

Rotarian



Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club

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Daffodil time

Yule's tidings

One short message this month: Let's pull all the stops out for the the Family Fun Day & Duck Race on May 8th.

The Ways & Means team believe this is the Big Event that will be a serious money maker for the next few years. Lots of planning has gone in to getting us in a position to be successful and we will need EVERYONE on the day to realise this potential.

The professional fundraising team at Manchester Children's Hospital have enabled us to boost the event's profile across South Manchester and we could get over 3000 people enjoying the day.

Let's make it a day to remember for all the right reasons.

Graham

Secretary's soapbox

So it appears the Bulletin is coming to its end, at least in the format I know it. Of course I know it for only a small fraction of the time Dennis has been producing it. So to what extent it has altered these past 10 years, I really don't know.

What I do know is that in many clubs and organisations the publication of meeting reports (= minutes) and other forward meeting and organisation data would be regarded as a secretarial function. As secretary, I am so very pleased it is not in B&W Rotary !!!

And this brings me to the central point of perhaps the penultimate Secretary's Soapbox – the Rotary secretary role. It is, at least as defined by B&W practice, really very easy and not very time consuming. Yet for some reason people with vastly more knowledge of Rotary than I, think to the contrary. Perhaps I should conclude that I am only doing half the job???

However I believe the real reason is the impact of electronic communications. In the earlier days of Rotary the over worked secretary would be forever at a typewriter or attempting to write something legibly, or trying to find some sort of duplicating machine, and making frequent trips to a post office etc etc. Whereas now notices & messages come into my computer by magic, I forward them to yourselves with 6 keyboard/mouse clicks *. I keep RI records up to date with virtually no effort. The list goes on. About the only traditionally lengthy regular activity is writing up the council minutes which does take a good 2 hours !!!

Just as well I also maintain our web site otherwise I'd have time to be down the pub far too often

Brian.

* MS Outlook's procedure:

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6. mouse click [Send]

Meeting Reports



Burns Night 26 January

A goodly crowd of Rotarians and their ladies assembled for a special evening of Scottish food, prose and poetry to celebrate the birthday of Scotland's famous Don Juan poet and songwriter, Robert Burns.

A number of diners were wearing tartan items of clothing including one or two clashing ties. The star turn, however, was undoubtedly Hon Secretary, Brian Dougal, who was dressed very fetchingly in a tartan skirt and bow tie for his official duties as Master of Ceremonies.

The haggis was ceremonially paraded in by Lorraine to appropriate music and Brian Dougal did his best to recite the ode to this comestible item in the native Scots language. A special 'Selkirk' grace was then read out by the President, Graham Yule, with everyone seated.

John Meeus, who was responsible for organising the evening in his inimitable manner, then introduced the guests and visitors including Mac and Hilda McLeod, Margaret Boyes and Gill Critchley, who was making a second visit as a prospective member.

Brian Dougal then revealed his aristocratic Scottish ancestry being related to the Earl of Perth and proceeded to cast aspersions on the country. He gave a resume of the life of Robert Burns which, as he said, demonstrated a principle interest in wine, women, song and poetry during which he fathered numerous children in his thirty-seven years.

The President then announced that it was traditional to propose a toast to the staff who had cooked and served very efficiently the delicious meal. Caroline Egan wholeheartedly seconded these thanks as an ex-caterer who realised the amount of work involved. Lorraine responded to the toast by saying that in the three years she had been at the Ladybridge Club, our club was far and away the best group she had worked with. The members received these complementary remarks with enthusiastic applause.

Geoff Hunt was then moved to give an unintelligible rendering of a Burns' poem to great applause. The President then reported that Bob Stevenson was travelling to Istanbul next week in order to avoid a District meeting. A somewhat extreme action, surely!

John Sykes then won the bottle of wine and, being well trained, passed it immediately to Wendy. Chris Monkhouse, being the Sergeant at Arms, announced (I think) that he was the Laird of Glencairn and proceeded to fine Bob Stevenson for not wearing his 'jewel', Alan Newsome for suggesting that there should be more

fines and followed up the suggestion by fining everyone who was not wearing a kilt.

An excellent evening concluded with thanks to John Meeus and his organising team and a confused rendering of Auld Lang Syne.

David Poizer

Wednesday 2nd February Committees

A bit more than a standard committee as we were joined by Chairman Malcolm and other members of Bramhall Round Table, who were introduced and welcomed by our Secretary in an overtly ageist manner.

