

The Orwell Newsletter

The Rotary Club Of Ipswich Orwell, RIBI 1339

March 2004

From The President's Desk

It was mentioned to me, shortly after the Business Meeting on Wednesday 3rd March, that it might be an idea to produce the monthly offering before the 1st of the month. I must therefore eat a fairly large slice of humble pie, as it is now Thursday, 4th March. The main apology surely must go to Steve Canham and then to all those Rotarians who have eagerly logged on to the website to find no offering whatsoever. In my defence I can only hope that my previous assiduous attention to the task in the past can be judged now as me being in possession of a "spotless record" in this context.

You will be delighted to know that Keith Jones is looking forward to the new challenge on his appointment as Dean of York. With his usual impish sense of humour he wrote "my installation (sounds like a radiator) is on the 5th June at 2.30 pm". There will probably be a group going to York from St. Mary le Tower for obvious reasons, but should any of his Rotarian colleagues wish to attend – please let me know. It should be a memorable occasion.

In February the Council meeting touched on the subject of the Iranian earthquake disaster and what we, as a

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Centennial News

From RI News Basket
RI President-elect Glenn Estess Sr. unveiled the 2004-05 theme "Celebrate Rotary" at the International Assembly in Anaheim, California, USA, on 16 February 2004.



He explained to 529 incoming district governors gathered that the new theme was inspired by the desire to celebrate in the Centennial year the ideals that Rotary's founders stood for and that over the years have influenced generations of Rotarians to do good throughout the world.

"We are now approaching the 100th anniversary of their action — a simple meeting between four businessmen," the RI president-elect remarked in the 20-minute address. "And when we celebrate all of the wonderful things that have happened as a result of that action, I will be asking all Rotarians to join me as we embrace our theme in 2004-05 and Celebrate Rotary."

In the address, President-elect Estess outlined the 2004-05 presidential emphases: water management, health concerns, literacy, and the family of Rotary. The emphases address major social or development issues facing billions of people on earth.

He also announced three major goals for the coming year: moving forward on PolioPlus; significantly increasing membership; and reaching US\$100 or more per Rotarian in giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

"I am asking each of you to be an instrument for peace and take the Every Rotarian, Every Year message to your heart and to your Rotary clubs," said the president-elect. *continued on page 3*

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Club, should do to assist. District confirmed that Aqua 30 boxes (water purification and installation equipment) were required and I was very pleased with the Club's unhesitating willingness to give its support. The Barry Griffiths Rotary Trust is the Rotary "organ" for these Aqua boxes and a cheque was duly dispatched on the 19th February to purchase two boxes at £250 each.

February was International Month and Peter Townley arranged three very good speakers with a suitable International slant. Jochem Dallas talked to us about the work of the German Church in East Anglia and was followed by Mike Graham talking very amusingly about his sailing exploits to St. Lucia. Dr. Sam Gibbs enlightened us as to the plight of those practising medicine in Tanzania and it was interesting to note that we had a guest that day in the shape of Keith Elias who himself was born and bred in Tanzania. He was very impressed as we all were.

Brian Beason, as Community Service Chairman, together with his Committee has organised speakers for the month of March, which looks like being quite eventful. In particular the 5th Wednesday evening will be a talk by Sue Goddard – no doubt illustrated – on her trip to the Himalayas. You have all seen the "publicity flyer" and I would ask as many of you as can attend to do so – bring your friends – have a great evening and support KIDS OUT. The event is at the Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club on the 31st March starting at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm.

Another important date for the diary is, of course, the Golf Day on the 10th May. This is one of the major fund raising events of our calendar and this year the majority of the funds raised will be applied to the Ipswich Diabetes Centre Children's Appeal. Diabetes amongst the really young is on the increase and, more and more, there is a requirement to provide a separate facility for this group of sufferers. The parents must be aware of the requirement and duties they have to perform and the children themselves must be treated in an environment, which is helpful, constructive, educational, and caring. Therefore, anything that you can achieve to make this event an outstanding success will be very much appreciated. Philip Morgan and his Committee have laid an excellent foundation for the Golf Day but if you have any ideas or can provide prizes or raise teams to play in the

Competition it would help the event, which has always proved to be enjoyable for all.

Finally, my usual plea is once again for new members. As I have said before we have done very well this year in this respect but we now have four months left and it would be marvellous if we could find another two or three in that time.

And finally, finally, Steve Canham would welcome some more contributors to the newsletter – preferably ON TIME!

Yours in Rotary,
Derek ❖

Charity Scooter

The well-known television chef, Jamie Oliver, is trying to sell his beloved scooter in order to raise money for his charity, Cheeky Chops. The charity has been set up to train unemployed youths to become top class chefs through his new restaurant, Fifteen. The Aprilia Habana custom scooter is the one that Jamie uses to ride to his restaurant and will be personally handed over to the auction winner following a complimentary meal for two at Fifteen. You'll have to hurry though. The auction is due to end on eBay at 9:00pm on Wednesday, 3rd March 2004. Current winning bid, when going to press, was £7,600. ■

April Is Magazine Month

April is listed in the Rotary calendar as Magazine Month. This is a time when we look at the information we receive in the variety of magazines that are used to express what Rotary is doing both locally and across the world. It would be good opportunity for us to visit our newsletter, as well as the web-site, and ask a number of key questions:

- Is the newsletter (and/or web-site) fulfilling a useful role?
- Are the size, format, distribution method and frequency acceptable?
- Can we include any more regular items, such as the DG 1080 monthly newsletter, committee notes, general notices, etc?

