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10 May - Speaker Meeting

17 May - Speaker Meeting

TUESDAY MEETING

THE OFFICE: OUTDATED & OVERRATED?

PRESENTED BY:
Christian Sommer
German Centre Shanghai, CEO & Chairman; German Centre Taicang, Chairman

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:
• The definition of an office, its function and its value have changed over time. These changes began far before the pandemic and home office time. How to respond as an office building will decide about the buildings success and the quality of the tenants.

TUESDAY, May 10, 2022
19:30 - 20:30
ZOOM MEETING
CONTACT:
Vivian Huang
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Rotary Club of Shanghai TAKE ACTION: www.rotaryshanghai.org

TUESDAY MEETING

US-China Tensions: A Personal and Geopolitical Perspective from a Chinese-American

PRESENTED BY:
Frank Tsai
Founder of China Crossroads

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:
• Deep roots of current US-China geopolitical tensions
• How US-China understand and misunderstand each other
• Key misconceptions of each and political/cultural reasons
• Chinese-Americans: Unique perspectives and insights

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Coming Events

- 10.05 — Speaker Meeting @Zoom link 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- 17.05 — Speaker Meeting @Zoom link 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- 24.05 — Club Assembly @Zoom link 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Birthday of the Month: May

- 02 — Holger Schober
- 06 — Motohiro Yamane
- 19 — Nikola Urosevic

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 **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?

- 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

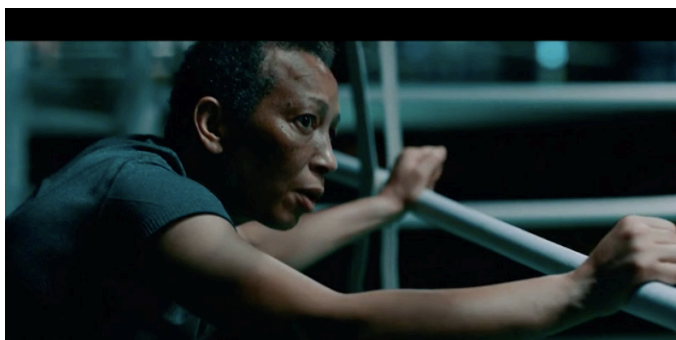
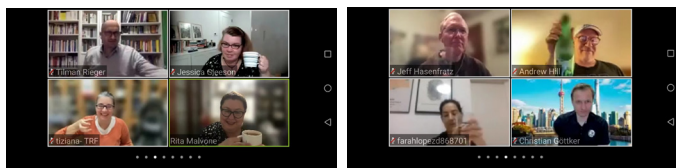
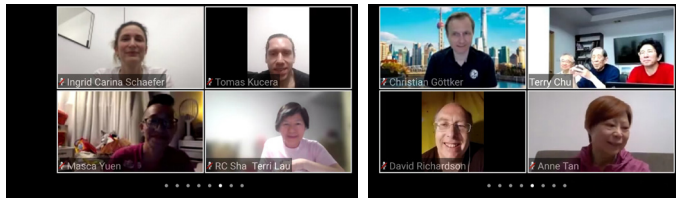
- Club Administration Chair: David Smith
- Membership Committee: Terri Lau
- Fellowship Committee: Tracy Hua
- Service Projects Committee: Alex Hartmann
- Youth Service Committee: Naomy Peña
- Rotary Foundation: Tiziana Richiardi
- Gift of Life (GOL): Terri Lau
- Sister Clubs: Motohiro Yamane
- Pagoda: Carlotta Godio
- Speaker Program: Christian Kober
- Circle of Centennial Rotary Club: Terri Lau
- Assitant Governor: Andrew Hill
- Club Admin: Vivian Huang

Tuesday, April 26nd, 2022

Dinner Attendance:

Members	17
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	44
Total Headcount	62

HAPPY MONEY **RMB1,250.00**



Highlights from the last speaker meeting

A seven times undefeated world champion in boxing and kickboxing who knocked-down prejudice as well as breast cancer. Who could be more suitable than Michele Aboro to talk about perseverance and overcoming adversity in the current challenging times?

