

WORTLEY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 1270

March 2014 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February saw the club distribute funds to two pupils from Ecclesfield School to assist them in the fundraising they are doing for an experiential trip to Nepal.

Both Amber and David came to the club to explain what they intended to do and how it would affect the locals, the idea being to contribute with the building of a school. We wish them luck and hope they will return with photos and a presentation of what they learned from it.

We also donated to Jessica Harman's appeal and her Mum visited the club to thank us for the support and tell us about Jessica and their efforts to raise funds for a therapy bath. Our donation neatly met the shortfall of the required amount the fund was still looking for, so the hard work of Millionaire's night was well worth it.

We also presented £500 to the High Green Food Bank via our representative Barrie who did well to get this into Look Local.

Coming up is the Disability Games on 30th March with and at Barnsley, Rtn Peter Perry is trying to get a Wine & Wisdom Evening off the ground for April and the wheels of the VVR2014 machinery need to be oiled as we start the build up to our summer efforts.

President David

PS

Could I also take this opportunity to remind members on fellowship to please ensure all the Rotary equipment is returned to the cupboard at the end of the night.

NEWS

Meetings

3rd February – Normal Meeting followed by Council

President David welcomed all members to the meeting. There were no visits to other clubs reported by members.

The Millionaires Night raised £2,156.16 after expenses – a very good sum.

Other Notices:-

Rtn Derek reported that he and Rtn Graham had taken 3,000 books, and a number of unused crutches to the warehouse in Corby for use by the charity.

Rtn Barrie reported on the Food Bank in High Green. This is run by Maureen Greaves, whose husband Alan was sadly fatally injured on Christmas Eve 2012. After a discussion regarding the various options for providing help, the club proposed a £500 donation.

Rtn Philip reported that Trevor has broken his hip whilst away skiing. He is now back in the UK having come back via Munich to Manchester. He is now in the Northern General Hospital in Firth 5. Trevor's injury wasn't actually due to Skiing, but occurred whilst getting off the Ski lift when a couple of other tourists got in his way.

Rtn Anne W advised that she has a Get Well card which she will send from the club.

Rtn Lewis advised the meeting that he met Rtn Mike P in Morrison's, and he passed on Mike's regards to the club.

He also advised that the 2014 scholarship letters will be going out in the next 2 weeks, and asked the club for agreement to supplement the scholarship by £750 . Club agreed to this.

Rtn Anne W asked if any members had underpaid this weeks as the meal price had risen, and Rtn John H had made good the shortfall.

Secretary's Notices

- 1) The club has received invites to RC of Dronfield's Charter Meeting on 14th March.
- 2) There will be 2 speakers next week – Amber Fox and Patrick Martin.. They will be making a presentation regarding the Hopes and Aspirations for their upcoming trip. It was quipped that Amber is apparently waiting for a Green light (Fnaar Fnaar).

Rtn John H reported that 15 people had their names down for the Disability Games – we need another 9.

Rtn Peter C reported that he had a cheque for £230 from the Scrap Metal scheme for the Children's Hospital. Also advised regarding the metal rubbish normally put in bins (Cans etc) which he can store and raise more money for the fund.

The meeting then closed with the usual toast

10th February– Normal Meeting

We were entertained by two young adults - Patrick and Amber - aged 15 and 14yrs. who we, as a club, have helped to sponsor their life time experience to visit Nepal where, as well as enjoying themselves white water rafting, mountain climbing and sleeping under the stars, they will help with community projects such a teaching life skills to youngsters in the region and helping in the ongoing construction of a school.

President David thanked them for their presentation, wished them luck and gave them each a cheque for £100 towards the £4K they each have to raise. They took with them a sew-on embroidered Rotary badge for their rucksacks and promised to return to tell us how it went. This will be in late summer.



Amber, President David & Patrick

Those present were apprised of the current situation with the 'Stainless' graphic novel and how Rtn John Dunkley (Sheff. Vulcan) is seeking help getting it out to schools together with a road show. His email and attachments will be circulated following this email (see the letter under Miscellaneous).

