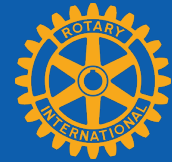


ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021



From our President Derek Evans

Firstly, a big welcome to our newly elected 1st. V.P., Roy Chapman, who will take up office as our President for Rotary year 2021/2022. We wish him a happy and fruitful year ahead. Well, here we are into February and Spring is just around the corner. The 'oldies' will have had their 'jab' by now, but the younger ones will have to wait patiently- one of the benefits of being a senior.

The final meeting in January, was a presentation titled 'Reflections' by the most senior member of our club, David Andrew. He gave an excellent resume of his business life in finance and his interests in Rotary.

Following on in February, Mariam Abbas, a Rotarian from Tanzania, spoke about her club, Dar es Salaam Oysterbay, which has a membership of 85 with an average age of 35. The projects they are working on are quite amazing.

For our final meeting of the month, our guest speaker was David Johnson, the President of the RC of London, the first club in the world to be chartered outside America. His talk took us over the last 110 years of Rotary in the UK – most interesting.

Take good care of yourselves, we will soon be back to normality.

Derek, President

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MEMBER SECTION:

Member contributions!
Jokes, poems, photos,
recipes, and more!!!!!!!

Notices



TAKE ACTION: [Rotary Club of Manchester](#)

Zoom February Fellowship – February 4th 2021

With more than 20 people in attendance, our February 2021 Fellowship took place on Zoom – our new normal for fellowship evenings.

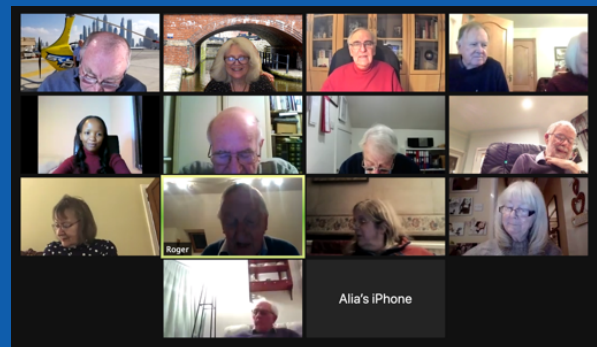
It was a quiz night hosted by Roger, along with a performance by Susan Craig as well as joke telling by Ernie Metcalfe.



Some screen shot photos taken during our Zoom fellowship!

Quizzes # 1 through # 3 were won by: Ernie Metcalfe, Roy and Julie Chapman, and Peter Hartley but somehow, I think that we never decided the winners of quizzes #4 and #5.

Ernie entertained us with jokes about Senior moments, hearing aids, and fishing! And Susan performed a poem by Marriot Edgar titled *Albert's Return*.



Susan Craig performing Albert's Return.



To see the text of the poem, go to:
<http://monologues.co.uk/Alberts-Return.htm>

ROTARY CLUB MEETING – FEBRUARY 11TH 2021
ROTARIAN MARIAM ABBAS
RC OF DAR ES SALAAM OYSTER BAY



Mariam Abbas

Mariam is the youngest member of her club and is a board member and works on various projects.

Mariam Abbas was our feature speaker on February 11th. Mariam is member of the Rotary Club of Dar Es Salam Oysterbay in Tanzania. She gave an interesting talk about the works and achievements of her club.

Born in Tanzania, Mariam has also lived in Uganda and Kenya and is currently studying at the University of Manchester.

She is an architect and has worked as an architect and a project manager. She is currently studying for a MSc in project management engineering.

The slide features the Rotary logo and the club's name at the top. It includes a list of club statistics and a group photo of members on a beach. The text on the slide is as follows:

Get to Know Oysterbay

*Chartered 10 years ago in 2010 and
Fondly referred to as
Joysterbay - Serving Above Self with Fun*

- 81 members
- Strong cultural diversity – over 15 Nationalities
- Most innovative Club in the District
- 6 Baby Rotary Clubs, 3 Rotaract Clubs & 2 Interact Clubs.
- Meet weekly on Tuesday at Flames Restaurant Oysterbay @ 7.30am

The makeup of Mariam's Rotary Club.

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Flagship Projects:
Scholarships
Medical Camps


Basic Education & Literacy


Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Qiyosari


Disease Prevention & Treatment


Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Qiyosari

Scholarships

Average No. of Sponsored Students Annually **50+**

Average value of Annual Scholarships **USD 30,000**






- Annual requirement of TZ\$70Million (\$3,000,000).
- Funds are disbursed in two (2) batches yearly.
- Bridges intellectual capacity gap in Tanzania and also support:
 - Leadership skills development
 - Achievement of youth educational goals despite funding gaps
 - Align with Rotary's Education & Literacy and Economic Community Development Focus
- Support scholars that have reflected potential in their field of study and their economic and social engagement in the community


Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Qiyosari

Medical Camps

The camps support medical check-ups, prevention awareness trainings, and medications support.

