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Service Above Self

One Profits Most Who Serves Best

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15 September — Fellowship Dinner

19 September — Family Day

Rotary Club of Shanghai
FELLOWSHIP DINNER SEP. 15
LEONARDO'S
@ LOBBY, KUNLUN JING AN
 RMB 190 per person incl. soft drinks freeflow
 RMB 220 per person incl. soft drinks, local beer freeflow and one glass of wine

Rotary Club of Shanghai
ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI INVITES YOU TO
SEPT. 19
MOONCAKE DIY FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL
RSVP
 TIME: 11:00-13:00
 EVENT FEE: 180 RMB PER PERSON
 VENUE: MANDARIN INN CHINESE SCHOOL, 1280 HUAIHAI RD. (M) / 淮海中路1280号
 OUTCOME:
 1 DISCUSSION ON CULTURAL BACKGROUND & CUSTOMS & MOON CAKES
 2 SNOW-SKIN MOON CAKES DIY

Birthdays of the month: September

03 — Richard Fang, Johnathan Ortelli	16 — Alex Hartmann
06 — David Richardson	19 — Rita Malvone
13 — Sarah Kochling	21 — Nils Lessmann
14 — Giuseppe Bigatti	28 — Carlotta Godio

Other Events

15.09 — Fellowship @KunLun	6:30 - 8:30 pm
19.09 — Family Day Mooncake Making @Mandarin Inn	11:00 am - 01:00 pm
22.09 — Club Assembly @KunLun	6:30 - 8:30 pm
29.09 — Fellowship @Guinness Gatehouse	6:30 - 8:30 pm

The Four-Way Test 四大考驗 Officers & Directors

Of the things we think, say, or do:
我们说的做的要符合:

1. Is it the **truth**?
是真的吗?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
是公平的吗?
3. Will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?
是善意并促进友谊吗?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?
是对大家有利吗?

Officers & Directors
Tracy Hua – President
Rita Malvone – Vice President
David Smith – Secretary
Christoph Wenner – Treasurer
Thilo Köppe – President Elect
Terri Lau – Immediate Past President
 Alejandro Rocha Buriel
 Alexander Hartmann
 Andreas Winterfeldt
 Ludovic Antérieur
 Nathalie Köppe

Committees & Chairs

Club Administration Chair: Thilo Köppe
Membership Committee: Thilo Köppe
Fellowship Committee: Rita Malvone
Rotary Information Chair: Tiziana Richiardi
Service Projects Committee: Alex Hartmann
Youth Service Committee: Naomi Peña
Rotary Foundation: Nils Lessmann
Gift of Life (GOL): Terri Lau
Sister Clubs: Motohiro Yamane
Pagoda: Christian Kober
PR Committee: Natalie Köppe; Tracy Hua
RCS Alumni Committee: Andrew Hill
Circle of Centennial Rotary Club: Terri Lau
S-A-A: Alejandro Burial Rocha; David Smith

Highlights from Our Last Meeting @KunLun

September 08th, 2020

Dinner Attendance:	
Members	15
Visiting Rotarians	1
Guests	12
Total Headcount	28

Happy Money: CNY 6,850

Visiting Rotarian: Harry Wong - Rc Suzhou, Mainland China.

Hello here with our latest meeting highlights! Last Tuesday PE Thilo Koppe chaired the meeting because President Tracy Hua and VP Rita Malvone were both absent.

Thilo invited Travis Yang to lead the 4-way test and praised him a native speaker.

David as usual introduced our many guests.

Following the dinner was the induction for Travis, our new honorary member, accompanied by his sponsor Terri. Travis expressed his happiness to join the RCS family: "finally the day has come!".

Travis did great contribution to RCS already. E.g. his company is the platinum sponsor to 2019-20 Centennial Party held last October. Thanks to Alex, Moto and Travis who rang the bell, we collected ¥6,850 Happy Money for a good cause.



Last but not least, our speaker Kasper, Asia President of FC Bayern Munich gave us interesting insight about what the club is doing. Surprisingly there were more questions than ever in the QA part. e.g. How to develop talent in China, how to bring them to a professional level; what is the most difficult thing in managing a team in China...And guess what? We finished the evening exchanging a few controlled football exchanges inside the Kunlun ball!

The meeting was 15 minutes over time, but it seemed that everyone was wandering inside.



Clubs Around The World

Rotary clubs in New Zealand and England received funding from the Rotary Foundation to enable a ground-breaking social enterprise in Madagascar to train young people from low-income backgrounds into world-class software developers those living in refugee camps or in makeshift settlements are particularly vulnerable.

Madagascar doesn't often feature in the headlines. Many of us will quickly associate it with a series of animated hit movies. Others may recall a biodiversity hotspot, containing 5% of the world's plants and animals.

Lesser known is that it also contains 26 million people, 92% of who live on less than \$1.90 per day, which makes it one of the very poorest countries in the world. But if Onja, a Rotary-backed social enterprise, and its students have their way, this won't be the case for long.

Initiated and led by the Rotary Club of St Johns and District in Auckland, New Zealand, and supported by Rotarians in north-east England in District 1030, a Rotary International Global Grant was awarded in July for \$112,170.

This will fund a full year of software development training for Onja's pioneering class who have spent the last year following a highly intensive English programme. In Madagascar, higher education is a privilege reserved for the 5% of people who can afford it.

As a result, the majority of the most brilliant minds are limited to low-paying, unfulfilling careers. Designed to tackle this injustice, Onja consists of a school and an enterprise. The school offers English and software development training to talented students who otherwise couldn't continue their education.



The enterprise will employ graduates from the school to work as software developers. Offshore companies will then be able to hire these developers to work remotely. Profits generated will feed back into the school to educate more students, making the process completely self-funding.

The first class began in January 2019. Students climbed from zero English knowledge to upper intermediate English speakers in just one year. With crucial Rotary backing, students are now focused on their study of software development. Testament to their enormous talent and work ethic, they are well on track to become market-ready developers by the end of 2020.

As early as January next year, students will graduate from the programme and will be available for work. Onja is intending to place them in long-term remote roles – so if you work in software, head to onja.org and learn about hiring a talented developer to work with you remotely.

This is just the beginning of an exciting Rotary project that is set to spread true opportunity where it is most needed – and is a good reminder of how Rotary is playing a defining and leading role in these sorts of high impact, low cost initiatives.