Rtn Philip advised the club that following a request from club council he had seen 'Audrey' - a Director of WHH regarding the club night menu and its repetitiveness. Audrey told Philip that she was not aware and following discussions between Philip, Audrey and Chef the menu will now be more varied.

Chef said that in order to vary the menu *he must have accurate numbers*. He cannot produce extra meals with a few minutes notice that the numbers have gone up and that should there be an increase in numbers at the last minute the 'latecomers' will have to have a salad.

Last night it was gammon in mustard sauce which all agreed was good. Rtn Philip reminded everyone (as did the Sgt At Arms with his fines box) that meals must be booked by 10.30am Monday to the Secretary. Failure is a cold salad when you could be eating something exotic in a jus!

Next Monday, President David will present a cheque from the monies raise at the Millionaires Night to the young lady - Jessica Harman with her Mum Kirsty - to help purchase some specialised equipment for home. Jessica and her Mum will arrive after the meal for the presentation.

Let's open a book on next Monday's menu.

17th February – Normal Meeting

Quick round up of the meeting:

Firstly - 24 meals ordered and 24 diners turned up! Wonderful, it appears to be working. The meals are changing - roast chicken on a bed of red cabbage with a sauce that I cannot spell. Please remember next Monday (24th) I am on holiday so numbers to President David, please.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a cheque for £1500.00 to Kirsty Harman, mother of Jessica, to enable the family to purchase a special, height adjustable 'bubble' bath for Jessica. Jessica has special needs and the movement of warm water around her helps to relax her muscles from a state of spasm. The family needed £9000 for the bath and our contribution took the total to £8,995 so Muhammad threw a tenner into the pot to top the target. Kirsty was overcome with emotion but has promised to send pictures of the bath once it is installed.

We received a thank you letter from St Saviour's Church, thanking us for our donation of £500 to support the foodbank.

President David reminded everyone of the 'Stainless' Roadshow and asked if anyone could make headway into local schools where the age range is of pupils at the stage where they have to choose their GCSE subjects as the project is aimed at inspiring the scientists and engineers of the future.

I am sure that all of you will be celebrating Rotary's 109th birthday on 23rd February. A prize for the best photo celebrating the event.

Remember, numbers onto the webpage or to President David for next week.

24th February – Normal Meeting

Events

New Members Induction – January 2014

As reported in the February Newsletter, 3 new members were inducted into the club. The Picture below shows our newest members with President-elect John.



President-elect John with the new members

Millionaires Night Cheque Presentation

At the meeting on 17 February 2014 a cheque in the sum of £1,500 was presented to Kirsty Harman, mother of Jessica who is a 17 year old local girl that has Cerebral Palsy, is deaf and blind and suffers from Epilepsy. A couple of years ago Jessica had a Tracheostomy which means that she can no longer use the Hydro Pool at her school or at the Ryegate Centre. Therefore, in June 2013 her mum and other relatives/friends started fundraising to raise £9,000 for a Hydro Bath to be installed at home for Jessica.

The movement of warm water around Jessica helps to relax her muscles from a state of spasm. The family needed £9,000 for the bath – which will be height adjustable – and our contribution took the total to £8,995 so Muhammad threw a “tenner” into the pot to top the target. Thank You Mohammed. Kirsty was overcome with emotion but has promised to send pictures of the bath once it is installed.



President David presents the cheque

We also made a donation of £500 to St Saviour's Church to support the foodbank. We have received a thank you for this.

I think you will all agree that the Millionaires Night is going to allow our Club to make a huge difference to local charities. So let's hope that we can make each one bigger and better and spread the word that you can make a difference while having fun.

I have said I will be in touch with Kirsty to get more information about Jessica and the fundraising they have been doing and try to get some publicity for them and our Club. I know for a fact that Kirsty and her team are organising a Fashion Show in June which is how the fundraising started last year and even though they have reached their target they are going ahead with this event as they never imagined they would have reached their target by now!!!!