Following the fine dinner we have grown to expect, Nicky, our trampolining catering assistant was congratulated on qualifying as a doctor. The President offered time for committees to consider their agendas but general murmur indicated that they would be happy to forego on this occasion.

Following coffee, the President drew attention to the new publicity banner that has been provided by District. "Something productive has come out of district" is what I think I heard the President say but I must have been mistaken. There followed some dubious 'jokes' which surely fell foul of the Trade Descriptions Act.

The Chairman of Round Table then outlined an offer that he hoped we would not want to refuse. The Table has reached a critical mass (I think that should really be a sub-critical mass) with only two active members from Easter onwards. For the last 40 years RT has owned a float which they have used very successfully for Christmas collections. The project is well supported by a number of charitable groups but it does need a structured overall organisation. The norm has been 14 nights together with 2½ day sessions at Sainsbury's in the run-up to Christmas. Each occasion needs a driver and two responsible adults. Clearly RT can no longer provide that. Last year, £5.5k was raised after subtraction of admin expenses. The float is stored in a council owned garage in Hulme Hall Road and the Tennis Club allows use of their car park as a base for the fortnight season.

"Is this something Rotary would like to be involved in?" was the challenge.

John Sykes asked about the size of towing vehicle needed. In recent times, RT has hired a Transit Van from

County Van Hire at very advantageous rates. Dennis Allport asked how much collecting would be expected of our members. Shifts last about 2 hours midweek and up to 4 hours at weekends. It is anticipated that our members would probably only have to do 1 shift each. The greatest work load would fall on the Treasurer who would have to count the proceeds after each session. At this point, Michael Lacey began to wonder if it was such a good prospect after all! Would this be instead of our normal Christmas collecting? No!

The proposal will be discussed at the Council meeting on 14th February.

Hon Sec – The District Membership get together was “really rather good”.

Hon Treasurer – “Don’t spend any money this week but there’s about £2.5k in each account.”

Club Services – Absence apologies in plenty of time next week, please. Programme of speakers now complete through to mid-April.

International – Nothing for the moment.

Community Service – Kieran from Disability Stockport has asked us to cover the cost of transporting the walking sticks, crutches etc to Suffolk.(about £400). The first meeting to discuss the inter-club October Charity Walk is to be held shortly. Stroke Awareness Day is 9th April.

Ways & Means – Plans for Duck Race going well; collection days and publicity are being setting up. Sunday 21st August is the day for the event at the Rugby Club. There is to be a ‘Super-10s’ tournament with 8 teams, linked to a Duck Race family event and a BBQ. Lots of positive reaction from the 1st Mercian regiment. It is hoped that this might become an annual event.

Social – Next event is President’s Night at the Deanwater with the same band as last year. We are encouraged to invite as many friends as we can.

Sales – Null response on this occasion.

Communication – Look at the new banner! Ron will shortly be meeting members of the press to find out why they seem so antagonistic to Rotary.

AOB – Some discussion initiated by ADG Geoff Hunt about district boundaries. “Do we love and cherish 1050?” Surely in the ultimate, Club membership is more important than which district we are in.

Raffle – Your correspondent is too embarrassed to say who won, especially as there was no visiting speaker to whom it could be donated.

S@A – executed with great aplomb by Vida – no more need be said.

John Knowles

Beacon Counselling: 15th February

Well, given that my previous effort passed without comment, I suppose something about it must have been OK. So here I go again.....

Woke up and staggered a weary trail to the bathroom. Showered, shaved and then went downstairs for breakfast, yawning on the way if I recall correctly. (Note to self – best ask if this is the right sort of thing wanted). Lunch came eventually having read the paper for a couple of hours and the afternoon was spent on the computer getting ready for the highlight of the day, TEA.

See, when you are retired things can become a little repetitive!

Bar crowded and full of lively chat as per normal – anyone would think that this was an annual gathering rather than a weekly one.

Mr President kicked off at 8 prompt but unfortunately there was no food. Grace was therefore delayed, to be said “when there is food to be thankful for”

In the meantime Mr Hunt introduced a prospective..... Mr G Birnie and Mr Bissel greeted the two speakers, Mr James Harper and Ms Fiona Douglas, and delivered apologies from some 11 members.

Mr Poizer requested the allowance of HWP's at next weeks meeting when we have an international guest.

Mr Lacey made two points about the new updated council approved club guide and a Meet the President memo.

Grace was said by Rev Knowles and food taken from 8.09.

Perhaps an event of note happened at 8.12.....Mr Hill arrived. I'm sure no one noticed.

