



## From The President's Desk

Having now reached the half-way point of this Rotary Year it seems a suitable moment for, firstly, a brief glance over the shoulder and, secondly, an opportunity to look forward to the next few months and focus our thoughts on what we may achieve.

I said, at the Club Assembly, amongst other things that membership would be a primary objective. My first task, as President, was to welcome Martin and he was followed by Steve, Alan and Paul. Martin becomes our Secretary in July, Steve has worked tirelessly on the Newsletter and I have little doubt Alan and Paul will have much to offer over the oncoming years. An increase, therefore, of 10% for the first six months is a very satisfactory interim figure. Should we be able to gain from a further three before the end of the Year? The future of our Club depends upon it.

Ipswich Orwell is not a Club that habitually raises thousands of pounds every year – but – what we do – we do well. The Jazz Day, thanks in the main to Tony was a delightful occasion, and enabled us to pay our dues to Polio Plus. The Alton Water Walk (final figures to come soon) produced about 40 walkers and an estimated total overall of around £3,600. We now look forward to the Golf Day together with any others that might transpire.

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## Arthritis Care Christmas Cheer

By Brian Beason

On Friday 5th December 2003, The Club hosted its annual social evening for the Arthritis Care Group at St. Mary's Stoke Church Hall. Just over forty members attended and were served with a varied selection of food, which was provided, by our member and their partners. Sherry on arrival and wine to accompany the food was provided by our club. Members were then entertained by the Old Stoke History Group who provided an interesting slide show and commentary on how the area used to look from the early 1900's through to present day.

We were able to offer transport to all the members of The Arthritis Club thanks to so many Rotarians and partners offering their help and the great co-ordination by Rtn. Gordon Kember. Rtn. Carol Lockett did an excellent job as "Head Chef" again with the help of many of our members and partners. As usual Rtn. Bob Fox performed to his standard as "Mine Host" with the wine.

All together another very good evening which was greatly appreciated by the members of Arthritis Care. Thank you to all who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

*A copy of the letter of thanks received from Arthritis Care is shown on the next page.*

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Our social events provided great fellowship, particularly the 25<sup>th</sup> Charter Night, our Hanau connection and our return to the Golf Club for our Christmas Dinner. The social calendar for January includes our Burns Night at The Compasses, which is always a very enjoyable occasion and of course, in March (usefully avoiding the Easter break) is our planned visit with our Hanau friends to Baden Baden in Germany. Bob Fox has confirmed an enthusiastic response from Members and partners and we may well be all in the same hotel together with our Hanau friends —it could be quite a party!

It is my confirmed view that the more we enjoy ourselves the more fruitful our efforts are and if we continue to grow in membership our Club can look forward to a secure and effective future.

Happy New Year.

*Derek* ❖

## Ambassadorial Scholar



Jenifer Josten, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Des Moines, Iowa, USA, spoke at club lunch on Wednesday 10th December 2003. She is studying for an MA in Art History at the University of Essex. Colin Daines, SVP of Manningtree Rotary Club, is her chaperone. Readers may recall that Jenny won the wooden spoon at our recent Ten Pin Bowling challenge! Jenifer herself said that this disproved the myth that all Americans can bowl!

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**ARTHRITIS CARE**  
in Central England



Dear Brian,

On behalf of the members of the Ipswich Branch of Arthritis Care, I would like to thank you and your fellow Rotarians and their wives for giving us a wonderful evening last Friday. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and the food and drink was plentiful and varied.

Please would you also pass on our gratitude to Bob, Jill and Ken from the Old Stoke Association. Their slides were very interesting and I certainly learnt quite a bit about the area. For instance, I never knew that the Old Bell Inn had been cut in half!

It's a great pleasure to have you look after us for an evening, but I always find it strange to be sitting down while others do all the work!

Once again many thanks to you all for giving up your time to come and run the meeting for us.

Yours Sincerely,  
Helen Howe, Secretary.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary](http://www.ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk/diary)

JANUARY 2004 ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting

TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

5.45 pm. Club Council (Ipswich & Suffolk club).

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Alastair McWhirter-  
Chief Constable of Suffolk

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Rotarian Alan Page  
– "My Job".

THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

7.30 pm. District Council Meeting at Mildenhall

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. Burns Night Dinner at Holbrook  
Compasses.

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## £150,000 Raised For Children's Hospices



From RIBI News

The partnership between RIBI and the Association of Children's Hospices announced in July has got off to a flying start. Rotary Clubs have participated in many fund raising events and in the first five months more than £150,000 has been donated by clubs to various hospices in Great Britain and Ireland.

