

Bulletin 10 - 8 September 2016

RC Shanghai and Percy Chu



Our Club Historian, Richard Turner took us - as the main speaker for the evening - back to his visit to Shanghai in 2002, where he attended a meeting of the "Expatriate Rotarians and Friends of Shanghai". At the time Rotary was a forbidden organisation in China. It was there that he heard about Chu Bo-Quan also known as Percy Chu who had recently (2001) passed away at the age of 103.

Rotarian Chu Bo-Quan experienced the ups and downs of the development of Rotary in China. He lived through three centuries which involved five vastly different regimes: born in 1898 during the sunset years of the Qing Dynasty. He was educated at a foreign boys school in Shanghai and later graduated in Finance and Banking from Columbia University NY in 1921.

After some years at Citibank in the USA he returned to China and in May 1926 joined the Rotary Club of Shanghai where he was President in the year 1934-35 at the age of 36 - the youngest Rotary President in the world at that time. However, in 1943 the charter of the club was canceled as the club had been unable to function after the USA joined the war in the Pacific in 1941. In 1946 the club was readmitted to Rotary.

Percy Chu - at one time - was Chairman, president or Manager of 108 different clubs and organisations, like being deputy manager of the Shanghai Commercial Bank and Senior Consultant of the Shanghai Trade Union. He was dedicated to adult education and also served as President of the Shanghai University.



After the war Percy Chu was kidnapped, tried and jailed for two years by the Chiang Kai Shek government accused of collaborating with the Japanese during the war. All of Mr. Chu's property was confiscated.

In 1949 the nationalist were defeated by the Communists under Chairman Mao. At the same time the Rotary Club of Shanghai was closed down again as an "imperialist capitalist organisation".

In 1959 Percy Chu was accused of being "anti revolutionary" and sentenced to 22 years of manual labour in a cotton mill factory where he swept the courtyard and cleaned the washrooms. Even though they jailed him high level communist party officials would often visit him while he was sweeping the jail courtyard to receive advice on complex trading and financial issues....

Deeply respected and loved by Rotarians in China they organised a 101 birthday celebration for him (1998) where Percy gave an eloquent "Three Century's Speech" where he said: "I have been a Rotarian since 1921 and I was a member of Past president or the RC of Shanghai. I have considered myself a Rotarian for all these years. I will remain a Rotarian for the rest of my life".

Despite the struggles and hardship in life Percy Chu was always grateful for what he had and always realised that there were others who had to endure even greater suffering. Percy passed away on the 9th of March 2001.

The Rotary Club of Shanghai was provisionally authorised again in 2001 and re-chartered in 2006.



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Congratulations

Members birthdays

12 Sept. - Geoff Diemar
26 Sept - Peter Page

Partners birthdays

11 Sept. - Athleen Harris
14 Sept. - Nanette Basser

Anniversaries

21 Sept. - Ian & Phyllis McIver

Lady Luck

Head & Tails was won by John de Ridder while the John Crump had the right raffle ticket.

Next Week

Club Meeting

(including a Skype interview with Amanda Morris about satellite Rotary Clubs)

Door

Bart Richardson
Mike Mobbs

Meet and Greet

Peter McBean
Bill Michel

Toast

Richard Turner

Grace

Don Whatham

Bulletin editor

Phill Smith

*"Do your best regardless of the circumstances.
Even if your job is cleaning washrooms, make sure it is the cleanest one, such
that everyone wants to use it." - Percy Chu*

**Apologies and Extras, please phone or SMS
Ros Cribb (0401 450 239) before Wednesday noon!**



Visitors

Margaret and Graham Brown of the Rotary Club of Corowa visited us and Graham told us about some funny habits there on the borders of the Murray: they slurp from their own barrel of wine in that club. We wouldn't expect that from inhabitants of a town where in 1893 the foundations were laid for the Federation of Australia.

Adopt a Road

Because of health and safety issues the program was put on hold by the Council until that can be sorted out - probably by introducing a 60km/h speed limit on the relevant section of Nelson Bay Road. In the meantime we'll concentrate our efforts on the Gan Gan Lookout. More information to follow.

“COPSY” - Caring for Our Port Stephens Youth.

