



Rotary Club of Beijing

President: Kevin Fong

Weekly Meeting

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Opening

President Kevin Fong opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to our guests and fellow members.

President Elect Rtn. Henry Wang led the recital of the Four Way Test in both Chinese and English.

Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert welcomed the visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Tony Boyle, RC of Kingsbury Kenton, London, England

Rtn. Jim Firmin, RC of Morgan City, LA, USA

Rtn. Helen Boyle, RC of Inner Wheel, Northwick Park, London, England

and guests:

Mr. Curt Bergstrom, guest of Rtn. Gilbert

Ms. Yanming Firmin, guest of Rtn. Jim Firmin

Mr. Brian Griffin, guest of Rtn. Charles Lagrange

Ms. Ilse Mann, guest of Rtn. Niels-Uwe Behrens

Mr. Benjamin Thoma, guest of Rtn. Gilbert

Mr. Georg Hoffmann-Kuhnt, guest of Rtn. Stefan Hoffmann-Kuhnt

Mr. De Matteis Pietro (Ambassadorial Scholar), guest of Rtn. Regula

Happy Money

During the meeting, Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert raised RMB 3450

Attendance

Attendance rate was 42%

Banner Exchange

No banners were exchanged during the meeting.

Report & Announcements

Today was the assembly day meeting and President Kevin Fong presented his report on the December board meeting, which was held the previous evening. President Kevin reported the resolutions and motions that were approved by the Board and updated members regarding the Club and China Team matters. A copy of President Kevin's presentation will be circulated to the membership after the meeting.

Today was also the Club's Annual General Meeting and CS John Barnes collected member's ballot paper votes for the 2009/10 board elections. President Kevin announced the results saying that there were a total of 36 votes cast and by majority vote, all nominations for the 2009/10 board had been successfully elected. The results of the 2009/10 board elections will be circulated to all members after the meeting and posted on the Club's website

Past President Regula made a short presentation on why we should consider, as individuals, to donate money to Rotary. She explained by making a minimum donation of USD1000 we could become a Paul Harris Fellow. She also explained the working mechanism of the District Designed Fund (DDF) and showed us how our member donations to the Rotary Foundation come back to our district and our club to support our projects.

Ball Chair Rtn. Arne Gooss, announced that the Board had approved the date and venue for the 2009 Ball, which will be held on May 23rd, 2009 at the Kempinski Hotel. Rtn. Arne informed members that ticket prices will be RMB1200, and this will include entry to a lucky draw. He hoped that members will start to look for sponsors for the ball. Further details will be sent out to members in due course.

Speaker's Program

As this was an assembly day and annual meeting, there was no speaker today.

Conclusion

President Kevin Fong closed the meeting with a toast to the visiting clubs, Rotary International, our sister Clubs - the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, Rotary Club of Great Neck, the Rotary Club of Shanghai, the Rotary Club of Del Mar and Interact Club of Dulwich College Beijing.

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