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club bulletin

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rotary club of Locks Heath / district 1110

<u>Mtg Date</u>	<u>Duty Rotarian</u>	<u>Venue & Activity</u>
Jul 4	Penny Scarbro	Victory Hall – Handover, Induction & a USA Theme quiz
July 18		Pub to be confirmed
Aug 1	John Selby	Victory Hall – New member talk
Aug 15		Chris Milburn’s House - BBQ
Aug 29		Rising Sun – Invite partners

Forthcoming Events

- July 4th – Club Handover
- August 15th – BBQ at President Chris’s House
- August 29th – 5th Tuesday of the month & partners invited to the meal at the Rising Sun

Birthdays. Happy Birthday to: -
Clive Chambers, Mel Morley and Lesley Milburn

June Review

June 6th was our Club Assembly attended by our Group 7 Assistant Governor, Ray Drake. President Elect Chris presented his proposals for the coming year and Chris has provided the following for the Bulletin.

Fellow Rotarians,

I stand before you, proud and yet sad, as I undertake my second term as president. Proud because I thank your for putting your trust in me, sad because I know had I not stood up, we would probably be winding up the club.

The ravages of the Covid years have been cruel, and we are not in the strongest position we could be. However, we are still here, and we have another year, and we must get the club back to strength.

The key areas I want to focus on are:

- Membership
- Meetings
- Events

Membership. It goes without saying that we need new members. I am very pleased that Nick Young is going to join us and I hope he will be the first of about 5 new members I want us to get this year. I urge you all to think who you know who is in the 40-50 year age range and would make a good Rotarian. I hope working with Colin Baker, we can push membership and get some new (and younger) blood into the club

Meetings. Following on from the mix of Victory hall more formal, and pub social, I intend to keep this balance. I would like to see more speakers, and suggest that we invite partners to speaker meetings. We have planned some skittles evenings, and some trips out to balance the mix. August 15th you are all invited to our house for a BBQ.

Events. We have lapsed a bit in the regular events the club used to support. Some have gone (Pumpkin Festival) and some we need to reengage with. We used to support the Sarisbury Summer Fair, but I notice we did not do this one this year. I want to get the music festival running again and find a replacement for the Pumpkin Festival. Events where we can sell food and drink are a good money earner for us, and we need funds to support the work we want to.

I thank the club for putting their trust in me for a second term and I hope that as a team we can turn the club around and keep it as a beacon of local support.

I would also like to thank David for his hard work last year.

I am delighted that Mel has agreed to be the secretary this year and thank her in advance for her hard work.

I hope that I can hand over a larger and stronger club to the new president for next year.

Yours in Rotary,

Chris

Have you joined the Locks Heath Lottery? Do you know friends who would like to join?

In a more light hearted way: -

Interesting Facts. -

- Sabrage is a technique for opening champagne with a cavalry sword
- Only a quarter of employees look forward to their Christmas party
- The first recipe for Brussels sprouts advised buttering them and serving them on toast
- The world's largest mince pie factory can make 2 million pies in 24 hours
- Piecrusts used to be called 'coffins'

Please do stay safe and keep well.

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

This is my last Bulletin and I handover to Mel our new Secretary for the August edition.