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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

“THE ROTARY FOUNDATION”

GUEST SPEAKER: IAN CHAPPEL

CHAIRMAN: ADRIAN BELL

REPORTER: PAM HUDSON

When Rotary President Arch Klumph made his suggestion in 1917 that Rotary create an endowment fund “for the purpose of doing good in the world,” chances are few people in the Atlanta convention hall remembered his words.

Fortunately, his idea did catch the attention of the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, which donated \$26.50 to “be deposited to the Endowment Fund suggested by President Klumph.” That small contribution — about \$536 in today’s dollars — did not inspire an influx of others, but it helped to establish an endowment fund. It also set Arch Klumph off on a lifelong mission to build a powerful force for good that officially became The Rotary Foundation in 1928.



OUR NEXT MEETING

December 4th

To Be Advised

Chairman: Adrian Bell Reporter: David Firth

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Rotary Meeting – Monday 20th November, 2017

Hmmm. An interesting evening tonight.

We had Phil's neighbour along for a 2nd visit - thanks for coming along again Ahmadul .

We also had a couple of chappies from the Beecroft along for the ride. What's going on there? They spies or something? Or did they get left off the bus when they weren't looking and the rest of their club nicked-off without them. David & Lionel, no matter, you're welcome here fellas.

Clavdivs (that's the correct Roman spelling of Claudius) made a spectacle of himself again. This time, he eschewed the late & dramatic entry in favour of a new approach – the On Time one. Heavens to Betsy. However, he then reverted to type, and skived off to the bar for the next 20 minutes.

A relatively quiet night on the directors and activities reporting front. Then Theodore did his usual, and fleeced all and sundry.

Tonight, Commander John was giving us a brief on the 2nd Voyage of the Beagle, the one with Charley Darwin on board.

A background on Charley first – he was one wealthy dude. His mum was one of the Wedgewood family and his dad was doing OK too – he was a doctor & a financier. Charley was the 5th of 6 kids and a bit of a naughty young chap. After failing in his adventure to Edinburgh University (to be a doctor), he did a BA at Christ College Cambridge. There, he became interested in natural science. His mentor John Stevens Henslow received an offer from Commander Robert FitzRoy of travelling on a survey ship, HMS Beagle, as a "scientific person" or naturalist. Henslow passed this on to Darwin.

Henslow described the position "more as a companion than a mere collector", but this was an assurance that FitzRoy would treat his guest as a gentleman naturalist.

FitzRoy himself wasn't short of a quid either, being born in Suffolk into the aristocracy in July 1805.

Important to know – the Admiralty was paying for the voyage and the professional crew. Charley was paying for himself. Lucky he was a wealthy young buck.

While the expedition was originally planned to last two years, it lasted almost five.

The main purpose of the expedition was to conduct a hydrographic survey of the coasts of the southern part of South America. This was a continuation and correction of the work of previous surveys, in order to produce accurate nautical charts showing navigational and sea depth information for the navy and for commerce.

Interesting to note, that the accurate marine chronometers needed to determine longitude had only become affordable since 1800; the Beagle carried **22** such chronometers to allow corrections (22! all in FitzRoy's cabin – so wouldn't that have been a noisy place to relax and sleep!). FitzRoy also engaged a mathematical instrument maker to maintain them. The ship was to stop at specified points for four-day rating of the chronometers and to check them by astronomical observations.



Ships chronometer from HMS Beagle

Darwin himself spent most of this time exploring on land: three years and three months on land, 18 months at sea. Early in the voyage he decided that he could write a book about geology, and he showed a gift for theorising.

At Punta Alta he made a major find of gigantic fossils of extinct mammals, then known from only a very few specimens. He ably collected and made detailed observations of plants and animals, with results that shook his belief that species were fixed and provided the basis for ideas which came to him when back in England, and led to his theory of evolution by natural selection.

And we all know where that led.

Vice Admiral Robert FitzRoy, 2nd Governor of New Zealand, died by his own hand 30 April 1865 aged 59.

Charley popped his clogs on 19 April 1882, aged 73, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Good on you Commander, once again you have sought & succeeded in educating our pitiful members.

Guess what, Pres Alex won't be about next week. So we all know who will be driving the ship then!

See ya.

Night night all.

Reporter: The one and only Adrian Bell

Fellows, below is the front cover of the October issue of 'The Rotarian' magazine - the magazine of Rotary International distributed throughout North America. It was obviously designed to get the readers thinking about the job required to finish the EndPolio campaign, centred on the generous assistance from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. But what caught my attention was the various contributions committed by the countries and organisations around the world - and the relatively small commitment from our country highlighted in red. Also note the contributions of Nigeria and Pakistan!

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Polio: Now we're counting on you

\$450 million
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

\$150 million
Rotary International

\$134.6 million
Nigeria

\$61.4 million
European Commission

\$55 million
Japan

\$30 million
United Arab Emirates

\$15 million
Anonymous donor

\$13.4 million
Australia

\$154.7 million
Pakistan

\$130 million
United Kingdom

\$75 million
Canada

\$30 million
Dallo Foundation

\$25 million
Bloomberg Philanthropies

\$11.2 million
Germany

\$5 million
Italy

\$5 million
easyJet

\$4 million
Korea

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THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Dec 4th	To Be Advised	TBA	Adrian Bell	David Firth
Dec 11th	Annual General Meeting & Elections	President Alex & others	Theo Glockemann	Jim Fraser
Dec 18th	Club Christmas Party	Venue to be confirmed	Partners night	

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Fellows, our AGM & Elections is coming up on December 11th. We are calling for nominations for the following positions:

President 2018 - 2019
 President Elect 2019 - 2020
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 and 6 Directors

We need to elect a President for next year following the resignation of Michael Bradley. We should also elect a President to follow in the next year - and we do need to elect a treasurer. President Alex and Secretary Jim will be pleased to receive all nominations.

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE 2017

Unfortunately I am unable to report on the Trailer Raffle on Saturday at Cherrybrook as I am out of town for the weekend. However, I'm sure our teams did a sterling job, the results of which I will report next week.

On another Community Project subject, our Christmas **Tree of Joy** is up and running at Pennant Hills Market Place - see the picture below. There is no doubt that this is a favourite of our local community. Indeed, in the first 24 hours, 30 cards we taken!



ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Member Attendance: 86.7%

Apologies: Pam Hudson,

Guest Speaker: John Ellis

Visitors: Ahmadul Ameen

Visiting Rotarians: David Dart - R/C of Beecroft;
 Lionel Jackson - R/C of Beecroft

Leave of Absence: Nil

MEMBER NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We all need people who will give us feedback. That's how we improve."

- Bill Gates