



Club Assembly 20th June 2016

President's Overview 2016-17 - Ian Neale

For the Year 2016/17 I hope that the Club will work closer with the Community of Melton Mowbray, and the other two clubs in the town to raise the profile of Rotary, local national and international.

My two charities will be Loros Hospice and Just a Drop, which is a charity which provides clean water and proper sanitation to third world countries.

Fund raising activities will be as follows: -

The Vintage and Classic Vehicle Show which will be in aid of Loros, along with another event at Christmas, for Just a Drop, we will be holding a Quiz Evening, and a mystery tour on a Sunday afternoon ending up with Tea.

We will also be providing Tea for the Old Peoples Contact Group on a Sunday afternoon in October.

My challenge for the Club Members is the 10 x table challenge, where I would like you to take £5, £10, or £20 and turn it into £50, £100, or £200, by whatever means you deem possible.

This could be a coffee morning, jumble sale, sponsored slim!!, Dinner parties for friends, Cheese and wine, etc etc.,

The profit from these events to go 1st to provide the crocus bulbs as detailed in Community, and secondly to go towards Foundation , which is the District Governors project for the year.

Club Service - Adrienne Holland & Janet Shortland

The committee will encompass the Fund Raising and Communications Teams in this Rotary Year.

The club will be presented with a programme both for 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 be on enjoyment and entertainment but bearing in mind that it is Service before Self.

The arrangements for the key meetings: -

Charter Dinner, Presidential Handover, Club Assembly, AGM and EGM will be within the remit of the Committee as will proposals for a Christmas Party, Burns night, and Safari supper.

Other social non fundraising events to build up the fellowship between members and also include their partners will be arranged.

It is proposed to circulate members as to what other outings they wish us to organise, maybe a weekend away.

Fund Raising

Small teams of Rotarians will organise a limited number of major events.

The Santa Fun Run is now well established and will continue in 2016.

The Classic Car and Vintage Vehicle meet, arrangements are well advanced, and it is hoped that this will be a major fund raiser, and become established in the club calendar. We will look into the possibility of a community raffle to be organised in 2016/2017.

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

We will continue with the visioning programme.

Communications

The team will continue to develop this crucially important aspect of running the club.

The links with external agencies will be further developed.

We must promote our club at every opportunity.

The use of Twitter and Facebook to be used when possible.

It is hoped in the current year to raise the profile of Rotary within the town and borough.

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 arranged by District 1070.

The committee will respond to whatever request President Ian makes 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.

We have retained our membership at 40 although several of these are not currently active. We intend to recruit new members to increase this number.

The considerable effort which has been put into the creation of a satellite Club will be rewarded with a formal launch and adoption of the Club on 4 July.

Rotary now allows the admission of Corporate Members and Associate Members, which may be a way forward for our Club.

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

Youth Services - Eric Hall

In line with previous years, the committee will operate primarily in conjunction Melton Mowbray Belvoir and 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

Success in last year's competitions was mixed but since "it's the taking part and not the winning" that counts, we have every intention of having another successful year. At this stage we propose to support: Young Musician, Young Chef, Youth Speaks, Young Writer, Young Designer, Young Photographer and will hope to raise more interest in Young Artist and Young Citizen.

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)

Short term exchange (STEP) gives young people (15-19 years) the opportunity to share a reciprocal family experience in another country. Recent attempts to find suitable families willing and able to participate in the scheme have failed to reach the final stage. However, we remain confident that success is achievable and will continue the work to identify a suitable candidate.

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 we hope to receive further assistance when a suitable candidate is identified.

Warning Zone

As noted in the Youth report for the AGM, while the Warning Zone has been supported in past years and is seen as a very valuable educational resource, cost is an issue and the policy will be reviewed in the coming Rotary Year.

Youth Services (cont.)

Interact

Interest in Interact in Melton Vale has failed to reach the levels shown in previous years but we remain willing to investigate and assist with further initiatives to increase membership.

Estimated Costs :

Youth Speaks	£60	Young Chef	£250	Rotary Stars	£60
Young Writer / Young Photographer / Young Designer			£110 overall		
Youth Exchange	£80	RYLA	£290	Warning Zone	£500

Total Costs £1350 approx.

Funding :

Funding remains a problem although some is raised by committee members supporting 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 Youth Exchange.

International - Diana Osborne

The Committee will co-ordinate the Club's financial contribution towards Rotary's support for the work being undertaken for the eradication of polio in the world.

