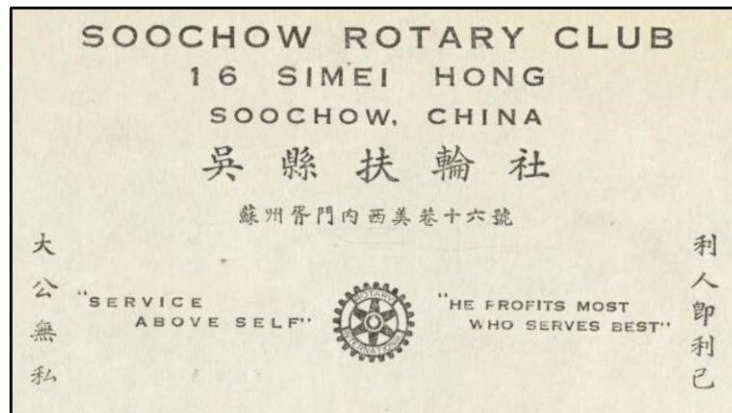


The Birth of Soochow Rotary Club (吳縣扶輪社) 1936

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Soochow Rotary Club (吳縣扶輪社) was located inside the walled-city of Wu Xian (吳縣)---the superior jurisdiction of then Soochow (*Suzhou*) (蘇州)---which was one of the major counties of Kiangsu (*Jiangsu*) Province of the Republic of China (中華民國江蘇省). The Club was sponsored by Shanghai Rotary Club (上海扶輪社) and was admitted to Rotary International on 11 November 1936 with Charter Number #4053. Since then, the Club became the 21st member of the 81st District.

The name Wu Xian referred to its location at the heart of the ancient State of Wu (東吳). In 221 B.C., the Qin Empire (大秦帝國) established Wu Xian as the capital of Kuaiji Commandery (會稽郡治所). The city itself was often known as Kuaiji (會稽) from this role. Soon after the establishment of the Republic of China on 1 January 1912, Wu Xian was assigned under the administration of the Kiangsu Province, and Soochow District was the town center since 1928. Wu Xian has been the seat of the provincial government during the wartime in 1940-1945. Commencing from the establishment of the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國) in 1949, the name of the city administration was changed. "Suzhou" was assigned as prefectural level city of Jiangsu Province, while "Wu Xian" was named as the surrounding sub-urban county until 1995 when Wuxian City (吳縣市) was established. Since December 2000, revocation of county-level Wuxian City was split into 2 administrative districts under Suzhou City (蘇州市) jurisdiction, namely Wuzhong District (吳中區) and Xiangcheng District (相城區), respectively. Thus, "Wu Xian" is administratively no longer existing, except the heritage.

The Birth of Soochow Rotary Club in 1936

Soochow loosed up as a prospect for the organization of a Rotary Club in April 1935, as proposed by Rotary International Honorary Commissioner Ernest F. Harris (*Shanghai Rotary Club President 1932-1933*). Then in a letter dated 25 May 1935 to Rotary International, Harris wrote: "I consider we should form Rotary club in Soochow ... I have made a specific appeal to the clubs nearest the place to set the ball rolling and promote clubs there."

Then when Harris was still in the office of Honorary Commissioner, in August 1935, he informed Rotary International that he had asked the Rotary clubs of Hangchow (杭州), Nanking (南京), and Shanghai (上海) to co-operate in trying to form a new club in Soochow. Letters were, therefore, written to the presidents of these 3 clubs and the necessary organizing supplies and material were provided.

On the other hand, it so happened on 26 August 1935, District 39 Governor Alf Marshall wrote to Rotary International enclosing a letter and a news clipping received from Club Secretary George M. Frick of Homestead Rotary Club, Homestead, Florida, U.S.A., indicating their Past President Luther L. Chandler had just returned from the Orient, during which time he visited a number of Rotary clubs in China, the Philippines, Japan, etc. The letter from Frick mentioned that, while Chandler was in Soochow, he had largely instrumental in organizing a new Rotary club there, acting as a representative of his home club, etc. The newspaper clipping was to the same effect. Homestead Rotary Club expressed great interest to be the overseas sponsor from the United States.

