



Hello everyone.

The cooler weather, the earlier evenings, and the turning leaves, Autumn in Xi'an is always a time when the break of the summer heat and the lull before the winter chill puts us all in a reflective mood. Even though there isn't an XFBB function this month we have a lot to share with you.

**First Annual Sheraton Halloween Costume Party**



On October 30<sup>th</sup> the Sheraton is proud of present the first annual Halloween Costume party. It may be more than a month away but we wanted to give you enough time to get your costumes ready...that's right it's a Halloween costume party that's sure to bring out the kid in us all. With prizes and games and more this will be one you don't want to miss.

Starting at 7:00pm we will meet in the Lobby Bar for the dinner, music, fun, and most importantly the costume competition. The ticket price includes a veritable feast that the Sheraton is known for as well as games, music, and prizes for the best costume, most original costume, and most elaborate costume.

**Place:** Sheraton Xi'an Hotel

陕西省西安市丰镐东路 262 号

No. 262 Feng Hao East Rd

**Date:** October 30th

**Time:** 7:00pm – Midnight

**Price:** Members CNY 150, Non-Members CNY 250

Seats are limited to please RSVP in advance  
[Patrick.Antony@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.Antony@gmail.com) or 13609193295



**Hash Run – September 26th**

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 September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Check out our site for all the information on the next at [www.xianease.com/Hash\\_House\\_Harriers](http://www.xianease.com/Hash_House_Harriers)

**We would like to welcome the new members;**

- 1) **Moser Andreas – Swisstouches Hotels & Resorts**
- 2) **Cherry Fu – Xi'an Hua yu Eletric manufacturing Co.**

**The Library Project's 2nd Annual Charity Dinner**



Join us for an evening of celebration, great food and fund raising for two rural elementary school library donations. The Library Project has donated over 200 rural elementary school and orphanage libraries in just 2 short years. We'll have great prizes such as: hotel nights, restaurant gift certificates, wine, movie tickets and much much more!

**Place:** Shangri-La Hotel

**Date:** October 17th

**Time:** 7:00pm - 9:30 PM

**Price:** 200 RMB per person  
 900 RMB for a half table (five people)  
 1,800 RMB for a full table (ten people)

Please RSVP to Tom Stader at 159 2955 6183 or [tom@library-project.org](mailto:tom@library-project.org)

**XFBB Membership**

Remember that XFBB 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.

**ATTENTION: ATTENTION: ATTENTION:**

**The NEW XFBB site is up and we want to know what you think. Head on over to the site [www.xianfbf.com](http://www.xianfbf.com) and check it out, it's now more than just XFBB, it's Xi'an at your fingertips!**

This we would like to bring to light a great cause.

**THE GREAT BIKE RIDE FOR CHARITY**

Call them crazy, but on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October Mark O'Connor (Cummings Engineering, Xiang Fan) and Alasdair Maclean (Principal, Xi'an High Tech International School) are setting off on a non-stop 550km bike ride, from Xian Fan to Xi'an.



This is a bike ride that will have them navigate the hills between the two big cities. It will be no mean feat to complete the ride. But Mark and Alasdair are determined to finish the ride in under 40 hours.

Mark and Alasdair have previously completed a couple of non-stop 401km ride around Lake Taihu (near Wuxi, third biggest lake in China) and a number of marathons. They enjoy endurance events in the past. They would like to continue doing so.

This is a charity fundraiser for The Library Project (www.library-project.org), a local Xi'an charity that donates books and libraries to elementary schools and orphanages in China. They believe education is the key motivator to breaking the cycle of poverty that exists in the developing world. As they see it, education is change.

The Library Project has established over 200 elementary school and orphanage libraries. They've put more than 110,000 Chinese language children's books into the hands of eager young readers. Over 45,000 children now have access to improved educational infrastructure.

**If you would like to pledge a donation to these crazy men, here is how you can do it:**

By sending the form (below) to me, Patrick Antony, please fill in all the details. A list of sponsorship will be published on the Business Forum Website as well as the Xianease.com site with pictures from the event.

**Pledges:**

A pledge could look like this, if the riders complete the course in less than 35 hours we will pledge 500 RMB, if they come under 36 hours the pledge drops to 450RMB and so on. This is really up to you and will give Mark and Alasdair an incentive to bike faster.

There is no maximum or minimum donation amount, any donation, no matter the size will go a long way in helping the Library Project.

If you have any questions please contact me at 136 - 09193295, or email [patrick.antony@xianfbf.com](mailto:patrick.antony@xianfbf.com)

**For more information see our site:**  
<http://www.xianease.com/xfbff/events.html>



**Start Point:**  
**Xi'an**

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**End Point:**  
**Xiangfan**

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**Total Distance:**  
**550 Km**

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**Time to Finish:**  
**Under 40 Hours**



**The Great Bike Ride for Charity Donation Form**

Name:	
Company:	
Pledge:	
Under 35 hours	
Under 36 hours	
Under 37 hours	
Under 38 hours	
Under 39 hours	
Under 40 hours	
Under 41 hours	

**Note:** Please change the times if you want to make it more challenging/easier for the lads.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Antony

Secretary - Xian Foreign Business Forum

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