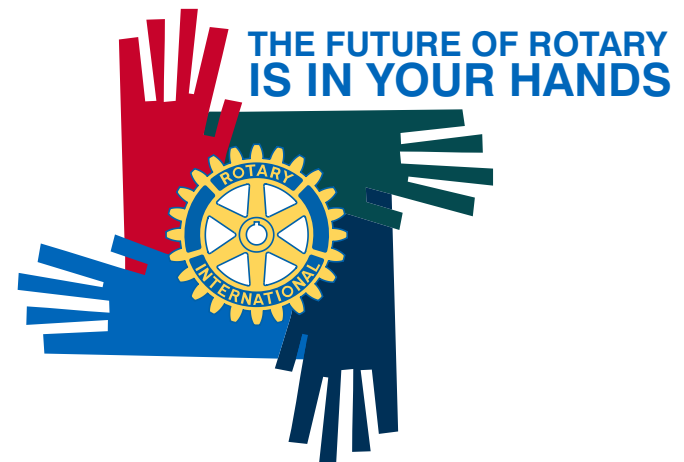




The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray



Club Assembly 2009

President's Overview

To encourage a wider participation of members in projects and social events, and to have FUN during the coming year.

Develop in the local community a 'desire' to be a Club member by taking every opportunity to demonstrate that the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray is an effective Service organisation and fun to be involved with.

As this year, individual committees will target to raise funds for specific projects, with support from the fund raising team. Other Charitable giving such as the Rotary Foundation target of \$100/member will be part of the general fund raising efforts.

Over the year plan to balance Charitable Giving against Funds Raised.

Committee plans are again interesting, varied and challenging, details follow

David Ward

Membership

The purpose of the Committee is to facilitate the recruitment of suitable new members for the Club and to aid the retention of existing members.

During the year we shall continue to lead on the implementation of the Club's strategy for membership recruitment and retention.

Our aims and objectives for the year are:

- To operate the strategy for membership recruitment
- To continue the development of a new member orientation programme
- To maintain mentor support for members
- To maintain and review records for the attendance of members
- To update the record of members' interests
- To support the Almoner for the Club
- To meet the membership requirement for the Presidential Citation

A Strategy for the Recruitment of New Members

The members of the Club recognise that the recruitment of new members to the Club should be an ongoing process, which is essential to replace losses in membership and maintain the numbers at about 50. That number is considered to be an appropriate size for the Club at the present time.

We will aim to recruit members who meet the criteria for Rotary membership and who are enthusiastic about promoting the ideals of Rotary.

We will not exclude anyone from membership on the grounds of age, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity, and would aim to achieve a membership of the Club which is a reflection of the potential membership from our community.

We will periodically review the profile of our existing membership, including the classifications of business or professional occupations.

We will be tolerant regarding less active members.

We expect existing members to play a key role in the introduction of potential new members.

We will not specifically advertise for members but would make contact information for the Club readily available in the community and publicise Rotary activities.

We will liaise with our daughter Clubs.

We will endeavour to ensure that the mentoring and induction procedures for members complement the recruitment process.

Michael Osborne

Fundraising

Committee Members:

Ron Edwards (Chairman), Geoff Goodwin, Ben Abbott, Gavin Howling & Bill Clancy.

Programme for 2009 - 2010

Burns Night	£250.00
Race Night	£750.00
GolfDay	£1000.00
CiCLE Challenge	£2000.00
Summer Event	£500.00
Father Christmas Run	£300.00
Twin Lakes Charity Box	£300.00
Jewellery	£100.00
Total Fund Target	£5200.00

Ron Edwards

Club Service

The broad AIMS and OBJECTIVES will continue as in the past:

Support to ensure that incoming President David has a successful year.

Our programme will be planned in co-operation with the Fundraising and other Service Committees and their plans for events, projects and activities, to produce, it is hoped, a broad, balanced and co-ordinated calendar for the year.

