



# PAGODA



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Service Above Self

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## 26 April - Speaker Meeting

## 19 April - Paul Harris' Birthday

**TUESDAY MEETING**

**PERSEVERANCE, AND OVERCOMING ADVERSITY**

PRESENTED BY:  
**Michele Aboro**  
*Aboro Academy  
Co Founder and Head Coach*

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- Belief
- Mindset
- Goals

TUESDAY, April 26, 2022  
19:30 - 20:30

ZOOM MEETING  
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Rotary Club of Shanghai

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*Happy Paul Harris  
Birthday*

April 19, 1868

### Coming Events

26.04 — Speaker Meeting @Zoom link	7:30 - 8:30 pm
03.05 — Sweat Fellowship @Zoom link	7:30 - 8:30 pm
10.05 — Speaker Meeting @Zoom link	7:30 - 8:30 pm
17.05 — Speaker Meeting @Zoom link	7:30 - 8:30 pm

### Birthday of the Month: April

01 — Audrey Wang	22 — Markus Berger
07 — Samson Popowitz	24 — Anne Tan
14 — Tarik Gaertner	25 — Christian Goettker
17 — Christoph Wenner	26 — Tracy Hua
21 — Michel De Vriendt	Christoph Wandt

### The Four-Way Test 四大考驗 Officers & Directors

Of the things we think, say, or do:

我们说的做的要符合:

1. Is it **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?

- 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

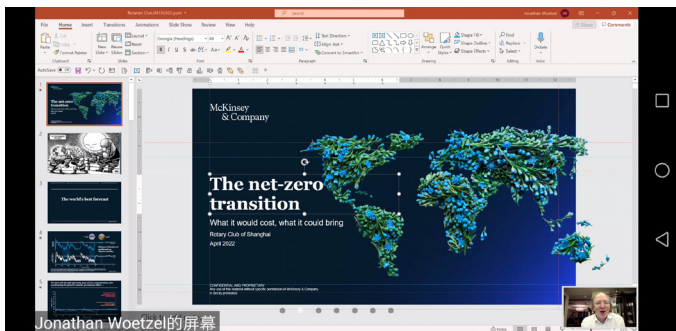
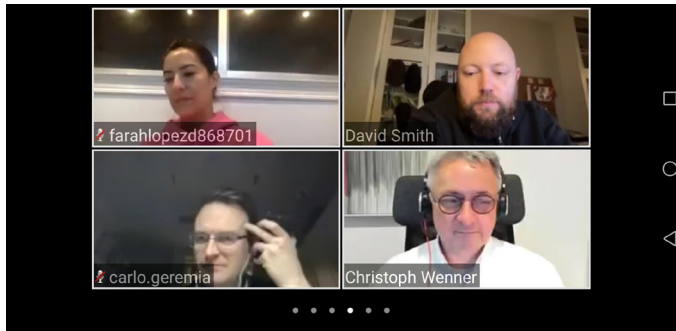
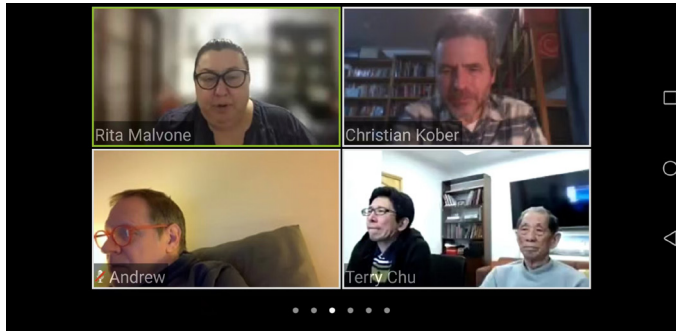
- Club Administration Chair:** David Smith  
**Membership Committee:** Terri Lau  
**Fellowship Committee:** Tracy Hua  
**Service Projects Committee:** Alex Hartmann  
**Youth Service Committee:** Naomy Peña  
**Rotary Foundation:** Tiziana Richiardi  
**Gift of Life (GOL):** Terri Lau  
**Sister Clubs:** 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, April 19nd, 2022

Dinner Attendance:

Members	15
Visiting Rotarians	00
Guests	05
<b>Total Headcount</b>	<b>20</b>

HAPPY MONEY RMB700.00



Highlights from the last speaker meeting

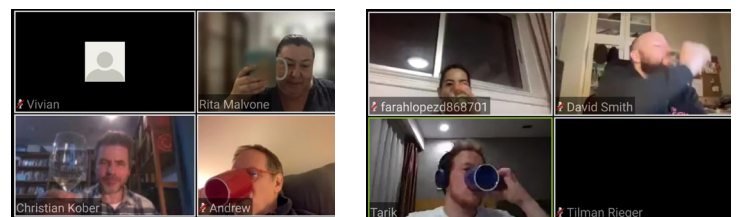
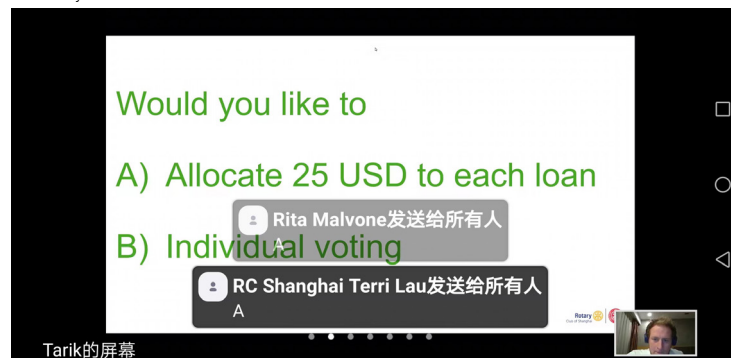
Our last meeting was again a zoom meeting, as it needs to be currently. We therefore also started late, 19:30. Rita introduced the basics of Rotary to all as is our regular agenda. The Four-Way-test was read by PN Terry Chu. We also extended our condolences to the two members who had lost loved ones recently.

Then our speaker, Jonathan Woetzel from McKinsey gave insights of what carbon neutrality means for industry and in the end all of us. He painted a bleak picture of the planetary future if temperatures are allowed to continue to rise unchecked. Yet he assumes that governments and societies will act to prevent this future. And this will open up opportunities in many industries as the amounts of money involved are truly staggering - he mentioned 9.2trn US\$. Unfortunately though the countries which have the least money to spend are the once who need to spend the most for the transition, as so often. At the same time, most job gains will be in agriculture, which would help many poorer countries. Overall Jonathan ended on an optimistic note with opportunities outweighing risks. The many high level questions underlined the calibre of the speech.

Afterwards Tarik gave an update about the current status of the KIVA project. After a first overview of the number of loans that were given out across various segments, the Kiva account already received 174 USD in loan paybacks from the different individuals who received a Kiva loan from RCS. As the idea is to lend out funds as soon as possible, the Club has enough funds available to give out 6 loans (25 USD each) again. Tarik quickly presented six preselected individuals and their intention behind seeking a loan across various sectors such as a loan to grow additional 0.35 hectares of coffee plants in Nicaragua, a loan to buy a dairy cow in order to increase the sale of organic milk in Kyrgyzstan or a loan to establish a solar system in Palestine, among three others. As a group, after a quick vote among all participants it was decided to support each of these 6 individuals with a 25 USD loan for this time. As some members wanted to support specific individuals instead, the next round of handing out loans will be organized in an alternative way in order to allow a more individual selection process.

The meeting was ended with a toast to better days in the future.

Written by Christian



26.04.2022: Speaker Program



Michele Aboro

Co Founder and Head Coach  
ABORO ACADEMY

**Perseverance, and overcoming adversity**

Michele Aboro - Herself a legend in the history of boxing, Michele Aboro has designed the ABORO METHOD and opened her Boxing gym 2014 - the ABORO ACADEMY, in Shanghai, China, with the vision to share her knowledge of this discipline and to make it more accessible to ALL AGES.

Having pioneered boxing and kickboxing in England when it was illegal for women to be trained in boxing by coaches and compete. Now retired, undefeated world boxing CHAMPION and 3 x Kickboxing World Champion and 2 x K1 Champion, Michele was also INDUCTED INTO THE BOXING HALL OF FAME and holds an MA in Sports and Sciences from Westminster University.

**Stories of Quarantine Blessings**

For the past few weeks, our beloved city of Shanghai has been in lockdown due to the resurgence of Covid 19, which has led to residents struggling to find basic necessities such as food.

We are all facing difficulties in our personal and work lives, and the only thing we can be sure of is that we will come out of it much stronger than before!

Here some stories and examples of how Rotarians are coping the lock down.

“Hi everyone! I’d like to share my experience if you don’t mind.

Those who know me better are aware that I live quite far from city center. In this particular moment it means that finding supplies is everything rather than easy.. but I discovered to live in a very compassionate community. Other than discussing to give priority to families with students when it comes to nucleic test so that they can attend online classes on time, I discovered (without asking, surprises came at front door or calls to go to admin office to pick fruit up) those residents who have food stock in quantity or some connections with food chains are willing to share among everyone.

yesterday I received 12 duck eggs from a neighbour whose grandpa has many

today 30 chicken eggs from a compassionate another, another one arranged strawberries for all.. tomorrow rumors says we might receive oranges....

let’s hope this lockdown will end soon but it’s a blessing knowing my neighbors are so nice and caring.”

by Tiziana



“I am serving my compound ad a volunteer. I am a porter.”

by Vivian



# ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

Some have even joined volunteer groups as group-buying masters, and some have become translators and coordinators to many expats living in Shanghai.

Some others enjoy the precious family time doing the various activities we never have time to take care of during the busy life:

