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Stuart's Stories 13

Our speaker on 2nd October was Jerry Hobbs with a tale of three men and a servant girl at the time of the Great War. They fascinatingly turned out to be his father-in-law, his great uncle, his father and his grandmother.

I thought the Hub respectable enough to distribute at our Zone 6 meeting. We all have the same problem – how to increase membership. I like the trend of working together that appears to be developing over crocus planting, young citizens, youth orchestra etc.

The Past Presidents dinner began well but, very sadly, turned very acrimonious at the end. After an extended kerfuffle I am able to report that difficulties have been resolved –until the next ones!

A speaker on Black Country Humour with off-colour jokes coincides with the visit of two Nigerian ladies, one a Rotarian! Much more serious is the talk about Black Country Women's Aid on 30.10.17.

Quizzing, darts, snooker and the MS patients party help to keep us all this side of too serious.

Rollover Raffle

First a ticket, then a draw, then—wait for it! Pick out a Joker. John Baker cleared the hurdles and scooped the cash.



Rotary Young Citizen of the Year

The committee has begun planning for the 2018 round. The members represent the Council, the Express and Star, Wolves, Waitrose, the Way. And the five Wolverhampton Rotary Clubs. (We meet at The Way which looks and sounds well used by many youngsters.) Last year was successful, with many entries that were reduced to a longlist and then a shortlist of seven

who were all interviewed. (In the photo you see the winner Gareth Rafferty and the two runners-up Amy Nicholas and Darram Kooner.) The budget was not all spent, partly thanks to good use of 'social media', so the clubs are asked this year to provide only £150 each. The next Mayor, councillor Phil Page is apparently keen to run the event again, as is Peter Madeley of the Express and Star. Roger Timbrell (Tettenhall) is happy to take the chair again and David Johns (Wednesfield) to continue as Secretary. The relevant approximate dates going forward are : next full group meeting in January, launch early February, interviews in June and Awards Ceremony in the Mayor's Parlour (catered by Waitrose) in early July. SW

DISTRICT QUIZ Round One (or is it our final round?)

Having battled through rain and the early evening traffic to get to the other side of Walsall, the evening could only improve! The standard was set in Round One, General Knowledge when no team managed to get more than half the questions correct. Things didn't improve much and by round five we were just managing to hold off the bottom team, and they only had three players! But the hot buffet was about to be served. Following a call of nature, uniquely I found myself last in the queue and arriving at the table there were only about five chips left! A riot was averted when a fresh supply arrived and after a double helping I felt much happier. But the second half awaited, the science round, - we could have done with Richard W. History, then Geography, we started to perform well, but the dreaded Sports round followed! We had no idea on half the questions (ice hockey etc!) but of the remaining five, we found ourselves in an either/or situation. We guessed wrong on four! Only two points for the round! Final round, General Knowledge again! But from nowhere the team plucked inspired answers from out of the mire and we top scored with eighteen points to roar intothird place! Forty eight of the fifty four teams competing go through to the next round. We had two behind us and a third failed to turn up on the night! so we hope another three teams got fewer points and we live to fight again.

Captain Pugwash and his men Stains, Bates & Roger (Alias PW, BW, SW and RH



And a little one. (What have they got to smile about?)

Inner Wheel In October, we welcomed Ann Ward, District chair, who had travelled from Leek to be with us. Our International Conference at Lilleshall was well attended and we had an enjoyable (though thought provoking) series of Overseas charity reports after spending money on books, cards, wrapping paper and homemade produce stalls. Belatedly, I would like to thank Rotary for their welcoming gift in September. (I think the editor had so much to put in his Hub, that we were omitted)

We look forward to joining with Rotary after our Christmas meeting, to hear the Compton Hospice Choir singing "Songs from the shows and the occasional Carol". November is often a miserable month, but we are welcoming a lady from the Black Country Womens Association to speak to us at our meeting and having a coffee morning at the home of Carol Lowndes, which will be a Bring and Buy and chat morning on Tuesday 21st. I shall also be laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday at St. Peters, Wolverhampton, another thought provoking experience. More news next month. Wendy Sutcliffe

District Conference Matters

Fraser Dukes and Richard Green were bucking the trend to some extent being our club's only representatives at Carol Reilly's Harrogate conference. They had a convivial time and Richard additionally visited District 1145's conference later—an account of this event is to be found on our sparkling new website. Conference is however causing great concern at District because, as the specially commissioned report declares, 90% of Rotarians do not attend. We are asked to help future planning by completing the short questionnaire which has been distributed. Ashley Grey's conference is scheduled for 12th to 14th October in Liverpool and Friday 12th is an optional 'visit Liverpool day'. The present consultation envisages day conferences close to District etc. Please let me have your questionnaires. SW