Rotarian Brenda Russell

Miscellaneous

Rotary club's helping hand

Following on from the decision at the meeting on 3rd February, Rtn Barrie handed over a cheque for £500 to the Food Bank at St Saviour's Church, Mortomley. Click on the following link to read more:-

<http://www.looklocal.org.uk/wordpress/?p=3034>

Letter received from John Dunkley re Stainless graphic novel

Dear David

Following our telecon I attach details of our project.

- 1 One-page project summary
- 2 Colour flyer showing how it looks
- 3 Details of roadshows
- 4 (By separate message) 8Mb complete draft of the book

I would like Wortley RC to help us by physically delivering the books to at least one

local secondary school, and by sponsoring, at £250, a roadshow by the author for the year 8s who will receive the book.

If you could send me the names of local secondary schools with which you have connections, I would be most grateful. Given that Sheffield has just 4 rotary clubs and some 30 schools, we are obviously going to need to deliver to more than one each. I am looking for other funding for the roadshows, and some schools may have budgets for this.

We plan to go to print in February, launching in the first week of March and then to distribute the books and organise roadshows in the weeks following. I will, of course, keep you in touch with developments as they happen, as it looks like the whole project, after 2 years of steady graft, is about to take off.

I look forward to hearing whether your club can help us still further to deliver this major project to your local schools.

Best regards

John J Dunkley
Vulcan Rotary Club

UK Flood Appeal

With severe flooding affecting many areas of the country, RIBI has launched its UK Flood Appeal. To read more, click on the following links:- <http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/uk-flood-appeal> or <http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/rallying-round-for-flood-victims>

Letter received from the DG on the same subject

To Club Presidents and Secretaries, District Executive and Officers

Following the last few weeks of floods in the UK many of you have been asking me what help we can offer other parts of the UK. When we had our own flood problems in 2007 and 2008, other parts of the UK were quick to respond with donations and other help, and I am sure Rotarians will want to reciprocate. I was at RIBI General Council at the weekend, and the following responses were discussed: District 1200, which includes the Somerset Levels has made an appeal for donations. They are on the ground providing immediate response where they can, although some areas have been closed to them for safety reasons. The attached

leaflet shows what help they are giving and where to send donations. Some 5 Rotarian families are known to have abandoned their homes. District Governor Brian Kirkup is personally in charge of a small team to assess cases and decide on awards.

I have had a wonderful offer from a Rotarian in our district to host an affected family for a few days, next week being half term. Is this something any of your club members might consider? If so please contact PDG Robin Brown as shown on the attached leaflet. The RIBI Donations Trust (RIBI DT) is accepting donations for UK flood relief. It is important to make a distinction of purpose between the local District 1200 appeal and the RIBI DT. District 1200 is planning immediate and short term help. The RIBI DT is not usually about short term help - very briefly their criteria specify that help must be for a community and not an individual, it must be sustaining, have PR benefit to Rotary, and has strict reporting requirements. We were very lucky to have a successful application for help from RIBI DT just before New Year on behalf of RC Beverley.

My recommendation is that the local District 1200 appeal is probably the best for immediate and short term assistance as well as some medium term help. I will keep you all informed if appeals are received from other districts. Please keep me copied and up to date with all responses and offers of help so I can collate what is happening.

Yours in Rotary

Simon

Simon Kalson

RI District 1270 District Governor 2013-14
Rotary Club of Lindum Lincoln

Letter from Kathy Markwick regarding the Disability Games

Hi John

I write on behalf of Stephen, our President, and all our members to thank you and your Club for supporting the 2014 District Disability Games.

We are very pleased that you were able to attend our Breakfast Event with Ian McMillan. We all enjoyed the meeting and have had excellent feedback.

In addition, your donation of £300 is extremely generous of your Club and very much appreciated. In this regard, if you could

let me have an A5 ad for your Club we will place this alongside the Snooker Event page.

As you know we could not possibly stage such an enormous event without the support of our fellow Rotarians - so thank you very much indeed.

