

ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020



From our President Sarah Withington

As April, the Rotary month of maternal and child health fast approaches, we are all left pondering on all our own health and well-being.

The unprecedented circumstances currently enveloping our world are allowing us all a moment to take a step back and think. I urge you all to seize this moment, with a view to ensuring that, when we turn the corner, you continue to live your best life!

During March I attended the funeral of our dear friend and esteemed past president, Ernie Johnstone, it was an uplifting celebration of his life. Family and friends talked of his thirst for life, for family, for his kindness, for his love of practical jokes and of course his beloved Manchester City. Although a little sad, I felt somehow uplifted and made a silent promise to Ernie to ensure I make the most of every opportunity, just as he had.

We will turn a corner very soon, I am sure of it, but for now I ask you all to stay at home and stay safe. If you need help your Rotary family is here to support you, please just ask.....

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**IN MEMORY OF
PP ERNIE JOHNSTONE PHF**



Ernest was a member of our Club from 1984 to 2016 and our President 2001-2002. I was his Club Secretary.

Occasionally someone will do something extraordinary in Rotary. When Ernest announced, at the beginning of his year, that he had booked the Bridgewater Hall for a brass band concert, some of us wondered what he had been taking. But this is what he did.

On his own initiative he booked the Black Dyke Mills brass band and the Honley Male Voice Choir from Huddersfield. This is one of the most famous brass bands in the world. The concert was a great success and the profits were enough to buy 2 motorised wheelchairs at a cost of about £4000 each. It was a courageous undertaking and it says a lot about Ernest as a man and a Rotarian.

As soon as he joined us, he was deeply involved in Rotary activities. Everything to do with sport and the outdoors appealed to him. He was a keen golfer and became both captain of our golf society and chairman of the rambling section. He was a regular attender at our Lakeland Weekends and even survived sharing a room with myself.

His Rotary work also extended to our senior's clubs. He often attended with his wife Joan, and as we all know Joan is a stalwart of Manchester Inner Wheel. Her constant support was a tremendous help during his Presidential year.

Ernest was not a flamboyant character and often kept his opinions to himself. Yet he had the ability to sum up a situation, when needed, with a few well-chosen words direct to the point. He wasn't offensive in any way, but forthright and honest.

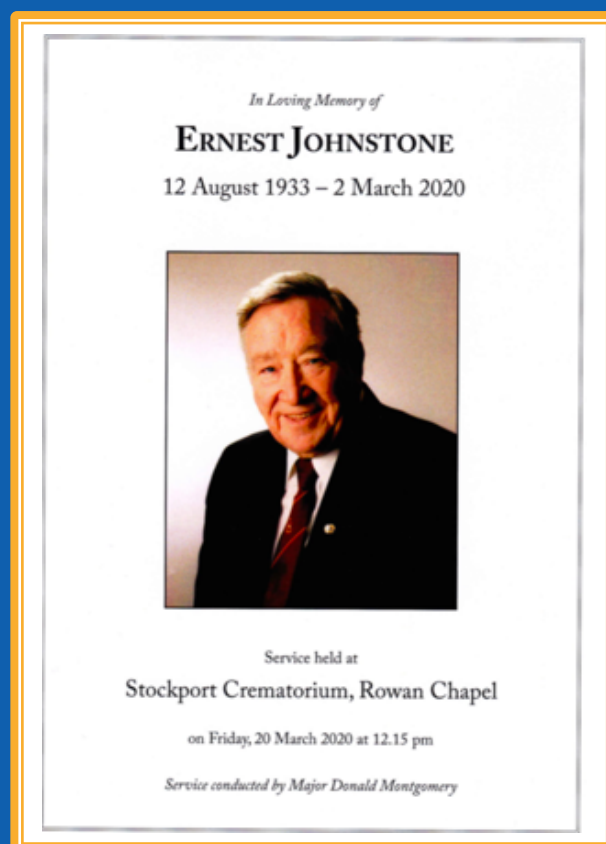
He was kind; he was generous, and he cared about others and very much about Manchester Rotary Club. After he left, he continued to support us through his subscription to the Charity Draw and was a constant attendee at the Fellowship Dinners, even when his health deteriorated.



Ernie and President Joan at Manchester Inner Wheel, flanked by daughters Celia, Fiona, Christine and Joanne, 2014

I am sure we will remember Ernest with great fondness. It was a pleasure to know him. Maybe the biggest tribute we can pay him is to say "he was a very good Rotarian". Our Club was the better and richer for his membership. We need more like him. Thank you, Ernest for joining us.

-Ernie Metcalfe-



Please copy this link to see the Order of Service:

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=792846&ClubID=299>

March Fellowship Evening - Aspire



The March 5th 2020 Fellowship Dinner took place at Aspire Restaurant.

Aspire is part of Trafford College's program for hospitality and catering courses and trainee chefs produce bespoke menus. It is on Trafford's list of best places to dine.

Everyone enjoyed the great atmosphere and fantastic food along with great company and service.



Rotary Dinner Menu

STARTERS

- Heritage tomato carpaccio, sherry vinegar, pickled walnuts & Roquefort bon bons (v)
- Forager's risotto, sautéed mushrooms with garlic & smoked chicken(gf)
- Morecambe Bay crab fishcake, apple & watercress salad, nut brown butter sauce

MAINS

- Pan fried breast of chicken, salt baked carrot, chicken pudding, roasting juices
- Lebanese roasted aubergine steak, harissa roasted cauliflower & cashew dressing (v)
- Pan fried bream, Nicoise salad, tempura anchovies & crispy potatoes

PUDDING

- Assiette of desserts

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Participants included members of our club along with the Inner Wheel and Breakfast Club, as well as friends and family.