Organisation of a varied programme of social events within the Club, encouraging participation by as many members as possible.

To include :

- District Minor Sports Competition
- Christmas Party
- Club Charter Night
- Dick Turpin shooting competition v Rutland Club
- Safari Supper
- District Quiz ?
- Inter - Club Debates ?
- Any other visits / weekends as in the past.
- Maintaining a programme of interesting speakers, including charity presentations and topics of local, national and international interest, and perhaps debates on controversial matters or quizzes like 'Call my Bluff'.
- Support and encourage new members to play a full part in the Club's activities, in particular to give a 'job talk'.
- Continue with the role of Almoner, providing support for members and their families if any difficulties occur.
- Encourage more members to become involved in the wider family of Rotary, by visiting other Clubs (Scatter Weeks ?), attending other Charter Nights, District Assembly / Conference, and even National and International events.
- Liaise and participate in events of other allied Clubs, such as Interact, Rotaract, Ladies in Rotary, Belvoir Club, and other service organisations, Lions, Round Table.

The FOCUS for the year will to produce a programme designed to attract as much participation as possible by all members, thus to foster good working relationships and fellowship, and therefore stimulate and encourage our Rotary Service for the benefit of our local community and international projects.

John Horn

ENJOY THE YEAR!!!

Youth Opportunities

We plan to continue the full range of Rotary Youth Opportunities in the coming year jointly with the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir. We now have a working relationship with the staff responsible at the three senior schools in Melton, namely King Edward VII Upper School, Long Field High School and John Ferneley High School.

Interact

The Interact Club continues to flourish. We will continue to give our support, help and advice when and where needed. We will also continue to attend their weekly meeting. We will assist them to again achieve a Presidential Citation.

There is a group of students at Long Field who could form the nucleus of a second Interact Club and this proposal will be presented to the Club at the first business meeting. For a second Club to be as successful as the first Interact Club we need at least two members of our Club to be willing to commit to attending at least one meeting each month.

Rotaract

The present Rotaract Club has not achieved anything this year and we are planning to re-launch the Club during the summer break with the help of past members of Interact returning from university.

Youth Speaks

We plan to repeat the success of last year and hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton during the month of October. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition in November to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in January.

Young Chef

We plan to repeat the success of last year and hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton during the month of November. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition in December to select the winner who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in February.

Young Musician

The plan is to continue to support and encourage this competition which has run successfully for many years. The first heat will be in the Baptist Church in January, followed by the local finals in March and the District finals in April.

Young Photographer

The aim is to hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton to be completed by the end of 2008. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition early in 2009 to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in March.

Young Writer

We plan to repeat the success of last year and hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton before the end of 2008. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition early in 2009 to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in April.

Young Designer

We plan to repeat the success of last year hold competitions at each of the three senior schools in Melton early in 2009. This will be followed by a Melton Final Competition to select the winners who will then go forward to the District Semi Final in June.

RYLA

After missing this year, we plan to search for a suitable candidate to sponsor for participating in the RYLA event in 2010

Youth Exchange

We plan to search for suitable candidates to take part on a 6 week short term youth exchange, plus a further candidate to go on a full one year exchange visit. Our twin Club at Warsaw-Wilanow has candidates that they are offering to share this experience with.

Budget and Fund Raising

The budget for the Youth Opportunities in the year 2008-2009 has yet to be agreed and finalised. In addition we have agreed to include the Life Education Programme within the scope of the Youth Committee's activities.

Conclusion

This is a full agenda for the year 2009-2010. Most of the activities have been done before: we plan that with better organisation and more support from members of both Clubs, the results this year will be better and succeed in raising local awareness more of what Rotary is doing.

Of the four avenues of service in Rotary, the importance of the promotion of youth activities cannot be overstated. Youth is our future and the future of Rotary. Youth also is needed by us now as we have seen by the vibrancy of our local Interact and Rotaract Clubs.

