

## **NOVEMBER 2024 BULLETIN, THE ROTARY CLUB OF LINCOLN**

### **MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER. GUEST SPEAKER DAWN NIGHTINGALE, CO-ORDINATOR, LINCOLN COMMUNITY LARDER**

After the meal, President Dennis proposed the Loyal Toast and then made some announcements before the introduction of the Guest Speaker.

- With regard to the Neustadt Celebrations next May, Neustadt Rotary Club have invited members of our Club to visit them.
- Patrick announced that planning the Santa and Sleigh visit to Waitrose on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Dec is well advanced.
- Plans are being made for a Garden Party next summer . A suitable garden is being sought before detailed planning can start.

#### **SPEAKER DAWN NIGHTINGALE: Lincoln Community Larder**

The Lincoln Community Larder is a registered charity which aims to relieve poverty in the Lincoln area through the provision of basic nutritious food and other basic amenities to those in need of short term help.



Dawn explained that the Community larder works in conjunction with the YMCA, St Giles Church, and various other representatives in surrounding villages. The recent harvest Festival had created a peak in their supplies, but their needs are constant. She drew our attention to a typical sample of 3- days supply of food which she had brought to show us. The current high cost of living is increasing demand and Dawn thanked us for our recent contributions.

She also advised us that there is the Trussell Trust supporting foodbanks nationwide. A needy person must get a Food Voucher from a variety of bodies such as Citizen's Advice, and they can supply and deliver food to them. There is a local Trussell Trust in Birchwood Lincoln. Some foodbanks receive food nearing it's sell-by date from Supermarkets. No cooking is done

in most outlets, but there is a group in St Swithin's Church, Lincoln, who supply cooked food for the homeless.

Proposing a vote of Thanks, Dick Denby reminded us that we have all enjoyed a breakfast and a great lunch. It was a privilege to hear Dawn's story and thanked her and her colleagues for serving all those less fortunate.

## **CLUB COUNCIL 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, ZOOM AT 6-0 PM**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Dennis said he had enjoyed his attendance at the Remembrance Day Service at The War Memorial in the High Street on November 11<sup>th</sup> and had placed a wreath on behalf of Rotary as usual.
- We still need to decide which charities to collect for over Christmas. His thoughts were local Autistic Children and UNICEF .
- The four Lincoln Clubs are considering a social event garden party for next summer to which we can invite future members. The regular meetings of leaders of the four clubs will be reduced to quarterly.
- The Neustadt Club have invited us to visit them during the May celebration next year.

### **SECRETARIES REPORT**

The President's Lady's Medal may have been lost. Past Presidents are looking for it. It was noted that we are not supporting the Witham Radio.

### **TREASURER**

Following the Treasurer's report the meeting voted to transfer £5000 from the Current Account into the Benevolent Account.

### **PROJECTS**

- It was noted that there are refugees from Afghanistan in Beckingham Camp who require assistance.
- There has been a request for members to volunteer as School Readers.
- Age UK have asked us to drive some members to and from their Christmas Party on Park Street. The day coincides with our first day collecting at Waitrose (13 Dec) but we may be able to cope with it.

Next Council Meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER DISTRICT COUNCIL, GREETHAM VALLEY HOTEL.**

This meeting was face to face only and was held on a Saturday morning! David McKee and Peter Manton were the only members from a Lincoln Rotary Club who attended. The list of apologies was so long that it was not read out, but will be recorded in the minutes. Only 46 attended, from 24 Clubs. DG Chris Knight spoke of their efforts to find a favourite location and arrangement of District Council and concluded that this was not it!

### **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND MINUTES**

The Act of Remembrance included our own Bob Bennison. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### **TELLING ROTARY'S STORY**

Dave King, Editor of the Rotary Magazine for GB & I was the next speaker, and he began by telling us that there has been a 33% decline in Membership over the past 20 years. His message is well known- that we need to tell the public more about what we do. Club Websites and social media are both important. District Governor Elect Moira Penney is still struggling to fill all the District Posts for next year.

### **IMPACT CLUBS**

Our AG, Colin Scott, was asked to speak about the success of Impact Clubs in the Vail Area of the USA. We should ask Colin to speak to our Club on this subject and other ideas which are circulating.

### **COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION**

Steve Howe has been proposed as our District Representative, with John Dehnel as his deputy. The first 7 proposals are listed in the minutes of this meeting and should be read by all members of the Club.

### **UKRANIAN ROTARY IMPACT CLUB OF RUTLAND**

Nadia Tikhonova, of the newly chartered Impact Club of Rutland , showed a film of the culture of Ukraine and how it has been impacted by the war with Russia. The Club would welcome gifts of wheelchairs and other medical supports, items which they will send to Ukraine to assist those in need.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Eddie Pearson raised the issue about personal ID Cards. There were different opinions about having ICE Cards printed on iPhone. One opinion being that Ambulance crew would not wish to contact family on the site of an accident. That would be handled by the police or hospital staff later.

Next meeting will be

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Guests Elaine Dirichleau and Alexander Curtis were welcomed by President Dennis.

After the lunch, there was a small amount of business before the Special Meeting. Patrick reported that rotas for Santa and Elves at Waitrose on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> were going well. He was also well advanced in appointing drivers to pick up members of Age UK and take them to the Christmas Party on Park Street and return on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Barry Dean offered to speak to Jim Kendall who has done Santa duty for us in the past.

The special meeting was then opened. There were apologies from Richard Long, Paul Brewer, and David McKee.

Appointments for 2024/2025

Scrutineers: Jackie Kalson and Dick Denby

The following appointments were made:-

- President for 24/25: Patrick Forbes Ritte
- President Elect: TBA
- Vice President: TBA
- IPP: Dennis Bambridge
- Secretary: David M
- Treasurers:- Barry Dean and Neil Curtis
- Financial Advisor:- Emma Murray
- Membership:- Dennis Bambridge
- International :- Lochan Manandhar
- Foundation:- Malcolm Miller
- PRO :- Martin Curtis
- Safety and Compliance:- Patrick Forbes Ritte

## ROTARY CITATION 2023/2024

We are delighted to announce, under the leadership of President John Cawdell the Rotary Club of Lincoln has been awarded a Rotary Citation for achieving the Rotary goals by the end of the Rotary year 2023 to 2024.

