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## 13 July - Speaker Program

## 20 July - Fellowship Program

**TUESDAY MEETING**

**JEAN'S GOLDEN RULES FOR WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

PRESENTED BY:  
**JEAN LIU**  
*EVP and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Education First*

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- Demystify government relations
- Show you how to build better relationships
- Help you avoid rookie mistakes

TUESDAY, July 13, 2021  
18:30 - 20:30  
Leonardo's @1F Kunlun Hotel Jing'an  
No.250 Huashan Road  
华山路250号静安希尔顿1楼

190 RMB - 220 RMB

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**TUESDAY MEETING**

**FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!**

TUESDAY, July 20th  
19:00 - 20:30

Golden Lily 河内巴黎法越料理餐厅  
No.515 Jianguo Xi Road  
建国西路515号

RMB 220 four-course incl. Red, White, Beer, or Soft Drink (1 choice)

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### Coming Events

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| 13.07 — Speaker Program @Kunlun         | 6:00 - 9:00 pm |
| 18.07 — Fight for Charity @Kunming      | 3:00 pm        |
| 20.07 — Summer Fellowship @Golden Lilly | 6:00 - 9:00 pm |
| 27.07 — Summer Fellowship @Swing        | 6:00 - 9:00 pm |
| 03.08 — Summer Fellowship @Ronglek      | 6:00 - 9:00 pm |

### Birthday of the Month: July

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| 06 — Olaf Griese | 27 — Terri Lau |
| 16 — mama Carms  |                |

### 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:

- Is it the truth?**  
是真的吗?
- Is it fair to all concerned**  
是公平的吗?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**  
是善意并促进友谊吗?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**  
是对大家有利吗?

- Rita Malvone** – President  
**Naomy Peña** – Vice President  
**Jonathan Ortelli** – 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:** David Smith  
**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

**Highlights from the Kickoff Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 06, 2021**

Dinner Attendance:

Members	25
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	10
<b>Total Headcount</b>	<b>36</b>

The kick off meeting of Rita Malvone's presidency last Tuesday was a great success. After Jingfu helped to read the Four-Way test, we tested the new ideal meeting structure where we will first eat dinner and enjoy casual conversations and fellowship, starting the official part after dinner. It took a few moments to adjust the connection for the on-line meeting, and then we dedicated a minute of silence in memory of our Club member Nancy Yih.

Rita made a 360 presentation of who are the Board of Impact, what is the aim of the Club in general, and what projects we have served lately. She shared the RI goals and then declared the ambitious goals we fixed for the new Rotary year. The hall was full of positive energy all around, and the many attendants were engaged and inspired to work harder for a better impact.

We had another melanconic moment when Nils gave his farewell speech. He is leaving China with his family to relocate to Beverly Hills (Michigan, NOT California!), starting a new adventure and a new position with his company.

A quite decent amount of Happy and Sad money was collected, wishing good luck to both Rita and Nils. The meeting ended with a toast to elevated engagement and to Nils' safe travels. We still need to modify the timing of the new format because it was too rushed to serve three courses in half an hour, but we are moving in the right direction!





Goodbye Notes

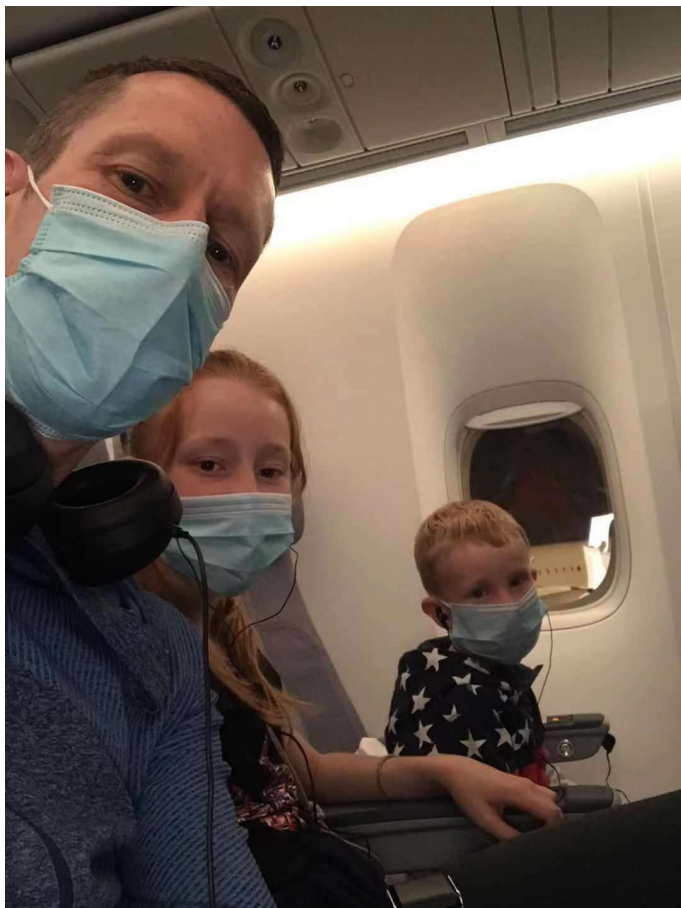
By Nils Lessmann.