However, Rotary International then replied to Governor Marshall's inquiry informing that Rotary extension in China was in the hands of the joint honorary commissioners for that region, i.e. Dr. Chengting T. Wang (王正廷博士) and "Peter" Ernest F. Harris, both of Shanghai. Moreover, when Harris was in the office a short time previously, en-route to Europe, he discussed with Rotary International the matter of extension in Soochow, and informed also that the Rotary clubs of Hangchow, Nanking, and Shanghai were invited to co-operate in forming this new club.

Soon later, after Wang was made Governor of the 81st District on 1 October 1935, he definitely assigned Shanghai Rotary Club as the sponsor club for Soochow. George Ashmore Fitch (費吳生) (*Shanghai Rotary Club President 1930-1931*) was appointed as Governor's personal representative to help organizing a club in Soochow for which Shanghai Rotary Club would be the sole sponsor.

Letters of appeal to take initial steps in organizing were sent to Dr. Yang Yung-Ching (楊永清博士), President of Soochow University (東吳大學校長), and Dr. John Abner Snell (蘇邁爾醫生), Superintendent of The Soochow Hospital (博習醫院院長), both of whom took interest in the matter. The University and the Hospital were both associate units under the same Methodist Episcopal Church (美國基督教監理會) of U.S.A. Unfortunately Dr. Snell was taken ill and died on 2 March 1936, which delayed the progress of the movement. Revd. Francis A. Cox, of American Church Mission, being a member of the organizing team was requested to carry on with the work left over by Dr. Snell.

Fitch enjoyed the appointment when his YMCA office was in Nanking (*Nanjing*) (南京). He said:

"Twelve new clubs this year seems to be the motto of our District Governor, and the way he is going about things. I think there is very likelihood of his accomplishing it. I am trying to get a club going in Soochow, the city of my birth. But it is a conservative old place, and most unfortunately the man through whom I have been working died very suddenly only a fortnight ago of pneumonia. However, C. T. has promised to run down there with me some time soon, and together I think we can get things going."

Prominent citizens of Soochow were approached and many signified their inclination to join a Rotary Club when found. Subsequently, an organization meeting of the Soochow Rotary Club took place on 3 June 1936, at which gathering some forty people were present at tiffin. The 15 Rotarians delegation from the Shanghai Rotary Club gained a most enjoyable experience.

Membership Application was submitted to Rotary International on 30 July 1936. Charter Number #4053 was then granted on 11 November 1936. Soochow Rotary Club regular weekly meetings were held on every Thursday at 6 p.m. (but switched to 12:30 p.m. during winter season) at No. 16, Si Mei Hong, Soochow (蘇州胥門內西美巷16號).

The Club published the first issue of bulletin 《The Soochow Spokesman》 on 20 March 1937. This issue is reprinted on Pages 12-15.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CHICAGO, 35 East Wacker Drive
ZURICH, Börsenstrasse 21

APPLICATION
For Membership In
Rotary International

The Provisional Rotary Club of Soochow (Kiangsu Province) China
(State, Province, Etc.)
hereby applies for membership in Rotary International.

This club was duly organized by an authorized representative of Rotary International on June 3rd
1936, with 22 charter members, each representing a different business or professional service.

This club hereby declares that it has ratified the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International and that it subscribes to the understandings and agreements printed on the reverse side of this sheet.

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.

