



Bulletin

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.

Four way test led by Solomon in English & Chinese

Sergeant at Arms Charles welcomed:

Visiting Rotarians

Rtn. C.H. (Kit), RC Brisbane High Rise, QLD Australia
Rtn. Jacob Zilber, RC Indian Land, SC, USA
Rtn. Oscar Wu, RC Walnut Creek, CA District 5160
Rtn. Jonathan, RC Abuja Metro, Nigeria District 9125

And visiting guests:

Ms. Enoch Li, guest of Rtn. Gilbert
Mr. Nick Bowley, guest of Rtn. Josephine
Mr. Gary Permenter, guest of Rtn. Josephine
Ms. Susan Kim-Zhowcsca, guest of Rtn. Einar
Mr. Gian-Marc Widmer, guest of Rtn. Curt
Ms. Piper Tseng, guest of Rtn. John
Ms. Loh Hai Ping, guest of Rtn. Josephine
Mr. Lei Chen Wong, guest of Rtn. John

Mr. Benno von Canstiein, guest of Rtn. Marlis
Ms. Lisa Bentley, Speaker
Mr. Augustin Carioni, Intern

Happy Money RMB 4,615 for club projects

Attendance was 50%

Banners were exchanged with:

RC Bad Reichenhall Berchtesgaden
RC Walnut Creek, CA USA District 5160

Reports & Announcements

Numbers of club banners contest announce

Rtn. Gilbert distributed each table a sheet and asked members to put on their guess number with a 50RMB note. Rtn. Alan Babington-Smith got the closed number (934), the actual number is 1128banners. Alan was congratulated for his luck.

Happy Birthday to Rtn. Hermann Heid

A group pictures was taken to greet Rtn. Hermann Heid who is currently at US for his upcoming 70s birthday. A birthday card will be signed by members and mail to him together with the picture.

Returning Rtn. Jonathan from Nigeria

Jonathan greeted all members and brought a pin from the new club he joined.

Iron Man Carl-Ludwig DÖrwald returning from Hainai Island

Rtn. Carl has made his Silver from the Iron Man competition from Hainan Island last week. He was only 15mins behind the companion and one hour ahead the third.

Speaker's Program

President John introduced today's speaker, Ms. Lisa Bentley to talk about "Orphan Prevention" & "Saving Levi".

Lisa Misraje Bentley grew up in Los Angeles, California with her five brothers. She divided her time between her mother's small apartment, in West LA and her father's lavish home, and Jewish traditions in the Hollywood Hills. From an early age she learned to feel comfortable in both modest and extravagant lifestyles. She went on to attend college at Abilene Christian University.

Lisa lived the quintessential upper middle class lifestyle until, in 2001, she decided to enrich her life by moving to China to help medically disabled children. For the last 8 years, Lisa has not only devoted her life to her own 6 children, 2 of whom she adopted from China, but also to the care of medically disabled orphans. Since arriving in China, she has worked with two orphanages which provides medical assistance and temporary housing for orphans while working with adoption agencies to find them permanent families. She is about to launch two new projects; "OP" (Orphan Prevention) along with "Levi's friends" (helping fellow burn survivors).

Lisa shared a video called "Saving Levi". The story tells of the miraculous events that led to saving the life of her adopted son who was found abandoned in a desolate field with 3rd degree

burns over 80% of his 6 week old body. Lisa credits her strong multi-faith for her ability to work tirelessly not only to save her own son but also the lives of hundreds of Chinese orphans.

Rtn. Curt thanked for Lisa's very touching story and her devotion to save the orphans in China.

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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