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18 May – Club Assembly

ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI INVITES YOU TO

Rotary
Club of Shanghai

RCS CLUB ASSEMBLY
May 18, 2021

CLUB ASSEMBLY
&
NEW MEMBER INDUCTION
Tomas Kucera & Daniel Schubert
&
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Holger & Moto & Nikola

DINNER FEE: 190 RMB
VENUE: 40F OF KUNLUN HOTEL JING'AN
NO 250 HUASHAN LU / 华山路 250 号静安昆仑 40 楼
RSVP to Vivian @ vivian.huang@messer.com.cn

June 08 – Handover Night

Join us on June 8th 2021
6:30pm – 8:30pm

2020 – 2021
Rotary Club of Shanghai
2021 – 2022
Handover

Venue: 250 Hua Shan Road
Galerie 40F The Kunlun Jing'An
华山路250号40楼 静安昆仑

Other Events

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| 18.05 — Club Assembly @Kunlun | 6:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 25.05 — Inclusive Art Exhibition @JW Marriott | 6:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 01.06 — Business Network | 6:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 08.06 — Handover Night @Kunlun | 6:00 - 9:00 pm |

Birthdays of the month: May

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| 02 — Holger Schober | 19 — Nikola Urosevic |
| 06 — Motohiro Yamane | |

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:

- Is it the **truth**?
是真的吗?
- Is it **fair** to all concerned?
是公平的吗?
- Will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?
是善意并促进友谊吗?
- Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?
是对大家有利吗?

Officers & Directors

- Tracy Hua** – President
Rita Malvone – Vice President
David Smith – Secretary
Christoph Wenner – Treasurer
Rita Malvone – President Elect
Terri Lau – Immediate Past President
Alejandro Rocha Buriel
Alexander Hartmann
Andreas Winterfeldt
Ludovic Antérieur
Nathalie Köppe

Committees & Chairs

- Club Administration Committee:** Rita Malvone
Membership Committee: Thilo Köppe; David Smith
Fellowship Committee: Rita Malvone
Rotary Information Chair: Tiziana Richiardi
Service Project Committee: Alex Hartmann
Youth Service Committee: Naomi Peña
Rotary Foundation: Nils Lessmann
Gift of Life: Terri Lau
Sister Clubs: Motohiro Yamane
Pagoda: Carlotta Godio; Christian Kober
PR Committee: Carlotta Godio; Tracy Hua
RCS Alumni Committee: Andrew Hill
Circle of Centennial Rotary Club: Terri Lau

Highlights from the Interact Evening

April 27, 2021

Dinner Attendance:

Members	14
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	23
Total Headcount	38

Happy Money: 4,550,00

The annual Interact night was slightly different this year. The Youth Service Committee (YSC) agreed that presentations, while excellent, don't allow much direct communication between Interactors and Rotarians. Instead, they asked clubs to submit a written account of their Interact year, which was compiled into an article and shared in our Wechat group. Printed versions were placed on dinner tables with the Pagoda.

The event started with an icebreaker activity facilitated by Rotarian Rita and YSC volunteer Mariam. Interactors from the Shanghai High school International Division, Shanghai Shangde Experimental School and provisional club Dulwich College Pudong participated in the activities. The purpose was to show the students how they can be connected on multiple levels beyond Interact. Using string, the students built a web of connections, laughing and learning about each other.

Once they had this bit of fun and awareness, they moved back into the dining area. We wanted students to get a feel of a Rotary meeting, so we kept the standard plan, including recognising guests, special announcements and updates, and the saddle.

After the saddle, Rotarian Naomi gave a brief outline of the meaning and importance of Interact night. Mentors had the honour of awarding the board of Director pins to their respective Interact clubs. Advisors received a certificate of appreciation from President Tracy.

To invite Interactors to collaborate with RCS and RaCS, Rotarian Alejandro shared the existing Service Project Committee projects, Rotarian Terri introduced the Gift of Life projects. Rotaracter Lar-eesa presented the recurring projects RaCS has hosted on behalf of Rotaracter Jon-Mikel. Finally, Rotarian Terri outlined the District Recognition and approval requirement to develop better collaboration between Interact Clubs and sponsor clubs on behalf of Rotarian Tiziana.



As a special gesture, the Youth Service Committee surprised the Chair with a Peer to Peer recognition certificate, which thanked her for her contributions to Youth and embodiment of Rotary ideals.

The final half-hour of the dinner once again focused on networking and fellowship between Rotarians and Interactors. Students shared their thoughts and feelings on the actions covered in the article through question prompts prepared by Rotarian Rita. They also sought advice from Rotarians about careers and leadership.

YSC would like to thank everyone who made the time to recognise and support Youth in action. Students gave really positive feedback of the evening and inquired about other opportunities to fellowship and network with Rotarians. Please continue to share your personal inventory - interests, skills and talents with us to connect you to students and Rotaracters in need of your experience and knowledge.

