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# club bulletin

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rotary club of Locks Heath / district 1110

## Jul / Aug Duty Rota

## Speaker

## Forthcoming Events

Jul 7	N/A	Howard Matthews on Shelter Box
Jul 21	N/A	
Aug 4	N/A	Business Meeting
Aug 18	N/A	

Jul 19 - Jazz at the Vineyard  
 Postponed until Sunday 18th July 2021  
 Thurs Dec 3 - Joint Rotary / Inner  
 Wheel Christmas Dinner  
 Tue Dec 15 - Ex Rotarians & Widows  
 Christmas Meal

**Birthdays this Month. Happy Birthday to:-**  
 Clive Chambers & Lesley Milburn

## June Review

June saw us with our Club Assembly, where President Elect John outlined his plans for the next Rotary year 2020-21.

John explained that we need to change and as a part of that he has, with his team, produced a Strategic Plan for the Club covering the next five years, 2020 - 2025. The plan had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and following a discussion was adopted unanimously by the Club. John said that it will be reviewed at every Council meeting to make sure it is still relevant.

John explained that all the Team Leaders would be on the Membership Committee as he saw that as a key committee going forward.

John is encouraging the new Teams to use the Tuesday between Club meetings as an option for holding their own Zoom meetings as they work up their own programmes for the year.

AG John Lovell joined our Club Assembly and spoke about 'growing Rotary' not just new members. He said that Rotary is a service organisation to help other organisations and if Rotary grows the new members will hopefully come.

The District Council was held over Zoom on Saturday 27 June and the District Governor for 2020-21, Tim Mason took over the reins from DG Tris Tristram. The District Executive is now to be called the District Support Team because that is what Tim feels they are.

There was an interesting presentation from a new Rotarian Trevor McArdle where he explained that until recently he would not have thought of joining Rotary or any organisation but after getting involved as an Associate Member became so impressed he joined. He spoke about how we need to engage the next generation of Rotarians and should be the "GoTo Organisation" for the next generation.

DG Tim Mason emphasised the charity that we, Rotary have, and it is one of the biggest in the world, called Rotary Foundation, should be used to work with other charities not just give money away but to engage with them for the better good.

## **Locks Heath Rotary working with 'Team Scrubbers' delivering scrubs to local hospitals**

### **Monthly Update:**

On Monday 23rd June the totals now over 7,000 sets have now been delivered including a total of over 1100 to University Hospital Southampton (UHS). That is an increase of 2,000 sets in the past month.

The list of deliveries just keeps on going and going and they are still receiving orders for more sets of scrubs!

There are now 8 Locks Heath Rotarians and one other lady delivering for Team Scrubbers.

Well done to all those people.

Locks Heath Rotarians have now made over 70 delivery runs for Team Scrubbers!

Besides the article in the District 'Wessex Rotary CIO Newsletter' about Locks Heath Rotary and our work with the Team Scrubbers, John Selby managed to get an article in the Portsmouth News recently.

## **Big donation for scrubbers**

VOLUNTEERS who have been sewing up scrubs for NHS workers have been given an extra helping hand.

Team Scrubbers, set up by Lin Gell of Warsash, was given £500 by the Rotary Club of Locks Heath.

It comes following a similar donation from the Fareham club.

But the Rotarians then went the extra mile – by pledging their time to help the scrub sewers too.

Club president John Selby said: 'Eight of our members have been collecting material and distributing the finished scrubs most days of the week for the team.

'They are delivered to numerous NHS establishments in the area, often 30 mile round trips.'

## **Umbrellas - Raising Funds for End Polio Now**

Following my request for Rotarians to buy some of the Rotary Umbrellas that I have stored in my garage I am very pleased to say that I have now sold all the golf umbrellas and the ladies umbrellas have now gone down from 38 to 31.

Thank you to the Rotarians who have bought umbrellas. So far we have raised £124 for End Polio Now, which with the Gates Foundation adding £2 to every £1 we raise means £372 to End Polio Now and with each dose of vaccine costing around 40pence that is 930 doses.

