



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN AUGUST BULLETIN 2022 PRESIDENT BOB BELLAMY

President Bob saved our Club by agreeing to move forward from Vice President Elect to President elect in April following the retirement of both our President Elect and Vice President. This put him on a learning curve which must have been quite daunting .

Since his appointment as President, Bob has worked hard to find a solution to our shrinking membership. He has established that the core of the members do not wish to change to an evening meeting and he can't have failed to notice that only about half of the members attend the meetings at our new venue, the Nightingale on Nettleham Road.

There has been some pressure from our AG for us to try to increase membership ,and he will, no doubt, be making suggestions and try to encourage us as his predecessor and past Governors have done.

As a Past District Governor and IPP myself, it is my experience that a Club thrives best when it is performing "Service Above Self". We have a core of members who do get involved with projects , and there is nothing to stop us from asking friends and acquaintances to help us when younger bodies are required.

My view is that we should restart our Projects Team and get some service planned. We have two Farmer members who might have an opportunity for an environmental scheme on their land.

Perhaps a Project Meeting where every participant is asked to suggest a future project, either fund raising or service, would be a good start.

PETER MANTON

MONDAY 8th AUGUST, TERRY COFFEY "MY CHALLENGE"

Some 18 years ago Audrey and I were at a Rotary gathering at Terry and Maureen's house. I remember Terry producing a Saxophone and showing us how much progress he had made in his personal challenge – to learn to play a musical instrument now that he was retired. His teacher had suggested he start with the Clarinet but Terry found that difficult and progressed with the Saxophone.

We have all seen Terry playing with the Fire and Rescue Band and remember his appearance in the Daily Telegraph when they visited the WW1 Memorial at Ypres. He had an influence in getting the band to play at our Centenary Celebration in the Cathedral last year. Terry brought several instruments to illustrate his talk including a Euphonium which was also a great challenge. His latest acquisition is a piano accordion and he is still working on that , the main problem being the keyboard being out of sight.

John Cawdell gave the vote of thanks, reminding us that music unites the world.

**PRESENTATION BY DR SUMITRA MANANDHAR GURING.
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF YALA.
NEPAL , DISTRICT 3292 --- 22nd AUGUST 2022**

Sumitra was an enthusiastic speaker with a rare sense of humour.

She referred to the growth of Rotary in Nepal. The Rotary Club of Yala is young and vibrant, and has just celebrated its 26th anniversary. Interestingly the club uses the **local** language in their activities, while other clubs use Nepali.

Club membership is 57, (41 male and 16 female). Sumitra has a particular interest in social inclusion, the urban poor and women's employment, to encourage women and spouses to do things that would not normally be available to them in Nepal, e.g. teaching children, swimming, singing, nursery help, the aim being to liberate women in rural areas through Rotary Activities.

Mention was made of the ANNS group, comprising Rotary wives and partners. Somewhat similar to IW but more directly involved with the work/support of Rotary projects, their main objectives include health, water and sanitation.

Interestingly, their Anniversary Souvenir Programme includes reference to both Rotarians and ANNS members—no Data Protection here !

The Club has recently negotiated a Global Grant through Brisbane, Australia to provide PCR equipment to fight Covid 19.

It was quite sobering to listen to her – The energy, enthusiasm and activity shone through. **Oh to be younger again !**

MALCOLM MILLER