Between mains and pudding Mr Lacey introduced forms for completion relating to Foundation.

We all stood at 9.07 to toast The Queen.

Mr Bissell introduced Mr James Harper and Ms Fiona Douglas from Beacon Counselling

Mr Harper introduced the service to us giving a potted history and where they are at currently.

Beacon Counselling is a voluntary organisation with a registered charity status and was established in 1984 to provide counselling for people in Bramhall. They now offer counselling to anyone living or working in the Stockport area and see many difficult conditions such as depression, anxiety, suicidal tendencies and domestic violence Please go to

<http://www.beaconcounselling.org.uk/> for more info.

Beacon became aware, through its work with young people, that there is not enough counselling available for young people, especially within their communities. It was with this in mind that Beacon 2 was set up in 2006. It provides free counselling to young people aged 11 - 18. With funding from BBC Children in Need from August 2008, Beacon is keen to develop the service over the next 3 years to reach more young people in need of support in Stockport.

Ms Douglas gave a perspective of the service from the field and tried to

explain what she got from dealing with her clients and facing huge challenges giving us two examples. She asked that I include the following poem which had been written by a client before her counselling.

*I feel like a flower, on my own in a weed filled garden,
I know how pretty I look amongst those ugly weeds,
But the more it rains the bigger the weeds grow,
I am lost in a forest of big weeds waiting to be picked,
But as the days go by, I am no longer visible.*

*The weeds are taller than me now, they take all my sun,
The wind is picking up now,
Every time it does, another petal floats away,
My stem is weak, I hate them weeds so much,
Soon I have no petals.*

*I don't feel like a flower anymore,
My stem does not reach high,
Instead it sags down to the cold wet mud,
I don't want to be picked, I don't hate the weeds,
I haven't the strength.*

The sun goes down and so do I.

Mr Harper wrapped up by explaining their two major programmes - Funding has been granted to develop an important partnership with Disability Stockport which works with unemployed people and helped 44 people last year. And to work in 7 primary schools, to continue our work in Wythenshawe and to deliver Stressbuster programmes.

Mr Bissell offered a vote of thanks after member's questions had been taken.

Committees had very little to report and various bits of AOB were heard. (Mr Davies on Chagos, Mr Poizer on Rotarian good deeds, Mr Stephenson on Presidents Elect meeting and Mr Burch on a broadcast)

Raffle won by Mr Allport who did the right thing - Mr Harper grinned like the Cheshire Cat.

S at A was Mr Michael Lacey who did a job on everyone as usual.

Meeting closed at a timely 10.25 with final toast.

Ian Dobson

Anagrams

THE MORSE CODE: HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES: CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY: IS NO AMITY

Ashley Elkelund: Ambassadorial Scholar - 23rd February

The meeting opened dead on time at 8pm with Bob Stevenson chairing the meeting (in the President's absence). Invited to this meeting were partners, husbands, wives, girlfriends or boyfriends as we were to be spoken to later by Ashley Elkelund - Canadian Ambassador Scholar. Gordon commented on the Tasmania trip by Nicki and a toast was given to her. Sue Preece commenting that Bob and her had visited a Rotary Club in Sri Lanka where to say the least the meeting was not conducted in the way it is in Europe.

Ashley was originally from a smallish city called Kamloops which is in central British Columbia with a population of around 90,000 people, a small university, a ski hill and an almost desert like climate in the summer months. Within 5 minutes of her Parents house she was up a mountain with no-one to be seen for miles and within an hours drive she could be boating on a new lake or river every single day and she believes that easy access to nature is something you definitely need to take advantage of and now she realises how very rare it is.

Ashley is sponsored as a scholar by a Rotary club in Kamloops or BC, rather from the Rotary club of London, Ontario which is two hours south of Toronto and where she went to University. After completing 2 years of university in her home town she moved out to Ontario to complete her Bach-

elors degree at the University of Western Ontario which is a similar size to the University of Manchester with about 35,000 students. She graduated from there last June with an Honors BA in International Relations and a minor in German.

On to Manchester and now she is studying at the University of Manchester – how did she get there? The missing links.

Firstly, Youth Exchange – this is where Rotary started for her with the rotary programmes for youth.

Growing up she was not really sure what she wanted to do with her life, but there was one thing she did know and that was she dreamt of seeing the Eiffel Tower and the only way she knew how to do that was through the Rotary youth exchange programme. In 2004/2005 she was lucky enough to be accepted into the programme and spent her first year out of high school living with a host family living in Eibesthal Austria.