Officers:

Pres. Sung-ching Huang
V. P. Francis A. Cox
Sec'y Yung-ching Yang
Treas. Percy James Wilson
S. at A. Ih-bang Chang

**Complete list of members of the
board of directors:**

1. Sung-ching Huang
2. Francis A. Cox
3. Yung-ching Yang
4. Ih-bang Chang
5. Toyozo Kawanishi
6. Tso-chu Cheng
7. Tse-song Loh

Regular weekly meetings are held:

Date Thursday
Hour 6 p.m. - summer, 12:30 p.m. during winter
Place See Mei Hong, Soochow

8. Percy James Wilson
(Treasurer, Ex-officio)

Provisional Rotary Club of SOOCHOW, CHINA

Dated July 30, 1936

By S. C. Huang
Club President

Attest:

G. I. Yang
Club Secretary
Soochow University, Soochow
Postal Address

District Government Building, Soochow
Postal Address

UNDERSTANDINGS AND AGREEMENTS:

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 XIII 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 faithfully endeavor to add to its membership at least one and not more than three new members each month during the first year of its existence.
5. This club, as a club, will not become a member of, or assume obligations of membership in any organization other than Rotary International.
6. This club is hereby pledged, in its desire to develop true Rotarians and a Rotary club that will function properly as a unit in Rotary International, to maintain the following fundamental characteristics of Rotary:
 - a. The classification principle of membership.
 - b. Attendance, at least in the required minimum for continuance of membership.
 - c. Fellowship, in the establishment of intimate and lasting friendships.
 - d. 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.
 - e. The requirement that members strive for the betterment of their craft, particularly stressing higher business standards and practices.
 - f. An obligation to do effective but non-duplicative service in their community, state or province, and country.
 - g. Service to humanity.

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No application for membership in R. I. will be considered unless accompanied by this form duly filled in and signed by the District Governor.

6 NOV 1936

Recommendation of District Governor

Transmitting Application of Provisional Club for Membership in Rotary International

To the Secretary of Rotary International:

Herewith I transmit the following documents, duly completed and signed, comprising the application of the newly formed Provisional Rotary Club of Soochow, China.
for membership in Rotary International:

- 1) Application form
- 2) List of charter members
- 3) Standard club constitution and club by-laws
- 4) Check for \$100 (USA Currency) in favor of Rotary International

This club was organized officially on the 3rd day of June 1936
by* George A. Fitch with 22 charter members. (This city has a population of.....)

The history of the organization of this club is as follows:

In a letter dated September 3, 1935, Mr. George A. Fitch was requested by me to act as my personal representative in help organizing a club in Soochow for which Shanghai Club is the Sponsor Club. Letters of appeal to undertake initial steps in organizing a Soochow Club were sent to Dr. Y. C. Yang, President of the Soochow University and Dr. J. A. Snell of the Soochow Hospital, both of whom took interest in the matter. Unfortunately, Dr. Snell was taken ill and died on March 2, 1936, which delayed the progress of the movement. Rev. D. A. Cox, being a member of the organizing group, was requested to carry on with the work left over by Dr. Snell. Prominent citizens of Soochow were approached and many signified their inclination to join a Rotary when found. Subsequently an organization meeting of the Soochow Club took place on June 3, 1936, at which gathering some forty people were present at tiffin. The delegation from the Shanghai Club consisting of fifteen members had a most enjoyable experience.

The Rotary Club of Shanghai, China is the sponsor club.

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

Respectfully submitted,

October 5, 1936

Signed

Chengting. Wang

Governor, District No. 81

*Insert name of the district governor or other Rotarian who represented Rotary International at the official organization meeting.

