



SEPTEMBER 2017

COMMUNITY & VOCATIONAL SERVICES

I hope members enjoyed the very moving talk by the two ladies from Evelyn's Gift. Isn't it always inspiring when someone who has a tragedy, especially losing a child, uses that experience to help others.



Evelyn

Our Committee agreed to provide £2,000 to the Kenilworth Centre to help cover the cost of enhancing the offer to youth of the town. This has been part of a package including £5,000 from Lions and £3,000 from Round Table. This will enable the Centre to add a further evening for youth work when training will be offered in First Aid and Baby Sitting skills. Funds will also be used for outings, which would be offered to the youngsters, who attend evening sessions on a regular basis.

The £500 donated to ILEAP was put to good use for their Tea Party Open Day and the new garden they are building at the back of Kenilworth Centre. Roy went along for the party and had a good time although was

unable to try too many of the luxury cakes on offer.

Members should look forward to meeting Charles Hanson again on Monday evening 30th October.



Always a fascinating speaker, Charles has agreed to look at a few antique items that members bring along. Let Roy know if you have an item you want him to see, as time will be limited. We will be raising funds for Myton Hospice on the night.

The Town Council and Chamber of Trade want to improve the Christmas Lights Switch On this year. The High Street Switch On will be on Friday evening, 1st December. Warwick Road will have Christmas stalls in Abbey End on the Saturday, 2nd December, with the Warwick Road closed on Sunday 3rd December for the official Switch On. We will fund a Fairground Organ - this year provided by John Pettifer - in Talisman Square. We have offered £1,000 towards the cost of an ice skating rink in Talisman Square so it will

be free for our community. We also plan to raise funds for 'Children in Need' thanks to ideas from David Butler and Peter Robson.



Roy Shearing
Chair, Community & Vocational Services
Committee

PRESIDENT'S JOTTINGS

Prompted by the Invictus games in the news, I looked up the word Invictus and came across a poem by William Ernest Henley. The poem was on the website www.familyfriendpoems.com. Ahead of the poem, they give the following explanation:

"We are the master of our destiny. We are responsible for our own happiness. This famous inspirational poem charges us to accept responsibility for our lives no matter our circumstances. Invictus in Latin means unconquered. William Ernest Henley (1849-1903), an English Poet, had one of his legs amputated at the age of 17. The poem which he wrote while healing from the amputation is a testimony to his refusal to let his handicap disrupt his life. Indeed, he led a meaningful life as a poet and editor until he passed away at age 53."

I found the poem both moving and uplifting. A reminder both to ourselves and to the causes that we support, that no matter how tough things are, it is our attitude which counts, our willingness to take responsibility for situations

and to strive to make them better. Here is the poem:

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

President Jonathan Miller

MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC IMAGE **COMMITTEE**

As we near the end of the first quarter of this Rotary year, I thought members would be interested in the following updates.

Di Miller
Chair, Membership & Public Image
Committee

Membership Numbers: Currently our membership numbers are 60, comprising:
6 Honorary
37 Individual Full
6 Corporate Full
10 Corporate Associates
1 Individual Associate (+ 1 pending)

Membership Directory: We are extremely grateful to Emmersons who have again kindly sponsored our directory and have printed 100 copies for us at no charge.



How to raise our Club Profile: There will be an informal brainstorming session to share ideas on how we might raise our profile. It will be an early evening session lasting around an hour, all interested members are invited. More information to follow.

Future meetings: Given the broad scope of the committee, we felt it would be more time efficient to have meetings focused on specific 'topics', involving relevant people (e.g. Public Image team), with progress being fed back to bi-monthly meetings of the full committee. Minutes of our committee meetings are in the Members area of the website (or can be emailed on request). If you want to get involved in any of the work being done by the Membership & Public Image tea, please let us know.

Kenilworth Rotary Open Event

A few visitors dropped into our Open Event on 21st September. We were grateful for the support of club members who were present to talk about our club. I think that the more recent Thursday joiners enjoyed meeting the other club members and finding out more about what we do.

We received 1 Associate membership application on the night, 2 asked for forms to take away to complete and 2 (younger attendees!) seemed genuinely interested in becoming involved as volunteers. It's a positive start: they obviously liked what they heard from the members present!

Networking & Projects Group

Group overview: This group has now been running



for 15 months and more regular attendees comprise:

11-13 individual Rotarians (12 of whom attend both Monday and Thursday)

9 corporate members (with other corporates attending on a more ad-hoc basis)

1 Associate member

2 pending Associate members

1 regular guest attendee (still working to convert!)

Past projects: They include the 2016 Charity Quiz (raised £1,600 for iLeap), Crocus Planting (funded 1250 polio vaccines), Minecraft competition (raised £520 for Special Effect including match contribution from C&V), and a Shelterbox awareness weekend.