It helped her to connect with traditional Austrian culture in a way that she never could have in the City. It was a beautiful area in the heart of the Weinviertel or Wine Quarter with family run vineyards being so much of a culture and a different type of wine for every season but she went on to say she had the best of both worlds because her host father happened to be a train engineer and drove the train back and forth

to Vienna every day so she was able to get out to the big city any time she wanted to for an afternoon or evening to take in the sights. The conclusion to all of this she said is that it really did give her a huge new found appreciation for intercultural exchange, international travel, and learning new languages. Because of that year she has now got many friends in every corner of the world people who still stay in touch with her on a regular basis.

Fusion Rotaract

After returning from Austria, she went back to her home town and started university there for two years whilst she saved up to go away to study International Relations. She joined up with a brand new just beginning Rotaract club there called Kamloops Fusion Rotaract. Ashley jumped right in, became service committee chair and took on an international service project in Danli, Honduras. For this they held a major fundraising event, the a St Patty's Day Casino Night fundraiser and were able to send upwards of 4,000 dollars to Danli for the construction of the school and education programming in a rural village outside of the city. The following year she was lucky enough to go down to Danli with a group of Rotaractors to help finish the construction spend time with the kids and spend time with the Rotarians and the culture there.

As part of Fusion Rotaract she got to attend an RYLA conference which certainly helped further build her leadership networking and public speaking skills over and above even what the

daily involvement in the community provided.

UWO Rotaract

When she moved from Kamloops to go to a bigger University on the other side of the country, Western she was able to continue her Rotaract involvement. She joined one of the biggest Rotaract clubs in all of North America with between 300 and 500 members. Ashley found her role here and took on a Rotary liaison position which had her attending Rotary clubs on a very regular basis. She was also lucky enough to go to New York for a Rotary UN conference day in 2008 as to be the plenary speaker at a zone conference in Niagara Falls where she was able to meet last year's RI president John Kenny.

Transition

Rotary had certainly made her dreams come true through her experience with it and also to help in building communities and bridging continents, and she hopes that her story can be an example to all of us about how important these youth programmes are and how the future Rotary really is in our hands. Even this coming year's theme seems surprisingly suited for her as she feels like as much as she is learning international development here, as well as engaging in a huge self process self development and figuring out what exactly her role is in helping better humanity more broadly.

Her life here

Ashley certainly kept the Rotary leadership theme going between both her host club and starting up a new Rotaract club at the university. Phillip

Webb who was there has been instrumental in getting that started and it's a pleasure for her to join in with that effort. She has also tried to keep in touch with her small town country roots by getting out to enjoy the beautiful landscapes and nature that England has to offer. Ashley has joined the university rock climbing club to get out the Peak District and has traveled to the

Lake District to do some hiking and wandering in the fells and planned a trip to Wales and Snowdonia at the end of this month as well.

After this excellent talk Ashley took some questions and answered them in a very spirited and admirable way.

Bob Stevenson

Committee night: 9th March

All the usual preliminaries were observed, and we welcomed the innovation of meal items being labelled so that informed choices could be made without repeated questions to Lorraine and her staff. After the meal, committee and other reports included the following:

International (David Rose). A classical music concert is being organised on October 15th to support Foundation.

Treasurer (Michael Lacey). The General Account holds about £1400, and there is about £2200 of uncommitted funds in the Charity Account. Our cash is now held by the Charities Aid Fund, not NatWest. We are having problems passing funds to India to support a children's orphanage and this topic may have to be revisited. No donation had been made to the People's Museum, and views were largely against making a donation.

Secretary (Brian Dougal). Everything was under control!

Club Services (David Walker). The diary had been updated.

Communications (Ron Malabon). It was hoped to get a picture of the crocuses in Bramall Park into local papers. District 1050 Communication chairpersons were planning to meet, but so far too little interest showed through!

Community Service (Vida Chattington). Stroke Awareness Day was 9th April. Help was offered. A shift rota will be drawn up. Disability Stockport had unwanted equipment which we planned to transport at our cost to a relevant charity in Suffolk. Tony Burch offered the use of one of his company's vehicles which was scheduled to go to that area. The equipment needed to fit into space available in the vehicle, which was to make the trip the following week.

