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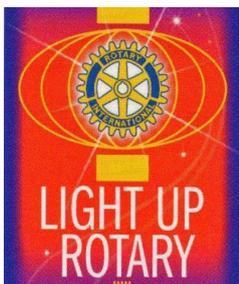
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The Achievements of Youth



The 2015 Youth Speaks Intermediate and Senior Competitions were held at Bournemouth School for Girls in February.

The 2015 Technology Tournament was held at Corfe Hills School in March



The latest Club Restaurant Evening, organised by Alun Williams, was held at the end of March at The Koh Thai in Poole Hill, Bournemouth. When Mild, or for the more adventurous, Spicy, dishes were served to twenty three members and partners.

President Pete's Page

As most of you know, it's been a difficult couple of months for Babs and me because of her sister's illness, and I've been somewhat out of the action Rotary-wise. The experience has been a stark reminder of the importance of the valuable work carried out by the support organisations, such as local hospices, MacMillan and Marie Curie, and of the necessity for organizations such as ours to provide as much help as we possibly can.

I was not able to attend the Business Partners' breakfast or the Technology Tournament, but I understand from those that were involved that both events went well. My thanks to Stewart, Eddie and Roger who in various ways have stood in for me at these and other events during my absence.

The Tri-club meeting facilitated by PDG Caroline Millman which took place in February was a major step forward in promoting increased cooperation and liaison between the Poole clubs and I think we have all been pleasantly surprised by the positivity and apparent desire to move forward displayed by all three clubs, both during the meeting and subsequently. We owe a massive vote of thanks to Stewart and Eddie who have been the driving force in making this all happen. I'm sure something good is going to come out of this initiative.

The Swimathon this year was well down on attendance despite sterling efforts by Lions in particular to try to revive the event. Falling attendance leads one to question what needs to be done to stimulate interest. There are now so many sponsored events taking place it could be the swimathon in its current form may not be sustainable. Our swimming team, under Gillian's (non-swimming!) management didn't disgrace ourselves. My only swimming nowadays is confined to getting back into my Laser after one of my frequent capsizes and watching 9 year old human dolphins powering up the pool and back at twice my speed made me realize I need some swimming lessons.

With Easter only a few days away it's time to get the buckets out again and collect at Sainsbury's, let's hope we can continue our Christmas fund raising success! Then it's the Golf Day and the Toddlethon in May, so there's plenty to keep us busy.

I can't believe I have only three months left as your President, time flies when you're having fun. It also flies when you're not!

All that remains is for me to wish everyone a happy Easter.

Pete

Inner Wheel Club of Parkstone & Poole District

I am very pleased to report that eighty filled Rucksacks (for Mary's Meals charity) are now on their way to Africa and forty more are ready waiting to go. I was glad to have been invited by Rotarian Gillian Finch to attend the Youth Speaks competition in February. It was a very interesting and entertaining evening with a wide range of topics.

Our Charity Bridge afternoon raised £500 for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and I am very grateful for the help and support I received from David Hudson and past members Peter Harrison and David Porter.

Twenty-two of us travelled to Winchester earlier this month to meet our Association President from Ilkley along with Mike Jackson your District 1110 Governor. The last week in April will see approximately 2,000 of our members descending on Bournemouth for our annual Conference - more about that in May.

Best wishes,

Mary Lewis

President, Parkstone & Poole District Inner Wheel

The Youth Speaks Competition



Peter Dawes, who organises the event, introducing the Senior Competition.



Some of the activities behind the scene ~ The judges of the Intermediate Competition in deliberation and the Catering Team at work in the interval.

The Group 2 Youth Speaks competition took place at Bournemouth School for Girls on 10th February. Happily this year none of the teams was hit at the last moment by illness and we had a fairly full turnout. In fact, in the Intermediate Competition there were ten teams which necessitated some nifty footwork by those Rotarians who were organising that event. The Seniors, with just four entries on the day, had almost the opposite problem and we found ourselves ‘spinning out’ the proceedings so they didn’t finish too early. As it turned out, the Intermediates surpassed themselves and finished some 30 minutes ahead of schedule. That meant, after the statutory break for refreshments, the announcement of results and presentation of prizes all happened in good time and our initial fears of a time overrun proved unfounded. In some ways, it was good to see the winner’s ‘baton’ move to different schools this year. Avonbourne College “C” team won the Intermediates with a talk simply entitled “Music” whilst the Senior trophy was lifted by Twynham School with their main Speaker (completely without the aid of notes) addressing the topic “The more we communicate, the less we say”; in the circumstances, perhaps an apposite title. The two winners now move on to the District Finals in Andover on 7th March and we wish them every success. (Peter Dawes)



