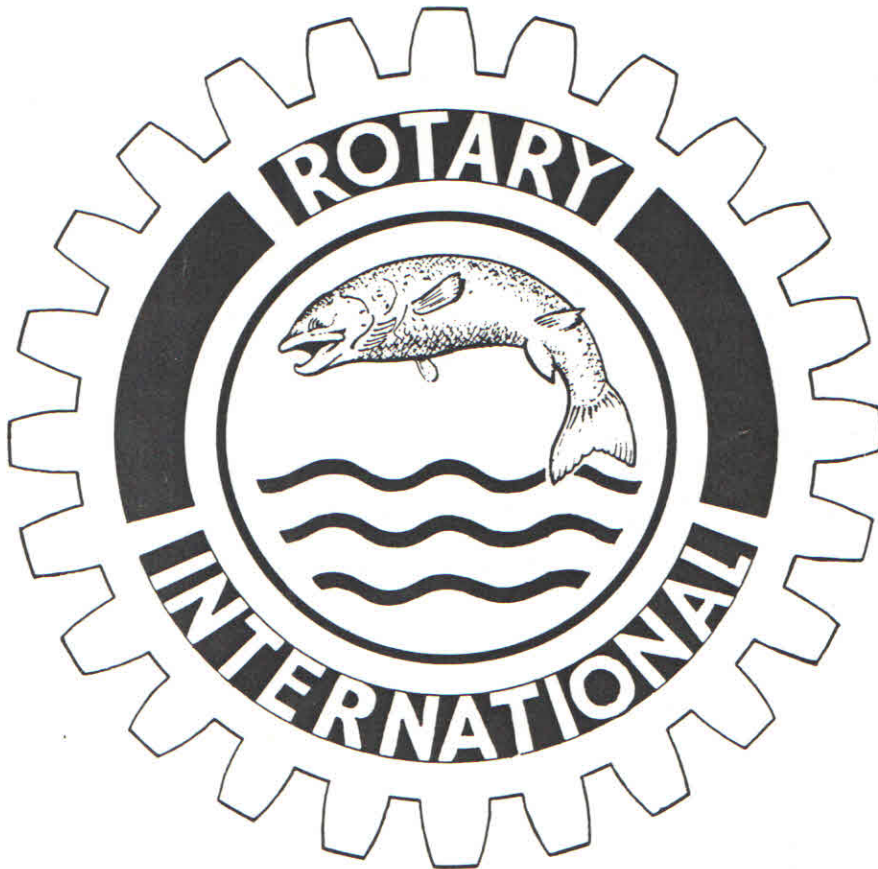


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**THE
ROTARY CLUB
OF
ROMSEY
TEST**



CLUB BULLETIN

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
 2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
 3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
 4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.
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MEETINGS

Every Wednesday 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at The Abbey Hotel,
Church Street, Romsey, Hampshire.

Well here it is - our first Club Bulletin. I would emphasise that it is **our** Bulletin as its success depends on contributions from you the club members. Our President and the various committee chairmen know that I am expecting a monthly contribution from them but I also need regular contributions from the body of the club. Almost anything will be accepted, serious or lighthearted. If you have something you want to say and feel the written word will carry more weight than a speech at a club meeting this is the place for it. I am grateful to those who have contributed this month and look forward to receiving contributions for future issues.

I would welcome any comments or constructive criticisms that you may have on this first issue. Is there anything else that you think should be included? Do you think that a monthly Bulletin is too frequent?

To avoid any charge of hypocrisy being levied against me I thought I would report on my visit to two Rotary Clubs in the Colonies.

The first club that I visited was the Rotary Club of Camarillo, California. It has between sixty and seventy members and is a lunchtime club meeting at mid-day with the meeting lasting about one and a half hours. There were about thirty members present at the meeting I attended with about a further ten guests. It started with the singing of the American National Anthem followed by two other songs. Then came the meal, not as good as ours, and the formal business was dealt with in less than fifteen minutes! The speaker was a Rotary Scholar who had visited and studied the waterworks of France! More songs, then the meeting ended.