As normal, I would welcome any comments or articles that you may have. Please contact me via email (webmaster@ipswichorwellrotary.fsnet.co.uk), via the web-site ([Contact Us](#)) or feel free to give me a ring.

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Later in the day, RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe elaborated on the 2004-05 presidential emphases by enumerating some of the related initiatives that Rotarians can adopt to celebrate 100 years of outstanding service.

"Our first hundred years will stand as an inspiring record of men and women of all races, religions, nationalities and political creeds who have made significant contributions to creating a more peaceful world," he said. "It will be your privilege to lead Rotarians into our next century — a century in which we will Lend a Hand and Celebrate Rotary with even greater fellowship and countless acts of service."

During their ongoing training at the Assembly, the 2004-05 class of district governors heard addresses and participated in plenary and breakout sessions designed to prepare them for the historic mission of leading Rotary into a second century of service. ■

More Centennial News

From DG Malcolm Whittley's Newsletter March 2004

There has been discussion about this, and newly elected DGN (Elect) Nigel Neville from Cambridge has been given the job of Asst Governor Centenary Co-ordinator, and he will be pleased to hear from clubs what sort of things they intend to do during the Centenary year of 2004/5. As far as District is concerned there will be two events, one being a Celebration Ecumenical Service at Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral on 27 Feb 2005, at which we hope that all clubs will be represented. There will also be a Celebration Dinner at Kings College on 30th March, where we hope that the RIBI President will be able to come. Numbers for this will be restricted to a First come First served basis. Ticket will cost in the region of £40-£50 each. There will also be a Rotary Centenary Air Show at RAF Duxford on 8th May 2005.

Clubs are being notified about the Scout Centenary World Jamboree in 2007, which will be held in Chelmsford (BP's home territory). Scouting holds a special place in many Rotarians' hearts and so we feel that each club may wish to contribute £100 towards this event More details about these later. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MARCH 2004

WEDNESDAY 3RD

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting

TUESDAY 9TH

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 10TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Robbie Johns (Post Polio Syndrome)

TUESDAY 16TH

5.45 pm. Club Council at Ipswich & Suffolk Club.

WEDNESDAY 17TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: TBA, Stone Lodge Family Centre (Re: Kids Out)

WEDNESDAY 24TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Helen Rollins, "I Am What I Am"

THURSDAY 25TH TO SUNDAY 28TH.

Visit to Baden - Baden with Hanau-Maintal Rotary Club

TUESDAY 30TH

7.30 pm. District Council at Mildenhall

WEDNESDAY 31ST

7:30 pm, Felixstowe Sailing Club. Fifth Wednesday Event. Sue Goddard, "Expedition Everest". Partners and guests very welcome. Proceeds to Kids Out.

APRIL 2004 MAGAZINE MONTH

TUESDAY 6TH

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 7TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting

TUESDAY 13TH

5.45 pm. Club Council at Ipswich & Suffolk Club

WEDNESDAY 14TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA

WEDNESDAY 21ST

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker TBA

WEDNESDAY 28TH

12.55 pm. Town hall Lunch + Speaker TBA

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Funny Footnote



Did you know that Ipswich had two world darts finalists this year? Unfortunately, both lost. Kevin Painter, an Ipswich Town season ticket holder, lost in the 2004 PDC World Championship final and Mervyn King lost in the final of the 2004 World Professional Darts championship. In their honour, courtesy of Rtn. Richard Brown, this month's Funny Footnote features some memorable quotes from Sid Waddell – the legendary TV darts commentator. You might recall some of these classics.....(don't forget the Geordie accent)

- "That's the greatest comeback since Lazarus."
- "When Alexander of Macedonia was 33, he cried salt tears because there were no more worlds to conquer. Bristow's only 27."
- "If we'd had Phil Taylor at Hastings against the Normans, they'd have gone home."
- "He's as cool as a prized marrow!"
- "You couldn't get more excitement here if Elvis Presley walked in eating a chip sandwich!"
- "He's been burning the midnight oil at both ends."
- "These guys look calm but inside they are as nervous as a vampire who knows there's a sale at the wooden stake shop in the morning."
- "That was like watching Popeye when he found his spinach!"
- "He's going like the Loch Ness Monster with a following wind!"
- "Keith Deller is like Long John Silver - he's badly in need of another leg."
- "He looks as happy as a scorpion who's just had a pedicure!"
- "Eyes like a pterodactyl....with contact lenses"
- "Cliff Lazarenko's jumping up and down like a gorilla saying "give me back my banana!"
- "He may practice 12 hours a day, but he's not shy of the burger van!"
- "He's got one foot in the frying pan and one on thin ice."
- "Tarantino re-writing Gunfight at the OK Corral couldn't have done any better than this."
- "This game of darts is twisting like a rattlesnake with a hernia!"
- "This is the clash that makes King Kong versus Godzilla

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MAY 2004

TUESDAY 4TH

5.45 pm. Club Service Committee (Prettys).