In addition Rotarians are giving hundreds of hours each week at local hospices. Many Rotary Clubs organised events over the Christmas period, the Rotary Club of Windsor St George for example, had a Christmas concert, which raised around £5,000.

The partnership has also raised awareness, and in Ireland, for example, a new children's hospice is being planned in Dublin, with Rotary support.

There are some 20,000 children across the UK with conditions that mean they will not live to reach adulthood. Some children die when very young; others deteriorate slowly over many years. Families caring for life-limited children – often 24 hours a day over many years – can feel extremely isolated and under enormous emotional, physical and financial strain: relationships can suffer; careers may have to be abandoned; well brothers and sisters feel left out; and normal family activities become impossible.

Children's Hospices welcome whole families for respite care, giving them a break together in a comfortable home-like atmosphere. They provide expert palliative and emergency care; practical advice and information; and also terminal care and support into bereavement for as long as it is needed.

There are currently 26 fully operational children's hospices in the United Kingdom, 5 organisations offering a Hospice at Home service, 1 children's hospice Day Care service and another 13 projects with plans at various stages to establish a children's hospice service. ACH works on behalf of all of these organisations.

Brian Stoyel, President of RIBI said "I am delighted at the pace that the partnership has taken off and the support from Rotary Clubs throughout these islands, raising both awareness and much needed funds to continue and expand the wonderful children's hospice services which so many parents depend on. " ■

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

FEBRUARY 2004 WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Jochem Dallas – "The German Church in East Anglia".

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

5.45 pm. Club Council (Ipswich & Suffolk Club).

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting.

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Michael Graham – "Sailing to St. Lucia".

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Rotary Organisation. One year until the centennial.

WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker from World Development Movement.

MARCH 2004

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting

TUESDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA (Community Service)

TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

5.45 pm. Club Council (Ipswich & Suffolk club)

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA (Community Service)

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA (Community Service)

THURSDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

Visit to Baden-Baden with Hanau- Maintal Rotary Club

TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

7.30 pm. District Council at Mildenhall

WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

Evening Fifth Wednesday Event

# January 2004 Message

From RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

January brings a new year and with it new opportunities to learn more about Rotary and the many cultures it represents.



Lend a Hand

Brazil is a vast country, and covering land as the vaqueros do is no small task. These rugged cattle-herders, who have long been known for their skill and bravery, have developed a culture rich in character and tradition.

Rotarians, too, have a proud history, marked by achievement and growth. In fact, so deep is our history and so much have we grown that while most of us can name major Rotary milestones and understand the basic workings of our organization, far fewer know the complete story of the many programs and opportunities Rotary offers.

Fortunately, January is Rotary Awareness Month, a perfect time to refresh your knowledge of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

As Rotarians, we have access to a network of more than 1.2 million service-minded colleagues and a variety of well-established programs designed to foster fellowship and ethical behaviour, promote world peace and understanding, and provide humanitarian service. With so many activities and options available, the task of learning about everything might seem daunting. But there are numerous publications, educational meetings, and, of course, fellow Rotarians who can help you learn more about specific aspects of the Rotary experience. Even if you think you've learned all there is to know about RI and The Rotary Foundation, you might be surprised at what you discover.

Rotary awareness isn't only about our organization's history. It's about our future. If Rotary clubs want to attract new members, seasoned Rotarians must be prepared to share their knowledge.

Prospective members will want to know all about the opportunities for service and the resources available to them if they join a Rotary club. And whenever we welcome a new member, there are traditions to pass along and a rich heritage to share. As Past RI President Richard L. Evans once said: "A man may have a great truth, he may produce a great product, ... he may make a great discovery, but if he dies and no

one benefits, it's because he did not share."

Time spent learning about Rotary is an investment in the future.

Informed members can inspire other Rotarians with their knowledge and engage non-Rotarians by sharing what it means to be a member. I urge you to use this month to learn more about Rotary. When we truly understand Rotary's history and tradition of service, we're better prepared to welcome new members and Lend a Hand in our communities and around the world.

Jonathan Majiyagbe

President, Rotary International ■

## Funny Footnote

Courtesy RI District 3450

Bob Hope passed away during July last year, aged 100. He made the following observations on his life ....

- **On Turning 70** "You still chase women, but only downhill."
- **On Turning 80** "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."
- **On Turning 90** "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."
- **On Turning 100** "I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."
- **On Giving Up His Early Career In Boxing** "I ruined my hands in the ring ... the referee kept stepping on them."
- **On Golf** "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."
- **On Presidents** "I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six."
- **On Receiving The Congressional Gold Medal** "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."
- **On His Family's Early Poverty** "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."
- **On His Six Brothers** "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."
- **On Going To Heaven** "I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality." ■