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Opening

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

Acting Sergeant at Arms David van Meerendonk welcomed:

Visiting Rotarians:

Rtn. Löfdahl Lars-Göte, RC HuskvarnaRumlaborg, Schweden, Sweden
Rtn. Löfdahl Astrid, RC Jönköping Rosenlund, Sweden
Rtn. V. Kleist Elke, RC Kaufungen-Lossetal, Germany
Rtn. Urs Ziegler, RC Bottmingen-Birg-Eck, Switzerland
Rtn. Tom Mack, RC San Mateo California USA
Rtn. Colin Smith, RC Esslingen-Filder, Germany
Rtn. Jacob Zilber, RC Indian Land, SC USA

And visiting guests:

Ms. Clare Person, Speaker
Mr. Benno von Canstein, guest of Rtn. Marlis
Ms. Sammy Fang, guest of Rtn. Alan
Mr. Dan Goodman, guest of Rtn. Alan
Mr. Michael Sohinkel, guest of Rtn. Benjamin

Ms. Fiona Liu, guest of Rtn. Einar
Ms. Jeanie Park, guest of Rtn. Josephine
Mr. Ian Syer, guest of Rtn. Einar
Mr. Bill Longskept, guest of Rtn. Yvonne

Happy Money RMB 4740 for club projects

Attendance was 24%

Banners were exchanged with:

RC Kaufungen – Lossetal Germany
RC JÖnkÖping Rosenlund, Sweden

Reports & Announcements

Happy New from Nicolas

Rtn. Nicolas shared his happy announcement about his father being in town and his son being accepted to State University of New York.

Ball Volunteer Appreciation

The members who pitched in at the last moment to make the Ball a fun and rewarding experience were thanked. Ian Sayer of Helping Hand was also thanked for his help with the event.

Early Ball News

President John announced about 150K was raised at the Ball night. Further detailed will be announced when the financial summary is finalized by Nick Cham. John also announced there are 50K worth of furniture coupons donated by Ilioni which are still available for sale. Interested members should check out the store an/or website and contact Nancy if they are interested.

Morning Tear Bus

The Morning Tears Bus which we participated in providing will be at the Beijing Belgium Embassy this coming Thursday (May 27th). Members who would like to join this ceremony please contact Regula.

Speaker's Program

Speaker coordinator Rtn. Alan introduced today's speaker, Ms. Clare Person Founder and Editor for the Charitarian Magazine.

He's a Chinese government official. She's a British lawyer. Together they publish a magazine that hopes to lift a veil of illegitimacy clouding a local NGO scene that's thriving in a gray area of Chinese society. Edited by Wang Liwei, vice-mayor of Guan County in Shandong Province, and Clare Pearson, a lawyer at the Beijing offices of DLA Piper, *The Charitarian* wants to encourage the local non-profit sector by informing NGOs about how to operate within government

guidelines. Ms. Person talked about her experience and reason for co-founding the English version of Charitarian Magazine, as a way of encouraging knowledge and understanding of how to operate as a charity in China. A number of questions were asked about whether the magazine will be able to help those interested find effective charity organizations and its ability to influence the direction of charity in China. Clare gave great credit to Wang Liwei, editor of the magazine, for his vision and perseverance. Clare indicated that the greatest future challenge will be issues related to climate change.

Rtn. Benjamin thanked Clare for her speech and John presented her with a Rotary banner.

Conclusion

President John closed the meeting with a toast to the visiting clubs, Rotary International, our sister Clubs - the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, the Rotary Club of Shanghai, Interact Club of Dulwich College Beijing and the Rotaract Club of Beijing.

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