



# PAGODA



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## 29 December — Fellowship Dinner

Rotary Club of Shanghai invites you to attend @Mr Willis

## 10-11 April — Book Your Calendar

**2021 ROTARY CHINA DISTRICT SUMMIT**  
Renaissance Shanghai Yangtze Hotel

**April 9** 11:00-17:00 Rotary China Golf Fellowship  
**April 10** 12:00-14:00 Registration/Fellowship 14:00-15:30 Opening  
15:45-17:15 Breakout Session 18:00-21:00 Gala Dinner  
**April 11** 09:00-10:30 Breakfast Session 10:45-12:15 Closing Ceremony

**Seats are limited to 200. Please register early**

Cost: Rmb 598/Member (Golf Fellowship not included)  
Registration: Michael-District Finance Chair WeChat: Yenhaur/138 1817 9636  
Season-District Assistance(WeChat: jijieno1/136 1187 0258)  
Other Details: Contact your club president or AG in your area  
Refund Policy: Full refund before Feb 01. Rmb 100 refund charge after Feb 01.  
Note: No refund after March 01

## Birthdays of the month: December

- 12 — Giovanni Pisacane
- 14 — Peter Bromberger
- 19 — Andrew Hill
- 26 — Ozgur Dogan Gunes
- 31 — Natalie Koepp

## Other Events

- 29.12 — Fellowship Dinner @Mr Willis 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 05.01 — Business Networking @Kunlun 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 12.01 — Regular Meeting with Guest Speaker 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 16.01 — Family Day TBD

## 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 Burial Rocha; David Smith

Highlights from Rotary's Christmas Market

December 22, 2020



Thanks everyone who came Tuesday night and helped our first "mini" market a smashing success!

The Kunlun usual dining room magically become very festive and since the very early evening we started selling and buying so that many items immediately finished even before starting the dinner!

Thanks to the generous donations and contributions, we were able to bring in 11,872 RMB between the market and auctions. In addition to that, we had 3150 in happy money and there was also a WeChat contribution from Caroline Lincoln.

That means, we totally collected a total amount of 15,000 RMB to support migrant children through the You Dao Foundation, bringing us even closer to our goal of supporting 10 children this year!

The evening went on with Tracy listing the next scheduled events, with the bittersweet announcement that our Thilo and Natalie will leave for good soon in the new year, with Andrew and Natalie blowing out the candles for December birthday celebration.

Last but not least, the owner of the sustainable fashion brand Zurita -Monica- gave us an inspiring speech about entrepreneurship, determination and passion.





**Rotarians in the Making**

This Christmas, BuildShanghai has gathered wishes from each of the 39 students at the Pudong Skill-training School for the Disabled Young Adults. These are a group of either mentally or physically challenged students from low-income families trying to gain working skills from the school in hope to gain employment opportunities upon graduation to support themselves. The wishes they have asked for were simple: one asked for a bag of buns for his grandma, one asked for only a cup of hot milk tea, another one asked for a pair of sports shoes only because the one he is wearing now is worn out, and several of them asked for a projector for the school as the current one is very blurry and the kids with impaired vision have a hard time to see in the classroom.

Our kind Samaritans from the Rotary Club of Shanghai have generously fulfilled 19 wishes from the students. Special shout out to CS Wu who donated a projector and laptop computer, which is of great support to the school. Elizabeth Espinosa has also sponsored the kids who wished for an interview opportunity in the hospitality industry a day of practicum opportunity at the Waldolf Astoria Hotel on the bund on the Christmas day, gave them a behind-the-scene tour, and had the kids try out on their own with mock interviews & Christmas presents to end the day. Frank Yih has also kindly connected the school to Thilo Koeppe's inclusive factory. A tour of the factory and possibly work opportunities will be arranged in the near future.

All other remaining wishes were made come true by BuildShanghai and its kind-hearted tenants of the Office Community at Build.

It would not have been possible to made the disabled students' wishes come true without our Rotary Club of Shanghai members' support. A big thanks goes to Brent and Jingfu, who took a great leadership in this project: here are some pictures when he dressed as the Santa Claus to give the students what they have wished for on the Christmas eve.

The school and the students are very grateful for you to brighten up their holiday :)

