

## A Summary Of My Presidential Year 2018/19

I must say that I have really enjoyed my Presidential Year. Something I will miss though, among other things, is not being served first on the top table.

I would like to thank the officers of the club and committee chairman, for their hard work and support, also for their invaluable help and guidance to me during my year of office. In particular, Peter Jones as Speakers Secretary for arranging such an interesting and varied programme. I think that you will agree, we have a great atmosphere here in the club, and I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the fun and fellowship that we continue to enjoy.

I was extremely pleased to have inducted two new members, Syd Harris and David Alton, also in presenting three existing members, Peter Jones, Chris Potter and Graham Rogers with Paul Harris Fellowships, for their outstanding contributions to our club and Rotary in general. I was also delighted, that PP Chris Wood was able to present, on behalf of the club, a Paul Harris Fellowship to our Honorary Member Tobias Elwood MP, recognising his outstanding bravery when attending to PC Keith Palmer, as he lay mortally wounded after the Westminster Bridge atrocity.

As you are aware, I introduced a couple of new initiatives, which I hope have been found beneficial. Firstly, the bimonthly committee meetings prior to, and a summary by each committee chairman after the meal. These are meant to be a short précis of the earlier committee meeting and have hopefully given you a better idea of what is going on in our club. Secondly, the formation of a Fundraising Committee under the Chairmanship of Graham Rogers, which in a very short space of time, has done an amazing job of organising one successful fundraising event and on track to do another in August, with more to come in the future. It would appear they are moving from strength to strength.

We held a very enjoyable Christmas Party at the West Hants Club where members also joined in the spirit of a Gatsby Theme and were also entertained by a close proximity magician. A very informal Presidents Night was held at a new venue for us, The Shelly Theatre's Mulberry Room. Using this venue also helped two other charities, The Crumbs Project who provided the catering, as well as The Shelley Theatre Trust. I believe we must be very mindful with venues for these events in the future, it now being a general requirement for minimum numbers, which we as a club, struggle to achieve.

Finally, I would commend the close relationship we have developed with the Crumbs Charity this year, with Peter Jones taking over as Chairman and Chris Brookes as Treasurer. I hope the club will continue to support this very worthwhile charity for years to come.

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