



Hello everyone.

Summer coming to a close and the cooler weather on its way. Once again we all find ourselves looking back on the summer vacations with longing and looking forward to the winter vacations. Before we all once again plunge into meeting, business traveling, and long hours at the office the XFBF would like to welcome everyone back to Xi'an bring everyone together for "Oktober" in August, and welcome some new members.

### Third Annual Sofitel Oktoberfest



As one of the pillars of the Xi'an social calendar the Sofitel Oktoberfest is the harbinger of the cooler weather, the shorter days and a great time where the entire expat community comes together under one big tent with HUGE glasses of beer.

We will meet in the Habana bar for welcome cocktails at 7:00 pm and head over to the tent afterwards. The ticket price includes the all you can stuff yourself with German buffet with all sorts of Bavarian favorites, a half liter of Paulaner beer, lucky draw, and all the Oktoberfest music you can handle by the Munich Swing & Show Band.

**Place:** Sofitel on Renmin Square

西安市东新街 319 号

319 Dong Xin Street

**Date:** August 28th

**Time:** 7:00pm – Midnight

**Price:** Members CNY 180, Non-Members CNY 220



Seats are limited to please RSVP in advance

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### Hash Run – August 15th



As always the Hash House Harriers meet the first and third Saturday of the month. The next run will be at the Big Wild Goose Pagoda on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Contact Patrick Antony for more info or to join.  
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**We would like to welcome the eight new members;**

- 1) Kirwin Chen – Xinrong Tong Ltd
- 2) Carsten Wiegandt – GM Kempinski
- 3) Stephen Van Es – F&B Manager Kempinski
- 4) Jin Runpei – Xi'an WanHui Industrial Co, Ltd
- 5) Joseph Zhang – Shaanxi Foreign Language Academy
- 6) Jochen Hoffmann – Sinochip Semiconductor
- 7) Martin Stroka – Sales and Marketing
- 8) Julie-Anne Chong – Sales and Marketing Manager Chang'an Banquet

### Hotel Specials



### Ice Cream Fantasy

From the traditional Banana Split to our signature Earthquake all are available through the summer.

Time: June onwards

Venue: Oasis

### Martini

Sip into our vodka, rum or tequila martini concoctions

Price: CNY 38.00++

Time: June onwards

Venue: Oasis

### XFBF Membership

Remember that XFBF is about *foreigners* and *foreign enterprises* so to join you only need to be a foreigner "earning a living" in Xi'an or a Chinese National employed in the senior management team of a foreign enterprise (GM/CEO or equivalent or their direct reports). Partners of these persons are also very welcome to join.

Stay in touch at [www.xianfbf.com](http://www.xianfbf.com). Check regularly for updates.



From now on in every update we will be featuring a local company, if you would like to have your company featured contact Patrick Antony at [patrick.antony@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.antony@gmail.com)



Xi'an Hi-Tech International School recently came under management of Eton House International School, (two years ago) which runs over 15 schools in Singapore, China and Jakarta and is continuing to expand.

This year, 2009, we have a new Principal and a number of new staff. There are refurbishments planned for the school building, and a significant increase in instructional teaching resources.

EtonHouse is committed to the pursuit of excellence and leadership in educational practice and services.

#### Staff:

##### Principal: Alasdair Maclean

Alasdair is from New Zealand and has been teaching since 1996. He was principal in a small rural school in New Zealand, and Deputy Principal at Taihu International School, (Wuxi, China) before joining Etonhouse Xi'an as Principal. Alasdair has vast experience of multi-level teaching, assessment and accreditation having been responsible for these areas in his previous schools.

##### Jacqui Stenson

Jacqui's interest in Education began at a Playcentre in Hamilton New Zealand. She completed her Preschool certificates and was Education Officer for Forest Lakes Playcentre. For the past three and a half years, she was teaching a bilingual Year 0-3 class in Kaikoura. Jacqui was a Lead Teacher on the New Zealand's Ministry of Education Literacy Project.

##### Jude Vizmanos

From the Philippines Jude has been working with EtonHouse Xi'an since 2007. He teaches Physical Education and music for both Primary, Middle and Secondary students. He is also the Head Librarian. Jude has 15 years of experience

##### Rhandy J. Jermia

A graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Math and Minor in English and Master of Science in Teaching Mathematics, Rhandy has 12 years of varied International teaching experience in the Philippines,

Thailand, and China. He wrote various Mathematics curriculums from middle and upper secondary up to College and University Level.

##### Kareen Simpson

Having been an educator for over 9 years Kareen has taught both in the private and public school systems in her native home of Jamaica. She has received training in PYP Level 1, Literacy Framework, & Everyday Math.

##### Charlotte Maclean

Coming from New Zealand, Charlotte taught year 3, 4, and 5 students. She has a passion for literacy and numeracy. Charlotte has been trained in The Early Numeracy project and First Chance literacy.

##### Natalie Sudborough

Teaching Year 7 through 12 Humanities courses Natalie has a Bachelor of Arts Degree, with a major in History and a concentration in French. Over her 11 years of teaching, she has taught ESL, all levels of French, and a wide array of Social Science courses to students in grades 7-12

##### Richard Gallerno

Coming from Canada, Richard has been with EtonHouse Xi'an since 2005. He has about 10 years of experience teaching at the Middle- and High-school levels and is the head of the Foreign Languages dept, meaning he assists and monitors EAL, Language B (English), and Chinese classes.

##### Megan Carey

Prior to coming to Eton House Xian, Megan spent a year working as an educational consultant in Chicago, Illinois. Megan teaches English as an Additional Language. She has worked as an ESL curriculum writer in Guatemala and NYC.

##### Jeremy Van Sluyt Man

Born in Ontario, Canada, Jeremy has taught EAL, music, and elementary homeroom classes in Ecuador, Venezuela, and China over the past 13 years. This year he joins Xi'an Etonhouse as the Deputy Principal.

##### Tjandra Purnama

Tjandra taught at Sekolah Ciputra (IB World School) in Indonesia for seven years prior joining to EtonHouse--Xian.

#### Located at:

Xi'an Hi-Tech International School

New Industrial Park of Xi'an Hi-Tech Development Zone

#### For more information see their site:

<http://etonhouse-xian.com/2009>