H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi is a member of that Club.
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For Membership In Rotary International

1. As our constitution, we have adopted the Standard Club constitution prescribed by Rotary International. This club understands that the club constitution can be amended only by convention of Rotary International. No change in, or amendment to the by-laws adopted by this club which might conflict with the constitution of the club or with the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International will be made without first submitting the same to the secretary of Rotary International for approval by its board of directors.
2. This club will be bound by any and all amendments to the Standard Club Constitution which may be adopted hereafter (as provided in Article I, Section 3, of the by-laws of Rotary International, and in Article XI of the constitution of this club).
3. This club will remit payment for its members' subscriptions to THE ROTARIAN as provided for in the club by-laws upon receipt of invoice covering such subscriptions. (An obligation of membership in the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland. Elsewhere—voluntary.)
4. NO FURTHER MEMBERS will be elected until this club has received official notice of its election to membership in Rotary International. Thereafter this club will STEADILY ADD to its membership, but during the first year of its existence NOT MORE THAN THREE new members will be introduced into the club DURING ANY CALENDAR MONTH.
5. This club, as a club, will not become a member of, or assume obligations of membership in any organization other than Rotary International.

And furthermore, in our desire to develop true Rotarians, and a Rotary club that will be a properly functioning unit in Rotary International, this club is hereby pledged to maintain the following

fundamental characteristics of Rotary:

1. The classification principle of membership.
2. Attendance, at least in the required minimum for continuance of membership.
3. Fellowship, in the establishment of intimate and lasting friendships.
4. The use of the club meeting in the making of broader business men—in training men to become more capable of rendering service in their vocations and in the community in which they live.
5. The requirement that members strive for the betterment of their craft, particularly stressing higher business standards and practices.
6. An obligation to do effective but non-duplicative service in their community, state or province and country.
7. Service to humanity.

The following documents required to complete this application are attached hereto:

1. List of charter (founder) members, dated and certified to by signatures of the president and secretary of the club.
2. Constitution and by-laws of the club, the adoption of which is certified to by signatures of the president and secretary of the club.
3. Check for \$100.00 U. S. Currency, covering the charter fee as provided in Article I, Section 2 of the by-laws of Rotary International.

The present officers are:

Pres. S. F. Chien
V. P. J. M. Henry
Sec'y A. E. Quin
Treas. Y. M. Lin
S. at A. _____

Complete list of members of the board of directors:

1. S. F. Chien
2. J. M. Henry
3. K. Huang
4. P. T. Carey
5. G. W. Greene
6. Y. L. Lee
7. H. Laffond
8. A. E. Quin Ex-officio
9. Y. M. Lin

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Its Secretary

By S. F. Chien
Its President

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The following have been duly elected to and have accepted charter membership in this club:

NOTE: Classification given charter member must describe service rendered by his firm. More than one member from the same firm is not permitted on charter list. Only after the club has been officially elected to membership in R. I. can it admit additional active members. Every question must be answered.

classification OK - except #69. HFD-4/ro.

Name of member	1) ARNDT, WALTER F	5) CHANG HUA LING
Name of firm	THE Robert Dollar Co.	The Canton Gazette
Executive position	AGENT	Managing Editor
Club classification	SHIPPING. OCEAN SHIPPING (73)	Newspaper Publishing (61)
Business address	NO 4 SHAKEE ROAD CANTON	82 Wing Hon Rd N. Canton
Residence address	NO 1 SHAMEEN "	" "
Name of member	2) ANTHONY, BENJAMIN BENNETT	6) CHIEN, S.F.
Name of firm	Standard Oil Co. of New York	Private Practice
Executive position	Manager (52)	Proprietor
Club classification	Lubricating Oil Dist.	LAW General Law Practice (44)
Business address	Shameen, Canton	263 Wing Hon Road Canton
Residence address	" "	Tungshan Canton
Name of member	3) BODIKER, GEORG	7) CHAN, TSO H
Name of firm	Bödiker + Co	Silk Bank
Executive position	Proprietor	Manager
Club classification	Metal mining and Refining (50)	Banking, Silk Brokerage (69)
Business address	86 Shameen B.C. Canton	Shap Sam Hong. Canton
Residence address	" "	
Name of member	4) CAREY, PATRICK T *	8) CHU, YU MAI
Name of firm	China Electric Co. Ltd	Kwangtung Electric Supply Co. Ltd
Executive position	Resident Director	Chief Engineer
Club classification	Electrical Supplies Dist. (20)	Electric Light and Power Service (20)
Business address	Missions Building Canton	Power Station, Canton
Residence address	40 Central Ave, Shameen "	

(Please indicate which members, if any, were formerly members of a Rotary club, and give name of that club.)

