



ROTARY:
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Rotary
Club of Melton Mowbray



Club Assembly 19th June 2017

Presidents' Overview 2017-18 - Adrienne Holland & Janet Shortland

As the year 17/18 will be a joint Presidency, this will inevitably be a change from previous years. We intend to make that change a positive one and will work to ensure that our club is advantaged by the “two heads are better than one” principle.

We are both by nature team players and we hope that this will be evident not only with our own club, but also with the other clubs within the town, elsewhere in the district, nationally and internationally. We believe that we achieve more by working harmoniously alongside one another, both as individuals and as groups, and not in competition. We therefore aim to build on the good work done by Ian and previous Presidents to further develop our interactions and effectiveness.

Our two charities will be Cancer Research, as this has an impact on everyone's lives, and Home-Start, which is a national, volunteer-led charity with a local base providing support to children and families at a time of need.

Fund raising activities will include: -

The Vintage and Classic Vehicle Show which will be in aid of Cancer Research and Home-Start, a Sunday lunch, suppers, at least one quiz evening and a sponsored walk.

We will also once again be providing Tea for the Old People's Contact Group on a Sunday afternoon in October.

Adrienne will raise funds for our two charities by challenging herself to walk 100,000 steps each week for the whole of July. This will be a sponsored event and, as it will be extremely difficult, she is hoping for generous sponsorship from all members. We hope that other members will also do activities that raise funds for one of our many charities – and that any such events will be supported by all..

Both of us would very much like to build on the fellowship of the club. It is essential that we enjoy attending our lunchtime meetings and the social events. We would like to see as many members and their friends and families joining us whenever possible.

We hope that we, with the support of fellow members, will be able to arrange theatre, concert and/or opera trips, a meal at Brooksby Melton College, suppers and lunches. We would like to make our meetings as informal and fun as possible, within the confines of rules that govern our handling and monitoring of charity funds.

Club Service - Alison Blythe

As in previous years the committee will encompass the Fund Raising and the Communications Teams.

The Committee plans to establish interesting and varied programmes for both our regular Monday lunchtime meetings and for a range of social and fund raising events.

The lunchtime programme will include external speakers as well as contributions from members and fellow Rotarians from other clubs.

The emphasis will continue to be on enjoyment and entertainment, but retain the theme of Service before Self.

The organisation for the principle meetings of the Rotary Year, namely: -

Charter Dinner, Presidential Handover, Club Assembly, AGM and SGM will be within the remit of the Committee as will established social events such as Christmas Party, Burns night, Safari supper, etc...

Other social non fundraising events aimed at building fellowship between members, partners, friends and family will be arranged throughout the year.

Fund Raising

Small teams of Rotarians will organise a limited number of major events with the support and involvement of most Club Members

The Santa Fun Run is well established and will continue as a major 2017 event.

The Classic Car and Vintage Vehicle meet, is programmed for September however a different location and format is being considered, hopefully leading to the event becoming a major fund raiser, and established in the club calendar.

The fund raising team will work closely with other committees to understand the financial requirements and to build a sensible programme of events.

During the coming Rotary year it is planned to encourage the Satellite Group Members to further develop their relationship with the 'Mother Club' in Fundraising and other social events.

Communications

The team will continue to develop this crucially important aspect of promoting the work of the club and Rotary in general at every opportunity possible both locally in the town and the wider area. The links with external agencies will be further developed with the use of Twitter and Facebook being used to the best advantage.

The club service committee will develop the work already underway to ensure our archive material is properly managed.

Members will be encouraged to take part in the programme of quizzes and sporting events and other social events arranged by District 1070.

The committee will respond to whatever request Presidents Adrienne and Janet make for assistance in ensuring the club's affairs are conducted in a proper manner and to offer every member the opportunity to enjoy their Rotary involvement.

Membership Development and Retention - Michael Osborne

The role of the membership committee is to lead on issues relating to the recruitment and retention of members for the Club.

