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## Exploring Old Shanghai

Spencer Dodington

Shanghai - our city - has one of the most fascinating urban fabrics in East Asia. Furthermore, it is made for walking. Over the past 22yrs Spencer has walked all of its streets, in an effort to define what makes Shanghai's architecture unique. Perhaps it is the Victorian brick buildings of Hongkou, or the the better-known Art Deco of the French Concession; or maybe Lujiazui's skyscrapers are the ones you fancy. No matter: you can get close-up and acquainted with most of Shanghai's structures in any spare afternoon. In this lecture - the last he will give before repatriating - he will select his favourite buildings and urban landscapes in Shanghai and show you photos. He will conclude with tips on how you can get started exploring Shanghai.



About our speaker:

Spencer moved to Shanghai from Texas in 1995. Since then he has worked in corporate strategy, tourism and as an architect after studying at Shanghai's Tongji University. He has become an expert on Shanghai's Concession-era architecture and history by photographing and sketching – as well as writing and lecturing on – its buildings. His collection of interwar furniture celebrates the city's rich past, while his residential renovations projects have allowed him to demonstrate the robustness of the city's design heritage.

Spencer co-authored Shanghai's Art Deco Master; a book on Paul Veyssyere's contribution to Shanghai's French Concession built environment. Spencer is fluent in both written and spoken Mandarin and Shanghaiese, as well as Japanese. He is co-owner of Luxury Concierge China, a boutique travel consultancy.

## The Four-Way Test 四大考验 Sì Dà Kǎo Yàn

Of the things we think, say or do:

我们说的做的要符合: Wǒ men Shuō de Zuò de Yào Fǔ Hé:

1. Is it the truth?  
是真的吗? Shì Zhēn de ma?

2. Is it Fair to all Concerned?  
是公平的吗? Shì Gōng Píng de ma?

3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?  
是善意的并促进友谊吗? Shì Shàn Yì de - Bìng Cù Jìn Yǒu Yí ma?

4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?  
是对大家有利吗? Shì Duì Dà Jiā Yǒu Lì ma?

**A Rotary team visited a Youdao supported kindergarden: See report on p2**



## RYLA 2017

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is an intensive leadership program for service minded young leaders under 30. Participants are selected for their leadership potential. This group was given a 4 day opportunity to hone their leadership skills and interact as a group, in Moganshan. The RC Shanghai supported this activity with 20,000 RMB, as it had already sponsored the previous event. 25 participants, 4 trainers and 2 facilitators joined. It was a journey of self discovery through morning yoga, team building activities, interpersonal feedback sessions and various workshops. Gushed one of the participants: "RYLA gave me a new direction".



Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Spencer Dodington: Shanghai History	EZO Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Young	EZO Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club assembly	EZO Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship	EZO Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00

**Field Trip to Youdao – Foundation supported Kindergarten**

One of last years big events was certainly our Golf tournament. Proceeds from this tournament were for the Youdao Foundation, which supports migrant worker’s children to receive a decent education. Last Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, organized by Terri and Tiziana, a group of Rotarians visited one of the Kindergartens supported to see with their own eyes how our money is being used and also naturally to bring some novelty and entertainment to these kids.

The group took off from the Marriott City Center, with some also joining at the Kindergarten. We were warmly welcomed by the teachers, members of Youdao and naturally the children, who rapidly lost all inhibitions about these strangers visiting. Rotary is sponsoring the education of 5 children. 3 of these were present for the day, but another 19 children and their parents also joined in the fun. Some were from the Kindergarten, some were from neighboring schools for migrant worker’s children. All in all there were children ranging from 2-12 years old. Basically the kindergarten receives no government funding. The schools receive some government funding. Thus also the government ensures some basic staff qualifications and standards. But overall the cost per child per semester for the parents is 3.000 – 6.000 RMB + 1.000RMB lunch money – not small money for migrant workers. The kindergarten caters to 300 children. An amazing feat, considering how small the facilities are. Colored vividly, it was a joyful place to be.

After the introduction, the games started in earnest. We prepared books using a variety of plants, leaves and twigs to glue to the each page, an activity which rapidly broke the ice and soon the in the beginning sometimes shy youngsters enjoyed working with these visitors. Actually the spirits were so high that the Rotarians were relegated to supportive roles: “Hand me the glue”, “Bring me some more leaves”.....

