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Why Rotary in China was “disbanded” after January 1952?

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I have been asked quite often “whether Rotary in China was disbanded by the Communists after 1949?”. Properly speaking, the answer is “Not Correct”.

I have reviewed the RI General Secretary’s annual reports. There is no such report to be found as “Rotary in China was disbanded by the Chinese government after 1949”. The official record from Rotary International is stated in the RI General Secretary’s Report 1952:

“ROTARY IN CHINA – The Board terminated the membership in R. I. of the Rotary Clubs of Nanking, Peking, Shanghai, Shanghai West, and Tientsin, China, for failure of function. There is now but one Rotary club in China, the Rotary Club of Taipeh on the Island of Formosa. (The Rotary clubs of Kowloon and Hong Kong on the Island of Hong Kong, and the Rotary Club of Macao on the Island of Macao continue to function.)”

(Remark: “Rotary Club of Taipeh” was the original registered name in 1948 of the “Rotary Club of Taipei” in Taiwan.)

From the above report, it can be seen clearly, until January 1952, there were at least 5 clubs in China Mainland striving to survive. Though there were no district governors, the clubs were all supervised in Hong Kong by Dr. Chengting T. Wang (R. I. Administrative Advisor to China). Why these clubs were ultimately “not functioning”? From the historical background, I can give these conclusions:

(1) After October 1949, foreigners or non-Chinese residents in China Mainland were all encouraged to leave the country the soonest. For those Chinese who did not favor the communist and socialist new nation, they moved to Taiwan and Hong Kong, or elsewhere. This resulted in a great decline in membership in the Rotary Clubs..

(2) For those who stayed behind and were active in the clubs, technically speaking, there was no way to remit the membership dues to R.I. In such case, according to the Constitution, the clubs must be terminated for being “no pay”.

(3) The worst situation was the outbreak of the Korean War in June 1950. The United States became the enemy nation of China. In December 1950, the District 59 Governor: Keats S. Chu (朱繼聖) (Tientsin) resigned from R.I. The background was: “Chu was encouraged to support the Red Army to go Korea, by donation of one unit of Air Fighters”.

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 Fú 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?

Family Brunch

In line with year's theme, the Membership committee of RCS is organizing a Family Brunch on Oct 30th, 2016. Invited are all Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors and their families. Friends are also welcome.

Venue : Kathleen’s Weitan
Address : 4/F, 200 Huangpu Road
Price : RMB 200 /adult , RMB 120/ child

To meet the theme of this year , we invite all members’ of Rotary Clubs , Rotaract and hope to have few families from Interact clubs .
Please promote this event! It is a wonderful opportunity to build relationship with and between our members (and new members) and promote our club to the community .

Event: Rotary Family Brunch
Date: Oct 30, 2016
Time: 11am - 2pm

Kathleen's Waitan Restaurant & Cocktail
Sassoon Warehouse 200 Huangpu Lu, 4F
Price: RMB 200/ Adult
RMB 120/ Child

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
October 25 th	Fellowship	Buffet Dinner, Marriott City Center, 19:00
November 1 st	CM Tsang: The Rotary Foundation Centennial	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
November 8 th	Special Representative Official Visit	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00
November 15 th	Whitney Yang: Animal Welfare	Inagiku Japanese Restaurant, Marriott City Center, 19:00

October 18th, 2016

Rick Xi + Yiqing XU	Orlando Dragon club	USA
Lisa Lynch	Orlando Dragon club	USA
Suhwa Brown	Orlando Dragon club	USA
Owen Teng	Orlando Dragon club	USA
Mary Chen	Orlando Dragon club	USA
Philip Zhao	Orlando Dragon club	USA
Ron Pollack	RC Carlsbad California	USA
Alain Fuchs	RC Aegeri-Menzingen	Switzerland

Total participants 49, incl. members 27, visitors 9, and guests 13. ; Happy money 2400 RMB

Highlights from the last meeting

President Andrew guided the proceedings of this very well attended meeting. As always, we began with a recitation of the Four-Way-Test, this time by Tobias. Then Sam in his role as Sergeant-at-Arms welcomed visiting Rotarians and Friends. Terri took the opportunity to report on the progress of the YouDao foundation, the beneficiary of our golf event in May. She also reminded everyone to join the Family Brunch on October 30th, see p1.

