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April 1st SPEAKER MEETING



Our April 1st meeting was a bittersweet occasion as we said goodbye to Carlotta. She has made many great contributions to our club, including editing this magazine! We wish her all the best in her new life in Italy.

During the meeting, we heard from Sean B. Stein about China-USA relations, especially in light of the Trump presidency. The night concluded with a fun auction, where,

happily, another Snowland plate was sold. It was decided that all proceeds from the night would go to help with disaster relief for the Myanmar earthquake.

A great night was had by all, as Rotarians learned valuable information about the current global situation and were also able to contribute to an important cause.



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April 8th

SPEAKER MEETING

The April 8th meeting began on a sad note as we said goodbye to Stefan. He expressed his gratitude for having been a part of RCS, and we wish him all the best in his new life back in Germany. We then heard from Kent D. Kedl, who has led a varied life as both a stand-up comedian and a distinguished professional in risk management during his long career in China. In his talk, Kent shared great insights into the workings of President Trump's mind and how global players should navigate this extraordinary situation. Rotarians were highly impressed with Kent's presentation and left the meeting much wiser regarding global affairs in the Trump era.





April 12th & 13th

ROTARY CHINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE



The Rotary China District Conference was a great gathering of Rotarians in China and beyond. Many RCS members were involved in making this event successful, including Kevin, who performed at the gala dinner on Friday, PP David Smith, who hosted the dinner, and P Christian, who hosted the conference and shared our service projects, Stepping Stones and Breast Cancer Awareness, with the audience. Jeff, PSR Frank, and Rohit organised a workshop about becoming a peace-building club. Our booth provided information on our peace project “Words Matter” and sold the conference T-shirts designed by Director Samson. Ultimately, you could see many guests walking around in those shirts. Again, RCS members made many new connections and left a lasting impression of our efforts to do service above ourselves.



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April 15th FELLOWSHIP & FUN ON THE COURT: ROTARY CLUB SHANGHAI DISCOVERS PICKLEBALL

Written by: Ioana Kraft

What happens when you take 15 sporty and curious Rotarians and friends, hand them a paddle, and tell them to hit the court? You get a whole lot of laughter, friendly competition—and a newfound love for one of the world's fastest-growing sports.

Last weekend, a group from the Rotary Club of Shanghai traded their usual meeting room at the Hualuxe for the vibrant courts of Sportspal in Jingan. The mission? To discover what all the pickleball buzz is about.

For the uninitiated, pickleball is a dynamic and accessible paddle sport that blends the best of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Played on a smaller court with a perforated ball and solid paddles, it's fast-paced yet low-impact—making it fun and engaging for players of all ages and skill levels.

Thanks to Jack Liu and his fantastic team, we got a dedicated and patient introduction to the sport. Their enthusiasm and guidance ensured that even the most paddle-shy among us were soon rallying like pros (well... almost).

The session was a hit in every sense—full of laughs,

light-hearted competition, and plenty of new moves (some more graceful than others). Huge thanks also go to Sarah Kochling for organizing this unforgettable afternoon and inspiring us to try something new.

And for those who missed it? Rumour has it there will be another session soon—especially since a few left-out Rotarians have already started nudging us to get the next one on the calendar.

And to introduce myself to you all, I am Ioana, the new Fellowships Chair. I want to give a big thank you to my predecessor, Tracy, for all her hard work. I am excited to be taking on this role because I believe that informal gatherings are a wonderful way to build stronger connections within our club—especially while enjoying two of my favorite things: staying active and discovering new restaurants. We have some great fellowships coming up, such as dinners at Senso and MONA, yoga, archery, a bingo night and more. If you have any ideas for other fellowships, please don't hesitate to let me know.

