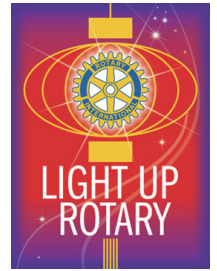




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Report from the Service Project Committee



Farmers carrying water in Qinghai

This year's Service Project Committee is supported by 12 members and is much larger than previous years; it has presented a -Rmb680,000 budget to the Board's approval for a wide range of service projects covering both the Shanghai vicinity and rural areas in China.

The early interaction with the Member Committee this year has resulted in a more active and good mix of recent and long time members in the Project Committee, whereby seasoned Rotarians can provide mentorship to execute projects in order to sustain the operation of the committee in the club. This month, two projects have been submitted to the Board for approval.

The "Taicang Handicapped Workshop" is a -Rmb 2 million project lead by Rtn. Thilo Koeppel and Rtn. Kerry Burton. The project will deliver a vocational workshop particularly for the mentally handicapped individuals, and facilitates the social and professional reintegration of trained people. The project will cooperate with various key parties including the Taicang Round Table and German Chamber of Commerce, and RCS' contribution is Rmb100,000 and other possible training skills.

Following the success of the water distribution project in Qinghai lead by PP Roger Owens, he will provide guidance to Rtn. Alejandro Buriel to implement another phase of the project to build a 100m3 (100 tonne) capacity cistern to allow water storage in the Chetsa village, particularly when the water source freezes in the winter. RCS contribution to the current phase of the project is Rmb60,000.

The Service Project Committee meets every first Tuesday of each month. All club members are welcome to participate and bring forward service project ideas to the committee. Please feel free to contact Terry Chu at terrychu_prn@msn.com or Sylvain Parpaite at sparpaite@gmail.com.

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?

Heart to Heart Shanghai: Karen Carrington



Our speaker of today, Karen Carrington, was educated in the United States and Switzerland. She attended university and graduate school at Vanderbilt University where she graduated magna cum laude / Phi Beta Kappa. She has been involved in many types of professions and businesses over the years, but retired from corporate life as a SVP (Product Strategy and Alliances / Business Solutions) at First Data Asia Pacific in 2008. Wishing to dedicate herself to helping children in need once she retired, she remained in Shanghai where she had resided since 2002. She runs (as a volunteer) Heart to Heart Shanghai – a 100% volunteer not-for-profit organization which sponsors children from the Chinese provinces for heart surgery when their families don't have the means to pay for it themselves. She has been with the organization since 2007.

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic/Meeting Style
26 August 2014	Business Meeting	Dinner in Hilton
2 September 2014	Fellowship/Induction Night	Dinner in Hilton

Last Meeting Highlights : 12 Aug 2014

Present at the Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: 4

Alexander Ma	Rotaract Shanghai	China
Celia Chen	Rotaract Shanghai	China
Benjamin Wong	RC Queentowns	Singapore
Goerg Holzinger	RC Marbella	Spain

Members: 28, Rotaracts: 2,

Interacts: 0 , Guests: 10

Contributions raised:

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Our last meeting again featured an exciting speaker, Maryia Lessova from Belorussia – our first and so far only member from that country, and possibly also the only member who represented her country in international competitions in dressage riding. Maryia introduced the long history of Polo as well as the Nine

Dragon Hills Polo Club to us. The resort featuring that club is quite popular with wealthy Chinese, featuring a marina, luxurious villas, a ‘Duomo di Firenze’ and even a Ferrari racing event.

Apart from that part of the proceedings there were also a number of highlights of the evening. Miguel again made an impassioned appeal to join the golf event. Non-golfers can receive free lessons or even enjoy a spa massage! (and the QR code in the last Pagoda did not seem to work, pls. see below an updated one; otherwise just search us in WeChat: RCS Golf 2014).

Rotarian Kee Hao Wong guided us through the four-way test, proving that his Chinese had not become rusty during his long absence.

Rotarians Simon and his able assistant Philipp Kayser collected money, mostly

happy and not much sad money, which highlights the positive spirit in our club. And Rotarian Alexander Schultz announced that his book on e-commerce in China will go into a second printing. To celebrate this, he presented all Rotarians with a free copy of his publication.

Secretary Moto updated us on some key news from the boardmeeting, especially the approval of the Taicang project “Handicapped Workshop”, which is the ‘child’ of Rotarian Kerry, who also announced this project by the way of ‘Happy Money’.

Finally Frank provided us with a quick preview on next meetings topic, a presentation on ‘Heart to Heart’, also a charity dedicated to fighting congenital heart disease.

The meeting ended with a toast to the success of 2nd Rotary China District Conference.



