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**DRaCon'16**  
Jinan, Shandong Province

The RACS proudly presents  
**DISTRICT ROTARACT CONFERENCE CHINA**  
on 25-26-27 November 2016

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Rotaract Rotary Club Partner  
Club of Shanghai

## Budget Increase for the Youth Committee

Tuesday November 8th the board voted to increase the club's Youth Committee budget, in order to support DRaCon, the first ever District level Rotaract Conference in China. The Rotaract Club of Shanghai took the lead as it was the first Rotaract chartered in China, and it was then sponsored by our club!

The conference is a great opportunity to strengthen connections between various clubs from China, exchange ideas, share projects, learn more about challenges faced, get team building and training. This is also a good reason to meet and have fun together, and take this opportunity to develop new friendships.

The Conference will be held from November 25th to 27th in Jinan, Capital city of Shandong province, chosen for its central location between north and south china, making it the most convenient possible for having as many as possible Rotaractors joining.

**Xmas dinner for Rotarians and family (!) Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Remember: Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a Christmas dinner (same time/location as our regular fellowship). We will take a professional group – photo: please all dress in a white shirt and blue jeans.

## Support the Gift Bags Program

Community Roots China is an organization on a mission to ensure that every underprivileged child in china has access to education, healthcare and shelter and to provide them with resources needed for their wellbeing and development.

A brief description of the program:

“The One Heart Gift Bags program is a volunteer driven employee engagement program for your organisation. It is an excellent team building opportunity and a chance for your employees to stretch their leadership skills. Our rural locations make it perfect for inclusion of your regional offices. Our project connects organisations and their employees with children in need from rural areas schools, orphanages, and foster care & low income families. This program runs twice a year, in time for Children's Day and again in time for Christmas/Chinese New Year.”

The Service Project Committee has approved a direct contribution to CRC to fund this project, with a Packing Party scheduled for Dec. 17th, Saturday. We are calling on our members to help with this 4 hour event, and may recruit one of the Rotaract Clubs as well. Contact Sam for information.

## Rotarians support the Library Project

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of Shanghai Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians took a trip to Changxing Island to support a local school in expanding it library. Rotarians were busy putting together bookshelves, sorting books and labelling them. (cont. on the next page)

## Rotary Foundation named Out-standing Foundation of the Year

The Association of Fundraising Professionals has recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation.

The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others —are past honorees. Support for the RI Foundations is also one of the key targets of our club!

For further information see <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-foundation-named-worlds-outstanding-foundation-2016>

**The Four Way Test this time on p2!**

## Taicang Handicapped Workshop highlighted in 'The Rotarian'

The Taicang Handicapped Workshop Project, which was established with the help of the Rotary Club of Shanghai, was highlighted in 'The Rotarian', the international magazine of Rotary. This is a first for Rotary in China and puts it squarely on Rotarian map. <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/magazines/rotarian>

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Update on You Dao Foundation, Compton Tothill	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tbd.	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00



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Changxing Island, which belongs to Chongming County, is a rural, less developed area of Shanghai, which only recently, due to a new tunnel, became more closely connected to Shanghai proper. The Library Project supports rural schools around Shanghai with books and general support in order to further improve literacy and also to establish a love of books. Currently the average Chinese reads about 4-5 books per year (US:17 books / year). As reading is one of the great joys of life and also helps to spread international understanding, this is well aligned with the mission of Rotary and especially of the RC Shanghai. The Library Project donates books and libraries to under financed rural primary schools and orphanages in Asia. We believe education is the key motivator to breaking the cycle of poverty that exists in the developing world. As we see it, education is change. See also <http://www.library-project.org/>



A warm welcome with local oranges



Handing over gifts



A welcome from the Headmaster



Sorting and labelling books



Moto-san found some of the books very interesting



Building shelves



### The Four-Way Test 四大考验 Sì Dà Kǎo Yàn

Of the things we think, say or do:

我们说的做的要符合: Wǒ men Shuō de Zuò de Yào Fǔ 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?

