



Polio & Kindness

Senior Vice President Jane was in the chair as President Jeff was having some eye surgery. She sent the club's best wishes to the President and assured everyone it was nothing major. SVP Jane welcomed 27 members and one guest to another busy, noisy and friendly breakfast...there were also 13 apologies received. The guest was John Anderson from whom we will hear later.

Notices given included Tony Marshall continuing to hawk Darlington Rotary Polo shirts – at only £15 they are very good value...only a few remaining in large and XL.

Nigel Little asked for all members to take part in the "Reverse Advent Calendar" Box Appeal. As we had previously heard, there are 178 young people who are being supported into Independent Living having been in Local Authority Care. Last year we donated 100 Boxes...let's try to beat that this year. Please sign up on the Board circulating and get your friends and family involved. Details of what to put in the Box will be communicated in November.



Sue Campbell told us about The Wall of Kindness – donate clean and good quality coats then simply place on a hanger, if someone needs a coat they can take one from the hangers ... a simple act of kindness. Firthmoor Community Centre will be hosting our Wall of Kindness so please take your coats and jackets there or contact Sue. Details of the international Wall of Kindness movement: [Click Here](#)

Our guest was John Anderson who, with partner Laura, had hosted the Ukrainian Family which the club recently supported with their resettlement. John extended his thanks to the club for using our links to get Alla and her son the necessary items for her new home along with the transport and practical help she required. This was all done through our Community Service Committee the chair of which, Gary Blenkinsopp, stressed the help of St. Teresa's Hospice Superstore who found all the items at a good price then delivered the goods. He should also be praised for knowing where to source white goods.

In her announcements SVP Jane confided that the Full Moon had made her feel energised which may be of concern to many. She reported that she had attended the District Conference held on the previous Saturday. The Theme was "The Arts as Inspiration" which proved a popular theme and one that resonates with the previously reported theme for her Presidential year. Under the guidance of District Governor Joy Palmer-Cooper the Conference heard from Rotary GB&I Chair Nitesh Joshi speaking on the theme of "The Art of Rotary".



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Coming Soon...

Thursday 24th

World Polio Day: Details of activities from International Service Committee [click here](#)

Friday 25th

Club Lunch Meeting: 2024 RYLA Candidates are welcomed

Monday 28th

Club Council: 6pm, Stephenson Suite, Dolphin Centre

November Friday 1st

Club Breakfast Meeting: Nicola Myers, St. Teresa's Hospice & present AmAm Golf cheque

Tuesday 5th

International Service Meeting

Thursday 7th

Community Service Meeting

Friday 8th

Club Lunch Meeting: Remembrance Day message

Tuesday 12th

Youth Service Meeting

Friday 15th

Club Breakfast Meeting

Friday 22nd

Club Lunch Meeting: Special General Meeting

Thursday 28th

"Fifth Friday" Social: Race Night – see overleaf

Polio & Kindness continued...

Nitesh expanded on ambitious initiatives to modernise Rotary and attract members through the different pathways on offer. These included reporting on progress of the North Star initiative.

Other speakers included presentation on story telling from a professor, inspiring young people through music and a less successful speaker asking, "What is Dance?". The final session was undertaken by Michael Daynes, Jane's son-in-law, a drama professional, who got the 100+ participants taking part in a human sculptures exercise.

The secretary had no meetings to announce in the coming week. With no reports of ill health it was left for us to hear that Nigel Little and Tom Nutt were this week's winners of the bonus ball.."Not before time" said Nigel.

Chair of International Service Committee John Wright and SVP Jane made a presentation about the End Polio Now Campaign. They showed a short film from Bill Gates ([Short Message](#)) - a longer film can be found here: [Bill Gates Film](#)



Full details of our End Polio Now programme have been circulated and are repeated below.

Please come to the Dolphin Centre on Saturday between 11.00am & 2.00pm to support our awareness raising stall.

DIAMONDS AND BLACK-TIE DANCE

Tomorrow Night

See You There!!

"FIFTH FRIDAY" RACE NIGHT

Thursday 28th November
7:00pm at Rolling Mills Club.
Longfield Street, DL3 0HX

For £20 you'll get professionally run programme of 8 races + Pie & Peas

Board circulating
Rotary Club General Account
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Purple lights are available along with suggested social media messages to post alongside your tealight vigil pics... colourful speech bubbles to use with your photos and messaging are also provided.



Thank you for helping to spread awareness of the fight to end polio.

For full details click on the following:
[Club Briefing](#) [Social Media](#) [Speech Bubbles](#)

It's OK NOT to be OK

Sue Campbell saw a project in Rotary Berwick-Upon-Tweed – they had printed cards



with details of local and national services for people needing support with their mental health. In recognition of the needs of people in Darlington and coinciding with World Mental Health Day we have similar cards



giving information about Darlington services.

Please help to distribute either to individuals or in public places.

Moonlight & Memories Walk



A motley crew and a couple of dogs gathered last Friday to marshal St. Teresa's Hospice's "Moonlight & Memories Walk"...thanks all for helping

Thanks Sue!

"I didn't see the Northern Lights but posted this as I just like to feel included!"



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