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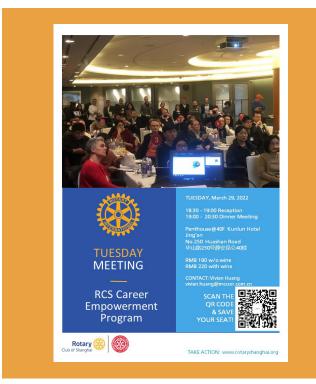
#### 22 March - Speaker Meeting



#### **Coming Events**

22.03 — Speaker Meeting @Kunlun	Hotel 6:30 - 8:30 pm
29.03 — CEP @Kunlun Hotel	6:30 - 8:30 pm
05.04 — Fellowshiop @TBD	6:30 - 8:30 pm
12.04 — Speaker Meeting @Kunlun	Hotel 6:30 - 8:30 pm

#### 29 March - Career Empowerment Program



#### Birthday of the Month: March

01 — Alain Chevassus More 09 — Tiziana Richiardi 07 — Thomas Kucera 19 — Franz Bohnlein

## 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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Gift of Life (GOL): Terri Lau Sister Clubs: Motohiro Yamane Pagoda: Carlotta Godio

**Speaker Program:** Christian Kober

Circle of Centennial Rotary Club: Terri Lau

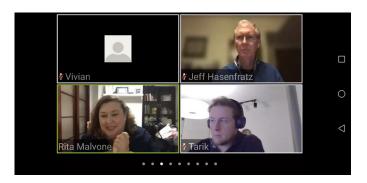
**Assitant Governor:** Andrew Hill **Club Admin:** Vivian Huang

#### ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

#### Tuesday, March 15st, 2022

#### Dinner Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians Guests	
Visiting Rotarians	07
	02
Members	21









### Highlights from the last speaker meeting

The current pandemic prevention measurements make it difficult to meet in person. Luckily, 30 RCS members and friends could come together virtually on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to look after each other, cheer each other and to get inspired by two very meaningful presentations.

Rotarian Jeff had invited his fellow Executive Coach Linda Zhang, PhD, to speak on the topic "Seeds of Life: Significant Health Challenges and Posttraumatic Growth Among Chinese Executives in Midlife". Linda walked us through the burning challenges that midlife executives are facing in the VUCA world and special health challenges for Chinese executives in midlife. She also shared her findings regarding the main posttraumatic growth factors with us which are "Better relationships with family members", "Pay attention to health", "Better self-acceptance", "Softened inner self", and "Better work-life balance".

Later, Rotarian Markus introduced us to the Austrian charity organization "Verein für weltweite Nothilfe" (Association for Worldwide Emergency Relief). The organization focuses on support for refugees and recently started a special project to supply food, medicine, and donations to Ukraine. The Emotional Money raised on March 15 (3088 RMB) and on March 22 will be donated to "Nothilfe", later to be matched by Rotarian Frank. Additionally, Michel de Vriendt already supported the association with a direct donation of 7088 RMB.

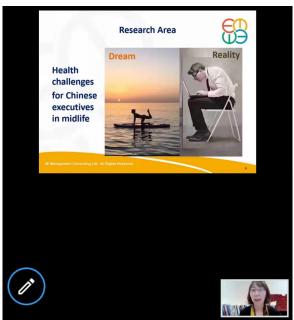
Written by Christian G.











#### ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

March 22, 2022

Joshua Li Playmobil China-GM

#### The New Era of Toy Industry

PLAYMOBIL® employee #1 in China: |oshua Li (General Manager China):

Joshua spent much of his own childhood growing up in a Chinese orphanage after losing his parents at age of nine. Building the WeWork team in China as Employee #1 from Jan 2016 to mid 2020 is one of the greatest achievements he made in his career. As an Impact Leader in 2019, he got to inspire 8,000+ attendees at the WeWork Global Summit in Los Angeles in a rousing speech about his successes story in China.

He comes with a professional background in Education, Real estate, Hospitality and now Toy industry.

Joshua has been a strong advocate for social development in China which earned him a nomination as "A Force of Goodness in Society" by Shanghai Media Group. He also participated in the production of the spiritual civilization propaganda film in Jing'an District, Shanghai in 2015.

### RCS response to Crisis in Eastern Europe

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Friday, March 18, 2022

Dear Members of the Rotary Club of Shanghai

I hope this finds you well and safe amidst these uncertain times in Shanghai. I am grateful for the continued support of our members in transitioning to online meetings and interactions to keep the club's energy and engagement level high while providing our members with a more secure option as the city undergoes testing.

While we are fortunate to be in this safe environment, there are others in our world who are suffering greatly.