Social (John Meeus). A 'big picnic' function is being planned for early June. This will be at Gawsworth, and will take in a show there. The annual barbecue will be on 3rd July. Friday 23rd September will be our 25th Charter anniversary. It was proposed that

this should be formal/semi-formal dinner with a speaker. Ideas are welcomed. Ways and Means. (John Thewlis). Planning for the Duck race on 8th May is well advanced. This year's event will be on a much bigger scale than previously. Maximum help from members, partners and friends is requested. Tickets will be on sale by members on 8 and 10 April at Morrisons, on 16 and 17 April at Handforth Dean and Woodford Park and on 24 April at Bramall Hall. Tickets will also be sold on 6 and 7 May at Waitrose. There will be at least 30 stalls. Please give bric-a-brac to Vida, and books to Ron. Offers of gazebos for use on the day are requested.

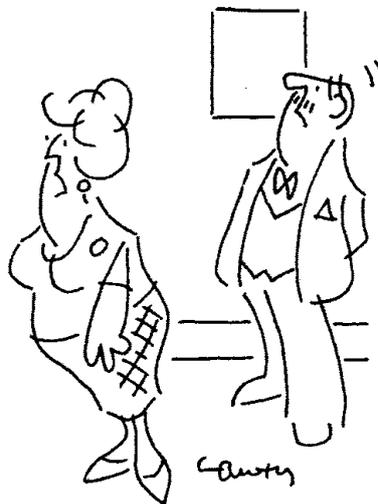
St. Ann's Hospice is also holding a duck race, this time in September. It was

hoped that we will be able to offer useful ideas.

Other business. A few detailed matters on rota swaps were mentioned. Geoff Hunt and John Meeus will take Cathy Denison on the Blind Run on 14 March. Bob S. wants a swap on 21st March. Gordon/Vida were selling credit card sized calculators for £1.49 complete with Rotary emblem. David Rose won the raffle and Gordon extracted 50p's from many, but fortunately not from your reporter!

The meeting ended at a respectable 10.20.

Dennis Allport



***"It's too late to agree with me now -
I've changed my mind!"***

An update from the Treasurer

I know it is not usual for the treasurer to put a report in the bulletin. After all what is there to say? There is x in the charity account and y in the general account and that's it. Well not quite. I've been treasurer for about 8 months and have found it really interesting, with a surprising amount to do.

Bank Accounts

First the actual bank accounts – originally just six then up to ten and now down to four. Each account comes as a pair – a current account and a deposit account – though with today's interest rates there is precious little difference! Originally we banked with NatWest and had the general account for members' funds, the charity account for the money we raise and give away, and a special projects account which we needed for Bikes for Africa and kept in case it came in handy. We have been with NatWest for many years and they have served us well – but times change and we wanted a secure on line service that allowed us to see our accounts more often than the monthly statement, to move money electronically but keeping the “two signature” principle and to allow people to donate to us by credit card over the web, and getting the gift aid automatically. NatWest could not offer this and so we moved to CAF Bank (CAF= Charities Aid Foundation – an organisation which serves charities – in the banking subsidiary there are over 25,000 charity customers with deposits of over a billion pounds). The move is complete and we now have just our general and charity account pairs. We can now send money electronically (what happens is that typically I initiate it, an email is sent to Graham or Brian by the bank and they authorise it and then the money moves). We can log on daily and see the bank position and we can receive donations direct into our charity account (tell people just to go to our own web site).

Charity to general to Charity!

At the start of the year the charity account owed the general account £1,000. This was repaid and just recently we decided to donate £1,000 from the general account to Rotary Foundation – so it was moved back again and from there the cheque sent!

Subscriptions and Capitations and spend (i.e. the general account)

39 (all!) members paid their subs of £95. To this £3,705 we added £114 from new members giving £3,819. We paid out (“capitations”) to RIBI £2,109 and to District 1050 £1,000. So we had £710 to run the club for a year! In per head terms we got subs of £95, spent capitations of £78 and have £17 to run the club!

Given a loss of £464 for president’s night, £400 for our honorarium to the President and some contribution to the weekly room charge it is small wonder that we are running at a loss this year. Don’t panic though – this was all part of the plan – after all why should we be building up funds in our general account? At the time of writing we have about £1,400 and are likely to end the year with around that.

The charity account

In round number approximations, so far this year (up to mid March), we have added £9,600 to the charity account and spent £11,300. The main change from now on until the end of the Rotary year (which nowadays is also our accounting year) will be the Duck Race.

