



# Pagoda



Service Above Self

One Profits Most Who Serves Best

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## Highlights



President Terri Lau

## Kick off for President Terri Lau

President Terri will lead July 2 club meeting for the first time as President of Rotary Club of Shanghai. She will introduce her presidential theme: Connect for good causes:

Rotary is the platform for a group of professionals, scholars, entrepreneurs, leaders in their own field to meet and to serve the community. For all of the RCS members, it is a foreign environment and we are reminded that we are guests in Shanghai. Unlike other clubs around the world, RCS is challenged that its members are not permanently living and working in Shanghai. Like any guest, hospitality comes with expectations and therefore it is of importance to RCS to return benefits to the community in which it is located consistently.

Through the service projects, we take the action to raise awareness, to make a difference, to provide service to others in our community. With 26 Rotary clubs, 10 Rotaract clubs, 18 Interact clubs and a RCC in Mainland China today, I believe it is the perfect time to reconnect within our Rotary family and to share the same value with other Foundations and social organization in China and in overseas. The joint talents and efforts will benefit all parties for the good causes.

We will continue to support the signature project - Gift of Life (GOL). Another focus will be on our new generation of members where we seek more resources to support. We welcome new project proposals in fighting diseases, improving environment and incorporate with partners to work for a better future.

I invite all members to take an active role, to participate in club meetings and activities. The key words to define an active Rotarian: **We Meet! We Connect! We Serve!**

Last but not the least: **We Celebrate!** Rotary year 2019-20 is a special year for RCS. "Celebrating 100 years serving the community". Bring your families and friends to take part in this special moment on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



## The Four-Way Test

### 四大考验

### Shì Dà Kǎo Yàn

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?  
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?

Date	Topic / Speaker	Venue/Time
July 2, 2019	Strategy for the New Rotarian Year, President Terri Lau	5th Floor, Marriott City Center, 19:00
July 9, 2019	Alain Chevasses More: Rotary Foundation	5th Floor, Marriott City Center, 19:00
July 16, 2019	Summer Fellowship	TBD
July 23, 2019	Summer Fellowship	TBD

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Highlights from the last meeting

Visiting Rotarians:

12 members	RC Shanghai West	Mainland China
7 members	RC Hongqiao	Mainland China
11 members	Various other clubs	
9 members	Rotaract	Mainland China

Happy Money: 3,118 RMB

Members	24
Visiting Rotarians	38
Guests	37
<b>Total headcount</b>	<b>99</b>

VP Tracy presided at the full house meeting which has been all focused on RIPE Mark Maloney’s visit of RCS. Accompanied by his wife Gay, Rotary International Past President 2014-15 & Rotary Foundation Chair Elect Gary Huang and his wife Corinna as well as Rotary Special Representative Richard Zi and his spouse Nancy, Mark Maloney was introduced by Sergeant at Arms Sam marching into the nearly 100 people-filled ball room. The Four Way test was conducted by VP Tracy while SAA Sam introduced the 38 visiting Rotarians and 37 guests of the night.

During his speech, RIPP Gary reminded all guests of the developments RCS has been achieved since the early 1990s when Rotarians from Taipei reached out to Shanghai to break ground to reestablish a Rotary Club in the city. He pointed out the special roles IPSR Frank Yih and PP Randal Eastman played not only during that time but ever since for RCS and he shared some personal memories with the audience.

RIPP Gary’s special hand-clap exercise with the audience led the stage to RIPE Mark Maloney to deliver his speech focusing on the 100 year history of Rotary in Shanghai. He pointed out, how special it is to being firstly chartered in 1919 when only a few clubs globally were welcomed to the Rotary family. Not only history keeps Rotary a vital element but also an ever-changing society brings new challenges and opportunities which Rotary embeds into its structure and work, he says. RIPE Mark Maloney names the potent roles of women in RCS as an example, but also the dynamic and young structure of the club and the dedicated work to the community.

RIPE Mark Maloney, RIPP Gary Huang and SR Richard Zi together with their wives officially opened the RCS Centennial Period by cutting the RCS Birthday cake.

RIPE Mark Maloney also honored the incoming board of RCS by presenting to each member a new pin which was donated by PE Terri.