I therefore ask for the Club to accept these proposals, and for every member of the Club to give them their enthusiastic and practical support.

David Morris

International

Ongoing Projects

Philippines

Sending small items of medical equipment to Leyte. (Cost £300)
Sending a container of school equipment to Cebu. (Cost £1200)

Spectacles Collection

Polio Challenge - To make the third annual contribution. (Cost £700)

Disaster Response Shelter Boxes

To raise awareness and raise funds for a box. (Cost £550)

New Projects

Nepal Aid - To install a system for solar powered electricity supply using assistance from local youth organisations. (Cost £6000)

Philippines Project (if Nepal Project not possible) (Cost £6000)

Hosting the Group Study Exchange team from Philippines (Cost £200)

Health Education / Livelihood Project in Africa.

Gap year bursary. (Cost £500)

National Immunisation Day, India or Nigeria

Fund Raising

A Quiz night 12th November. (Target £500) For Polio Challenge

International lunch Sunday 16th August. (Target £100) For container

Coffee morning on Saturday 5th December. (Target £100) For Shelter Box

Quizzes. (Target £400) For container

Collecting tins (Target £150) For Polio Challenge

Spice Club evening. (Target £500) For Polio Challenge and container

Corporate sponsorship (TBA) For health education / livelihood project

Matching grant (Target £3000) For Nepal or Philippines project

District simplified grants (Target £650) For Philippines ongoing projects

Richard Fisher

Foundation

Under the umbrella of the Club's International Committee. In that context the Committee's programme includes several projects relevant to Foundation.

A quick reference guide to the sub headings of Foundation grants was circulated at Club Assembly. The precursor to that is Rotary Giving, our Club's normal contribution of \$100 per member is again a target subject to available funds and members approval.

PolioPlus is the initial sub heading. The \$100 million Polio Challenge involves clubs contributing around \$1,000 (about £640 at present rate of exchange) as mentioned in the International Chair's report, together with a reminder of NID in India in November and Nigeria in 2010 for which volunteers are still invited.

Humanitarian Grants. This includes the Health Education project and the livelihood project in Africa, plus a possible project for solar power in Nepal. These will be eligible for matching grants through Foundation. District simplified grants will be negotiated for a further shipment to the Philippines of hospital and other equipment.

District simplified grants for projects by ComVoc or the Club will be kept under review. The criteria for qualification is that Rotary must be involved. Also that there is no alternative normal source of funding. Helping with a community building may qualify – perhaps even reopening a public loo using the Chicago Club's 1908 example! More tenable though, assistance with very young or elderly groups. No specific budget, but to be reviewed with the other club(s).

Educational programmes. The main emphasis is on GSE, with the group from the Philippines as guests of the Club at the end of September before District Conference. Six volunteer hosts have come forward and a programme of visits and entertainment for the guests is being arranged. It is hoped that one or more of the GSE team shortly returned from the US will talk to Club. Suitable volunteers for the District GSE team next year are still needed. Anyone know of suitable young professionals?

Ambassadorial scholarships are available, and again anyone aware of a suitable candidate please let me know. These usually extend over the course of a year but can be tailored to individual requirements.

Fund raising besides our member contribution, has in the past been by special events and individual donations. Today, each of the projects in committee programmes are currently mainly to be funded by events by those committees and supported by Club. However, opportunity will be taken to add to our Club's donation to Foundation if presented. Not to be lost to sight is that we should get back at least the equivalent of what we receive through matching grants. This notwithstanding the effects of the economic downturn which will extend the grants programme timescale.

Mike Powderley

Community & Vocational

The objectives of the Community and Vocational Committee will continue the good work that has been built up over many years

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

This is a joint venture with the Lions and the Belvoir Club. It entails spending a day in a local supermarket and relies on the generous donations of shoppers to enable us to provide Christmas parcels for local elderly residents. This is a club activity, which relies on Rotarians giving up a few hours of their time in December.