List of 21 Charter Members with Classifications

1. [President] Huang Sung-Ching (黃勝卿) (*Government – Foreign Service*) (Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Soochow District Government)
2. [Vice President] Francis Augustus Cox (客克私) (*Religion – Protestant Mission*) (District Supervisor, American Church Mission 美國聖公會差會)
3. [Secretary] Yang Yung-Ching (楊永清) (*Education – Universities*) (President, Soochow University 東吳大學)
4. [Treasurer] Percy James Wilson (韋爾生) (*Illuminating Oils Distributing*) (Manager-North China, Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. 亞細亞火油公司)
5. [Sergeant-at-Arms] Chang Ih-Bang (張一鵬) (*Native Goods*) (Manager, Native Goods Company Soochow)
6. Chang Pu-Yung (張卜熊) (*Medicine – Surgeon*) (Superintendent, Pu Yung Hospital 蘇州卜熊醫院)
7. Chen Kan-Ching (陳幹青) (*Public Utilities*) (Chief Accountant, Soochow Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd. 蘇州電氣廠股份有限公司)
8. Chen Tso-Chu (陳祖桓) (*Customs Service*) (Commissioner of Customs, Soochow Customs 蘇州關)
9. Richard Chiang (江承基) (*Medicine – E.N.T.*) (Vice Superintendent, Soochow Hospital 博習醫院)
10. Robert Thomas Henry (項烈) (*Religion – Institutional Church*) (Superintendent, Methodist Episcopal Church, South 美國基督教監理會)
11. Daniel Ho (*Fuel Oil Distributing*) (Manager, Standard Vacuum Oil Company 美孚石油公司)
12. Hsu Tsu-Kwang (徐祖光) (*Postal Service*) (Postmaster, Soochow General Post Office 吳縣一等郵局)
13. Kao Kin-Sung (高金聲) (*Silk Weaving*) (Superintendent, Tak Lai Company 德泰織造廠)
14. Kawanishi Toyozo (川西豐藏) (*Consular Service*) (Consul, Japanese Consulate)
15. Kung Soh-Zen (孔州慎) (*Banking*) (Manager, The Manufacturers Bank of China 中國國貨銀行)
16. Liu Kong-Wak (劉港鐸) (*General Insurance*) (Manager, China National Insurance Co., Ltd. 中國產物保險公司)
17. Loh Tse-Song (陸翥雙) (*Mortgage and Loans*) (Proprietor, Tong Tai Mortgage and Loans 同泰當舖)
18. Nign Ching-Gee (嚴慶祺) (*Cotton Spinning and Weaving*) (President, Su Lung Cotton Mill 蘇綸紗廠)
19. Van Kwen-Puh (萬堃坡) (*Embroidery*) (Proprietor, Van Yuan Tai Embroidery Firm 萬源泰刺繡莊)
20. Wu Tseng-Zeu (吳曾善) (*General Law Practice*) (Chairman, Soochow Bar Association 吳縣律師公會)
21. Yu Chen-Tsao (郁慎遭) (*Wood Oil*) (Manager, Yu Pao Tah Tung Oil Company 郁寶泰桐油行)



From Chicago dated 11 November 1936, Chesley R. Perry. Secretary of Rotary International, wrote to President Huang Sung-Ching of Soochow Rotary Club:

It is a pleasure to confirm the admission of the Rotary Club of Soochow to membership in Rotary International as Club No. 4053. This news you must have received previously from the district governor.

The charter, or certificate of membership, for your club will be forwarded to you through the district governor in the near future. He will arrange with you regarding the formal presentation. Any delay in the receipt of the charter will have no effect whatever on the status of your club, which is officially a member of Rotary International.

The immediate future of your club is largely in your hands, as its founder president. The vision and genial forcefulness with which you administer the new club and insist upon careful observance of the obligations of membership will set the character of the club.

Since Rotary clubs are composed of men selected for their capacity to translate the ideal of service into action, the presidency of a club presents a unique opportunity — an opportunity for greater service through leading a group of men who are animated by unselfish aspirations.

One of the surest ways to obtain the wholehearted cooperation of the members, and so to facilitate the realisation of their aspirations, is to give each member an immediate opportunity to serve. There is nothing that disillusion a Rotarian more than the feeling that he is simply a spectator in the organisation. If you succeed in giving every one of the members of the club something to do, and if, moreover, you make each feel that his task is Important and that it has a direct relationship to the success of the whole, I am confident that your work will lead to happy results. Some presidents have fallen into the error of taking upon themselves personally almost all of the work of the club. The task has proved burdensome, and further, it has precluded the valuable element of cooperation which undoubtedly would have served to give greater and even more satisfying results to the efforts of the president. A new club, of course, faces various problems during its first year. We urge you to consult with the district governor or with this office, should you need information or assistance of any kind.