However, I will throw out a challenge to all Rotarians as Penny has sold 14 umbrellas so far by speaking to friends on her Christmas list. Can you do similar with your 'Christmas List'?

## **Pumpkin Festival**

The decision to cancel this years event has now been made.

## **Staying in Touch with Rotarians**

From the new Rotary year starting July the Tuesday between the Zoom Club meetings will be available for use by the various Committees / Teams as they start their work for the new Rotary Year.

## **A Chinese story - from President John Selby**

I have been working on an electronic project, and with design complete wondered if the small quantity required justified a proper printed circuit board. The design was done using CAD, I sent the CAD drawings to USA and got a quote of \$121 plus shipping for 5.

That's when I thought of China, so Saturday evening (Sunday 3.00am in China) I uploaded my 10 drawings to a Chinese website, I got an instant reply, they would review my drawings to see if they were suitable for manufacture, this would take between 10 minutes and 1 hour. Exactly 10 minutes later I get an email to say OK. I then filled in a form to get an online quote for 5 boards giving overall panel size (l x w) - \$5 for 5 plus \$22 shipping. I then thought to make most of the shipping cost why not buy 10, for just \$5 more. That is when I found 10 came for the same price as 5, still only \$5. I expected the catch when I placed the order as the boards were not square but had rounded corners, a cut out on one side, and a slot in the middle, but no, the routing came at no extra charge. I was then told the price was for 24 hour manufacture, and there would be a small premium if I wanted them urgently!

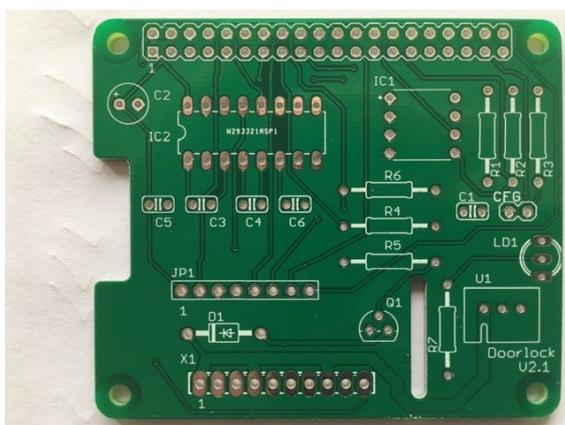
I then get a message to say as a new customer I get a \$5 discount, which makes the 10 boards free, just shipping charges.

I placed the order, paid via Paypal, and got an instant receipt, which contained a picture of how the finished board would look Just the heading was in Chinese, everything else was absolutely perfect English. Exactly 24 hours later I get an email to say manufacture is complete and awaiting shipping.

From there on was a constant stream of emails from DHL, collected from factory, at Shenzeng airport, cleared customs, despatched, only disappointment they never told me the pilots name. I paid the VAT online, and was given a delivery date of Monday, just 1 week from ordering. So surprised when they turned up Thursday midday just 5 days from ordering. Nicely vacuum packed in bubble wrapping, and beautifully made. By Friday I had assembled the first one and it worked.

It must be mainly automated but how do they do it at the price, and everything was so easy and ran like clockwork. The manufacture was to very fine tolerance as some of my holes were only 0.3mm in diameter, (too small to see in the photo) and then plated through. It was a double sided board, with silk screen and solder mask both sides. At least the bank made a profit, \$2 of shipping was for money transfer. Grand total to me with VAT (there was no duty) was £23.72 for 10.

Result, why would I ever go anywhere else except China in the future



Finished PCB 62 x 56.5mm

## **Next Zoom Meetings**

The Zoom Meetings currently planned for July are:-

Tuesday 7th July - Howard Matthews will give us a 'zoom' update on what is happening.

Tuesday 21st July -

**Please do stay safe and keep well.**

**The Last Word:**

**Be sincere. Be brief. Be seated. *Franklin D. Roosevelt***

*The Editor is always grateful for any interesting articles for the Bulletin.*