The additions can be summarised as, again approximated:

Christmas activities	£2,800
Events (Rocktoberfest, Walk and Theatre)	£2,000
Harry and Maggie’s house party	£1,500
Foundation grant	£500
Members’ donation to Foundation	£1,000
“non” Christmas Cards	£500
Sales (Ebay, cookers etc)	£500
Odds and ends (eg donation from Mac, Bramall Hall car parking)	£800

The donations we have made:

Air Ambulance	£2,000
Jumpspace	£1,000
Foundation	£1,000
Shelter Boxes	£1,000
Indian Orphanage	£500
Dev's cancer charities	£500
Trade aid box to Tanzania	£500
Various smaller (Nepal trust, Peoples Museum, Legion, Motor Neurone etc etc)	£1,500

Committed but not spent

From H&M house party	£1,000
Foundation Grant	£500
Other (transport for crutches etc)	£500
Event costs (Rocktoberfest, Theatre)	£1,000

Don't forget the above numbers are very rounded (meaning wrong but not especially misleading!)

Michael 15.3.2011

Tanzania and Gordon's frustrating attempts to get help!

A sequence of emails between Gordon and Rebecca Jackson of Usa River Rotary Club as part of his attempt to involve the Tanzanian clubs in a program of sustainability in the area of hospital equipment repair.

After attempts to get a reply had failed, I contacted their District Governor (who I had met at one of the meetings). I got one reply from all the clubs and this was it:

From: Rebecca@swtz.org
Date: Mon, 7 Feb 2011 16:28:25 +0300

Dear Gordon,
We, at Usa River Rotary Club, do remember you well from your visit last year. Your talk on your work in Tanzania was very interesting, as were your ideas of future collaborations for the repair of hospital equipment.

If you remember, we suggested you send us a written proposal of how a project might work, and the involvement you would expect from a participating club here. If you would let us have your detailed project proposals and how anticipate our being involved, we could discuss at a board meeting and respond to you.

Your idea of a yahoo group is a good one and can network hospitals/ technicians together to get answers to repair problems, without the need of a "middle-man".

Regards,
Rebecca Jackson
Treasurer
Rotary Club of Usa River

From: [Gordon Jackson](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:27 PM
To: rebecca@swtz.org
Subject: RE: Rotary visit to Tanzania

Thanks for your reply. My original email proposal was sent to a number of your members but I will repeat my proposals here.

As you may see, my proposal is simply that Engineering World Health works with local Rotary Clubs to identify suitable hospitals that are in a position to continue maintenance once students have left the country. In other words, EWH students are to work with hospital staff/technicians to ensure continuity and hospitals that are not willing to invest in their own future do not form part of the scheme. I have also set up the Africafix email group for people to maintain contact between technical/interested staff in order to remove some of the isolation felt by technicians working in rural areas.

{Repeat of statement of intent}

Gordon

From: Rebecca@swtz.org
Date: Thu, 10 Feb 2011 11:41:52 +0300

Dear Gordon,

Thank you for your prompt reply, and also outlining your ideas.

These are the ideas that you shared with us on your last trip. However, if you remember, we explained that we are all working full-time and have limited time to give to Rotary projects, of which we have several in progress at any one time. We are more used to implementing projects which have defined time limits/funds/specific goals (such as procure and deliver £ worth of drugs for abc disease to hospitals xyz by date dd/mm/yy).

If I read your email right, it seems EWH and GE already have a good equipment-repair programme in place, and maybe I am being daft but I am still not understanding exactly how you want Rotary clubs to be involved. Sustainability is always an issue here, so if you have a project that can address this, with defined parameters, please do let us know so we can discuss it.

Similarly, if you have a project to import medical equipment, let us have the details and we can discuss too (I am personally not sure of the laws/import taxes regarding importing medical equipment). It IS possible to buy many medical supplies/electrical parts here cheaply these days and if we can support Tanzanian businesses rather than import ourselves that would be preferable!

Kind regards,
Rebecca

From: [Gordon Jackson](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 5:38 PM
To: rebecca@swtz.org

Subject: RE: Rotary visit to Tanzania

My idea was to have local Rotary clubs work with Engineering World Health and use their local knowledge to help select those hospitals that would give some form of guarantee of continuity after the students had left. Whilst I was there, I was given the impression that the hospital management had little idea of the necessity for equipment maintenance and items were used until they became faulty. They would then ask for a replacement or wait until EWH students arrived to repair it. Meanwhile, patients were being put in danger because the equipment was faulty. Technicians were not valued and nor were they encouraged to use the time with EWH students to learn new skills.