We were very sorry that the snooker did not feature in our 2013 DVD and will certainly ensure that it is included this year.

We have now arranged an Information Meeting for Rotarians, sponsors and volunteers on Wednesday, 12 March, at the Barnsley Metrodome - further details will follow this week and we do hope that you can join us.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th or the 30th.

Kind regards.

Kathy

Teddy Bear collection

Rotarians in Cumbria and the surrounding areas have been collecting teddy bears to send to children in the Philippines, whose lives have been affected by the Typhoon last November.

To read more, click on the following link:-

<http://www.ribi.org/news/ribi-news/10-000-teddies-collected>

Rotary Coastal Quest 630

Devon born Canadian Rotarian Martin Parnell from Calgary is to complete a 630 mile run around the southwest peninsula in 25 days. The run starts on Tuesday 4th March, and concludes on Tuesday 1st April. This is part of Martin's quest to raise \$1m for Play to Right.

This uses sport and play to educate and empower children and youth in some of the world's most disadvantaged communities. To learn more about this, click on the link here:-

http://rtp.r-sourcecenter.com/Event/index.asp?Event_Id=9

Future Duty Roster (Hosts)

3rd March	Visitor	Steven Patterson
	Fellowship	Jacob Davis
10th March	Visitor	Trevor Fletcher
	Fellowship	John Evans
17th March	Visitor	Andrew Jackson
	Fellowship	John Greaves
24th March	Visitor	Anne Willey
	Fellowship	John Haggerty
31st March	Visitor	Annie Rouxville
	Fellowship	Keith Addy

Dates for the Diary WORTLEY

7th April, 2014	Annual General Meeting (Whitley Hall)
12th May, 2014	Club Assembly (Whitley Hall)
29th June, 2014	Vintage Vehicle Rally (Wortley Hall)
30th June, 2014	Presidential Handover (Whitley Hall)

DISTRICT / RIBI

24th February – 4th March, 2014	Fairtrade Fortnight
3rd-9th March, 2014	Climate Week
4th March, 2014	Women in Rotary
14th March, 2014	RC of Dronfield Charter Meeting
22nd March, 2014	World Water Day
29th March, 2014	Earth Hour (20:30-21:30)
29th March, 2014	International Fellowship of Rotarians Doctors Discussion Forum (Edgbaston, Birmingham)[10:30am-12:30pm]
5th April, 2014	Know your Blood Pressure Day
6th April, 2014	RC of Scunthorpe Pentagon 33 rd Charter Celebration (Holme Hall Golf Club, Scunthorpe) [12:30pm for 13:00pm]
10th April, 2014	RC of Birmingham Centenary Celebration (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)[18:30-01:00]
11th-13th April, 2014	RIBI Annual Conference (ICC, Birmingham)
12th-13th April, 2014	Presidential New Generations Conference (Macdonald Burlington Hotel, Birmingham)
26th April, 2014	RIBI Young Chef Competition (Dundee)
3rd May, 2014	RIBI National Young Musician Final (Truro)
10th May, 2014	RIBI Youth Speaks Final (Maidstone)

1st-4th June, 2014

RI International Convention (Sydney, Australia)

8th-12th June, 2014

RC of St Andrews 60th International Golf Tournament (St Andrews)

25th-27th July, 2014

RIBI Interact Rally (Rock UK, Irthlingborough)

20th – 22nd February, 2015

RIBI Service Assembly (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC)

10th-12th April, 2015

RIBI Annual Conference (Belfast Waterfront Conference Centre)

REMEMBER THE 4-WAY TEST

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Who Am I

- 1) I was born on 10th December 1914 in New Orleans of French, Louisianan , Spanish and Irish descent. My parents split when I was very young, and my mother remarried to a man whose surname I ended up using in my chosen profession. I left school aged 14, and worked as a secretary to support myself and my mother. I began entering beauty pageants, and was crowned Miss New Orleans in 1931. Using the prize money to support myself, I worked in a stock theatre company.
- 2) We moved to Chicago, where I worked in a department store before being discovered by Orchestra leader Herbie Kay at a local talent show. I was hired as a singer for his orchestra, and went on tour with him in 1935. This led to work in radio and appearances on 2 popular radio shows. In 1936, I moved to Hollywood, and did a screen test for Paramount Pictures and signed a contract with them.