Cyclists in Shanghai – an Attempt at a Classification

China was known as the land of the bicycle. After cars have made this history, we now see a renaissance in the usage of two wheeled contraptions again. Therefore it seems to be an appropriate time to attempt a classification of the different types of people who are using bicycles and e-bikes to navigate China's streets. Our resident sociologist, Prof. Dr. Cyclops, provided the following classification.

The Mobike Newbie

Obviously new to the art of cycling, he or she swerves wildly from right to left, in a random pattern. His speed is slow, really slow, which makes his or her pendular movements rather more pronounced and frightening. Always on the verge of falling over but never quite taking the plunge. Overtake at your own risk and with a wide safety margin.

The Chinese Racer

Mostly male, he has the newest of the new racing bike gear. His bike frame is titanium-carbon composite as seen on the Mars Rover. It is hand-made in an artisanal factory in Italy by a group of Trappist nuns, who have passed on the secret since Leonardo da Vinci invented the bike frame. Our cyclists' clothing has more advertising on it than that of a Tour de France Champion, but our man did not get paid for it, he actually paid top dollars, to wear a lot of advertising. He is extremely fast and considers everyone with an average speed below 35km/h to be "little people".

The Western Racer

Mostly male, he has the newest of the new racing bike gear but not quite as new as the Chinese racer. Believes deep inside that he might be mistaken for a 21 year old. Actually is usually in his forties or fifties and with a belly to prove his age. He wears extremely tight fitting elastic clothing which gives him the appearance of a sausage on wheels, a fast sausage on wheels. Assembles in large herds on Saturday morning at the Hongqiao Marriot and departs to Qingpu.

The Foreign Rowdy

Cycles with inappropriate speed and total disregard for red lights. If cornered, bursts out an amazing stream of expletives, often in quite fluent Chinese, even though his actions show how little he is integrated. Let him cycle as he wants, but try and have a different health insurance from his. His natural habitat is the French Concession.

The Centenarian

Significantly above 100 years of age and still cycling, a true miracle to behold. His bicycle was passed on to him from his great-grandfather and has not been oiled for 300 years. He cycles with an average speed of 2 km/hr (=1.5miles/hr for our American friends) and is extremely dangerous as he topples over at the slightest touch, resulting in a multi-million RMB lawsuit. Interestingly, female centenarian riders have not been sighted so far.

The speedy Courier

Decked in gaudy plumage, he weaves skillful and fast through traffic on his e-bike, with little regard for life and limbs (his and those of others). Despite the general lowliness of his position, his employer often insists on adding additional humiliation like a pair of bunny ears or a small propeller to his helmet. Average age is around 25, which indicates a maximum life span of 35 years. This might be linked to the fact, that in addition to the traffic he watches simultaneously two mobile phones. Female species are rarely seen, therefore the couriers method of propagation remains unknown to science. Tends to assemble in flocks around noodle stores during lunchtime.

The Western Youngster

Having blackmailed his parents into providing an e-bike ("EVERYBODY in my school has one..."), he bought the fastest and meanest machine available, which is way faster than his parents know. Helmets are not his thing – how better to prove one's manhood than by breaking on the asphalt with ones face and achieving the coveted "Lord Voldemort" look. Often congregates in small flocks to imbibe liquids not appropriate for the age and especially then cavorts about to impress the female species of the tribe.

The Lover

Uses an electrical bike to transport his beloved from A to B. Once married, he will delegate this task to a professional rider or to his mother. His bike has a short and slender seat, ensuring intimacy in all situations. He is torn between providing safety to his love while also impressing her with his daring and courage. His daring unfortunately rarely achieves the desired effect of impressing the female gender but often only results in a (very) public dressing down by his afore mentioned beloved. This makes him particularly dangerous to deal with as he speeds recklessly but, on a small whispered command into his ear, more or less immediately slows down to a nearly complete standstill.

The electrical Aunt

Whatever her real age, she looks to be somewhere between 50 and 60 years of age. In possession of an electrical cycle but having had no prior driving experience, her first rule of driving is: "What you do not see does not exist". She therefore avoids looking right or left when weaving into traffic and also does not care who or what might be behind her. In summer she is often protected by elongated poker shades, tinted black so deeply that the sun cannot reach her and she cannot see the sun or much else from underneath them.

The Household Mover

Why use a truck if you have an e-bike? There is nothing which is too big for a good e-bike, be it a washing machine or a King – sized bed. Attach it to your e-bike and if you are fast enough the gyroscopic force of the bike ensures that you do not fall over. The key word here is "fast enough". This naturally requires that you careen down a narrow bike path at high speed with a king-sized bed strapped to your vehicle, mowing down other bikers, pedestrians and assorted bystanders. Having cut a trail of devastation from Hongqiao to Pudong, you then have to find a load for the trip back. For this a good choice is always a pack of long PVC pipes, which can be either used for the same mowing effect if mounted sideways or can also be used in a similar way as the old knights of yore did in their tournaments, by mounting them along the bicycle. If the length is sufficient, it also impedes with your steering, forcing you to drive from Pudong to Hongqiao in one straight line, ensuring that you will arrive not only with the pipes but also 7 innocent bystanders kebabbed on these.