*Jan Abbott
Julie & Roy Chapman
Derek & Ann Evans
Peter Hartley
Dale McAulay & Ian Kane
Ann Malyon
Sinclair & Rosemary McLeod
Ernie & Marian Metcalfe
Barbara Rosenthal
Roger & Christine Walker
Gillian Webb
Mavis Pittway
Joan Johnstone & Mia
Peter & Hazel West
Michael & Jacquie Berry
Margaret Hutchinson & Henry Blowey
Michael & Beryl Payne
Catherine Feenley
Robert Clark
Eddie & Hilary Bennis
Nial & Anthea Power*



Thanks to Roger Walker for organising the event.

Please come and join us at our next fellowship event.

FRANCIS HOUSE



Kate Puc, President Sarah Withington, and Barbara Rosenthal

Our March 12th meeting was highlighted by a presentation by Kate Puc from Francis House, followed by a cheque presentation from our club to support Francis House. This was a result of our annual Arndale Centre collection, with the assistance of the Greater Manchester Police Male Choir.

Kate explained to us that Francis House is a local children's hospice in Didsbury. It is a home away from home, for the whole family and not just the child.

As well as the main building, there is also a lodge for teenagers, which gives them independence with support. They also provide 'rainbow rooms' that assist families with grieving.

Francis House needs £4.7 million per year with only 12% of the funding coming from central government, the remainder derived from private funding.

Francis House was to have an Open Day on May 18th, which is currently postponed, due to Covid-19.

Please check their website, to see a new calendar of events, when they become possible.

<https://www.francishouse.org.uk/>



A small joke to brighten up our day

A plane has 5 passengers on board, Donald Trump, Boris Johnson, the Pope, Nicola Sturgeon and a ten year old schoolboy.

The plane is about to crash and there are only 4 parachutes.

Sturgeon said, "I need one. I've got to sort out Scotland!" Takes one and jumps.

The Pope said, "I need one. I've to sort out the Catholic Church" He takes one and jumps.

Trump said, "I need one. I'm the smartest person in America. He takes one and jumps.

Boris Johnson said to the ten year old "you can have the last parachute. I've lived my life, yours is only starting."

The 10 year old said, "Don't worry, there are 2 parachutes left. The smartest person in America took my school bag.""

Birthdays

April

5th David Andrew
19th Paul Harris 1868
Racine, Wisconsin
30th Robin Graham

May

7th Susan Craig
9th Peter Hartley
10th Indra Gupta
30th Barbara Rosenthal

June

1st Richard Dyson
6th Eddie Hanson
10th Sinclair McLeod
13th Ernie Metcalfe



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Barbara Rosenthal
Rotary Club of Manchester



10 March 2020

Dear Barbara

On behalf of Support Dogs I would like to thank you for choosing to support our work by collecting stamps at your workplace. I apologise for the delay in responding to your request but we have experienced difficulties with our supplies of envelopes and collection boxes. I am enclosing a freepost envelope and hope to forward a collection box in the near future.

Every penny we are able to raise through these will make a huge difference to the people and families we support. With your help, together, we are able to ensure that children, adults and families living with autism, epilepsy and physical disabilities are safe, feel confident and able to lead more independent and active lives.

If you need more or larger envelopes then please do let us know. I have also enclosed some information about our work including our latest magazine.

We would love to come and visit you and the team with one of our dogs. Please do get in touch if this is something you would like to arrange.

Thank you again from everyone at Support Dogs and from all those whose lives are improving as a result of your wonderful support.

Very best wishes

Tess Thompson
Community Fundraising Manager
Tess.thompson@supportdogs.org.uk

Honorary President: Angela Rippon CBE Patron: Earl & Countess of Scarborough, Elaine Paige CBE



NW England &
Isle of Man



Summer Camp 18th July - 1st August 2020

A Camp where all the young people arrive as strangers and leave with lasting memories and lifelong friends.

Plans are now underway for the 2020 International Summer Camp to be held at Petty Pool Outdoor Centre at Sandiway near Northwich. A total of 14 overseas visitors will be invited to spend two weeks here as guests of our Rotary District. Already we have had applications from Rotary Youth Exchange officers in countries who have never previously sent students to our Camp.

As in previous years home hosts are sought who can look after either one or two young people aged between 16 and under 18 once they arrive in Manchester on Saturday 18th July until they go to Petty Pool on Wednesday 22nd July, and also for one further night at the end of the Camp on Friday 31st July before all the campers return home.

On Sunday 19th July there will be a Get Together Brunch to which all visitors and their host families are invited. A Welcome Barbecue will be held on Wednesday evening 22nd July and a Final Barbecue and Presentation evening on Friday 31st July, both at Petty Pool, again to which all host families are invited.

Other than the Get Together Brunch the programme for the home hosts is entirely free – none of the visitors will have been to England before so all will be eager to see the sights around our area.

All home hosts will need DBS certification to comply with current legislation and Rotary guidelines. This can easily be arranged if not already in place.

Anyone who feels that they may be able to host one or two young people should make contact with Eric Cowcill, ericcowcill@aol.com when further details can be provided as necessary.

NEWSFLASH
This event is cancelled due to Covid-19. The participants will be unable to travel – even if isolation is finished.
Updates when available.

Up and Coming Events

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL EVENTS ARE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19

- Rotary Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Club Meeting Info

Weekly: Every Thursday at 12:30

Place: Manchester Hall

36 Bridge Street, Manchester,

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