Cemetery in LA. I have 2 stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

3. I began to appear regularly in films, the first one being "College Holiday" in which I played an uncredited dancer. My second film appearance, in "Jungle Princess" solidified my fame, and was a big hit for the studio. As a result, I became associated with sarongs for the rest of my career. Up until the outbreak of WWII, I appeared in 3 more films – these were "The Hurricane", "Spawn of the North" and "Disputed Passage". During the War, I was amongst the most popular pinup girls among US servicemen and sold war bonds during tours to the public. In 1965, I was awarded a citation, albeit belatedly, for my war bond sales from the US Treasury. I also volunteered at the Hollywood Canteen dancing and talking to soldiers.
- 4) In 1940, I co-starred in the first of a series of films for which I am probably best known with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. These films were enormously popular throughout the decade. This series ended in 1952 with "Road to Bali". In the 1970s, I was a popular draw on the dinner theatre circuit, and published my autobiography "My side of the Road" in 1980. Throughout the rest of the decade, I performed in plays, and TV shows such as "Hart to Hart", "Remington Steele" and "Murder, She Wrote".
- 5) During the 1990s, I made only a few professional appearances, but was a popular interviewee for publications, TV talk shows and news programs. I was credited as a special advisor for the musical "Swinging on a Star" which was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Musical. I was married twice and had 2 sons by my second husband who died in 1978. I died on September 22nd, 1996 and was buried in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills

Answers at the bottom of the newsletter

This Month's Joke

At the end of the tax year, the Tax Office sent an inspector to audit the books of a local hospital. While the Tax Office agent was checking the books he turned to the CEO of the hospital and said, "I notice you buy a lot of bandages. What do you do with the end of the roll when there's too little left to be of any use?" "Good question," noted the CEO. "We save them up and send them back to the bandage company and every now and then they send us a free box of bandages."

"Oh," replied the auditor, somewhat disappointed that his unusual question had a practical answer. But on he went, in his obnoxious way. "What about all these plaster purchases? What do you do with what's left over after setting a cast on a patient?" "Ah, yes," replied the CEO, realising that the inspector was trying to trap him with an unanswerable question. "We save it and send it back to the manufacturer, and every now and then they send us a free package of plaster."

"I see," replied the auditor, thinking hard about how he could fluster the know-it-all CEO. "Well," he went on, "What do you do with all the leftover foreskins from the circumcisions you perform?"

"Here, too, we do not waste," answered the CEO. "What we do is save all the little foreskins and send them to the Tax Office, and about once a year they send us a complete dick."

**YOU COULDN'T MAKE THIS UP (True stories
to make you cringe)**

1. We had to have the garage door repaired. The GARADOR repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener.

I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one GARADOR made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, 'Lady, you need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used Garador repair since. Happened in Bromley, Kent UK

2. My daughter went to a local Kentucky Fried and ordered a Mexican taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimum lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.

From Gillingham Kent, UK.

3. The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?!'

She is a Local County Council employee in Dartford Kent, UK

**Male or Female? – Non-Living
objects**

You might not know this...but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female.
Here are some examples:

1. FREEZER BAGS: They are male, because they hold everything in...but you can see right through them.
2. HOT AIR BALLOONS: Also a male object... Because to get them to go anywhere.....you have to light a fire under them.
3. WEB PAGES: Female...because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.
4. THE REMOTE CONTROL: Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male...but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it...and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push...he just keeps trying

Contributions to future editions are most welcome – email them to the editor at dma170162@hotmail.com

Who Am I Answer:-

Answer: Mary Leta Dorothy Slaton (Dorothy Lamour)