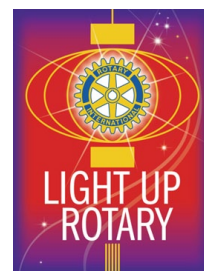




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An Ambassadorial Scholar Reports:

Lily Gong, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shanghai, pursued a master degree at the University of Nottingham in Chinese English Translation. After graduating with distinction in 2011, she returned to Shanghai. She was hosted by the Rotary Club of Church Wilne, District 1220.



Lily Gong with her host counselor Mike White

I learned about Rotary through Frank Yih, who sponsored a project started by me in 2007 in Tibet. After being involved with several Rotary projects I applied for and did win an Ambassadorial Scholarship. But when I was about to embark on my journey, disaster struck: Scholarships in low-income countries got cancelled by the Rotary Foundation due to the financial crisis. Yet this event showed the true spirit of Rotary: Tom Thong and several other Rotarians lobbied for me, and 7 districts in Taiwan and District 3450 provided for my scholarship.

In the UK, aside from my intensive degree studies, I gave presentations at club and district functions. The best-received presentation was on China's history told through the life stories of my grandfather, my father and myself. My most memorable event was a weekend at Askham village, hosted and planned by Brian Cane, a 1945-1946 ambassadorial scholar and 50ish-year service Rotarian. It was a fully immersive cultural program-lunch at the village pub, dinner at a villager's home and much more.

My academic and ambassadorial success was made possible by the tremendous assistance from my counselors. Host Counselor Mike White was my tour guide, helped with paperwork, was my "English dictionary" and mentor. Hendrik Homan, my sponsor counselor helped me with advice and even paid me a visit in Nottingham! Without them I would not have been successful.

The scholarship does not only form the basis for my future career, it also taught me that openness is the best way to understand foreign cultures and thus to learn to appreciate ones' own culture.

Now I am an in-house interpreter at Shanghai Disney Resorts. We are dealing with more than 100 different disciplines, each having its own technical terms, which makes it very challenging. At the same time, it is also an enormously rewarding job, as I get to work with amazing designers, architects, engineers and top management people. I am extremely proud of my work because I am working on a project that's committed to bringing happiness to people of all ages and to making dreams come true!

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

| Date | Speaker / Event | Topic/Meeting Style |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 16 September 2014 | Disney Speaker | District Conference 20/21 / Dinner in Jing An Hilton |
| 23 September 2014 | TBA | Dinner in Jing An Hilton |

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?

Last Meeting Highlights : 2 Sep 2014

Present at the Meeting

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| Visiting Rotarians: 3 | | |
| Sebastian von Wedel | RC MidWest in Herning | Denmark |
| Pandurangan Yuvaraj | RC Anna Nagar Aadithya | India |
| Kurt Haerri | RC Lufernseetal | Switzerland |
| Rotaracts: 2 | | |
| Liza Chantelle | Rotaract | China |
| Suguru Aono | Rotaract | China |

Members: 32, Rotaracts: 2, Interests: 0 , Guests: 7
Contributions raised: Rmb10261 (2052Rmb/table)



President Frank started the meeting with the four way test, spoken by special guest Kurt Haerri. Kurt Haerri was a member of the RC Shanghai in the very beginning and the instigator of our GOL project. Then Frank reminded us of what Rotary stands for and what it means to be a service organization. He highlighted furthermore that each member needs to join a committee.

Randal reminded us of the forthcoming district conference Sept 20-21st. Already over 100 Rotarians have registered. The day before the convention will be also well filled, with the golf tournament on the 19th as well as a welcome BBQ at Nancy's and Franks home.

Due to the large number of announcements dinner was nearly forgotten – fortunately Roger made sure that we were fed.

The Sergeant at Arms session was a major success, as there was a lot of happy money as well as contributions from Kurt and Frank plus an amazing number of auction items, Swiss and Belgian chocolates, French Wine and Chinese Mooncakes. One sad event announced though was that Sue and Simon will return to the UK. They will be missed very much.

The meeting was concluded with a toast to Kurt Haerri and the Rotary Club of Luzern-Seetal, Switzerland.

Meritorious Service Citation for Hans Huber



On Monday 11th August, President-Elect Sue Maguire visited the Rotary Club of Lenzburg, which is near Zurich in Switzerland, and which is now the club of our much-missed fellow member and chair of GOL, Hans Huber. This was not just a social visit but was also an opportunity to present Hans with the certificate he was awarded just after he left China.

Hans was awarded the Meritorious Service Citation by the Rotary Foundation, following his nomination by our district for all his work with the Gift of Life (GOL) program. This is a huge honour, recognizing both Hans' work and the support he has received from the club to do this. The award was announced at the Gala Dinner in June and, as Sue has a son living in Zurich, she volunteered to present the certificate personally to Hans while she was visiting the area.

The Lenzburg Club members were delighted to see Hans receive the certificate and applauded him at great length, in recognition of this significant Rotary award.

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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