

## PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS



In late 2014, Rotary signed a letter of intent with the **China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF)**, which is among the most well-respected charitable organizations in China.

The idea for the agreement was first suggested by Ruby Chang, one of RI President Gary C.K. Huang's three extension representatives to China. Chang, who has business, NGO, and government contacts throughout China, is also a member of the CSCLF council.

Founded in 1982, CSCLF aims to promote friendly international relations and safeguard world peace, strengthen exchanges across the Taiwan Strait, and show concern for the future and develop children's work, among other goals. The organization is highly respected in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, and by its international partners. Its key areas of focus are women and children, water, education, peace and international understanding, cross-strait relations, and community service.

The relationship between Rotary and CSCLF dates back to 2003. Since then, CSCLF has supported the humanitarian work of Rotary clubs throughout China. Joint projects have included Gift of Life, which has provided fully funded surgeries to hundreds of children with congenital heart problems; the donation of medical exam vehicles to hospitals; a literacy effort that has supplied books to six schools in the county hardest hit by the 2009 earthquake; and the Maple Counseling hotline, which provides help to single parents, victims of domestic violence, and people with mental illnesses.

Huang and the China extension representatives believe that a closer relationship with CSCLF will be beneficial to Rotary's long-term expansion in China. The agreement is also an opportunity to formalize and further that relationship for Rotary's and CSCLF's mutual benefit.



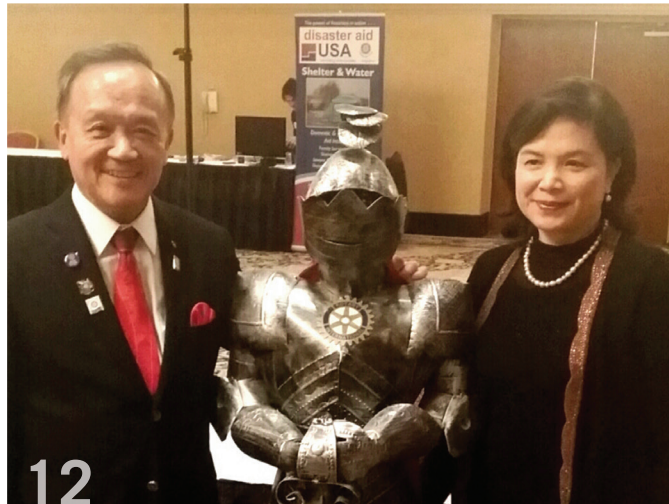
**1-3)** Huang visits Jaipur, India, where he and 2014-18 Rotary Foundation Trustee Sushil Gupta received honorary degrees from the IIS University in recognition of their exemplary service to humanity.



**4-6)** During a charter ceremony held by the Rotary Club of Yangon, Myanmar, Huang recognized a water purification project supported by 53 clubs from District 3500 in Taiwan. The effort aims to provide potable water to 7,500 people in Myanmar's Dala Township, which suffers from drought during the dry season. **7)** Wade Nomura, a member of the 2015 Rotary Float Committee, and his wife, Roxanne, joined Huang and his wife, Corinna Yao, in decorating the Donate Life Float for the 2015 Rose Parade. **8)** Through a project led by the Rotary Club of Memphis, 340 volunteers packaged 50,000 rice-and-bean meals for the Mid-South Food Bank. Huang visited the club to help it achieve its goal of providing 100,000 meals to those in need. **9)** Reporter Jimmy Ma of iTV in Houston interviews Huang. The program was broadcast across 13 Southern U.S. states. **10-13)** During an EarlyAct FirstKnight event at Cloverleaf Elementary School in Houston, Huang “knighted” a few children. (Huang himself was knighted by “Sir James” Lehman.) Sponsored by local Rotary clubs, EarlyAct FirstKnight teaches elementary and middle school children respect, personal responsibility, honesty, compassion, and tolerance.