Average of TZ\$15,000,000 spent annually

Year	Camp Location	Attendees
2016	Muamali & Kenge	1500+
2017	Muamali & Kenge	1500+
2018	Makumbuu	1500+
2019	Muamali	2000+
2020	Muamali	2000+


Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Qiyosari

Current Projects:
Juhudi School Renovation
Tumaini La Maisha Cancer Care Equipment


Basic Education & Literacy


Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Oysterbay


Disease Prevention & Treatment


Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Oysterbay

Juhudi School Renovation



BEFORE



AFTER

IMPACT
Provision of academically conducive environment for children within the Ujuzungu Community

DELIVERY SCHEDULE
Delivered

School population - 1278 Students
10 Classrooms require re-flooring & roof repair, 20 toilets to be renovated

1st Phase: renovation of 2 classrooms completed, we are to provide Furniture & fittings requirements

2nd Phase: we will renovate 8 Classrooms with furniture and fittings and 20 toilets. Portable wash facilities and books will also be provided.

Source of Funds:

Club Contributions

100%

of Required \$25,000,000 Raised

Tumaini La Maisha Cancer Care Equipment



Funded Medical Equipment



MPT4 Cancer Monitor with bracket



Trolley for MPT4



Digital Weighing Scales



F 10 Medical Stretcher

Delivered in December 2020

Supports early detection of cancerous diseases in children and reduce cancer mortality rates effectively

Source of Funds:

Global Grant

100%

of Required \$4,500 Raised

Ongoing Project: Maternal and Child Health



Maternal & Child Health



Club of Dar es Salaam Oysterbay

Breakdown of the Project Budget

S/No	IMPACT	DELIVERY SCHEDULE
1	Facilitation of Safe Child Delivery in the Area	Q2 2021
2	Provision of maternal health services and birthing attendance	
3	Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality	
4	Capacity building for local birth attendants and community health care workers	

GORA - MUUNGANO Birthing/Health Centre

3000+ households in Gora - Muungano without sufficient health care centres.

Pregnant mothers based on母services to seek proper maternal care, and receive delivery assistance.

Traditional nurses currently supporting the community.

We plan to build a well-equipped birthing centre and subsequently a health care centre

Source of Funds:
Global Grant + International Clubs + Corporate Sponsors

Currently engaging International Rotary Clubs

of Required \$114,000 Raised

(\$40,000 for the Structure, and \$74,000 for the Medical Equipment)




\$7,148.18
Painting and Decorating

\$2,185.23
Roof Repairs

\$9,514.6
Doors and Windows

\$15,340.00
Electricals and Plumbing

\$2,596
Access Roads

\$10,703.05
Finishing

\$14,571.82
Substructure and Structural Frame

\$4,720.00
Public toilet

\$9,647.68
Walling and Partitioning

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Ongoing Project: Basic Education and Literacy





Basic Education & Literacy



JUHUDI & UKONGA SCHOOLS
TOILET BLOCK & CLASSROOMS RENOVATIONS
In-conjunction with Ukonga Rotary Club

School population is, 2,500 Students
 20 Classrooms require re-flooring & roof repair,
 20 toilets block to be rebuilt

1st Phase: Renovated 2 classrooms and providing furniture & fittings.
 Source: **Club Contributions**

2nd Phase: To rebuild a 20 toilets block, renovate 10 classrooms, 12 water points, the library, 2 toilet blocks and buy 100 desks & chairs
 Source: **Corporate Sponsorship + Belgium**

60%
of Required TZS 130,000,000 (\$55,000)

S/No	IMPACT	DELIVERY SCHEDULE
1	Provision of academically conducive classrooms to the children	<div style="border: 1px dashed orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Q2 2021</div>
2	Supporting hygienic latrine capacity to reduce risks of digestive ailments that can arise otherwise	







WASH – To construct 12 (6 taps on either side) water points, for clean and safe drinking water

Classes to be renovated to house the library, stuffed with books in conjunction with Read International. Librarian and students will also be trained for effective management and usage

With 81 members and an average age of 36, the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Oysterbay, have many ambitious projects on the go.

A screen shot of some of our members that attended the meeting.



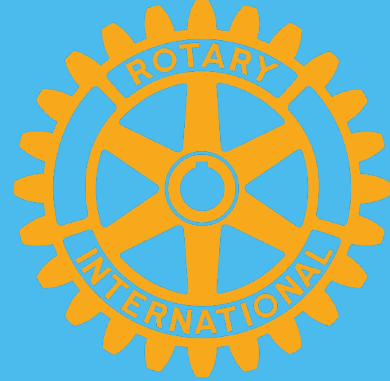
ROTARY CLUB MEETING – FEBRUARY 18TH 2021 BUSINESS MEETING

About 13 members participated in our Zoom Business meeting on February 18th.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS:

Ratification of PP Roy Chapman as president of our club for 2021/22

Selection of Roy and Julie Chapman as club delegates at Rotary Annual Business Meeting 2021 on Friday May 21st.



TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

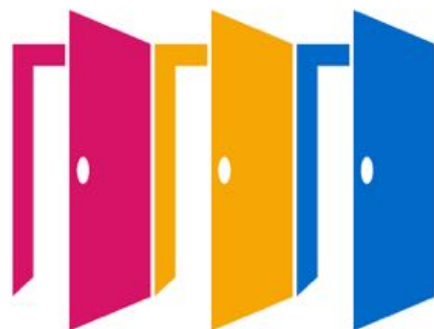
A 5-year club financial plan prepared by PP Robin Graham

Fellowship – use of themes such as environment, activities, interests

Member recruitment

Operating after Covid

All members are welcome to contribute ideas and thoughts on these things or other things that you feel may be important to the club.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

ROTARY CLUB MEETING – FEBRUARY 25TH 2021
DAVID JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LONDON



The president of the Rotary Club of Manchester, David Johnson was our guest speaker on Feb 25th with a talk on the History of the Rotary Club of London

Approximately 30 people attended along with some distinguished guests.

Aled Owen RC Worsley
John Bullough – RC of Leigh
Michael Pinder – RC of Tottington & Bury West
Drew Markham - RC Huntsville, Canada
Dennis Hobson – D1285
Treasurer (don't know his club)
Henry Blowey – President RC of Manchester Breakfast
Margaret Hutchinson (Henry's wife) – Secretary Manchester Breakfast
Ken Tonge - RC of Runcorn
Najib Yousif - RC of Stockport Lamplighters
Ian Balcombe – Pres elect RC of London



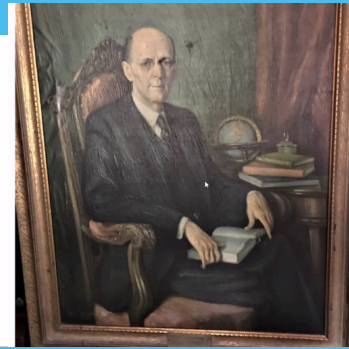
Screen Shot from the Meeting

From David Johnson - my background; Commercial Apprentice(Coventry) business studies degree (on a sandwich course); industrial accounting qualification(CIMA);Working with large industrial companies- GEC (Coventry),Pirelli(Burton on Trent),ICI/IMI (South Wales and Birmingham), Cadbury Typhoo (Bourneville Birmingham), then moving to London and joining Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) as a management consultant. Moved on to another accounting firm as a management consultant (Spicer & Pegler now part of Deloitte Touche); After c.10 years as an employee of Consulting firms started my own firm (CMA Consulting) and went as Commercial Director to a start-up Company (robot technology) (Bournemouth) before moving back to London with a mixed portfolio of Consulting assignments and running a niche factory and marketing operation (Dental instruments) I have been involved in voluntary societies and institutions for over 50 years. I have served on the Council of CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) As Master of the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants, a City Livery Company. Another interest is The Shropshire Society in London of which I am a Vice president and have been a trustee of the Welsh Centre in London, and very involved in the Federation of Small business in London. I mention all these societies etc. because they have all got the problem of exploiting their core values in a changing world. The youngest of them is WCoMC - I was Master in its 25th year- but it is part of an 800 year continuum of governance of the City of London. I joined Rotary in 2015.

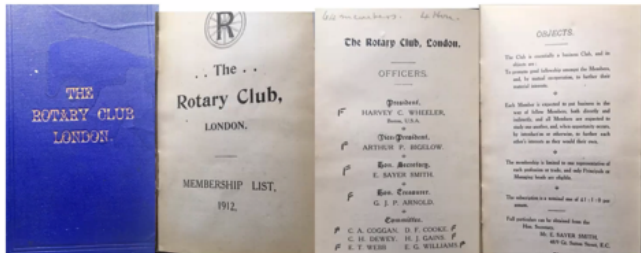
The History of the Rotary Club of London

