



# Bulletin

## Rotary Club of Beijing

**President: John Barnes**

### **Weekly Meeting**

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### **Opening**

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

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Charles welcomed visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Steve Ting, RC Cupertino, CA USA  
Rtn. Polli Jens, RC Berlin-SÜD  
Rtn. Howard Mirkin, RC Brookline, MA USA  
Rtn. Michael Pierce, RC Panama West, Panama City  
Rtn. Monieluise Soloha, RC of Nienburg Neustadt

And visiting guests:

Mr. Wolfgang Meyer, Speaker  
Ms. Eva Lin, guest of Rtn. Carl  
Ms. Birdie Anderson, guest of Rtn. Carl  
Mr. Arics Lam, guest of Rtn. Ruby  
Mr. Ernst Behrens, guest of Rtn. Curt  
Mr. Gian-Marc Widmer, guest of Rtn. Curt  
Mrs. Charlotte Pierce, guest of Rtn. Michaela  
Mr. Nick Cham, guest of Rtn. Gilbert  
Ms. Tracey, guest of Rtn. Niels

Mr. Richard Rheidaj, guest of Rtn. Kevin  
Mr. Jean Rubin, guest of Rtn. Chris V  
Dr. Kerstin, guest of Rtn. Ulrike

## Happy Money

Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Charles collected a total of RMB 3,290 plus 10euros for Club projects.

## Attendance

Attendance was 27%

## Banner Exchange

Banners were exchanged with the following Rotary Clubs:

RC Nienburg – Neustadt, Germany

## Reports & Announcements

Certificates of thanks were presented to the following Individuals for their outstanding support of Rotary's efforts in China:

Ms. Birdie Anderson, coordinator of Interact Club of Beijing at Dulwich College. Her efforts, vision and drive in developing and implementing the project to build homes in Cambodia, establish an on-line Interact classroom together with other Interact clubs in Hong Kong and Taiwan, supporting Rotary's fund raising efforts and her personal commitment to Service at Dulwich College, coordinating charitable activities where she has worked with Roots and Shoots and adopting a panda in Chegdu.

Ms. Eva Lin Luolan, office manager of Rtn. Carl for her consistent and outstanding support of Rotary during the 2005 - 06 presidency of Carl Ludwig Dörwald, and in recognition of her personal ongoing commitment to helping children where ever she goes, which encapsulate the values for which Rotary stands.

Mr. Allen Yang. Rtn. Ruby introduced Allen's extraordinary service as a volunteer intern for the Rotary Club of Beijing. His efforts in supporting our events and administration are truly appreciated not only by the Club in general but also by his supervisor Ruby Chang.

Carl mentioned that interact club is supporting a Cambodian House Building which recommend RCB to make some contribution.

A formal introduction was presented by representatives of Rotaplast who have been in China 3 times and plan to return. Rotaplast operates on those with cleft-lip issues. Recently 10 visiting Rotarians from Rotaplast USA were in Shijiazhuang working with their local partner; Beijing based China Population Welfare Foundation.

Visiting Rtn. Steve Ting from Cupertino CA, USA thanked RCB's great hospitality by personal donating RMB 5000 to club Christmas bazaar.

CS Einar announced that By-law Constitution has been circulated for comments. The Board has scheduled a vote for Tuesday Dec. 8 at the regular club meeting which will be the same date as the elections for officers and board members. Please review them and send any proposed amendments to the Secretary at ehtangen@yahoo.com. All amendments to be eligible to be considered need to be published to all members at least 10 days prior to any ratification, so please respond as soon as possible. Due to changes in the RI Constitution we needed to adjust our Club Constitution. The By-laws were then amended to conform as closely as possible to the RI standard by-laws and our current committee and dues structure.

October Birthday Celebration

Rtn. Charles; David; Niels and visiting Rtn. Steve Ting assisted in cutting the cake.

## Speaker's Program

Speaker coordinator Rtn. Alan introduced Mr. Wolfgang Meyer, director of The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. KAS is one of the political foundations of the Federal Republic of Germany. Its activities and projects are aimed at enhancing international cooperation and understanding. Mr. Meyer talked about KAS's work area in China, which involves **legal reforms, rule of law, social transformation, economic and social reforms; regional development; foreign and domestic security policy and promoting a free and active media. The Foundation has approached each of these topics, not in terms of dictating the answers, but in terms of exploring the issues for ways which promote stability, peace and democratic ideas.**

President John thanked Wolfgang's brilliant speech by presented a club banner as appreciation.

## Conclusion

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, Interact Club of Dulwich College Beijing and the Rotaract Club of Beijing.

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