



Pagoda



Service Above Self

They Profit Most Who Serve Best

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This Week

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Tonight's Speaker:

Eric Arndt, Habitat for Humanity



Eric Arndt has supported Habitat for Humanity (HFH) and their projects since high school. He was delighted to become General Manager of the HFH China's Shanghai Office after the group came to Shanghai in 2009, where they work with the community to encourage volunteerism, and to fight against poverty housing.

HFH is an international Not for Profit Organisation which aims to make shelter "a matter of conscious action"; their priority is to build, renovate and repair homes across the world. Like ShelterBox, they have identified a clear need for this work after major disasters, but they are also deeply concerned with the fact that there are communities beyond these crises in dire need of homes.

To date, HFH has created or remade almost 300, 000 homes worldwide. They have considerable experience in China, with notable projects including a contribution to relief work following the 2008 quake. HFH has a strong presence in Sichuan, where they worked in Qionglai, and Habitat Shanghai was involved in the 2009 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project in Sichuan. Beyond the mainland, they have worked in Hong Kong on a number of projects.

Shanghai projects have included a variety of fundraising events, especially in the wake of the Haiti earthquake. Their high profile Spring Festival celebration was accompanied by the very successful "Dance for Haiti" concert, featuring some of Shanghai's best known bands, and they were behind the Marriott-HFH Charity Golf Tournament, and HFH-One Foundation build.

HFH also work to collaborate with like minded organisations in order to make the most of any opportunity for service. RCS supports the group, and has previously publicised their events in the Pagoda. HFH has also gained considerable support from the Rotary Club, especially in Hong Kong. In January 2007, Habitat completed kitchen renovations and the installation of heat insulated roofs for ten individuals affected by leprosy in Guangxi province. This project was in partnership with the Rotary Club of Kowloon North, Hong Kong, and Fusui county's Disabled People's Federation.

The Object of Rotary

is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

In addition to his participation in HFH, Eric has gained further experience in China with the US-China Business Council, and holds a master of arts in Chinese Studies from the University of Michigan. His own knowledge of China and HFH's diverse experience as fundraisers and project managers in this country have allowed him to develop a deeper understanding of the situation facing NGOs in the PRC. He will use this experience to broaden the Rotarians' own understanding in his presentation. Titled "Adapting Global NGO Practices to the PRC Environment", the talk will consider the challenges and opportunities faced by HFH as they entered China.

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Event
3 August 2010	James Jobbins, Bamboo Money and e.g.	
10 August 2010	Bea Camp, US Consul General	
17 August 2010	Hennie Homan and Lily Gong, RCS Ambassadorial Scholarships	
24 August 2010	Helmut Schneider, RCS and Messer China	

Last Meeting's Highlights

20th July 2010

Present at the meeting

Members signed in: 25

Visiting Rotarians & Rotaracts:

Sarric Claude RC, Ingwiller, France

Dennis Conger, Mid-Bay Club, USA

Daniel Conger, Brigham Young University (Rotaract)

Ken Takachi, Osaka - Yodogawa, Japan

Tara Strunk, Singapore, Marina City

Guests signed in: 5

Money raised

The meeting raised Rmb3,320 from Fines and Happy Money.

Last week's Speaker: Jules Kwan

During last week's meeting our guest speaker Jules Kwan introduced the Entrepreneurs' Organisation. The worldwide organisation has a vibrant Shanghai chapter with 25 members, lead by Jules, their President. As a hub allowing successful entrepreneurs to meet and exchange experiences, EO has been a great success and an exciting stimulus for new projects. They are also keen to encourage positive changes in their projects' local communities, and their ideas are increasingly concerned with environmental sustainability and other socially responsible approaches. EO has a diverse membership, and although there is currently a rule that members should be below the age of 50, this is now under consideration. Membership is through application, which will be reviewed by existing members.

Announcements

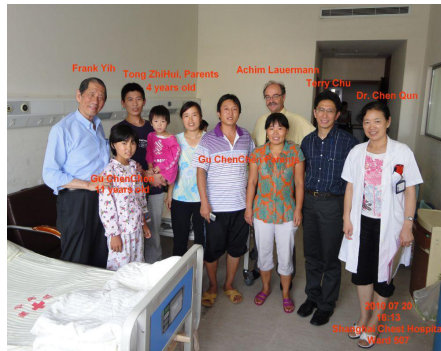
The following announcements were made at the meeting 20 July, 2010.

• Matching Grant volunteers

Immediate Past President Randal needs volunteers willing to take the lead on a new matching grant project to provide library books to poor schools in China. This is a very important and worthy project so please contact PP Randal directly for further details.

• Visit to GOL patients

Last Tuesday 20 July 2010 our fellow members Tom, Frank, Terry and Achim paid a visit to the Shanghai Chest Hospital to meet the two GOL



patients Gu Chen Chen (11 years) and Tong Zhi-Hui and their parents. They had a successful surgery thanks to Dr Chen of the SCH. The GOL committee with Chair Achim will continue to find suitable candidates.

