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Life as a journalist



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Sydney so far....







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Annual contributions have doubled

AN ASSISTANCE and therapy support group is expected to double the amount raised through fundraising when compared to last year after meeting to The Comet.

The Living Room, The Comet's Charity of the Year, has so far raised more than £10,000 in 2011, which will go towards supporting people with additional needs within the Birmingham-based country.

Julia Fitch MBE, founder of The Living Room, said: "At The Living Room we will be in the Comet Charity for all their amazing support throughout 2011."

It was a pleasure to be named by the Comet as the 2010 Charity of the Year as we have been able to address the needs of our staff - one example of how this has helped is in increasing the popularity of our fundraising events. We recently have raised £12,523 from events across the year and, with a letter card being sent to Birmingham Town

Carey as Chairman and our own continued support, donations will also be, we are looking to double our 2010 record.

"We have also received donations in excess of £7,000 in a direct result of being in The Comet and made this with many supporters individuals and companies."

"We would also like to thank all those local people and organisations who have supported our work in the last year. All your efforts and contributions have gone towards saving lives and making families thankful for addition to more income with hope for the future with everyone a very happy Christmas from all at The Living Room."

The news information about the charity, visit 01426 514447 or visit www.livingroom.co.uk

Rotary thanks

ROTARY clubs have raised almost £20,000 for its three chosen causes in partnership with The Comet.

The new clubs involved have at the moment £24 for Cystic Fibrosis, £4,000 for Burns Air Ambulance and £5,000 for Sarah Hoggan Cancer during the year.

During the year, Sarah Hoggan, founder of Cystic Fibrosis, said: "It has been great seeing local charities benefit so significantly from Rotary's fundraising efforts. It is a testament to the support of all the people in Comet country who give so generously. Cystic Fibrosis Charity Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this year such a success for both Rotary and the cause we supported."

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Magdalene Dongmo with Rotary Club of Stevenage president Bob Goodwin at her induction

Looking out for young people

A NEW member was inducted into the Rotary Club of Stevenage earlier this month.

Magdalene Dongmo is going to serve on the Youth Activities Committee, and aims to promote the skills of young people through initiatives involving photography, cooking and writing.

www.thecomet24.co.uk



New club's first taste of service to community

Many hands make lights work

A ROTARY club is calling for volunteers to help put up a town's Christmas lights.

Baldock Rotary Club is sponsoring the Christmas lights in Baldock town centre and is asking the public to help with their two-hour installation next Sunday, November 20.

The club has a long association with the event, having first been involved in co-operation with the town Chamber of Trade more than 30 years ago.

Brian Doyle, the Rotary co-ordinator of the lights, will be liaising with property owners on which the lights are placed, maintaining the electrical supply and timers and arranging for repair and the buying of new lights. The lights, together with the arrival of Father Christmas and the sleigh, which the Rotary Club take around the streets of Baldock, help provide a festive spirit in the town.

For those who want to help put up this year's lights, the team will be meeting at 10am in Baldock High Street, in front of Zewa Hotel and Restaurant.

If you are able to assist, call Paul Lockett on 01462 893114.

Exploring the world of Rotary

A ROTARIAN has reflected on more than 40 years in the charitable organisation which has enabled him to travel the world.

Baldock resident Alan Evans, an honorary member of Baldock Rotary Club, recalls his international Rotary experiences, after initially being a founding member of Baldock Round Table.

"My first contact with service clubs was when I was a founder of Round Table in my 30s," said the 82-year-old.

"I enjoyed the fellowship and the team spirit when carrying out tasks we had undertaken for the local community. In those days we had to leave Table at 40, and so when Rotary invited me to join them I grabbed the opportunity with both hands."

"I found Rotary equally enjoyable, but much wider - especially on the international front. We had international weekends in Table when we invited foreign students into our homes, but Rotary's Group Study Exchange was a much larger

affair.

"Our first student was Kelvin from South Africa at the time when apartheid was coming to an end and although the students were somewhat different, this was extremely interesting and informative."

"We kept in touch with Kelvin and accepted his offer of a month in South Africa where we visited several clubs, homelands, and places of interest."

"On our return to the UK in 1984 we found the Rotary International Convention was to be held in England for the first time. We volunteered to do a stint at the House of Friendship, which was a kind of information desk and chat room. There were Rotarians and Inner Wheel members from all over the world including one guy who we had dined with in Durban just a few months previously. After this we attended various meetings. The quality of the speakers was very high. It was easy to see how some of them have become world leaders in their field."

"The whole weekend ended with an act of worship with thousands of Rotarians of all colours and creeds joining in goodwill, fellowship, and peace. If only the rest of the world could follow suit."

Alan has continued his involvement in the Rotary International Convention series, attending meetings in Nice, France, and Indianapolis, USA, as well as returning to Birmingham in 2009.





But no two days are ever the same...



- On the scene of a major incident

Advising Senior Officer before press conference



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