The second club was the Breakfast Rotary Club of Camarillo. The club is four years old and has a membership of about thirty members. It meets at 7.00 a.m. and as with its sister club the meeting last for about one and a half hours. There were a number of Japanese Exchange Students attending the club on the day I was there. They did not speak English and as my Japanese is limited we sat in stoney silence. The meeting started with the swearing of allegiance to the flag followed by breakfast. The business part of the meeting again only took about ten minutes. The speaker was a nurse from a local hospital who gave a very interesting if somewhat scary talk on Aids - a great topic for breakfast time!

I went to both clubs with some trepidation but was warmly greeted, looked after very well and would recommend to you all visiting other clubs whenever the opportunity arises.

Both the clubs had lady Rotarians. I would recommend this to you if we can find any young, blond, suntanned Californians in Romsey.

Here we are in the third month of the Rotary year, the fourth month since receiving our charter and almost one year since that very first meeting in the Conservative Club when Len Bennett, our District Extensions Officer, spoke to the chosen few (I wasn't one of them).

It seems we are going to hang on to the Baby's bottle for some time yet, as there is no new club in District 111, not even on the horizon.

Back in July I was invited (with Jane) to the **Incoming** President's reception by District Governor Bill Glaze. This was held in the hotel in Bitterne, Southampton, where the Bitterne and Woolston Club meet. By the way, we have all been invited to go to a "Fellowship Meeting" there on the 31st January 1991. More details later.

I was also invited to the **Outgoing** President's reception by outgoing (in more ways than one) D.G. Arthur Bowden. This was in the Cathedral School at Salisbury.

The luncheon party given by Inner Wheel President Nancy Bell at her delightful cottage in Awbridge was also a very nice affair. We will soon, no doubt, be approached by the Inner Wheel Extensions Officer persuading us, or more correctly our wives, to set up a Romsey Test Inner Wheel.

There is a more serious side, as some of you know - attendance at Districts Meetings - The Assembly and Council, both held on Saturday mornings at Southampton University.

Also, the District Conference, this year in Torquay where Paul Hockey and I, and our wives, will represent our Club. When we return and tell you all about it I'm sure the numbers will swell for next year's conference in Jersey.

When each Wednesday comes round, and they do come round quickly don't they, I often think "what have I done for Rotary this week?" and more often than not the answer is "nothing except long phone calls to and from Secretary Martin about the membership flow chart!" I get a guilty feeling for a little while and think we must do more but then I relax and console myself by saying "lets not rush at things, we're only three months old and we've at least raised some money to help people less fortunate than ourselves". And when at the Council Meetings I hear of all the activities which have been planned I realise that we are in fact doing quite a lot. So don't feel frustrated, it takes time to get established and we are doing okay.

And we are certainly going to increase our numbers pretty soon. Several suggestions for membership are being processed. I forget which stage they've reached - stage 7 or was it 13.

The Summer has been relatively quiet but the Autumn will see us embarking upon the projects we put before the Club Assembly.

At our next Committee Meeting we will be discussing how we propose handling the collection of discarded spectacles. The Committee Chairman will be ordering the Emergency Boxes with immediate effect, and then we will be coming to the Club with an imaginative scheme for collecting the articles required for our very first Emergency Box.

At our meeting on the 22nd August we saw a video on "This Fragile Earth". Undoubtedly the Club will wish to assist this major project which is being heavily backed by Tony Moore, the President of Rotary International for Great Britain and Ireland for the current year, and the Committee Chairman will be speaking to the District's International Officer so that we may tackle the project in a concerted manner with other Clubs in our district.

We also have to thank Brian Rickett for gathering together a collection of discarded technical books from his employer and arranging, together with members of my Committee, to send them off to the Ranfurly Library Service. Thanks a lot Brian, as this gave the Club their very first international service project.

Over the next few weeks we will be working towards developing a liaison with a European Rotary Club and Ian Bowerman, who I have asked to head up this project, will be discussing the possibility of a liaison with either a Dutch or a French Club with you.

