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Driving the wheel of fellowship

August '19 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

August **Speaker Finder** **Grace & Thanks**

Monday 5th **Away Day Stoney Cove** Sally Parkinson

Thursday 8th Council 7-30 p.m.

Monday 12th Business Meeting Sally Hollis

Monday 19th Normal Meeting Anne Baker Peter Osborn

Monday 26th **Summer Bank Holiday**

September

Monday 2nd Normal Meeting Brenda Burton Hugh Roberson Smith

Monday 9th Normal Meeting Steve Tallis Roger Rose

Thursday 12th Council 7-30 p.m.

Monday 16th Business Meeting Sally Hollis

Monday 23rd Normal Meeting John Wilson Martin Iliffe

Monday 30th Normal Meeting Ted Wilson Tony Kingston

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell **John Howell** Tel: 01455 553209 email sheila.m.howell@hotmail.co.uk

100 Club Winners in July

David Haynes	(20)	£20
David Walton	(53)	£15
Anne Toone	(73)	£10

Rotary District 1070 International Service Team Chairman, Rotarian Joel Weaver visited the club on 1st July providing an update on District International activities and to answer any questions presented by our members.

It is my normal practice when writing an article on our speakers talk's to ask for some notes to supplement the notes I take myself.

On this occasion Joel volunteered to write the article for me for which I was more than grateful.

Joel has been a Rotarian for 9 years in the Kimbolton Castle Rotary Club near Huntingdon.

As a retired American serviceman (U.S. Air Force) he has lived, worked and travelled in over 40 countries, yet he found real community here when he retired from the forces and settled in England with his English wife and two daughters (dual national).

Joel wanted our club to know he views both local and international efforts as closely linked from his experience as a citizen of both the local community and the larger world.

This is why the role of international service team chairman attracted him two years ago. He is completing his final year in the role and highlighted the fact that the 85 clubs in our East Midlands district support nearly 200 international projects every year and touch communities in need in nearly every continent on this planet.

Lately, he said, more clubs are sharing their resources and joining up to achieve even more impact in places of dire poverty or horrendous natural disasters. These groups of clubs are cooperating to support existing projects like End Polio Now, eRanger motorcycle ambulances, Rotary Jaipur

Limb (inexpensive prosthetics for the poor) and Mary's Meals (now surpassing over 1 billion school meals for children in poor regions of the world).

Joel recently attended the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg and was inspired by the many new and innovative projects being developed by Rotarians worldwide. In particular, the link between innovative projects in areas of the greatest need is definitely an attraction for younger Rotarians to join the largest service organization in the world.

These younger Rotarians provide a new view and extensive skills in the area of social media and crowd funding.

Joel's own club started a flexible membership option (satellite membership) for the young, busy professionals and twelve new members have joined in just over 7 months.

Joel ended his talk by confirming Rotary is changing to meet the needs of new generations and new challenges facing our planet, such as climate change and plastic pollution in our oceans.

The future of Rotary is bright, so he encourages us all to join in with international projects and connect the world!

Outside Rotary Events

Never fear - help is at hand - found at a **music festival** I attended during the summer.



Richard Stannard - "This is Your Life"!

Richard was born in Calcutta in 1948 to the manager of the Calcutta Army and Navy Stores and his PA. They were married in 1941 and were separated by the war years during which his father fought the Japanese in Burma. After the partition of India his parents were concerned about his and his brother's future after up to 2 million people were killed in fighting and 14million displaced. Since his father was seconded to Calcutta by head office in London where he was born he decided to



take the family back there in 1955, after a brief time in South Africa. On board the ship Karanja sailing for Southampton was a young family who his parents got to know quite well during the long voyage who were to become quite famous. The father became a household name in broadcasting in the 60s and his sons David and Jonathan, just a bit older than Richard and Mike (his brother), also famous broadcasters in their own right following their father Richard Dimbleby.

Richard was brought up in Streatham, South London and served a light mechanical engineering apprenticeship with Rank Bush Murphy in Chiswick from 1966 to 1969. Newly qualified as a junior draftsman he was seconded to a top secret project in an annex along with a senior draftsman, project engineer and electronics engineer. Richard worked for two years collaborating with RCA Victor in New York. Not all of the team agreed with the potential success of pioneering the development of the first electro video recorder, or EVR. Yes from all those years ago came in the electronics engineer, whose name he couldn't remember. The design he worked on was the BETA MAX system which was taken over by SONY and launched in 1975.

He was known for always drawing and designing things and took up an industrial design place at Leicester Polytechnic in 1971. During the summer vacations he took on a holiday job at a design company close to his parents' home which won the contracts for scoreboards for the 1972 Munich Olympics. The first design job as a 24 year old was the main scoreboard in the athletics stadium. In 1973 he just missed a first class honours degree, gaining a 2/1 and in 1974 decided to emigrate to

South Africa to catch up with family and work on designing equipment for disabled children. Word got round the design community in Durban that a new designer had arrived and it wasn't long before he was invited to address the Society of Designers in South Africa. During the evening a severe thunderstorm started which made some delegates late. After he had started his presentation a bedraggled group of final year design students struggled in at the back of the lecture room. one particular student distracting his attention.

