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## Building an Organization that Outlives It's Founder

Tom Stadler

Tom Stader is the Founder and Executive Director of The Library Project, an organization that donates libraries to under financed schools, community centers, and orphanages in Asia. He believes that education is the key motivator to breaking the cycle of poverty that exists in the developing world. Tom's message that anyone can take a simple idea and grow it into something that can change the world makes him a unique and inspiring speaker.

In 2006 at the age of 32, Tom had a simple idea to donate libraries to two orphanages in Dalian, China. Soon after those libraries were complete, Tom founded The Library Project. Since then, Tom and his dedicated team have completed 1635 library donations throughout China and Vietnam and over 800,000 eager young readers now have access to over 1,000,000 local language children's books.

Establishing a non-profit organization in the developing world wasn't easy, Tom ran into countless challenges and took many risks over the years—some that worked and others that didn't. But with hard work and determination, Tom was able to overcome the challenges and created an organization that has a razor sharp focus on program specific results. Tom pledges to make every donated dollar count and prides himself on financial efficiency, donor accountability, and operational transparency.

Tom has spoken throughout China, Hong Kong, and Vietnam. He has been a three time speaker at the Rotary Club of Beijing, two time speaker at the Rotary Club of Shanghai, and two time TEDx speaker (Guangzhou and Nanjing) as well as speaking at the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, Xi'an International Business Forum, Shanghai World Expo, and countless corporate and organization events.

He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Arizona University.

For more information on The Library Project and Tom Stader, please check out The Library Project website at: [www.library-project.org](http://www.library-project.org).

### 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?

### Visit the RI Convention 2016



Just for jokes.....



"It was a Prison run by the Rotary Club but it was tough. Once I was a week in the hole for not wearing a Rotary Pin for dinner."

February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Building an Organization that Outlives It's Founder / Tom Stadler	Marriott City Center, 19:00
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fellowship	Tbd.
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Induction & Member Talk	Marriott City Center, 19:00
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker, t.b.d.	Marriott City Center, 19:00

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Visiting Rotarians

Tara Strunk	RC Fresh Start	China
Dr. Fred Heismeyer	RC East Wierita KS	#5690
Audrey Wang	H. Member RCS	China

Members: 14 Visitors: 3, Guests: 4, total 21  
Saddle money was RMB 1.900

Highlights from the last Meeting

The last meeting was attended by a small group of 21 people. President Dean chaired the meeting and introduced guests. Especially we were happy to see Tara back again. For Tara it was a happy and a sad occasion, happy because she found a new position, sad because this position will be in Singapore and thus she will leave Shanghai. We wish all the best to Tara in her new location!

CM Tsang led us into the Four-Way-Test. He was also the recipient of a Paul Harris fellowship and pin with green jewels in recognition of his generous donation of 4.000US\$ to RI. Filippo then collected happy money, ably assisted by Rue Guillaume. The donation of several theme pins 2016-17 by Frank Yih also helped to attract contributions.

Rotaractor Daniel Mao invited us to the fundraiser screening of 'Comrad Kim Goes Flying' on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at NYU (Shanghai) Theatre. For details pls contact him directly.

Frank gave a short presentation about the RI Assembly 17-23 Jan. in San Diego. He also shared with us the video for the RI Conference in Seoul this year. The presidential theme for 2016/17 will be: "Rotary Serving Humanity".

This was followed by a brief presentation by James Feldkamp (invited by Frank) on how child restraints in cars can save lives. James is co-founder and CEO of Mingjian (<http://www.mingjian.cn/en/>). This is an issue which attracts widespread attention, as highlighted by a BMW event held Dec. 5-6 with over 1000 families participating. The meeting was adjourned with a Xin Nian Kuai Le.



Enjoying fellowship



Bye bye Tara



Many materials from the RI Assembly



Paul Harris Medal for CW



The Four-Way-Test

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 RSVP@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.aulin@yahoo.fr](mailto:alexandra.aulin@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/>