In the package of materiel we are sending to Secretary Yung-ching Yang, there are two binders of the current Rotary pamphlets, one of which is marked for you. These binders are the property of the club — a part of the club library, and are, so to speak, working tools of the president and the secretary. The pamphlets with a red mark in the upper right-hand corner are recommended for your immediate perusal.

New Clubs. It may be interesting to your members to know with what other clubs they have entered Rotary International. Enclosed is a list of the last ten admitted to membership,

My office associates join me in the hope that you will not hesitate to call on us at any time for information or suggestions. It is our duty as well as our pleasure to serve Rotary clubs. In a few days, you will be hearing from the head of the club service department, Russell V. Williams.

Simultaneously, there was another letter sent to Dr. Yang Yung-Ching, Secretary of Soochow Rotary Club:

It is a pleasure to welcome you as a fellow Rotary secretary, now that the Rotary Club of Soochow has been formally admitted to membership in Rotary International. I trust that this is only the beginning of most pleasant and serviceable relations which will make us both happy in the fact that

our duties have drawn us together. Because the well-being of a Rotary Club depends a great deal on the efficiency and activity of its secretary, you may justly feel that your Club has bestowed on you an honor.

Each member of your club is undoubtedly feeling considerable satisfaction in the fact that the position he occupies in the community has entitled him to a place among the charter members of the Rotary Club of Soochow. You may be interested in the attached list showing the classifications under which we have entered them in our records. We have followed, as well as we could (considering our limited knowledge of local circumstances) the terminology recommended in the "Outline of Classifications". With this letter we are also sending you a membership identification card for each of your members.

Your position in Rotary is unique in that so much of the success of a club depends on the secretary. There is much hard work to do, but there is a great deal of pleasure in it. We, in this office, want to help you all we can. Through our club service department, of which Assistant Secretary Russell V. Williams is head, we shall welcome each and every opportunity you afford us to serve you with my assistance we are able to give.

Few days later from Chicago dated 18 November 1936, Russell V. Williams, Assistant Secretary of Rotary International, wrote to President Huang Sung-Ching of Soochow Rotary Club:

Your secretary, Rotarian Yung-ching Yang, has undoubtedly delivered to you one of the two binders of pamphlets sent him a short time ago. You will have found in it Pamphlet No.9, ("Manual of Information for Presidents and Secretaries") which I particularly recommend for your careful perusal.

By way of supplementing information given in this pamphlet, we are sending you herewith material referring to various subjects discussed therein.

Finance. By this time you have your club budget set up. Should this not be the case, you will doubtless find helpful the enclosed information which has been compiled for the assistance of new club in building their budget and handling their finances.

Stationery. Herewith I am sending you a few specimens of letterheads, used by other clubs, which may help you in designing your club stationery.

Weekly Bulletin. No matter how small the club, a distinct advantage is found in issuing to the members a weekly bulletin, or meeting notice. With this letter you are receiving some information on that subject.

Programs. It pays to plan programs in advance. It makes your work easier, and improves the club meetings; in fact, it is essential to the proper functioning of the club. In using the enclosed form you will doubtless find some help for planning your programs in advance. It contains a "specimen schedule" which gives a concrete illustration of a balanced plan for the whole year.

Charter. Probably the most important event early in your term as president will be the special evening meeting at which the club will receive its charter from the district governor or his designated representative. Because of the special character of the meeting, it is well to consider that, as a rule, the governor has it in charge. Consult him respecting his desires. The experience of hundreds of new clubs has led us to offer the suggestions given in the enclosed outline---"Suggestions for Charter Night".

Simultaneously, there was another letter sent to Dr. Yang Yung-Ching, Secretary of Soochow Rotary Club:

In my letter of 12 November I mentioned certain items contained in the package of material we sent you as being for your own use or for your club library. The binder of pamphlets was referred to particularly in that letter. Other items are:

Visiting Rotarian report cards are for your use in reporting to other clubs the attendance of visiting Rotarians at your meetings---a courtesy in which a secretary must not fail.

The monthly attendance report is to be sent to your district governor immediately following the last meeting in each month.