Andrew welcomed Michel as a Paul-Harris fellow. Actually not a newly minted one but rather Michel already for the second time donated and became a Paul Harris Fellow. Thank you, Michel.

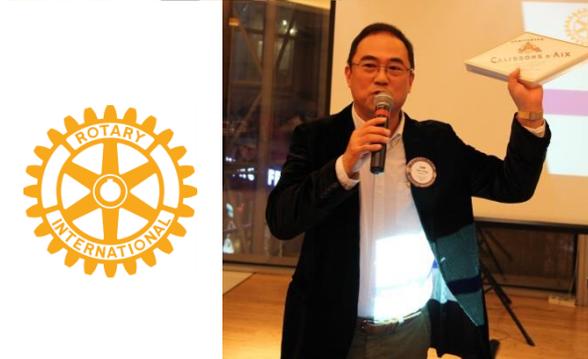
Andrew then reminded us that next week's fellowship will be on the 3rd floor as a buffet dinner – a new tradition of monthly fellowship dinner introduced by Dean last year.

Diane then donated chocolate – coated almonds for auctioning, which Frank graciously acquired to pass to the table of visiting Rotarians from Orlando as a gift. For the collection of happy money Tiffany supported Sam and there was quite some happiness around. Especially the big Chinese speaking delegation from Orlando, Florida was happy to join us and hoped to see us all in the land of Mickey Mouse. After the food, which this time was noteworthy for its dryness (overall the Marriott was economical this evening with liquids, may it be wine, water or succulence of the food), our new member Anne-Marie gave a brief but instructive presentation of what branding vs. marketing vs. advertising is, how these are interlinked and how companies should go about doing their respective strategy. The number of questions highlighted that this presentation hit a soft spot with many of us.

President Andrew adjourned the meeting with a toast to Mickey Mouse and the delegation from Orlando.



Tobias recited the Four Way test in good Chinese



Sam auctions off Almonds



Michel becomes for the second time a Paul-Harris Fellow, and also uses the opportunity to mention the KBD project



Terri reminds us of the Family Brunch



Club Information

Contacts & Meetings

The club meeting is a dinner meeting (by invitation only) every Tuesday at the: Marriott City Center No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd, Shanghai 上海雅居乐万豪酒店, 中国 上海 黄浦区西藏中路 555 号 18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner For details, contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

Officers & Boardmembers

- Andrew Hill – President
- Moto Yamane– President Elect
- Linnet Kwok – Vice President
- Tracy Hua– Hon. Secretary
- Chee Ming Tsang- Treasurer
- Dean Merritt - IPP
- Filippo Garini
- Alejandro Buriel Rocha
- Dave Smith
- Christian Kober
- Susanne Moskop

Basic Info of our Club

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006
Number of active members – 66
Number of honorary members – 5

Committees and Directors

- Club Administration Committee**
Chair: Moto Yamane, yamane@tmish.com
- Membership Committee**
Chair: Terri Lau, terri.Lau@asiantigers-china.com
- Service Projects**
Chair: Alejandro Buriel-Rocha, alejandro.buriel@smlchinaconsult.com
- Youth Service Committee**
Chair: Diane Russel, drussell@diane-russell.com
- Sister Clubs**
Chair: Dean Merritt, deanm@mdmlevel.com
- PR Committee**
Chair: Christian Kober, kober.christian@gmail.com
- Rotary Foundation**
Chair: Chee Ming Tsang, lwcmt@gmail.com
- Gift of Life**
Chair: Linnet Kwok, linnetkwok@hotmail.com
- Gala dinner**
Chair: Linnet Kwok, linnetkwok@hotmail.com

For more information, please visit www.rotaryshanghai.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 Roy Chu
Email: roy.chu@exlink.com.cn

Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui
Thursday, 19:00-20:30
Location: Kempinski Hotel, Shanghai 上海凯宾斯基大酒店
1288 Lujiazui Ring Road, Pudong New Area
浦东新区陆家嘴环路1288号
Tel.: +86 21 5101 5566
For more information, please contact President Gerhard Fasching
Email: Gerhard.fasching@milleniumhongqiao.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/>