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Opening

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

Rtn. Larry Gee led the recital of Four Way Test in English.

Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert welcomed the visiting Rotarians (Gilbert made his usual heroic effort to pronounce names and track down those who failed to sign in, but has left out the ones who remain too hard to read/understand):

Rtn. Graham Cooksey, RC of Huddersfield, Pennine, UK
Rtn. Enrique Riba, RC of Antu, Patagonia, Argentina
Rtn. Peter Naegeli, RC of Fürstenland, Switzerland
Rtn. Thomas Eigenmann, RC of St Gallen, Switzerland
Rtn. Andreas Greither
Rtn. John P. Smith, RC of Logan, Ohio, USA
Rtn. Vicky Wong, RC of Wanchai, HK
Rtn. Amy Kardel, RC of San Luis Obispo, California, USA
Rtn. James Goddard
Rtn. Jens Krause, RC of Berlin, Germany

Guests:

Mr. Stephen Schroeder, guest of Rtn. Russ Miller
Ms. Xinwei Schroeder, guest of Rtn. Russ Miller
Mr. Benjamin Schroeder, guest of Rtn. Russ Miller

Mr. Keith & Cheryl Wyse guest of Rtn. Niels-Uwe Behrens
Mr. Paul Roeseler guest of Rtn. Gilbert
Mr. Itoua Rigobert, guest of Rtn. Gilbert and Russ
Mr. Robert Webb, guest of Rtn Serge Kioes
Mr. Vincent Song, guest of Rtn Amy Kardel
Mr. Gerd Kohl, guest of Rtn Andreas Feege
Ms. Marie Naegel
Ms. Ursula Eigenmann

Happy Money

Total raised was RMB 3,770 and USD 20

Attendance

Attendance rate was 26%

Report & Announcements

Gilbert Van Kerckhove gave a list of greetings received from the overseas clubs, including:

- RC of Suva East, Suva, Fiji Islands
- RC of Kalgoorlie, Australia
- RC of Hod-Carmel Haifa, Israel (banner received in the Zeta Bar event)

Rtn. Peter Humphrey announced that on August 17, former Olympic Pole Vaulting Gold Medal winner Sergey Bubka and a number of Rotarians visited Sun Children's Village. Sergey's second visit to the Village of this year drew media attention to the program, resulting in stories in the local press and China Daily. Sun Village was created in 1996 by Zhang Shuqin, after she retired as a corrections officer. Sun Village currently has four centers serving over 200 children in different areas of China. The centers provide housing, food, medical care and education for the children of prisoners or those executed. The Rotary Club of Beijing has been supporting the Beijing Sun Village for the last seven years and has provided funds and volunteer hours to build an eight person residence, a sports facility, a heating system as well as activities to get the children out and about. While chatting with the staff, Peter discovered that the Village urgently needs help preparing students for the transition to the workplace. For more information please contact Rtn. Regula Wong or look them up on the internet at <http://www.sunvillage.com.cn/eng/index.php/>.

Guest Keith and Cheryl Wyse gave a short speech about their organization, Bread of Life Bakery, which provides shelter and care for children with orthopedic disabilities. Their program provides the specialized care they need and teaches them baking as a trade. Their organization is based in Langfang but they hope to create more facilities in Beijing and Tianjin. They currently take orders in Beijing once a week for home styled baked breads, cookies, brownies and pies which are made by their apprentices, all profits are used to pay current expenses and help more children. You can support their efforts through direct donations or by ordering their delicious bakery which will be delivered to your home. For more information on the organization or to order bakery goods contact <http://www.breadoflifebakery.org/>.

Rtn. Einar Tangen offered a toast to recognize the extraordinary contributions Rtn. Vlad Reyes made to the Club. Vlad was not present but it was stated that he will be sorely missed. All raised a glass and wished him well on his new position in Manila.

Rtn. Charles Lagrange kindly donated four Beijing Olympic Games tickets to the Baseball Final. The tickets were auctioned, visiting Rtn. Andreas Greither put in the winning bid of 2,000 RMB per ticket. Charles was also publicly recognized and thanked again for his extraordinary presentation last week on the history of foreign relations and influences in China. He indicated that he is willing to give a full version of presentation with advance notice subject to terms.

President Kevin Fong auctioned a gift basket of delicacies he received from Rtn. Nina Maria Betancourt. RC of Apatzingan, Mexico last week. Gilbert presided over the auction which Rtn. Andreas Feege won with a bid of 400 RMB.

Rtn Andreas Feege then offered four Olympic track and field tickets for Wednesday evening. A spirited auction was held resulting in a winning bid of 2,000 RMB per ticket made by Rtn Rita Yang. Kevin publicly thanked Andreas and KPMG for their extraordinary generosity.

Banner Exchange

Banners were exchanged with the following Clubs:

- RC of Huddersfield, Pennine, UK
- RC of ANTU, Argentina (banner was delivered later on c/o Rtn. Charles Lagrange)
- RC of Fürstenland, Switzerland
- RC of St Gallen, Switzerland
- RC of Logan, Ohio (USA)
- RC of San Luis Obispo, California (USA)
- RC of Berlin, Germany
- RC of Hod-Carmel Haifa, Israel

Speaker's Program

No speakers program this week.

Conclusion

President Kevin Fong 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 and Interact Club of Dulwich College Beijing.

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