• KDB project begins

RCS has made a start with the Kashin-Beck Disease project in Lhasa prefecture, Tibet. The project has two main objectives. It aims to improve the nutritional and sanitary status of the population, especially children, living in endemic areas of KBD. This disease damages its victims' joints and cartilages, and studies have



shown that it has become a serious problem in this vicinity. At the same time, the project will implement curative measures based on grain decontamination. The Rotary logos are used at the project site, and beneficiaries have already begun to express their gratitude. This project is earmarked for a Matching Grant (MG) and is lead by our fellow Rotarian Michel DeVriendt. Anyone who is interested to join Michel in this project can contact him.

• RCS plans awards scheme with Amcham

VP Marjorie Woo outlined plans for the coming RCS awards ceremony, which will recognize and

celebrate social responsibility. This event will be run for the first time in February 2011, and awards will be given in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce. The awards will be given to individuals and corporations who have contributed to their community with respect to one or more of four key concerns; good will and peace, health, education, and the alleviation of poverty. Approximately six winners will be selected by a panel of judges, and the presentation will be held at a gala dinner and charity auction. The event will involve key media partnerships and further sponsors, and these details, along with fundraising plans and other logistics, are still to be confirmed by the team.

Provisional Schedule and Progress:

Define the structure of the project: Completed
Obtain approval from 2010-11 Board for funds: Approved

Define detailed project schedule jointly with AmCham: 27 July 2010

Hire project manager and initiate award promotion: By 1 August 2010

Invite and receive applications for awards via Chambers, appoint judges from Rotary Club and few other sources such as sponsors: August-September 2010

Finalize awardees: October 2010

Prepare publicity material and deploy media campaign: November-December 2010

Organise Award ceremony: March 2011 (TBC).

If you are interested to find out more about this project, come to the sub committee meeting on Tuesday 27 July from 5.30 to 6.30 pm at Hilton Hotel 40F, or contact Marjorie.

Photos

Photos from last week's meeting are available on our website: www.rotaryshanghai.org/index.php?id=2&lang=en



Other News

Matching Grants

The following projects are under discussion for MG application:

Shin Shin Library III, Wheelchairs V, Kashin Beck Disease, Health Fairs II and Span IV.

Michel DeVriendt and Edwin Ngoi will chair KBD and HF II respectively.

Since last week's announcement two volunteers for Shin Shin III (Terri Lau) and SPAN IV (Terry Chu) have approached Randal. He is still looking for a volunteer for the Wheelchairs V. Contact Randal for more information.

Thursday Tiffin Lunches

Due to the holiday period, a low attendance at the Pudong Thursday Tiffin Lunches is expected. Therefore it has been decided to have a summer break. Next Thursday 29 July will be the last Lunch Make Up opportunity before the break. Lunches will resume from 26 August onwards. If you would like to attend the lunches you can contact either Brinton Scott or Achim Lauermann.

Charity Focus: Shin Shin Educational Foundation

The Shin Shin Educational Foundation (SSEF) is a US based charity which aims to construct, remodel and rebuild primary schools in remote and rural parts of China. By these means, academic environments can improve, and more children have access to the opportunities they need to learn.

The project is working with the Rotary Club, who provide support through internationally matched grants and member participation. Their current scheme looks “to cultivate the habit of reading and critical thinking in students”, concentrating on nurturing key skills in literacy and IT. SSEF hopes to create reading rooms or libraries in over 320 schools across Shaanxi, Ningxia, Gansu, Qinghai, Sichuan, Chongqing, Guizhou, Guangxi and Yunnan. The libraries will be kitted out with desks, chairs, tables, computers, printers, card readers, and, of course, a thousand books. In any

collaboration as the Host Partner: Through Frank Yih, the SSEF are able to work with the HuaQiao Foundation, whose key focus is also education. Local knowledge, contacts and their base in Shanghai will all help the RCS as the team continues to review and to support the project. RCS will keep checks on the different libraries’ success, and provide hands on training where necessary. They can also facilitate the RC Cupertino’s efforts to provide English language training for



Every book shipped bears the stamps of Shin Shin, Cupertino Rotary, and Shanghai



Books received in a Shin Shin school



Every library has 1000 books

cases where logistics make a full library impossible, the alternative will be a scaled down version, making the most of available space and resources with book trolleys and other dedicated book areas.

The SSEF dream is to give one book for every student involved in their project. They are so committed to this vision that when an early project did not meet this target, SSEF returned with a second project, specifically designed to address the shortfall.

RCS is helping SSEF to achieve their goals by collaborating with other Rotarians. US Clubs in Cupertino and Fairfield also provide funding, and RCS members work out long term plans with their counterparts in Cupertino. RCS has a particularly important role in the

a number of the teachers based at target schools.

Frank Yih’s focus on education with the Hua-Qiao Foundation and his other projects has helped to inform the development and the execution of this project. Frank is very pleased to



Students reading books in library

have another opportunity to offer his services to the West of China, where he has identified a great opportunity for the RCS, fellow Rotarians and other groups to address the needs of those living in more remote and impoverished areas. Tom Thong and Edwin Ngoi collaborate with Frank to make the scheme a success, and others – including Edwin Ngoi, Cathy Hau and Terry Lau – have also made a great effort to help. To commemorate their involvement, and to promote the ideal of service and co-operation, all donated books are marked with stamps from SSEF, RC Cupertino, and RCS.