More than 50 Rotarians and friends of RC Shanghai joined the RCS Tuesday meeting on April 26 to learn from Michele about important traits such as belief, mindset, goals, and optimism.

When Michele visited on of the many boxing gyms in her London neighborhood as a child, she immediately fell in love with this sport that didn't seem to be very appropriate for a young girl. But with persistence, grit, and continuous efforts she made it to the top of the world.

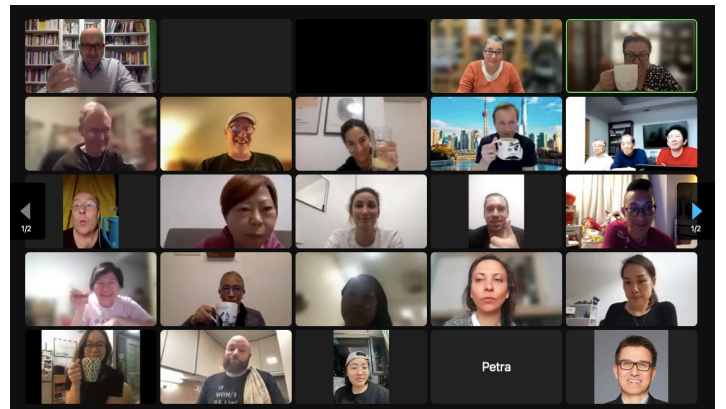
After seven world championships she 2010 decided to move to Shanghai and open her own boxing gym here, aiming to make people more powerful and confident and let them feel good about themselves.

At the same time, she was diagnosed breast cancer. Yet again she carried out her plans and pushed through, relying on her persistence.

In uncertain times, it was great to learn from Michele how we can overcome adversity with the right mindset and push through challenges successfully.

After Michele's presentation, our new elected District Special Representative Andrew walked us through some highlights of the recent 2022 Rotary China District Virtual Conference.

Written by Christian G.



10.05.2022: Speaker Program



Christian Sommer
 German Centre Shanghai,
 CEO & Chairman;
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 Chairman

The Office: Outdated & Overrated?

Christian Sommer has been living and working in China for more than 20 years. He started his career in one of the first German law firms in Shanghai and helped building up the German Centre Beijing, before moving to his current position in 2005.

Under his direction the German Centre Shanghai, a subsidiary of BayernLB, has evolved into a successful platform for Sino-German exchange and cooperation where hundreds of German companies have started their entry into the Chinese market benefiting from Mr. Sommer’s expertise.

In 2016 Mr Sommer established the German Enterprise Centre in Qingdao, as well as the German Centre Taicang, a subsidiary of the German Centre Shanghai.

Also in 2016 Christian Sommer was appointed programme ambassador of the Chancellor Fellowship of the Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation and in September 2017 he received the honorary citizenship of the Chinese city Suzhou. In 2021 Christian Sommer was honoured with the Magnolia Silver Award in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to Shanghai’s development.

Furthermore Christian Sommer contributes to Sino-German cultural exchange as bass player in the Shanghai rock band “ShangHighVoltage” as well as co-organizer of the Sino-German Table Tennis Friendship Cup..

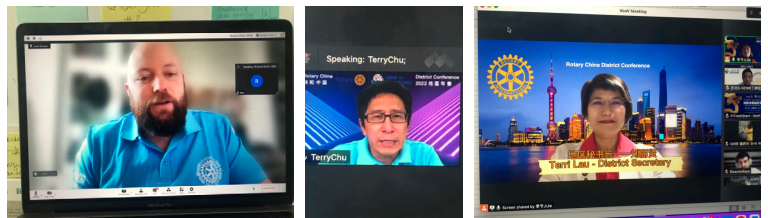
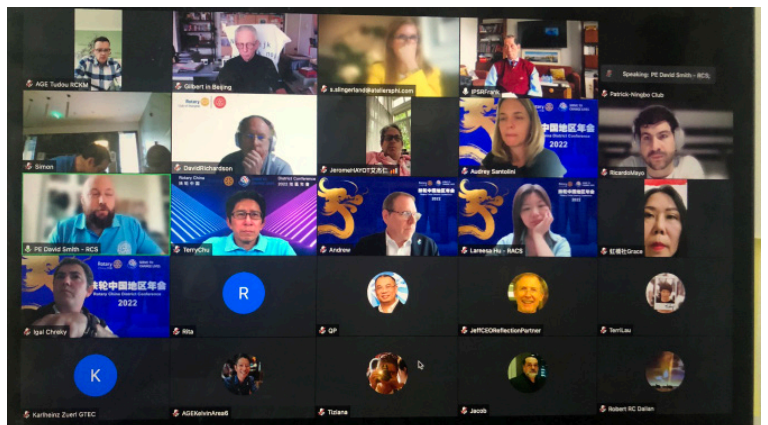
2022 Rotary China District Conference