Membership Changes Reports. A book each of forms for reporting the names of new members, changes in address, and terminations of membership has been included in your supplies so that you can easily inform this office without delay when any membership change occurs.

The Proposal and the Application cards are for use in admitting new members. (See Pamphlet No.17, "Membership in Rotary", for recommended procedure which experience in hundreds of clubs has proved to be the most suitable.)

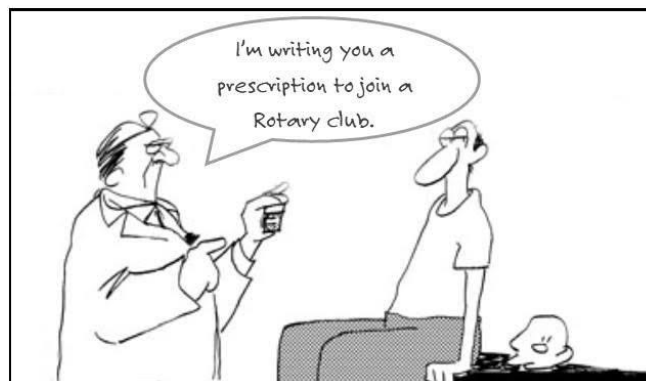
Cuts of Emblem. The electros of the Rotary emblem are furnished you to make sure that your club has the correct emblem for use in printing its stationery, etc.

Convention Proceedings. For the club library there has been provided a copy of the official proceedings of the twenty-seventh convention of R.I., held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in June, 1936. You and President Sung-ching Huang, as well as the other officers and members, will find this a most interesting account of Rotary in action.

Outline of Classifications. Doubtless you have already looked this over. Since the average member has a tendency to ask the club secretary about any and all questions arising, it is essential that the new secretary should become familiar with the "Outline".

Song Book. Rotary clubs in many countries are in the habit of singing at their meetings. We have had available for some years a song book suitable for such use. A new book has been prepared in two editions---one containing both words and music, and the other containing words only. Since you may be interested in seeing them, a copy of each has been included in the package. We should be glad to send you, with our compliments, a copy of the word book for each of your charter members. Further copies can be had for a nominal charge.

Order Blanks are provided to simplify ordering supplies from Rotary International.



The Charter Presentation Ceremony on 16 January 1937

The event was reported by 《*North-China Daily News*》 on 20 January 1937:

Soochow Rotary Club Charter

Dr. C. T. Wang Makes Formal Presentation

With the New Year party given by the Soochow Rotary Club, the organization renewed the interest in their activities. Mr. Loh Tse-Saung was the host on the occasion and it was an enjoyable affair. Many guests from the local community were present for dinner and to watch out the old year.

Then weeks of planning arrangements followed getting ready for the Charter Day. This was held on January 16. Charter No. 4053 was presented by Dr. C. T. Wang, former District Governor who outlined the growth and importance of Rotary for China and close by saying that the field of development had hardly been touched. He urged that the Soochow Club should spread Rotary to Wusih, a near neighbor.

More than 100 guests attended the tiffin served at the Kong Hong Institutional Church. Some came from out of town but quite a number were from the local community. Among those coming from Shanghai were President Berentz and Mrs. Berentz of the Shanghai Rotary Club as well as Messrs. Chu, Zee, March, Baboud Ponte, McCarthy, Little, Faupel and Mrs. Giovanni, Messrs. Tsai and Chang hailed from Hangchow and Dr. George Fitch and Mr. T. T. Zee came from Nanking.

Dr. C. T. Wang was accompanied by his wife and daughter and were the guests of Mr. Loh. Dr. Wang played a big part in organizing Rotary in Soochow and is a real organizer.

With the coming of the New Year, permission was granted by the local government for cars to enter the city. Local residents had secured city tags and the police permitted Rotary guests to drive to the venue in the city. This innovation is spreading up the life of the city and already 37 cars have been registered since the beginning of the year. All of them are for private use.

