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Driving the wheel of fellowship

January '20 Newsletter

Programme for the next two months.

Speaker Finder Grace & Thanks

January

Monday 6th Normal Meeting Mary Stannard Ted Wilson

Thursday 9th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 13th Business Meeting

Monday 20th Meeting with Wycliffe 7 p.m. Golf Club + Partners

Monday 27th Normal Meeting Bridget Hunt David Woolliscroft

February

Monday 3rd Normal Meeting Tony Kingston Val Cooper

Monday 10th Normal Meeting Val Cooper Sally Parkinson

Thursday 13th Council Meeting 7-30 p.m.

Monday 17th Business Meeting

Monday 24th Normal Meeting Mark Thompson Graham Johnson

If you are unable to carry out your 'duty' please find a substitute and tell
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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENT report:

What a very creative fun afternoon we had! Many thanks to everyone who attended, to St Marys Church Lutterworth for giving us the use of the coffee area and of course huge thanks to Katie Scott & Yvonne Coulson for their very hard work collecting a myriad of materials for the wreaths.

We raised a wonderful £150 for The Lutterworth Care & Share Group and £157.33 for Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Mary Stannard

Mercy Ships

In low-income countries, nine out of ten people have no access to basic surgical care.



Mercy Ships charity hospital ships sail directly to these people to offer the medical care they need - for free. While the ships are there, they train local doctors to undertake basic surgery so the work can be continued.

Last year the District Governors in Rotary GB&I agreed to support the new ship by planning to raise a \$1m Rotary Foundation Global Grant to provide 35 sets of surgical instruments, each costing £22,000 for Global Mercy which is currently being fitted out in the Philippines. The Global Mercy will be the largest and most up to date ship in their fleet and twice the size of Africa Mercy currently at sea boasting some 37,000 Tonnes shortly to be commissioned having been fitted out.

Frank's Winter Holiday

Frank had a rather exciting cruise around the Western Med. But unfortunately there were missiles being fired in Israel which caused the ship to be re-routed and it wasn't possible for him to travel to Tel Aviv as was originally planned.

However from Haifa he did travel through Israel to the Dead Sea and Masada, a very sacred place for Jews.

On the way he saw the Galilee mountains to the left and Mount Carmel to the right. Beyond the mountains was Nazareth and Agara where the annunciation of Mary took place. He passed Mt Tabor where the transfiguration is said to have taken place and Armageddon where the Jews believe the end of the world will take place, either by tsunami or earthquake. The West Bank was to the left and a unique sign was seen –

'West Bank Zone no Israelis allowed'.

Israel lives peacefully with Jordan after a Peace Treaty was signed in 1994 and Frank enjoyed the trip along the beautiful Dead Sea through the Jordan Valley. It is receding significantly and depending on who you talk to the reason is that it is due to evaporation or that water is being diverted.

On the way he stopped at an archaeological site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, allegedly, by a goatherd trying to rescue his goat from a cave!

Finally he reached the ruins of Masada high on a mountain top with its tragic story and then on to float in the Dead Sea. A very weird experience.

Frank was invited for cocktails with Captain Steve James who was very interested in the Rotary Polio Eradication scheme as were the Hotel & Food Officer and the chief Bartender. (Frank knows who to talk to).



He was awarded a silver badge to commemorate his cruise which he is proudly wearing.





Talk on having a Transplant

Our speaker Susan Taring spoke on how she coped having a Liver Transplant after leading a very active life in sport and how it then affected her life. Then a failed blood vessel and the need to have a second transplant. However being very positive in her attitude and training hard she was able to take part in the Transplant World Games coming away with a gold medal in cycling. Her next venture being the Games in Australia next year

John Roberson – Life talk

I was born in Beckenham, Kent in 1948. I have two sisters one four years older and my twin. As twins we were in the same class at school until eleven when we split and went to the separate boys and girls Grammar school. I enjoyed studies and all sports.

I spent Easters on a farm in Somerset where harvest time was often seven days a week from 7am. until 9pm.

I was looking forward to leaving school and starting work, but decided to go to University as this was what all my friends were doing. In 1967 I went to Sheffield University to study Geography and Economics.

I met Carol in 1968 and we married in 1972. We are blessed with four children, two boys and two beautiful girls. We bought our first house in Gidea Park, Essex in 1972. I had a job with May & Baker Chemicals at Dagenham and Carol was all set to teach in Chelmsford. We never moved in! I was transferred to Barton Moss near Manchester.