Intermediate Winners: Avonbourne College C Team



Senior Winners: Twynham School

The Technology Tournament



The Technology Tournament was organised by Graham Ward of Parkstone Club, who acted as Chief Steward and involved members from all three Clubs in Poole.

The mixed teams of four students from various local schools were given the task of designing and building a working model of a powered vehicle that would transport materials via a suspended rope across a ravine where a bridge had been destroyed by a typhoon.

The level of difficulty varied from the Foundation Task in which the device had to just reach the other side to the Advanced Task where the load had to be delivered and the carrying vehicle return empty. John Wootton acted as Chief Judge and supervised the three teams of judges who patrolled the event during the design and building stage, then retired to consider the portfolios written up by the teams before overseeing the testing of the vehicles—some being very successful and others not capable of leaving the start! Nevertheless it was a good team building and cooperative effort by all the students who took part.

Parkeon presented the Advanced Trophy Cup, Westover the Intermediate Trophy Shield, won by a team of three, and the Foundation winners received the Rotary Junior Trophy Cup. Each trophy being held for a period of time by the appropriate schools in the teams until the next tournament.



Club Speakers

17 February: **Diverse Abilities Plus** by Beccy Briley

Beccy Briley from Diverse Abilities Plus gave an emotional and thought provoking presentation covering the history of the charity formed almost 60 years ago by Phyllis Edwards, who was troubled that there was no support for parents who, like her, had children with disability and learning needs and were in desperate need of support and attention. Beccy also outlined the current work of this excellent charity operating in the community and at Langside School. She explained a philosophy of lifetime partnerships and care for those in need when schooling ends and also extending to the needs of the whole family. This includes work in the home to support parents in a range of ways. Members were moved to hear how the efforts of one local parent has been sustained for more than half a century bringing much needed support to so many families and their children. Phyllis is still involved with the charity which has grown so much since she sought out other families with 'spastic' children all those years ago. What we now see is a tribute to her and the other families who dared to dream of better things for their own and other children. Beccy stressed that she would be pleased if any members would like to visit Langside School to see its happy loving environment in action.

(Roger Allen)

3 March: **Empower, Inform, Inspire: Autism Wessex** by Becky Chalk

Becky Chalk the Community and Events Co-ordinator for Autism Wessex, a local charity, gave a brilliant and clear talk about Autism, the effects on the individual concerned and their families and what can be done to mitigate this traumatic illness. Autism is present at birth although it is not always apparent until the baby is possibly several months old. It is not known what causes it and there is no known cure. There are various depths and effects to the illness, generally known as Autism in its most serious forms to Aspergers in milder conditions. All have poor memory, an inability to concentrate, lack of attention to detail and use elaborate language. There are four dimensions of Autism which have to be assessed with each affected individual; communication skills, relationship skills, imagination and flexible thinking skills and sensory perception. It is a predominantly masculine problem with five males suffering for every one female. Everyone has a marginal degree of Autism. Autism Wessex works in Hampshire, Dorset and Sussex, where they currently work with 1400 families, the largest number of these are in Dorset. Their key service is the running of Portfield School in Parley Lane, Christchurch, but they also work in the community with adults and their families. In addition they would ideally wish to purchase houses, each accommodating three or four individuals. Their aim is to make the condition less stressful and easier to navigate. They seek to raise £155,000.00 per year with various events, but the true cost is in the region of £10 million obtained through Government funds. Autism Wessex was started by a single family.