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 - 87
 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, +86 13916385829

For more information, please visit www.rotaryshanghai.org

Provisional Club Pudong (Lujiazui) (Thursday)
 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: bscottessq@hotmail.com

Provisional Club Fresh Start (Friday)
 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
 Email: gary.permenter@gmail.com
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Rotaracters feature in the Global Times

On August 14th the Global times featured the Shanghai Rotaracters and the amazing service project they are doing. See attached a copy of the webpage

The young and the dedicated

By Yang Lan Source:Global Times Published: 2014-8-14 18:48:01

Dedicated to organizing cultural activities and volunteer projects around China, the Rotaract Club of Shanghai is composed of young professionals and graduate students living in Shanghai. Every Monday evening, the club holds its weekly meeting at Bali Bistro, 75 Wanhangu Road, where guest speakers, typically pioneers or leaders in their fields, are invited to speak.

On Monday, the club invited mentalist Steve Scanner to perform. Mentalists are entertainers who purport to be able to read minds, predict the future and influence people's behavior. For one of his tricks, Scanner brought a woman from the audience on stage. He gave her a six-sided die, told her to choose a number, and asked her to place the die in a small jar with the number facing up. Scanner was not allowed to see any of this.

After asking the woman several questions, he correctly guessed the woman's number - five. Enthusiastic applause erupted from the intrigued audience.

"Normally, we have all kinds of speakers," said Alexander R. Ma, a representative of the China PRC District Rotaract. "The Steve Scanner show was really fun and interactive, but we usually invite general managers or CEOs to share their life stories in the weekly meeting. We hear about everything from business to volunteering in order to improve ourselves."

Other than its weekly meeting, the Rotaract Club organizes volunteer projects, including food and clothing drives. They also volunteer at orphanages and hospitals.

For the clothing drive, Rotaract Club volunteers ask people at universities and companies to donate clothing, shoes and blankets that they no longer need. The club then gives the donations to local and regional migrant schools. The clothing drive takes place at the end of university semesters.

The club's annual food drive takes place between Christmas and the Spring Festival holiday, Ma said. Last year, 50 Rotaract volunteers visited large supermarkets seeking donations of nonperishable items such as rice, flour and cooking oil. Volunteers set up stands, put up posters and passed out fliers to explain the drive to supermarket customers, who could then buy extra items to donate. The volunteers collected 2,500 kilograms of food last year. They donated it to underprivileged families on Chongming Island.

The Rotaract Club of Shanghai has a signature charity project called Boxes of Love, said Liza Chantelle, the president of the Rotaract Club of Shanghai. Together with the local nongovernmental organization Mifan Mama, Rotaract volunteers decorate boxes and fill them with sweets for orphans throughout China. The project takes place in December or January each year to give the orphans a taste of Christmas and a way to celebrate the new year.

Of all of the Rotaract Club of Shanghai's projects, Chantelle is most fond of Boxes of Love.

The club is now expanding into infrastructure projects. For example, it is trying to build water and sanitation facilities in villages in Qinghai and Sichuan provinces.

Ma served as president of the Rotaract Club of Shanghai from July 2013 to June 2014. Although he is a citizen of the Netherlands, his grandfather hails from Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province. After doing an exchange program in China, he decided to study for his master's degree in Shanghai. He got his master's in economics from Fudan University this year. He now works for a European multinational company in Shanghai. He got involved in Rotary when he first came to Shanghai in 2011 because his family was active in the club in the Netherlands.

The Rotaract Club of Shanghai is a part of the Rotary Club of Shanghai, Chantelle said. There are clubs for three different age groups. Rotary is for people above 30 years old. Rotaract is for people from 18 to 30 years old. There is also a club called Interact for children from 12 to 18 years old. The Rotary Club supervises the Rotaract and Interact.



The clubs are entirely volunteer organizations. "All of us are volunteers, and none of us gets paid. The people who are here are those who really want to help others," Chantelle told the Global Times.

Founded in 1905 in Chicago, in the US, the Rotary Club brings business and professional leaders together to serve their local communities. According to the website of the Rotary Club of Shanghai, Rotary International has 1.2 million members in 34,216 clubs worldwide. Rotaract has 204,102 members from 8,874 clubs around the world.

Currently, the Rotaract Club of Shanghai has about 20 expat members and about 20 local honorary members. When members of the Rotaract Club from different countries come to Shanghai, they can also join the local club's activities. According to Ma, Rotaract Shanghai has the most international visitors of all of the Rotaract clubs. "It is not only about the activities and volunteer work, but also about having a group of people who think the same," he said.

Chantelle said that the club is a good way for expats to get involved and participate in the community. Many expats can be isolated,



Alexander R. Ma, former president of the Rotaract Club of Shanghai



Members of the Rotaract Club of Shanghai pose for a group photo at the Bund.
Photos: Courtesy of the Rotaract Club of Shanghai