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club bulletin

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rotary club of Locks Heath / district 1110

Nov 05 -	Zoom	
Nov 19 -	Zoom	Special General Meeting
Dec 03 -	Zoom	
Dec 17 -	Zoom	
Dec 31 -		No Meeting

Forthcoming Events

Sat Dec 19 – Christmas Collection at Locks Heath Centre – under discussion at next Council Meeting 5th November.

Birthdays this Month. Happy Birthday to: -
Tom Swales

PLEASE NOTE ABOVE CHANGES TO OUR MEETING DATES

October Review

October 24th was World Polio Day and at our zoom meeting on 22nd October Roger Baker gave us a very interesting reminder of what End Polio Now is all about and Rotary's long term involvement in the campaign to eradicate Polio. The picture of an Iron Lung with a young child inside it brought back memories to those who remember them from the 60's and 70's. The vaccine that I suspect many of us as children received was not introduced until 1955. Roger informed us that polio is still endemic in Pakistan and Afghanistan. A useful update on one of the major and very successful Rotary International projects.

Donations

In response to our second donation to the Southampton University Coronavirus Response Fund as well as thanking us for the generous donation they sent an update on progress. Southampton has been leading on a saliva test trial for coronavirus. They are currently testing University students, staff and four local primary schools in the area with a simple 'spit in the tube' test. If successful it could be rolled out nationwide. There are a couple of articles about the saliva test on the following web sites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-53437555>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-saliva-test-for-coronavirus-piloted-in-southampton>

My life in Mallorca (Spain) as a Rotarian



On arrival at Palma airport you are greeted with a huge Rotary Wheel!

This very impressive and impactful sign lets you know that Rotary in the Balearics, District 2202 is alive and well. There are 68 clubs on the Island with 1865 members, which is an average of 27.

Like most land mass the most popular and indeed Palma itself is on the southern side of the island, so there is a predominance of clubs to the south, however the map reveals there are clubs over most of the island.

There are around 10 thousand ex pats living on the island and as you would expect they dominate certain parts/towns. Sailing/boating attracts a lot of ex pats and so they locate close to boating centres like, Palma, Puerto Pollensa, Portals Nous, Andratx, and the small fishing village where I locate, Molinar next to Portixol, between Palma and the airport.

Maureen and I have been regular visitors to Mallorca for the past 10 years. Looking back to the 60's, it was the first 'abroad' holiday we had. Back then it was still very rural and underdeveloped. The airport was very similar to Bournemouth airport nowadays. The roads were poor with just the basic single carriageway connecting the major towns. Package holidays were just coming into fashion so visiting outside of your chosen hotel was organised by the courier. Car hire was not an easy option unlike today where it is pie simple! I have not yet been to a Rotary meeting, although several clubs indicate they have English speaking. I admit visiting other clubs was not part of the Rotary cause that I favoured.

To enhance my ability to converse in Spanish with the local Mallorcan's I have been trying to learn Spanish. At my age a very slow process and certainly not enough to try it out in public, 'yet' but there is hope!



A night time view from the seashore in Molinar, across towards Palma, mountains in the background.

Centre is a war commemorative obelisk.

This article was kindly submitted by Brian Russell

Interesting Facts

- American Astronauts on the International Space Station can vote in elections by email
- In Finland you can buy a party pack of 1,000 cans of beer!
- Octopuses smell with their arms
- One side of the new £1 coin was designed by a 15-year old boy
- Kangaroos keep cool by licking their forearms
- The world's largest pizza was twice the size of a tennis court



The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, “How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?”

“Well”, he said, “we fill a bathtub up, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub.”

“Oh, I understand,” I said. “A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or teacup.”

“No” he said “A normal person would pull the plug. DO you want a bed near the window?”