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Highlights from the last meeting

Maxim Tafintsev	RC-Moscow International	Russia
Tiit Kams	RC Estonia Viimsi	Estonia
Brian Snary	RC Bristol	UK
Dieter Weber	RC Lenzburg	Switzerland
Hans Huber	RC Lenzburg	Switzerland

Total participants 45, incl. 29 members, 5 visitors and 11 guests. Happy money RMB 4000.

The last meeting was chaired by President Andrew and was very well attended indeed. After Eckhard led us through the Four-Way-Test, Andrew highlighted two issues. One is the Chongming Island trip on the coming Saturday to support the Library Project. Another is that he has asked Rotarians to share special 'Rotary Moments' with the club. First one will be David Smith who will share his special experience with us next week. Filippo announced that the Membership Committee will put a stronger emphasis on integrating newly inducted members into the club. The sponsors will also be asked to take an active mentoring role in the future. He was looking for volunteers to step up to the task and, at the end of the first month, there will be a review of how successful this approach is. Frank Mulligan also took the opportunity to underline how important mentoring for Rotaractors is. Anyone willing to become a mentor should contact Frank. Last but not least Roger announced his annual Xmas party, on December 17<sup>th</sup> at his home. A warm welcome and strong eggnog is awaiting everyone. Tracy and Linnet then volunteered to collect happy money. There was much happiness to share all around. Furthermore Hans auctioned delicious Swiss chocolate and David (Smith) did auction Blueberries, possibly to alleviate the health effects of overindulgence in Swiss Chocolate. Thanks to both of you. After all these announcements and after dinner was mostly finished, our speaker Jennifer Cantlay spoke about 'Animals Asia' and the work they are doing to rescue Moon-Bears from bile extraction and to provide them with a nice environment to live out their days. Hopefully, her work will lead to a decline in the industry, as similarly efficient herbal remedies are available and therefore no bear bile is actually anymore needed in traditional Chinese medicine. The meeting was adjourned with a toast to Hans and the welfare of bears.

Terri, Hans and Andrew



Tracy collecting happy money



David auctioning blueberries



A toast to Hans and also to Moonbears



Eckhard and the Four-Way-Test



Club Information

Contacts & Meetings

The club meeting is a dinner meeting (by invitation only) every Tuesday at the: Marriott City Center No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd, Shanghai 上海雅居乐万豪酒店, 中国 上海 黄浦区西藏中路 555 号 18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner For details, contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at RSVPA@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Officers & Boardmembers

- Andrew Hill – President
- Moto Yamane – President Elect
- Linnet Kwok – Vice President
- Tracy Hua – Hon. Secretary
- Chee Ming Tsang – Treasurer
- Dean Merritt – IPP
- Filippo Garini
- Alejandro Buriel Rocha
- Dave Smith
- Christian Kober
- Susanne Moskop

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006  
Number of active members – 68  
Number of honorary members – 5

Committees and Directors

- Club Administration Committee**  
Chair: Moto Yamane, [yamane@tmish.com](mailto:yamane@tmish.com)
- Membership Committee**  
Chair: Terri Lau, [terri.Lau@asiantigers-china.com](mailto:terri.Lau@asiantigers-china.com)
- Service Projects**  
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- Youth Service Committee**  
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- PR Committee**  
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Chair: Linnet Kwok, [linnetkwok@hotmail.com](mailto:linnetkwok@hotmail.com)
- Gala dinner**  
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For more information, please visit [www.rotaryshanghai.org](http://www.rotaryshanghai.org)

Rotary Club of Shanghai West  
Wednesday, 18:30-20:30  
Location: Shanghai Pullman Hotel  
位置: 上海中星铂爾曼酒店  
Address: No. 1 Pubei Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai  
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For more information please contact President Roy Chu  
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Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui  
Thursday, 19:00-20:30  
Location: Kempinski Hotel, Shanghai 上海凯宾斯基大酒店  
1288 Lujiazui Ring Road, Pudong New Area  
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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/>

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