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# **Club Assembly**

The Club Assembly is, meant to discuss matters of general importance to the club. Coming on the heels of our election night, it is an opportunity to review what has been done and is being planned, to voice concerns and provide proposals. Our assembly will see a number of updates on club projects:

19:30 - 19:45 Nikola - report from RYLA 19:45 – 19:50 Roger - Water project 19: 50 - 20:05 David - Foundation and EREY 20:05 - 20:30 - Alejandro and Dean - Service Projects

The Club Assembly is also a showcase for what we do and wish to achieve. Thus it is a great opportunity for potential members to experience Rotary.

# **Restaurant Review: Miss Ali**

CHILI's - like massage - are addictive. Just look at PE Andy eating turkey and stuffing with tabasco sauce, to prove just how far down the path they can take you. But I digress.

I found Miss Ali by accident, wanting to come with the family to Vanca's across the street, but they were closed out for a private function that day and so we wandered across the street on Dagu lu and found what turned out to be a very quaint, cozy and what looked like family friendly restaurant (they tolerate my kids taking apart the decorations and putting them (mostly) back together.

Miss Ali serves superb Xinjiang food with a bit nicer hygiene than most. I would say the big juicy lamb skewers are the best in town - and my kids love the freshly made yogourt. What I learned to love though are the fat crunchy red chilis served in some dishes - that I liken to a somewhat healthy snack food.

Washed down with Xinjiang black beer this place is a casual hit. Just writing this note makes me want to slap the laptop shut and hustle over!

#### **Rotarian Randy** The Four-Way Test Dear Agony Aunt, Miss Ali I have seen on many membership lists the 四大考验 Dagu Lu 380 -1 大沽路380-1号 name of Rotarian XXXXX (name deleted by Sì Dà Kǎo Yàn Daily 11:00-01:00 Agony Aunt). Yet I have never met him in Of the things we think, say or person. How can I achieve that? Dear Looking for Fellowship, do: Yours, Looking for Fellowship 我们说的做的要符合: Wo men Shuo Every club has a number of members whose existence is merely de Zuò de Yào Fǔ Hé: rumoured. They pay their dues, thus they must exist, if not in the body, then at least as a mere spectre. They are also called 'Sub-Is it the truth? 是真的吗? Shì Zhēn de ma? mariners' because they only come to the surface once a year. When they turn up though they have strong opinions on the 2. Is it Fair to all Concerned? quality of speakers, the performance of the board and which 是公平的吗? Shì Gong Píng de additional charities must be supported. Asking them to join a ma? particular committee results in an emergency flooding of ballast 3. Will it build Goodwill and bettanks and ensuing rapid submergence, with scheduled ter Friendships? reappearance in 12 months. 是善意的并促进友谊吗? Shì Shàn Thus, excluding measures like forced detention or kidnapping, Yì de - Bìng Cù Jìn <u>Yǒu Yí ma?</u> Agony Aunt – born and raised in a which are, I have to stress, neither endorsed by the RI statutes nor country far far away - has spent 17 years by the board, there is little chance for you to meet them. On the 4. Will it be Beneficial to all in Shanghai. She is familiar with all things other hand, my darling, why do you actually want to meet these Shanghainese except the ones she is not Concerned? familiar with. Her ageless beauty even exceeds her wisdom. She may look like 是对大家有利吗? Shì Duì Dà Jiā members? Yǒu Lì ma? 73 but Shanghai years count triple.

Sincerely, Agony Aunt

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Club Assembly	Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wally Yu: Orbis's sight saving missions in China – together let's end avoidable blindness	Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fellowship	Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting	./.

# Published Weekly And the new board is......

Motohiro Yamane President 16/17 Vice President Linnet Kwok Secretary Tracy Hua Treasury CM Tsang Director Alejandro Buriel Director Filippo Garini Director **Christian Kober** Director David Smith Susan Moskob Director

The Rotary Pagoda (1)

# ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

# December 1st 2015 Visiting Rotarians

Richard Fang	RCS Honorary Member	China
Cliff Hegan	RC Pudong Lujiazui	China

Members: 32 Visitors: 2, Guests: 4

# **Highlights from the last Meeting**

The last meeting, presided over by Dean, was dedicated to the Board Elections (see also results on p1). As usual at elections, not many visitors attended who were, after Fiona read the Four-Way-Test, introduced by Dean. There were a few announcements: The next meeting will again be in the Japanese restaurant at the Marriott (Dean) There will be a wechat group for the participants in the RI conference in Korea (Andrew) All old and new boardmembers are invited to a workshop on Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> (Linnet). Supported by Terry and Rotaractors John and Robert Michelle chaired the election. Frank Mulligan read out the votes. Over 50 members participated, thus the results meet the required quorum.