The dinner was served in New Life style and went through on schedule time. After lunch, guests gathered in the Church auditorium where the programme connected with the presentation of the Charter and the other tokens was carried out. The Municipal Band furnished music. Mrs. P. Y. Chang played a piano solo and Mrs. L. M. Dungan sang a solo. Representatives of local organizations spoke briefly on the feeling of appreciation already created for Rotary in Soochow. Mr. Chang Ih-Bang gave the address of welcome and Messrs. Huang Sung-Ching and Francis Cox responded on behalf of the Club. Dr. George Fitch spoke of his part in instituting Rotary in Soochow and he expected the Club to fill a real need.

Mr. Percy Chu on behalf of the Homestead Rotary Club of Homestead, Florida, presented a bell to the Club and struck the first official stroke. Mr. Berentz presented a clock with the admonition that promptness is essential to the success of any Rotary Club. Mr. Tsai, of Hangchow, presented a wheel pointing out that the strength of each spoke is essential to the whole. Mr. T. T. Zee spoke on behalf of the Nanking Club.

Many messages were read from all parts of China and from abroad, with the singing of the Club song 《The Spirit of Rotary》, guests and friends dispersed the lively strains played by the band. In the evening, the Bankers Association, the Su Lung Cotton Factory and the Chamber of Commerce were hosts to visiting Rotarians at a dinner given at the Manufacturers Bank.

The local Club went to work in the spirit of service even before the Charter official was granted. Clothing and quilts were sent to needy prisoners at Christmas time. Just now plans are being worked out for a rest house for the rickshaw pullers which is to be erected near the Railway Station. It is hoped that with the coming of Rotary to Soochow there will grow up even a finer spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness.

吳縣扶輪社正式成立大會秩序 一月十六日

(一)開會

(二)唱歌

(三)致歡迎詞

(四)聚餐

(五)鋼琴獨奏

(六)介紹來賓

(七)來賓演說 (三分或五分鐘)

(八)獨唱

(九)演說

(十)授社證

(十一)贈社鐘

(十二)各地扶輪社代表致詞

(十三)答詞

(十四)唱扶輪社歌

SOOCHOW ROTARY CLUB PROGRAM

1. Call to Order
2. National Song
3. General Welcome..... Mr. Chang Ih-Bang
4. Dinner
5. Piano Solo..... Mrs. P. Y. Chang
6. Introduction of Guests
7. Speeches (three to five minutes)
8. Solo..... Miss Eva Huang
9. Address..... Dr. C. T. Wang
10. Presentation of Charter..... Dr. Fong Sec
11. Presentation of Bell from Homestead Rotary Club..... Mr. Percy Chu
12. Messages from Other Clubs
13. Response (from Soochow Rotary Club)..... President S. C. Huang
..... Vice-President Francis A. Cox
14. Club Song



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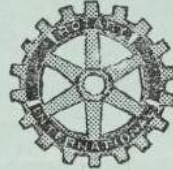
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"HE PROFITS MOST
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SOOCHOW ROTARY CLUB

Soochow, China. 20th March, 1937.

NON-POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY

In spite of the lunar New Year's Day (February 11th) at which time practically everything was in a state of suspense, our regular weekly meeting continued to be held; this time at noon, with a good attendance, thus displaying a spirit of cheerful devotion to business on the part of all members concerned.

RULES GOVERNING ATTENDANCE AT, AND ABSENCE FROM, MEETINGS

A set of rules governing attendance and absence, with or without excuse, have been formulated and approved by the General Meeting and will be embodied in the By-laws of Soochow Rotary Club. The full text of these rules will be found hereunder.

RULES GOVERNING THE ATTENDANCE OF THE MEETINGS OF SOOCHOW ROTARY CLUB.

1. The first essential of the Club meetings is to secure the presence of

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all the members concerned.

