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# 04 July - Fellowship



### **Coming Events**

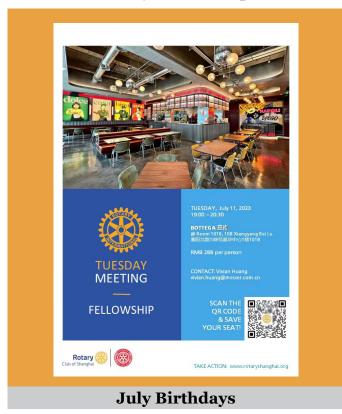
04.07 — Fellowship @BUBBA'S

7:00 - 8:30 pm

11.07 — Fellowship @Bottega

7:00 - 8:30 pm

### 11 July - Fellowship



16 — Mama Carms

27 — Terri Lau

# The Four-Way Test 四大考驗

Of the things we think, say, or do: 对于我们所想、所说、所做的事情, 我们应该事先扪心自问:

1. Is it the truth?

是否一切属于真实?

2. Is it fair to all concerned 是否各方得到公平?

3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

能否促进亲善友谊?

4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

能否兼顾彼此利益?

# **Officers & Directors**

Tiziana Richiardi – President

Jeff Hasenfrantz – Vice President

Christian Goettker – Secretary

Rainer Kern – Treasurer

Christian Goettker – President Elect

David Smith – Immediate Past President

Rita Malvone

Tilman Rieger

Holger Schober

Tomas Kuchera

Alejandro Buriel

# **Committees & Chairs**

Club Administration Chair: Christian Goettker Membership Committee: Thilman Rieger Fellowship Committee: Tomas Kucera Service Projects Committee: Basile Waite

Youth Service Committee: David Richardson

Rotary Foundation: Robert Sherman

**Gift of Life (GOL):** Terri Lau **Sister Clubs:** Motohiro Yamane

Pagoda & Public Image: Carlotta Godio Speaker Program: Jeff Hasenfrantz

Circle of Centennial Rotary Club: Terri Lau

**Assitant Governor:** Rita Malvone **Club Admin:** Vivian Huang

# Tuesday, June 20th, 2023

### Dinner Attendance:

Total Headcount	16
Guests	03
Visiting Rotarians	03
Members	10

Happy Money: **CNY 3,677.00** 

Visiting Rotarians:

James Zhou, RC Fresh Start Satoshi Yamamoto, RC Kawasaki Saginuma, Japan Paul van Brenkelen, RC Hong Kong South















# Highlights from the last meeting

Last week's meeting was perhaps a sad one in some ways as it was our last one at the Kunlun Hotel. Many a good night has been spent at the Kunlun. We will for sure miss that beautiful view and the delicious food. But such is life and we will move on to pastures new.

This meeting's speaker was an unusual one in that he wasn't simply giving a talk. We had the pleasure of improvisation artist Paul Ashton giving us an improv workshop. So, it was off our chairs and into action. Paul expressed the idea that when we move from childhood to adulthood, we lose that ability to just let go and play. The aim of Paul's workshop was to help us rediscover our inner child!

And so, we let go of our inhibitions and took part in Paul's games. We had to go round in a circle doing 'sound association'. One person made a sound and then another made a sound which they associated with it. We made some very funny sounds indeed! Then we played a game where we would stand in the middle of our circle pretending to be something. So, one person pretended to be a tree. Then another person pretended to be a squirrel on the tree. One person was a hunter and then the next person was an animal rights protester! The Rotarians were transformed into a very crazy mix of characters indeed!

A fun night was had by all. In our jobs, we often have big responsibilities and have to play very serious roles. So, it was great to be able to break free and connect with our inner child. Paul is a talented workshop leader who created a safe space for each of us to just let go and be silly. A fun night was had by all!

Written by Rohit





# Tuesday, June 27th, 2023

### Dinner Attendance:

Total Headcount	31
Guests	10
Visiting Rotarians	04
Members	17

Happy Money: CNY 3,300.00

Visiting Rotarians:

Sophia S., IPP RCSE Igal, RCSE Ricky Chau, PE RC HK South Harry Wong, PE RC Merlion























# Highlights from the last meeting

The gentleman with the yellow shoes is past. Immediate past. Immediate Past President. On Tuesday, June 27, the Rotary Club of Shanghai celebrated the handover from President David Smith to his successor, Tiziana Richiardi.

Wait a minute! Yellow shoes?

For most people, David's fashionable shoes would be considered light brown. However, that was not the case for SR Andrew Hill. "Those shoes can be worn by Europeans; an American should stick to black shoes with a dark suit."