Dean ended the meeting with a toast to the new club officers.



color will not be so bright....



watchful eye

# Club Information

# **Officers & Boardmembers**

Dean Merritt - President Andrew Hill - President Elect/Club Admin Terri Lau – Vice President Linnet Kwok - Hon. Secretary Yvon Russon - Treasurer Tiffany Storey Alejandro Buriel Rocha Thilo Koeppe Marjorie Woo Frank Yih (PP)

## **Basic Info of our Club**

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006 Number of active members - 72 Number of honorary members - 6

# Contacts

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

西藏中路555号No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd

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

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





Michelle, making sure the elections are fair

**Committees and Directors** 

Chair: Andrew Hill rotary1617@hotmail.com Membership Committee / PR Committee

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 17:30, dining room

Chair: Alexandra Taulin alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr

**Community and International Service Committee** 

**Club Administration Committee** 

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:30

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00

Last Tuesday of each month, 17:00

alejandro.buriel@smlchinaconsult.com

Chair: Motohiro Yamane yamane@tmish.com

Chair: Marjory Woo marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com

Chair: Alejandro Buriel Rocha

Youth service committee

Rotary Leadership Award

Committee Chair: OPEN The Rotary Foundation Committee Chair: David Smith dave@smithorchards.com

Percy Chu Awards

Frank Mulligan and independent observers of the count

### For more information, please visit www.rotarshanghai.org

**Rotary Club of Shanghai West** Wednesday ,18:30-20:30 Location: Shanghai Pullman Hotel 位置: 上海中星鉑爾曼酒店 Address: No. 1 Pubei Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai 上海徐汇区浦北路1号 For more information please contact President Richard Zi 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 1199 Yingchun Rd. (close to Fangdian Rd.) 地址:迎春路1199号(靠近芳甸路) If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting Please contact President Patrick Hopkins Email: pjhopki@gmail.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/

# Go and do your Christmas Packing......

A big part of Christmas is packing and wrapping gifts. Rotarians in Shanghai have lived in many places and therefore know how to pack. So who would be better suited than Rotarians to support CRC ("Community Roots China") with packing gifts for children.

One of the greatest issue of communities in rural areas of China is education! Many students drop out after middle school due to financial burden. Education is the key to improve the economic situation of families and communities. The students, especially girls, need sponsorships so they can pursue high school and higher education. To support them is the mission of CRC.

When CRC started in 2011, it delivered 1,620 One Heart gift bags to children in private orphanages. In its fifth year now, more than 27,000 One Heart gift bags have been delivered to 15 provinces in China. The program currently runs twice a year, for Children's Day and Christmas. Every child receives a personalized gift bag that contains clothes, shoes, books, school supplies and toys. The children's information is gathered through a network of trusted principals of local primary schools and care givers of foster homes and private orphanages. The One Heart gift bags not only bring joy to the children but also instil the sense of being loved.

In this spirit Rotarians sponsored 50 bags and with other volunteers packed over 900 bags on December 5<sup>th</sup>.





### Gift bags being packed

Certificate of acknowledgement





# Walk for Community

The "Walk for Community" attracted a number of Rotarians, despite the not so inviting weather.

Walking along Suzhou Creek and the Bund, Rotarians could not only enjoy fellowship but also support local service projects in Shanghai through this activity which was sponsored by Interact, Rotaract and Rotary. Rotarian participants were Pierre, Terry Chu, Terri Lau, Tracy, Alain, Diane, Susan and Connie



# ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

# **Rotarian Qiqong**

All of us have seen Qi Gong practitioners, have heard some disjointed information about its benefits, yet rarely have come in closer contact with this ancient Chinese practice.

Filippo Garini invited Rotarians to a Wudan Qi Gong lesson last Sunday, where topics like breathing control, relaxation techniques, static and dynamic meditation and much else was being taught. 8 participants practiced together with Filippo in the beautiful surroundings of the Xin Guo Hotel, and, judging from the excited wechat postings, were highl enthused by the event.







