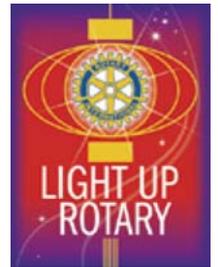




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## The Taicang Handicapped Workshop is open!!!

On Thursday, March 26th a 2-year long journey finally came to its end or shall we say to its great beginning? The very first industrial workshop for training mentally handicapped people in mainland China was opened in Taicang, a project which Rotary Shanghai proudly supports!

We want to thank all Rotarians for their contribution, but especially Thilo Koeppel, whose great, long term commitment and endless energy made the project to become true! The biggest achievement of this project is to integrate into a work environment mentally handicapped people. It is often believed they are not able to contribute and they are also often excluded from the society. From the legal point of view, mentally handicapped people furthermore are not entitled to a working permit in China due to the "severeness" of the disability. Therefore they are mostly forced to stay at home and their parents have to take care of them.



Thilo and his team successfully cooperated with the Taicang government, which agreed to give working permits to the handicapped, and therewith a chance for personal development. For the first time in their life these handicapped people can proudly contribute to the income of their families instead of being seen as "a burden". This also opens up new opportunities for their parents, who now are not obliged anymore to take care of their disabled children during day-time, but instead can have a job as well.

We sincerely hope that this inspiring "pilot" project is just the beginning and more of such workshops will follow soon.

If you are thinking of outsourcing simple work tasks and simultaneously engaging in an outstanding CSR project, the handicapped workshop is your perfect partner. Receiving production orders is the key to our sustainable success. Please pass this info to your expat friends who might be involved in production and encourage them to consider our handicapped work-shop for out-sourcing simple production orders.

If your company is interested in supporting the project, please contact Thilo Koeppel for cooperation opportunities.



### Help Wanted for 2015/2016

I am looking for Leaders to find where their passion, interest, and skill sets fit. It is important for you the Member as well as the Club to do something you really want to do. I am looking for creative new ideas to energize us and add more fun and fellowship into what we do. If everyone takes a little piece, no one gets burned out. If you do not see it on the list let me know and we will add it.

### Committee Chairs

- 1) Service Committee – work with Bruno Bareteau  
Global Grants, Sister Clubs, Project Leaders,  
Many positions available - Shanghai local projects, GOL - Prevention (not just surgeries)
- 2) Membership – work with Alexandra Taulin  
New Member Involvement

3) Rotary Foundation

4) Youth

Rotaract – 3 clubs Interact – keeps growing

RYLA – new program

Percy Chu – expansion for 2015/2016

5) Rotary Trainer

6) 10th Anniversary of RCS

7) Club Elections

8) PR

9) Fellowship

10) Sargent at Arms

11) Treasurer Assistant – work with Yvon Russon

12) Any new committees that you want to form

Find one that interests you and catch me at a meeting or send me an email and we can meet and discuss your creative ideas.

Thanks

Dean

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Date	Topic / Speaker	Venue / Time
April.14th	Water project Tibet	Jing An Hilton, 19:00
April.21st	Improving Child Safety in China, On the Go and at Home (James Feldkamp)	Jing An Hilton, 19:00
April.28th	A lesson in creativity (Suhail Nasir)	Jing An Hilton, 19:00
May.5th	Club assembly	Jing An Hilton, 19:00

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**Last Meeting Highlights :  
31 Mar 2015  
Present at the Meeting**

Visiting Rotarians: 4

Susanne Moskob	RC Kowloon North	Hong Kong
Feuz Laurent	RC La Chaux-de-Fonds	Switzerland
Virgilio Mazzacani	RC Brescia Vittoria Alata	Italy
Kurt Haerri	RC Lufernseetal	Switzerland

This meeting featured the, may one say, "traditional" BBQ on 12th floor of the Asionics Building to which President Frank invited all Rotarians. There was a record turnout with 170 people attending, Rotarians, family members, friends Rotaractors, Interactors and parents joining.

One highlight was the signing of the Sister Club agreement with the RC Richmond Sunset, Canada by PP Magdalen Leung (RC R-S) and President Frank. Magdalen also, representing the Alliance for Smiles, awarded our club a certificate in recognition of our USD 5,000 donation to "Happy Smile – Charity Aid for Children with Cleft Lip and Palate".

Another award with presented by Liza Chantelle to Frank in recognition of his great contribution to Rotaract Shanghai.

Other highlights were certainly the musical performance by 5 students from Nanmo and also an appearance of the newest Interact club (provisional) established in SHSID, whose president Takayasu Yamane, teacher advisor and the board members were introduced.

Overall all enjoyed the wonderful and warm evening and the excellent BBQ donated by Frank Yih.

**Thank our  
Sergeant-at-Arms,  
Sam Tung for  
serving  
delicious food**



**Tasty BBQ**



**President Frank and SHSID Interactors**



**A Nanmo Concert**



**Welcome guest Magdalen Leung (1st right), Kurt Haerri (2nd from right)**



**Recognitions and Awards**



**An award for Frank**

**Club Information**

**Officers**

- Frank Yih - President
- Dean Merritt - President Elect/  
Club Admin and Membership
- Patrick Tissier - Vice President/  
The Rotary Foundation
- Motohiro Yamane - Hon. Secretary/  
Club Admin (deputy)

- Anthony Aucutt - Treasurer
- Tom Kane - Immediate Past President

**Basic Info of our Club**

- First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006
- Number of active members - 96
- Number of honorary members - 8
- Average age - 45
- Nationalities - 23
- Male - 80% Female - 20%

**Contacts**

The club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday at Jing An Hilton Hotel 华山路250号 (18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner)

Contact the club administrator Edith Du at [RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org](mailto:RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org), +86 18801624833

**Committees and Directors**

**Club Administration Committee**  
1st Tuesday of each month, 17:30  
Chair: Dean Merritt dean@mdmcllevel.com  
Deputy Chair: Motohiro Yamane yamane@tmish.com

**Membership Committee**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 18:00 - 18:30  
Chair: Dean Merritt dean@mdmcllevel.com

**Public Relations Committee**  
1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00  
Chair: Michel De Vriendt  
michel.devriendt@premiumfinance-group.com

**Community and International Service Committee**  
1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00  
Chair: Terry Chu terrychu\_prn@msn.com  
Deputy Chair: Sylvain Parpaite sparpaite@gmail.com

**Youth service committee**  
Last Tuesday of each month, 17:00  
Chair: Frank Yih frank@yih.com

**Rotary Leadership Award Committee**  
Chair: Tara Strunk Tara.Strunk@grace.com

**The Rotary Foundation Committee**  
Chair: Patrick.tissier pt@tca-services.com

For more information, please visit [www.rotaryshanghai.org](http://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  
地址: 迎春路1199号 (靠近芳园路)  
If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting, please contact Mr. Brinton Scott  
Email: bscottesq@hotmail.com

Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai  
Friday, 7:30-8:30 am  
Location: Element Fresh, Jing An Kerry Center  
位置: 新元素静安嘉里中心店  
Address: No.1551 Nan Jing Xi Lu, Shanghai  
地址: 南京西路1551号  
If you would like to attend Fresh Start, please contact Mr. Gary Permenter  
Email: gary.permenter@gmail.com