PE Terri took the opportunity of this meeting to invite all guests to the Centennial Celebration in October.

This special meeting was closed with a toast by VP Tracy to the new Rotary Year starting on July 1 and the coming Centennial Ceremony of RCS and, most importantly, thanking RIPE Mark, RIPP Gary, SR Richard and their wives for their visit.



with Samuel Tung



with Terri Lau



RIPE Mark Maloney



with Tiziana Richiardi

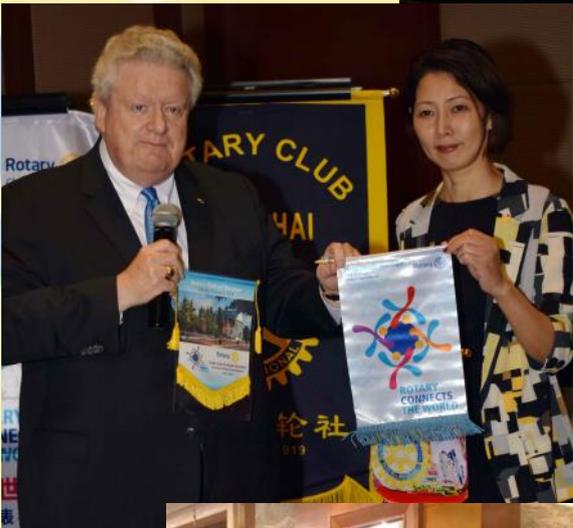


with Ludovic Antérieur





RIPE Mark Maloney visits Rotary Club of Shanghai on June 25, 2019



## Pagoda Portrait: President Terri Lau

President Terri will lead RCS through an exciting year filled with challenges, opportunities and a Centennial Celebration in October.

Pagoda portraits the person behind the office.

**When did you join RCS and who was your sponsor:** I joined in 2008-09 and my sponsor is President Tom Thong in that year.

**Where are you hailing from:** Hong Kong is my birth place and where I grew up. Further I studied and worked in Montreal, Canada. I moved to Shanghai in 2001 from Beijing.

**What are you doing professionally:** I am in relocation industry. Specialized in moving household effectively internationally, domestically and locally. Offer storage facility and record management service as well.

**What would you like to share with our readers about your family:** I am coming from a big family with 4 brothers and 2 sisters. My mom is my idol who has no fear in life. Parachuting challenge at her retirement age! I am with Anson, my son, and Anita, my sister, in Shanghai. I am grateful for having my sister with me as she helps much in taking care of Anson and the housekeeping matter so I could focus on my work in the company and in community service.

**What are your hobbies, apart from RCS:** Golf, travels, Movies, Zumba (and a foodie).

**How do you recharge your battery:** Sleep, Chitchat with a glass of wine in hand, watch a good comedy show.

**Best/Last book you read and why:** Dance in midlife. It is written by a Chinese female at her mid-aged who is telling the reader life could be challenge and yet interesting. You have to be open minded and with sense of humor to embrace the life ahead of you. Good book for all genders to have a laugh in a private corner.

**Favorite place in Shanghai:** French Concession

**What is your advice to any new member of RCS:** Be engaged! If you believe in "Service Above Self", take the ownership and act on it! You will learn so much by being part of Rotary projects and activities. Amazing return by helping others to make the difference to others and to yourself.



## Why the Rotary Year begins July 1

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.



Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.

## The surprising Rwanda you never knew existed

By Frank Mulligan

When the average person around the world, especially those over the age of 40, think of Rwanda, what immediately comes to mind is the genocide that occurred in 1994. This event is so overwhelming, and deservedly so, that it completely colours all the impressions that we might have of the country.

That is, until you actually get here. The genocide certainly does cast a long shadow on the country itself, but Rwanda in 2019 is a surprise. By comparison with the other countries in the region, Rwanda is young, densely-populated and thriving. It has a high level of investment and is emerging as a conference centre for Africa. Broadband density is high, and corruption is low, and what is incredible to see is how far the country has come from the time of the genocide; when the population dropped by more than 2 million and the economy literally collapsed. The country is very dynamic; with lots of entrepreneurs and young designers; and Rotary can be seen helping out in the Inema Art Centre in Kigali.