This project does not attract funding nor does it have distinct start and stop dates so it does not look like the kind of thing you would get involved with (if what I read is correct). I will therefore attempt to pursue this in a different way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gordon Jackson

From: Rebecca@swtz.org
To: gordonjackson@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Rotary visit to Tanzania
Date: Mon, 21 Feb 2011 10:49:06 +0300

Dear Gordon,

Thank you for responding. Your ideas are right, and we do understand the need for a repair programme, but it would take considerable time and effort on our part to be involved in this, and would be difficult to manage and sustain. There is a huge issue to overcome first which is that of valuing assets, whether large or small and whether in a hospital or office or home environment. Things are changing but the attitude is still very much "well if it works today great; if it breaks tomorrow oh well we had it for a day...". In my own NGO we try to teach our staff and children to look after things and to undertake the maintenance required to prolong the life of assets, but it is an on-going frustrating process! You might want to look at how you can help guarantee the continuity of a programme such as this, as most hospitals that really need the help to repair equipment don't have the funds to do so.

Rebecca

Casting light onto a dark subject!

Once upon a time, you bought 40, 60, 100 or 150 Watt bulbs and they all looked the same but with changes in legislation forcing people to buy energy saving bulbs and with manufacturers all making their own fittings requiring special bulbs, we now find ourselves faced with a bewildering array of light sources.

There are so many pitfalls to watch out for when buying 'energy saving' bulbs that unless you are very careful you end up with a dim, grey green apology for a light that will give you eye strain and a splitting headache. In an attempt to clarify matters (or make them worse), here is a breakdown of common types and what to look for:

1. You can check the colour temperature (CT) of the bulb. The outlawed tungsten bulbs have a CT of 3800, most of the low power replacements are 3200 or (soft) 2800. For comparison 4500 is daylight.
2. Check the 'equivalent wattage'. If, for instance it says '60 watt equivalent', expect the actual brightness to be slightly less than a 60W tungsten.
3. EU regulations require that all bulbs are now measured in Lumens (their light output) rather than Watts (their power consumption). A 60 watt conventional bulb typically gives off 800 lumens. A frosted 60 watt bulb may only give off 500 lumens. A 13 watt energy saving bulb is supposed to give off that same 800 lumens although they may take up to a minute to reach full brightness.
4. The fitting of the old type of tungsten filament bulbs was called 'bayonet cap' which means it had two prongs sticking out of the side and two contacts on the bottom. There are now three other main fittings: SBC (small bayonet cap), Edison Screw (ES) (sometimes called Large Edison Screw or LES) and Small Edison Screw (SES).
5. Small spotlight fittings of the type often found in kitchens and bathrooms can have bulbs with two pegs sticking out of the base which fit into corresponding holes in the light fitting and twist to lock (called GU10). Some however have only two straight pins and these just push in (called GU5.3). These two types are not interchangeable as the push-in type operate at only 12 Volts instead of the 240 of the usual mains and the light fittings are different. You can get both types in 'halogen' (normal) or LED (Light Emitting Diode) types. The latter are supposed to last longer although their light is 'colder' (it contains more blue).

Cost is a major factor with prices varying considerably between stores. Sometimes Tesco will have a special offer of 10p for an energy saving bulb but mostly, I go to LIDL, Aldi, Morrisons or Wilkinsons.

The whole thing is very confusing.

Gordon

Rotary in 1940

LONDON, SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1940

WAR WORK FOR ENTIRE TOWN

PLAN TO USE SHOP STAFFS

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

A scheme to turn over an entire town to war work is being considered by the Rotary Council in a South of England town.

If legislation can be obtained six hours for opening would be arranged for all shops and the trading personnel would be organised for war work for the rest of the working day. Empty shops would be equipped with plant and machinery.

Garage workers would be organised for the manufacture of such things as small arms. Outfitters would make clothes and equipment for the forces. Women in drapery stores could make hospital requisites. In this way all the war industry of the town would be carried out by the best qualified workers, and it would be possible to manufacture large supplies of urgently needed articles.

BUSINESS HALVED

Mr. Arthur Atkin, a member of the town's Rotary Club, who initiated the scheme, said yesterday: "Most shops are working normal hours, yet doing half their peace-time business. If shops were to open only part of their usual hours it would be possible for them to do the same amount of business and carry out extensive war work as well.

"I suggest that all traders should continue to pay their employees at the same rates on the understanding that they take part in this war drive. We could obtain the advice of Ministries on what commodities to manufacture. We have masses of skilled workers in the town."