Future projects: We are looking at running two youth competitions to take forward with Philip Southwell under Youth, potentially engineering, and Young Chef or Young Writers. (The Young Musician will continue to sit with C&V who organised it so successfully last year). The Interact want to do a larger scale Minecraft 2 competition building on lessons learned from the earlier event and with more hands-on support from us.

Forthcoming Events/Meetings:

*Thursday 12th October – charity quiz in aid of **Zoe's Place** baby hospice*

Rotary corporate members, Band Hatton Button, are organising a quiz night on Thursday, October 12th at 6pm at the Holiday Inn to raise money in aid of **Zoe's Place**, Baby Hospice.

Time 6.00pm Bar opens, 7.00pm Quiz starts, 7.45pm Supper, 8.30pm Quiz re-starts, 9.15pm Quiz ends – winners announced etc.

Cost £17.50 per person inclusive of VAT (to include Supper) (£87.50 for a team of 5).

Teams Teams can contain up to 5 people (minimum of 4). Those wishing to book individual places are welcome and will be grouped with others.

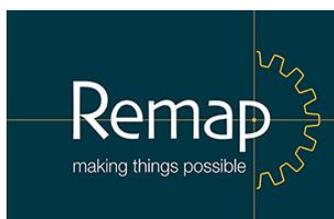
Other Info. There will also be a raffle on the evening. The club is providing the raffle prizes. Please can you bring in donations and/or bottle/s of wine on Monday (2nd or 9th October), or contact Diane directly if you are able to help with prizes.

RSVP We are still looking for a few more Rotary quiz team members. If you would like to take part in the quiz, please contact Gillian.

Last year's quiz raised an amazing £1,600 for local charity iLeap and we are hoping to match or exceed that this year for Zoe's Place, do come and support!

Thursday 19th October

Robin Kenward is coming to talk about **ReMap**



and what support the group may be able to give.

*Thursday 16th November – **Rise Against Hunger***

Pam Saunders, Leamington Spa Regency has approached us with a proposal for a joint project following a presentation she heard at conference from Rotarians Irene and Eric Russell, Warrington Rotary Club. They inspired 29 clubs in their district to work together to fund and organise a meal-packaging event that would provide over 100,000 meals to be sent to Africa.

She is looking for local clubs who would be interested in working together to bring a **Rise Against Hunger** meal-packaging event to this area. Together we would set our goal, organise fundraising, choose a date/venue and enlist volunteers.

Irene and Eric Russell from Warrington RC will be speaking at our November meeting and we have invited other Rotary Clubs to come along. As well as the obvious international benefits, this project would bring together clubs, attract volunteers to take part in something different and raise the profile of Rotary, if you are equally enthusiastic about the idea, then why not come along on the 16th November to find out more!

... AND FINALLY

Dates for your diary...

| Date | Talk/ Speaker or Event / Venue | Speaker's Host | Steward | Visitors' Host |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| 2 October, Monday | Business Meeting - Opportunity to receive updates from Council & Committees and to discuss relevant issues | n/a | David Johnson | Graham Tall |
| 9 October, Monday | Albaraca Nursery School - John & Margaret Adnitt [Chair: John Boothroyd] | John Kelley | Bob Kelly | Tony Thompson |
| 12 October, Thursday | CHARITY QUIZ - at the Holiday Inn 18:00 - Bar opens 19:00 - Quiz starts 19:45 – Supper | In aid of Zoe's Place , Baby Hospice There are still places for a few more Rotary quiz team members. If you would like to take part in the quiz, please contact Gillian. | | |
| 17 October, Tuesday | A Taste of Leamington - Organised by Rotary Club of Leamington Spa Regency 18:30 - drinks reception at Leamington Tennis Court Club, Bedford Street | In aid of Parkinson's UK and Rotary Charities. A three-course dinner, each course to be taken at a different restaurant in the centre of Leamington Spa. £35 per person. For more information call 07795 180685. | | |
| 19 October, Thursday | Networking & Projects Group Meeting – 17.30 - 19.00 at the Holiday Inn | This friendly informal group, which includes our Corporate and working members, is meeting for networking and to plan upcoming projects. | | |
| 20 - 22 October, Friday - Sunday | ROTARY DISTRICT 1060 Conference – Llandudno | | | |
| 23 October, Monday | Dogs for Good – Debbie & dog, Reena | David Johnson | Robin Kenward | Colin Wilding |
| 30 October, Monday | Antiques with Charles Hanson | Philip Southwell | John Boothroyd | Maurice Holden |
| | | Charles will give a short talk about his work with antiques and talk about a few items members are invited to bring along. A donation to Myton Hospice charity will be made. | | |