In the spirit of transparency and in recognizing that we want to remain apolitical, I want to offer you the opportunity to support independently as well as in conjunction with RCS in the relief efforts for the victims and refugees of the conflict in eastern Europe. As was shared on Tuesday evening, RCS has reviewed and vetted 3 approaches in which our members can to lend support:

- Our Service Projects team has approved a 15,000RMB contribution to the TRF Disaster Relief Fund from our budget.
  - You can increase our contribution by making a personal donation using the TRF link attached or by requesting assistance from Tiziana at tiziana.richiardi@hotmail.com or WeChat ID: TizianaRichiardi.
  - PSR and AKS Frank Yih has generously offered to match the contributions made to TRF
- Our Board has approved 2 weeks of Emotional Money to be donated to Nothilfe, an organization on the ground providing aid and supplies to refugees. In response to this, PSR and AKS Frank Yih has generously offered to match our Emotional Money contribution.
  - You can send any contributions to Vivian during or before our next meeting. For more information, please reach out to Markus Burger at markus.berger@starlim.com . He has semi-weekly contact with the founder of Nothilfe, who has personally been driving the supply trucks to the victims aid stations.
  - Direct contact can also be made over the webpage http://weltweitenothilfe.at/spenden
- Shelterbox is another organization sanctioned and supported by Rotary International. Donations can be made directly at https://www.shelterboxusa.org/donate

We recognize your right to choose what causes you support and how. It is our responsibility to share with you what options have been recognized by RI and RCS to assist you in your choice.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Stay engaged and healthy.

Yours in Rotary

Beta Kalvone Rita Malvone

President Rotary Club of Shanghai 2021-2022









#### ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

#### Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees

By Rotary International

The crisis in Ukraine is having devastating consequences on civilians as families flee their homes. According to the United Nations, more than 2 million people, most of them women and children, have sought refuge in neighboring countries and across Europe, while about 1 million more people have been displaced within Ukraine.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Europe and around the world have taken swift action and are working with members nearby to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for refugees.

Rotaract Europe

The European Rotaract Information Centre, a multidistrict information organization that serves Rotaractors all over Europe, created a United for Peace site that compiles information for refugees and volunteers.

The site offers information about free rail, bus, and air transportation available to refugees and lists details about what's needed and how to help at specific national borders.

It also has fundraising details for hospitals in the western Ukraine city of Lviv, as well as for clubs that are helping in various places and for other organizations in the region.

The site lets Rotaractors coordinate shelter for refugees stranded at the border. Volunteer hosts can sign up through an online form and specify how many people they can house and for how long. Begun as an initiative to help fellow Rotary members leaving Ukraine, it's now being used by Rotaract and Rotary members all over Europe to offer help.

A tool on the site links a demand for goods with available supplies. It was created within 48 hours after a team of 60 members from 10 countries met by videoconference about how to meet the most urgent needs.

Ukraine has 62 Rotary clubs and six satellite clubs with about 1,100 members, and 24 Rotaract clubs with more than 300 members.

District 2232 (Ukraine and Belarus) formed a committee to help people affected by the crisis. It has launched an appeal to Rotary members worldwide for funds to provide basic necessities.

The city of Lviv has had an influx of people displaced from other cities around Ukraine. The Rotary Club of Lviv International, working with local authorities and major hospitals, created an online spreadsheet of relief items that can be accessed by people who want to help. Members arrange for the donated items to be delivered to hospitals and coordinate storage with local warehouses.

Poland

Poland has taken in more than a million refugees, and Rotary clubs all over the country created a central account for contributions.

The Rotary Club of Olsztyn is collecting and managing donations for more than 150 Ukrainians who are staying at Ostróda Camp, a conference and recreation center. Most of the occupants are unaccompanied children whose parents stayed in Ukraine. Four cars full of supplies including food, clothes, toiletries, and toys were donated hours after the center began accepting refugees.

Members of the Rotary Club of Zamosc worked with a member of the Rotary Club of Wolsztyn, who owns a medical supply distribution company, to coordinate a partnership with other organizations to collect supplies and equipment.

The Rotary Club of Gdansk Centrum is providing accommodations for four refugee families, and members who own businesses are offering them work. Other countries that border Ukraine

The Rotary Club of Kisvárda, Hungary, is coordinating contributions and mobilizing members to donate necessities and deliver the items to where they're needed.

Rotary members in Romania and Moldova have created a central fund for contributions and set up WhatsApp groups that organize food donations and coordinate shelter for refugees.

In Slovakia and the Czech Republic, clubs have partnered with a railway and cargo company to offer transportation to nearly 2,300 refugees.

Kim Widlicki and Claudia Brunner contributed to this article.

Follow updates on how Rotary members are providing humanitarian relief on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Check back for updates on Rotary.org and My Rotary.