



Hello Everyone.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Halloween Party with Xi'an Sheraton. A fantastic evening made special by the team at the Sheraton. Wonderful setup, food and entertainment!

Some amazing costumes were featured by XFBF members and staff at the Sheraton. If you'd like to take a look at some of the highlights and costumes visit our website at [www.xianfbf.com](http://www.xianfbf.com). Our thanks again to the team at the Sheraton for a very memorable Halloween function.

With October over, the costumes are being packed away, holiday and travel plans are in the making and the anticipation of a new year is building. It's time to bring up several new XFBF items, another wonderful Christmas Party, web updates, and holiday specials. So pick up the hot chocolate put down the snow shovel, sit on down by the warm glow of the computer screen with a blanket and let's get down to all that's going on with Xi'an and the XFBF.

## Second Annual Shangri La Christmas Party



On Friday, December 11th the Shangri La is once again opening their doors to us for the second annual XFBF Christmas Party. This is one of the premier events for the XFBF and a great family and festive occasion – as those who were lucky enough to attend in 2008 will no doubt testify.

With a great holiday and Christmas feast assured, lucky draw prizes, games for the children, a visit by Santa and Christmas performances from XHIS this is a great way to close out the year with friends, family and colleagues.

Please note that tickets are sold in advance and places are limited so please confirm your attendance as soon as possible. You are able to reserve a table of ten with a group ticket purchase.

**Place:** Shangri La Hotel - Grand Ballroom  
38B Keji Road (中国西安市科技路 38 号乙)  
**Date:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
**Time:** From 6:00pm – Late  
**Price:** Members CNY 220, Non-Members CNY 270  
Children 6 – 12 CNY 120, Under 6 no charge

For this event seats are limited so please RSVP well in advance to [Patrick.Antony@xianfbf.com](mailto:Patrick.Antony@xianfbf.com) or 13609193295.

## Sponsorship

If you or your company would like to sponsor a lucky draw prize or event for this year's Christmas Party – please contact Patrick Antony. Sponsorship can include a prize, money, or service and is a great way to feature your company to our members and the foreign community. Your contribution and company will be featured at the function, in the newsletter, and on our website.

For more information please contact by email: [patrick.antony@xianfbf.com](mailto:patrick.antony@xianfbf.com) or 136-09193295.

## XFBF Membership

It's that time of the year to start thinking about renewing your XFBF membership. Current memberships expire at the end of 2009.

Membership is open to all foreigners earning a living in Xi'an, their spouses, and any Chinese national at or above an upper management position in a foreign enterprise.

Membership Fees for the 2010 calendar year are unchanged.

The annual membership fee for 1 Jan 10 - 31 Dec 10:

- **RMB400** (**RMB300** for partners) if paid after 1 Jan 10 and before 30 Jun 10. If paid before 31 Dec 09 members will enjoy a discounted fee of **RMB350** (**RMB250** for partners).
- Half year membership (if paid after 30 Jun 10) **RMB200** (**RMB150** for partners).

You can renew or pay for your membership at any XFBF function or by contacting the XFBF Secretary ([patrick.antony@xianfbf.com](mailto:patrick.antony@xianfbf.com) +86 13609193295)

When you pay your XFBF membership fees you will immediately benefit from the members rates at XFBF functions as well as receiving other great benefits. A full list of member's benefits is detailed on our XFBF website.

## XFBF Constitution

The XFBF committee has prepared an initial draft constitution that will be voted on during the AGM in 2010. If you would like to view the constitution please check out our homepage to view and download. As always we welcome any comments or feedback.



From left to right Dr Bluethgen, Mr Kaessens, Mr Theurer

**New Committee Member**



The XFBF would like to introduce our newest Committee Member.

Megan Carey comes from the United States. She is in Xi'an teaching English as an Additional Language at XHIS. Prior to coming to Eton House Xi'an, Megan spent a year working as an educational consultant in Chicago, Illinois. Having been in

Xi'an for about 4 months she is excited to explore the city and looks forward to working with the XFBF Committee!

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In China we have been retained by the Ministry of Railways of the People's Republic of China to assist a number of the new high speed railway projects. Our Xi'an team had been assigned to the design review and General Supervision of the new Passenger Dedicated Railway Project from ZhengZhou to Xi'an, and to take part in the Site Supervision of structural works in two sections of that project.

**Hash Run's for November –**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**



As always the Hash House Harriers meet the first and third Saturday of the month.

The next run will be on **Saturday November 14th** and will start at XHIS (中国陕西省西安市高新区新型工业园). We will meet at **5:00 pm** with a **5:30 pm** start time.

The Holiday Inn and XHIS will be sponsoring this run so that means great food and drink!

Check out our site for all the information for this run and future runs at;

[www.xianease.com/Hash\\_House\\_Harriers](http://www.xianease.com/Hash_House_Harriers)

Our deployment started in July 2005. Since most of the work is complete, our team has been reduced to three persons, namely Dietrich Theurer, Wilhelm Kaessens and Dr. Juergen Bluethgen, all of whom are German. When the line goes in operation we regretfully will leave Xi'an and our many good friends here."

**Every month the XFBF features an international business or charity with ex-pats living and working in Xi'an. If you would like to have your company featured please contact [patrick.antony@xianfbf.com](mailto:patrick.antony@xianfbf.com).**

**Business Introduction: DB International**

[www.db-international.de](http://www.db-international.de)



Remember to visit the XFBF website regularly to stay in touch with what is happening with your forum and in our foreign community. Our new website is a great source of information about upcoming events with XFBF and with what is happening around Xi'an.

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