One hundred and ten years of service

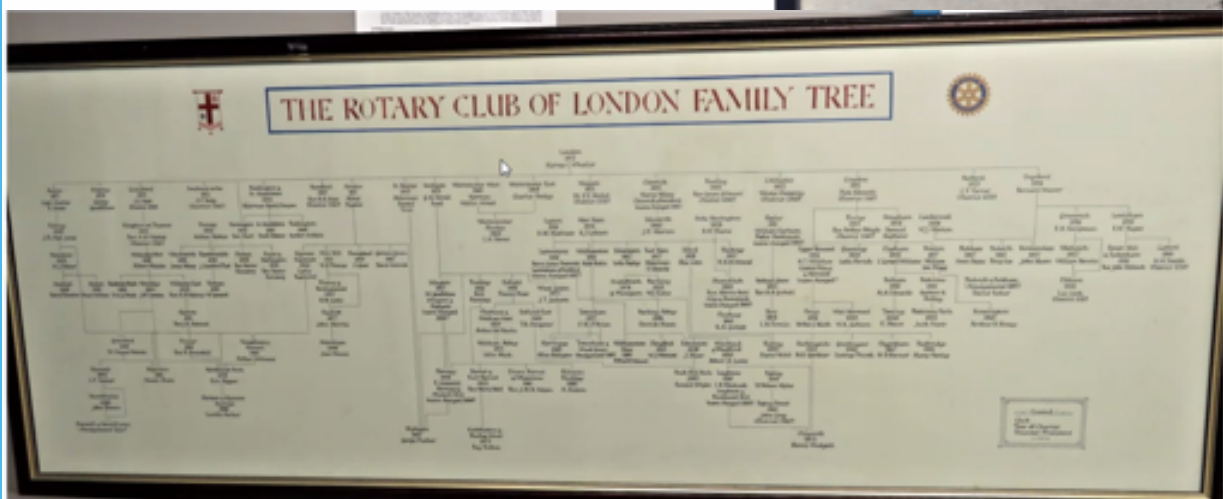
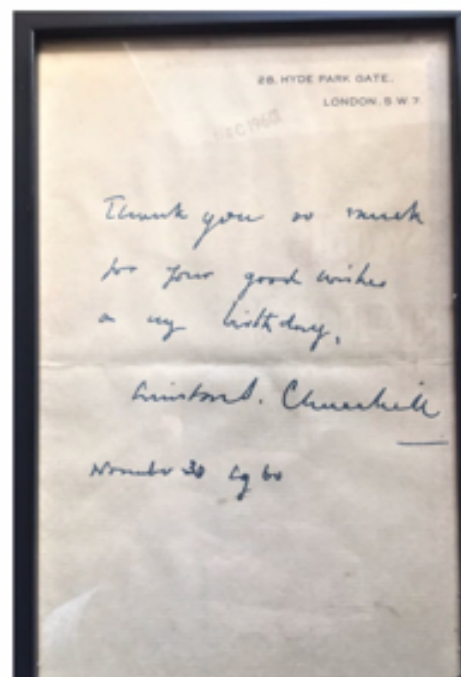
In 1921 it was said 'History is bunk' is that statement now history?



First Members book -1912 -64 Members



Speaker & wellwisher 1960



I have been giving much thought to the subject of the History of The Rotary Club, London (also Rotary Club for London and now Rotary Club of London.). I have a 130 page printed history covering the first 100 years (Which I could send you to circulate if you wish) and am not short of historic material; but I would like to put this into the context derived from my management consulting experience of the life cycle of organisations; and of serving in long established voluntary clubs and institutions.

The history of RCL is very much the history of Rotary in the UK and relates to the social history of the UK over the last century or so.; Entrepreneurial foundations, corporate growth, loss of identity/profile, loss of members, revising but not reviewing core values.

When RCL was founded London was the largest City in the world, Manchester was 9th. (Closely following St Petersburg) The Titanic was being launched, Old Trafford built. Hierarchy the accepted structure of Society. Men dominated all establishment activities and generally ran almost all businesses.

Ted Unwin



And now ? Typical Monday Lunch – DT report

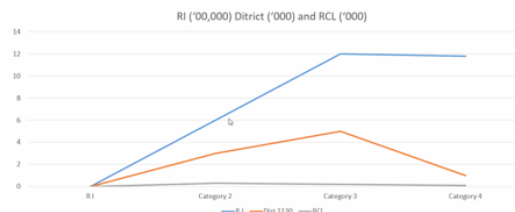


In Summary

- a glorious past
- a declining present

Is this inevitable ?

Membership Growth & Decline



David went through a detailed history of the club, telling us about the many interesting speakers and members through the years. With a long history, the Rotary Club of London, has and still does many good things, but like all Rotary Clubs finds themselves dealing with declining membership in these difficult times. The club still has 120 members.



PP ROBIN GRAHAM – BBC

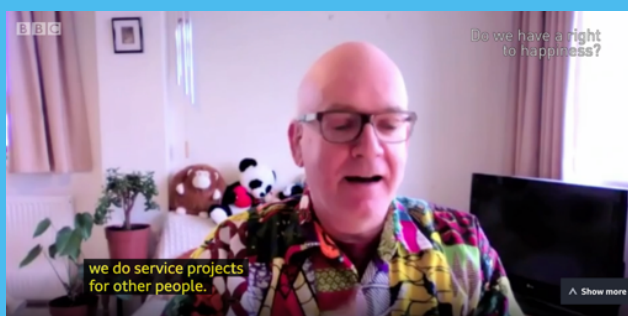


Our own Robin Graham, was one of the feature contributors, on the BBC's, *THE BIG QUESTIONS*, with Nicky Campbell, on Sunday Feb 7th at 10:30 a.m. He was part of the discussion on the topic, *Do we have the right to happiness?* Wearing one of his signature bright shirts, he led the panel in a laughing exercise and a talk that included making others happy makes you happy and being present in the moment makes us happy.

