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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 Rtn. Alan Babington-Smith in the English & Chinese.

Sergeant at Arms Charles Lagrange welcomed:

Visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Brian Christoffoson, RC Rotario Boquete, Panama
Rtn. Marie-Cecile Roovers, RC Breda West Holland
Rtn. Jacob Zilbert, RC Indian Land SC, USA
Rtn. Carapet Georges, RC Lens-Lievin, D1520 France
Rtn. Rastel Franklin, RC Hagebrmck, Mernlle D1520 France
Rtn. Rastel Marie-Paule, RC Lille Septentrion, D1520 France
Rtn. Roulot Martine, RC Dunkugue Horizons, D1520 France
Rtn. Oveaert Isidoria, RC Lille-Septentrion, D1520 France
Rtn. notelaers Gerars, RC Lille-Septentrion, D1520 France
Rtn. Dupont Alian, RC Lille-Septentrion, D1520 France
Rtn. Coulleit Jean-Claude, RC Hagebrouck-Meiville, D1520 France

And visiting guests:

Mr. Syndi Seid, guest of Rtn. Alan
Mr. Benno von Canstein, guest of Rtn. Marlis

Happy Money RMB 2150 + 50EUROs for club projects

Attendance was 25%

Banners were exchanged with:

RC Breda West. The Netherland
RC Hazebroevck Meryille, France
RC Marœuil, Cœurd' Artois, France

Reports & Announcements

Joerg Wuttke

Joerg's son Phillip has returned home from the hospital and he, on behalf of himself and his wife, thanked members for their support and good wishes.

Rtn. Ben Rugangazi return to Rwanda in month

Ambassador Rugangazi is finishing his post in Beijing, China and will be returning to Rwanda on May 21st. Ben thanked club for the pleasure time he had spent and wish he could come back Beijing in the near future and welcome members to visit him in Rwanda. PE Henry thanked Ben for this friendship by holding a toast.

Rotary Ball

Ball Committee member Rtn. Charles Lagrange announced the Ball posters will be ready for distribution this week. Please contact Nancy to pick up the poster. To reserve tickets please send an e-mail to charles.lagrange@total.com, please use Ball tickets in the subject reference line or if you have an urgent question call his mobile at 13701168337. Please remember each member is obligated to purchase 4 tickets or make alternate arrangements with Henry Wang.

Member Inventory

The Club Secretary indicated that we are required by Rotary International to do a yearly community needs assessment, to gather information about our member interests, talents, time commitments and community connections so we can match them with service needs in the community. This will help us select projects and initiatives which we can impact in a positive way. It is also important as it helps members fulfill their commitment to participate in service projects. Each active member will be required to fill out the one page assessment form so it is hoped that all will cooperate so we can save staff and volunteer resources.

Speaker's Program

John introduced today's Speaker, Rtn. Jörg Wuttke. President for the EU Chamber of Commerce and Country Representative for BASF.

Jörg gave a very informative speech about the cooperation between EU and China. He stressed the trade relationships between the two but also noted that in relative terms China's exports to the EU represent only 6% of the EU's yearly GDP.

Rtn. Charles thanked Jörg for his great 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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