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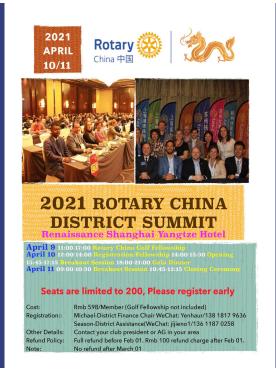
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# 05 January — Business Networking



# 10-11 April — Book Your Calendar



# Birthdays of the month: January

18 — Nazzarena Arman Endrizzi 27 — Ludovic Anterieur Patrick Boot

29 — Terry Chu

25 — Christian Kober

#### **Other Events**

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, Inclusion Factory Visit

19.01 — Fellowship Dinner @Tomatito 6:30 - 8:30 pm 26.01 — Club Assembly @Kunlun 6:30 - 8:30 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?

# **Officers & Directors**

Tracy Hua - President

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# **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: Naomy Peña **Rotary Foundation:** Nils Lessmann **Gift of Life (GOL):** Terri Lau Sister Clubs: Motohiro Yamane Pagoda: Christian Kober

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## ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

# **Business Networking Speakers**



#### **MOMO ESTRELLA**

Design Director
Head of UX at IKEA

Momo Estrella is a design executive based in Shanghai since 2010. He has worked across corporate, consulting, and startup setups in leader-

ship roles where he has defined the foundations and set the capabilities to sustain human-centered innovation. He has worked at companies like EF Education First, Imagination, Publicis Sapient, IDEO. He currently serves as the Design Director / Head of UX at IKEA.

He is a firm believer in the power of education, collaboration, and communities. This has guided his endeavors as a writer, industry speaker, and board advisor.

At SOSV's Chinaccelerator & MOX, he advises startups on leadership, capability and capacity building, as well as particulars of consumer research, product strategy, and design operations.



#### **MATTIE BEKINK**

China Director Economist Corporate Network The Economist Group

Mattie Bekink is responsible for the Economist Corporate Network's China strategy, including programme development and client engagement across China. She also provides support to all Economist Corporate Network

programmes worldwide with a China component.

Ms Bekink has extensive experience in the public, private and policy sectors. Prior to joining The Economist Group, she was the Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission in the Netherlands. She also ran an eponymous consulting business, advising senior executives from businesses, universities and non-profit organisations on China policy, strategy, public affairs, and corporate social responsibility. Ms Bekink practiced law at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, has worked with the US-Asia Law Initiative at NYU Law School and the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative China Program, and served in the legal department at General Motors China

Ms Bekink has a BA in International Relations from Stanford University and a JD from the Georgetown University Law Center.

# **Highlights from the Latest Fellowship Dinner**

### **December 29, 2020**

Despite the temperature dropping suddenly in the afternoon and the freezing weather coming along with wind and rain, only a few of the expected didn't make it to the event. We were a substantial amount of attendants at Mr Willies' fellowship dinner last Tuesday. Everyone still with a festive mood and with their own stories to tell about how their Christmas Holidays were spent.

We joined the two tables that were prepared for us and we started











the dinner with a nice, hot soup to warm us all up. If not enough, some of us decided the wine would help better, so that the table quickly become more and more joyful and quite animated.

We left the place exchanging new year wishes and discovering, once outside, a snowing Shanghai.



## ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

# Rotarians & Friends New Year Wishes, Resolutions, Thoughts

Life Is Like A Book.

Some chapters are sad, some are happy and some are exciting, but if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds.

Wishing you the best chapter yet in this coming New Year of 2021!

If 2020 has taught us anything, it is that tomorrow is promised to no one. Life is a gift - a reminder to cherish each moment we have with the people we love, and to not let distance prevent us from letting the people in our lives know what they mean to us.

I'm grateful for each of you and appreciate your support this past year. Happy New Year!

#### **Michel Dv**

Based on all what 2020 had in the pocket, we resharpened 3 aspects of highest importance: taking care (on family, friends, our staff), maintaining a positive mindset, and assuring overarching agility...and in fact learnt that with this "toolbox" any situation can be sustainably mastered.