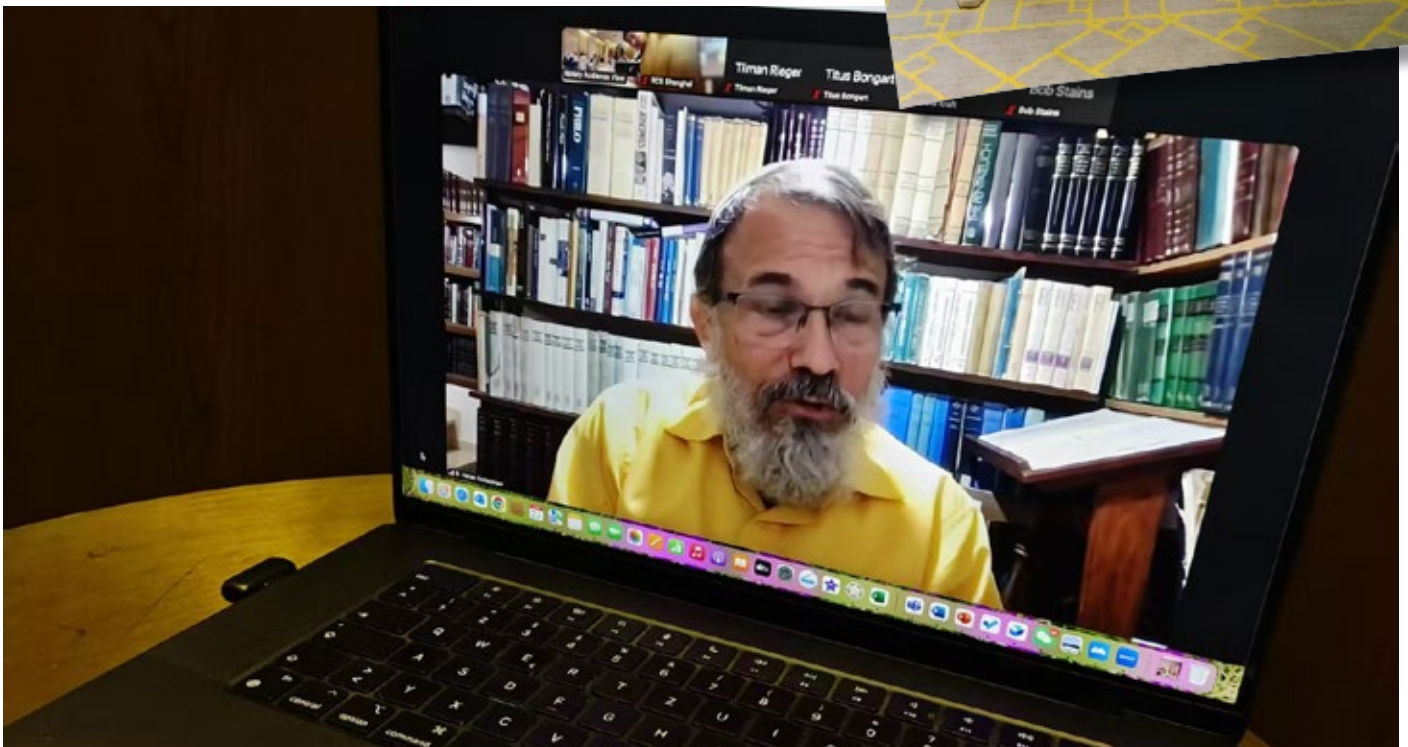


April 22nd SPEAKER MEETING

During our meeting on April 22, many members were impressed to learn about the efforts of the Palestinian-Israeli organisation Roots to create trust and partnership between the two.

Our online speaker, Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, the Director of International Relations at Roots, told us that Roots is a unique network of local Palestinians and Israelis who have come to see each other as partners needing to make changes to end their conflict. Based on a mutual recognition of each people's connection to the land, they are fostering understanding and solidarity despite their ideological differences.