* Past Rotarian - Peking

List of Charter Members
Rotary Club of Canton, China

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Name of member	9) Deane, Tsung Yao (T.Y.)	14) HOFFMEISTER, AUGUST (Hoffy)
Name of firm	Canton Municipal Telephone Administration	M. Spalinger & Co
Executive position	Engineer in Chief Telephone Service (14)	Partner
Club classification	Government Service Telephone Engineer	Raw & Waste Silk Dist. 69
Business address	Missions Building, Canton	49 Shamoon, Canton
Residence address	"	"
Name of member	10) FU, Paul Kwong (P.K.)	15) HUANG, James C. (Jim)
Name of firm	Raw Silk Testing Bureau	Canton Municipal Government 32
Executive position	Director (69)	City Engineer Mem. Gov. admin
Club classification	Testing House, Silk Testing	Government, City Engineer
Business address	Raw Silk Testing Bureau, Shamoon, Canton	Canton Municipal Govt, Canton
Residence address	Lingnan University, Canton	4 MA PANG KONG, PAR CHE Rd, Tungshan Canton
Name of member	11) GREENE, George William (Bill)	16) HUANG, KUANG (K)
Name of firm	ASIA REALTY Co.	Canton Municipal Telephone Administration
Executive position	Advisory Director	Chief accountant
Club classification	Real Estate 64	Telephone, Financial
Business address	Tung Shan Canton	Missions Building, Canton
Residence address	" " "	Not Retained, Shanghai
Name of member	12) HENRY, James McClure (Jim)	17) LAFFOND, HENRI (Henri)
Name of firm	Lingnan University	MADIER RIBET & Co
Executive position	Provost	MANAGER
Club classification	Education, University 19	RAW SILK, Exporting 69
Business address	Lingnan University, Canton	SHAMEEN Canton
Residence address	" " "	"
Name of member	13) HILL, E.R. (BYNG)	18) LAU, TAI CHI
Name of firm	DODWELL & Co LTD	Private Practice
Executive position	Manager	Proprietor
Club classification	Piece Goods Dist. 18	Dental Dentistry 49
Business address	42 Shamoon, Canton	458 YAT TAK Rd, CANTON
Residence address	" " "	72 TIN SING Rd, Canton

List of Charter Members
Rotary Club of Canton, China

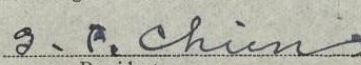
Name of member	19) LEE, YING LAM (B.C.)	23) LO, PO SHUE (P.O. Script)	
Name of firm	Y.M.C.A.	China United Assurance Society Ltd.	
Executive position	GENERAL SECRETARY &	Manager	
Club classification	Associations	Insurance, Fire	40
Business address	THE BUND, CANTON 90 Y.M.C.A.	St Peters Building, Yat Tak Rd, Canton	
Residence address		Honor Building, Yat Tak Rd, Canton	
Name of member	20) LI, LU CHAO (Looksee)	24) LOO, TEN MING (Hop)	
Name of firm	Hwangtung Provincial Government	The China State Bank Ltd	
Executive position	Advisor Prof. Gov. Adm.	Manager	
Club classification	Government Advisor	Banking, Domestic	23
Business address	Tai Ping Road, Canton	Sup Sam Hong Canton	
Residence address		31 Park Tse Road, Canton	
Name of member	21) LIANG T. KAI (Kai)	25) MOK, S.C. (Mokko)	
Name of firm	Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank Ltd	Canton Municipal Water Works	
Executive position	Manager	Commissioner	76
Club classification	Banking, Savings Banking	City Water Works	
Business address	18 Sup Sam Hong Rd, Canton	KIU SHEUNG ST. Canton	
Residence address	90 Kong Yat Chung	20 Do Bo Rd, SAI HWAN Canton	
	Past Rotarian - Hongkong		
Name of member	22) LIN, Y.M. (Y.M.)	26) QUIN, ALFRED ELLIOTT (QUINSKI)	
Name of firm	Canton Trust Co. Ltd	DEACON & Co LTD.	
Executive position	President	PARTNER	73
Club classification	Trust Companies	RIVER SHIPPING	
Business address	Canton Trust Co. Tai Ping Rd S. Canton	47 B.C. SHAMEEN CANTON	
Residence address			

It is agreed (a) that no new members shall be admitted into this club until its election as a member club of Rotary International has been completed; (b) that this club will steadily seek to increase its membership so that each distinctive and legitimate phase of service in the community shall be represented in the club; but (c) during its first year not more than 3 new members shall be introduced in the club each calendar month.

We, the officers of the Rotary Club of _____

do hereby certify that the above constitutes the charter membership list and the agreements of this club.


Secretary


President

Charter members Canton Rotary Club

(27) SHIM, Edward (Ed)
Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd
Technical Adviser
^{Agricultural Chemistry}
Agriculture, Technical Adviser 11
46 B.C. Shamsee, Canton

(29) Tong, Hsuan (H.T.)
Salt Revenue Service
District Inspector 32
^{Gov. Adm. Salt Revenue}
Government, Salt
Inspectorate of Salt Revenue, Bank
56 Sung Kiang West, Tung Shan Canton

(28) THACH, GIRAULT T (Jerry)
National City Bank of New York
Manager
Banking, General 23
Shamsee, Canton

(30) Wong, Samuel (Sam)
Chung Hua Theatre
Director
^{Theatres} 65
^{Amusements}
Pres. Ad. Chung Hua Theatre Canton
Res. Ad. Tung Shan, Canton

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Transmitting Club Application for Membership in Rotary International

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together with remittance for one hundred dollars covering its charter fee.

This club was instituted on the 15th day of December 1931

by* George A. Fitch with 30 charter members.

The history of the organization of this club is as follows: ~~Organization Committee~~
Dr. James M. Henry, Provost, Lingnan University, on occasion of
visit to Shanghai during summer and fall of 1931 was persuaded by
Luther M. Jee and Geo. A. Fitch to undertake the organization of
a Rotary Club in Canton. He associated with him P. T. Carey,
former Peiping Rotarian and K. Huang, former Shanghai Rotarian,
held certain preliminary meetings and on December 15, 1931, the or-
ganization meeting was held in the Hotel Asia. To this George A.
Fitch of the Shanghai Club went as the official delegate and pre-
sided at the meeting, in addition three delegates from the Hongkong
Club attended, Sir William Hornell, President, Key, Secretary and
Mainard.

Program of organization meeting. Geo. A. Fitch in the Chair. 1. Cable greetings from other Clubs, opening remarks and explanation of "Aims and Objects of Rotary", address by Mr. Fitch. 2. Adoption of motion to perfect organization. 3. Charter Membership cards signed. 4. Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws - unanimously adopted. 5. Nominating Committee appointed. 6. Election of President. 7. Election of Vice-President. 8. Election of six additional directors. 9. Address by Sir William Hornell

This club has adopted the standard constitution prescribed by Rotary International for local clubs. certified copy attached.

This club has a satisfactory charter list of members (not less than fifteen nor more than thirty-five) as is indicated by the list in duplicate attached to its application.

This club has duly elected its officers.

I recommend the election of this club as a Member Club of Rotary International.

Respectfully submitted,

City.....
19..... Special Representative of Governor, District No.....

*Insert name of the Rotarian who represented Rotary International at the institution of the club.

Note—This report is for District Governor's files. It is NOT to be sent Secretary's Office.

PRESIDENT

Dr. S. F. CHEN

VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. J. M. HENRY

HON. TREASURER

Y. M. LIN

HON. SECRETARY

A. E. QUIN

"Service
Above Self"

"THE ROCAN"



"He Profits Most
Who Serves Best"

DIRECTORS

H. LAFFOND

AND

F. L. LEE

G. M. GREENE

J. C. HUANG

P. T. CAREY

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANTON



CANTON, CHINA.

No. 1

MEETING EVERY TUESDAY, 1 P.M., ABOARD HONGKONG-CANTON BOAT

AUGUST 15, 1932

INCEPTION AND BIRTH OF CANTON ROTARY CLUB

The first meeting, taking the form of a luncheon at Hotel Asia, to discuss the organization of a Rotary Club in the city of Canton was held on the 13th of Nov. 1931 with the following present:

Dr. James M. Henry
Dr. Shu Fan Chien
Mr. Pat T. Carey
Mr. Kuang Huang
Mr. George Wm. Greene
Mr. Edward Shim
Mr. Ying Lam Lee
Mr. Po Shue Lo

The second meeting to continue the discussion was held on the 23rd of Nov. 1931, with a few more in attendance than previously. A provisional committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Henry, Mr. K. Huang and Mr. Carey to arrange for an inauguration meeting.

But the first formal meeting which gave birth to this Club was held, again at Hotel Asia, on the 15th of Dec. 1931, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., with 29 charter members and the following visiting Rotarians present:

Visiting Rotarians

Mr. George Fitch, representing the Shanghai Rotary Club
Sir William Hornell, President of the Hongkong Rotary Club
Mr. D. M. Maynard, representing the Hongkong Rotary Club
Mr. M. E. Key, Secretary of the Hongkong Rotary Club

At this inauguration meeting, charter membership cards were filled in, election of officers made, appropriate speeches given by Mr. Fitch, Sir William Hornell and Dr. Henry, and it was unanimously agreed on motion by Dr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Carey to apply to the Rotary International for a charter.

