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Service Above Self

One Profits Most Who Serves Best

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22 February - Speaker Meeting

23 February - Rotary Birthday!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
TUESDAY MEETING

EU/China Relations – Is There a Third Way?

PRESENTED BY:
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YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:
 • Transpacific relations have become increasingly tense over the last five years, and not only because of trade issues. In an atmosphere of worsening acrimony between the U.S. and China, what is Europe's position? What can major European players like Germany contribute to reduce the tensions?

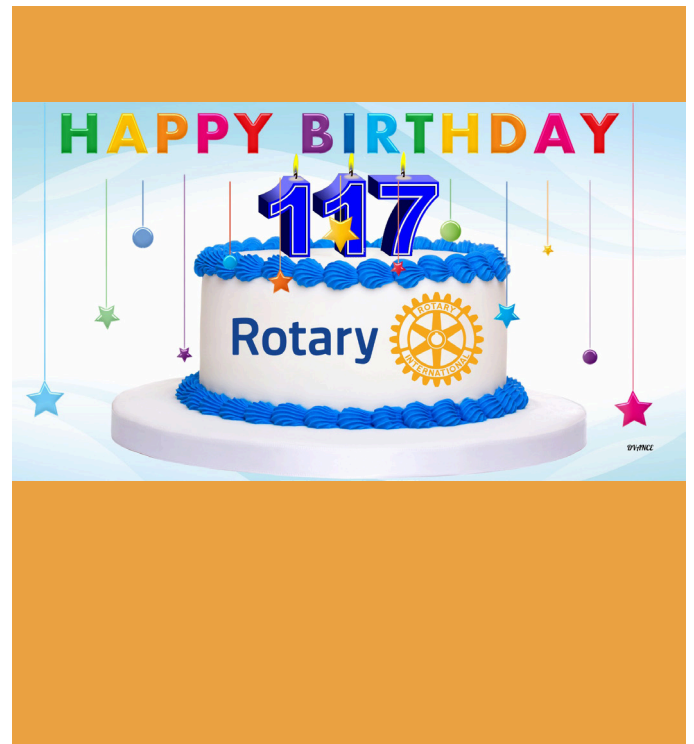
TUESDAY, February 22, 2022
 18:30 - 20:30
 Penthouse@40F Kunlun Hotel Jing'an
 No.250 Huashan Road
 华山路250号静安苑40楼
 190 RMB - 220 RMB

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Rotary Club of Shanghai

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Coming Events

Birthday of the Month: February

- 22.02 — Speaker Meeting @Kunlun Hotel 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 01.03 — Fellowship Dinner @TBD 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 08.03 — Speaker Meeting @Kunlun Hotel 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 15.03 — Speaker Meeting @Kunlun Hotel 6:30 - 8:30 pm

- 10 — Herbert K. Lau
- 11 — Elizabeth Espinosa
- 18 — Alejandro Rocha Buriel

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?

Officers & Directors

- Rita Malvone – President
- Naomy Peña – Vice President
- David Smith – Secretary
- Christoph Wenner – Treasurer
- David Smith – President Elect
- Tracy Hua – Immediate Past President
- Alexander Hartmann
- Carlotta Godio
- Christian Kober
- Terry Chu

Committees & Chairs

- Club Administration Chair:** David Smith
- Membership Committee:** Terri Lau
- Fellowship Committee:** Tracy Hua
- Service Projects Committee:** Alex Hartmann
- Youth Service Committee:** Naomy Peña
- Rotary Foundation:** Tiziana Richiardi
- Gift of Life (GOL):** Terri Lau
- Sister Clubs:** Motohiro Yamane
- Pagoda:** Carlotta Godio
- Speaker Program:** Christian Kober
- Circle of Centennial Rotary Club:** Terri Lau
- Assitant Governor:** Andrew Hill
- Club Admin:** Vivian Huang

Tuesday, February 15th, 2022

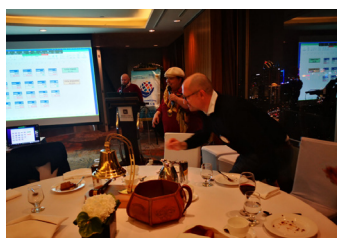
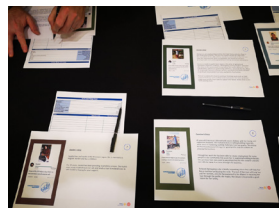
Dinner Attendance:

Members	17
Visiting Rotarians	02
Guests	04
Total Headcount	23

Donation to Kiva: CNY9,145.97

Visiting Rotarians:

Ulrike Vogt, RC Stuttgart, Germany
Ricardo, RC Shanghai Elysee



Highlights from the last meeting

“When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. This is my religion.”

Abraham Lincoln.

It was another winter day in Mid-February when our club gathered on the 43rd floor of the Kunlun Hotel in Jingan Shanghai to celebrate fellowship in Rotary. We had about 25 people in attendance and our main focus of the night was micro loans. We were all introduced about a platform called Kiva. <https://www.kiva.org/lp/causes>.

Kiva was founded in 2005 by Matt Flannery and Jessica Jackley in San Francisco as a platform to help people lend money. While Flannery was visiting Jackley in Africa, the two spent time interviewing entrepreneurs about the problems they faced in starting ventures and found the lack of access to start-up capital was a common theme. After returning from Africa, the two began developing their plan for a microfinance project that would grow into Kiva, which means “unity” in Swahili. It works with loan partners across the developing world to help fund small loans. As of November 2018, a total of 1,530,180 loans had been funded on Kiva.

Tarik Gaertner introduced the platform to our group and how to use it. He explains how it helps people from all over the world fund their needs. He made a presentation about the platform, how other Rotarians have been involved in the platform and along with Rita, David and Andrew, the small team brought about multiple loans that members could review and fund. They organized brief descriptions of the people applying for these loans, the amount of money needed to fulfill their loans and a clear and organized way to review and fund them. Then the Rotarians reviewed them individually and chose projects they wanted to fund. Together the members raised over 9,000 RMB to fund over 5 full projects and several smaller projects.

Overall, another successful meeting of friends and comrades that created good. Part of the foundation that makes Rotary what it is.

Written by Brent



February 22, 2022



Pit Heltmann

EU/China Relations – is there a Third Way?

Pit Heltmann is the current Consul General of Germany in Shanghai.

Prior to that he served as Ambassador to North Korea and in various roles in German embassies in Tokyo, Manila, Ulan Bator, Beijing as well as Deputy Director, Bilateral Cultural Relations Division for the Americas, Africa and Asia at the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin.

What is KIVA?

WHAT IS MICROLENDING?

Microloans are small loans that are issued by individuals rather than banks or credit unions. These loans can be issued by a single individual or crowdfunding via many people. More than 1.7 billion people live in unbanked areas and can't access financial services or only at extremely high interest rates. Microlending in China is a key pillar for rural development and for poverty alleviation. Chinese microloan issuance heavily regulated via government agencies and approved banks.

WHAT IS KIVA?

International Non-Profit organization, founded in 2005. Crowdfunding platform connecting people seeking to take out a loan and lenders from around the world. Already >2 billion USD loans were funded through Kiva to 4.2 Million borrowers in >80 countries. 2.1 million lenders are registered on Kiva's platform. Kiva's local field partners register the individual borrowers, give out the loan and also collect the payback.



Rotary Clubs all around the world give out loans on Kiva