If you want to see Robin in action, go to about 39 minutes into the programme by using this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000s5m6/the-big-questions-series-14-episode-4>

Some Screenshots from the BBC Programme



BEIRUT DISASTER APPEAL

ROTARY CLUBS OF BEIRUT BAABDA AND MANCHESTER BEIRUT DISASTER APPEAL

Roy Chapman PHF, Rotary Club of Manchester
Mario Nasard, President, Rotary Club of Baabda

The awful Beirut Port explosion of August 4th 2020, killed over 200 people, injured thousands and devastated much of the city. The Operation Florian UK team and the Rotary Club of Baabda (Beirut) ensured a team from UK Search and Rescue Assistance in Disasters (SARAIID) arrived within 3 days. Working with major authorities and the Lebanese Disaster Management Unit, SARAIID coordinated specialist search and rescue work. The RC of Baabda, alongside Save the Children, arranged emergency transport, accommodation, and other assistance.

Hundreds of buildings, especially in the historic parts of Beirut, need to be repaired. The Rotary Clubs of Manchester and Baabda, in partnership with Dutch NGO DORCAS/Tabitha, plan to:

- Repair houses, schools and small businesses and essential services like water and lighting.
- Help regenerate local communities,
- Support displaced families.
- Support the ongoing work of SARAIID.

Damage repair and regeneration will take years.

The initial target is £5,000, to be spent where it is most needed. Each £100 will pay to repair a home entrance, damaged windows, plumbing, damaged roofs and/or other essential work.

Thanks to the generosity of District 1285 Clubs, nearly £4,000 has been raised. A big thank you to all the Clubs who have donated.

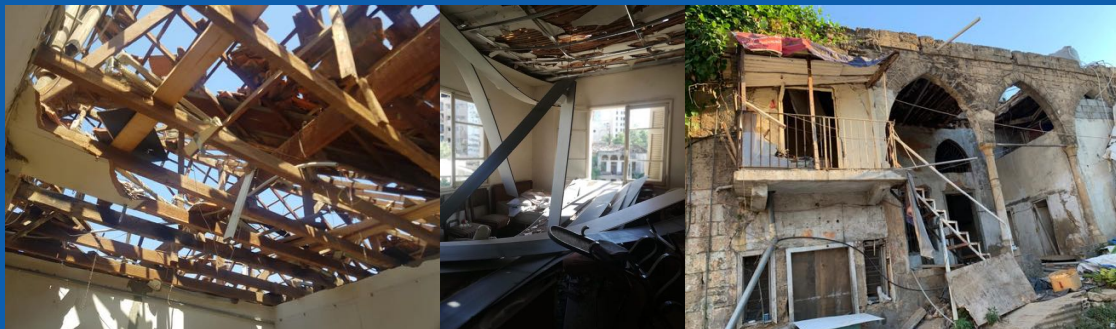
We are still open for donations:

BACS to Account No. 14435136, Sort Code: 01 05 31, use Ref: Beirut and your Rotary Club name - or via Just Giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rotaryclubofmanchesterbeirutappeal>

Further info:

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=299>



From the Rotary Club of Baabda

Greetings in Rotary to you too.

We received with thanks the 2 transfers for \$3186.51 and \$1460.21 which make a total of \$4646.72.

We have not yet used them because of the prolonged lockdown due to covid-19 which is still on, with a small flexibility this week for certain popular professions such as car repair garages, banks, and the like. In order for us to move we must obtain on the smartphone a special authorization from the police specifying the destination and reason, for which then they specify the timing.

The Beirut hospitals having been severely devastated and being in lack of respirators for the covid-19 cases from which we have an approx. number of 2500 cases per day (coming down from approx. 6000 per day before the last severe lockdown which started on 14Jan), and more than 50 deaths every day. Respirators are extremely expensive. Our club, with the cooperation of other RCs in Lebanon and abroad of course executed last year a Global Grant project by which we supplied 13 respirators to different hospitals around. However, the hospitals need more and are permanently at full capacity of patients. They started using oxygen concentrators which are transportable and provide oxygen to patients while staying at home. The Red Cross of Lebanon has also imported such oxygen concentrators, and some Rotary clubs as well.

The price for an oxygen concentrator goes around USD700 a piece, depending on the brand, some could be a little cheaper, others maybe a little more expensive.

My question: can we use your donations for purchase such oxygen concentrators ?

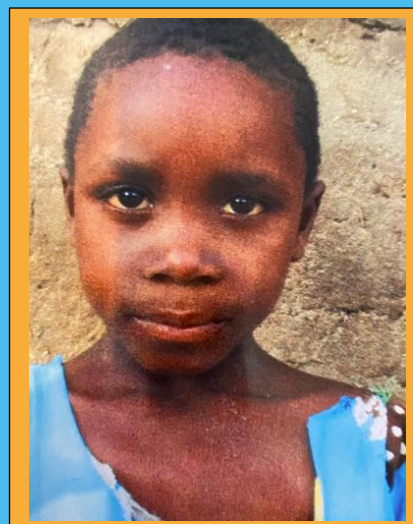
Otherwise, we know you would prefer to use the funds for the SARAID training project which was the very first idea that we put on the table. We can sure do that, but traveling is nowadays complicated, and confinement is mandatory upon arrival. And no one knows how long this critical situation with covid-19 will go on, especially that the vaccine is imported in Lebanon by small quantities, financed by the World Bank (because the country is broke, the leaders swallowed everything and they want more ...). Our government signed a mandatory protocol with the World Bank about the priorities as to who must receive the vaccine first, i.e. those of 75 years old and up, then 70-75 years old etc..., but our members of parliament had themselves receive the vaccine 2 days ago, in the very parliament, even though the age of many is below 75 years. The World Bank reacted, protested, but the guys got their vaccine In other words, what I want to say is that we can only count on ourselves in everything, but we cannot import the vaccine otherwise Rotary Lebanon would have done it long ago.