WEDNESDAY 5TH

Evening, "Youth Speaks" at Orwell Park School

SATURDAY 8TH

Morning. District Assembly at Mildenhall

MONDAY 10TH

Afternoon. Golf Day.

TUESDAY 11TH

5.45 pm. Club Council at Ipswich & Suffolk Club

WEDNESDAY 12TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Business Meeting and Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY 19TH

7:00pm for 7:30pm. Club Assembly at Ipswich & Suffolk Club.

WEDNESDAY 26TH

12.55 pm. Town Hall Lunch + Speaker: Dr Michael Nicholas, " Tower Memorial Fund"

JUNE 2004 ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

WEDNESDAY 30TH

7:00pm for 7:30pm. Presidential Hand Over at The Compasses Inn, Holbrook

SEPTEMBER 2004

SUNDAY 12TH

Morning. Alton Water Challenge.

OCTOBER 2004

FRIDAY 8TH

Evening. Charter Night Dinner at Ipswich Golf Club

look like a chimpanzees tea party!"

- "Look at the man go, it's like trying to stop a water buffalo with a pea-shooter!"
- "The atmosphere is so tense, if Elvis walked in with a portion of chips..... you could hear the vinegar sizzle on them"
- "It's like trying to pin down a kangaroo on a trampoline."
- "Well as giraffes say, you don't get no leaves unless you stick your neck out."
- "This lad has more checkouts than Tesco's."

March 2004 Message

From RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe
Dear Fellow Rotarians,

March is the month in which Rotarians and their partners in service celebrate Rotaract, and this year we observe the 36th anniversary of this vital, Rotary-sponsored service club program for young men and women ages 18 to 30. With clubs in more than 150 countries, Rotaract is preparing some 170,000 young leaders to better serve their communities.

As Rotarians, we are always looking for ways we can ensure the continued relevance of our organization. One of the most effective ways to keep in step with the times and prepare for the future is supporting RI's programs for youths and young adults. Through programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Youth Exchange, and Rotaract, we have a unique opportunity to ready tomorrow's leaders and expand our efforts to promote goodwill on a global level.

Rotarians play an important role in the Rotaract program, serving as leaders and mentors for an enthusiastic group of young men and women.

In turn, Rotarians reap rewards from their participation. Rotaract members share their youthful energy and enthusiasm with their sponsoring clubs, provide valuable support for existing projects, and contribute fresh ideas for service. Equipped with the skills and inspiration necessary to become leaders in their communities, some Rotaractors become Rotarians. Others go on to lead and contribute to their communities in different ways. Whatever their futures hold, the experiences these young adults derive as members of local Rotaract clubs prepare them to carry on our tradition of service.

In addition to celebrating World Rotaract Week, districts everywhere will be holding presidents-elect training seminars (PETS) this month. These training sessions, whether single-district or multidistrict events, are designed to prepare club presidents for the coming Rotary year and are critical to the ongoing success of clubs and districts.

Strong leaders possess a natural ability to set goals, strategize, and communicate. But even the most dynamic natural leaders can falter if they are not prepared for the task at hand.

When we support training opportunities like PETS and youth programs such as Rotaract, we help guarantee a steady flow of confident, educated, and prepared Rotary leaders.

It has often been said that preparation is half the battle. This month and every month, I encourage you to prepare for the future by supporting RI's up-and-coming leaders, so that we can continue to Lend a Hand in service for years to come. Supporting and caring for youth is Rotary's investment in the future.

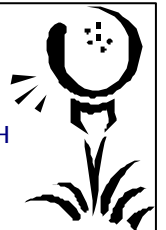
Jonathan Majiyagbe

President, Rotary International ■

ROTARY GOLF DAY

MONDAY 10TH MAY 2004

IPSWICH GOLF CLUB, PURDIS HEATH



The Rotary Club of Ipswich Orwell have organised our 5th Annual Golf Day, to be held at the Ipswich Golf Club on Monday 10th May 2004. We will be raising funds for 'The Ipswich Diabetes Centre Children's Appeal' and Rotary Charities.

The event will be played on the 18-hole course and will be for teams of four (all men, all ladies or mixed). Individuals may also enter and will be made up into an ad-hoc team. The cost is £55.00 per person. Starting times will be from 1.00pm and to ensure convenient tee times it is advisable to contact Philip Morgan as soon as possible.

There will be prizes for the winning Team, which will be the team with the best aggregate of points for 18 holes. Other prizes include the longest drive at hole 18 and nearest the pin at hole 15.

Competitors are welcome to take advantage of the club's excellent catering facilities prior to the competition. Dinner is included and will be provided immediately following the competition round. The prize giving ceremony will follow dinner.

The club are looking for sponsorship, which can be in a variety of forms, ranging from donations and raffle prizes to green and tee sponsorship. This sponsorship is crucial to the financial success of the day.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Philip Morgan.

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