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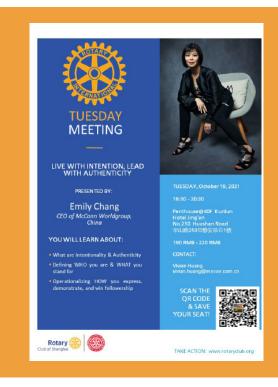
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# 19 October - Speaker Meeting



## **Coming Events**

19.10 — Speaker Dinner @Kunlun	6:30 - 9:00 pm
24.10 — Butterfly Cup @T98	9:00 am- 01:00 pm
26.10 — Speaker Dinner @Kunlun	6:30 - 9:00 pm
27.10 — Pumpking Carving @The Rooster	6:30 - 9:00 pm
02.11 — Speaker Dinner @Kunlun	6:30 - 9:00 pm

# 26 October - Speaker Meeting



#### Birthday of the Month: October

01 — Richard Zhang	25 — Oliver Ye
11 — Frank Yih	29 — David Smith, Christophe
18 — Danny Stoetzer,	Leconte
Vivian Huang	31 — Frank Mulligan

# 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**

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

# Tuesday, October 12th, 2021

#### Dinner Attendance:

Total Headcount	22
Guests	08
Visiting Rotarians	01
Members	13

Happy Money: CNY 3,370.00

Visiting Rotarians:

Ulrike, RC Stuttgart, Germany









# Highlights from the last meeting

Last Tuesday's meeting officially started with Rita asking Carlotta to read the Four-way Test. After that, David introduced our guests and visitors, with dinner readily served.

As usual, our President briefly introduced the Rotary and our Club's vision, listing the projects we are working on and mentioning that October 23rd is the End of Polio Day. Tilman was then asked to tell us a little more about the kids of Shanghai Young Bakers that are graduating next Tuesday.

Then our guest speaker, Maximilian Butek, introduced to us 'More than a Market', one of the main initiative supported by the German Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, adding a few useful hints for companies based in China that want to contribute to socially responsible projects.

Jingfu and David had the task of collecting the happy money. Previous guest and supporter, Dr. Laurie Underwood donated one of her books for auction, and Tilman won it for a bell-ringing 1000rmb. Everyone seemed very split on how to feel about the weather starting to chill down: some of us were ecstatic about it, while some summer lovers were less cheerful.

And that's how we ended our meeting... Toasting to the weather!





#### **Book Your Calendar**







## ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

#### Diverse and Inclusive place to work – key learnings from Henkel China



Dr. Rajat Agarwal Corporate Vice President President of Henkel Greater China

# Speaker Program: November 26

Dr. Rajat Agarwal is president of Henkel Greater China. He also manages Henkel's global business in Adhesive Technologies for lifestyle markets.

Dr. Rajat Agarwal started his career at Henkel in 1997 in the United States and relocated to Düsseldorf in 2009. He held various roles in innovation and product development for Adhesive Technologies at Henkel, focusing on solutions for automotive, metals and aerospace industry customers. In 2016, he moved to Henkel headquarters for Asia-Pacific and Greater China in Shanghai, headed the regional adhesives business in packaging and consumer goods. In 2019, he began leading Henkel's global adhesive business for lifestyle industries. He assumed the role of president of Henkel Greater China in July 2020.

Rajat Agarwal obtained his PhD from the University of Connecticut in Polymer Science, before that he earned his Master of Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Roorkee.

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## ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI

#### SHANGHAI ROTARY CLUB: AN EVENTFUL HISTORY

#### 1919: The Beginning

On July 9, 1919, Seattle Rotarian Roger

D. Pinneo met with J. Petit, W.S. Fleming, B. Rosenfeld, J.J. Gorman, and W.L. John- m e ac the Palace Hotel to discuss the possibility of organizing a Rotary Club in Shanghai. Four more meetings were held at the Palace Hotel, each time with more attendees than the last. On July 20, 1919, D. Pinneo sent a cable that read: "Interotary Chicago: Shanghai organized. Julian Petit chairman, mailing particulars. Pinneo."

#### The Official Charter: Club #545

The Rotary Club of Shanghai was official ly chartered on October 1, 1919 as Club #545. The club received their Charter in January. The January 15, 1920 issue of The Pagoda read: "Wish I could have caught a picture of Doc Petit going down the street after tiffin last week with his hat askew and the new Charter under his arm, guarding it like it was his first child. Doc said 'I wish you could have seen the bond and certificate I had to sign for this! Then you'd appreciate why I'm hugging it! They hold me responsi ble for it.' Well, they didn't' pick a bad one did they, fellers?"

There were some doubts about the role of Rotary in a club-ridden citylike Shanghai. It was decided that the RCS would be inter national in character, dedicated to "inter national membership for the development of international relations in China".



# A Chinese Rotary: The Unique Role of RCS

Soon after the RCS as established as the first Rotary Club was established, Rotary International contacted RCS to assist the International Board by looking into other Chinese cities where Rotary Clubs might be established. Rotary International also encouraged the RCS to recruit Chinese members.

#### 1941 and 1949: Meeting Ceases

Due to historical events of the country, the regular meetings of the RCS ceased twice: The first happened in December 1941, after an outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai, which led to financial and transportation difficulties for club members. Club members continued to meet informally in each other's homes, in order to maintain fellowship and to promote goodwill and understanding between the different nationalities that they represented. In 194219 Allied Rotarians were repatriated, and the remaining American and British members were interned at various Camps in and around Shanghai. The Club applied for readmission in early 1946, which was granted on March 27,1946.

In 1949, the Club was forced to stop for a second time: The People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949. Social welfare was now considered to be the responsibility of the government. Thus, non-governmental organizations were considered anti-revolutionary. Furthermore, foreign businesspersons were considered to represent capitalism, a form of economic invasion against the revolution towards a state-planned economy. By 1952, all Rotary Clubs in China had been terminated.

#### 1993 Restart

Informal Meetings in the early 1990's, Rotarians and friends began meeting informally in Shanghai. Reconnection began with finding the past president Percy Chu. Meanwhile, the Asian Extension Committee of Rotary International and the International Service Committee of the Rotary Club of Seattle worked hard at establishing relations with Chinese government officials in order to re-establish Rotary Clubs in China.

# 2001: Lobbying for Recognition

With RI Director Gary Huang's support (who was also "China Country Representative", we learn that the RCS will be granted provisional club status in May 2001. The Club asks for a volunteer to go to RI Convention San Antonio to receiver cognition. Frank Yih agrees in Jun 2001 RI President Frank Devlyn presents RC Shanghai (Frank Yih) and RC Beijing (Chris Bramsen) provisional status in 16 Jun 2001. RI Board and TRF Trustees authorize our 2 provisional cubs to participate in all RI and TRF programs in June 2001, which is unique in the world for provisional clubs.

## 2006: Re-Chartering. A new Era begins as Club #60725

The Rotary Clubs of Shanghai and Beijing were granted provisional status by RI in June 2001. Finally, the RCS was formally re-chartered on Feb. 8, 2006, as Club#60725.

#### 2019: Celebrating

100 Years Serving the Community.

The RCS is well established in China and is supporting many projects in the country, as it is the idea of the founding members. The Club is growing, winning young people and established professionals for the idea of serving the community. The story continues ...

