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## 24 May – Rotary Ignite Evening

## 31 May – New Mentorship Session

**Rotary IGNITE**  
Introduce any subject you'd like, from cryptocurrency to the zombie apocalypse

- 3 speakers
- 5 minutes each
- 20 slides total
- 15 second slide timer

TUESDAY, May 24, 2022  
19:30-20:30  
@ ZOOM

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TUESDAY MEETING  
Rotary IGNITE

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**Rotary Club of Shanghai**

TUESDAY, May 31, 2022  
19:00 - 20:30

ONLINE 1:1 Session with a Rotary Club of Shanghai Mentor (Zoom link will be provided)

COMPLIMENTARY (Limited to 18 Mentees)

DEADLINE to Register: is Sunday May 29, 2022

CAREER EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM  
MENTORSHIP SESSION

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### Birthdays of the month: May

### Other Events

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

- 24.05 — Ignite Evening @Zoom link 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- 31.05 — CEP @Zoom link 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- 07.06 — Weekly Meeting @Zoom link 7:00 - 8:30 pm

### The Four-Way Test 四大考验

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?

### Officers & Directors

- 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

Highlights from the last speaker meeting

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Event Attendance:	
Members	19
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	64
<b>Total Headcount</b>	<b>84</b>

Happy Money: CNY550

**US-CHINA RELATIONS: A PERSONAL AND GEOPOLITICAL PERSPECTIVE FROM A CHINESE-AMERICAN**

Last week, I was amazed by an occurrence that I had not seen before, a panic to register for an online rotary meeting because of limited slots available. I then remembered who the speaker for the event was going to be and everything fell into place. I am not the quickest RSVP person you will meet so I flew into a panic and locked in my seat for the weekly RCS meeting.



Our speaker was Frank Tsai who is the Founder of China Crossroads. The title of his talk was very intriguing, "Us-China Relations: A personal and geopolitical perspective from a Chinese American". Hmm, sounds very interesting, but the enticements did not stop there. Like a syllabus for a political science class at an Ivy League school, we were told what Frank would cover. Tensions - Misunderstandings - Misconceptions - Oh My. This was what we needed to hear for a better perspective. Given the

lofty and wide ranging assortment of take-aways, I was a bit concerned that 20 minutes would not be enough time. I was pleasantly surprised that Frank covered all that was promised and more!

Frank began the speech with a powerful thesis on the similarities of the Chinese and US values as products of revolutionary beginnings. If that would not grab the listener, what would right? He went on with some sharp observations and connected many areas where we are also quite dissimilar. The narrative was smart, to the point and created a huge amount of ideas and big questions in my head.

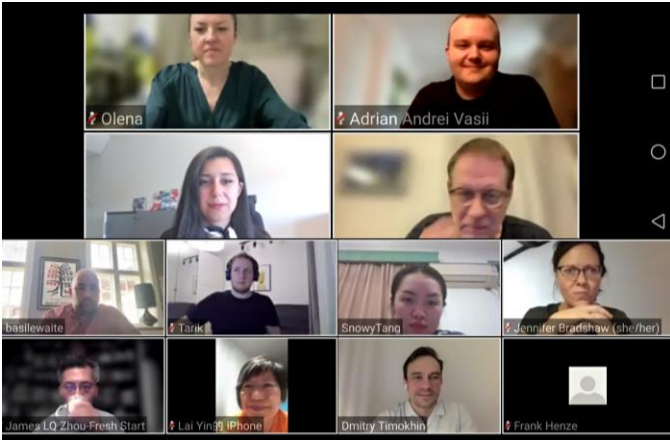


When Frank was done, being a polite person who was respecting the time frame he was given, people were upset that he stopped. "Keep going" I thought to myself and I assume everyone else was in agreement with me on this point. President Rita then officiated the tsunami of digitally raised hands with very intelligent questions from the participants. Frank gave very respectful and in-depth answers and everyone was looking at their clocks thinking, "Why do we need to stop?" Thankfully, Frank is not the type of person to run away from questions.



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The final bell was rung after a few questions and then President Rita asked Frank, “Would it be ok if you stayed on to answer questions from the people remaining?” Frank emphatically agreed and the Q&A session continued with around 50 people for another hour. As one of the participants to the very end, I would like to thank Christian for bringing us such a great speaker and thank you to Frank for being a delightful speaker and a good soul to stay for the extra session and make our time in lockdown vanish for an evening.

*\* Written by Andrew H.*

**New Mentor Session planned for 31 May 2022 – Chinese speaking Mentors needed!**

On 31 May 2022 the Rotary Club Shanghai is organizing another Career Empowerment Program. It will be the third time this year and the aim is to let Rotarians have a one-hour mentoring conversation with students of mainly those organizations that Rotary supports (e.g. Shanghai Young Bakers or Shanghai Sunrise). During these (currently online) Mentor-Mentee Sessions the Mentor will invite the Mentee to share a professional career aspiration, a dream they have or a challenge that they face in their current life (e.g. struggling with self-discipline or time-management).

and learn to ask open thought-provoking questions. During the Mentor-Mentee Session the Mentors may also share their experience and inspire the students with their wisdom, but it is considered even more important to give Mentees the opportunity to self-reflect based on their Mentor’s great questions and ideally find their own solution and way to meet a challenge.



The get-together of Mentor and Mentee also serves the purpose of giving Rotarians a chance to not only support the organization with their money but to also contribute with their personally acquired professional skills and life experience. This in itself is a highly rewarding experience during which Rotarians will be able to learn from the younger generation’s perspective on life and will be positively challenged in creating trust, emotional safety, and connection in a short time, a skill that many leaders can highly benefit from. For most students the



opportunity of speaking to someone much more senior while being taken seriously and respected at eye-level is an important experience in developing self-confidence and losing fear of being around more senior people. Furthermore, the students/mentees ideally leave such a Mentor session with an important takeaway and an action item to go for in the days after the session.



As most students that would be invited to join as Mentees only speak Chinese, it is important to find enough Mentors who are fluent in Chinese so that the conversation can also be conducted in Chinese.



The Mentor training is a recorded Zoom session that will be made available to any new mentors that did not have the chance to join the original Zoom Training-Session end of 2021. If you are interested in becoming a Mentor on 31 May, especially if you also speak Chinese, then please contact Tilman, Rita, Naomi, or Elizabeth.

*\*Written by Tilman R.*

