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Need Rotarian advice? Ask **Agony Aunt**

We all suffer from Rotarian quandaries and questions, be it moral, sartorial or manners related. Shall we go to the Tuesday evening club meeting or rather eat that delicious dim sum in Shanxi Lu with some rowdy friends? Is it ok to read the Pagoda during fellowship? Why are some Rotarian's pins bigger than others? Why does Roger look so uncannily like Paul Harris? How do we pronounce in Chinese the third part of the 4-way test? But now help is in nigh. In his never-ending search for excellence, your editor could procure the services of **Agony Aunt** who will help with all your *Rotarian or Shanghai* worries, giving kind, helpful and honest advice. She will support the Pagoda with a special 'Advice' column as an irregular contributor. Please welcome "Agony Aunt".



Agony Aunt – born and raised in a country far far away - has spent 17 years in Shanghai. She is familiar with all things Shanghaiese except the ones she is not familiar with. Her ageless beauty even exceeds her wisdom. She may look like 73 but Shanghai years count triple.

Dear Agony Aunt,

Rotary seems to be awfully formal. What kind of dress should I be wearing for a meeting?

Sincerely,

Insecure in Shanghai

Dear Insecure,

To be dressed is obligatory – and, to be frank, your Agony Aunt sincerely wishes that Rotary continues in this tradition. With regard to the male Rotarian species, subdued plumage is usually advised, while the female species is generally allowed certain extravaganzas like 'no socks' or 'no pins'. While Agony Aunt might call the dress code 'business casual' her offspring tend to call it boring.

Keep in style,

Your Agony Aunt

Dear Agony Aunt,

Is it true that this time honored, extremely well written and wonderfully illustrated newsletter "The Pagoda" goes mostly unread?

Yours

Truly Worried

Dear Worried,

Rest at ease. Most members read The Pagoda diligently and memorize its contents by heart. In order to further improve literacy among Rotarians though, our esteemed Editor, supported by members of the Disciplinary Committee (I bet you did not realize we had that!) will be conducting ad-hoc quizzes each fellowship evening. For each wrong answer 50 lashes will be applied. For each right answer, 50 lashes will NOT be applied.

It will be beneficial for all concerned,

Yours not worried, Agony Aunt

The Four-Way Test

四大考验

Si Da Kao Yan

Of the things we think, say or do:

我们说的做的要符合: Wǒ men Shuō de Zuò de Yào Fù Hé:

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?

Membership dues

The Club has to pay around 40US\$ fee to RI for every member of the club who is either recorded as a member as of July 1st or as of January 1st.

In case the club was not informed before these dates, the member has to reimburse the club for these fees. Otherwise a letter of good standing, which is the prerequisite to joining a new RC cannot be issued.

UP COMING PROGRAMS

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
July 14 th	Fellowship	Marriott City Center, 19:00 (Japanese restaurant)
July 21 st	China's Innovation System / Senzhe Shu	Marriott City Center, 19:00
July 28 st	tbd	Marriott City Center, 19:00
August 4 th	tbd	Marriott City Center, 19:00

Last Meeting Highlights :

7 July 2015

Visiting Rotarians 1

Frank Hoffman Philadelphia

USA

Members: 28, Rotaracts: 2, Interacts: 0, Guests: 2
Contribution raised: RMB 2300 (766 RMB/ table)



President Dean (right) and PE Andrew



President Dean (left) and PP Frank

The last meeting, for the first time in the new venue was dedicated to Dean and his incoming leadership team. The food was good the sound system was excellent and the room was a little large for our small crowd which is somewhat typical as the summer holiday session has begun - 28 members were present.

Dean – a Minnesotan, but who saw the light and came to Shanghai – introduced his board and his plans to us. He wants to dedicate his presidency to the following topics:

- A better IT infrastructure to simplify and fasten our processes,
- Professional networking to take a greater importance
- Friendship to take more eminence
- Service, with a stronger focus on small projects, sister clubs and hands-on activities
- Fundraising as a joint club effort –without reliance on fines

Dean is asking all members to participate in "Every Rotarian Every Year" with a target of 600RMB/person which goes to The Rotary Foundation

- Membership – increase variety of professions represented in our club
- Training sponsors
- Teaching members about what it means to be a Rotarian, RI and avenues of service
- Reduce 'silo thinking' in committees

Andrew then spoke about the admin committee and his ambition to 'not to re-invent the wheel' while taking workload of individual members and distributing it more evenly.

Sergeant – at –Arms Andrew, supported by Terri, collected in the spirit of the new fundraising ways happy and sad money – though it seems that members were rather happy than sad.

The meeting was concluded with a toast to the new team.



The Club Leadership Team

Club Information

Officers

Dean Merritt – President
Andrew Hill – President Elect/Club Admin
Terri Lau – Vice President
Linnet Kwok – Hon. Secretary
Yvon Russon - Treasurer

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006
Number of active members – 73
Number of honorary members – 6

Contacts

The club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday Marriott City Center Shanghai

西藏中路555号

(18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner)

Contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Committees and Directors

Club Administration Committee

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:30
Chair: Andrew Hill rotary1617@hotmail.com

Membership Committee

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 18:00 - 18:30
Chair: Alexandra Taulin alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr

Public Relations Committee

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00
Chair: OPEN

Community and International Service Committee

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00
Chair: Bruno Bareteau bareteau@gmail.com

Youth service committee

Last Tuesday of each month, 17:00
Chair: Motohiro Yamane yamane@tmish.com

Rotary Leadership Award

Committee Chair: OPEN

The Rotary Foundation Committee

Chair: David Smith dave@smithorchards.com

Percy Chu Awards

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Marjory Woo marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com

For more information, please visit www.rotaryshanghai.org

Rotary Club of Shanghai West
Wednesday, 18:30-20:30
Location: Suites Hotel Shanghai
位置: 上海西华酒店
Address: No.1 Huaihai West Road, Shanghai
地址: 淮海西路1号

For more information please contact CP Richard Zi, President.
Email: zishanghai@hotmail.com

Rotary Club of Shanghai 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: bscottsq@hotmail.com

Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai
Friday, 7:45-9:00 am
Location: 2nd floor, Element Fresh, Jing An Kerry Center
位置: 新元素静安嘉里中心店二楼
Address: No.1551 Nan Jing Xi Lu, Shanghai
地址: 南京西路1551号

For more information about Fresh Start and for anyone interested to attend, please visit <http://freshstartrotaryshanghai.org/>