In the Report to the AGM the current membership of the host Club was reported as 42. In addition 13 have been inducted into the Satellite Group during the current year to give an overall membership of 55.

We intend to recruit new members to increase these numbers.

Decisions need to be made regarding the future direction of the Satellite Group.

The alternatives for consideration are the establishment of a fourth Rotary Club in Melton Mowbray, the permanent existence of a Satellite Group or Groups to operate in conjunction with the host Club, and the maintenance of a Group with a different structure with the intention that the existing host Club will cease to operate under its current arrangements at a fairly early future date.

These three alternatives are valid ways in which Satellite Groups can complement or replace "traditional" Rotary, but they would each have significant but different implications on the way in which Rotary in Melton Mowbray operates. It would be unwise to let matters develop without considering carefully the various likely consequences.

The principal of the transfer of members from the host Club to the Satellite Group has been accepted by Club Council, with the first transfer due to take place on 1 July.

We need to cooperate with the other Clubs in Melton Mowbray, both in promoting Rotary as a reputable and caring organisation, and in the recruiting of members to allow the good work that is undertaken to continue.

Youth Services - Eric Hall

The committee operates primarily in conjunction Melton Mowbray Belvoir and, to a lesser extent, Melton Aurora as a combined Youth Committee. As such, the following plans will be subject to review and possible development with our colleagues as part of establishing a joint programme.

Competitions

Our target is to better the very successful results achieved in the 2016 – 2017 year. This will be a challenge but we intend to build on the good liaison developed with schools and the enthusiasm within the committee.

Currently we propose to support: Young Musician, Young Chef, Youth Speaks, Young Writer, Young Designer, Young Photographer, Young Artist, Young Citizen and Rotary Stars.

Rotary Stars

The objective of the scheme is to recognise and acknowledge Primary School children for acts of good citizenship.

We are hopeful of further developing last year's commitment to obtain wider participation from schools within our area. The scheme relies on the full co-operation of head teachers and past testimonies from participating schools demonstrate the benefits and satisfaction that can reward their involvement.

Rotary International Youth Exchange (RYE)

Rotary Clubs and Districts in many countries organise Camps and Tours which last from one to four weeks, usually during Summer. We last supported a candidate in 2015 – 2016 but remain hopeful of providing another suitable candidate with this excellent experience. .

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

The stated aim is to help less privileged young people to benefit from this initiative. We have received valuable support from local charities in recent years and hope to receive further assistance when a suitable candidate is identified.

Warning Zone

Warning Zone has been well supported by the Club in recent years and is seen as a very valuable educational resource but cost and a limited budget is an issue. The policy will be kept under review in the coming Rotary Year.

Interact - (provided by Diana Osborne)

The membership of the club at Melton Vale Post 16 Centre has increased to about 8 regular members during 2016/17 and we hope to build on this. The interactors plan to undertake modest fundraising activities to support their chosen charities. Melton Aurora intend to sponsor a new Interact Club at John Ferneley College. The intention is to aim for cooperation between the clubs.

Estimated Costs :

Youth Speaks - £150, Young Chef - £220, Rotary Stars - £50

Young Writer / Young Photographer / Young Designer - £100 overall,

Youth Exchange - £40, RYLA - £350, Warning Zone - £500, Holocaust Centre - £50,

Interact - £50

Total Costs £1510 (guide)

Funding :

Funding remains a problem although committee members support general fund raising activities such as the Duck Race and the Santa Fun Run. We also intend to continue to invite club members to participate in sweepstakes on as many sporting activities as possible. Approaches will also be made to local businesses and charity organisations to help with major items of expenditure such as RYLA or the Warning Zone.

However, at this stage we anticipate a short fall of £1200 which, if unfunded, will require us to curtail participation in events.

International - Diana Osborne

There are several ongoing projects which the committee wishes to support in the forthcoming year.

We intend to raise funds as part of the Club's contribution towards Rotary's aim to eradicate polio in the world. Our committee's target for this is £400.