My Dear Friends of Rotary Shanghai,

Last Tuesday was my last night in Shanghai before leaving to Germany. And for sure I spend it with people worthwhile, close to my heart ... so I spent it with my Rotary club! I call this club my home since almost 3 years. Whenever I join our meetings, I am fascinated about the diversity of members we do have: Some older some younger, some new-comers to Shanghai and some seeming to be here forever. But all of you guys have one thing in common: You have your heart at the right place, a place dedicated to charity and doing good things! I have to admit that quite some people have been way more active than I have been, however, the amount of projects we as a club do and the dedication of so many of you have always been inspirational to me. Especially the "Gift of Live" initiative and its dedicated volunteers impressed me most! Helping young, Chinese children to have a healthy future was for sure the best thing I ever heard about – now for almost one decade and continuing. I need to stay that I am truly proud about what we as a club do, what so many of you do!

So for me it is time to say goodbye, but wait ... the Rotary family is also in Detroit and hopefully willing to have me, too. So it is not a goodbye to Rotary, but a "meet you somewhere soon" and let's stay in touch. Rotary will continue to connect us for the course of doing good and for sure great fellowship.

Best Regards,  
Dr. Nils Lessmann



By Danny Stoetzer.

Dear fellow Rotarians, dear friends, dear Mrs. President Rita,

It sure is the little things that matter the most. And in times of change, it is the little things that give us directions. But it is also the little things in which we notice changes as they happen.

15 years, 1 month and 29 days after relocating to China for a six month assignment, on July 5, my family and I have relocated to Germany – temporarily as we keep telling each other. We came to Shanghai with two suitcases, we leave it with two wonderful children, many more suitcases and many friends. We appreciate the farewell gifts we received in the past weeks but even more, we appreciate the time spent with us. Although we who are Temporarily Residing – as our Permits say – in China get used to sending off friends to other cities, countries and continents, being the one who leaves is a very different story. Most of the time when moving abroad, it is a new chapter in our biographies to which we are heading. The same is true for my family and I and after only less than a week of temporarily residing in Germany, the new chapter reminds us more of our lives in Shanghai than we imagined. We have chosen to relocate to a small town in the middle of Germany just north of one of Europe's largest forest area and the contrast couldn't be much bigger to our lives just a few days ago: there are less people living in this German town than in our compound in Pudong (yes, there are people living in Pudong, dear Puxie-ans) and we say sentences such as "The nights are dark.", "Windows open to the insides." and "Light switches are in the rooms."

Of course, after almost two years of not being able to visit Germany because of travel restrictions due to pandemic prevention, it is nice to see friends and family again. But it is different if you come for a short visit or if you temporarily relocate. The residence papers in Germany don't say temporarily and the new mattress we bought yesterday is an investment into good sleep for the next 15 years, the sales woman said.

In Shanghai, we learn that a 15-year-horizon is an illusion that constantly needs to be revised. But we also learn that friends made in Shanghai can last for a life time. We hope to have made friends for life in Shanghai, in RCS and its members. Friendships need attention, time and the little things of appreciation. It is the little things that matter most: the thought of someone when walking a street, the WeChat message, the Email asking how are things. We hope to stay in touch with our friends in Rotary Club of Shanghai.

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