



## DECEMBER 2015

### GIVING TO ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programmes. Club projects are enhanced considerably by TRF's funding at District level, as well as the international/global level.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$1billion.

The contributions made to the Rotary Foundation by Rotarians, together with those from friends of the Foundation, are its sole source of support.

The Club donates \$100 per member per year to the Rotary Foundation from its charity funds. We have been doing this for over ten years.

Members are also encouraged to make personal donations to the Foundation by becoming Sustaining Members. These contributions are crucial to develop the work of TRF. The easiest way to become a Sustaining Member is to set up a standing order (details available on a confidential basis from the Club Foundation chair) to contribute

\$100, say £60, per year, which can be gift aided.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015, John Crawford, our District Governor for 2014/15, presented a banner to the club for being the No. 1 Club in District 1060 in per capita Annual Fund giving to the Rotary Foundation. The picture shows David Johnson, club president for 2014/15, receiving the banner from John Crawford.



### FLOODING IN CUMBRIA

Our club has donated £1,000 to help the people who have been affected by the floods in Cumbria. The donation has been sent to Cumbria Flood Relief, a fund which Arthur Jones, District Governor of Rotary District 1190, says was set up in response to the last

lot of flooding, and to which he advises Rotary clubs send their donations.



The donation has come from the balance, which we keep for disaster and emergency charitable donations. President John Kelley says that the donation will be reviewed, depending on need and other calls on our funds.

## **A BUSY WEEKEND!!!!**

**Friday** (11<sup>th</sup> December) saw us getting off to a great start when nearly 50 of us boarded a Brookline coach to Birmingham for the CLIC Sargent Carol Concert at the Town Hall. It is a beautifully restored building, which became very atmospheric as darkness fell and the choirs all lit candles. Driver Richard did brilliantly negotiating all the road works round the Town Hall and getting us there and back safely, and on time.



The concert was a good mix of old and new works, by young and not so young performers, and there was an upbeat report from the Consultant at Birmingham Children's Hospital. It is such a worthy cause, and the

concert was such a good way to put us in the Christmas spirit.

**Saturday** was a day of preparation in the Presidential household. The drinks for Sunday's Canapés at Christmas were already bought but the glasses were fetched from Sainsburys, the chairs from The Tree House Bookshop, and the tree and house were decorated.

**Sunday** almost started badly. The Sainsburys delivery driver literally reversed his lorry into the store thereby distorting the structure of the lorry and jamming the door stubbornly closed with the Canapés inside.



But Sainsburys were up to the challenge and made up the food with items already in the store. Phew!! And well done Mr S. The guests ate most of the food but were very abstemious on the booze so a very merry Christmas here. And many thanks to those who so kindly helped us clear up, wash up, pack up and return the chairs.

**Monday**, at 8am, and the glasses returned with no breakages, so on to the Christmas Message meeting. The sextet of musicians from Kenilworth School 6<sup>th</sup> form, One Foot in the Groove, indicated that they would like to join us for the meal and would be at the Holiday Inn at 6pm to set up. So when the sextet turned up at 6pm they were a sextet of 8!! And what a delightful group of talented people they were. They agreed to split themselves around the tables and what fun they were; and when prolonged applause and a request from me asked for an encore they were up for that too.

Reminiscences from the Mayor, a thought



provoking, and humorous message from Anne Werrell, a lay reader at St Nics, and the splendid raffle and quiz completed, what I hope, was an enjoyable and relaxed evening for everyone. So many people are involved in organising such an event and my thanks go to them all.

So on to 2016, may it be all that you hope for and more. Happy New Year.

*President John Kelley*

## **ONE FOOT IN THE GROOVE**

Musical entertainment at the club's Christmas Message meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December was provided by 'One Foot In The Groove'. They are an eight-piece 'pop' group whose members are all pupils at Kenilworth School.

Their performance was very good – the audience's request for "more" after their last number was proof of that!

Two members of the group tell us more....

'One Foot in the Groove' is the band of Kenilworth Castle sixth form. It is a tradition every year, that students come together to create a band - this year has been particularly successful. It is important that there are

varying ages/ year groups: Harry (guitar), James (guitar), Rosie (trumpet), Aaron(drums) and Maddie(vocal) are all Year 13 students; and Megan (piano), Charis (saxophone) and Jack (bass guitar) are current Year 12 students.



As individual students, we all either complete a type of music qualification, and/or have music as a hobby out of school. From our first rehearsal this year, we knew that we worked well as a group, and that we could play to a relatively decent standard. Since then, we have performed in assemblies and concerts at school in addition to some larger events.

As young people, we are often influenced by music that we enjoy listening to, and often play modern songs such as 'Crazy In Love' by Beyonce. However, we also enjoy varying our song types, so also play some well-known hits such as Stevie Wonder's 'Superstition'. In the future, we aim to expand our repertoire so we can appeal to a larger audience.



As a group, we find playing music complements our studying well, as it helps us to alleviate stress as well as having fun and spending time with friends. We rehearse during our Enrichment period on Wednesday afternoon for an hour a week, and we always arrive prepared, to save time. We are aiming to perform many more gigs in the upcoming year before the Year 13's leave the sixth form, and we aim to perform the best that we can.

We have really enjoyed this experience so far and have developed not only as a band but also individually, and we hope this tradition continues to be as enjoyable and rewarding as it was, and still is, for us.

*By Maddie Clark and Aaron Moloney*

### **TREE OF LIGHT**

In case anybody has not seen it, the Rotary Tree of Light has provided a very attractive focal point for the lights in Talisman this year. It has blue and green twinkling lights, and is (I think) more appealing than the town's main tree by the Clock Tower.

At the base, adorned with Rotary and Myton Hospice banners, are displayed the names of those commemorated by the donations made to the Hospice.



The final total reported by Myton Hospice on 30 December is £465, which is a rather

disappointing result when compared with other local towns.

It was an attractive tree, and it had pretty good publicity, so if any members have ideas about how we can attract more donors in future years, please tell Phil Highley or Philip Southwell.

*Phil Highley*

### **ROTARY HONOUR**

Club member Phil Highley has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's New Year honours list for "services to the Community".



In Phil's case, this means services to the Scouting movement, particularly the Gang Show, the Kenilworth Carnival, the Kenilworth Festival, the Kenilworth Twinning Association, the homeless charity, Emmaus, the Talisman Theatre, St Nicholas Church and Christian Aid, and of course Rotary, along with miscellaneous entertainments for Waverley Day Centre and the V.I.P. Club thrown in.

## ... AND FINALLY



Dates for your diary...

<b>Date</b>	<b>Talk/ Speaker or Event / Venue</b>	<b>Speaker's Host</b>	<b>Steward</b>	<b>Visitors' Host</b>
4 January, Monday	Child Cancer in the Cameroons - Lydia Spencer	Richard Martin	Anna Poynter	Colin Wilding
11 January, Monday	tba	Anna Poynter	Peter Roberts	Philip Austin
18 January, Monday	No meeting			
25 January, Monday	Two Castles Run - Richard Martin & Co	Peter Roberts	Peter Robson	Arnold Bolton