Coming back to our subject, please look into the matter with your club members and the donors and see what your choice for would be using your donations now.

Kind regards, Mario

HAPPY JUMA A GIRL IN TANZANIA PLAN INTERNATIONAL SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANCHESTER

Every year, our club sponsors a little girl from Tanzania to help with her education and future. We are currently helping Happy Juma, turning 6 on March 4.



PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA



AN UPDATE ON HAPPY AND HER FAMILY

Thank you for sponsoring Happy. Today we would like to let you know more about Happy's life and about projects which took place in the neighbourhood where the family lives.

Sponsored child

Name: Happy Juma Suma
Age: 6 years old
Area: Gella

Sponsor

Sponsor Name: Mr Peter Hartley
Country: United Kingdom

Happy's family

There have been no changes to Happy's family.

Education

Happy attends primary school. It takes approximately one and a half hours to reach school. Happy's favourite activity is drawing.

Health

According to the family, Happy has been healthy and not suffered from any serious illness. The nearest health facility is about two hours away.

Changes in Happy's living conditions

There have been no changes to Happy's living conditions.

Projects

In the area where Happy lives, families participated in the following activities:

- Teacher training
- Support for educational and recreational events with children
- Capacity building and support to women's self-help groups
- Activities that promote protection of children from abuse, exploitation and neglect

Learn more

Please see the attached update prepared with children and families to learn more about projects in the wider area.

The information on Happy, and her family was collected by:
Mashia - community volunteer

(107)

Some information on Happy and her family!

Status of sponsored children and families

Our colleagues in each country have stayed in touch with sponsored children and their families during local lockdowns in various ways, including through community volunteers, SMS and telephone. We can happily report that no sponsored children or families have reported to have been infected with COVID-19. Now, many countries feel it is safe to gradually begin delivering and collecting letters again. We are pleased to say that Tanzania is one of the countries that has begun delivering and collecting letters again. It will take time to catch up, so please do bear with us.

PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear Sponsor,

Warm greetings from Tanzania! We would like to update you on Plan International's coronavirus response work in the country of your sponsored child. Once again, your generous support is proving to be essential in facing this new global challenge.

General overview

The situation in Tanzania remains serious, but some of the restrictions in the country have lifted. There are no longer any travel bans in the country, however the government has imposed strict safety measures, alongside heavy fines for any public transport owner who fails to adhere to them. All external borders to Tanzania also remain open. This has allowed the country to re-open its tourist industry, this has been a significant relief for many families whose economic situation is heavily dependent on tourism. Schools in Tanzania were closed on the 17th March, but were opened on the 29th June. They still remain open, however the government has issued many health and safety regulations.

MONDAY CLUB UPDATE

Update on the Monday Club at Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Butler Street, Ancoats from Peter Hartley

Our club has been supporting the Monday Club at Trinity for 57 years. Since I joined the club, I had joined PP Phil Laker in helping every fortnight with PP Julie the last few years along with PP George from time to time. Sue Williams prepared and organised supper for the attendees. We ran the bingo and organised entertainment from time to time. Our Club President used to attend the Xmas dinner each year.

The following update was received recently from Rev Sue Williams: -

Just before the lockdown in November, the church at Trinity agreed to become a class of another church. This means that the management of the building becomes the responsibility of the Manchester Circuit rather than the church council, which has become too small to manage it. This was instigated by Alan Hopkins, who explained he felt he could no longer maintain the property.

A few weeks later, in mid-December, Alan and Jackie (they help with Xmas meal and special events) announced they were moving to Spain, taking up residency and living there most of the year, although they are keeping their home in Stockport.

Then, a few weeks ago on 20th January, we had a phone call from Margaret (she lives in an attached flat and locks up the church and church hall) saying she had heard a loud noise in the church and could we go down. I was greeted by flashing blue lights from fire engines and a lot of activity as firemen swept out a flood of water. The flat roof in the hall had come down with the weight of the water on it. Fortunately, there was no one in the room or the building (Margaret was safe in her flat) and all the roofing had fallen into the hall.

Some photos of the damage



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That night the electric was cut off without any warning which meant Margaret was without power in the flat, and the day after she went to stay with her niece until utilities were reconnected and she could move back.

