



The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray

Club Assembly 2012

President's Overview

I would like to thank all Club members for the opportunity to be your 3rd Lady President in this 85th Year of the life of the club and to those Committee Chairs who without their support and your selves could not be achieved This is a great advert for our Club supporting our Rotary principles equality and diversity as clubs work hard to keep pace with change and developments in the fast moving age and reflects on the profile of our Club known for its warm welcome and fellowship with a rich and varied programmes year on year with the professionalism and outstanding support of you all for which we are recognized within our District by other clubs and also in the community of Melton itself.

Strong projects and team work coupled with our record of achievements year on year with granted projects from home and abroad and our impact on the communities and charities we support. All this cannot be achieved without not just Club members but also support from our partners, family friends and fellow clubs Belvoir and Aurora which is invaluable to make all the projects we undertake possible and to which end we will be building on fellowship events to balance fun and toil.

Growth in membership development of member budgeting and building in strategy of 3 year planning are an essential part of the development of the programmes and committee reports for Club Assembly this year and my thanks to those incoming chairs for their support vision and work they have put into their reports.

The Club will support our new District Governor Chris Chew and continue Foundation, Polio and with the ethic of Sakuji Tanaka our Rotary International Presidents focus for us all for his year of Peace Through Service.

Julia Hinde

Foundation

We will aim to support Foundation with the sum of \$100 per member providing funds allow.

Club Service

The committee will undertake the organisation of the Club's meetings and other activities in order to give a varied, balanced and interesting programme for members.

The programme will include established social and other events to include:

- Christmas Party
- Burns Night
- Our Charter Celebration
- Safari Supper or Lunch
- District Quiz
- Inter-Club Minor Sports
- Dick Turpin Challenge
- Visits

We will look at the possibility of including other social events which could include:

- Halloween Evening
- Valentines Day
- Weekend Away

The speaker programme, ably managed by Steve Jeal, will continue and we intend to invite two speakers each month on a wide variety of interesting subjects.

We will co-operate with the Membership Committee on issues relating to members' welfare, communication and involvement with the Club, in particular for new members and members on leave of absence.

There will be activities of the other committees that may benefit from the support of this committee in the form of post-event social activity.

We will endeavour to keep members informed of events within our Rotary District and further afield and encourage them to get involved with other Clubs and events. This will include our support for Interact.

Our aim is to make members fully informed of the Club's activities, to encourage fellowship between members, and to foster the idea that Rotary should be an organisation where members have fun in doing worthwhile activity.

Diana Osborne

Membership

Introduction

We commenced the current Rotary year with 51 members and finish with 46: a net loss of 5 members.

Whilst this is a disappointing, the overall picture of membership in our Club is healthy: in 2003 we had 42 members and even with the current net loss, this represents a membership growth of almost 10%. During the same period membership of RIBI fell by 10%.

It is proposed that the club membership strategy is for a three year period, rather than just the immediate incoming year and has been prepared in consultation with the elected presidents for each of these years. This looks beyond any isolated fluctuation and is in line with RI and RIBI plans. It also encourages continuity with how the Club is managed throughout these consecutive years.

Proposal for Membership Growth

The proposal is to make a net membership gain over the next three years of one member per year. This will increase membership of the Club within this period by 6%. RIBI have pledged to increase membership throughout the UK and Ireland by 5% within the same period.

To achieve this, on the basis that over the past 13 years we have lost 64 members (an average of 5 members per year) we will need to recruit a minimum of 6 members per year.

The Management of Membership Growth

- a) Leave of Absence: the agreed Club and RIBI policy is not currently being followed resulting in an usually high and unacceptable number of members on Leave of Absence. The membership committee proposes to consider the issues relevant to each affected person, and advise the Club accordingly.
- b) Quarterly Attendance Report. This will gauge the health of the Club.
- c) Exit interview with all persons who leave the Club (except for death!).
- d) Recruitment initiatives: seminar, open evenings, target list, etc.
- e) The use of social media to strengthen the Club
- f) Mentoring. Training is required in order to do this effectively.
- g) Investigate the scope for further Club extension – particularly corporate.

Conclusion

The membership goal is to have a Club with 50 members who are fully integrated within the Club through effective mentoring, all participating in Club activities and who regularly attend the weekly meetings.

