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## 21 November - Speaker Meeting

## 28 November - Election Night

**TUESDAY MEETING**

**The Value Of Meditation In Business**

PRESENTED BY:  
**Holger Schober**  
*Hiteco Limited VP Sales*

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- Why companies do (should) support meditation techniques
- Meditation from a scientific and brain research perspective
- Overview on different types of meditation

TUESDAY, November 21, 2023  
18:30 - 19:00 Reception  
19:00 - 20:30 Dinner Meeting

Hualuxe Shanghai Twelve at Hengshan @Cathay Room, No. 12 Hengshan Road  
上海衡山路十二号华邑酒店至善厅

3-course Western set menu  
CNY 218 incl. free flow of soft drinks  
CNY 248 incl. alcohol

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### Coming Events

### November Birthdays

- 21.11 — Speaker Meeting@Hualuxe Sh Twelve 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 28.11 — Election Night@Hualuxe Sh Twelve 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 05.12 — Speaker Meeting@Hualuxe Sh Twelve 6:30 - 8:30 pm

- 06 — Valtero Canepa
- 08 — Marc Hunziker
- 19 — Thilo Ketterer
- 24 — Rainer Kern
- 30 — Joanna CF

### 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?

### Officers & Directors

- Tiziana Richiardi** – President
- Jeff Hasenfratz** – Vice President
- Christian Goettker** – Secretary
- Rainer Kern** – Treasurer
- Christian Goettker** – President Elect
- David Smith** – Immediate Past President

- Rita Malvone
- Tilman Rieger
- Holger Schober
- Tomas Kucera
- Alejandro Buriel

### Committees & Chairs

- Club Administration Chair:** Christian Goettker
- Membership Committee:** Tilman Rieger
- Fellowship Committee:** Tomas Kucera
- Service Projects Committee:** Basile Waite
- Youth Service Committee:** David Richardson
- Rotary Foundation:** Robert Sherman
- Gift of Life (GOL):** Terri Lau
- Sister Clubs:** Motohiro Yamane
- Pagoda & Public Image:** Carlotta Godio
- Speaker Program:** Jeff Hasenfratz
- Circle of Centennial Rotary Club:** Terri Lau
- Assitant Governor:** Rita Malvone
- Club Admin:** Vivian Huang

**Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 2023**

Dinner Attendance:

Members	19
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	05
<b>Total Headcount</b>	<b>25</b>

Happy Money: CNY 7,000

## Visiting Rotarians

Mark Wang - RC Singapore D3310



## Highlights from the last meeting

Our meeting began with us exchanging banners. Anne brought a banner from Rotary Singapore West, while Alejandro brought two banners from Madrid 7 and Puerta del Sol in Madrid.

Next, Tiziana called up the November birthday fellows to the stage. Valtero had the privilege of blowing out the cake candles alone because Joanna arrived late to the dinner meeting.

After dinner, the highlight of the evening was SR Andrew Hill's speech. He explained the current situation of Rotary District 52 (also known as Rotary China) and discussed the initiatives planned for the coming year. He also provided suggestions on how to improve our club.

In more detail, he discussed the importance of timely elections to ensure a smooth transition of leaders and allow more time for their training. He also mentioned the possibility of shortening the SR assignment from three to two years. Additionally, he proposed the idea of creating a district newsletter for better communication between all the clubs. Lastly, he introduced his idea of making Chinese an official language within Rotary, which is not currently the case.

Andrew concluded his presentation by highlighting future Rotary-related events and inviting everyone to strongly consider participating in the next Rotary International Convention in Singapore in May 2024.

The Saddle moment brought a mix of sweetness and bitterness as we received unexpected and sad news. Tom Thong, a former RCS member and President, had passed away.

Written by Carlotta



**Speaker Program: The value of meditation in business**



Holger Schober

Holger is a “German by default” and is living in Asia since 2008. After studying business administration and economics, he worked as scientific associate at the Philipps university in Marburg, one of Germany’s oldest universities. With the Ph.D. degree in his pocket, he became a management consultant in Switzerland with a focus on strategy and procurement.

In the following years, he joined the European Business School (EBS) in Germany where he was in charge of the (newly introduced) Executive MBA program as well as for all Executive Education programs in procurement and supply chain management. One of his international assignments brought him to Shanghai in 2007, where he continued his professional training activities in China and across Asia.

In 2010, he got assigned by Reliance Industries Limited (India) to set up a large-scale internal training academy in Mumbai. After coming back from India, he joined a Shanghai-based company called Hiteco Limited, a supplier for custom-made metal and plastic injection parts. As of today, he is still with Hiteco being in charge of the international sales activities. Since 2022 he is also working as external Senior Research Fellow Supply Chain (CPMC) at the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (Germany).

**Book your Calendar**

**Condolences to Tom Thong**

Our sincere Condolences to Past President of the Rotary Club of Shanghai 2008-2009 Tom Thong 's bereaved Family. Devoted to Rotary way of life he was passionate about the Rotary service Tom could listen to the needs of the local community and to think from the perspective of Local People and always smile.

