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02 March — Networking Meeting

International
WOMEN'S DAY
March 8

Rotary Club of Shanghai

Means Business talks
International Women's Day

In celebration of Women's day, please join RCS for a business networking discussion focused on unlocking the biases, answering the tough questions, and sharing perspectives about the challenges and successes of creating lasting gender balance in the workplace.

18:30 - 20:30
Tuesday March 2nd 2021.
Venue: 40F, Kunlun Hotel Jing'An Num. 250 Huashan rd.
地址: 华山路250号静安大昆仑饭店40楼

RSVP to Vivian Huang:

06 March — Sweat to End Polio

SWEAT TO END POLIO

SATURDAY MARCH 6TH
14:30-15:30
Address: 425 Yanping Lu - Room 104

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RMB 200

END POLIO NOW

BE A PART OF HISTORY

ALL Proceeds to Support the Rotary International POLIO FUND

With the generous support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, donations to Rotary International's Polio Fund are matched 2 to 1, effectively tripling the value of your contribution!

Rotary Club of Shanghai

Birthdays of the month: March

01 — Alain Chevassus More 09 — Tiziana Richiardi

Other Events

02.03 — Networking Meeting @Kunlun	6:30 - 8:30 pm
06.03 — Sweat to End Polio @Exequite	2:30 - 3:30 pm
09.03 — Speaker Program @Kunlun	6:30 - 8:30 pm
16.03 — Fellowship @Hokkaido	6:30 - 8:30 pm
20.03 — Family Day @Qingpu Clean Up	10:00 am- 2:00 pm

The Four-Way Test 四大考驗

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?

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RCS Alumni Committee: Andrew Hill
Circle of Centennial Rotary Club: Terri Lau

Highlights from the Latest Speaker Program

February 23, 2021

Dinner Attendance:

Members	15
Visiting Rotarians	04
Guests	02
Total Headcount	21

Happy Money: CNY 3,400

Visiting Rotarians:

- Christoph Wandt - RC Beijing, China
- Paul van Brenkelen - RC Hong Kong South
- Sabrina Bousrira - RC Fresh, China
- Sophia S. - RC Elysee, China

Our first meeting in the Year of the Ox took place in the well known venue of the Kunlun Hotel. Obviously everyone was happy to engage with Rotary again after the holiday break, as turnout was high. Brent kicked off the meeting with the Four-Way-Test. After that, 3 Paul Harris fellows were announced, Terry, Brent and Nils. PHF is



a recognition for those making donation of US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. This was due to the generous support of Frank Yih, who matched each 500 US\$ for the Paul Harris Fellowship with 500 US\$ of his own money. Hurry up, Franks offer is still valid!

The saddle saw two members ringing the bell. PP Moto who was celebrating his elder son's return from Japan, while Brent did it for world peace and the fact David did not lose his eye in their squash game. He got hit quite hard and it was touch and go for a bit.

Alejandro was the only birthday child present and did use the opportunity of cutting the cake to also introduce the Gala dinner to all of us. Funds will go towards the alleviation of the Butterfly Disease and detailed information on table bookings etc. will follow.

The highlight of the evening was certainly our speaker Shinya. He grew up in Japan and therefore is intimately familiar with the world of manga. Unlike in Japan, where Manga came first and then animated Manga followed ("anime"), in China Anime came first, followed by now a growing popularity of Mangas, especially among the GenZ. The growing popularity of Manga in book form also is helped by the popularity of smartphones which are being used as readers. Shinya is very much involved in the publishing business, using Manga as a tool for financial education. Therefore when COVID struck, the idea came up to use Manga to also spread COVID education. Thus, in co-operation with Jack Ma's foundation, a Manga COVID manual was conceived and put into pictures, printed and translated into almost all major languages, distributed for free as print and e-version.

In that spirit the toast by President Tracy was to "One World One Fight", the title of the COVID Manga.



Meet Our Fellow: Tilman Rieger

What is your idea of perfect happiness?	Being fulfilled and grateful for being able to contribute to something meaningful and create as well as maintain deep relationships.
Which historical figure do you identify with most?	Mandela
Which living person do you most admire?	Jordan Peterson, David Goggins, Edward Snowden
What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?	My tendency to dawdle, slow down and procrastinate without outside pressure
What is the trait you most deplore in others?	Not taking responsibility but seeing oneself as a victim
What is your greatest extravagance?	Having preserved a humorous and (harmless) prank loving small child side in me that people who only know me from a professional context would never expect from me but my wife experiences and appreciates on a daily basis.
What do you consider the most overrated virtue?	(false) Modesty (it is often our biggest fear is to shine as the light we actually are and could be to the world)
On what occasion do you lie?	When I don't feel safe enough or when I believe that my counterpart cannot deal with hearing the truth in a constructive way.
What is your greatest regret ?	That I have not put more effort and priority into learning Chinese properly right from the beginning of coming to China.
When and where are you happiest?	When I am with people I feel connected to and contribute to their lives and personal growth and receive their gratefulness for having helped them to live a better life.
What do you consider your greatest achievement?	The bold decision of moving to China in my early forties without anyone pushing me and then thriving here despite of multiple challenges and adversities on the way as well as many doubters who wanted to see me fail to confirm the correctness of their own fears that being courageous and following one's heart is crazy and does not pay off.
If you could choose to come back as something, what would it be?	As a dolphin
What is your most treasured possession?	My photo collection
Where would you like to live ?	In an old mansion in a quiet street in the former French Concession of Shanghai
What is your favourite occupation?	Working as a Coach and helping people to become self-aware and grow.
What is your most marked characteristic?	My much too serious face expression when I listen with focus and concentration.
What do you most value in friends?	Vulnerability and openness
Who are your favourite writers?	Eckart Tolle
Who are your heroes in real life ?	My parents, my grandmother (my mother's mother), my former drum teacher who was an important mentor for me from the age of 13 until 25 years.
How would you like to die?	Falling asleep without pain and in acceptance with the end of life and in peace with how I lived my life
What is your motto?	"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond to it." (Charles Swindol)
If you were a rock star, who would you be?	Stewart Copeland (Drummer of "The Police")
What is the oldest item in your fridge?	The batteries I store in the fridge in order to keep them charged for a longer time than if I stored them at normal temperature - allegedly.
What would you like to eat for your last meal?	Salmon Sushi with lots of Ginger
What is the best jokes you ever heard ?	Parallel lines have so much in common. It is a shame they never meet.

