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05 September - Kickoff Meeting

12 September - Speaker Meeting

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 18:30 - 19:00 Reception
 19:00 - 20:30 Dinner Meeting
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 3-course Western set menu CNY 218 incl. free flow of soft drinks CNY 248 incl. 1 glass of house wine/beer
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TUESDAY MEETING
RCS Kickoff Meeting

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Rotary Club of Shanghai TAKE ACTION: www.rotaryshanghai.org

TUESDAY MEETING
Permaculture: Introduction and Challenges

PRESENTED BY:
Patrick NIJS
 Kabissa Organic Farmhouse in Yunnan

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- What is permaculture?
- Why permaculture?
- What we do?
- What are the challenges?

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Coming Events

September Birthdays

- 05.09 — Kickoff Meeting@Hualuxe Sh Twelve 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 12.09 — Speaker Meeting@Hualuxe Sh Twelve 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 23.09 — RCS Birthday Party@Asionix Tech Center 3:00 - 9:00 pm

- 03 — Richard Fang (H.) / Jonathan Ortelli
- 06 — David Richardson
- 07 — Basile Waite
- 13 — Sarah Kochling
- 14 — Giuseppe Bigatti
- 16 — Alex Hartmann
- 19 — Rita Malvone
- 26 — Tilman Rieger
- 28 — Carlotta Godio

The Four-Way Test 四大考驗

Of the things we think, say, or do:
 对于我们所想、所说、所做的事情，
 我们应该事先扪心自问：

1. Is it the **truth**?
 是否一切属于真实?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned
 是否各方得到公平?
3. Will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?
 能否促进亲善友谊?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?
 能否兼顾彼此利益?

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- Christian Goettker – Secretary
- Rainer Kern – Treasurer
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- Rita Malvone
- Tilman Rieger
- Holger Schober
- Tomas Kucera
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- Assitant Governor:** Rita Malvone
- Club Admin:** Vivian Huang

Last Week Fellowship



Speaker Program



Patrick NIJS

Permaculture : introduction and challenges.

Retired in China after ending his diplomatic career as ambassador of Belgium in China and Mongolia in 2013. Started an organic farm house in Yunnan in the deep mountains of Yunnan in 2012. Moved gradually to permaculture. Doing consultancy with EUCJIC (European Union China Joint Innovation Centre). In the process of taking over an abandoned village next to Kabissa in order to set up a Permaculture International Community. Founder of DeQing Europe China Centre in Moganshan, North of Hangzhou, aiming at promoting cooperation and innovation in addressing globally the on going critical ecological challenges.



Stepping Stones Activity

On Saturday August 26th, the Rotarians had the pleasure of working with Stepping Stones, a wonderful organization that does invaluable work teaching underprivileged children. Stepping Stones has a team of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about their mission. During this event, Rotarians joined forces with Stepping Stones to provide an English class for migrant children at a community center in Pudong.

The day was filled with a variety of skillfully designed games by the Stepping Stones team. One game, in particular, was a memory game that challenged the children to test their recollection skills using English. Another game served as an icebreaker, where the children had to answer questions about themselves.

The highlight of the day was when the Rotarians reenacted scenes from the famous book, *The Hungry Caterpillar*. David R took on the role of the caterpillar, keeping the children highly amused and laughter echoing throughout the room. And just when the story reached the metamorphosis part, David disappeared, only to be replaced by Samantha, transformed into a beautiful butterfly!

The final activity involved the children attempting to read the story for themselves, with guidance from the Rotarians. It was truly a joy to see them stringing words together to form sentences and making their way through the book. To conclude the story, the children enjoyed treats mentioned in the book, including watermelon and Swiss cheese. The Swiss cheese turned out to be a big hit among the children!

Overall, it was a fun-filled day for everyone involved, and a great joy to collaborate with Stepping Stones in their invaluable work. The Rotarians are excited to continue these collaborations, and it is planned that they will be a regular occurrence.

Written by Rohit



Trip Journal

Mama Carms and I went up the mountain to the grassland of Gannan in Gansu to visit with our favorite art school. Tenzin and the students at Snowland were so welcoming and eager to have a cross cultural exchange. And what better way to learn a new culture than through food? Especially when Mama is cooking!

She introduced them to pasta with puttanesca sauce, and they enjoyed trying capers for the first time. Another day, she made a rice dish that had peas - they had never seen peas before! Perhaps the most interesting was BBQ. We had a picnic and made Shao Kao skewers - another first for the students.

They taught us Tibetan folk songs; we taught them a card game. They shared their artwork with Mama for her review, and I bought anything I could carry home. Aside from being incredibly talented and working so hard at their craft, the students are a family taking care of each other and their environment. They were warm and generous with a curiosity that never stopped and a gratitude for Rotary's presence in their lives. If you have a chance, go. From "Hungry Boy" to Choe, every one of them is special and leaves a brushstroke on your heart. If you can find the time, go... it is a life changing experience.

Written by Rita