(Brian Finch)

10 March: **The Urban Guild** by Mark Cribb

Mark Cribb the owner of "The Urban Guild" proved to be a very enthusiastic entrepreneur who proceeded to give an amusing and interesting talk on how "The Guild" came about. He started some 10 years ago with the refurbishment of a run down hotel in Boscombe, now known as "The Urban Beach". Having made a success of this project, he turned his attention to a new unit in the Boscombe Sea Front development, which he opened as a restaurant "The Urban Reef" that used fresh produce from his own farm. Recently he acquired a restaurant in Penn Hill to complete the group now known as "The Urban Guild". Mark says that he is now consolidating but I am sure he will not rest for long.

(Tony Ford)

Gone but not forgotten ~ Julian Sandy

After many years working for Children Services at Bournemouth Council, Julian Sandy has moved to Oswestry, with his partner Russ, to fulfil his ambition to become a pub landlord! On 19th February he said an emotional farewell to Westbourne Rotary, left the Council on the 24th and ran his first function in his new business on Sunday 22nd March. But then, Julian never does things by halves!

Julian relaunched and ran the Children's Family Festival in Kings Park, culminating in the centenary of the event last year, which also remembered the outbreak of the First World War – and what a fitting way to end this run of success. Julian was President of Westbourne Club for two years (don't tell RIBI), actively involved in both Group 2 as well as, this year, at District level.

He and Russ are running "The Last Inn" at Hengoed, just outside Oswestry, which has a function room seating 260 people. They'll have their work cut out for the next few months as they re-build what was, until a few years ago, a very successful business. Julian says that if anyone is passing – do please drop in. (The pub acquired its name because it was once the home of a shoemaker. A "last" is the metal or wooden form in the shape of a foot on which shoes are made or repaired).

(Alun Williams)

Birthdays

Patricia Wootton on 18th March
Richard Bostock on 22nd March
Peter Dawes on 23rd March
Brian Martin on 24th March
Elizabeth Walker on 25th March
Janet Fox on 7th April
Lynda Hambly on 21st April
Sandy Wrigley on 20th May

Wedding Anniversaries

David & Hilary Hudson on 2nd April
Peter & Barbara Taylor on 4th April
Wilf & Janet Fox on 7th April
Bernard & Pauline Burgess 18th April
Dimpee & Duncan Smith on 16th May
Roger & Carole Allen on 25th May

Programme & Duties

April 2015

3/4/6th Supermarket Easter Collection
7th **NO MEETING AT HOTEL**
Optional 8.30 am Autism Wessex Breakfast
10/12th RIBI Conference, Belfast
14th **Buffet Night**
Future of Police Governance by Martyn Underhill
Intro: Terry Stewart
Visitors Book: John Walker
Vote of Thanks: Tony Ogg
5.30 pm Club Council
21st **A Speaker from Montacute School**
Intro: Nigel Wrigley
Visitors Book: John Wootton
Vote of Thanks: Alun Williams
28th **Buffet Night**
Membership Meeting
Intro: Club President Peter Taylor
Visitors Book: Bernard Burgess

May 2015

5th **NO MEETING**
9th(Sat) District Assembly
10th(Sun) Naomi House Rainbow Run
11th(Mon) Group 2 Meeting
12th **Buffet Night**
Annual General Meeting
Intro: Peter Dawes
Visitors Book: Brian Finch
5.30 pm Club Council

May 2015

19th **Poole Harbour** by Jim Stewart
Intro: Stewart Greaves
Visitors Book: Tony Ford
Vote of Thanks: Gillian Finch
20th(Wed) Toddlethon in Poole Park
26th **NO MEETING** - Croquet Event

June 2015

2nd **Buffet Night**
New Committees
Intro: David Hudson
Visitors Book: Peter Hambly
5.30 pm Club Council
6/9th RI Convention Sao Paulo, Brazil
9th **Dorset Opera** by Rod Kennedy
Intro: Eddie Newcomb
Visitors Book: Brian Martin
Vote of Thanks: Don Nutt
10th(Wed) Kids Out, Paultons Park
16th **Buffet Night**
Club Assembly
Intro: Tony Ogg
Visitors Book: Terry Stewart
13th(Sat) **President's Night at RYMC**
21st(Sun) Rotary Ride in aid of Prostate Cancer

MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Please give apologies for absence to the Registrar, Bernard Burgess, by 11 am on the Monday before the Club Meeting.

With Meeting format changes some duties may not be required, nevertheless Members are reminded that they must find substitutes for their duties when they cannot attend.