



PAGODA



Service Above Self

One Profits Most Who Serves Best

Issue No. 494- 26 January 2021

Published Weekly

26 January — Club Assembly

ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI INVITES YOU TO

Rotary Club of Shanghai

REGULAR DINNER MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2021

CLUB ASSEMBLY
INDUCTION: TILMAN RIEGERH
DINNER FEE: 190/220 RMB
VENUE: 40F OF KUNLUN HOTEL JING'AN
NO 250 HUASHAN LU / 华山路 250 号静安昆仑 40 楼
RSVP to Vivian @ vivian.huang@messer.com.cn

02 February — Networking

Rotary Club of Shanghai

Means Business Industry talks

This is a dedicated space under the 4 way test to exchange ideas, forge lifelong friendships and spend some time to get to know each other. Discuss about our professional occupations, industries, businesses, and explore our full professional potential to bring more value to the club.

18:30 - 20:30 Tuesday, February 02
Venue: 40fl., Kunlun Hotel, Jing'An
No. 250 Huashan Rd.
地址: 华山路250号昆仑饭店40楼

Birthdays of the month: January

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 18 — Patrick Boot | 27 — Ludovic Antérieur |
| 25 — Christian Kober | 29 — Terry Chu |

Other Events

- | | |
|--|----------------|
| 26.01 — Club Assembly @Kunlun | 6:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 02.02 — Networking Meeting @Kunlun | 6:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 09.02 — CNY Fellowship Meeting @Kunlun | 6:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 16.02 — Cancelled due to CNY | |

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 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?

- Tracy Hua** – President
Rita Malvone – Vice President
David Smith – Secretary
Christoph Wenner – Treasurer
Thilo Köppe – President Elect
Terri Lau – Immediate Past President
Alejandro Rocha Buriel
Alexander Hartmann
Andreas Winterfeldt
Ludovic Antérieur
Nathalie Köppe

Committees & Chairs

- Club Administration Chair:** Thilo Köppe
Membership Committee: Thilo Köppe
Fellowship Committee: Rita Malvone
Rotary Information Chair: Tiziana Richiardi
Service Projects Committee: Alex Hartmann
Youth Service Committee: Naomi Peña
Rotary Foundation: Nils Lessmann
Gift of Life (GOL): Terri Lau
Sister Clubs: Motohiro Yamane
Pagoda: Christian Kober
PR Committee: Natalie Köppe; Tracy Hua
RCS Alumni Committee: Andrew Hill
Circle of Centennial Rotary Club: Terri Lau
S-A-A: Alejandro Buriel Rocha; David Smith

The Goodbye - Fellowship

January 19, 2021

Dinner Attendance:

Members	22
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	04
Total Headcount	27

It was a special fellowship last Tuesday, as we had to say goodbye to Natalie, Thilo and their lovely daughter Emma. They were truly outstanding contributors to our club, true to the motto 'service above self' and will be much missed, for their generosity, the comradery and for being always available to help and support. The venue was an excellent selection, Tomatito, a Spanish restaurant serving us excellent Tapas and great wine. As always, proceedings started with a rendering of the Four-Way-Test, this time given in a spirited way by Jeff. David was not too challenged introducing our once and always visiting Rotrian. (guess who?). Two inductions, Elisabeth and Holger, gave a counterbalance to two departures - welcome to the club! Then Natalie and Thilo auctioned off their wodka collection - your correspondent is not really sure if it is a good sign or not that the wodka bottles were of truly industrial size. But they were unopened so we take it as a good sign. Also a basket of goodies (chocolate, pasta, whiskey....) encouraged a heated auction fight.



Rita then took the opportunity to showcase the recent graduation of Shanghai Young Bakers, a wonderful community project. Most or all of these young bakers continue with internships in major hotels in Shanghai, while two of them will be sent to France for further apprenticeships with master bakers. The meeting was adjourned with a toast to...staying connected of course!

Goodbye Note by Thilo & Natalie

Dear RCS Members & Friends:

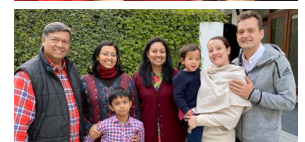
In just a few hours from now we will be boarding our one-way flight back to Germany taking with us eight years of amazing memories. During those years RCS became our chosen family. We were treasured with experiencing the presidencies of Mark, Tom, Frank, Dean, Andrew, Moto-san, Linnet, Terri and Tracy. This line-up of presidents alone proves the truly diverse and inclusive spirit which makes our Club so very special. We laughed together, we challenged each other, we supported each other, we occasionally quarreled with each other, ... just like what happens in an authentic, loving and caring family. As pictures are telling more than a thousand words, we picked a few underlining visuals...and of course, we also included our favorite induction.

China has been and will remain a major part of our life...we met here in 2009, returned together as a couple in 2012, were inducted by RCS in 2013, got our daughter in 2017, started enjoying adidas discounts in 2019...and now are following Natalie's career back to Germany.

Let us focus on the "Good" in "Good-bye"...we are saying good-bye to our RCS family while we are looking forward to welcoming our family back home. Let us

stay in touch and see you again in the very near future. Stay healthy and keep up the amazing RCS spirit!

