



# 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.

Four way test was led by David van Meerendonk in English and Chinese

Acting Sergeant at Arms David welcomed:

Visiting Rotarians

Rtn. Tom Mack, RC San Mateo USA  
Rtn. Christine Haynsworth, RC Coquille, Oregon  
Rtn. John Gong, RC Pulos Verdes, USA  
Rtn. Richard Michael, RC Chelan, France  
Rtn. Elisabeth Villao, RC KØse Nord, Denmark  
Rtn. Charles Chan, RC Taipo, Hong Kong

And visiting guests:

Mr. Graut Tao, guest of Rtn. Priscilla  
Ms. Ding Jin, guest of Rtn. Priscilla  
Ms. Enoch Li, guest of Rtn. Gilbert  
Mr. Gary permenter, guest of Rtn. Josephine  
Mr. Alexander, guest of Rtn. Gilbert

Ms. Vinny Kuah, guest of Rtn. Josephine  
Mr. Richard Rheindorf, guest of Rtn. Kevin  
Mr. Francesco Cisci, Speaker  
Mr. Benno von Canstein, guest of Rtn. Marlis

Happy Money RMB 2,550 for club projects

Attendance was 29%

Banners were exchanged with:

RC Leuven, Belgium

## Reports & Announcements

### April board report

President John gave the April board report. The Rotary office has been closed and is now utilizing a virtual office. Additionally, we have some storage space donated by the Kempinski Hotel for our hardcopy archives and future banner storage. The Board has also approved two new contributions for Rotaract and Interact projects. 2000RMB for the Rotaract sports day with the Huiling School and 16500RMB for the Interact arranged health check-up for the Guangai school on April 18 & 19. Two new members are approved and will be inducted in due course. Treasurer Jens then made the club finance report and stated that we are in healthy fiscal shape, with only a few costs (i.e. the rotaract and interact projects contribution) due to go out in the near future.

### Ambassadorial Scholar report

Alexandra from Belgium did his second visit to our club. Alex gave us a report of his time at Qing Hua and the study program he is attending. He is thoroughly enjoying the campus life and is awed at the beauty and size of it all. The studies are going well but are difficult as they are completely in Chinese. He will be going to Shanghai shortly for the next part of his time here.

### Rotary Ball

Ball Committee member Rtn. Thomas Buchman announced that after personally visiting the Sofitel Hotel ball room location for this year's Rotary Ball (May 22<sup>nd</sup>), he strongly encourages members to bring lots of their friends as the room is huge!!! But more importantly, that the diverse line up for the music will truly inspire all of us to dance, dance, dance, to the middle of the night.

### Speaker's Program

Speaker coordinator Rtn. Alan introduced today's speaker, Mr. Francesco Cisci, the editor of La Stampa and member of FCCC.

Mr. Cisci gave an excellent, upfront and accurate speech about the leadership structure in China over the last 25 years and how China has embraced some tenets of democracy while maintaining their own policies and structures for ascending politicians. He also talked about the potential national leaders' candidates and states that no one knows exactly what, but there is something going on inside the top echelon of the government that we should watch for.

Rtn. Josephine thanked Francesco's for his great and informative speech.

### 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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