The second phase for the delivery of computer technology training for teachers in Tacloban, Philippine Islands is being arranged for July and August 2017. This will include the shipment of several boxes of books. The funding for this project is already in hand from fundraising and a District Grant.

The committee will investigate the feasibility of a suggested project of installing drinking water fountains into schools in Tacloban. The proposed concert by Uppingham School should provide funds towards this or other humanitarian projects in the Philippine Islands.

The committee would like to support one or more of the projects to supply Shelter Box and Classroom Box. It may be possible to involve schools through Interact. Fundraising of £500 is likely to be required.

The committee will continue to collect spectacles for reuse in the third world.

Foundation - Alison Blythe

The outline Global Grant proposed last year has not been followed through in respect to work in supporting the schools in Tacloban, Philippines. However the District Grant from 2015/16 was successfully used and completed funding 2 teachers to visit Tacloban and carry out a successful programme of IT teacher Training. A further District Grant has been successfully applied for and will fund the teachers' second trip in July/August 2017 for the next stage of upgrading. This is being cascaded throughout Tacloban by the Education Department with consequently several hundred teachers benefitting – and the resultant ongoing benefit being passed to more than 10000 pupils.

The Club has so far sent half the recommended monies to Foundation towards the 2016/17 contribution. It is hoped a further contribution will be made before the year end. It is understood that only a few club members took up the suggestion of making payments to Foundation by monthly standing order to spread the cost.

Fund raising for End Polio Now has continued and it is intended that more emphasis will be placed on this during the next Rotary year.

In 2017/18, subject to funds being available, we will endeavor that the full recommended monies will be sent to Foundation.

Community & Vocational - Helen Bett

This year, as well as continuing the good work done by this committee in the past, I want to continue to try to bring Rotary more into our own community and of course, to encourage the local community to support our Rotary club and our projects.

To fulfil Rotary aims within the local community we need to ensure that we have the balance right in terms of funding, time, effort and commitment. Community and our Youth work perhaps need to be seen as our core and all members will need to be supportive and as involved as possible to make our work effective.

Christmas Parcels

As always this is a joint venture with the Lions Club, Melton Belvoir Rotary and The Barnes Trust where we collect donations from the public in local supermarkets and then help to receive the food packs and make up parcels. This was well received last year by all and there appears to be the need in the community. If this is to continue we will need the help and support of fellow Rotarians at what is always a busy time of year.

Budget £500

Stroke Awareness

Again this venture relies on people being able to give up some time – medical staff to test blood pressure and Rotarians to encourage members of the public to have this done. The real value of this in 2018 is open for discussion, but is widely accepted that it can save lives. We will continue to have discussions with Melton Belvoir who do most of the organising.

Leicestershire Life Education/Warning Zone

We would like to support local primary schools in sending their Yr5/6 children to one of these life skills and e-safety venues. Again, this may be in conjunction with Melton Belvoir Club. However this activity may sit better within the Youth Committee

Budget £1000

Kids Out

Presently the Club funds the whole cost of a day trip to Twin Lakes for Birchwood School. In 2017 this was made into a whole club activity, with the majority of the organising being done by ComVoc. There are still many questions to be answered if this is going to continue in its present form.

- Is it appropriate that we continue to fund the whole cost of the day?
- Is there a better location for the actual race which could involve more of our local community?
- Is there a better way and place for selling duck tickets – eg printed raffle tickets sold in the town and also by all members?
- Check with Birchwood that this activity represents as good value for money as we at the Club think that it does? How could/should it be changed or improved?

Budget approx. £2000

Christmas Tree Festival

Again we propose to have a tree in the Festival. This will provide an opportunity to promote the work of the Club, hopefully encourage new members and also advertise the Santa Fun Run, KidsOut etc

Budget <£75

The Big Christmas Card

If fellow Rotarians are in favour, we will again arrange a big Christmas Card to be made by one of our local schools for us all to sign and to give a donation. Funds raised from this will go towards Kids Out.