Mary his wife of 44 years now *Quotes :-*

'If I'd known then what I know now I might have thought twice about marrying him.'

Two weeks after meeting her he proposed to her and six months later in March 1975 they were married in Durban. At the time he was the senior product designer for Triang-Pedigree where he designed a range of "ride on" products.

After being taken over by the US company Mattel he moved up to JHB where two sons were born, then moved to Pretoria where the other two were born and here worked on community design projects with the Design Institute. The main one being the Eloff Street pedestrian-busway, where he was responsible for designing and developing street furniture, street lamps, refuse bins and bus shelters. The objective was to try and entice shoppers back to the dying CPD in a traffic free environment in the light of several new hypermarkets going up outside the city. At the same time he was featured in a special publication about emerging South African designers..

Some years later feeling confident he could go it alone he set up in business as a product designer and technical illustrator and landed a contract lasting over three years with a national home builder. Producing more than 50 A1 size acrylic paintings of unbuilt new homes from basic architects' plans and placing them in exciting settings.

He went on to say that at the same time he was teaching at JHB Polytechnic. Living with some of the effects of apartheid, which he and Mary could never support, and experiencing a downturn in business and then business failure due to sanctions he decided to move lock, stock and barrel to the UK. He found a job at the Design Council in the Haymarket as a Design Adviser and brought the family over in 1986 where he settled in Claybrooke, then Lutterworth for the next 28

years providing a solid community base for the family to grow up in. From the Design Council he went into his own business again designing products for the gardening sector then took up a position as Design

Counsellor and Business Advisor for Business Link Birmingham and Solihull from 1996 for the next 14 years, with particular interest in intellectual property. After redundancy in 2010 he started his own business again as a consultant qualifying in 2012 with the European Union Intellectual Property Office and practising as a European Trade Mark and Design Attorney up to the present day.

He was always very good at drawing, his creative genes coming from his mother who died only 3 years ago at 98.'

He finished his talk by saying that on his father's side he is a direct descendant of Joseph Stannard 1797–1830 who was a contemporary of the landscape painter Constable and who was part of the Norwich School of Artists and the famous Stannard family of painters featured in the Norwich museum. On his mother's side he is a direct descendant of Jabez Carey, 1793-1855, third son of William Carey who was the first Baptist missionary to India in 1790 from Paulerspury, Northamptonshire and is known as the father of modern missions. This explains how his mother found herself in India.

You are now looking at the next phase of your life gradually winding down the IP business and focusing more on community work with Rotary and with St Mary's Church. Singing with the local choral society, keeping fit and keeping in touch with the younger generation through leading indoor cycling classes at the Sports Centre and, together with your wife Mary enjoying being an important part of the lives of your five granddaughters.

Richard Stannard this is your life!

Food for Thought

I thought that the attached article taken from the July issue of Time Magazine was worth repeating here.

As Quoted

Who comes to mind when you picture a Refugee?

You probably don't imagine a European. But if you were a child of World War 11 and asked your parents what a refugee was, they would probably have described someone from Europe.

More than 40 million Europeans were displaced by the war. The Refugee Agency was created for them. We forget this. Some of the leaders uttering the harshest rhetoric against

refugees today trace their roots back to countries that went through tragic refugee experiences and were helped by the international community.

At the first sign of armed conflict or persecution, the natural human response is to try to take your children out of harm's way. Threatened by bombs, mass rape or murder squads, people gather the little they can carry and seek safety. Refugees are people created through war and yet often then help rebuild their countries. These are qualities to be admired.

Why then has the word *refugee* acquired such negative connotations in our times? Why are politicians being elected on promises to shut borders and turn back refugees?

Today the distinction between refugees and migrants has been blurred and politicized. Refugees have been forced to flee their country because of persecution, war or violence. Migrants have chosen to move, mainly to improve their lives.

Some leaders deliberately use the terms *refugee and migrant* interchangeably, using hostile rhetoric that whips up fear against all outsiders.

Everyone deserves dignity and fair treatment, but we need to be clear about the distinction. Under international law it is not an option to assist refugees, it is an obligation. It is perfectly possible to ensure strong border control and fair, humane immigration policies while meeting our responsibility to help refugees. More than half of all refugees worldwide are children and 4 out of 5 of them live in a country that borders the conflict or crisis they have fled. Fewer than 1% of refugees are ever permanently resettled, including in western nations.

An estimated 13.6 million people were displaced by violence or persecution in 2018

An estimated 111,000 of unaccompanied child refugees were reported in 2018

And only 16% of refugees were hosted by countries in the developed world.

Inner Wheel

At our changeover meeting in July we thanked June White, the retiring president, for her successful year and raising awareness for her chosen charity the Alzheimers Society. We welcomed Sue Staples, a returning president, who is supporting Cancer Research UK and look forward to our meetings and social events. We continue to enjoy working with our Rotarians and thank them for their support when fund raising.

Our club sends congratulations to Suzanne Robinson, a member of Lutterworth Wycliffe IW, who became District 7 Chairman for the year 2019/20 in July.

Wishing Well collection

£33-52 was collected from the Wishing Well on Tuesday 16th July

Future Events

Don't forget our Annual **Big Bike Ride** being held at Misterton Hall on **Sunday 18th August.**

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