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SERVICE Above Self



President Roger Worrall

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Rotary International President John Kenny.

A graduate of Glasgow University and a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge, and a notary.

He is past president of the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chambers of Commerce and past general legal counsel of Jaycees International. In addition, Queen Elizabeth II appointed him the deputy lieutenant of his district.

John is an elder of the Church of Scotland, where he has served as session clerk and Presbytery elder.

Active in Boy Scouting, he received the organisation's Medal of Merit for helping to form new Scout groups in Eastern Europe.

A Rotarian since 1970, John is a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth. He has served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) as committee member and chair, vice president, and president. He has served Rotary International as district governor, task force member, committee member, vice chair, RI Board Executive Committee chair, director, and Rotary Foundation trustee. He also has been a representative, member at large,

and parliamentarian for the Council on Legislation on several occasions.

John is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and Bequest Society member. He is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

John and his wife, June, have been married since 1965.



My fellow Rotarians:

I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organisation, composed of people who are all themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience, I have never thought it fitting to exhort or demand. Every Rotary club is and must be autonomous:

The leadership of Rotary International exists not to control, but to motivate and guide. And so when we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary, for the overwhelming majority of Rotarians, is of the club: of club meetings, club projects, and fellow club members.

When Paul Harris began the first Rotary club 104 years ago, he did not initially think of service. Instead, he had in mind a place where people of good character, intelligence, and morals could enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship.

The service came later, as a natural outgrowth of the gathering of such people. Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well. In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations:

One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life. The membership challenges that we face

today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation.

But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack.

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ROTARY MISSION CHALLENGE

"making a real difference in Sierra Leone"

Rotary – "Make Dreams Real"

June 2009

I got back from a week in Freetown 2 weeks ago and have already given 6 presentations about the trip! Here's the latest news -

Firstly a really big thank you to Barry Gascoigne of Banbury Cross Round Table who accompanied me and did a lot of finishing touches on the project. Also to Fayah & Zack (who many of you know) for taking care of us and helping us while we were in Freetown and to David Wallwork for the use of his vehicle.

Bank Holiday Monday (25th May) when we arrived at the school – there were still some last minute jobs to complete before the planned opening on Friday.



Painting - internal & external to complete, floors to screed, blackboards to be painted and put up, safety steel work on the verandahs to be fitted, signs to be erected & all manner of last minute finishing touches.

I kept being told "This is Africa" – there is no real sense of urgency at times which is really frustrating and there were issues with suppliers not delivering on time – we were still waiting for over half the furniture to arrive, 5 sections of steelwork were still needed BUT there was plenty to be getting on with and we were kept busy for the 4 days that we were on the site. Things did happen and we held the opening ceremony of the 6 classrooms on Friday at 11am (ish)



Traditional that everyone wears a standard outfit!!



St Mary's Primary School, Banbury –Charities Week
Year 3 pupils (aged 7-8) recently completed a 10 task sponsored challenge to purchase furniture for Christian Hope – the class of 20 raised £232 – thanks Lysette & the children - your furniture looks great!!

There are still a few bits left to complete but this is the culmination of a two and a half year project and I would like to acknowledge the support of dozens of organisations and literally hundreds of individuals who have supported me during the project and helped me to **"make a real difference in Sierra Leone"**.

On Friday, after the opening ceremony, we travelled to Mile 36 where David Wallwork (Ramsey Rotary) has funded the building of a junior school. He and some Rotary colleagues had sent a sea freight container of "goodies" out to the school in March and I had managed to borrow some space in the container and went to retrieve some of the gear I had sent. We spent an hour at the school with the children taking photos of some of the donated t-shirts, trophies etc.

England Hockey T-shirts – thanks to Steve Barlow



Heartlink Charity UK – a really big thank you



On Saturday Barry and I accompanied by Fayah & Zack spent most of the day visiting several shanty communities where we handed out donated goods – this was a very rewarding experience especially as this was the first time I had been to some of these communities. We were given a really warm welcome by everyone and they were so grateful for a gift no matter how small it was – a truly humbling few hours

"KICK POLIO OUT OF SIERRA LEONE"

Whilst in Freetown we saw 3 teams in the local communities undertaking polio immunization work.



Kalaba Town Weightlifting Club wearing their new X-Large T-shirts donated by Orange phone company



Kit donated by Brackley Athletic (above) and Oxford United (below) in the Aberdeen shanty – thanks guys



Thank you to the following for recent donations:
Brailles Craft & Mechanical Society & members
The Wolfords WI (Shipston on Stour) & members
Bishops Tachbrook WI & members
Princes Risborough Rotary Club
Colwyn Bay Rotary Club

Stewart Maxwell "My Job Update" 10th July 2009

On 10th July Stewart very kindly gave us an up date on his My Job talk some 38 years after the original.