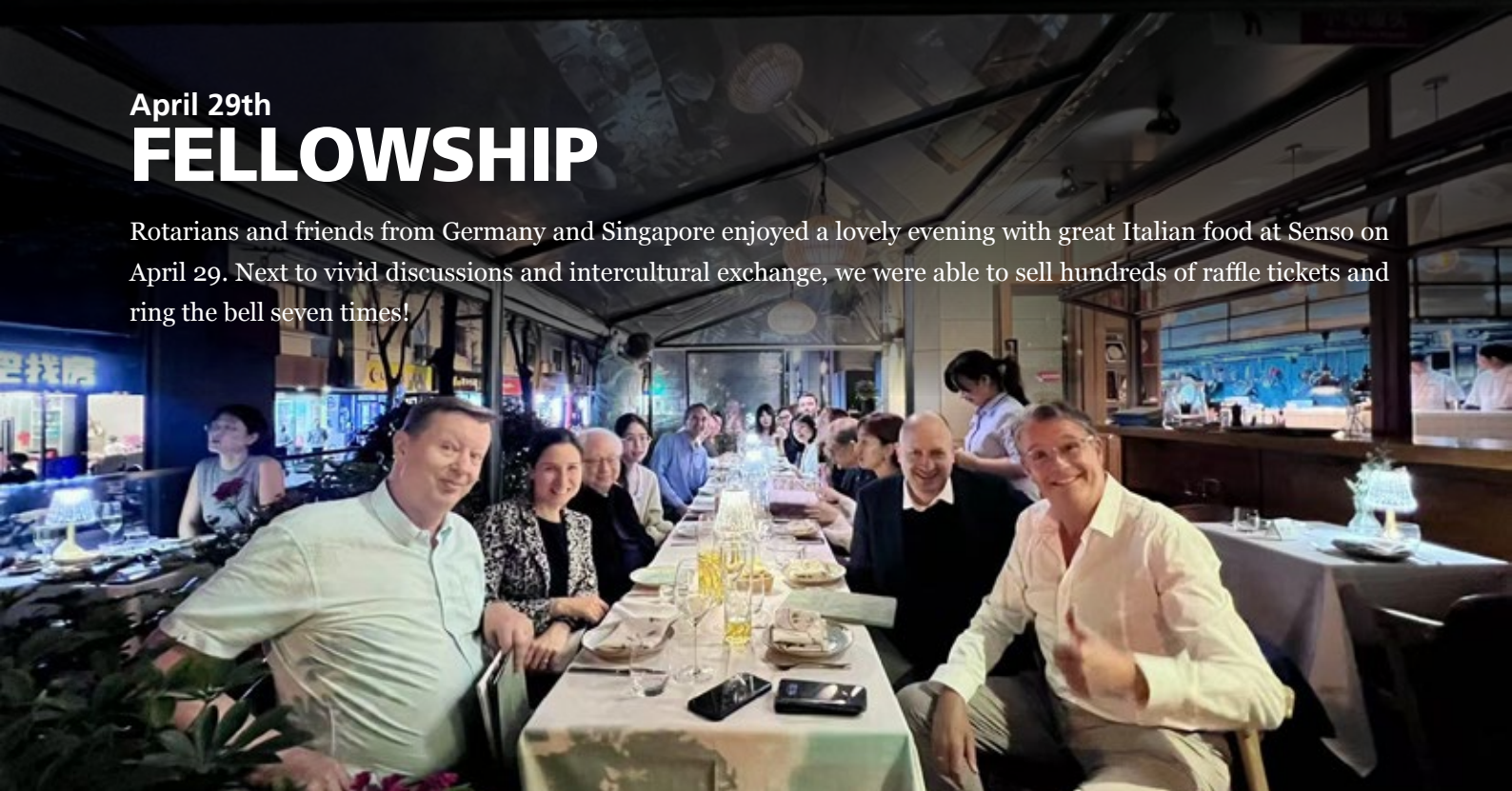
After the speech, Director Rita introduced the efforts and goals to prepare for the Bingo night on June 10, 2025. She encouraged all members to sell raffle tickets to support our service budget for next year.