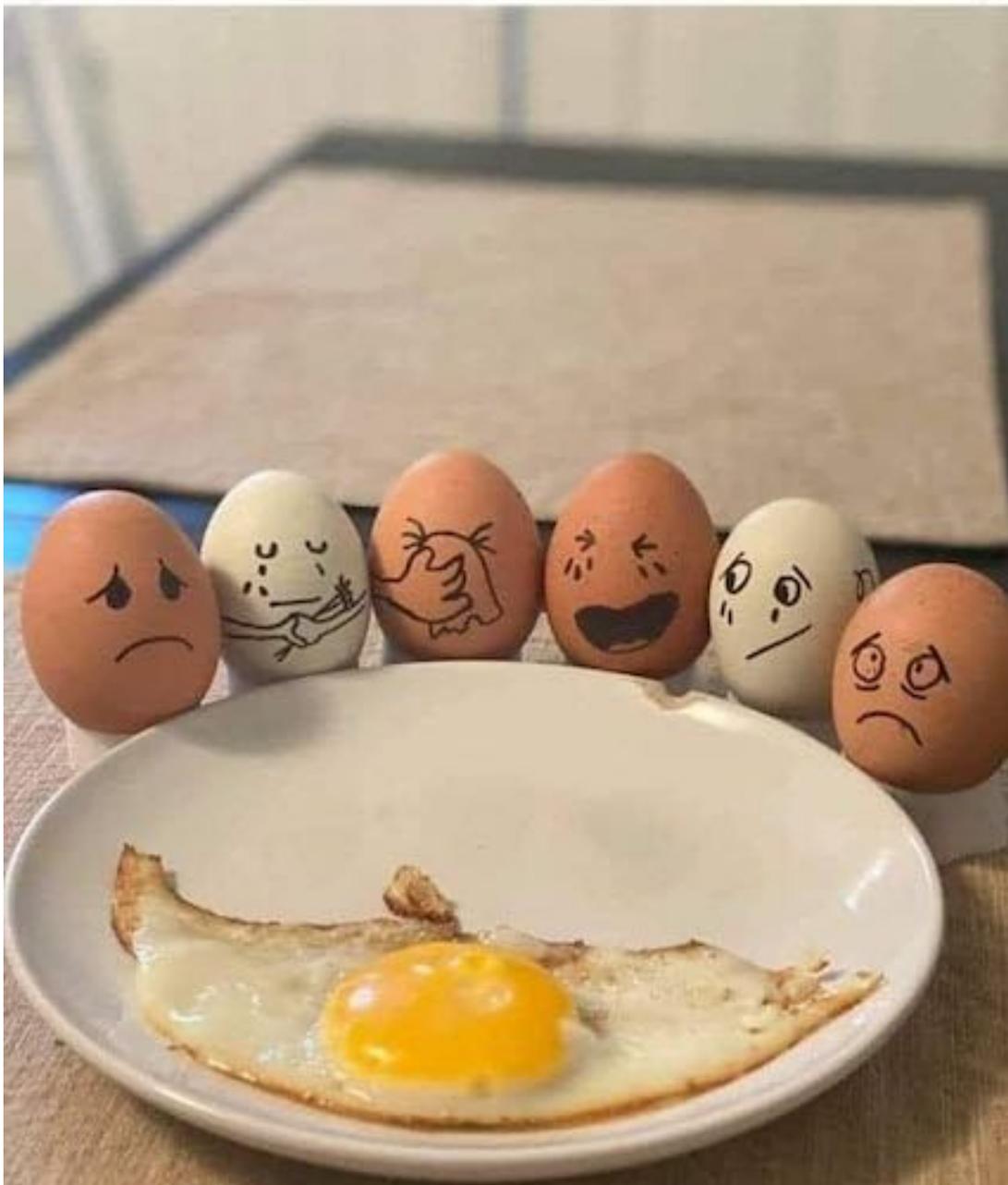
ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?

Thank you to Brian Russell for the following ‘ditty’:

'Tis true: there's magic in the web.

Othello: Act 3, Scene 4, William Shakespeare

He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



Please do stay safe and keep well.

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