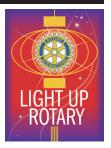
# ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI



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Service Above Self

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# President's message Frank Yih



I certainly am delighted and very encouraged by the initial feedback that I am on the right track introducing service programs and increasing club activities. The handover was made memorable by many Rotarian friends with a similar passion to serve the less privileged. The second meeting was equally inspiring with speeches from committee heads outlining their annual programs and dream projects. The third meeting will even be more exciting, we will hear about the magical work we all are doing with little advertising: Community and International Service Projects plus what can we shall do for the organization which made it

## The Four-Way Test 四大考验

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the truth? 是真的吗? Shì Zhēn dē mā?
- 2. Is it Fair to all Concerned? 是公平的吗? Shì Gōng Píng dē
- 3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships? 是善意的并促进友谊吗? Shì Shàn Yì dē - Bìng Cù Jìn Yǒu Yí mā?
- 4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned? 是对大家有利吗? Shì Duì Dà Jiā Yǒu Lì mā?

possible - The Rotary Foundation.

July 15 will be the happiest day of my life. I will start by showing a summary of the RCS services in the past 12 years, a whopping US\$ 2,103,250 and 29 successful projects from 2003 to 2014 in which the Shanghai Clubs share was just \$72,100 and the foundation contributed almost \$707,882. Then I will call upon various Chair persons to talk about their pet projects, namely:

Gift of Life - Our club signature project, the oldest, was started the second day of the Chinese New year in February 2001 by Wingsee, Randal and Frank.

Gift of Fishing Boats to Palonpom - York Zhou will outline it as she is getting up two classrooms in Palonpom South Central School. You all will meet Congresslady Lucy and her delegation including the mayor of Palonpom. I am aiming now at 100 boats with \$50,000 from the China District clubs. This is the first time all Rotary Clubs in China chip in and the beginning of a larger resource pool.

Gift of Sight – a \$46,000 partnership with Warner Robins Rotary in Atlanta Geogia USA. It all began with Dr. Bill Conrad and wife Peggy who tirelessly completed 20 years of cataract surgeries bringing sight to over 5,000 beneficiaries. Our part 2 of Gift of Sight is slightly different but sustainable and deep reaching, by involving Indian specialists to keep the quality high but the cost low. Jeffrey Park of Vision in Practice and his capable assistant Gemma Jiang will present.

Other Gift programs in the making consists of Gift of Smiles - Clefts. Vancouver Rotarian Magdalen Leung proposed to raise \$120,000 to send 35 medical team in October 2015 with the SF based Rotaplast medical team. Gift of Sound – a group of hearing experts from Denver, Corolado USA will come to install about 200 hearing aids to hearing impaired children in second tier cities and conduct speech therapy, in the past mainly done by HuaQiao Foundation, my private no non-sense NGO.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMME**

Date	No Speaker	Topic/Meeting Style
22 July 2014	Delegations from Australia and California	TBA/Course dinner at Hilton
29 July 2014	Social night	BBQ at Huaqiao Foundation
5 August 2014	Fellowship	Induction/ Buffet dinner at Hilton

## **Last Meeting Highlights** 8 July 2014

## Present at the Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: 1

Robert Halase Rotaract China Cathrine Li Rotaract Simon Tu RC Taibei China

Members: 31, Rotaracts: 2, Interects: 0, Guests: 9 Contributions raised: Rmb 4090 (818Rmb/table)

The first evening under the new Presidents guidance was a packed and memorable event. An inspiring Rotary song was performed by members of the Huaqiao foundation - in Taiwanese! It was accompanied by a well done video showing Rotary and Rotarians in action. PP of the Shanghai Rotary Club Tom Thong and now member of the Rotary Club of Bukit Bintang in Kuala Lumpur had also come to support this evening and Frank with his presence.

One first change under the new President was the handover of the Pagoda Editorship from Moto-san, who had

performed this task for 2.5 years, to Christian Kober. As the Pagoda is always in need for articles and photos, all members of the Shanghai Rotary Club please come forward and support with photos and stories.

Sergeant at arms was Simon Maguire, assisted by the wonderful Pascale Dahan. We can also welcome two new members who were inducted: Marvia Losseva and Evelyne Tan. Their background in sports and healthcare further enriches our clubs diversity.

The Club Service Committee presentations were guided by Chairlady Sue Maguire who encourages all of us to get more involved to the committee as service is crucial to our club.

We learned that the committee in its first meeting (1st July) accepted 17 projects for this Rotary year and we expect the total to reach 25 during this year with a combined value of RMB 1 Million. What a year!

Nikola Urosevic (Youth Service Committee) shared with us the great

progress youth education in Rotary has made. The success can be seen in several middle schools; yet, many challenges remain: youth is not high on the RCS agenda and requires more budget, while activities compete with abundant Interact activities. His presentation was further enlivened by the accidental appearance of several family photos

At the end of the meeting Tom Thong and Ann Thong generously donated US\$ 2000 to our project Fishing Boat to Palonpom, Central Philippines to help recover from Super Typhoon Yolanda in 2013. Thank you very much!











Maryia Losseva classification: Sports and Recreation



**Evelyne Tan** classification:Healthcare

# Club Information Club No. 60725, District 0052

#### Officers

Frank Yih - President

Sue Maguire - President Elect/

Club Service and Admin

Patrick Tissier - Vice President/

The Rotary Foundation

Motohiro Yamane - Hon. Secretary/

Club Service and Admin (deputy)

Anthony Aucutt - Treasurer

Tom Kane - Immediate Past President

## **Directors**

Dean Merritt - Membership

Terry Chu - Community and International Service 19:00-20:30 dinner) **Sylvain Parpaite** 

- Community and International Service (deputy)

Katia Steilemann - Public Relations Nikola Urosevic - Youth Service

## **Basic Info of our Club**

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006

Numbers of members - 108

Average age - 45

Nationalities- 23

Male - 80% Female - 20%

### Contacts

The main club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday at Hilton Hotel (18:30 cocktails,

Contact the club administrator Wendy Zhou at RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13916385829 Pagoda: Wendy Zhou

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## **Satellite Clubs**

Weekly Thursday evening dinner meeting 19:00-20:30

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel(Pudong) in Thumb Plaza, Pudong, Shanghai. Tel: +86 21 5130 0000

> Address: 1199 Yingchun Rd, near Fangdian Rd If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting, please contact Mr. Brinton Scott

Email: bscottesq@hotmail.com

Weekly Friday breakfast meeting Fresh Start

7:30-8:30 am

Location: Element Fresh, Jing'an Kerrry Centre Address: 2nd Floor, No. 1515, West Nanjing Rd

If you would like to attend Fresh Start, please contact Mr. Gary Permenter Email: gary.permenter@gmail.com

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