BLIND RUN

Note that the Blind Run is now on Monday afternoons, with a pick up in time to arrive at Walthew House by 1.30 pm and returning to pick up the passengers at 3.30pm

Mrs Joan Goodall, 3 Poise Brook Drive, Offerton
Tel: 456 2076 Pick up 1.15 pm

Cathy Denison, 47 Chester Croft Rd., off Spath Lane East, Grove Lane, Bramhall
Tel: 439 7559 Pick up 1.15pm

Ring the above up Saturday or Sunday to check that your passengers still need a lift. If you can't get through, go round anyway at the appointed time. Let Bob Batty or John Sykes know if you get stuck. Please swap with someone if you can't do your appointed run. If possible drivers should have their mobiles and other driver's number in case of any delays.

March 28	R Malabon	V Chattington
April 4	D Burstow	G Hunt
April 11	B Farrow	N Loveland
April 18	G Jackson	J Meeus
April 25	R Malabon	D Rose
May 2	D Poizer	B Preece
May 9	B Stevenson	B Batty
May 16	D Burstow	V Chattington
May 23	B Farrow	N Loveland
May 30	G Hunt	J Meeus
June 6	R Malabon	D Rose
June 13	D Poizer	J Sykes
June 20	B Stevenson	B Batty
June 27	D Allport	V Chattington
July 4	D Burstow	G Hunt
July 11	B Farrow	G Jackson
July 18	N Loveland	R Malabon
July 25	D Allport	B Preece
September 5	J Meeus	D Poizer
September 12	D Rose	J Sykes
September 19	B Stevenson	D Burstow
September 26	B Batty	B Farrow

Job rota

Date	Speaker host	Bulletin	S at A
March 30	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
April 6	Committees	D Burstow	H Hill
April 13	B Bissell	G Fallowfield	B Dougal
April 20	B Batty	B Farrow	C Egan
April 27	J Fallowfield	J Meeus	A Newsome
May 4	Committees	D Rabone	T Saville
May 11	J Sykes	D Rose	D Poizer
May 18	J Knowles	T Burch	T Sheppard
May 25	V Chattington	D Walker	I Dobson
June 1	Committees	D Schofield	G Hunt
June 8	J Thomas	M Lacey	B Stevenson
June 15	N Loveland	G Jackson	S Preece
June 22	Handover mtg.	D Allport	B Preece
June 29	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
July 6	Committees	B Batty	H Barker
July 13	S Davies	R Malabon	D Burstow
July 20	T Burch	B Bissell	V Chattington
July 27	I Dobson	B Dougal	G Fallowfield
August 3	Committees	C Egan	B Farrow
August 10	H Hill	J Fallowfield	J Knowles
August 17	G Jackson	G Hunt	M Lacey
August 24	R Malabon	N Loveland	J Meeus
August 31	No meeting: 5th Wednesday		
September 7	Committees	C Monkhouse	D Rose
September 14	A Newsome	D Poizer	D Rabone

If you cannot attend, please find a replacement!

Diary

March	31 st	No meeting - 5 th Wednesday
April	6 th	AGM/Committees
April	9 th	Stroke awareness day
April	13 th	The Red Cross, Karen Jones (Bissell)
April	20 th	A big surprise from Tony
April	27 th	Steve Kimber, District (Chattington)
May	4 th	Committees
May	8 th	Duck Race
May	11 th	David Harrison-The big white south (Rose)
May	18 th	Brian in charge
May	25 th	Egan/ G. Fallowfield- HSBC?
June	1 st	New Committees
June	8 th	J. Fallowfield/ B. Farrow- HSBC?
June	15 th	Hill/ Hunt
June	22 nd	Hand-over meeting
June	29 th	no meeting - 5 th Wednesday
July	3 rd	Barbeque
July	6 th	Committees
July	13 th	Malabon/Monkhouse
July	20 th	Jackson/Knowles
July	27 th	Lacey/Loveland

Unallocated events:

- 1) Visit to Total Fitness (Meeus)
- 2) Job talks (G. Fallowfield)(T. Saville)(D. Schofield)(Bob, Sue Preece)
- 3) Social Quiz (Meeus)
- 4) HBSC Manager- Kiliminjaro(Meeus)- May 25th or June 8th

Forthcoming events:

- 2) Rugby Event with British Legion - 21st August

24/03



James Harper of Beacon
who spoke to us on
February 15th



Ashley Elkelund, Ambassadorial
Scholar, visited us on 23rd February.

Bramhall Park crocus's. I
wonder who planted
these?

