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Andile Siziba

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Was inducted as a member of our club by President Paul on 11th June. He studied Neuroscience at Sheffield University and had further training, i.e. in Neurophysiology with the spinal monitoring team at Q.E. in Birmingham. He is passionate about improving patient care and, with others, founded MediServices in 2014. Its website refers to his supportive and loving wife (Beata) and baby boy (Aaron).

Midland Freewheelers

Geoff Granner is one of the 170 volunteers working for this group founded 10 years ago 'to save money for the NHS'. They now have 8 motorcycles and two cars and transport all sorts of materials from one medical facility to another across the West Midlands. Among the materials are blood and pathology samples as one would expect, but also mothers milk (expressed, processed and stored) and even more unexpectedly poo (containing good bacteria). And more besides. There are numerous other biker groups and sometimes a relay is organised e.g. from Buckinghamshire to Liverpool. Geoff spoke very fluently and was at pains to stress the teamwork involved and the great saving of NHS money which would be spent on taxis - a rough estimate of 11,000 jobs @ £100 a go, so far. They do not transport organs, best sent by ambulance with police escorts he thought. But what they do is invaluable and our cheque was a small contribution to their costs. SW



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A SUMMER IDYLL AT WOLVERHAMPTON CRICKET CLUB



All week we had been on weather watch fearing that our planned Summer Idyll was going to be marred by our very unpredictable weather, However we need not have worried because Friday blossomed into a lovely summers day, Around 50 people arrived and before long the whole place was alive with laughter. People mingled easily some old, some new, all ages comfortable and relaxed. There was a very efficient bar, lovely food, Roz Fearnough played her trombone and and Fiona Winning sang for us. Jerry and Brian did their thing and then our newest member, Andile, told us why he had wanted to join Rotary, He also appealed to the younger people in the room to show us how they would bring Rotary forward. Watch this space!!

We expect very shortly to be giving information meetings to two prospective new members. Dare I say two ladies who we hope will join us early in the new Rotary year. The club has had the courage to change and it is already bearing fruit so well done everyone. Now let's prove that the Rotary club of Wolverhampton really is the mother club - if we can do it so can the rest. **Sylvia Morgan**

Editor : Roz blew, Fiona sang, Brian Wooley declaimed and Jerry (having done all the organising) was left holding Andile's baby!

See Brian's limericks overleaf





Valedictory Day

President Paul had a few items on the 25th June agenda. Congratulate Charles Cox



on becoming a grandfather again, pull out the big one for Geoff's 200 Club, remark on Friday's Summer Idyll ('superb'), give notice of Hub's change into a quarterly, present the CO of Cosford and ask him to award the Les Burrell Award to Jerry Hobbs. And then make his valedictory speech – which is printed as an insert! In the course of the speech sapphire PHFs were awarded to Stuart Ross, Mike Boyce and Geoff Lowndes. And then incoming President Richard Horrell awarded him a sapphire in recognition of 'a very eventful year in which he has worked very hard and done a superb job managing change'. (At moments of stress Paul quoted Barbara as saying 'it's only a club you know'!)



Summer Lunch and Ladies Jewel Handover



On a fine day in the pleasant room overlooking South Staffs Golf Club's 18th hole about 50 Rotarians and guests sat down to lunch. Among the lady guests we welcomed Maureen Bryant, Sue Elliot, Margaret King, Ruth Parker and Ann Sharples. President Paul, performing one of his last duties. thanked the Sports and Entertainment Committee, in particular Peter Wright, for another well organised event. Barbara Lockley handed over the Jewel to Penny Horrell. Paul received a framed David Tuffley painting and the two ladies were almost engulfed in large bouquets. An appetising meal and a lot of fun were enjoyed by all. SW



Brian Woolley's Limericks

To a potential Member I'd say

You'll never regret the day
You joined a Rotary Club
With a wonderful Hub
And made friends for life on the way

Rotarians are all shapes and sizes

But always hand out surprises
In doing good work
They never shirk
But expect only "thanks" not prizes

Rotarians may be long in the tooth

But often go back to their youth
To enjoy social 'dos'
With food (and some booze!)
Which we do and have fun that's the truth

Our club's age is close to a ton

And we're proud of the work that we've done
And looking ahead
It could be said
If we get new blood in we'll have won

New members can wear a big grin

'Cos together we can now win
We'll alter our ways
And you'll be amazed
'Cos family (kids too) can join in

To those who've set up the night

We've enjoyed a drink and a bite
And to friends and guests here
We'll hope and we'll cheer
If they switch on the Rotary light

Presidential Address 2019.



I am very fortunate to be taking over as President at this particular time in the Club's evolution. The 'building blocks' are in place for us to be able to look forward to a year that will build on the changes put in place during Past President Paul's year. We have in place a strong Team of seasoned officers backed by a General Council which has more years of experience than I care to mention. We have a committee structure in place run by some of our most capable and energetic members which will enable us to carry out the aims and objectives of Rotary.