Officers

The following officers were elected by ballot:
President: Dr. Shu Fan Chien, lawyer.
Vice-Pres.: Dr. J. M. Henry, Provost of Lingnan University.
Secretary: Mr. Alfred E. Quin of Deacon & Co.
Treasurer: Mr. Y. M. Lin of Canton Trust Co.

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World Good Will And Peace Visualized By Pres S. F. Chien In An Address Of Absorbing Interest

Before a large attendance of Rotarians and friends Pres. S. F. Chien of the Canton Rotary Club gave a most interesting address at a lunch meeting August 9, aboard the S. S. Tai-shan. He took for his subject the sixth object of Rotary viz. the advancement of understanding, good-will and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of Service.

By way of introducing his address Pres. Chien retold a humorous anecdote once narrated by a professor of the law faculty of the University of Chicago at a smoker.

In a certain family, it seemed, the only son and pride of the house was a mental weakling. At a dinner, fearing that he might utter something foolish he was enjoined to maintain strict silence. The guests on noticing that not a word had passed his mouth remarked to one another that the boy must be a fool. At this the youngster exclaimed: "Daddy, it is no use. They have found out already that I am a fool!"

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High And Universal Standards Of Business Ethics

The Rotary clubs in the Orient do almost as much to encourage high and universal, instead of local standards, of business ethics, as to promote international good-will. I think that Rotary is taken more seriously in the Far East than it is in the United States. Though the clubs in the Orient do not testify to the spirit of fellowship by the back-slapping and singing that characterize clubs at home they are a powerful factor in the breakdown of that wall of reserve with which the Oriental protects himself against the foreigner, and they greatly facilitate the making of business contracts.

Besides the three clubs in Manchuria—at Dairen, Harbin, and Mukden—and the club in Hong Kong there are three clubs in China proper. These three—at Peiping, Shanghai and Tientsin—have a combined membership of about two hundred and twenty Europeans, Americans and Orientals. The mixture is particularly noticeable in the Shanghai Club where more than a dozen nationalities including both Chinese and Japanese are represented. I have had the pleasure of visiting many of the Rotary clubs in the Far East and I believe that the Rotary movement is doing more than anything else I know to build a bridge between Orient and Occident and to further the interests of peace.

W. E. Priestly in "Asia", April, 1932.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

What does attendance mean to a club? Why is attendance stressed? Well, in the first place, attendance is the life of the club; any club that fails to stress attendance is doomed; without attendance a club does not mean anything. But this does not apply to Rotary clubs only. It applies to the schools, to the clerks working in stores as well as the boss, to the manufacturer and even to home life. The schools must have attendance, a store man must have attendance, a clerk must have attendance, a manufacturer must have attendance from the people working for him and if a man's home life is to be successful there must be a certain percentage of attendance.

To what extremes should a club go in stressing attendance? If you can attend without personal or business sacrifice it is your duty as a Rotarian to attend. Why? If for no other reason, you owe it to the other members who are trying to keep up the attendance and the standing of the club.

We so often hear "I guess I had better quit because I won't be able to attend regularly." This is the wrong attitude. If you make an effort to attend all meetings possible you are doing all that your fellow Rotarians ask of you, but if you miss because it rained or the car was out of fix, well, that's a different story.—Weekly Bulletin, Kosciusko, U.S.A.

CANTON—WHERE IT IS AND WHAT IT IS—BRIEFLY GIVEN

Canton, one of the foremost cities of China, is situated on the Pearl River, known to the Chinese as Chu Kiang, in latitude 23 deg. 7 min. 10 sec. N., and longitude 113 deg. 14 min. 30 sec. E. It is the capital of the province of Kwangtung and the seat of government of the province. By the Chinese it is often referred to as the City of Rams which name has come down from an ancient legend. Canton is, by the way, the western misnomer for Kwangtung, the real name.

Because of its favoured situation, Canton at an early date drew European traffic. As far back as 1516 the Portuguese found their way to this port and as early as the 10th century Arab navigators had made regular voyages between here and the western ports of Asia. After them came the Dutch, the English and other western traders.

Development

The city which is fast expanding now stretches along the river front for a length of four miles, with a depth of two miles. Formerly it was enclosed by a wall 43 feet thick at the base and from 25 to 40 feet high. This had been demolished in order that a motor road from 80 to 100 feet wide could be constructed. Modern buildings, wide streets and handsome parks now adorn the city.

Much has been done in recent years to develop home industries. Factories have sprung with mushroom-like rapidity, especially at Honam. A cotton spinning factory equipped with up-to-date machinery has been erected by a local concern at an outlay of \$5,000,000. Locally made matches are exported as far as the Straits Settlements and the Dutch East Indies. Five factories and several hundred workshops for producing hosiery and underwear may be counted among other industries. The silks, ivories, and jades of Canton are too well-known to require mention. The population of Canton City itself is now estimated at 1,000,000.

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