David Morris

Community & Vocational

The work of the community and vocational committee will continue on the firm foundation that has been laid over many years

Birchwood to Twinlakes

This year as an alternative to Kids Day Out we will be taking 100 from Birchwood to Twinlakes for the day in September. As well as providing transport we will be negotiating entrance and meal vouchers for all. We are doing this due to the short time that Birchwood had at Wicksteed due to the timings of their transport. Although the students will have their own support team, it will entail a small team of Rotarians to ensure the smooth running of the day. Budget £1000

Christmas Parcels

A joint venture with Melton Belvoir Rotary, Melton Lions and the Barnes Trust, it entails spending a day at a local supermarket and relies on the generous donations of shoppers to enable us to provide Christmas parcels to local elderly residents. This is a club activity which relies on Rotarians giving up a few hours of their time in December; we also donate monies to buy necessary items to make up the parcels. Concern has been expressed as to the selection of the recipients, but following discussion with the Lions it is hoped that the list will be adjusted. Budget £500

Stroke Awareness

This is another joint venture with Melton Belvoir Rotary, and entails a team of nurses giving up their time on a Saturday to man a temporary Blood Pressure Testing Centre in the Bell Centre. Any cases of abnormal blood pressure are given a recommended course of action, which hopefully will be life saving. This entails Rotarians giving up time on a Saturday to encourage members of the public to undergo the test.

Flowering bulbs for the Blind

This project has successfully run over the last four years. We will continue to support this venture and hope the President will be able to make the presentations to Vista just before Christmas. Building on the contacts that we have made with the users of Gloucester House, we hope in the future to extend the support that we give to elderly aid organisations. Budget £100

Kid's Day Out

The District arrange for Wicksteed Park at Kettering to be used solely for Rotary Clubs, in the past we have taken disadvantaged children as well as Birchwood Special School, over the last two years we have struggled to involved the selected school, we will begin negotiations in the autumn term of 2012. We provide transport, T shirts, baseball caps, and back packs. We also supply a packed lunch, Poncho's are supplied by Twinlakes, for which we thank Phil Bendall. A dedicated team of Rotarians and partners are needed to go to Wicksteed for the day in June. Budget £1000

Christmas Tree Festival

We will be taking part of this community festival for the third time. As it is the tenth festival we will take the opportunity to celebrate the 84 years since the founding of the Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray, highlighting members past and present, and using the festival as an outreach tool and possible source of new members. Photos of all current Rotarians will be needed, and any old photos of Rotarians past which we can reproduce will be helpful, those of past presidents especially.

Dictionaries For life

Rather than buying the Rotary sponsored dictionary we will be purchasing 'The Oxford School English Dictionary' in paperback form. These will be given to year 6 leavers, it is hoped that the President will be available to present them in the summer term. We will be purchasing through Amazon. Budget £400

Leicestershire Life Education

This is an initiative that we have supported for the past few years, and is a joint venture with the Melton Belvoir Rotary, and The Sir Richard Raynes Trust. Following discussion, it is felt that we could go for a district grant to extend this work. At present most town primary schools take part and some in the wider borough; it would be good to extend the number of schools partaking especially as there are now two caravans available for use and more facilitators. Budget £2000

Homestart Christmas Party

This is a new venture for 2012/13 when we hope to support the President and Homestart. We would hope to cover the costs of the Christmas party. We would expect the support of the whole club to enable this additional work to succeed. Budget £800

Committee Fundraising

To pay for our projects we intend to hold another Duck Race, the selling of ducks will be held during the two week school holidays at Easter 2013 with the actual race on the Sunday after Easter. We can only sell the necessary amount of ducks with the help of all club members, so this is a whole club fundraiser.

Anticipated income £2500

Other Fundraising Activities

Rotary Christmas Card £400

Guess the Weight of the Simnel Cake £100

Sundry Grant Requests £500

District Grant £1000

Club Funds (to cover Life Education) £1000

Spring Clean/Cash in the attic. Building on the existing facility for selling on eBay we hope to encourage members to clean out unwanted items and to sell them for Rotary Club funds £150

All the above fundraising ideas only if approved by club members

Expenditure £5700, Income £5650

Balance and cash flow to come from ComVoc funds

Ian Neale

Youth Opportunities

Aims and Objectives

- To continue to work effectively with Belvoir Club members.
- To support development of youth activities in Aurora Club.
- To enhance links with local schools.
- To encourage recruitment of new, active members.
- To seek new areas of activity.

Present activity:

The committee are busy. Each of the active members are enthusiastically committed to at least 2 competitions or youth projects.