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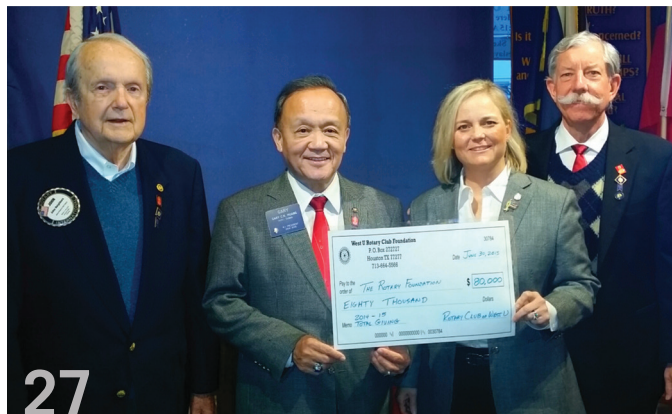
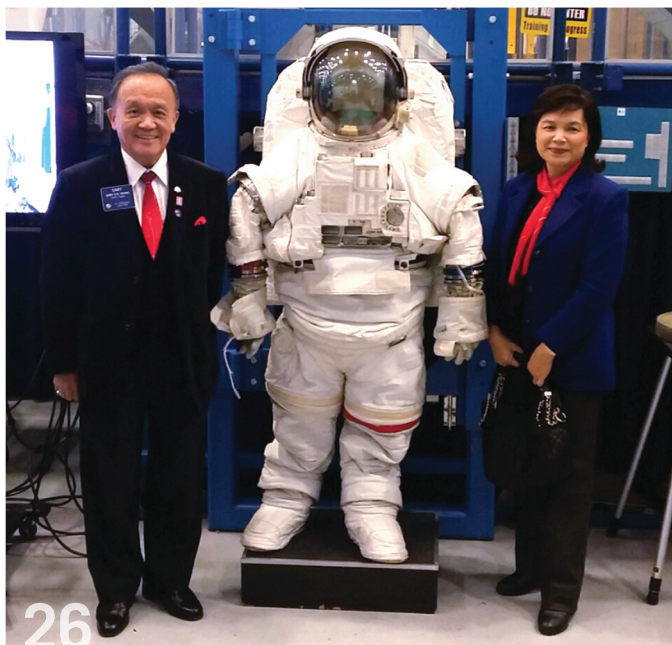


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**14-17)** Huang attends a joint charter ceremony held by the Rotary clubs of The Elegance Taipei and The Harmony New Taipei City. That evening, he inducted 108 new Rotary members. **18)** During a Million Dollar Dinner event hosted by District 5230 in Visalia, Calif., Huang visits with Warren Kaufman, a member of the Rotary Club of Carmel Valley. **19)** The event raised more than \$4 million for The Rotary Foundation. **20)** Huang meets with Joe Grebmeier (far left), governor of District 5230, and members of the Rotary Club of Salinas Santa Lucia. **21)** In addition to serving as the event's keynote speaker, Huang recognized new Major Donors and Bequest Society members and pinned newly inducted Rotary members.





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**22)** Huang, Yao, and Rotary members from the Houston area visit the Apollo Mission Control Room at NASA's Johnson Space Center. **23-24)** Neil Bush, the fourth of six children of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush, is inducted into the Rotary Club of Houston. **25)** Huang recognizes level eight Bequest Society members Sally and David Hopkins of District 5890 (Texas). **26)** At the Johnson Space Center, Huang and Yao see the spacesuits of former astronauts. **27)** John Neighbors, president of the Rotary Club of West U (Houston); Huang; Lisa Faith Massey, governor of District 5890; and District Rotary Foundation Chair Terry Ziegler present an \$80,000 check for The Rotary Foundation. **28)** The Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston) invited Huang to attend a Random Act of Kindness presentation. **29)** Huang poses with Mary Ann Nelson, a member of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis. **30)** Nelson; John Guthman, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minn.; 2013-15 RI Director Mary Beth Growney Selene; Huang; Karel Weigel, governor of District 5960; and Jim Nelson, governor of District 5950, gather in St. Paul for a joint meeting of the Minneapolis and St. Paul clubs. **31-32)** Huang visits the Westview School in Houston, a nonprofit school for children ages 2 to 15 with autism spectrum disorder. A puzzle mural designed and painted by the students is on display.