While there may be issues with human rights and suppression of the opposition, much of this seems to be in the past. Rwanda is in many ways more similar to Switzerland or Singapore, and up in the mountains, where the gorillas live in the mist, you could easily think you actually were in Switzerland. The elevation of the country ranges from about 1,000 metres to about 4,000 metres so there is the element of the Eternal Spring in the climate. You could say they have Goldilocks weather; not too hot not too cold. The capital, Kigali, varies in temperature from roughly 12-27 degrees centigrade. Rwanda is the only country, along with Uganda, where it is possible to view the mountain Gorillas. High end tourism is the target and the hope is that this will maintain the environment in its current pristine condition, and protect the gorillas.



At the same time, the Rwandan Genocide Memorial is, as you would expect, a shock to the system. The level of brutality seen during the genocide, which took place in the middle of a civil war, is hard to fathom, and much of it is on display in the memorial. Around the country there are occasional reminders in the form of smaller memorials built close to the locations of the actual killing and commonly containing up to 30,000 victims. This high numbers stems from the fact that most victims were killed in their own villages, and often by their neighbors.

The brief history is that after years of propaganda by the radical Hutu political elite, the country exploded into a frenzy of killing that lasted almost 4 months. The target was Tutsis and moderate Hutus, who had been divided up into these artificial categories by the colonial powers. This division in society gave the killers the opportunity to separate out the targets, at checkpoints and in buses, and this was done with relentless, systematic efficiency; including the use of rape as a weapon. As of writing, the country is in the memorial period, and every year there are multiple events to commemorate the genocide. The sense is that the Rwandans have face up the nature of the genocide and the consequences of what was done, and this awareness is being passed on to the next generation.



# Multipliers Make Magic

By Rita Malvone

I love to be efficient. I've built my brand around helping companies become more efficient.

The concept of multipliers - doing two mutually exclusive things at the same time – was ingrained in me from my childhood, and has stuck with me always. Mama Carms, from my earliest memories, would always say, "Don't walk out of the room empty handed." To this day, I still can't go from one room to the next without seeing if something needs to be taken with me.

So when Michel DeVriendt approached the Service Project Committee recently with a proposal to transform E-Waste into E-Learning, I was all ears. He said that Rotarians could take our tech trash that, if incinerated, would drive toxicity into the air, water, and soil, and turn it into educational tools for children in our own community.

We get to remove environmental waste AND help with education — Where do I sign?!

Sign we did! On June 11, the Board of the Rotary Club of Shanghai approved to invest 17,500 RMB to partner with local NGO, Netspring, to create Green IT classrooms for underprivileged children in China. The program will take place at Shanghai Migrants Primary School at Chenchun in Songjiang district.

There are several ways for Rotarians to get involved at every stage of the project. Up front, there is a chance to **donate old computers**. Netspring will take these computers and use them in part or in whole, to create refurbished computers for the children in the migrant school. A collection will begin this summer, so talk to friends, colleagues, and even set up an office challenge to gather all of the e-waste that you can, knowing your efforts will help the environment and the children.

Then, during the summer and into the autumn, Michel is going to be raising some more of the funds for this project by selling **Belgian chocolates**. Help him out – buy a few boxes; sell a few boxes. Give them to your wife, your mother, your girlfriend, anyone really, except your dog...

Then, in September, join Michel to **volunteer** for a half day in Songjiang for some workshops and discussions with the children. There is an opportunity for at least 10 volunteers, so sign up early if you're interested.

Our goal, through the donations of money and our e-waste, and through the fundraising efforts, is to build 18 refurbished computers, with new hardware, education software, remote control systems and routers for 2 computer labs at the school.

I love when Rotarians can be multipliers. We can create joy and learning. We can serve and create fellowship. We can make a difference and eat chocolate.

It really is a great time to be a Rotarian!



Rtn. Michel De Vrindt at Chenchun Primary School in Shanghai

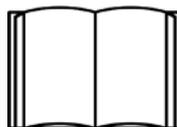
## Project Facts & Figures

### Chenchun Primary School, Shanghai

- Candidate Green IT Classroom in Shanghai is located in Chenchun Primary School, in Songjiang District.
- The school has 37 teachers and takes care of around 752 children from grade 1 to 5 with 23 classes. Most of the kids are from families with difficult financial situation.
- 4 classes of students of Grade 3 have 35 minutes IT lessons twice a week provided by their class teachers.



