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## 29 September — Fellowship Dinner

## 06 October — National Holiday

**Rotary Club of Shanghai**

ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI INVITES YOU TO  
SEPT. 29  
RCS FELLOWSHIP DINNER

**GUINNESS GATEHOUSE**  
健力士餐厅

**RSVP**  
TIME: 18:30-20:30  
FEE: 220 RMB SET MENU INCL. 2 DRINKS  
VENUE: GUINNESS GATEHOUSE-RESTAURANT  
@ 1F, 1788 PLAZA, NO.1818 WEST NANJING RD.  
/ 南京西路1818号1788广场1楼

**HAPPY Mid Autumn FESTIVAL**

### Birthdays of the month: September

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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

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|--|------------------|
| 29.09 — Fellowship @Guinness Gatehouse   | 6:30 - 8:30 pm   |
| 06.10 — canceled due to National Holiday |                  |
| 13.10 — Networking Dinner @KunLun        | 6:30 - 8:30 pm   |
| 17.10 — Family Day @Qingpu Ancient Town  | 8:00 am- 3:00 pm |
| 20.10 — Fellowship @Kunlun               | 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?

- 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 Buriel Rocha; David Smith

Highlights from Sept. 22nd Club Assembly

Dinner Attendance:

Members	13
Visiting Rotarians	00
Guests	01
<b>Total Headcount</b>	<b>14</b>

Happy Money: CNY 1400

Club assembly in COVID-19 times are more difficult than normal - and that does not mean that normal club assemblies are easy to organize. Yet PE Thilo as Chair and Master of Ceremonies was very much in charge of proceedings. After Brent had lead us through the Four-Way-Test, Thilo announced a BBQ Invitation from the RC Shanghai West for Sept. 26th, a Mr. Willis Dinner on Sept. 27th, Octoberfest and Family Day on October 16th. Not to forget our next club meeting on Sept. 29th, which will take place in the Guinness Gatehouse.

Markus then made good use of the saddle, collecting 1.400 RMB. And after that an, in these times unusual, occurrence, a new member in our club. Brent Beisher, a former member, rejoined. Moto presented us with the revised bylaws (4 changes)been extensively discussed, and were unanimously approved. The Club Assembly proceeded with the usual topics of Finance and Admin. PE Thilo in his role of membership committee chair called on all of us to find new and suitable members with special attention to the gender imbalance in our club. We now have 53 members, two new honorary members and 2 applying members. PP Terri introduced to us the CCRC, Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs, to which we proudly belong and which was formed in February 2020. Globally



Rotary's only growth regions are Asia, Africa and the Middle East, while in other parts of the world Rotary is losing members - a call to action also for us. PE Thilo called also attention to the point that Rotary Clubs are neither mere business associations - for that we have the AmCham, German Chamber etc., not pure social welfare organisations. Also focus of Rotary and a key attraction is the institution of "fellowship", to be in the agreeable company of like-minded people from all walks of life. Thus he highlighted to ensure that we do not neglect that component of a Rotary Club's function. As a special example he highlighted our first business networking session, which worked out very well and which helps us to integrate more deeply into business, especially with young and aspiring business people. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13th. Topic ideas include digital disruption, decoupling, supply chain changes in the wake of COVID-19, resilience, how to stay on top of geopolitical tensions and how to master the VUKA world.

Further updates during the club assembly included a PR Update (by Natalie) with a family day on Oct.13, Qingpu Old Town on Oct. 17 and more in November and December. A Service Committee update was given by Andrew (Butterfly Kids, Sweat to End Polio, Shanghai Sunrise, Habitat for Humanity). He emphasized that 25% of committed funds were self funded, highlighting the power of Rotary. GOL was updated by Terri: 25 kids received life - changing surgery and preparation for the next Global Grant is ongoing. Two hospital visits for 5 kids are upcoming. Last but not least: Youth Committee (Moto). Moto highlighted three key aspects: Communication, Collaboration and Compliance. Compliance is especially of importance to ensure that we stay within the limits of Chinese law. Moving forward, he was mentioning the extension of Interact to two more schools. Revamping applications together with the district chair and avoiding conflict of interest issues are high on the agenda. In between we also took our time to celebrate the birthdays of David Richardson and Sarah Kochling - CONGRATULATIONS! The meeting closed ahead of time (thanks to Thilo for the good management).



## Board Training

Being the first of its kind, our sponsor club, RCS, and its Rotarians graciously took the time out of their busy schedules to deliver to RACS the knowledge needed to effectively operate a Rotary body within the rules and regulations of RI and China.

Various Rotarians showed up and delivered presentations on the various board positions to equip each person serving as an officer with the know-how needed. The training began with YSC Chair Naomi Peña, welcoming everyone then swiftly moved on to District Secretary, Rotarian Tiziana who spoke about the rules of RI from a district level. Afterwards Rotarian Moto- San informed RACS board of how to operate within the laws of not only china but also that of RI. Later on Rotarian Ludovic spoke about how to use RI resources not only for documentation but also for generating logo designs and more. Lastly Rotarian Rita gave a very informative presentation on service and how to go about documenting projects, also how to implement SOPs to track and maintain on going and future projects.

After everyone delivered their presentation, the RACS board had the chance to ask all questions and voice their concerns about anything that was said for clarity and brevity. The climax of the training session had both Rotaractors and Rotarians engaged in a one on one chat where they both could have a deeper understanding of



the roles and responsibilities of each other. We've gained a better understanding of what it means to belong to the Rotary family in China and globally, and we feel that we can approach our sponsor Rotarians with when in both hard and great times - Cyril, 2020/21 RaCS President.

## Gift of Life

GOL began in 2000 in China, is one of the longest service programs, 614 children with congenital heart defects have been saved under the program executed by the Rotary Club of Shanghai. GOL provides life-saving operations to young children and teenagers whose family cannot afford the hospital costs. Since the inception of the program, Rotary Club of Shanghai has been awarded by Rotary International 6 matching grants and 3 global grants, with a total funding exceeds US\$ 3/4 million.

On Friday 25th Terri, Carlotta, Markus and his wife have been visiting 4 more kids from the program, all coming from the Yunnan region. A 2 years old boy and a 10 months old girl were already back to the

ward: after a short time in ICU, I'm happy to announce that they are recovering very fast. One girl just arrived to the hospital and will go through all the physical health check-ups before she will be operated after the National holidays. Unfortunately we couldn't see the boy who's still in ICU, but we left a small present for the parents. The kids were surprised seeing so many unfamiliar people at first, but gaining confidence after a few minutes and offered heart warming smiles and hand waving when we left. Our immense respect all goes to Dr. Wang who has already done around 3000 to 4000 heart operations and saved innumerable kids' lives!