For 2021, we are looking forward to further applying thistoolbox in a refreshed manner. Indeed, we shall be thankful to 2020 triggering an intense self-reflection, adjustment of our priorities in life and making us ready for the future. HAP-PY NEW YEAR!

#### **Natalie & Thilo**

#### Cultural difference:

Not matter how easy it seems to be like wearing masks during the pandemic, some people can make it very difficult which eventually resulted with unmanagable consequence.

#### Terry

2020 has taught me the virtue of resilience—bad times will come and may even affect you adversely in an unimaginable fashion. However, we still gotta suck it up, live on, fight with everything we've got, and be in our control of our own fate while helping the society we are in out in every possible way we can. I hope 2021 will be an excellent year for everyone to re-bounce, to be able to travel again, and to continue to give back to the world.

There are so many ways we can serve our communities - including our Youth Community! Your occupational competencies, experiences and are invaluable resources for helping to foster caring, engaged, resilient and empathetic persons and citizens.

#### Jingfu

Offer your expertise to the younger generation by becoming a mentor to a Rotaracter, or dedicate 30-60 minutes of your time to Interacters for tertiary study, career development advice or hobby sharing.

#### **Naomy**

In the difficult time of 2020, we learned that necessity is the mother of invention.

In the brand new year of 2021, we can keep making a difference together with hot heart and innovative ideas.

#### Moto

2020 taught me the value of doing 3 things: 1. asking for support, 2. making requests to meet people, and 3. saying yes.

#### Jeff

Top 3 on my 2021 checklist: 1. Keep a healthier body and mind: quality-sleep, more disciplined on my workout, less stress. 2. Read more books: January is the perfect time of year to snuggle up with a new book. 3. Stay focus, multitasking doesn't make me more efficient, but it does stress me out, learn to organize my activities into chunks of time and commit to being focused in those allotted minutes.

#### **Tracy**

2020 has been a year of very mixed emotions: anxiety for family and friends in England, and gratitude for having employment and a safe environment here in China. I think the philosophy of Rotary should reflect all aspects of our lives and I am grateful for the positivity, love and support of good friends and colleagues here. Wishing that positive vibes for hope and regeneration shine through the world in 2021.

#### Caroline

In 2020 like everyone else my world fell apart. We were given the ultimatum that once we left China the doors were closed to our return. What to do?? Stay of course. My daughter and best friend Rita lives here. Leave her never! So like everyone I accept the fact that China is my temporary new home. I look forward to 2021 giving us a stronger faith in mankind and a peace inside of our being that no one can take away.

#### **Carms**

In 2020 I have learned how to work from a distance and at a different pace. It allowed me to examine my habits which were not perfect by any standard. I feel more organized and strategic for work and personal matters going forward. I also learned how important it is to be together on every level. Together is a much more important word to me now.

#### **Andrew**

2020 has taught me humility. Suddenly so much which I took for granted, flying to wherever I wanted to, meeting friends whenever I wanted, economic certainty and much more were gone within a short period of time. I believed to be a global citizen and suddenly was forced to be extremely local. When there were emergencies overseas I could not take care of them in person, an ability which I had taken for granted. The value of communication, real communication rather than just exchanging snippets via WeChat, over long distances became more pronounced. Also privately I have used the phone more than in any of the last 20 years in Shanghai. Social life in Shanghai and friendships here became of much higher importance than ever before.

#### Christian

2020: What doesn't kill me will make me stronger...

#### Sarah

My overall feeling is that years like 2020 that come full of challenges are those that make us growth the most. These years, and uncomfortable moments are what really makes us what we are. I always believed that it doesn't matter what happens to you, what matters is how you respond to what happens to you. There is also a great example to find in our Rotary members and how everyone got together to help their countries and send back help. All projects that were born afterwards to provide medical relief. My father went trough heart surgery and fully recovered and I got engaged so 2020 wasn't that bad at all haha.

#### **Alejandro**