Following the Club Assembly we have continued to gather our thoughts and it becomes increasingly clear to me and my Committee, that Rotary is very much an international movement. In consequence it gives us very real opportunities to help those people in the undeveloped parts of the world who, by definition, are far less fortunate than ourselves.

Intelligence is when you spot the flaw in your boss's reasoning.
Wisdom is when you refrain from pointing it out.

I wondered whether to head this opus 'Archie Klumph - This is your Life!' or 'Educating Archie' but was, I am sure fortunately, persuaded that such puerile humour was inappropriate for the first issue of the Club Bulletin.

Recently there were the beginnings of a debate within the Club on the apparent incongruity between the aims of International, seeking to combat poverty and disease in underdeveloped countries and, those of Foundation, with its apparent pampering of a few, selected individuals who, perhaps, are not in such great need of Rotary Funds. It seems to me that these two branches of Rotary are complementary. International without Foundation could appear too paternalistic. Providing opportunities for potential leaders of third world and developed countries to visit and stay with Rotary members may provide example and inspiration which will then be more widely disseminated. A prime objective of Foundation is to foster peace through international understanding: to quote Paulo V.C. Costa "Peace becomes a reality when people mingle".

Such an aim cannot immediately be refined to short term, tangible projects - it is an attitude of mind which may take some considerable time to evolve. This does not make it less or more worthwhile than other aspects of Rotary, merely different. My concern is that this attitude is fostered within the Club and, with the visits already made to other Clubs abroad and the favourable reports we have received from Members who have made such visits, I am confident that we are well on the way to achieving this first goal.

COMMUNITY SERVICE**JEREMY WAKEFORD**

As of time of going to press our Community Service Committee have, with the undaunting guidance of Jessie Yorston of the Romsey Furniture Group, assisted 1 family in Kings Somborne and 3 families in Romsey. These are all 1 parent families. We have moved 1 washing machine, 1 fridge, 3 beds, 3 wardrobes and 2 bedside cabinets, 1 settee, 3 armchairs and 1 carpet.

Your help may be required soon!!

If you can be boring in a new and original way, people will find you amazing.

FUND RAISING**PETER HARRISON**

Our first fund raising event provided a great deal of fellowship and fun in raising over £700 for local charities.

My thanks to the committee and numerous Club members who made themselves available over the two Saturdays.

With a bit more effort by all, this can be more successful and become an annual event on the calendar at carnival time. A great solo effort by Jeremy Wakeford headed the sponsor list with over £65.

Our next event underway shortly is the French Evening (16th November) with a specific target of £450 for foundation. Details later.

SOCIAL**DOUG BURCH**

Since our first social function, which you will recall was a 'Skittles Evening' in May, and was run mainly on a 'getting to know you' basis, followed by a 'Treasure Hunt and Barbecue' in July, both events proving to have been highly successful, it is good to see that we have all got to know each other very well indeed.

Having now established a good foundation for future social events, the Social Committee are now pursuing a programme of social functions between now and the end of the year, and indeed extending into 1991.

More details will follow shortly, but some of the forthcoming attractions will be a Safari Supper in October, a Drinks and Bits Evening in December, our Christmas Function and not forgetting enthusiastic support for our fund raising 'French Evening' in November.

Plans proposed for 1991 include a Barn Dance, Wine Tasting Evening, and who knows perhaps a Play Reading Evening, which would give aspiring thespians a chance to display their skills. If you have any ideas or suggestions, I or any member of the committee would be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you all for your support in the past, we will arrange the functions, your support in the future will ensure their success.

An executive who was a fanatical amateur sailor named his new yacht "Business" so that in answer to enquiries his secretary could truthfully reply "I'm sorry, he's out on business".

Use piping (down pipes are ideal) sunk in to the ground to water your trees or shrubs. This saves evaporation especially if done in late evening.

Arrange opened out dustbin liners to collect a large area of rain water to run into your water butt.

