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club bulletin

Rotary club of Locks Heath / District 1110

<u>Mtg Date</u>	<u>Duty Rotarian</u>	<u>Venue & Activity</u>
2 Jan	Mike Coward	Business and Council, Victory Hall
16 Jan		Skittles at the Crofton vs Western G7 clubs
30 Jan		Social, venue TBA
6 Feb	Elaine Conniff	Social, Victory Hall
20 Feb		Social, Bugle

Forthcoming Events

16 Jan – Skittles evening vs other western G7 Rotary Clubs (see details below).

23 Jan – G7 meeting (venue to be announced)

27 Jan – Burns Night

Happy Birthday to: -
Penny Scarbro

November Review

We were involved with a number of events in November.

On 15th November some of us took part in a raid at Fareham Meon. The welcome was warm, the food delicious and plentiful and we heard from an interesting speaker on the subject of diabetes.

On 25th November I attended the District Council meeting via Zoom. Sadly there were a few technical issues during the first half of the meeting but the ongoing themes of membership growth and club fellowship were raised.

However, our most significant activity this month was the Shoebox Appeal and here is a report from Stephen Kirby:

This year we were able to send 136 shoeboxes from Locks Heath, an increase on last year's total of 79. A commendable effort from our small Club. We are very grateful for the 81 shoeboxes that came from St Anthony's Catholic Primary School and 26 from the Inner Wheel Club of Locks Heath. The ladies of Inner Wheel also greatly assisted in the checking and packing of all the shoeboxes on our busy packing morning on Sunday 5 November. Unfortunately, another school did drop out in September after saying they would participate in the scheme.

President Chris was then able to deliver, with the help of the loan of a van from the Titchfield Festival Theatre, the shoeboxes to White & Company's depot at Botley who then delivered our boxes along with those from Southampton Rotary to the District main collection depot at Boscombe.

The District Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal in 2023 sent a total of 18,669 shoeboxes to disadvantaged and displaced children in Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania and Ukraine.

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

And finally..

We are hosting several other clubs for a skittles competition at the Crofton on 16th January 2024 at 7pm so let's see how many teams we can put up. I am taking the lead on liaising with the other clubs and have already received interest from Gosport and Fareham Meon. All the arrangements will need to be finalised at the next meeting on 2nd January but I can advise that the cost will be £13 per head for a sit down meal and these evenings are always great fun.

Please do stay safe and keep well.

I am always grateful for any interesting articles for the Bulletin.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.