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Rotary Club of Beijing

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Opening

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

Rotarian Solomon led the Four Way Test in both Chinese and English.

Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert welcomed visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Robert Rosenberg, from RC West Bay, Camden, Maine, USA

Rtn. Stephen Sham, from RC Alhambra, CA, District 5300, USA

Rtn. David Alonso, from RC Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain

And visiting guests:

Ms. Hillary Waterman, guest of Rtn. Robert Rosenberg

Ms. Erika Rosenberg, guest of Rtn. Robert Rosenberg

Ms. Whitney Rosenberg, guest of Rtn. Robert Rosenberg

Mr. Robert Gustavsson, guest of Rtn. Curt

Mr. Graham Brown, guest of Rtn. Curt

Mr. Tom Stader, guest of Rtn. Kevin Fong

Ms. Lily Chen, guest of Rtn. Stephen Sham

Ms. Nancy Liu, guest of Rtn. John Barnes

Ms. Tammy Tsao, volunteer

Happy Money

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Gilbert raised RMB 2,900 for Club projects.

Attendance

Attendance rate was 38%.

Banner Exchange

Banners were exchanged with the following clubs:

RC of West Bay, Camden, Maine, USA

RC of Kfar Saba, Israel (c/o Rtn. Nicolas Frishmann and his assistant, see realted picture)

Reports & Announcements

Communication Director, Rtn. Gilbert announced that we were only able to get only two out of the five visa applications approved for the incoming GSE team from Pakistan and as a result, RI had decided not to go ahead with their visit. On behalf of Rtn. Regula, Rtn. Gilbert expressed thanks to all members and their families who had helped plan and organize the visit. Rtn. Gilbert added that the GSE teaming with Australia was still going ahead and arrangements were being made for the visit in October 2009.

President Elect Henry announced that the 2009 Ball preparations were pressing ahead and a detailed flier will be sent out to members shortly. He added that a VIP reception event was being organized by Rtn. Ruby on the evening before the Ball (22 May) at which many senior representatives from the business community will attend, including CEOs, Ambassadors, Government officers and Rotarians. This event will be by invitation only and it is expected that around 150 people will attend the event, which will be held at the J W Marriott Hotel, Beijing. Further details may be obtained from Rtns. Henry, Arne or Ruby.

President Elect Henry also announced that he and Rtn. Regula had recently met with the UNDPI from New York who expressed an interest developing closer ties with our club. He added that in November 2009 there will be a Rotary International day at the UN HQ in New York and anyone interested in attending the event should contact himself or Rtn. Regula. It is expected that there will be more than 300 Rotarians and UN representatives attending this event.

Rtn. Rigobert Itoua launched the Ball reservations by paying for a full table.

Speaker's Program

Rtn. Carl presented an overview of the makeup of our club membership. Some of the statistics he reported included:

- 34% of our members were from Germany
- 61% of our members were male
- 36% of our members were aged between 40 and 49
- 28% of our members were in either Education or Financial Services
- Our longest serving club member has been with us for 28 years
- 50% of our members are Paul Harris Fellows
- 2 members have received the "Four Avenues of Service Award"

His overall conclusion was that more female members and members from non-FS/Education industries were required.

Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday to Rtns. Eddy Henning, Stefan Hoffmann-Kuhnt, Peter Humphrey, Serge Kioes, Nandani Lynton, Helge Stavonhagen, Gloria Wong. Rtn. Stefan cut the birthday cake on behalf of all members celebrating their birthdays during March.

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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