Use siphoned out bath water to top up your water butt.

Now the grass is nice and brown notice how green the dandelions are in the lawn - use a spot weed killer to eradicate.

When we eventually get substantial rain cover over all open soil areas with compost, lawn trimmings or even black plastic or old carpet, anything to stop evaporation.

Man is the only species who plants a crop he can't eat but still has to mow it every week.

CALENDAR

1990	12th September	Speaker - David Nicholas "Naval Architect Reveals All"
	14th September	Tug-of-War - West Tytherley
	19th September	Business Meeting
	26th September	Speaker - Rev. Bill Holcombe - Bill is a Rotarian from USA. He has "exchanged" with Rev. Dr. Arthur Moore - Vicar of Ampfield
	3rd October	Council
	10th October	Speaker - Mervyn Archer - Chairman Southampton Magistrates
	17th October	Business Meeting - to nominate Officers for District Council
	19th October	Safari Evening
	31st October	Proposed Scatter Evening
	7th November	Council - Special Guest Meeting to consider District Governor Nominee
	14th November	Speaker - Peter Peace - "Stories from Legpuller"
	16th November	French Evening
	21st November	Business Meeting
	5th December	Council - Special General Meeting to elect Officers and Voting Delegates
	12th December	Business Meeting
	19th December	Christmas Function
	26th December	No Meeting
1991	2nd January	Council
	9th January	
	16th January	Business Meeting
	19th January	Barn Dance
	23rd January	

8th March	Grand Ball with Romsey Club
17th April	A.G.M.

Council Meetings
Business Meeting

First Wednesday each month
Third Wednesday each month

It is always a silly thing to give advice, but to give good advice is absolutely fatal.

OSCAR WILDE

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July 1990

Rotary International, Witikonstrasse 15, 8032 Zürich, Switzerland

for club bulletin editors

Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm

President Paulo V.C. Costa wants us to realize that Rotary's great potential depends on the combined strengths of us all, and that our active participation is essential. Hence his 1990-91 Theme: "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm."

In a sense he is asking us to think about our debt to Rotary and how we can repay it. In your club, President Paulo suggests, be loyal and active. "Your ideas, your support, your experience and your collaboration confirm your true leadership. Take pride in the privilege of your Rotary membership, and honor the whole by participating with the fullness of your enthusiasm."

The environment is everyone's community

The environment is a major concern of R.I.'s new president, Paulo V.C. Costa. He believes that by contributing to a healthier, more ecologically balanced environment in our community we can help improve the lives of people throughout the world and of future generations. The place to start is in our own backyard. We can all make a commitment to recycle paper, glass, and aluminum, and to use washable dishes, utensils, towels, etc. instead of disposable products.

The grand scheme of things

"All things are interconnected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the people of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

--Chief Seattle, American Suquamish Indian Chief

August is Membership and Extension Month

With the recent chartering of the first Rotary club in the Soviet Union, Rotary International has reached a great moment in its history. It symbolizes growth in the spirit of peace that is vital to our organization. Growth is important in our own club, too. August is membership and extension month, a good time for everyone to be thinking of people in our community who would make good Rotarians. In doing so, keep in mind that we need to propose people to fill the classifications that are available, rather than propose people whom we hope the classifications committee will find a suitable classification for. Keep Rotary strong by proposing qualified men and women for membership in our club!

Name that scholarship

Every scholarship needs a name. So why not give one yours? The Rotary Foundation is looking for individual Rotarians or companies able to contribute a Named Scholarship to its international scholarship program. Each Named Scholarship represents a gift of US\$17,000 and allows one student to live and study in a country other than his or her own for one academic year. As the donor, you have the opportunity to select the field of study for which it will be awarded, and if you are willing to cover any additional costs incurred by The Rotary Foundation, you may also select the specific country and institution where the scholar will study. For more information contact the Fund Development Department of The Rotary Foundation, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

Rotary's influence

"The ramifications of Rotary are beyond imagination. Nearly every phase of modern life is influenced and the outlook of members is broadened, and through it all there is the benign influence of fellowship which sweetens life. These are a few of the many reasons why Rotarians value their membership."