Ifeoma Ejiofor and her sister Ruthimo (a bit squashed). Ifeoma asked us why we had no lady members—a good question! It is recommended that members visit the websites of Nigeria District 9110 and her club Omole Golden. The district appears to have 87 clubs and many of the members appear to be well-heeled. SW

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part one of two dramatising the three superb novels by Robert Harris about the life of the great Roman orator and politician Cicero : Imperium, Lustrum and Dictator. (Not many people know that..



Fraser Dukes claimed to enjoy a two hour seminar on Compliance on 2nd November! The areas that Compliance covers is staggering : Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Insurance, Equality and Diversity, Data Protection, Disputes, Club Constitutions. Some attendees were muttering 'I didn't join Rotary to become a bureaucrat'.

Sports and Entertainment



The season of District Sporting Events is now with us and having entered Darts, Snooker and Ten Pin Bowling, strict instructions were given to the teams to lose at least two of them. The **Darts** match against Sedgley and Wombourne resulted in a win. A great night of fellowship with food for only £2. **Snooker** against Tettenhall RC was a case of survival of the fittest and lasted 3 hours. Again we tried manfully to lose but having won 3 games each we somehow had more points and go through to the next round. In **10 Pin** we were supposed to play Brewood Sat. Club but they failed to

make contact and we are through to round two. The bottom line is we have it all to do again in November. Thank you teams for turning out to represent your club. I shall be in touch.

Rotathlon Snooker Thanks to D D for arranging this Rotathlon event well organised and a good evening of fellowship 11 players. The snooker could have been better and the result favoured the persistent rather than the talented (that's me sorry.) Peter Hand. (The Rotathlon scorers were PH,DS,SW,LC and RTM)



MS Centre Annual Patients Party

A good crowd assembled for the party, patients, carers, friends and quite a few Rotarians at the Goodyear Pavilion restaurant. I was told 20 more than last year. The meal was good and efficiently served and the wine flowed. After the meal Mayor Elias Mattu praised the Centre and then had to leave with his wife, probably for their next engagement. When Peter Williams came back from showing them out he was confronted with a surprise announcement of his and Val's recent Diamond Wedding – cheers and clicking of camera shutters. The excellent band, Moonlight Serenade, played on, joined for two numbers, one of them unrehearsed, both super, by Vee Watson (see photo). After the usual splendid many-prized raffle, Margaret Fellows won the bottle of Piat D'Or, we didn't notice who won the Doorknob Organiser, the band played some more as we wound down and then sloped off. A good night enjoyed by all. SW



Editor : May I leave this note in lieu of a postcard from Madeira where i will be from 6th to 13th November. Supposedly dancing!

Club Diary

31st Oct District snooker vs Tettenhall

1st Nov Rotathlon snooker at Old Wulfs

3rd Nov Satellite meeting at MS Centre 7.30 for 8 am

21st Nov District Council meeting at Penkridge

23rd Nov Goldthorne theatre ; Relative Values

29th Nov Curry Party at the MS Centre

Hub will be published on the second Tuesday of each month wherever possible. The editor accepts no responsibility for comments contained within Hub, seeking to include everything submitted by members where space permits. Please submit articles by e-mail to: stu-jen108@talktalk.net

Our Website. Mike Boyce is concerned that people with dates and events planned are not informing him so that he can keep our diary up to date. (You appear to be keeping the Hub editor au fait—or else he is just nosier!)

Meetings

Tues 7th Nov Business Meeting

Tues 14th Nov John Mackay : Wartime on a Scottish Loch

Tues 21st Nov Visit by DG Carol Reilly

Tues 28th Nov Spurgeons

Duties

Meeting Steward	Speaker's Host	Money Steward
7 Nov Fellows B		Boyce
14 Nov Fellows R	Krishan	Budd
21 Nov Fielding		Cundy
28 Nov Green	Oates	Colley

Members are reminded that **any member unable to fulfil any duty must swap with someone else, or otherwise find a substitute, and notify the change to the Duty Officer and Secretary.**

Apologies for non-attendance at Rotary lunch must be made no later than 4pm on Monday, to ruth@hollingsworthandco.co.uk or by telephone to 01952 581014 (ask for 'Rotary apologies') and copy to geofflowndes@hotmail.com (or telephone).