



Friday 13th December 2024

The Magic of Rotary

President Jeff welcomed 32 members, one Rotary visitor and one guest whilst also receiving 13 apologies for absence. Our visitor was District Governor Professor Joy Palmer-Cooper who was our speaker for the day having travelled down from Alnwick.

Our guest was Ray Morris who has very kindly taken on the role of being the independent examiner of our finances. During the week it had been reported by the Secretary that "Ray Davies" was attending – we all looked forward to having a Kink in our presence but it was an accountant by the name of Morris who turned up and not a 1960s pop icon.

Notices given before we heard from our speaker that aren't covered elsewhere included:

- Tony Marshall confirmed that the visit to Aston Martin in Beamish would take place on Thursday 19th December and emails had been sent to the 11 who are making the trip;
- David Hayward reported that 30 members had tagged 2,000 trees over the past three Wednesdays and gave his thanks as well as reminding everyone to sign up for the collection in "22 sleeps time";
- Walid reported that Roy Fenner had fallen and damaged his collar bone, he is in good spirits and welcomes phone calls and visitors.



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Steve Rose read an abridged version of *Earthrise* by Angela Gorman as *Thought for the Day*, Margaret Jowett won the Bonus Ball and Angela Steveson got lucky with the wine draw.

The President reported on his week which had included a choir concert in Sunderland and commented that he hopes we can hold one in Darlington as a fund raiser. He is also going to the Mayor's Carol Service at St. Cuthbert's on Sunday.

Our speaker, District Governor Professor Joy Palmer-Cooper gave an energetic and enthusiastic presentation based on "The Magic of Rotary" – the annual theme for International President Stephanie Urchick.

Joy described her own commitment to Rotary had been made when, as a young student, she was afforded the opportunity to become a Rotary Scholar and spent a fully-funded year in California which then turned into three years and a degree from Stanford University.

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Coming Soon...

Thursday 19th

19.30 Christmas Magic Concert
at All Saints Church – details overleaf

Friday 20th

12:00 Christmas Message Meeting – yes, you will be "Christmas" dressed and, yes, you will be singing with gusto!

Friday 27th

NO MEETING

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
EVERYBODY**



January Friday 3rd

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th

From 08:30 Christmas Tree Collection – see overleaf

Friday 10th

12:15 Club Lunchtime Meeting

Friday 17th

07:15 Club Breakfast meeting

Friday 24th

12:00 Austin Brooks Youth Day - See overleaf

Friday 31st

12:15 Club Lunchtime meeting

February Tuesday 4th

19:00 Italian Night
Tre Amici, Skinnergate – full details available soon

The Magic of Rotary.....continued

Joy has used this experience to celebrate all that Rotary and the Rotary Foundation can achieve. She outlined RI's annual priorities of Membership, Foundation and PR as well as Youth in the North East and then gave examples of "Magic" projects at individual, club and district level. She used examples from across the District saying that, "I know you do lots here in Darlington too." Joy also stressed the successful impact of the End Polio Now Campaign as well as the recent Vocational Training Team's project in Sri Lanka. Jane Bradshaw gave the vote of thanks.

Reverse Advent Boxes

St. Augustine's Parish Centre Car Park was abuzz with deliveries on Saturday morning – around 140 boxes donated for Care Leavers and vulnerable families. Well done everyone especially RotaKids and, of course, Nigel Little & Peter Phillips.



Christmas Gifts

Many thanks to Paul Robinson and his team of elves for arranging and delivering Christmas Gifts to partners and wives of Rotarians who have passed on to higher service. Everything has gone incredibly smoothly from Paul making all the arrangements with Eliza Blooms in Duke Street to organising the elves. Messages of thanks are being received with one from Val Park being read out by The President.



Christmas Magic Concert

Thursday 19th December
7:30pm
All Saints Church
Tickets: £10



Our Annual "Welcome to Christmas" a programme of festive and other music.
Book in advance on board circulating or contact Ged Wiper
Please note we are asked to pay in advance to Charity Account 52-30-18 41856392



Christmas Tree Collection in aid of St. Teresa's Hospice

Sign Up NOW

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th January
8:30am: Taylor's Pies, Lingfield Way
Full details contact **David Hayward**



Austin Brooks Youth Day - Friday 24th January from 12:00

Thanks to all who have signed up to make this one of our highlights of the year.

Christmas Message Meeting

Friday 20th December
12:00 Noon



Speaker:

Dr Roger James



£25 for two course Christmas Dinner plus mince pies & coffee

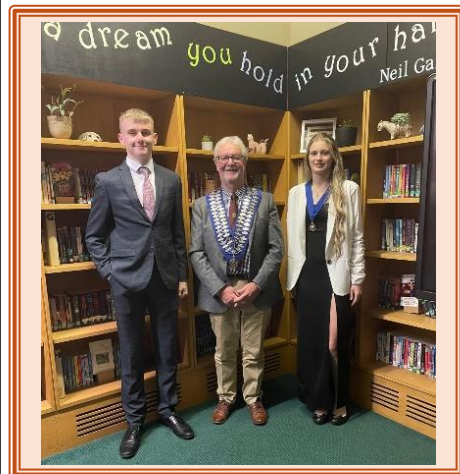
Featuring Festive Singing (Bring your best voice)

Absolutely the last call for meal orders!

Email Steve Rose

DRESS CODE: CHRISTMAS!

POLAM HALL INTERACT



As promised...picture of President Jeff with Polam Interact President Sophie Hughes and William Conway their former president.

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