--Paul Harris, from My Road to Rotary

Spread the word about Rotary

"Rotary is not a 'secret' organization. We need to let the world know what we do and why our Rotary club membership means so much to us. Share with your family and friends the enjoyment you get from being a member of our club."

--from a club bulletin

Quiz yourself on service to youth

Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program. The ways to get involved are almost endless. How many Rotarian-sponsored youth activities can you name? See "Answers" below for a list of some of the most common ones.

Answers: Interact clubs, Youth Exchange, Boy and Girl Scout troops, athletic teams, centers for disabled children, school safety patrols, summer camps, recreation areas, safe driving clinics, county fairs, child care centers and children's hospitals, vocational counseling, youth employment programs, drug and alcohol abuse prevention projects.

A year to remember

The 1988-89 year was a period of major milestones for Rotary. It was the year that brought Rotary clubs back to Eastern Europe for the first time in almost 50 years, as clubs were chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland. It was also the year that the triennial Council on Legislation, meeting in Singapore, voted to allow all Rotary clubs to admit qualified women.

International Service: The DIN Network

The Donations-in-Kind Information Network (DIN) is a centralized system for publicizing the availability of donated goods and services to the Rotary world. For instance, a DIN donor in Georgia, U.S.A., recently listed an offer of six heifers, and a Rotarian in Brazil offered a hydraulic pump. In turn, those who need goods, supplies, and services to complete service projects can find out about their availability through the quarterly DIN Information Network Bulletin. Do you have something to donate to DIN? How can our club help? A new brochure, which explains the program, is now available from R.I. Ask for "Donations-in-Kind Information Network: It Works" (PA2-737-EN), 50 cents each.

Club Service: Participation is the key

Not everyone can make a major commitment to Rotary every year as president, secretary, or committee chairman. But each of us can take an active role in the committee to which we belong. Stay in touch with your committee chairman to find out how there is any way you can help. If you have ideas that would enable your committee to do a better job, then by all means share your thoughts with your chairman. In most organizations 95 percent of the work is done by only 5 percent of the people. Imagine what our club would be like if we could shift that balance even five or ten percentage points.





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TO ALL SECRETARIES

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Dear Secretary

DISTRICT DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please note that my Business Number has changed.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE - list enclosed

GROUP A - Meetings now 29 Oct 1990 and 11 March 1991

GROUP B - Will meet at Bashley Caravan Park on 24 October 1990 and 6 March 1991 - 7 for 7.30pm

GROUP C - Will meet on 23 October 1990 and 28 March 1991 at Romsey Community School, Greatbridge, Romsey - 7 for 7.30pm.

BORDON - ALL TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE NOW - Code 0420 and all four figure numbers are prefixed by 47 and five figure numbers by 4.

VOCATIONAL CHAIRMAN is Maurice Walthall, 6 Oaktree Road,
Whitehill, Bordon GU35 9DF - Bus & Pte: 0420 472148

COSHAM - Change of Venue until 30 September - will meet at the Blue Lagoon Restaurant, Hilsea Lido, London Road, Portsbridge, Portsmouth PO2 9RP - tel. 0705 662440

HAMBLE VALLEY - Meeting 6 September - evening meeting

RINGWOOD - President - Now Neville Stanton-Jones (See SVP for details)
S V P - Now Jo Bonello (See Sports for details)
Secretary - Now Michael Macario (see Foundation for details)
Foundation - Norman Pritchard, 51 Heath Road, St Leonards,
Ringwood BH24 2PZ - Pte: 0425 476336

ROMSEY TEST - meets Wednesdays

RYDE - meets 6.30pm. Please amend page 90 - Evening Club,
Vocational Chairman - Bus: 0983 523460

SALISBURY - President - New Address - 7 Bower Gardens, Shady Bower,
Salisbury SP1 2RL Home: 0722 413062

Yours sincerely

Peter Hodge - District Secretary



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15 August 1990

TO ALL SECRETARIES

Dear Secretary

DISTRICT DIRECTORY CHANGES

BISHOPS WALTHAM - President - new address - Le Canadel, Gordon Road,
Curdrige, Southampton SO3 2BE - telephone numbers remain the same.