Due to the Covid Situation in Shanghai and the rest of China, this year’s Rotary China District Meeting was adapted from a three-day weekend event with various programs at the Millennium Hotel in Shanghai to a special virtual conference packed into a Saturday afternoon on 4/25. The conference was a great success and welcomed Rotarians from all around China, including those who would not have been able to join had the conference been held offline.

RCS was well represented in the conference, with we Terri Lau, District Secretary offering opening remarks, David Smith leading group discussions, Terry Chu providing GOL updates, Jingfu as the conference’s emcee, and last, but certainly not least, Andrew Hill, our future SR of the China District.

Despite the tight timing of the conference, a lot of content was shared. District Secretary Terri Lau delivered her gracious opening remarks to welcome the attendees and encourage us to stay strong in the difficult times.

SR Richard showed us what the clubs in China have accomplished in the past four years from 2018 to 2022. He reminded us how much fun Rotarians have in placing service above self. Then followed by AG Ian’s introduction, our guest speaker—CEO of JLL China, Ms. Bessie Lee — spoke to us about the Future of Work, reflecting the change in employee relationships as well as the usage of the workplace in the post pandemic world. It was well-received by the audience, and the powerpoint of the speech is available by request in the RCS group chat.



Later on, the conference attendees were split into two breakout rooms, a Chinese discussion led by Mike & Jordan, and an English one led by Ariel & David Smith. Topics including The Rotary Foundation, service projects, membership retention, as well as membership development were discussed in these forums. In the English chat, Terry Chu was able to share an update on RCS's leading service project, GOL, and Tudou from RCKM elaborated on GOL operations in Kunming. Igal from RC Elysee discussed their butterfly EB project also. David Smith invited Grace from RC Hongqiao, Andrew Hill from RCS, and Tudou from RCKM to share about their leadership experiences from past presidency regarding membership growth and retention. Both groups had wonderful discussions and wished there had been more time allocated to the breakout sessions for more questions.

Afterwards, SRE Andrew Hill came to talk about his team for the year of 2022-2023, and his visions and targets for the next rotary year. We are all very thrilled to welcome our RCS's very own Andrew for his leadership on the district stage.

SR Richard then introduced the Rotary International Fellowship and invited AG Plasma to have a run through of the Rotary China Golf Fellowship. Every Rotarian is welcomed to join the Golf Fellowship as RCS is also a participating club.

Finally, the conference was adjourned by SR Richard's closing remarks, in which he shared his hope for Rotarians to overcome the struggles they have met in membership recruitment by making it a priority. He wished everyone stay in health during this difficult time.

Written by Jingfu

SRC Members Wearing Purple

24-30 April is World Immunization week... and Tiziana throw a challenge in our WeChat group!

"Today the community I live in was asked to join mass test again so I was actually thinking about the importance of vaccines and I decided to wear my Sweat to End Polio T-shirt and my purple trousers to witness and advocate the cause. (purple signifies the colour dye used on the little finger of a child who has received their life saving polio drops on mass polio immunisation days in many countries, to show they have received their life saving vaccine)

So, do you want to join me being an Advocate? if you have your T-shirt please wear it, if you don't just find something purple and be creative!"

And here are a few pictures of what it actually happened.



Sweat to End Polio



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