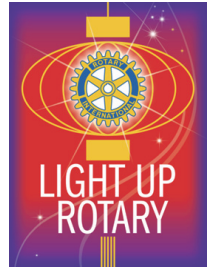




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## Polo in China



Maryia Losseva and her student



Clay statuette depicting Polo Player, Tang Dynasty

Our speaker of the evening, new member Maryia Losseva, came to China in 2010 after finishing her MBA in international business. She worked in the aviation and oil industry, but then decided to follow her lifelong passion and start working for a polo club. Nowadays she is Marketing/Business Development Director at Nine Dragons Hill Polo Club. Maryia is a professional dressage rider and took part in multiple international competitions representing different clubs. She will introduce to us Polo in China as well as the Nine Dragons Hill Polo Club.

Polo is a game we associate nowadays with maybe Prince William and Harry on horseback. But actually Polo has a quite ancient tradition, with roots also in China. Originating in Persia around or before the 4th century, it quickly became popular in central and East Asia. Already in the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.) Chinese emperors played a game called 'jiju' which shares the key characteristics of modern Polo, namely charging after a ball from horseback, using 'sticks' or, in Polo parlance, 'mallets'. All the 16 monarchs of the Tang Dynasty, from Emperor Zhongzong to Emperor Zhaozong were renowned Jiju enthusiasts, and some were even considered to be highly skilled players. And if the emperor takes up something, others follow suit. Many high-ranking officials even went as far as to create their own Polo fields, not a small undertaking, as its dimensions were 1000 times 100 paces, therefore significantly larger than the modern Polo field of 300 time 160 yards. The field was sprayed with oil, no, not to add an extra dimension of danger and challenge, but to prevent the horses from kicking up dust. A Polo match at the Moonlight Chamber became even a way to celebrate success at the highest imperial examination. Yet with the end of the Tang Dynasty Polo fell from favour in China. Polo traditions were kept alive in India, especially in Manipur, and re-discovered there by the British. Nowadays the dominant nations are Argentina, the US and Britain. Only recently Polo has been resurrected in China. Close to Shanghai, the first modern Polo Club in China exists, the 'Nine Dragon Hills Polo Club'. It boasts 300 stable, 2 Polo fields and even equine hospital facilities. The clubs mission is to promote Polo and equestrian sports in China, elevate the sport standard and encourage international equestrian and interpersonal network exchanges.

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

## UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic/Meeting Style
19 August 2014	Karen Carrington	Heart to Heart
26 August 2014	Business Meeting	Dinner in Hilton

## Last Meeting Highlights : 5 Aug 2014

### Present at the Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: 5

T.D.Prasad	RC Calcutta Merli	India
Andrew Ellison	Rotaract Hult	Canada
Dusan Nestic	Rotaract Hult	Sebia
Tabang Sekete	Rotaract Hult	South Africa

**Members: 28, Rotaracts: 3,**

**Interests: 0 , Guests: 12**

**Contributions raised:**

**Rmb3350 (670Rmb/table)**

Despite the summer lull this was again a well attended meeting, with 28 members, 1 Rotarian, visitor, 3 Rotaracters and 12 guests, though naturally it could not reach last weeks BBQ attendance. After the 4 Way Test and the Rotary Song, guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced or introduced themselves. This was followed

by dinner, this time a buffet style dinner, which, in line with the hot season, featured lighter fare than usual. While people were tucking into their desserts, our Sergeant at Arms, again the indefatigable Michel, took the opportunity of using this moment of comparative helplessness to extract the maximum amount of money from everyone. He used all the tools available to him, happy money, sad money, cross fines, auctions etc. and was ably supported by Cristina. After the fine session was over the more serious part of the evening began. President Frank announced the provisional club approval and welcomed them. He also reminded everyone of the coming District Conference (Sep. 20-21) which will be attended by RI President Gary Huang. Another big coming event is the Golf Tournament on Sept. 19th, which

was greeted enthusiastically. Also look out for the wechat group dedicated to this event (see QR code below).

Moto-san and Frank reminded us of the importance of paying our dues and attending sufficient Rotary meetings. Then Sylvain gave a short but enthusiastic speech on our service projects, highlighting that these are the heart of Rotary and encouraging all to become involved.

Marjorie followed by updating us on the Percy Chu Scholarship, supported by Thomas Adammer who gave us a quick overview over the life and achievements of Percy Chu. For those who do not know, Percy Chu was an avid Rotarian before 1949 and he lived to see the rebirth of the Rotary Club of Shanghai. The meeting finished with a Toast to the two new provisional clubs in Shanghai, Provisional Club Pudong(Lujiazui) and Provisional Club Fresh Start.



Scan this QR code to join the group chat.



## 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
- 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 - 82  
 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, 19:00-20:30 dinner)  
 Contact the club administrator Wendy Zhou at [RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org](mailto:RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org), +86 13916385829  
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Provisional Club Pudong (Lujiazui)

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: [bscottsq@hotmail.com](mailto:bscottsq@hotmail.com)

Provisional Club Fresh Start

Fresh Start

7:30-8:30 am

Location: Element Fresh, Jing'an Kerry Centre

Address: 2nd Floor, No. 1515, West Nanjing Rd

If you would like to attend Fresh Start, please contact Mr. Gary Permenter

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