NORTH BOURNEMOUTH - New Venue - Grosvenor Hotel, Bath Road Bournemouth
- change of times - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday 12.45 for 1 pm.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7.15 for 7.30 pm.

Yours sincerely

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No.1. District Governor's Newsletter July 1990.

Dear *Mr President*

I am indeed most grateful for your excellent support at P.E.T.S. and the District Assembly, when you were urged to be Innovative and Positive in setting personal "Goals" for the coming year. You were also reminded that - "If a Club doesn't know where it's going - Anywhere will do". Well, from my personal observations and the reports I have received on the Club Assemblies, it is clearly evident that you heeded and responded to these challenges with commendable ENTHUSIASM.

Now, with our preparations completed and our Objectives selected, the wheels of the 68 Rotary machines operating within District 111 have been set in motion. Each unit will travel along a different route - with a wide range of destinations - but, all with the common purpose of improving the "Quality of Life" of those chosen to benefit from your ambitious programmes.

So, for the next 11 months, (yes - one month has already slipped by !!), we have the privilege and the responsibility of being at the ~~the~~ controls of our unit. The route we choose to follow - the speed at which we travel - and - the ultimate success of our mission - will depend entirely on the quality and commitment of our Leadership.

At times, we shall be able to relax and enjoy our successes, but, we must always be prepared for the occasional setback and unexpected problem. These, we must overcome with sound judgment and, on occasions, even by seeking wise counsel. (KNOWLEDGE - is not knowing everything - but, where to find it !!). So, time will be well spent in earning the respect of our "Crew" (the Officers and Service Chairmen), because, there will be times when we shall need their help. Then, if at the end of our journey, the "Passengers" (our Membership) express their satisfaction and enjoyment of the experience, we shall be able to congratulate ourselves on a JOB WELL DONE !!

Have a happy and rewarding year, but, always be YOURSELF.

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EMPHASIS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. R.I. President, Paulo Costa, challenges us to "Preserve Planet Earth" - R.I.B.I. President, Tony Moore, voices grave concern regarding the "Population Explosion" - and it is my personal hope that each club will undertake an Environmental project this year. I know you will respond to these pleas, perhaps by supporting an Anti Litter campaign, "adopting" a river, cleaning up parks or other public areas in your community. At the very least, we can educate ourselves regarding some of the major problems and show our individual concern by setting a good personal example.

To promote and publicise this Year of the Environment, R.I. is introducing a Newsletter called "Green Wave" which will provide a regular update on the environmental activities of Rotary Clubs throughout the world. We are asked to provide information for this publication and, so, I shall be pleased to receive news of any projects being undertaken within our District.

Don't forget to make use of the video "This Fragile Earth" which was recently made available to all clubs. In addition, I have received another video from R.I. entitled "We are the Guardians" which highlights a range of ecological issues. It runs for about 20 minutes and can be made available for viewing if you contact me.

FOUNDATION. After interviewing 8 very talented and worthy candidates, our Rotary Scholarship was awarded to Nigel Phillips (Wimborne), with Mark Major (New Milton) selected as the reserve. The number of candidates for the Vocational Scholarship, which is also being awarded this year, is disappointing and you are reminded that the closing date for applications is 29 August 1990 (to Bruce Halliday (0590) 642077).

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE. After initial communication problems, it has now been confirmed that the visiting (all male) Team from District 444 (Brazil) will arrive in September under the leadership of Rtn. Carlos Souza. The team will include a Physician, Architect, Engineer, Dentist and a Professor of English. Interviews will be held on 15 August to select our Leader for the return visit next Spring and now is the time to start looking for suitable candidates to nominate as members of the Team for the return visit to Brazil.

