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Rotary Club of Beijing

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Opening

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

Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. David welcomed visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Bill Bowler, RC Town of Wenham Massachusetts

Rtn. Jacob Zilber, RC India Land, SC USA

Rtn. Sven Gara's RC Hawburg-Hause Germany

And visiting guests:

Ms. Mengna, guest of Rtn. Jim

Ms. Yvonee Yang, guest of Rtn. Ruby

Mr. Nick Cham, guest of Rtn. Gilbert

Mr. Daniel Kloeden, guest of Rtn. Kevin Fong

Ms. Michaela Stolz-Schmitz, guest of Rtn. Stephan Hoffmann-Kuhnt

Happy Money

Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. David raised a total of RMB 1805 plus USD 5 for Club projects.

Attendance

Attendance rate was 16%

Banner Exchange

Banners were exchanged with the following Rotary Clubs:
RC Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, USA

Reports & Announcements

Rtn. Bill Bowler, RC Town of Wenham Massachusetts gave a brief speech about their breakfast club, John commented that while it was an interesting idea it would not probably fit the life style of Beijing.

Rtn. Ruby announced the upcoming BBQ fellowship event on Saturday August 29th at the Swiss Hotel. It promises to be a family friendly brunch which will include use of the SPLASH their waterpark pool perfect for kids on a hot Beijing weekend, tennis and squash courts, all for the very friendly price of 188 RMB with kids half off or free depending on their age. Members wishing to participate please inform Ruby or CA Nancy.

Rtn. David also announced the Rotary Club of Beijing is cordially invited to attend Midori Goto's violin concert at the Beijing Concert Hall on Thursday, October 15th at 7:30pm. The price for each ticket is 150RMB and the seats are specifically cordoned off for Rotary members. This offer will close on Thursday due to the need to get back to the ticket office. Midori is one of the great violin talents of this era and plays sold out venues around the world. This offer was made by David as president of the China USC Alumni Club, Midori is an alum.

President John reported on RIP John Kenny's meeting with Ministry of Health (MOH) last Friday. Unfortunately not much progress, Mr. Kenny asked how it might be possible to advance Rotary in China and was told that this was a Ministry of Civil Affairs matter and that it would be best to be patient. He then asked about the possibility of adding another in Guangzhou to service members who were moving there from Hong Kong and was given the same answer. President John related that Mr. & Mrs. Kenny were impressed by their visit to Sun Children's village. June Kenny remarked that holding one of two newly arrived babies was the most remarkable event of the trip and symbolized the value and spirit of Rotary's efforts in China.

President John also shared a PPT he prepared from the "Gift of life" project bus donation ceremony at Henan Zhenzhou NO.7 Hospital on August 8th. Rtn. Ulrike; Bunrei and Regula also attended the ceremony. Local TV and Newspaper broadcasted this wonderful news. Please ask CA Nancy if you wish to read the newspaper (only in Chinese).

Speaker's Program

There was no speaker today

Conclusion

Club President John 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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