These comprise:

- Youth Speaks,
- Young Chef,
- Young Musician,
- Young Writer,
- Young Photographer,
- Young Designer.

In addition committee members are involved with RYLA and Youth Exchange.

Costs. (50% of total cost – remainder taken by Belvoir)

YS £50

YC £250

Rotary Stars £50

YW. YP. YD £100

Youth Exchange £75 per candidate.

RYLA.

Income Sources

Duck Race £303 Sweepstakes £150 Young musician £203.

Challenges

The committee has lost 4 members this year. We are presently underrepresented compared to Belvoir. We are however keen to maintain our present activity levels. We are looking for new areas for development and would like to increase fundraising activities if manpower pressures will allow this.

Plans for 2012-2013

The committee will hope to match activity for 2011-2012 in all areas. We hope to extend Rotary Stars into more local primary schools following a successful launch in 2012.

We will continue to support Melton Interact.

We will seek sponsorship for the Young Chef and Young Musician competitions.

We are aware that much of our activity is based around the school population. We would like to see rotary become more involved with underprivileged youths in Melton. We will explore ways of engaging the unemployed school leavers.

Richard Abbott

International

The Committee comprises:
Bill Hill (Chairman), Joe Carrington, John Dehnel, John Redwood, Janet Shortland,
Alison Blythe, P.E. Diana Osborne.

The Committee proposes to continue to support existing projects and will introduce a number of new initiatives this year. Where funds are required, budget amounts are shown with proposals to raise funds by various means. It is hoped the Committee will be able to seek additional funding from the Fundraising Committee also.

PHILIPPINES MAJOR PROJECT

It is proposed to investigate and pursue the possibility of a major project in the Philippines which will be supported by a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. This effort will take place over a number of years and whilst still in it's infancy, John Dehnel has outlined five possible projects identified during his recent visit to the islands.

The financial aspects are unknown at this stage.

RUTLAND OSPREY PROJECT

This is a new project aimed at assisting the team managing the Osprey re location project at Rutland water. They have initiated a project to work with schools located on the migration route of these birds aimed at educating children about these and other migratory species, the journeys they undertake each year to and from Africa and Europe and the need to protect them from hunting and other threats. The Rutland team have already identified a school in the Gambia and have established a link with a school in Rutland such that the two are now corresponding with each other.

The hope is to find more schools along the migration route and to link them with schools in our area. The proposal is to use our contacts within Rotary internationally, to find clubs willing to identify such schools and to act as mentors. We have already been asked to try and find such establishments in Senegal and Morocco. It is hoped to provide them with basic computer equipment to access the internet and use email with the ultimate objective of using Skype voice and camera for direct communication. This project will impinge on several avenues of Rotary Service. International obviously but also Young Generations and Vocational and will take a number of years to implement and become effective.

A budget of £1000 is proposed for this year and a matching grant will be sought to increase this support to £2000.

ASUBUN & UGANDA

Following the presentation to Club by students of Long Field School, the Committee wish to support them in whatever way possible. Financial means is obviously the most effective at this stage but there may be other ways we may be able to help and encourage these young people.

A sum of £100 is proposed and a matching grant will be applied for to increase this to £200

POLIO CHALLENGE

The formal Polio Challenge initiated by Bill Gates and the Gates Foundation has been achieved by Rotary International and our Club met the target suggested within District 1070.

However, whilst India is now declared polio free the battle is not over with three counties still suffering from endemic infection.

The Committee proposes a sum of £500 as our contribution this year and may seek support from Fundraising Committee.

PHILIPPINES MINOR PROJECT

In view of the lengthy timescale to progress the major project, the Committee felt it may be practicable to undertake a more simple and less costly undertaking. If the major project referred to above proves impracticable then the Committee would wish to continue the work the Club has already undertaken in the Philippines. If the timescale and fundraising allows, we may be able to undertake both projects.

A budget of £1000 is proposed.

FINANCIAL

The financial requirements of these proposals amount to £2,600. The Committee will endeavour to raise as much of this as possible but as indicated above, will seek the support of Fundraising Committee either with a financial contribution or assistance with planning and implementing an event.

The following fund raising events are either already in place or are planned.

August.	Lamb roast and festivities
September	Quiz night
October	Spice Club
January/ Feb	Race Night with a difference
April/May	A Spring event still to be dreamt up/ conceived/ thought about
May/June	Classic car rally/ parade or similar

The International Projects Committee believes this programme to be worthwhile and achievable and recommend to the Club.

