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Agony Aunt Exclusive!!!! Rotary is better than Marriage

Dear Agony Aunt,

Recently my parents and friends have been pushing me to get married and not to 'waste my time' on Rotary. How can I answer them?

Yours *Under Pressure*

Dear Pressurized,

Many have wondered "Why join Rotary?" which is a long-term obligation. Many Rotarians are as well married, will be married or have been married and had asked themselves "Why marry?". Therefore, in the spirit of objective scientific endeavour your esteemed Agony Aunt did a small but representative survey among a select part of the membership (herself) in order to provide a quick comparison of Rotary and Marriage. The following scientific comparison table should greatly help you to convince others about Rotary as on closer inspection the benefits of being a Rotarian greatly exceed the benefits of being married.

	Marriage	Pts.	Rotary	Pts.
Duration	40% of marriages end in divorce	0	90% of inductees stay life long Rotarians	1
Mother in law	Yes	0	No	1
Wonderful memento	Ring	1	Pin	1
Forgetting to wear ring/pin	Better not	0	100RMB fine / no fine	1
'Make-up' for absences	No	0	Yes	1
Cost	unlimited	0	~2.000RMB/a	1
Sexual activities	yes	1	no	0
Musical activities	Wedding March	1	Rotary Theme Song	0
Food	Never complain about	0	Eternal topic	1
Moving induction ceremony	In Chapel	1	In Marriott	1
Total		4		8

As has been scientifically proven above, Rotary outclasses marriage by 8 points to 4. Though naturally, by marrying a Rotarian, benefits can be accumulated!

Yours truly, Agony Aunt

Fellowship Night August 25th at Black Pepper

Bring Friends and Family to our Fellowship Night. Book early via ClearCut.
Black Pepper Restaurant, Zhong Plaza,, 2/F, 99 Taixing Lu, near Nanjing Xi Lu
泰兴路89号2楼, 近南京西路

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
August 25 th	Fellowship dinner	Black Pepper, 99 Taixing Lu, 19:00
September 1 st	tbd.	Marriott City Center, 19:00
September 8 th	tbd	Marriott City Center, 19:00
September 15 ^h	tbd	Marriott City Center, 19:00

The Four-Way Test

四大考验

Si Da Kao Yan

Of the things we think, say or do:

我们说的做的要符合: Wǒ men Shuō de Zuò de Yào Fǔ Hé:

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?

Expat Fair

Rotary will be present at the Expat Fair, advertising what we do. The more Rotarians are present, the more effective the effort will be. If you have time on Sept. 11-13, contact Membership Committee Chair Alexandra (alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr)

August 25th 2015
Visiting Rotarians

Wolfgang Momberg	RC Baunatal	Germany
Frank Hoffman	Philadelphia	USA
Henry Chang	RC Pudong Lujiazui	China
Richard Fang	Honorary member of RCS	China

Members: 25, rotaract: 0, visitor: 4, guests:7
Contributions raised: RMB 1705 RMB

Highlights :

President Dean chaired again our meeting, which took place in the Japanese restaurant on the second floor of the Marriott – to Western food though.

Alejandro led us into the Four Way Test, after which we enjoyed fellowship. Dean made several announcements. Firstly he reminded us to donate 100US\$ to the RI Fund. David asked us the use the myrotary site. The required Rotary ID number is in the mail which recently had been sent out regarding the new name tags. Payment can be done via credit card, please do NOT give money in cash to David.

Dean also asked for potential committee members to step up to join. Regarding elections for new boardmembers, please vote by mail, Linnet will send out the invitation to vote. ThiloKoeppel and David Smith are candidates for the board!

Next week will be fellowship, please remember that the meeting will NOT be in the Marriott.

We also had one wedding and one birthday to celebrate. Elodi was treated to a more or less rousing chorus of happy birthday – let us face it, Rotarians are NOT good singers.

We heard an exciting talk on Leadership in China which gave quite some inspiration to us as business leaders. The meeting was adjourned with a toast to our newly married Rotarian Frank Hoffman.



Moto, Master of the Badges

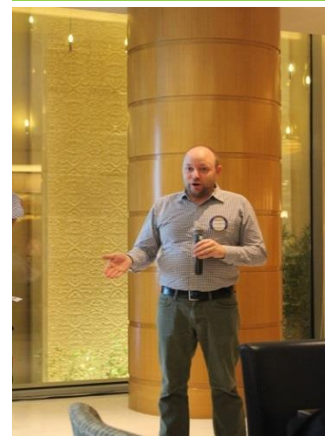


Our birthday child Elodi



Alejandro, leading us into the Four Way Test

David explains how to transfer money to the RI Foundation



Club Information

Officers

Dean Merritt – President
Andrew Hill – President Elect/Club Admin
Terri Lau – Vice President
Linnet Kwok – Hon. Secretary
Yvon Russon - Treasurer

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006
Number of active members – 69
Number of honorary members – 6

Contacts

The club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday at Marriott City Center Shanghai
西藏中路555号No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd
(18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner)
Contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at
RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Committees and Directors

Club Administration Committee
1st Tuesday of each month, 17:30
Chair: Andrew Hill rotary1617@hotmail.com
Membership Committee
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 17:30, dining room
Chair: Alexandra Taulin alexandra.aulin@yahoo.fr
Public Relations Committee
1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00
Chair: OPEN
Community and International Service Committee
1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00
Chair: Bruno Bareteau bareteau@gmail.com
Youth service committee
Last Tuesday of each month, 17:00
Chair: Motohiro Yamane yamane@tmish.com
Rotary Leadership Award
Committee Chair: OPEN
The Rotary Foundation Committee
Chair: David Smith dave@smithorchards.com
Percy Chu Awards
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Marjory Woo marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com

For more information, please visit www.rotarshanghai.org

Rotary Club of Shanghai West
Wednesday, 18:30-20:30
Location: Suites Hotel Shanghai
位置: 上海西华酒店
Address: No.1 Huaihai West Road, Shanghai
地址: 淮海西路1号
For more information please contact President Richard Zi
Email: zishanghai@hotmail.com

Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui
Thursday, 19:00-20:30
Location: Radisson Blu Hotel (Pudong) in Thumb Plaza, Pudong, Shanghai
1199 Yingchun Rd. (close to Fangdian Rd.)
位置: 浦东大拇指广场 证大丽笙酒店
地址: 迎春路1199号 (靠近芳甸路)
If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting
Please contact President Brinton Scott
Email: bscottsq@hotmail.com

Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai
Friday, 7:45-9:00 am
Location: 2nd floor, Element Fresh, Jing An Kerry Center
位置: 新元素静安嘉里中心店二楼
Address : No.1551 Nan Jing Xi Lu, Shanghai
地址: 南京西路1551号
For more information about Fresh Start and for anyone interested to attend, please visit <http://freshstartrotaryshanghai.org/>