However, while she has been there her niece broached the subject of leaving the flat, and she will shortly be moving into Butler Court, just down the road.

The building is having work done on it, a temporary roof covering is now on, drying out the building is taking place, and it is hoped to have a permanent roof on soon. I cannot say what the long-term future of the building may be, or the charity shop, but it is hoped we can meet once a month for worship, for social activities, and some missional work. Please see the attached photos that show the complete roof of the church hall having fallen in. This is where we held our Monday club meetings

Sadly, in the last three weeks, two of the attendees have passed away - Edith Gallagher was in her 90's and George Burtenshawe in his 80's. Another member (Caroline) was taken into hospital and we can get no reply from the contact numbers that we have for her or her relatives. With numbers sadly reducing, we will have to consider whether it is viable for us to continue running this event after the pandemic. It is quite unbelievable that in 1990 this club had 50 members, a waiting list of 28 and 13 of our Rotarian members (including my father) used to regularly assist!

-Peter Hartley-



Top Photo

Caroline and George (RIP) taken at Xmas 2019



Bottom Photo

Edith (RIP) on the left and Margaret on the right. It was at this meeting that we celebrated Edith's 90th birthday last March

MEMBERS SECTION

FROM THE EDITOR

With isolation and social distancing, normal meetings at the Manchester Hall are not taking place and many of the wonderful things that we do, are postponed or delayed for now!

The virus has, not only made everyone realise how much we usually take for granted, but as a Rotary Club, forcing us into the world of technology and the internet. This is a good thing!

This virus does not seem to be going anywhere for a while but the first vaccine for Covid-19 is now being distributed, so there may be some small signs that we may be able to meet together again sometime in 2021.

Thanks to the many people that contributed to this section of the newsletter – it is meant to inform, along with some things to cheer us up and help us remember that a sense of humour is always a great thing!

Take care and stay safe
Dale

Dale McAulay
David Andrew
Roger Walker
Roy Chapman

**Thanks to the contributors of this
Members Section:**

Hope that I did not miss anyone!



One of the results of Covid Lockdown has been the appearance of some wildlife in the city centre. Shot these magpies close to where I live. Dale

An Idea for Fish and Chips

Buying Take away fish and chips

I find that when ordering fish and chips from our local chippee, we all ways end up with far more chips than we can eat and so the Trash bin gets a treat.

Now I have the answer.

Put all the left over Chips into the freezer in a plastic bag and the next time you need Chips, say Egg and chips take out the saved chips and in a hot oven , 230 C, on a baking tray reheat the chips and you will be amazed they are better than when originally you eat them with the fish. About 10/15 minutes but just look and behold.

Submitted by David Andrew



More Tales from Grandparents

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. 'It means carrying a child.'

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

Submitted by Roger Walker

I found myself disappointed with some comments made in the letters to the editor in the Rotary Magazine from some Rotarians about Black Lives Matter. Some of the views expressed did not seem to follow the ethos of Rotary. I mentioned this to Roy and I think his comments are very insightful. Dale

Some thoughts from Roy Chapman:

Sadly, yes, some movements like Black Lives Matter will be hijacked by extremists – with their own agendas. Also, there is sadly racism on both sides (ethnic minorities have their own quota of racists), but we must value all human life, all diversity, and rejoice in the racial and cultural differences that make the World so vibrant and enjoyable.

What we must not forget is that we are all descended from the same roots.

About a million years ago, some hominid species (evolved from primates), particularly *Homo erectus*, began to migrate out of Africa and into Eurasia, where they began to make other advances like controlling fire. Eventually all hominid species died out. there were once many kinds of hominids, only one remains: *Homo sapiens*. Between 70,000 and 100,000 years ago, *Homo sapiens* began migrating from the African continent and populating parts of Europe and Asia. They reached the Australian continent in canoes sometime between 35,000 and 65,000 years ago.

The Pleistocene Ice Age created a land bridge that connected Asia and North America (Alaska) over 13,000 years ago. A widely accepted migration theory is that people crossed this land bridge and eventually migrated into North and South America.

In short, we all have the same ancient genetic roots – back to Africa. White supremist might not like it, but the first humans were dark skinned! We white skinned humans are the newer ones of the species on the planet!

Roy



***Spring is in the air.
Taken in Central Manchester by Dale***

Please send me some things for the members section of the newsletter – jokes, recipes, stories, poems, and photos! Dale

NOTICES

Fund Raising

Charity Draw - Next Draw in April

This is our only source of income for the Charity Account and is likely to remain so for some time to come.

Therefore, each member can help raise money in the following ways.

Immediately, if possible, increase your own monthly subscription.

Encourage any friends or family who support our aims and objectives to also subscribe.

If you do not already contribute do so as soon as possible.

All you need to do is let me have their names and addresses and I will do the rest.

Thank you in advance.

Your help is much appreciated.

Roger Walker

January Charity Draw Winners

The winners were:

Chris Walker £150

John Gavan £50.