Bill Hill

Chairman International Projects Committee

Fundraising

It is intended that, as in previous years, the Service Committees will, as far as possible, fundraise for their own activities. The Fundraising Committee will help with these activities wherever possible, and will attempt to raise sufficient funds to supplement the Service Committees and cover any shortfalls in funding, and will raise funds for Club activities and donations outside those committees. We would find it helpful if Service Committees could let us have their budget for 2012-2013 with any predictions for funding not covered by their own activities.

The past year has been a difficult one, with some major activities having to be cancelled due to lack of support, and we anticipate that the next Rotary year will present similar challenges. We will be continuing with some activities, perhaps modifying the way in which we present and set about them. Our proposed programme is set out below with our target for the year.

Twin Lakes Wishing Well Phil Bendall

£1,000.00

Phil Bendall feels that the wishing well could be improved by changing the visual effect to attract more punters and we hope to make these improvements during the year. Some funding may be needed from the target (say £200) to cover the cost of improvements, but we will try to get sponsorship.

Ebay - Selling Goods Gavin Howling

£100.00

How it works – Provide photograph of item you wish to sell including reserve price and forward to Gavin via email. Total value received from sale will be forwarded to the seller. The seller then decides how much they wish to donate to Melton Mowbray Rotary Club (Not less than 50% of sale value) which will then allow the club to claim back Gift Aid. This year we will have a period when we urge members to turn out their lofts, garages etc, and see if we can do better than last year

Buying from Amazon Ron Edwards

£200.00

How it works – Buying from Amazon? Donate to Charity without any cost to you, go to Rotary website

<http://www.meltonrotary.org.uk/> and click on amazon link and continue to buy as usual. Amazon will send money to our Charity account automatically.

Santa Fun Run & Walk 2012

Ron Edwards

£2500.00 (nett)

Venue – Melton Park

Date – 9th December 2012

Last year we had a 30% increase in entries, and we hope for a similar increase. Ron has already called a meeting of the Fun Run Committee for 27 June, to get things moving, and we hope we can count on the same amount of enthusiastic help from the Club as we have had in the past two years. It is possible that we will raise more than the predicted conservative nett target, but we have to allow for the purchase of Santa outfits and other expenses for the following year.

Burns Night

Ben Abbott

£350.00

Date – As close to 25.01.2013 (Burns' birthday) as is convenient. We are hoping to make it a bigger event this year, with a wider appeal, but much depends on the venue we are able to get. It will be a social club even, but we also hope to raise some funds, through raffles etc.

Golf Day

Ben Abbott

£1,500.00

In 2012 this event had to be cancelled due to lack of support, and we considered dropping it this year. However, Ben has now had several expressions of interest and support for next year, and we hope therefore to run it successfully, with a new format. Sponsors have remained loyal and a number of them have promised sponsorship for next year.

Cycle Fun Ride and Fun day to be held at Melton Park

Date TBC – probably a Bank Holiday weekend if possible

Possible Activities – Cycle challenge start & finish at the park. Game stalls. Food stalls. Drink Stalls. Treasure Hunt. Carriage driving display. Classic car display. Air balloon. Stocks. Face painting. Painting competition. Bouncy castle. Walk around Melton park. Dog show. BBQ. Musical Marquee.

This is a new event, proposed by Colin Clews after discussions with people at Mars and Melton Borough Council, who have indicated their support for such a venture. This is still in the early stages of planning, but we would hope to raise £1,000. We also believe it would be valuable in raising the profile of Rotary within the town, and may lead to bigger financial rewards in the future

180k / 116miles £20

Sports Dinner & Speaker

Venue – Waltham Hall

Date – TBC

Charity – TBC

Speakers - TBC

This is an extension of the old fashioned Sportsman's Dinner to include our lady members and guests. Geoff into look into above events and report back early in the new Rotary year. In the past such dinners have raised large amounts of money, but we have a conservative estimate this year of £1,000 nett.

Cicle Challenge Colin Clews

£650 - £1,000

Date – 1st July 2012

100k / 60miles £15

180k / 116miles £20

There has been a drop in support for this event, but entries have picked up recently, and Colin is now hopeful of getting over 50 entries, which will raise some funding for the club, but not the £2,000 of previous years. We have provided a conservative estimate of £650 - £1,000 nett.

Mike Rowe.