



RYLEA & friends

President Jeff welcomed 30 members, 2 Rotary visitors and 5 guests with 18 apologies received. Guests were two of our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) candidates with their support teams (more from them later). Rotary visitors were Past District Governor Peter Chandler who brought greetings from Stokesley Club and the 1030 District Youth Team. Peter organises the District RYLEA programme as well as coordinating the whole District Youth programme.



Also visiting was Sam Mwanje from the Rotary Club of Muyenga in Uganda (Click: [Website](#) or [Facebook](#)). An enthusiastic, friendly and articulate Rotarian, Sam is an Assistant Governor in a District that covers much of Uganda and all of Tanzania. He brought the greetings of his President Edward and the 177 members of "the largest club in Africa". He is visiting his daughter and family who are settled in the UK.

Notices not featuring elsewhere in this report included:

Tony Marshall again asked that all who had ordered a polo shirt to collect them from him now.

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. Nigel reported that RotaKids Schools were now taking part. Details of what to put in the Box will be communicated in November and he thanked Nigel Waterfall-Brown for donating the printing of the details. The boxes will be available from the Community Service Meeting on November 7th and thereafter at club meetings.

A Round Table grace was given in unison and led by Chris Wiper. Walid had no health issues to report. Glenys Smithson had won the Bonus Ball and Eric Ashwin-Kean won the wine draw. Peter Phillips was welcomed back from his travels and the President announced Kevin Hudson's 70th birthday but, as he wasn't present, we couldn't give him the bumps.

The President reported on his week which included the Black Tie and Diamonds Dance. He thanked everyone for attending and, in particular, Nigel W-B and Railtown for the music. £650 had been raised which will be shared with Inner Wheel.

The President had also attended the launch of the Safe Space Project at the Library.



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Coming Soon...

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

Wednesday 20th

Club Service Meeting

Friday 22nd

Club Lunch Meeting: Special General Meeting

Thursday 28th

"Fifth Friday" Social: Race Night – see overleaf

Friday 29th

FIFTH FRIDAY: NO MEETING

December Friday 20th

Christmas Message

RYLA & Friends.....continued

The speakers were Bailey l'Anson and Ramazan (Ram) Dogan who were two of our four RYLA candidates in 2024. Introduced by Kevin Robinson it was explained that unfortunately one of the other candidates, Mason, could not complete the course due to a family bereavement. Our final candidate, Natalya, did complete RYLA but was unavailable to attend this meeting.

Bailey is the young boxer from Firthmoor and the N Gage Group who has featured here before. He spoke clearly about the progress he had made during RYLA, especially about addressing preconceptions of others and learning to work as a Team. Ram was extremely grateful for the opportunity and, as refugee from Turkey, felt the course had given him confidence in his new life in this country – he also won the Popularity Award!

Both Ram and Bailey reported on the different tasks they had been given which included getting wet, delivering Polio Vaccines and transporting a ShelterBox.

Full details: [Website](#) or [YouTube](#)

Peter Chandler gave an overview of RYLA and Kevin Robinson delivered the vote of thanks with his usual passion.



**“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 + hot buffet and sweet treats

Board circulating
Rotary Club General Account
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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.



Dolphin Centre stall (£85 raised);
crocus planting by Reid St. RotaKids

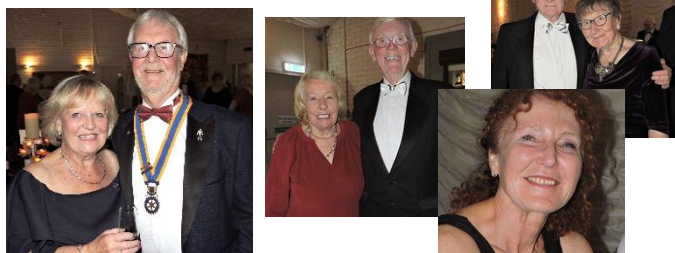


Wall of Kindness

Donate good quality, clean coats and jackets on a hanger to Firthmoor Community Centre or Sue Campbell.

A simple act of kindness makes a whole wall of difference

Diamonds & Black Tie Dance



100 or thereabouts enjoyed the Dance on Saturday at Hurworth Grange, music by Railtown and food by Ray Wade. Thanks to President Jeff & Liz for organising it – a few pics, the rest on Facebook

Xmas Tree Tagging

Come to tag at Croft Trees

Wednesday a.m.
In November and December

Full details to follow or contact David Hayward

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