The President's address is about what I hope to see us achieve during my year.

My primary and overriding desire is to grow our club's membership. Growing our membership is how we will ensure our club thrives and survives. We turned a corner last year and we are attracting new members and I know we can build on this. Our reforms have made us more attractive to a wider demographic. I look forward to helping to continue the work already done on establishing new pathways to Rotary.

'Rotary Connects the World' is the message from Evanston for 2019. I want us as individuals to promote Rotary whenever we can connecting with our local communities and where we can across the world. When I joined Rotary I was at first constantly surprised by what this club achieves locally and internationally, let's tell people about the good we do, and then tell them again! If we can inspire others, they will wish to be part of an organisation that achieves so much in the world. In the modern era so much communication is electronic and as many of you know we are reviewing our activities in this area to enable us to continue to promote our club whilst staying within the boundaries of the law.

Our fundraising committees do a superb job organising the various events, don't forget it is Best Foot Forward on Saturday. I want to see this work continue to thrive as without it, Foundation/International and Youth and Community can't continue to do the good that they do. It is easy to say 'the good that they do' but having served on Foundation/International and heard and read the thorough reports from Youth and Community I for one will be proud to see that this work continues.

Rotary is hard but fulfilling work with superb outcomes. So, we all need some fun and fellowship! Since I became a Rotarian I have been to and enjoyed some great times whether social or sporting. Sports and Entertainment, I know, have already planned or are planning some events which I am looking forward to. Organising events takes hard work and support. Events have to be economically viable so please support these whenever you can.

The success of my year will depend on us all playing our part, especially talking up Rotary wherever and whenever we can. To a degree I am still a 'Rookie Rotarian' but I am very fortunate to have PP Paul behind me with Brian Bailey and PDG Richard to come. This as well as the structure I mentioned when I started this address. I want an open relationship with the club so please don't hesitate to give me the benefit of your advice.

To finish Penny and I are looking forward to the next twelve months which I know with your help will be a memorable year. **Richard Horrell.**



Best Foot Forward 2019

The seventh iteration of BFF took place on an overcast day (6th July) with some light rain in the middle - good weather for athletes. We thank the circa 40 patrons who had contributed the pot of money which required 12,235 laps to be completed. The walkers and runners set about this task with a will, enjoying a free banana occasionally (thanks to a donor who contributed 72 kilogrammes of them, and wishes to be incognito). 13 athletes qualified as BFF centurions by completing 100 laps and the winner was Jonathan Clifft with 205 (50 miles)! The Cosford Trainees were back this year and they contributed over 2,500 laps. The pictures show their squad, father Mr Collins with his son and married daughter (WCASG, see below) and Mel Eves (who determined to do a half marathon and succeeded). Thanks also to the 562 people who registered and to the Rotarians who ran the show, especially the small group who served for a full day. We are sure that the charities MS Therapy Centre, Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support Group and the Club's Charitable Trust will be very pleased to receive their share of the total £12,325. The final total donated will be in the region of £17/18,000 including money donated by participants' own sponsors. The seven years will have generated more than £135,000. Bravo! SW



Wolverhampton Young Citizen of the Year Award

In the town hall on Thursday 4th of July the award was presented to Samuel Iyawe, aged 14 and second from the left in the photograph, with Mayor Cllr Claire Darke, Chairman Roger Timbrell, Neve Francis, Melvyn Riley (runner-up), Katia Medjdoub, Eve Williams, Clinton Omorayi, Jude Aston (runner-up). Actress Gill Jordan (aka Doreen Tipton) presented the certificates.



Boules Report

The dark clouds threatened and light rain fell at the The Plough in Claverley where 28 of us gathered for the Rotathlon Boules competition. As ever, this is a popular evening of fun and fellowship. The early rounds eventually whittled the entrants down to P.Hand, P.Lockley, Stewart Ross and John Bloxham. Despite being hampered by his cold John Bloxham emerged victorious. Unfortunately there was no time for a ladies competition. Well done organiser Stewart Ross and the S and E Committee. IPP Paul.



Civic Day 2019

On 23rd July Wolverhampton's 161st Mayor Councillor Claire Darke came to be inducted as an honorary member of our Club, accompanied by her consort Dr Paul Darke. She was once Involved in Rotaract and on this day felt she was among friends, having already met several of those present. Consequently she ignored her 'big list' of points to make and expressed her pleasure in joining us. She also noted her main charities: the Suicide Prevention Forum and a Scholarship Fund to support the enrolment of disadvantaged youngsters into Wolverhampton University. She also announced that the Council had declared a Climate Emergency and was determined to make all its projects as green as possible to join in the effort to lower our carbon footprint. Peter Wright took the opportunity to attract the attention of Paul Darke, whose father had served in the RAF, to our connection with the Cosford Apprentices. SW



Note from Editor Stuart : It has been decided that Hub will henceforth be issued every quarter. This edition begins the new pattern. The next Hub will appear in October. I look forward to receiving your accounts of our events between now and then.