David himself proposed to start the tradition of "roasting" the outgoing president. I'm not sure if he regretted that when Andrew took out his sizzling pan, reminding us of the obligatory "wait a minute" moments when David mixed up dates, locations, or slides.

In the end, even during the roasting, Andrew couldn't help but praise David's tremendous efforts, dedication, and of course, passion! that he demonstrated throughout the many years of service for RCS and especially during his presidency.

David himself critically reviewed the past year with its many downs (COVID and its aftermath) but also highlighted some ups, such as new members and saving children's lives through the Gift of Life initiative. Although meeting attendance was rather low, the members dedicated hundreds of hours of community service to various projects. David thanked his board and chairs for their continuous efforts and support, and he specially recognized Frank Yih for best attendance and Rita Malvone as our "Super Sponsor." He then wished Tiziana all the best for her presidency, hoping it would be a bit less challenging than his own.

More than 31 guests at Conrad Shanghai, including visiting Rotarians from RC Shanghai Elysee, RC HK South, and RC Merlion, witnessed SR Andrew and our new President Tiziana unveiling this year's Rotary theme banner, "Create Hope in the World."

Finally, Joanna Fan introduced herself with an inspiring speech to RCS and its friends as part of her application process to become a new honorary member.

Written by Christian Göttker

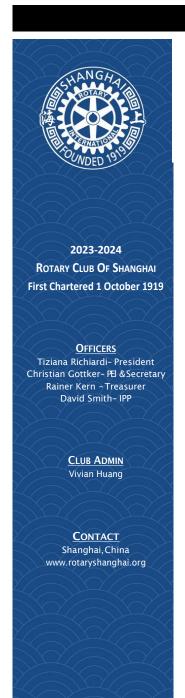












July, 1st 2023

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Create Hope in the World!

HOPE.... HOPE... I couldn't hope for a better year theme. I am the personification of hope. I always have hope. Hope in something, hope in someone.

I hope you all will accompany me in this journey. We are together, we... yes, WE! Because this is not my club, it's OUR club. WE ARE Rotary Club of Shanghai! Let's be proud of who we are.

I hope that together we can make this club vibrant and energetic, strong and passionate.

Let's make Rotary a priority in our lives:

- Attend Tuesday meetings because you want to meet like-minded people
- Participate in Service activities because you care about our community
- Join a committee you like and contribute to make it better, bigger, stronger and more impactful
- Choose a cause or a project about which you are passionate (or angry), and be its advocate.

We hope we, together, can serve the community and create an impact locally and worldwide, because we are Rotarians!

I hope you can support my vision of all members of Rotary Club of Shanghai working together to make this dream a reality.

Let's make Rotary your happy island,

Tiyiana Richiardi

President Rotary Club of Shanghai 2023-2024



# Rotary Club of Shanghai Board Members & Chairs 2023-24



# 3 June 2023 Interact Workshop

On 3 June 2023, 16 interactors from four different schools (Shanghai Shangde Experimental School, Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong, Shanghai American School – Puxi, and Dehong International School) came to the Shangde campus for a workshop called "Interacting Post-COVID". This was our first chance for the Interact clubs sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shanghai (RCS) to get together, face to face, since the COVID-19 pandemic started. Youth Service Chair, David Richardson, facilitated the days events and we began by reminding ourselves of Rotary values as two students lead the 4-way test. Next we listened to an address by Rotary International (RI) President Jennifer Jones giving a talk about the importance of Youth and protecting our youth. The RI and RCS visions were shared and each club was given time to develop vision statements for their clubs. After sharing them, we talked about some tips for running a successful Interact club and briefly talked about the Rotary Citation, and also the Rotary Brand Center and Learning Center.

Then after a delicious lunch, with no food waste, and a tour by SSES Interact President Phillip, we returned to planning the year ahead using the categories outlined by the Rotary Citation. The service projects at RCS were shared with Interactors and finally during the last session of the day, students were mixed invited to discuss successes and challenges at their clubs and brainstorm some future activities. During this time, Dulwich Advisor, Anique, completed a course on service learning at the Rotary Learning Center. We then finished the day with a short video about leadership, recognizing that EVERYONE is a leader at Rotary, we recognise and use our strengths as a team.

### Written by David Richardson





Thank you @David-YSC Chair-SSES Adv for hosting today's post-Covid Interact workshop at SSES. I think the 15+ Interactors who attended really benefited from the activities and information. It's certainly put us in a good position to start next year on a strong footing. As an advisor I also benefitted hugely from the conversations I had with David and @Naomy Peña | SAS GCC PX and from the 15 minutes I spent in the Rotary Learning Center completing the course on service learning.







