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President's Letter

The New Year began most encouragingly with the induction of a new member, the first of 2006 and the second of the 05/06 Rotary Year. So a very warm welcome to Bernie. We look forward to your involvement in the Club's life and already know that your talents will be most valuable to the Club. Your membership, along with Dorothy's, shows that the Swaffham Club is becoming more truly representative of the local society of which we are an integral part.

World wide the problems continue unabated. In our first evening meeting we were given a most thought provoking talk on Fair Trade (as opposed to Free Trade). We have to applaud the attempt to encourage us all to buy goods where a greater proportion of

the price goes to those that have produced them, rather than to those that distribute, transport and retail the goods. But when, as it does, it means increasing the price to uneconomic levels and thus depending on those with good intentions to buy the goods, it seems to me that we do not have a viable long-term solution. Some how the producers have to be involved in distribution, transportation & retailing - like farmers' who do "pick your own" strawberries & other fruits.

We've recently been experiencing another failure of our "Free" society. Free speech (or communication) is vital if we are to expose incompetent leadership, to correct social injustice or to react to new technologies or developments in ways, which make life more equitable to as many people as possible. Robust resistance to unpalatable statements and ideas is a part of this process – threats to bomb, behead or otherwise destroy property and

life are totally unacceptable. As so often happens, life throws up yet another awkward paradox. Everyone wants freedom to do what he or she wants and to say what he or she wants. You can have the privilege as a right so long as you don't do it!! We all have to learn that in doing what we want to do, we do not stop others from doing what they want to do. We have to learn not to say what ever we like, if what we say, will cause unacceptable offence to someone else. We all have to find where the limits are in real life circumstances. I believe that Rotary sets an example to the World, not in words, but in actions.

So I am very impressed at what the International Committee achieved with its French evening. A splendid social occasion which raised a very creditable sum of money for all the charities it is supporting. Well done!
A really good start for the New Year

Enjoy your Rotary

Keith

Editors Jottings.

~ CAT'S EYE COLOURS ~

WHITE separate lanes
AMBER mark offside of motorway
RED mark near side of motorway
BLUE mark police - only slip roads
GREEN mark exit or entrance slip roads

(Cat's eyes were invented in 1933 by Percy Shaw, who in 1965 was awarded the OBE).

"Below the belt"

According to the Queensberry Rules it is prohibited in a boxing match for a competitor to strike an opponent below the waistband. So to hit 'below the belt' is to behave in an unfair and possibly cowardly fashion.

Ed

Denis Bishop Secretary

Report from District Council Meeting

District Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 19th January at Mildenhall at 7.30 p.m.

1. Bill Redmayne reported PDG Tony Nash improving and PDG Jack Palmer not good
2. Presentation from Dr Keith Tovey UEA and RC of Norwich on C Red (Carbon Reduction) introduced by MW.
3. Minutes of last meeting approved with minor amendments
4. Treasurer Jack Blyth (excellent Treasurer) reported
 - a. District Levy to be agreed at next meeting
 - b. £25K in reserve at end of year (too much in Treasurers opinion)
 - c. Discussion on signed copy of accounts
5. Insurance – agreed that £1.34 levy for insurance per member be retained

6. Support for sending Scouts to World Jamboree agreed at £2500 from reserves
7. Discussion on two additional Assistant District Governors – agreed for Rotary year 06/07.
8. Interact Exchange to California agreed. Based on existing Interact Clubs. Several grants available.
9. District Website to be completed soon
10. Leader and team for GSE trip to Argentina confirmed
11. District Conference 2006 in Cambridge to be promoted by CD ROM. Out soon. Also in 1080 News
12. AOB
 - a. MW nominated to represent 1080 on an RIBI committee to chose future RIBI President.
 - b. District Go Karting date 9th July announced by RC of Swaffham
 - c. What happened to Stroke Awareness day?
 - d. Can the Executive do something about the sound at District Meetings? Some speakers are difficult to hear!

13. Meeting closed at 9.35pm

More detailed information on request.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS TO CELEBRATE.

If you and your family would like to have your birthday, anniversary or other special occasion mentioned in the Pedlars Post - **tell the secretary**

LIGHT RELIEF CORNER

Quote(s) of the Month

Should be read with a broad Scots accent

“Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don’t like that attitude. Football is much more serious than that!”

The late Bill Shankly - Liverpool FC

“There are two things that are more difficult than making an after dinner speech – climbing a wall that is leaning toward you and kissing a girl that is leaning away from you”
Winston Churchill

And Finally

A George W BUSHISM

“For every fatal shooting, there were roughly three no-fatal shootings. And, folks, this will no do in America, it is just unacceptable. And we are going to do something about it.”

May 2001

INTERNATIONAL

One or two things to report: -

- The car treasure hunt has been put on "hold" for the time being.
- Rue has asked for a list of those taking part in our twinning visit.
- The French evening went well, and the financial result was most satisfying - we made a profit on the evening of £1300 which is ample reward I think for all the work put into the event on the evening and beforehand.

YIR Robin

PROGRAMME

February 20 – Business Meeting

February 24 – President's Night

March 6 – Frugal Lunch

*March 13 – Ambassadorial Scholars
WITH PARTNERS*

March 14 – Council

March 20 - Business Meeting

March 22 – District Council

*March 27 – foundation scholars or
Hearing Dogs tbc*

*President's Night at the Town Hall,
Kings Lynn is Friday week – last
minute additions welcome – please
phone Alan Henry if you require
extra tickets – remember, the more
the merrier!!*

Alan

From Simon

I am about to go on holiday (to New Zealand) and wanted to ensure that you all knew about the: -

**CHARITY FASHION SHOW
TO BE HELD
THURSDAY APRIL 6TH
IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS**

The arrangements have moved forward and we are involved with a very enthusiastic team at **New Look** the Fashion Chain, our sponsors. We are also to have the help of the College of West Anglia who will deal with the Beauty and Make-up and Hairdressing. They will also provide many of the models.

We have a professional Stage Manager and Lighting Expert.

Finally I can assure you that the refurbished Assembly Rooms make a fantastic venue.

All the ingredients for a successful event!! Shortly posters and tickets will be available and we have 4 Box Offices in the town.

- Ceres Bookshop
- Barclays Bank
- Premier Travel
- William Brown

WE MUST ALL PUT OUR MINDS TO SELLING 250 TICKETS @ £5 EACH

It is a younger age focus!! New Look aims at the 14-45 age group!! and their Value Fashion now accounts for a quarter of the market!! So we must sell to our sons and daughters, any young mums we know, students, School children and the like.

**IT WILL BE A COLOURFUL
LIVELY EVENING WITH A LOT OF
RHYTHM.**

**THAT WON'T BE DIFFICULT WILL
IT? !!!**

Let's Go!!!

See you soon,
Simon

District 1080 C Red Pilot Study

***A message is being sent to
very Rotarian in District 1080.***

***Have you registered yet to
support this initiative?***

***We need your support to
ensure success.***

***Please make every effort to do
your bit against global
warming.***

***Please register on [www.cred-
uk.org](http://www.cred-uk.org)***

**PDG Malcolm
RIBI Environment Committee**

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