AUGUST is Membership and Extension Month. This is a specially allocated period in the Rotary Calendar when you should emphasise and encourage Membership growth. Each individual member should be charged with the responsibility to seek out and propose qualified recruits. Additionally, perhaps the Classification Lists in your club should be carefully reviewed and expanded to reflect any changes in the profile of the workforce in the community.

Another fruitful method of expanding membership is through Extension, but, at the present time, there are no proposals or even suggestions for possible new clubs in the District. In the larger towns, with a strong Lunchtime club, there may be evidence that well qualified young business and professional persons decline membership because they cannot undertake a mid-day commitment. In this situation, you could well consider the possibility of the formation of an additional Evening (or even Breakfast) club within your territory. Such selfless and enterprising action can be a most rewarding initiative and provides other people, with a demanding daytime work commitment, with the opportunity to enjoy Rotary membership. Please carefully examine the situation in your club and community and, even if you only consider there may be a possibility of forming an additional club, please contact PDG Mike Swinburne (District Extension Officer) and he will be delighted to discuss the matter. Mike is available on (0705) 264345 Daytime or (070132) 793 Evening.

CLUB VISITS. To date, I have made 12 visits and another 31 have been arranged. I wish to complete most of these visits by the end of this calendar year and I would be pleased to hear from the remaining clubs to confirm a convenient date.

FAIRTHORNE MANOR. It is with a sense of deep sadness that we have been advised by the National Council of YMCAs of the suspension of residential work at this Centre on 1 September 1990. So, a long and happy relationship between Rotary and Fairthorne Manor has temporarily ended and this is particularly disappointing as it means the cancellation of the Youth Challenge weekend 31 August - 2 September 1990.

Are you a SCOUTING Enthusiast ?? District 113 (London) are anxious to ascertain the likely level of interest in R.I.B.I. before seeking R.I. approval to form an International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. Membership will be open to all Rotarians who are active, or have been active, in a leadership capacity in the Scout Movement (in a uniformed or non-uniformed capacity). If interested - please contact John Thorogood, Rotary District 113 Headquarters, 6 York Gate, London NW1 4QG (Telephone: 071 - 486 - 0632.

SPECIAL EVENTS. I was privileged to be invited to attend a recent presentation ceremony in Guildhall Square, Southampton when the Southampton West club donated an Educational Caravan to the Wessex Cancer Trust. The project was supported by local and national companies and it was particularly pleasing to learn that the Alresford Rotary Club was also involved by providing ancillary equipment for the unit. An excellent example of Rotary inter-club cooperation.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - TORQUAY 1990. Under the Chairmanship of PDG John Elley, the Conference Committee are now finalising the arrangements for our Diamond Conference. At this stage, the hotel bookings are approaching the 850 mark, but there is plenty of additional accommodation available should others wish to join us on this special occasion. However, I am advised that only a "trickle" of registration forms are currently being received, so please remind your members to complete and return this document as soon as possible. To add a little colour and to highlight the constituent clubs of District 111, we would like to organise a full set of Club Banners for display at the Conference. If you have not yet provided one of these emblems, perhaps you will kindly post one to me. LAST DATE for REGISTRATION - 3 SEPTEMBER 1990 !!

NEW MEMBERS. I am anxious to continue the practice of sending a personal message of welcome to new members, so please advise me of the names of recruits inducted into your club. The only names I have received to date are as follows:

BORDON. Fergus CUBEY

VENTNOR. John BOURNE and Bob GONTAR

Having selected these recruits as being worthy representatives of their classification and invited them to join our organisation, we must not fail in our duty to make them welcome - especially during those critical early months of membership.

THE WALLY BLAIR TRUST. Now that the District Council has confirmed the setting-up of this Trust, I would strongly urge clubs to carefully consider making a donation to this Fund - which will be used for the benefit of young people.

So ends my first Newsletter. Once it has been printed and circulated, I guess numerous items which should have been included will come to mind, but at least we have made a start. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the format and content please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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