STROKE AWARENESS

This project involves arranging for a team of nurses/doctors to give up a Saturday. Rotarians encourage shoppers to have their blood pressure tested by the medical team. In the event of high blood pressure being identified, the medical team will recommend a course of action for the patient. This is a joint venture with the Belvoir Rotary Club and again relies on members of the club giving a few hours of their time for this worthwhile venture, which has saved many lives.

FLOWERING BULBS FOR THE BLIND

This project has been successfully run for the last two years. We will continue to support this venture and hope that the President will be available to make the presentation to Vista just before Christmas.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

This project promotes users of mobile phones to have an In Case of Emergency (ICE) number in their phonebook. If an emergency happens it means that their nearest and dearest can be contacted quickly and informed of the users situation. This needs to be promoted by giving out leaflets and talking to the public. This is a project, which relies on Rotarians giving up a few hours of their time.

KIDS DAY OUT

The District arrange for Wicksteed Park in Kettering to be used solely for Rotary Clubs to take special children out for the day. From Melton we take deserving children from underprivileged backgrounds and disabled children with their carers. A packed lunch is provided for each person. Again we will need Rotarians to give up a day of their time to supervise 3 or 4 children each. For this day to take place, fund raising is necessary to meet the costs of hiring coaches and providing the lunch.

In view of the current climate we may have to seek fund- raising help from the schools.

Funds have to be raised to cover the cost of this project.

CHRISTMAS CARD

With the agreement of fellow Rotarians we will once again ask for a donation from each person instead of sending Christmas Cards to each other. We will arrange for the children of a local school to create the Big Rotary Christmas Card for everyone to sign.

The funds raised will go towards the cost of Kids Day Out

JOINT MARS AND ROTARY PROJECT

Discussions have been taking place about a joint venture for the benefit of the Community. Mars has put £1,000 on one side and we will need to put funds in as well. Hopefully, we will be able to apply for a matching grant. Two options are being considered. The first is working with the Pets as Therapy Group to encourage specially trained dog owners to visit old peoples homes. They say that stroking an animal for a few minutes can substantially reduce blood pressure. Consideration is also being given to the education of youngsters about the responsibility of looking after animals and pet-sharing with elderly people. Also how we can provide a means to support people who are temporarily unable to look after their pets.

The second is encouraging people to have a healthier lifestyle and getting involved with Sports. One of the ways under consideration using WII games to get youngsters involved with boxing, tennis, and football on the WII. This will be backed up by volunteers from local sports club, who will encourage the youngsters to become involved with the sports that they show an interest in. Using the WII means that we can take the sports directly into the communities that need alternative pursuits.

GETTING THE ELDERLY ACTIVE

We are seeking sponsorship for a WII for use by the Rotary Club in meeting places and Homes for the Elderly. There is a WII already in use at Age Concern, where, partially disabled senior citizens are able to play bowling.

Our Committee would like to encourage the more active senior citizens to become involved for both health and social purposes. This will have the added benefit of enabling them to use modern technology and perhaps improve communications with their grand children.

LITERACY PROJECT

As the District organiser for this project I believe that we should consider what can be done to improve literacy. Currently the focus is on teaching prisoners to read. The Shannon Trust Charity produces the Toe to Toe reading plan that helps learners to develop the skills needed to decode words using phonics. As a committee we need to discuss how we can take this project forward.

COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING

The committee is looking into the possibility of raising funds from an idea from Angela Kirk. If this system is possible, it will provide an ongoing income. Until we have our next meeting we will not be able to put together plans for this and details will be presented to the Club at a later date. However it is my intention to start the fund raising process quickly as the estimated amount required for the coming year is £2,500.

In these days of a Credit Crunch, the Committee look forward to your support by giving more of your time and when we need it, hopefully, you will also support our fund raising.

Pam Wiggins