My last exchanges with Tom Thong where in 2019 when Tom Thong. Was a member of Rotary Club Bukit Angkasa, located in KL. D3300.

May the light shine on the beautiful Rotary memories and the energy of Past President 2008- 2009 Tom Thong .

By Michel Dv



Tom Thong 唐国平

PP Tom Thong was a Malaysian-American member of Rotary Shanghai from 2005-2010, where he filled the classification of "Trading – Building Materials". He later became President of our club in 2008-9.

Prior to coming to China Tom helped us get our Gift of Life program off the ground by sponsoring several heart operations while he was then serving as President of the Jersey City Rotary club, in the USA. After moving to China and living in Shanghai for 6 years, he returned home to Malaysia to look after his dear wife Anne (who subsequently passed away several years ago). In Malaysia he joined one of our old sister clubs, the Rotary Club of Bukit Bintang.

Tom was known by all to be a very kind person, who, while living in Shanghai took exceptionally good care of his wife Anne, who was wheelchair-bound after having suffered a stroke. Tom did his very best to make her life as interesting and fulfilling as possible by including her in our club events and many other social activities within the community.

Tom also helped to get the HuaQiao Foundation going in its early years, and was a big help with my DPRK Gift of Life project, where he took our two young visitors from North Korea under his wing during their stay with the Shanghai Chest Hospital.

Tom was an active Rotarian right up to the day that he passed away, proudly wearing an array of pins at the recent installation of his Bukit Bintang Rotary Club alongside AG Stephanie Wong. He will be sorely missed by all of the Rotarians who knew him, and by the community members whose hearts he touched.

May you Rest in Peace Tom!

Randal Eastman  
13 Nov 2023

PVP Terry Chu

May Tom be rested in peace.

Pierre-Yves Sizaire

Thank you for sharing

Phyllis Thesier, RC Shanghai

Thank you so very much for the update.

It's sad to hear that his passing away...

Such a gift to so many of us.

I had met Tom in New Jersey initially... He moved to Shanghai, before my husband and I did.

He was constantly a positive possibility thinker... who listened more than he spoke... when he did speak, he was insightful, considerate, knowledgeable, and always uplifting others.

my condolences to his family...

**Replies from RCS Alumni about Tom Thong's passing**

PP Thomas Adaemmer

Hi Randal, thank you for sharing this sad news. Tom Thong was a true Rotarian! Is there anything planned from the RC Shanghai or the PP's? Please let me know how I can contribute.

PP Roger Owens

Lovely photo. He'll be reunited with Ann. RIP

PP Linnet Kwok

I am sorry to hear about the lost. I met him a few times when I was in Shanghai and he was a very kind man. Please send my condolences to his family.



**Condolences to Tom Thong**

Frank Mulligan, RC Shanghai  
Sorry to hear this. He was a nice guy and this seems way to early.

PP Hennie Homan, RC Chengdu and RC Shanghai  
Sad to read this. He was a true Rotarian and kind person.

PP Robert Halasz, Rotaract Shanghai  
Thank you for keeping me in the loop.  
Please convey my sincere condolences to PP Tom's family.  
May his soul find peace in heaven.

PP Jonathan Rowe, Rotaract Shanghai  
I'm sorry to hear the news. I have fond memories of Tom Thong.  
Rain or shine, Tom knew how to live on the sunny side of life.

PP Reggie Nolido, RC Makati  
Oh my. God bless him. May he rest in peace

PP Louie Aseoche, RC Makati  
Oh, that's very sad news.

PP Roland Young, RC Makati  
May he rest in peace

Derrick Tan, RC Makati  
I sorry to hear the sad news. My deepest condolences and may his soul rest in peace eternally!

Dayal Nandwani, Stepping Stone, former RC Makati  
Our deepest condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.



November, 14th 2023

Dear Bukit Angkasa Rotarians,

It is with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of PP Tom Thong on Sunday, November 12th in Manila. The members of the Rotary Club of Shanghai were deeply affected by this news.

The Rotary Club of Shanghai members and guests observed a moment of silence to honor his memory, and those members who had the privilege of meeting him in person shared heartfelt and cherished memories. As a tribute to Tom's dedication and passion, the proceeds from our saddle collection will be donated to The Rotary Foundation.

On behalf of our Board & Chairs and all the members of the Rotary Club of Shanghai, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. May they find solace and strength during this difficult time.

May Tom rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Tiziana Richiardi  
President  
Rotary Club of Shanghai  
2023-2024



A generous gift to The Rotary Foundation has been made by Rotary Club of Shanghai in memory of PP Tom Thong.



Gifts to The Rotary Foundation sustain vital programs which alleviate human suffering, foster greater cultural understanding, and eradicate polio worldwide.

May this gift bring comfort during a time of sorrow.

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