Stewart started his working life as an office junior at J A Crabtree Ltd – a company producing electrical switches, switchgear and motor control gear. This was during the War; his education had been disrupted; to make up for this he attended evening classes, studying electrical engineering. He rapidly assimilated the basic principles and showed a flair for control circuitry and systems. He was involved in the manufacture of Penicillin, and control equipment many types of manufacturing processes and machines.

Stewart then studied at Loughborough College of Engineering – now Loughborough University. After College he returned to Crabtrees. The war was over and he wanted to become a Chartered Electrical Engineer. He had the educational requirements but not the practical experience, so he took a job in the machine shop of an engineering company manufacturing small electrical appliances. Within two years he was Head of Department.

Feeling in need of management experience in a large organisation, Stewart joined Fisher & Ludlow – a large organisation in automobile manufacturing, with divisions in domestic appliances. He was involved with the manufacture of Bendix washing machines, stainless steel sinks and central heating. They also set up the first launderettes in the U.K.

However, the greatest volume of business was the manufacture of car bodies for such household names as Standard Vanguard, Morris and Austin Mini. Wolseley and Austin Champ. The very large presses and assembly jigs were all hand operated. With his small team, Stewart introduced automated systems of handling and control, which greatly improved the quality of the welding and speeded up the whole process.

During this time Stewart continued with his studies and qualified as a Mechanical Engineer. He also started teaching at several local Technical Colleges. At this time manufacturers were investigating the provision of services by automatic machines. Stewart designed and prototyped a small vending machine dispensing confectionery and obtained the first order for 1,000 machines. This was the start of a new division. Stewart visited America where he negotiated an agreement to adapt, manufacture and supply American designed packet and carton vending machines to Europe and other parts of the world. New machines were designed in house for U.K and European markets dispensing a wide variety of products.

Stewart was now Chief Engineer of the Domestic Appliance Division and Automatic Vending Division

and was also appointed to the board of the Automatic Vending Association of Great Britain (AVAB), the governing body of Automatic vending in the UK. He was also a Council member of the Home Laundry Association of the UK and Chairman of the Drying Committee which created the code of washing symbols still used on most garments today.

Consolidation within the motor industry meant a merger with Pressed Steel to become Pressed Steel Fisher who then became part of BMC – later British Leyland. However all non car interests were sold off which meant Stewart moving and working in Liverpool. He stuck it for 3 months and then resigned.

Shortly afterwards Stewart received an approach from one of his USA contacts to establish a manufacturing/sales operation within UK. Stewart joined them and was responsible for the acquisition of, planning, building and management of a factory of 50,000 sq.ft. on a 2.5 acre site in Beaumont Road Banbury. The new factory – National Rejectors UK Ltd – was to manufacture currency validating equipment for the automatic vending and gaming machine industry. Subsequent decimalisation of the currency brought a lot of work and headaches, working closely with the Bank of England on the design of coins and policy matters.

In 1975 major company re-organisation resulted in moving the operation to a very old factory in Lytham St Annes and closing the Banbury factory. Stewart refused to move and left the company. He was quickly snapped up by the Wilkins & Mitchell Group and became Technical Director of Servis Domestic Appliances Ltd – one of the group companies, where they quickly developed the first fully electronically controlled automatic washing machine. However competition from abroad and trade union activities and restrictions led to the break up and sale of most of the company.

Stewart bought the section manufacturing small electric motors and brought it to Oxfordshire. He set up his new company – Accel Ltd in Bicester in 1977.

Clearly the business flourished for he rapidly outgrew the Bicester premises and moved to Banbury where he substantially expanded the company's product range.

In Banbury he became involved more and more in community activities including being President of the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of The British Productivity Association.

In 1988 Stewart received an offer for Accel Ltd from Hartley Baird Group which he could not refuse – and retired.

Michael Banks.

FOR ALL YOU LEXIPHILES .

A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.
What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
A backward poet writes inverse.
In democracy it's your vote that counts; In feudalism
it's your count that votes.
She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it
off.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
Show me a piano falling down a mine-shaft and I'll
show you A-flat minor.
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully
recovered.
A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would
result in Linoleum Blownapart
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down
under.
He often broke into song because he couldn't find the
key.
Every calendar's days are numbered.
A lot of money is tainted. 'Taint yours and 'taint mine.
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory which was never
developed.

A plateau is a high form of flattery.

The Mountaineering Sections Lake District Spring Trip.



At the end of June an intrepid group of Rotarians and Inner Wheelers went to the high country of Cumbria. In the footsteps of Wainright, nine keen walkers went to Ambleside for three days of walking. The weather was set fair and except for an hour of very light rain on the third day our record of good weather was maintained with heat being the only problem.

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison
was a small medium at large.

Those who get too big for their britches will be
exposed in the end.

When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a
mall.

Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.

