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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.

Rtn. Raphael Goué led the Four Way Test in French, English and Chinese.

Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert welcomed visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Mary Tennant, RC Brunswick Coastal, Maine, USA

Rtn. Markus Kistler, RC Brugg-Aare-Rhein, Switzerland

Rtn. Helen Boyle, RC Harrow, London, UK

Rtn. Tony Boyle, RC Kingstbury Kenton, London, UK

And visiting guests:

Mr. Graham Brown, guest of Rtn. Curt

Ms. Joanna Wang, guest of Rtn. Raphael

Ms. Mariana Savchenko, guest of Rtn. Helen Boyle

Ms. Ulrike Ellmann, guest of Rtn. Gilbert

Mr. Joerg Ayrlle, guest of Rtn. Stephan

Mr. Axel Schmidt, guest of Rtn. Benjamin

Ms. Tammy Tsao, GOL Volunteer

Happy Money

During today's luncheon, Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Gilbert raised RMB 4450 for Club projects.

Attendance

Attendance rate was 41%

Banner Exchange

Banner was exchanged with the following club:
RC Brunswick Coastal, Maine, USA

Reports & Announcements

Club President Kevin presented his report on the matters discussed at the recent April Board meeting. He added that a copy of his report will be sent out to members in due course.

Club Membership Committee Chair Peter chaired the induction ceremony for our new member, Brian Griffin. Club president Kevin assisted with the induction ceremony by placing the Rotary pin on our new member. Brian is sponsored by Rtn. Charles. Brian is an American national and has attended at least 12 of our meetings. He is resident in Beijing where he is the Sales & Marketing Manager of AGS Four Winds International, a leading global relocations firm. Brian has more than 20 years experience in various industries. He previously worked in materials management for Bechtel Power Corp in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, USA, coordinating materials for a turnkey power plant construction project. In addition to that, since 1999 Brian has been a partner in GRB Investments in Florida, which manages and sells homes. In parallel, since 1998 Brian has been involved with Alex Nichols Agency, International Animal Transportation.

Club President Kevin presented the new "Certificate of Induction" to the Club and gave recently inducted members their Certificate: Rtn, Brian, Rtn. Benjamin and Rtn. Curt.

Rtn. Bunrei made a special donation RMB 1,500 to RCB's Library project and bought six Annual Ball tickets.

Ball Chair Rtn. Arne gave a quick update regarding the Ball ticket booth which is now available at Kempinski Hotel between 11:30 – 14:30. Rtn. Arne added that any member who is unable to attend the Ball is encouraged to make a donation to the library project.

Rtn. Ruby gave an update about the VIP reception which is to be held on the evening before the ball (May 22rd) which is wholly sponsored by the new Marriott Beijing Hotel. This is an INVITATION ONLY function that will only be available for selected VIP guests and members who buy ball tickets. For more information members are asked to contact Rtn. Ruby.

Club Secretary John reminded all members for their member dues and members are asked to contact club secretary Nancy Liu (admin[at]rotaryclub-beijing.org) for questions regarding outstanding dues.

Conclusion

President Kevin Fong closed the meeting with a toast to the visiting clubs and guests.

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