RCS Projects

The Rotary’s Current Matching Grant Projects

- Gift of Life
- Health Village Fairs
- Ningxia Water
- Shin Shin
- Stop Paediatric AIDS Now (SPAN)

RCS Local Projects

- Handicapped Physiotherapy Migrant Workers

RCS Education Projects

- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Percy Chu Scholarships
- World Peace Fellowships

RCS Partners

- Shelterbox
- Huaqiao Foundation
- Shanghai Charity Foundation
- China Aids Initiative
- Shin Shin Foundation
- Wheelchair Foundation
- Handicap International

Member Profile

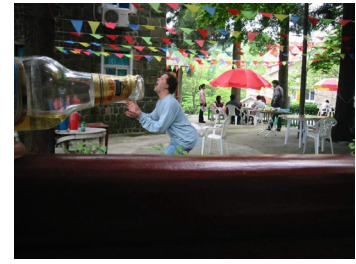
An introduction to one of Shanghai's Rotarians

Mark Secchia

Born in Michigan, Mark has already spent 14 years in China. He studied in Italy, where his father was once the American ambassador, attended university in the US, completed his MBA in China and finally settled in Shanghai. He likes to take a break in Moganshan, and one day he hopes to find himself in Hawaii.

He's been a part of RCS, his first Rotary Club, since 2009. Since becoming a Rotarian, he worked as an Admin Member, Admin Chair and Board Member. Despite his active role in RCS, he finds it impossible to pick a favourite project, preferring to stress the range of the club's work.

However, he's well known for his contribution to ShelterBox. Mark set up a logistical centre for the charity's efforts following the Anhui typhoon and the Qinghai quake. Coordinating aid workers' arrival and facilitating the complex administration that preceded relief work, he became one of



ShelterBox's key contacts. His collaboration with ShelterBox contributed to the warm relationship between RCS and the project.

Club Information

Meetings

The Rotary Club Shanghai meet weekly to have dinner together and to hear talks from their guest speakers. The meetings take place at the Hilton Hotel, No.250 Huashan Road (near Yan An Rd.), Shanghai, tel: (+86-21-6248 0000), Tuesday evening from 18:30 to 20:30.

If you are going to miss a meeting, don't forget that you could attend at any other Rotary Club in the world. Look online for more details at: www.rotary.org/support/clubs/index.html

You could also join a committee activity or make-up online at: www.rotaryclubone.org

Alternatively, you can come to Tiffin's, on Thursdays at 12:30 at the Pudong Shangri La's Yi Café.

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Rotary Club of Shanghai

First chartered on 1st Oct. 1919 as club #545.
Re-chartered on 8th Feb. 2006 as club #60725

(un-districted)

Past Presidents

The Rotary Club of Shanghai
chartered 8 Feb 2006
2009-10 Randal Eastman
2008-09 Tom Thong
2007-08 Roger Owens
2006-07 CC Wu
2005-06 Lee, Wah Hin, Charter President

The Rotary Club of Shanghai, (Provisional)

2004-05 Thomas Adaemmer
2003-04 Dragan Djordevic
2002-03 Brinton Scott
2001-02 Ivan Polacek

Expatriate Rotarians & Friends

1998-01 Randal Eastman

Honorary Members 09-10

Bill Chiang, Chengdu

Rotary Statistics

Rotary Clubs - 33,334
Members - 1,221,880
Rotaract Clubs - 7,577
Rotaracters - 174,271
Interact Clubs - 11,920
Interacters - 274,160

Club Statistics

Ladies in our club - 15%
Nationalities in our club - 20

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Service Statistics

Gift of Life Patients - 255
Wheelchairs distributed to date. - 4750

Birthdays This Month

2 July-Michael Wolf
5 July-Kim Fee Cheah
9 July-Christian Weidemann
21 July-Roger Owens
25 July-Ralf Barbian
27 July-Terri Lau
28 July-Marc Bernard

Officers

Pradeep Kumar - President
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Lillian Tan - Treasurer
Helmut Schneider - President Elect
Henrik Homan - Sergeant at Arms
Randal Eastman - Immediate Past President

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Nikola Urosevic - Director New Generations Service
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Chloe Choi - President
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Measures of Service

Membership growth - from around 65 on June 30, 2010 to around 88 on June 30, 2011
TRF contribution - Polio plus and annual fund donations above 20,000 USD
Number of members in Club Leadership roles - more than 25 (40%)
Every member gets involved in service activities.

The Four-Way Test 四大考验

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
是真的吗? Shi Zhen de ma?
2. Is it Fair to all Concerned?
是公平的吗? Shi Gong Ping de ma?
3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?
是善意的 并促进友谊吗? Shi Shan Yi de - Bing Cu Jin You Yi ma?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?
是对大家有利吗? Shi Dui Da Jia You Li ma?