Truly Yours,
Natalie, Emma & Thilo



Yoneyama China Alumni- a part of Rotary family with the spirit of Service Above Self



Yoneyama China Alumni Association held annual party at Jing'An Kuntun on January 16, 2021, attended by 56 members, family and guests offline and around 20 members online.

Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation is a project of the Rotary Districts in Japan, originated by Rotary Club of Tokyo in 1952 to commemorate the achievement of Umekichi Yoneyama, "Father of Japan's Rotary".

Until June 2020, Yoneyama Foundation has sponsored 21,624 foreign students from 129 countries or regions studying in Japanese universities. Among them, more than 1/3 is from Mainland China.

They have also been supporting a rural school in Gansu continuously since 2015 to commemorate an alumnus Chai Shengfang, County Mayor, who passed away from hard work at his age of 45, who helped establish the school.

Due to the restriction to visit the school under COVID-19 policy, Yoneyama China Alumni decided to hold online event to donate two desk top computers and scholarship for 9 kids leaning at the school on October 22, 2020.

Yoneyama China Alumni meets annually, inviting Rotarians from Japan, for fellowship and strengthen the ties each other and with Rotary.

In this year, due to the international travel restriction, Japanese Rotarians could only attend by sending video messages.

I was invited to the annual party by my old friend, President Xiao Huijie, who is a Rotarian from Rotary E-Club of District 2750 Tokyo Yoneyama to witness the moment.

There were some alumni attending from Japan online. One of them was Chen Jiayi.



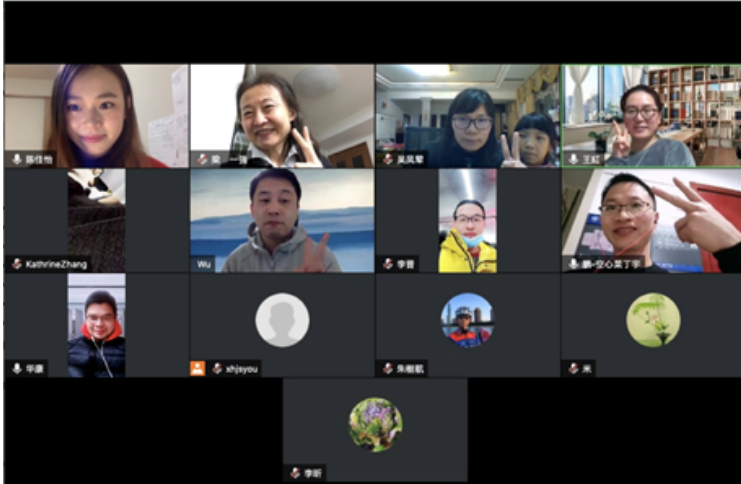
Yoneyama China Alumni- a part of Rotary family with the spirit of Service Above Self

Continued from page 3

She is a Rotaractor in Nagoya, who visited RCS in March 2018 when I was the President. She brought a group of Rotaractors from Nagoya to participate in Run In Blue in November 2019 and she is working on the first Run In Blue event in Japan this year. Thanks to her dedication, our Rotaract Club of Shanghai plans to establish a sister club relationship with a Rotaract club in Nagoya.

She has also been active in COVID relief locally in Japan.

Her dedication, although 100% made remotely during the year of 2020, deserved an award of “active participation”.



An alumnus shared his history of the first batch scholars from Mainland China in 1989.

At that time, the amount of the scholarship was 34 times of average salary in China. The scholarship not only supported his study a lot, but also gave him great opportunity to integrated into Japanese society with hands-on support by the local sponsor club and Rotarian mentor.

The alumni association is a very loose group including old boys from 30 years ago to young adults just graduated in Japan spreading all over the country and in Japan. You can imagine the difficulty of the operation including collecting dues and election etc., perhaps much more difficult than that of RCS.

The daughter of an alumnus, 11 years old, showed a splendid Chinese traditional song on stage with the highest confidence, who says that she wants to be a lawyer. This is a true example that Yoneyama Alumni is fostering new generations with the spirit learned from Rotary long time ago in Japan.

At the end of the annual party, I was invited to make the closing remarks.

“Let me share my Rotary experience here in Shanghai. Every time when I was asked What is Rotary, actually, it was not easy to answer. Rotary is a kind of study group. Yes, it’s true. We have guest speakers at regular meetings. Rotary is a kind of fellowship group. Yes, but not just fellowship. Rotary is a kind of charity organization. Yes, we do charities, but we are not purely a charity. Rotary was established in Chicago in 1905 and continued 116 years. There is a reason why this group is such a long lasting. I think Rotary is a kind of platform for people who want to do something. I heard today that you initiated an online donation



for the school project and reached the target only in half a day. I also heard that you created a new style of 10km walk together from multiple locations. I do believe Yoneyama Alumni Association is exercising the Rotary spirit here. So, my answer now for What is Rotary is that it is a platform for you to utilize to do something. It is the same for this association. I hope everyone can participate in developing this great platform and grow with it. I wish you a happy new year of 2021. Thank you.”

Motohiro Yamane
Past President, 2017-18
Rotary Club of Shanghai