Although it has taken thirty years to achieve the enormous reductions in the incidence of this disease, there are two countries where a small number of cases are occurring.

We envisage a contribution of £500 and will discuss the means of raising this.

There are two education projects which are ongoing with Tacloban in the Philippine Islands.

The first is to send two teachers from Leicestershire to deliver training for local teachers in the use of computer technology. This is being funded from monies already raised and committed, together with a District grant.

The second is to install water fountains similar to the one at Sagkahan Primary School into as many schools as possible in Tacloban to provide pure water for drinking and washing in place of expensive bottled water. The number installed will be dependant on the money raised to fund the project and therefore could be ongoing.

A global grant application is to be made and events will be organised to raise the funds required from the Club, which should be supplemented by a District grant.

The Committee intends to continue the shipment of books and other educational materials, which have become surplus to requirements in the UK, to Sagkahan for use at the primary school and in the wider education community through a system of loaning books set up by the Philippines Department of Education..

The Committee will continue the recycling of spectacles for use in the third world.

The Committee will lead a discussion about our link with the Rotary Club of Warsaw Wilanow.

The concert which is in the diary for October is expected to raise most of the funds for international projects.

Foundation - Alison Blythe

A further outline Global Grant application for the Tacloban Project has been submitted for 2016/17 – the centenary year of the Foundation.

The current DG in Tacloban has negotiated a transfer to the 2016/17 DG budget of his further US\$10000 towards the next grant application.

In 2016/17, subject to funds being available, we will endeavor that the full recommended monies will be sent to Foundation.

As next year is the Centenary year of our Charity it is hoped to improve on the recommended amount as well as support various activities during the coming year. Although the various proposals submitted to the Club during the past year for establishing a firm base for contributions to Foundation were not taken up unanimously, some have chosen to make regular contributions.

We will continue to support the efforts to finally eradicate polio.

Community & Vocational - Helen Bett

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

To fulfill 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. If this is to continue we will need the help and support of fellow Rotarians at what is always a busy time of year. Perhaps this is another area for review.

Budget £650

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 2017 is open for discussion, but is widely accepted that it can save lives. We will be having further discussions with Melton Belvoir and may be looking for a new location for the BP checks.

Go Purple4Polio

Under the project supported by Rotary and the RHS we intend to purchase at least one thousand crocus bulbs which will be distributed to local organisations (eg Melton in Bloom, local schools, Town Estate) and also individuals (especially Rotarians!) in order to enhance the local environment and help the last push to eradicate polio. This will also generate good publicity for the Club. **See Presidents Challenge**

Budget £200 for bulbs

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

Community & Vocational (cont.)

Kids Out

Presently the Club funds the whole cost of a day trip to Twin Lakes for Birchwood School.

However, the committee needs to discuss various aspects of this activity as the selling of 'ducks' falls predominantly on the committee, with present practice meaning that one person takes the main burden of time and responsibility and it is mainly people outside our community who are approached to buy them:-

- 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. £3000. There will be a shortfall between Community funds and the total cost and will need to be made up by the Club

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.

Budget £1000, from Club resources

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. Income £350

Literacy Project

The existing stock of dictionaries will be presented to local primary schools. Again good publicity. No Cost

Total Costs for Community approx. £4850

General Fundraising See Presidents Challenge

Vocational

The objective is to identify and utilise the vocational skills and personal experience of fellow Rotarians to offer practical service to communities within the town and surrounding area.

Identify skills and experience

The need to identify skills and experience of members needs to be developed and this will be progressed as soon as possible.

Action

There are numerous ways by which we are able to support local projects without the need to contribute financially. For example;

- investigate potential for mock interviews in schools and colleges.
- maintain and develop the club's involvement in the Melton Business Forum

- further develop the contacts made with staff and executives of Melton Borough Council particularly in the areas of mentoring and supporting employment and enterprise initiatives
- to support and encourage the prospective satellite club in their work to develop local enterprise and employment initiatives in conjunction with the local authority and the Me & My Learning project
- to pursue the invitation extended to the club to participate in the Talent Match project which is being developed by the Princes Trust (Leicestershire) and supported by National Lottery funding.
- to seek modest projects where practical/physical inputs are required. For example assisting a less able person with a garden tidy up.
- We already have links with the Ratcliffe College and have provided career advice sessions for them, we hope to continue these and provide other support services for the College

I trust these suggestions meet with the approval of the club and I look forward to your support.