

## **Rotary International - Arch Klumph Society Members Festival at Shee Highland Musée Promoting International Charitable Work**

On April 18, 2019, Former Rotary International President Gary Huang led the members of Arch Klumph Society (AKS), Rotary International, to visit the Shee Highland Musée in Highland Park, a northern suburb of Chicago. The museum held a warm reception and dinner for the guests. As chairman-elect of the Foundation's custody committee, Mr. Huang, accompanied by 65 AKS members and relatives from Taiwan, India, South Korea and the United States, attended the event. They came to the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois to be recognized for their generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation. With their donations, the Foundation carries out various projects promoting charitable and humanitarian work with love, peace and hope for mankind to shine throughout the world.

Nancy Rotering, mayor of Highland Park, was unable to attend this event. She sent a lovely letter welcoming Mr. Gary Huang and all the AKS members who attended. She praised the effort and achievements of artist Shee for his oil paintings and public art—sculptures—that beautify the city and enhance cultural exchange between Taiwan and the U.S. Shee Musée frequently offers display to the public and welcomes residents and visitors to see the artworks. Dr. Sam Shee is from Taiwan and now is an American artist who specializes in oil paintings and sculptures. He was originally a physician who specialized in Pathology and Nuclear Medicine. He attended Northwestern University's Kellogg Business School 40 years ago and received his MBA degree. After that he founded a medical testing facility that was acquired by a large pharmaceutical company. He then became an artist at age 55 and has devoted his life to artistic creation and promoting cultural exchange throughout the world. Now, 25 years later, he has made many contributions to art and humanity. The works of art he created convey hope and happiness.



Rotary International members and families at Shee Highland Musée



Mr. Gary Huang presides over the meeting



Shee presents a tapestry, "The Passage" to G. Huang

Under the leadership of Chairman-elect Mr. Gary Huang, the AKS members from all over the world have prospered as a result of their membership and significantly increased their contributions. They traveled to the U.S. to attend the convention at the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. The Foundation also held a commendation ceremony for new members of the Arch Klumpp Society (AKS) from around the world. The total amount of donations from the Society is huge. One member from India donated \$13 million. The generosity of AKS member is admirable. Their donations will be used for humanitarian programs such as eradication of polio, purifying drinking water, scholarships, the promotion of peace and more.



Shee and Huang welcome Rotary International AKS members and families

When guests arrived, Dr. Shee led them to see his works in oil paintings, sculptures, and porcelain. The tour was followed by a meeting and warm reception.

To show his enthusiasm for this prominent group, Shee wrote in Chinese calligraphy "Welcome President Gary Huang and Rotary International AKS Members" on his sculpture "Wind and Water". This artwork denotes Shee's view of tsunami and tornado. They are powerful forces in nature. If one can bring together the goodwill of people to generate unlimited power, it will benefit mankind. Shee believes that the AKS members' inner energy and action can be rich and powerful just like the ocean waves. The caring and concern demonstrated by the members can be contagious and spread all over the world.



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Rotary International members and families view Shee's oil paintings

The guests visited the Shee Sculpture Garden and then the Highland Musée. There are twenty of Shee's large-scale sculptures displayed in the garden. After the visit, everyone said "Zan" (Praise) in unison. In addition to "Love, Peace & Hope" sculptures, there are also sculptures named "Phoenix, Lotus, Roses". The sculptures represent the high spirits of the artist: "The tall people wash the tree, the gentlemen love the lotus" which express the tenderness of reincarnation and the feelings of the transcendental mind. In addition to the sculptures, there are hundreds of large-scale oil paintings displayed in the Musée. The guests were moved by Shee's artwork.

Mr. Gary Huang presided over the meeting and asked artist Shee to give the welcome. Shee said that Gary Huang was the first in the history of Taiwan to become the President of the Rotary International. He is the Light of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and we are all very proud of him. Shee also said that he is very impressed with Arch Klumph Society (AKS) members for what they have accomplished for the Rotary world. He expressed his appreciation for the guests who came to visit the Musée, improving communication and building friendship. He believes that AKS members will continue to do more good works for mankind in the future. President Gary Huang said that the Rotary Club is a non-political, non-religious, service-oriented and charitable society. There are so many issues that need immediate attention, including: water, environmental protection, literacy, medical care, care for the elderly, and help for single parents. These issues are all within the scope of their services to the world.

Chairman-to-be Gary Huang closed by instructing everyone to applause and shout "Zan" (Praise) to encourage each other in unity. He introduced and praised the AKS members and their families from all over the

world and thanked Dr. and Mrs. Shee for hosting the celebration, allowing everyone to feel at home. He appreciated Sam Shee for being a very talented artist. The atmosphere in the Musée was warm and delightful, and everyone was energized.

For this event, Shee specially prepared a tapestry of "The Passage" to be presented to President Huang for his leadership and AKS services. He signed and numbered it "168". On the back of the tapestry, he wrote: "President Gary Huang leading the AKS members of the Rotary International with Love, Peace & Hope" sealed by Shee of Highland Musée on April 18, 2019.

At 6:30, dinner was served, and the guests proceeded to the art-filled museum hall for more intimate conversations, blessings and photographs. The guests showed their appreciation for old and new friendships and departed with a renewed sense of commitment.



Shee discuss his artwork with Rotary International members



Guests view Shee's oil paintings



Dr. Shee and Chair Gary Huang welcome guests



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Shee discuss his artwork with guests



Dr. & Mrs. Shee with guests from India



Dr. & Mrs. Shee with guests from Korea and Taiwan



Honorable guests at entrance to Shee Musée



Highland Park Mayor's congratulatory letter