Next draw will be in April

To donate to the Beirut Disaster

***For more information contact Roy
Chapman PHF, Rotary Club of Manchester***

***[https://www.rotary-
ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=299](https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=299)***

Donate by BACS to Account No. 14435136,

***Sort Code: 01 05 31, use Ref: Beirut and
your Rotary Club (so we can acknowledge
receipt)***

or use our Just Giving page at:

***[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/
rotaryclubofmanchesterbeirutappeal](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rotaryclubofmanchesterbeirutappeal)***

Club Charity Donations

£ 50 Show Aid

Saturday 20th March 2021
10 am to 12 noon

VIRTUAL PROJECTS FAIR
World Humanitarian Services

Theme:
Connecting Minds, Sharing Ideas, Forming Partnerships,
Creating a Lasting Change Across The Globe
Exciting Charity Speakers

Tickets: FREE Reservation via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-international-rally-tickets-137156876911>
Contact: Swati Mukherjee (District International Lead) 07900 137728

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Rotary Club of Poynton & District

Grand Easter Quiz

Using Zoom platform

Thursday 1st April 2021 starting at 7.30 prompt. *Only £5 per team*

Friends and Families welcome

If you wish to join in this fun evening please contact Tony Penny of the Rotary Club of Poynton & District

tonyinpoynton@aol.com

You will receive the link to the quiz will be sent to you soon after.

*** Please note you will be asked to logon by 7.15pm in order that the Quiz can begin on time ***

Waste Plastics

Waste plastics are slowly covering the World - reaching even the most isolated and precious places. Scientists have even found plastic waste in the deepest parts of our oceans. That is terrible and an awful indictment of humankind's disregards for our precious World. We must do all we can to reduce plastic (esp. single use plastics). Exporting plastic waste is only moving our own Nation's responsibilities elsewhere. We should solve the problems at home.

I just signed the petition "Boris Johnson: Stop the U.K. from exporting its plastic waste" and wanted to ask you to help by adding your name.

The goal is to reach 150,000 signatures and we need more support. You can read more and sign the petition here:

<http://chnq.it/L8pW4K29b5>

To read more about the Petition – started by a 9 year Lizzie, see:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jan/20/plastic-petition-by-uk-nine-year-old-gains-over-70k-signatures-in-under-a-week>

From Roy Chapman

The 2021 – 2022 Grant Management Seminar

Advance Booking now open

Want to apply for an award from the District Grant 2021 – 2022?

Book now to secure your place before general booking opens in March

Confirmed speakers include

- Donna Wallbank - Immediate Past President Rotary GB&I
- Ashley Gray – our Regional Rotary Foundation Assistant Co-ordinator
- Gwyneth Millard – our Foundation Grants Sub-group Leader who will tell you what we expect from your grant application this year Tuesday 16 March at 7.30

Apply for your tickets

Any questions before you book? Contact Gwyneth Millard at

Gwyneth.Millard4@Gmail.com



Rotary Opens Opportunities

SUPPORT DOGS

A reminder to collect stamps for Support Dogs.

The info. on Support Dogs re. stamp collecting will be found on

www.supportdogs.org.uk The stamps have to be cut off the envelope leaving a 1cm. border approx.

Birthdays

March

17th Dale McAulay

25th Nye Rowlands

April

5th David Andrew

19th Paul Harris 1868

Racine, Wisconsin

30th Robin Graham

CLUB TIES

We have some Manchester Club Centenary Ties still available .

Anyone wishing to buy a new one or to replace an old one please contact, either President Derek or Secretary Peter.

The discounted price is £10 each.



How to stay safe online

Humberside Police issue advice on how to protect yourself on digital devices and social media.

Steps you can take include:

Ensure the privacy settings on your profile as high as possible, so that only your friends can see your posts, pictures and details.

Never disclose private information such as your phone number, pictures of your home, your address or birthday. This applies to your posts and your profile

Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know. Some online criminals use this as a means of phishing or finding blackmail or sexual offences victims.

Don't do anything you're not comfortable with.

Remember that once a post or photo has been shared, you no longer have control of it. Don't post photos or comments that could end up causing you issues in the future. If you wouldn't want your mum to see it, don't post it.

If you're concerned about something you have seen online, call our non-emergency 101 line or speak to your local officer.

Up and Coming Events

Links to zoom events will be emailed to you

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP – March 4th 18:00–19:00

CLUB COUNCIL ON ZOOM – All Welcome
Tuesday March 9th 18:00 – 19:00

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs March 25 18:00-19:00
President Phil Dyer Prescott RC

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs April 22 18:00-19:00
The Importance of Foundation Giving

MEETING ON ZOOM - Thurs May 27 18:00-19:00
Swati Mukherjee -District Int'l Chair – Journey from
Mumbai to Manchester - reflections



Keep watching the website to find out about more Zoom events and meetings and when our regular meetings will return to Manchester Hall.

Club Meeting Info

Weekly: Every Thursday at 12:30

Place: Manchester Hall

36 Bridge Street, Manchester,

M3 2BT



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