Why a degree in Geography got me appointed to run a packaging plant for inflammable and corrosive liquids puzzled me. However before others twigged I decided to move into distribution and joined BHS at their national distribution centre in Atherstone in 1974. We moved to Austrey near Twycross zoo and then to Dunton Bassett in 1979. All our children were able to attend just three schools, Dunton Bassett and Lutterworth High and Grammar. I decided early on, if my job was going to move regularly, we would not move house, but I would do the

travelling.

I was fortunate enough to regularly be presented with fresh challenges at work and headed up distribution for BHS and then moved to Mothercare and eventually the group company Storehouse.

In 1992 I was tempted by the chance to be part of The Walt Disney Company and joined The Disney Store in Europe. The company was only two years old and had just six stores. The company grew and opened over 120 stores in the UK and Europe. Initially I was based at Watford, but in 1997 the European Offices moved to Hammersmith. My highlight was dressing up and appearing as Goofy at Disneyland, California.

In 2001 I took up sailing and after qualifying at night school at New Parks have great fun chartering boats. Carol has joined me sailing at various locations in the UK and also the Mediterranean and the Virgins Islands.

I retired in 2005 and joined Rotary in 2006.

Christmas Dinner

As ever we had a lively Dinner with 62 members and guests having an excellent meal provided by Lutterworth Golf Club with entertainment provided by members of the Club.



Dolly and Rod

In the absence of our leading man - Mike Toone - due to illness, Richard Stannard stepped into his shoes with one days notice.

Thank you Richard and the cast of Val Cooper and Zelda Taylor joined by president Sally for giving us a good and amusing show.

Thanks must also go to our accompanist Sheila Howell for her rendition of many popular songs to which members sang.

Foodbank

At this time of peace and goodwill to all I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to our relatively new project to support the Lutterworth and Village Foodbank. The response has been excellent and I know is much appreciated by the Foodbank. Let us go on in 2020 with our support throughout the year.

Roger Rose

Morrisons Collections - Macmillan Cancer Support

We are delighted to report that a staggering **£1,127 - 75** was collected by both Inner Wheel and Rotary members over two days in Morrisons last week. Congratulations a great total and our thanks to the very generous shoppers.

Christmas Lunch—16th December

42 Members and guests had a most enjoyable lunch celebrating our last meeting before we have a break for Christmas. After the Lunch we had our own members providing the entertainment. A good time was had by all.



One of the ditties given at the lunch by Richard Stannard was 'The G-nu. I thought you might like to read this tribute to 'Flanders and Swan'.

Flanders & Swann

*A year ago, last Thursday, I was strolling in the zoo,
When I met a man who thought he knew the lot.
He was laying down the law about the habits of baboons,
And the number of quills a porcupine has got.
So I asked him, "What's that creature there?". He answered, "Oh, it's a h-elk".
I might have gone on thinking that was true.
If the animal in question hadn't put that chap to shame,
And remarked, "I h-ain't a h-elk. I'm a g-nu".*

*"I'm a g-nu,
I'm a g-nu,
The g-nicest work of g-nature in the zoo.
I'm a g-nu,
How do you do?
You really ought to k-now w-ho's w-ho."*

*"I'm a g-nu, spelt G-N-U.
I'm g-not a camel or a kangaroo.
So let me introduce,
I'm g-neither man or moose,
Oh, g-know, g-know, g-know,
I'm a g-nu!"*

Knitted Teddy Bears

Although the flow of teddies has reduced I still receive a steady stream from Barclays' pensioners and Rotarians throughout the country.

To date I have received and distributed **8615 teddies** which is incredible.

The latest have been sent to the children in Glenfield hospital and to the Wishes for Kids Charity thanks to Steve one of the chefs at the Greyhound.

Lynda Coupland, the Community Manager at Morrisons was so delighted with the teddies that she published a photo of them on Morrisons web site. They have been collected by the Samaritans. Diana Osborn has kindly taken some to World of Giving in Leicester.

Aquaboxes still distribute them to disaster areas.

A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported this worthwhile project.

Elaine

End of year 100 Club Winners

John Turner	No 88	£100
Tony Mikunda	No 32	£15
Hugh Robertson Smith	No 44	£10

Did you know

That 47 Million hours a year were spent - Worldwide - by Rotary members as Volunteers equating to 27000 paid full time workers and \$850 million during 2019

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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