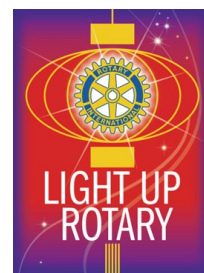




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10 LITTLE ANGELS AT WILL FOUNDATION



Rotarian Mr. Filippo Garini at WILL Orphanage with Kids

The Four-Way Test
四大考验

Of the things we think, say or do:

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?

The WILL foundation is center/orphanage for disadvantaged children based in Chongming Island. Its mission is to give children who are left behind in life a chance to flourish.

It was started in 2006, when Pilar Tan's family took in a foster child, an orphan from Shanxi province. As the mainstream school system in China is ill suited to dealing with children who have special needs, Pilar realized the need for a special learning center.

The WILL foundation is therefore creating an eco-learning center to provide these children with a loving and nurturing environment and a tailored guided program. It wants to encourage their desire to explore, to create and experiment, to find their individual talents and to develop their full persona.

In the long term, the WILL foundation plans to be a sustainable and self-sufficient learning center. It will show the children how to build and maintain an organic garden on the premises to provide food for themselves and for others. The WILL foundation will guide the children to learn how to use their own creativity, talents and skills to become upstanding individuals, able to give back to society.

Rotarian Filippo reports on his experience at the WILL foundation:

It takes one hour by bus from Pudong to the WILL foundations center in Chongming Island, where I have spent 5 days this summer as a volunteer. After coming back from the ChongMing countryside I wish to share with all Rotarian friends my feelings to describe a wonderful experience that I do strongly recommend to everyone.

I will never forget the amazing energy of those 10 little kids, their smiles, sweetness and sensitivity. I did also admired the passion, kindness, love and professionalism of all the staff who take care of the babies.

At the beginning my main task was to teach qi gong to the kids but I was also very involved in daily routine works of the community and I did my best to give good support. This gave me the possibility to be in touch both with 10 little angels but also to better understand how is managed a small Foundation and to see some of the little and big troubles they have to face everyday.

It is the first time in my life that I give my contribution as volunteer to disadvantaged children and at the beginning I was a little worried to make mistakes but all the babies made their best to make me feel at home and at ease. There was a feeling and energy between us. A real and concrete lesson of life ! I do think I'll go there again in the future.

And last, but not least, a special thanks to Pilar and Gloria who gave me the possibility to have an experience that I will never forget.

For more information about Will Foundation: www.willfound.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic/Meeting Style
9 September 2014	Lily Gong Report	Dinner in Jing An Hilton
16 September 2014	TBA	Dinner in Jing An Hilton

Last Meeting Highlights : 26 Aug 2014

Present at the Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: 0
Interacts: 3
Matthew
Justine Gore
Maria Deng

Members: 35, Rotaracts: 0,
Interacts: 3 , Guests: 12
Contributions raised:
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The last fellowship meeting of August commenced under the guidance of Frank. Sue recited the Four Way Test and also highlighted again the coming RI conference, encouraging all club members to attend. Katia then took the opportunity to introduce her flag project ('take one flag, drop your donation') and lastly the indefatigable Miguel gave once again an enthusiastic invitation to our golf tournament.

Simon, ably assisted by Alexandra, used his considerable oratorical skills to extract donations from our members. Monetary woe befell Rotarians who could not answer questions like "when does the RI Conference open", "Who is our most experienced Rotarian", "when does the Golf Tournament take place" etc.

Several members stepped up to the pulpit to report and inform. Dean highlighted that being a sponsor for a new member also entails responsibilities and how to empower the RCS through new members. Terry Chu updated us on the general budget for all service projects. And Thilo informed us about the Taicang Handicapped Workshop project. This project, which had been initiated by the 'Taicang Round Table' is not only supported by the RCS but also by many other charity organizations. The workshop is providing a possibility to learn a skill to mentally handicapped people and to become financially independent. It is being sponsored by the RC of Shanghai as well as a number of Taicang-based companies.

The meeting was concluded with a toast to the Rotary Foundation.



Club Information Club No. 60725, District 0052

Officers

Frank Yih - President
Sue Maguire - President Elect/
Club Service and Admin
Patrick Tissier - Vice President/
The Rotary Foundation
Motohiro Yamane - Hon. Secretary/
Club Service and Admin (deputy)
Anthony Aucutt - Treasurer
Tom Kane - Immediate Past President

Directors

Dean Merritt - Membership
Terry Chu - Community and International Service
Sylvain Parpaite
- Community and International Service (deputy)
Katia Steilemann - Public Relations
Nikola Urosevic - Youth Service

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006
Numbers of members - 92
Average age - 45
Nationalities- 23
Male - 80% Female - 20%

Contacts

The main club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday at Jinan Hilton Hotel 华山路250号 (18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner)
Contact the club administrator Wendy Zhou at RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13916385829

For more information, please visit www.rotaryshanghai.org

Provisional Club Pudong (Lujiazui) (Thursday)
19:00-20:30

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel (Pudong) in Thumb Plaza, Pudong, Shanghai.

位置: 浦东 大拇指广场 证大丽笙酒店
Tel: +86 21 5130 0000

Address: 1199 Yingchun Rd, near Fangdian Rd
地址: 迎春路1199号 (靠近芳甸路)

If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting, please contact Mr. Brinton Scott
Email: bscottsq@hotmail.com

Provisional Club Fresh Start (Friday)
7:30-8:30 am

Location: Element Fresh, Jing'an Kerry Centre

位置: 静安嘉里中心 新元素餐厅
Address: 2nd Floor, No. 1515, West Nanjing Rd
地址: 南京西路1515号二楼

If you would like to attend Fresh Start, please contact Mr. Gary Permenter
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