John de Ridder reported on the progress of this Rotary supported project that wants to improve the available services in our local government area that support the mental health and wellbeing of youth in our local community. COPSY is now an incorporated association. They have gone out to tender a Needs Analysis report to be available in November this year which is funded from several sources. The initiative was developed after federal, state and local governments prioritized the goal of improving and maintaining health and wellbeing for all young people. There are over 7.5 thousand youth in our area (15-24 years of age) and one in four experience a mental health condition. Again only one in four of these youngsters in need will have received professional care. After the report is received COPSY will promote inter-agency facilitation on the recommendations of the report and determine a suitable model for delivery of the recommendations across our area. Until then they are promoting the awareness of COPSY, meet with stakeholders and raise funds. The organisation has established some dialogue with some local medical professionals and clinicians, High Schools and community groups.

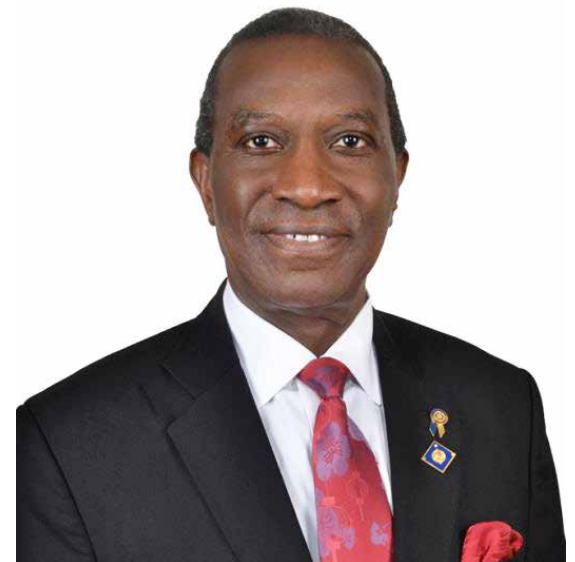
Polio Progress



Following the recent detection of wild polio virus in Nigeria, Ministers of Health from Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger and Nigeria have declared the polio outbreak in Nigeria as a public health emergency for countries of the Lake Chad basin. The declaration requests that Nigeria and all countries of the Lake Chad Basin, as a matter of the utmost urgency, fully implement coordinated outbreak responses in order to quickly interrupt this outbreak before the end of 2016 and prevent international spread. It calls on all Member States of countries of the Lake Chad Basin to extend all possible support, including political advocacy and engagement at all levels, for successful coordination and implementation of synchronized polio vaccination activities across the countries of the Lake Chad sub-region.

SAM OWORI IS SELECTED TO BE 2018-19 ROTARY PRESIDENT

The 2016-17 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International has unanimously nominated Samuel Frobisher Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, to be the president of Rotary International in 2018-19. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Owori says he sees in Rotary “an incredible passion to make a difference.” As president, he plans to “harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity.” Owori’s chief concerns as a Rotary leader are membership and extension. Since he served as district governor, the number of clubs in Uganda has swelled from nine to 89. He urges past, present, and future leaders to work together to engage more women, youth program participants, alumni, and community members to increase Rotary’s membership in the coming years. “There are many places which need Rotary and numerous potential members who have never been invited,” he says. “The problem is Rotarians who got in and closed the doors.”



Owori is chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. Before that, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has studied law, employment relations, business management, corporate resources management, microfinance, and marketing at institutions in England, Japan, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States, including Harvard Business School. Since becoming a member in 1978, Owori has served Rotary as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, RI Representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat, and RI director. He has been a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee. Most recently, Owori served as trustee of The Rotary Foundation, chair of The Rotary Foundation’s Finance Committee, and a member of the Investment Committee. Owori is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and he and his wife, Norah, are Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows.

In the weeks to come.....

- 15 September Club Information - Information about satellite Rotary Clubs
- 17 September South American Fiesta (Club Maitland - Rutherford)
- 17-18 Sept. Maitland Garden Ramble (for information see page 4)
- 22 September Science Discovery Day at Tomaree High School - volunteers wanted!
- 22 September Ian Woodhill of the Tomaree Prostate Cancer Support Group.
- 29 September Trudy Blachford - Tomaree Public School
- 7 October Charity Golf Day - Nelson Bay Golf Club.
- 29 October The Rotary Long Lunch - Book your seat at www.trybooking.com/MOQM
- 17-19 March 2017 District Conference in Dubbo.

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Sharpe's Nursery – Alice Street, Merewether

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