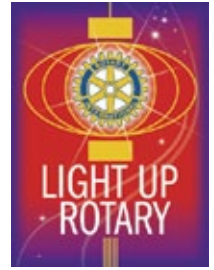




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2014 Rotary China Conference



The 2nd Rotary China Conference was held on September 20-21, 2014 in Pudong, Shanghai. We were honored to have Rotary International President Huang joining us and giving an inspiring speech on the themes of how to be good citizens, how to extend a good influence on others, how to develop member growth and also elaborating on the theme of his presidency: "Light Up Rotary".

This Rotary China Conference was a truly international Rotary conference as we had district governors, presidents and members of at least 30 international clubs in attendance, including but not limited to Bangladesh, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Russia and USA. In addition, there were large delegations from the Rotary Clubs in Beijing, Chengdu and obviously Shanghai as well as from Interact and Rotaract clubs in China.

We had many inspirational speakers on the first day of the Conference. Apart from the presentations made by social enterprise leaders, one of the highlights was the speech made by Dr. Cheng Che-Min (aka Zheng Zhemin). Dr. Cheng went to the USA on a Rotary Foundation Scholarship of RI in 1948. Now 90 years of age, he came all the way from Beijing in order to give us an over 40 minute speech on how he obtained the scholarship and how he benefited from the opportunity to achieve an outstanding career in China as a distinguished professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. His speech also included many fascinating historical documents from RI in the later 1940s.

The 2nd day of the Conference was devoted to Rotary China affairs. China District Representatives, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact club Presidents gave activity updates and future plans. We celebrated the charter of the Rotary Club Chengdu, the certification of the HULT Rotaract Club in Shanghai and of two Interact Clubs in Changzhou as well as the induction of new members into the Rotary family. Especially to be highlighted are the Paul Harris Fellowships which Gary on this occasion awarded to Dr. Cheg Che-min, John Liu, Dmytro Maksymenko and Simon Maguire. Gary Huang took this opportunity to challenge all of us Rotarians in China, in line with his target to grow the number of Rotarians from 1.2 mio. to 1.3 mio. worldwide, to have 10 Clubs in China by the end of this year and 15 by the end of the Rotarian year.

Despite all speeches and presentations, there were also sufficient occasions to meet and interact. Rotarians and friends enjoyed the Conference dinner in an outdoor environment as well as performances from Nanmo High School Orchestra, Rotarians, spouses and friends.

After the conference, many participants as well as RI President Gary Huang meet for an evening BBQ at Franks' place, as so often generously sponsored by Frank Yih himself.

To summarize, the RI China conference was a resounding success, as acknowledged by the participants and Gary, thanks to the intrepid organizing committee and the great speakers. The international participation (30 clubs, 15 districts) underlines the great interest the refunding of Rotary in China has roused.

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic/Meeting Style
7 October 2014	TBA	Dinner in Jing An Hilton
14 October 2014	TBA	Dinner in Jing An Hilton

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?

Last Meeting Highlights :

23 Sep 2014

Present at the Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: 6

Thibault Alcorani	RC Brittany	France
Dr. Gunter Seefeldt	RC Monlo Park	USA
Jerel Bonner	RC	USA
Justin Gore	Interact SCIS HQ	China
Janie Chary-Weinberg	Interact SCIS HQ	China
Matthew	Interact SCIS HQ	China

Members: 30, Rotaracts: 0, Interacts: 3, Guests: 15
Contribution raised: RMB 5,210 (1,042RMB/ table)



Despite the Rotary China conference just the previous weekend, many Rotarians attended fellowship, and obviously many who had not participated in the conference were keen to get some news from that big event. With members from over 15 districts and 30 clubs attending, the conference can be judged a major success.

Announcements were more limited, allowing the Sergeant at Arms (indefatigable Simon, ably assisted by Philip) to fine and punish, but also to collect happy money.

Katia then spoke on the feedback from the member survey. Some interesting findings were for example the strong interest in good speakers, but also that some members feel that we could do with less internal politicking. Katia gave an impassioned speech on how we should live the 'Four Way Test' also when dealing with these matters and what it means to be a Rotarian.

This was followed by a presentation by Ms. Janie Chary-Weinberg, President of Interact SCIS HQ Club. Janie and her club seem to be the living example of what Katia was asking for, motivated, energetic, open.

The meeting was adjourned with a toast to Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.



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 - 92
- Average age - 45
- Nationalities- 23
- Male - 80% Female - 20%

Contacts

The main club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday at Jinan Hilton Hotel 华山路250号 (18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner)

Contact the club administrator Edith Du at RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 18801624833

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.

位置: 浦东 大拇指广场 证大丽笙酒店

地址: 迎春路1199号 (靠近芳甸路)

If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting, please contact Mr. Brinton Scott
Email: bscottesq@hotmail.com

Provisional Club Fresh Start (Friday)
7:30-8:30 am

Location: Element Fresh, Portman Hotel

位置: 新元素波特曼店

Address: No.1376 Nanjing(west)Road, Shanghai Center

地址: 南京西路1376号

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