2. In case a member is unable to attend owing to sickness or having travelled to outports, he may, prior to the date of the meeting, apply in writing for leave of absence.
3. At the time of the meeting, the Chairman shall first produce written applications for leave from all absent members to be approved by those present.
4. If the members present deem the reason for the leave applied for inadequate or can prove it to be false, the matter is to be referred to the Sergeant-at-Arms for investigation, the result of which shall be reported to the next meeting for decision.
5. If finally the leave is disapproved by the meeting, the member concerned is considered to have been absent without excuse.
6. When a member neither attends the meeting nor applies for leave, he is absent without excuse. Such absence on four successive occasions shall entail forfeiture of membership.
7. Members who attend within 30 minutes from the opening of the meeting are considered "present". Those who arrive after the specified time limit are considered "late".
8. Absence without excuse or late attendance on two successive occasions renders the member concerned liable to payment of a subscription to the charity fund, ranging from \$ 2.00 to \$ 5.00, to be fixed by the other members who are present.
9. Upon attending a meeting, members are requested to sign their names on the attendance book and mark down the exact time of arrival.
10. Five days after the end of each month, the Secretary shall prepare a table from the attendance book both to be forwarded to the District Governor's office and published in the local bulletin.
11. These rules shall apply to all meetings of the Club, no matter whether they are the meetings of Board of Directors, the various committees or the members' general meetings.

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ROTARIAN C. C. Nyi's SPEECH ON COTTON INDUSTRY

At the regular meeting held on February 18th Rotarian C. C. Nyi, Manager of the Soo Lun Cotton Mill in Soochow, delivered an interesting speech on the stages through which the cotton industry in China has been developed, and the prospects for further expansion.

HONORARY ROTARIANS

It gave members of the Club great pleasure and honour to receive for the first time on February 11th Mr. Chang I-lin, ex-Minister of Education in the old Peking Government and one of the leading members of the local gentry, and on February 18th Dr. W. B. Nance, ex-President of Soochow University and now Professor of Philosophy in the same institution. Both of these veteran gentlemen, who had been elected Honorary Rotarians on account of their high moral and cultural achievements, were accorded warm welcomes and spoke in appreciation of the high privileges of membership.

AID TOWARDS U. S. FLOOD RELIEF

By the end of February a sum of more than standard \$ 700.00 had been raised by Soochow Rotary towards relief of flood victims in the U. S. A. However small the amount may appear, the step itself is clearly indicative of the true spirit of Rotarians.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

Two new members in the persons of Messrs. Tang Ching-yung and Lei Hsieh-chih have been admitted after careful scrutiny of their records.

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Name	Nationality	Occupation	Classification
Tang Ching-yung (唐慶永)	Chinese	Manager of Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank	Commercial Banking
Lei Hsien-chih (雷顯之)	Chinese	Proprietor of Lei Yuang-shang Drug Store	Druggist

PROPOSED FORMATION OF ROTARY CLUB AT WUSIH

With a view to holding a preliminary conference with certain prominent Wusih citizens in regard to the organisation of a Rotary Club in that city, a group of some twenty Soochow Rotarians proceeded there on Saturday, 27th February, conducting simultaneously our own routine work held over from the 18th inst., and spending the rest of the time in fellowship and sightseeing. Joint hosts were Rotarian S. Z. Tsai and Mr. S. C. Chien of the Wusih group. Results of the preliminary parleys have been reported to the District Governor's Office.

ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 1937

Our attendance figures for the month of February show a record of 75%, as compared with 64% for January. Let's make it still better for March!

DIVIDENDS FROM ROTARY

The question may arise, What do I get out of Rotary? In reply it may be pointed out that the dividends or interest that we receive depend upon the investment that we make. Rotary dividends are intangible but are none the less real.

How much of your present friendly contact has been the result of Rotary fellowship? How much of your personal desire for service has been stimulated by the Rotary ideal? How great an opportunity lies ahead to reap the rewards of quiet satisfaction for work well done!

The smallest part of investment in Rotary is the money. Our time and interest are more important and make up the elements which bring the largest dividends.

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Water streets in Soochow



Watergate through city walls and waterside buildings, Soochow



Xū Gate (胥門) where the Soochow Rotary Club was located behind this city wall.