A few outdoor games allowed us to compete – but Rotarians mostly could only offer the larger size, as we were easily outplayed and out-energized.

As always in China, there had to be some food at the end and after three wonderful hours we left, having greatly enjoyed the day but also hopefully having brought excitement to a number of youngsters, giving them many stories to tell to their friends and at home.



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April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Sophia Slingerland	RC Nyon-La Cote	Switzerland
Jari Karpakka	E-Club of Verkkorotary	Finland
Alexandra Taulin	RC Shanghai Elysee	China
John Dodge	RC Cross Timbers Rotary	USA
Jim Becker	RC Petaluma	USA
Mark Willey	RC Napa California Sunshine	USA
Philippe Vilette	RC Paris Champs-Elysees	France
Yuan Laurent	RC Paris Champs-Elysees	France

20 members, 8 visitors and 12 guests total headcount 40.  
Happy money: 2.910 RMB

Highlights from the last meeting

The last fellowship meeting, presided over by Andrew, saw a very high number of visitors and guests and was thus well attended. The Four-Way-test was read by Tiziana. There were three banner exchanges and a brief speech by Dr. Becker on the GOL program. CM also took the opportunity to announce that we have reached and exceeded our goal of 10,000 US\$ of donations to the RI Foundation. Congratulations to ourselves ☺ for donating 11,124 US\$. BUT – this is year-to-date: We all still can contribute more! After some dinner and fellowship the meeting continued with happy money. There were three noteworthy donations: Thomas Adammaer who gave 25,000 RMB to GOL (& received a gift certificate from GOL), Frank Yih who donated an undisclosed and visiting Rotarian Mark Wilely from Napa / USA who was so motivated by GOL and our clubs enthusiasm, that he gave 500 US\$ and rang the bell. Then Dusan took the stage and updated us on the recent RYLA, in words and with an animated ppt. Again RYLA seems to have been an amazing event. Dusan highlighted how he was changed through his experience as a participant and, at the second time, as a co-organizer. The attending RYLA participants did not only stress the impact RYLA had on them but also the excellent organization and program logic – e.g. not just a series of lectures but and interconnected all-encompassing program. The meeting was finally concluded in perfect time with our customary toast.



Tiziana reads the Four-Way-Test



Visiting Rotarian Mark donates 500 US\$ to GOL



CM announces that our RI Foundation donation goal has been achieved



Donor Thomas (right) and Treasurer CM



Handover of the Telemedicine Project



The RYLA team

Club Information

Contacts & Meetings

The club meeting is a dinner meeting (by invitation only) every Tuesday at the: Marriott City Center No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd, Shanghai 上海雅居乐万豪酒店, 中国 上海 黄浦区西藏中路 555 号 18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner For details, contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at RSVp@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Officers & Boardmembers

- Andrew Hill – President
- Moto Yamane – President Elect
- Linnnet Kwok – Vice President
- Tracy Hua – Hon. Secretary
- Chee Ming Tsang - Treasurer
- Dean Merritt - IPP
- Filippo Garini
- Alejandro Buriel Rocha
- Dave Smith
- Christian Kober
- Susanne Moskop

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006  
Number of active members – 68  
Number of honorary members – 5

Committees and Directors

- Club Administration Committee**  
Chair: Moto Yamane, [yamane@tmish.com](mailto:yamane@tmish.com)
- Membership Committee**  
Chair: Terri Lau, [Terri.Lau@asiantigers-china.com](mailto:Terri.Lau@asiantigers-china.com)
- Service Projects**  
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- Youth Service Committee**  
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Chair: Linnnet Kwok, [lennetkwok@hotmail.com](mailto:lennetkwok@hotmail.com)

For more information, please visit [www.rotaryshanghai.org](http://www.rotaryshanghai.org)

Rotary Club of Shanghai West  
Wednesday, 18:30-20:30  
Location: Shanghai Pullman Hotel  
位置: 上海中星铂爾曼酒店  
Address: No. 1 Pubei Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai  
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Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui  
Thursday, 19:00-20:30  
Location: Kempinski Hotel, Shanghai 上海凯宾斯基大酒店  
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Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai  
Friday, 7:45-9:00 am  
Location: 2nd floor, Element Fresh, Jing An Kerry Center  
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Address: No.1551 Nan Jing Xi Lu, Shanghai  
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For more information about Fresh Start and for anyone interested to attend, please visit <http://freshstartrotaryshanghai.org/>