When an actress saw her first strands of grey hair
she thought she'd dye.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know
basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the
agony of defeat

The second day was a training day in a beautiful area
at the bottom of Windermere. The summit of
Gummers How provided superb views of the length
of Windermere and right across the Cockle beds of
Morecombe Bay. The emptiness, with little more than
cattle (including a bull of enormous proportions) and
Herdwick sheep, was superb, but all this was in
preparation for the following days assault of the Old
Man Of Coniston.

Going back to prehistoric times the foothills of the Old
Man have been mined for minerals especially copper.
As a result the lower slopes are littered with spoil
heaps and mines cut into the hillsides.

Four members of the team – Rotarians May,
Manning and Croft together with Inner Wheeler,
Annie Phillips formed the assault team which made
the 2631 feet climb to the top of the Old Man. The
decent was much easier and the sniff of a good pint
in the Black Bull Inn gave wings to our feet.

Glorious weather, glorious scenery and a sense of
achievement cancelled all our aches and pains.

Here's to next year.

Rotarian Brian Croft.

Note:- did you know that Wainright was also an
enthusiastic Blackburnian.

A reply received after President Roger wrote to the D.G. updating her on the progress of Andrew Fairbairn and Alan Wolstencroft.

Thanks for this update and for your good wishes for the year ahead.

I also send you my very best wishes for the year and I hope that you are enjoying the wonderful position of President of Banbury Rotary Club.

As I read your update (and it took some time to read it in the depth I wished to) after surfacing from the daily influx of emails, I marvelled once again at the resourcefulness, courage and determination of individual Rotarians and at the way we can all play our part in supporting roles.

I am thinking of course, especially, of Andrew Fairburn and Alan Wolstencroft.

The Rotary Club of Banbury must be very very proud of these two members.

Through you, I send them both my heartfelt and sincere congratulations. I should also like to congratulate the entire club.

There is no doubt at all in my mind that it will have been inspiration, encouragement and support from within the club that has enabled these two individual Rotarians to achieve so much.

It strikes me as no coincidence that a strong and active Rotary Club with service projects such as these should also have the largest membership in our District.

I am very much looking forward to visiting Banbury Club in September.

Yours in Rotary

Terry Kenyon District Governor.

Congratulations.

Derek and Brenda Repton have recently become Great Grandparents a boy named Dylan Ray Wilson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Community & Vocational Service.

Meeting held on the 23rd. July. It was proposed to donate £150 to Hook Norton Youth Band.

A invitation has been given by a Ville France Rotarian to help, in the Grape Harvest in Autumn 2010. It would involve working [hard] at Grape Picking and receiving money, which could be donated to charity.

The main event in the coming Rotary year is to be "Dragon Boats" to be held at Broughton Castle on 30th. May 2010. A booklet is to be produced for sale of the Scilly Isles to Shetlands expedition, profits for Schools 4 All in Africa.

International Committee.

Events planned for the coming year are the Old Tyme Music Hall, A Race Night and a Concert to be given at Bloxham School by the Birmingham Chamber Orchestra.

Youth Opportunities.

Committee meeting held on the 15th. July. The following events are planned for the coming Rotary year.

Young Musician to be chaired by Gareth Jeremy, Mock Interviews by Reg McLean and John Meeres,

Children Singing for Children by Jonathan Meredith and Young Chef by Bernard Goodchild assisted by Malcolm Dibb.

A initial approach has been made with The Warriner School to set up an Interact Club, a meeting to be held in September.

Sports and Entertainment.

At the committee meeting a number of events have been discussed including the usual Golf days, a Cheese and Wine evening,

Indoor Bowls, The Varsity match in December at Twickenham, Darts and Quiz nights competing with other Clubs and Towcester Races in May.

Treasurer's Talk

During 2008/09 the Club has raised the magnificent sum of just under £45,500, which after expenditure on fundraising of just under £8,250 left a net surplus of just over £37,200.

During the year the donations totalling just over £39,600 were made as follows:

Local charities and organisations:

Katharine House Hospice	£2,500
The Brodey Centre	£2,500
Banbury Stroke Support Group	£50
Home Farm Trust	£500
Party for the Blind	£100
Anjali Dance Company	£500
BYHP	£87
SKIDZ	£910
The Beacon Centre	£200
Let's Play Project	£910
Banbury Carer Centre	£100
The Town Mayor's Toy Appeal	£62
The Town Mayor's Charity Fund	£666
Young Chef Competition	£458
Project 65	£50
Mock Interviews	£74
Five Individuals	£2,120

Rotarian Ron Barnett

National and International charities:

Christian Hope School Sierra Leone	£20,650
School 4 All in Africa	£400
Bwengu Project	£1,820
Mercy Ships	£50
Toybox	£500
Chernobyl Children Oxon & S.Warks	£475
Rotary Foundation	£4,000

ATTENDANCE. For JUNE.

Average attendance, 47

Percentage attendance, 64%

Members other activities, 116

Visits to other Clubs 5

Rotarian Visitor Laurie Cunningham D. Governor Elect.

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