

Presidents Bumbblings

Not sure if I should mention the weather- it has been a bit better the last few days so hopefully you've all been able to take advantage of it. I have had a week in Tuscany on a memorable singing course which took place at a mediaeval retreat called Cascio high upon the slopes of the Apennine and Apuan slopes with fantastic views down the Garfagnana valley. The weather was fantastic-blue skies everyday and temperatures around 28-30 degrees.

While I was away the Hike4Hospice took place and with a larger turnout a substantial increase in revenue is anticipated so well done to all involved.

Our golf evening at Hunston went off without a hitch except the irascible Maurice Hall won the trophy- in fact the trophy instigated by him and indeed won by him previously- not sure if any rules exist about how many times you can win it! Maybe some sage in the Club could ruminate on this.

Our chiropractors speaker night at the Chichester Park Hotel was enjoyed by over 40 of us with our ladies. Rachel and James gave a most interesting talk and judging by the questions aroused goodly interest.

The District conference at Cardiff looms up rapidly and the fancy dress for the Friday night has an oriental theme-much sewing frenzy is currently taking place, I must confess I haven't started on mine or Gills yet.

I'm delighted to report that President Elect Peter Bryant, Carole and Graham, and Tony Kerly are attending the Aschaffenberg 50th anniversary celebrations.

I must confess it was a case of divided loyalties but felt our own conference must take preference.

The premier Club fundraising event of the year the 10K road race is drawing ever near- its so important to our ability to support worthy causes, and no doubt you are all committed to do your bit on the day.

District Governor Pat Evans is visiting us on the 8th October so do please give your support that night and lets have a really good attendance!

Hike4Hospices

Hike for Hospices 2008 (Lewes to Goodwood) was a great success again during the weekend of 16 – 17 August with about 15% increase in entries over last year. It took place with the help of over 20 Rotary Clubs across the South Downs Way - thank you Priory for distributing leaflets.

There were a number of team entries which will result in sponsorships of over £10,000 including Donnington Dollies - our local entry who had a great time from Amberley to Goodwood.

Chichester Rotary Club under the lead of President Bill Witts were very active - BBQs (courtesy of John Parham), signage, welcomes and medal presentations. Two complimentary Jazz bands played and entertained both finishers and marshals. London Pride Beers were sponsored by Fullers. Thanks also to Chichester Harbour RC (Tony Spooner and Ian Campbell)and their Rotaract Club for managing the Amberley station with such efficiency.

Altogether a great example of Rotary Clubs, hospices and the Community combining their talents which will hopefully raise at least £10,000 to £12,000 for each of the 4 Hospices along the South Downs Way.

It has been reported that **Bryan Dawkins** who has been battling against cancer for some time is undergoing intensive treatment at the moment - thank you for joining me in sending him and Claire our sincere best wishes.

Sussex Air Ambulance

On Saturday 13th September our Community Services Committee organised the Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance collection at Sainsbury's. This Company are supporting them by allowing the charity to collect for one day at all the stores covered by their service. This is their first collection and they are delighted with our support as they have very few volunteer helpers in West Sussex. No mention of Rotary at this stage - purely a Service to raise funds and awareness - but hopefully they will write to the local paper thanking the public and our Club for their support. A speaker is also being arranged for a "partners" meeting early next year. Thank you to the 12 members (including family) who kindly agreed to "shake buckets"
Neil

Annual 10k Envelope Stuffing Festival

Yes it's 10k road race time again and Tony Kerly is once more offering us all the opportunity of stuffing some envelopes in preparation. Activities will take place on 30th September, 2pm at Robin Hill. Please contact Tony if you and / or your partner can help. Tony can be reached on 01243 511433 or email tony@grandt.co.uk

Colin Bryant is doing well and attending quite a few of our meetings ably supported by Lesley. Good to see you on the road to recovery, Colin.

The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory -What's On Diary for Sept,Oct, Nov 2008 -
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Date	Activity	Venue	Stewards and Grace	Comments
Sept				
1	Council Meeting	Henry Adams, North Gate		
3	Fellowship	Pallant Suite	J Watkins, Peter Bryan	
10	Speaker - Chiropractors Rachel MacGranaghan and James Shervell	Chichester Park Hotel	Lynne Greewell, Neil Brame	with Partners
17	Business	Pallant Suite	David B thomas, P H Jones	
24	Fellowship	Pallant Suite	N Rowbothom, R Richardson	
26-28	District 1250 Conference	Cardiff		contact Doug Price for details
26-28	50th Charter Celebrations	RC Aschaffenburg		
Oct				
1	10k Briefing by Graham Jessop & Fellowship	Pallant Suite	J Pressdee, C Kaye	
3	Inner Wheel Wine Tasting	Lavant Village Hall	Zena Macdonald tel 641516 for tickets	with Partners 7 .30pm Tickets £20 each
6	Council Meeting	H. Adams, NorthGate		
8	Speaker - DG Pat Evans	Pallant Suite	M.Clark, L. Guest	
12	Annual 10K Road Race	Theatre Car Park		Full turn out-all hands needed!!
15	Fellowship	Pallant Suite		
22	Business	Pallant Suite		
29	Fellowship	Pallant Suite		
Nov				
3	Council Meeting	H. Adams, NorthGate		
5	Charter Dinner	tba		with Partners
12	Young Chef of the Year	CHSB		With partners
19	NO MEETING			
20	Beaujolais Charity Luncheon	Pallant Suite	tba	All invited!!
26	Business and SGM (Club Elections)	Pallant Suite		
tba	Christmas Tree Installation	the Cross		

Would Stewards please be aware they should find substitutes if they are unable to attend and that I would like them to also be responsible for saying Grace

Please contact John Watkins -especially Committee Chairs - should there any changes or new future Diary events--John Watkins 07801 714641 or 01243 839144, johnccwatkins@btinternet.com

Please let me know if there are specific items you would like included in the Newsletter on a regular basis. Also please let me have copy for the October edition by 18 October. Thanks – Bob Syme

October is Vocational Services Month

November is Rotary Foundation month

November 1 is Rotary Ecology Day

Online Corner

The website has been made more user friendly, with a view to making it more useful to club members, while showing off the club for visitors and potential members. The club diary now comes up directly on clicking the "DIARY" tab, so that Adobe Acrobat is no longer needed to view it.

The Home page has been edited so that the next meeting and last meeting are visible directly to the user. A dedicated page for potential members and visitors has been added, together with photo galleries of interest not only to members but also to visitors to the site.

Please take a look! Feedback would be welcome.
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Directory

Please note the following modifications to the club directory:

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District 1250 Nominations - SGM

On 24 September we will hold a Special General Meeting to consider nominations to District 1250 for District Governor Nominee (DGN) and Assistant Governor (AG) for the year 2009 / 2010. These nominees will form part of the District Elections to take place later in the year. Note that the DGN candidate appointed by District will serve as District Governor for the year 2011/2012.

Mike Harvey and Doug Price have put their names forward for DGN nomination and a Ballot will be held of those attending the SGM.

Doug Price has put his name forward for the position of AG. Approval of this will be by show of hands.