**Attendance:** If the school can open 2 Green IT Classrooms with 70 computers in total for 23 classes, approximately 752 children will benefit from the Green IT Classroom in the medium term. It is calculated that the total hours of one class attendance were about 27 hours per week. For 23 classes in 2 classrooms and 35 minutes per session it adds to 27 hours per week.



**Hardware Status:** There are two IT classrooms in the school, one is Netspring Green IT Classroom with almost 3 years of computers in it which need renewal. The other classroom is offered by government. The IT Classroom provided by the government is not used due to it being without internet connection and computer installation which is a problem that needs to be solved.



**Courseware:** For current Netspring Green IT Class, the class teachers prepared the courseware for the students according to their levels. The children gradually learn how to use computers and to use social software like QQ. Besides, the students also could use Office programs to edit files and to practice typing as well. For spare IT, classroom needs to be set up.

Key features		
 <p><b>752 students</b> beneficiaries in the long term</p>	 <p><b>35 desktops</b> installed on site in 2016 - need to be renewal - one spare IT class need to be set up</p>	 <p><b>Normal</b> internet connection</p>

Upcoming Events



**ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI**  
Celebrating 100 years serving the community

Oct 17: Golf event      Oct 18: Gala dinner      Oct 19: Sightseeing

**Rotary Club of Makati**

requests the pleasure of your company at its

**54<sup>TH</sup> INDUCTION BALL**  
**ROARING ROTARIANS**

IN HONOR OF THE  
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS  
FOR 2019-20

on Friday, July 5, 2019  
At 6 o'clock in the evening  
at the Rizodon Ballroom of  
The Peninsula Manila, Makati City

Attire: Formal

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\* Club important appointments

# Happy Birthday July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
01	02	03	04	05	06 Olaf Griese	07
08	09	10	11 Sophia Slingerland	12	13	14
15 Rangarajan Vellamore R	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Ralf Barbian	26	27 Terri Lau	28
29 Filippo Garini	30	31				

Club Information



**Contacts & Meetings**

The club meeting is a dinner meeting (by invitation only)  
 Tuesday 18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner

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**2019-20 Presidential Theme: Connect for good causes**

By RCS President Terri Lau



Terri Lau – President

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Last but not the least: **We Celebrate!** Rotary year 2019-20 is a special year for RCS when RCS was first chartered on October 1, 1919. Only a few clubs have been chartered before. A hundred years later, RCS has become a club that connects for the good cause. Celebrate with us this very special anniversary.

**Basic Info of our Club**

First chartered on 1 October 1919  
 Rechartered on 8 February 2006  
 Number of active Members – 58  
 Honorary Members – 4

**Inclusion Factory**

Project

The Inclusion Factory gives meaningful employment and training to mentally challenged individuals under real market conditions.

**Careers in Care**

Project

Careers in Care tackles the issue of a growing aged population in China by teaching migrant workers to care for the elderly.

**"Gift of Life" – Heart Surgery**

Project

GOL provides life-saving operations their family cannot afford. Over 550 children with congenital heart defects have been saved under the programs executed by the Rotary Club of Shanghai.

**Preventing Kashin-Beck disease**

Project

The Kashin-Beck disease (KBD) is a neglected disease afflicting mostly poor areas of China and resulting in stunted growth, joint deformities and chronic pain.

**The Library Project**

Project

The Library Project has established over 1,800 elementary school libraries. It has put more than 1,200,000 Chinese language children's books into the hands of eager young readers.

**Officers & Board members**

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- Sophia Slingerland
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## The Object of Rotary

THE OBJECT of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

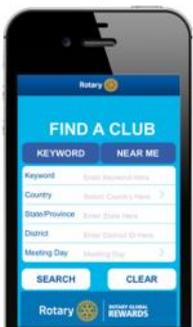
## Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

**AS A ROTARIAN, I will**

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

### FIND A CLUB: ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!



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