April 29th

FELLOWSHIP

Rotarians and friends from Germany and Singapore enjoyed a lovely evening with great Italian food at Senso on April 29. Next to vivid discussions and intercultural exchange, we were able to sell hundreds of raffle tickets and ring the bell seven times!



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MAY 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

MAY 2025

MONTHLY THEME YOUTH SERVICE

6/5 at 19.00

SPEAKER MEETING

Venue: Hualuxe
Schedule/Program: Speaker: Dr. Zhang
Further Information: Birthday Celebration

13/5 at 17.00

JOINT BOARD MEETING 17.00

Venue: Hualuxe
Schedule/Program: ZOOM: 890 9484 3640 / PW: 967127

SPEAKER MEETING 19.00

Venue: Hualuxe
Schedule/Program: Speaker: Miriam Wickertsheim

20/5 at 19.00

SPEAKER MEETING

Venue: Hualuxe
Schedule/Program: Speaker: John van Fleet
Further Information: Interactors will attend

27/5 at 19.00

FELLOWSHIP

Venue: TBD
Schedule/Program: TBD



Every 4th Thursday of the month at 12.00

RCS LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

Venue: Azul Weave, 277 Wuxing Rd., 吴兴路277号.
Contact: Christian Kober





TUESDAY MEETING

Understanding China's Economic Transition and its Implications for Global Business

PRESENTED BY:

Dr. Guoxiong Zhang

*Deloitte China/ Managing Director of
Economic Advisory*

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- The Chinese economy is undergoing a dramatic transformation along six dimensions such as rising innovation capacity and green transition.
- China will also take a more central role in the future global economic landscape.
- Foreign business need to proactively adjust their China market strategy to capture the business opportunities in China's economic transition and China's future role in the global economy.



TUESDAY, May 06, 2025

18:30 - 19:00 Reception

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner Meeting

Hualuxe Shanghai Twelve at Hengshan
@Cathay Room, No. 12 Hengshan Road
上海衡山路十二号华邑酒店至尊厅

Dinner set menu

CNY 218 incl. free flow of soft drinks

CNY 248 incl. free flow of soft drinks
plus one alcoholic beverage

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TUESDAY MEETING

Hello China or Goodbye China?

PRESENTED BY:

Miriam Wickertsheim

General Manager of Direct HR

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- Changes of foreign population in China in regard to demographics, education, living location
- Changes of compensation packages for western executives over the last decade



TUESDAY, May 13, 2025

18:30 - 19:00 Reception

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner Meeting

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6 PEOPLE NEEDED TO TEACH ENGLISH IN THE WOODS



5.17 Saturday 2.00pm

address: 嘉定区徐行镇胜竹东路启源路路口朝暮牧场





TUESDAY MEETING

It's Your Turn! The Elevator Speech

PRESENTED BY:

Van Fleet, John Darwin

*Founder, Your Choice, Your Future
Adjunct faculty, Antai College of Economics & Management, Shanghai Jiao Tong University*

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- The elevator speech concept is well established as a great way to help you concentrate your communication ability, an essential attribute for good leadership. It's no more than 30 seconds, so in an elevator speech, you must tightly focus your key messages.
- In this session, you'll have a chance to deliver your own elevator speech, to hear others do so too, and to gain feedback from Rotarians.
- Your preparation: pretend you have a chance to talk to the admissions officer of a college you really want to attend. The Rotarians are playing role of admissions officers. So, you will prepare your elevator speech – 30 seconds about why you are a great choice for the school.
- On the 20th: Before you start your speech, you'll tell the Rotarians the name of the school you're targeting and your intended major. You'll then give your elevator speech.



TUESDAY, May 20, 2025

18:30 - 19:00 Reception

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Sunday, May 25th 2025 | 6:15pm Reception | 7pm sharp Dinner starts

RMB 680 per adult | RMB 350 per child under 12

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BINGO NIGHT

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 TH

At The Hai, 35 Yongjia Lu

300 RMB incl. Buffet &
1 bingo card; excl. drinks

— Game Start : 07:00 pm
Win nice prizes and have fun!



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