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## The Four-Way Test 四大考验 Sì Dà Kǎo Yàn

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?

We all have recited The Four Way test and, hopefully, we all also have found time to reflect on it. Yet what is this text which we have been reading unquestioningly, where does it originate from and why was it adopted by Rotary? Herbert gives us a brief introduction on its background.

### The Four-Way Test – Its Origin

By Herbert K. Lau

The Four-Way Test is a non-partisan and non-sectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The Test can be applied to almost any aspect of life. The Test was scripted in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, an American from Chicago. It was later adopted by Rotary International in 1943.

#### Genesis

In the early 1930s Herbert J. Taylor set out to save the Club Aluminum Products Distribution Company from bankruptcy. He believed himself to be the only person in the company with 250 employees who had hope. His recovery plan started with changing the ethical climate of the company. He explained: *“The first job was to set policies for the company that would reflect the high ethics and morals God would want in any business. If the people who worked for Club Aluminum were to think right, I knew they would do right. What we needed was a simple, easily remembered guide to right conduct - a sort of ethical yardstick- which all of us in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said and did.*

*I searched through many books for the answer to our need, but the right phrases eluded me, so I did what I often do when I have a problem I can't answer myself: I turn to the One who has all the answers. I leaned over my desk, rested my head in my hands and prayed. After a few moments, I looked up and reached for a white paper card. Then I wrote down the twenty-four words that had come to me: I called it "The Four-Way Test" of the things we think, say or do.*

#### Adoption of The Test by Rotary

In the 1940s, when Taylor was director of Rotary International, he offered The Four-Way Test to the organization, and it was adopted by Rotary for its internal and promotional use. Never changed, the twenty four word Test remains today a central part of the permanent Rotary structure throughout the world, and is held as the standard by which all behaviour should be measured. The Test has been promoted around the world and is used in myriad forms to encourage personal and business ethical practices. Taylor gave Rotary International the right to use the Test in the 1940s, and the copyright in 1954 when he was Rotary International President. He retained the rights to use the Test for himself, his Club Aluminum Company and the Christian Workers Foundation.



Herbert J. Taylore,  
44<sup>th</sup> RI President  
(1954/55) and Creator of  
the Four Way Test



The Four way Test  
has found many  
expressions, in  
visual arts and  
even in music



Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Induction and Member talk	Marriott City Center, 19:00
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Positive Leadership / Alejandro Buriel-Rocha	Marriott City Center, 19:00
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	How to taste and drink a wine / Marta Valdespino	Marriott City Center, 19:00
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship	tba.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

Visiting Rotarians

Prof. Frank Hoffman	RC Philadelphia	USA
Hongmei Liu	RC Philadelphia	USA
Jonathan Ensslen	RC Fresh Start	China
Dr. Victoria Yancey	RC Philadelphia	USA
John Bartlett	RC Westminster East	London
Herry Chang	RC Pudong Lujiazui	China

Members: 9 Visitors: 6, Guests: 5, total 26

Highlights from the last Meeting

Despite the absence of most members due to the coming Christmas, the gathering at the Buzz&Bites was lively and well attended. The tasty Italian style food added to the convivial atmosphere. There was salad, soup, meatballs, pasta and a choice of desserts. With several drinks included, the surroundings also provided for a relaxing atmosphere to discuss service projects.



Club Information

Officers & Boardmembers

- Dean Merritt – President
- Andrew Hill – President Elect/Club Admin
- Terri Lau – Vice President
- Linnet Kwok – Hon. Secretary
- Yvon Russon - Treasurer
- Tiffany Storey
- Alejandro Buriel Rocha
- Thilo Koepp
- Marjorie Woo
- Frank Yih (PP)

Basic Info of our Club

- First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006
- Number of active members – 74
- 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 RSV@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Committees and Directors

Club Administration Committee

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:30

Chair: Andrew Hill [rotary1617@hotmail.com](mailto:rotary1617@hotmail.com)

Membership Committee / PR Committee

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 17:30, dining room

Chair: Alexandra Taulin [alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr](mailto:alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr)

Community and International Service Committee

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00

Chair: Alejandro Buriel Rocha [alejandro.buriel@smlchinaconsult.com](mailto:alejandro.buriel@smlchinaconsult.com)

Youth service committee

Last Tuesday of each month, 17:00

Chair: Motohiro Yamane [yamane@tmish.com](mailto:yamane@tmish.com)

Rotary Leadership Award

Committee Chair: OPEN

The Rotary Foundation Committee

Chair: David Smith [dave@smithorchards.com](mailto:dave@smithorchards.com)

Percy Chu Awards

Chair: Marjory Woo [marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com](mailto:marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com)

For more information, please visit [www.rotarshanghai.org](http://www.rotarshanghai.org)

Rotary Club of Shanghai West  
Wednesday, 18:30-20:30

Location: Shanghai Pullman Hotel  
位置: 上海中星铂爾曼酒店

Address: No. 1 Pubei Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai  
上海徐汇区浦北路1号

For more information please contact President Richard Zi  
Email: [zishanghai@hotmail.com](mailto:zishanghai@hotmail.com)

Rotary Club of Shanghai 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  
1199 Yingchun Rd. (close to 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 President Patrick Hopkins  
Email: [pjhopki@gmail.com](mailto:pjhopki@gmail.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/>