



Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray Belvoir

July - Mail News and Events

Shirley's Hug of Teddy Bears

Our President Shirley Morley gave a presentation on some of her Teddy Bears.

The first Teddy Bears made were in 1902 with permission from President Theodore Roosevelt
 Teddy Bear lovers and collectors are known as "Arctophiles"

Famous makers of Teddy Bears
 "Steiff" German toy makers
 "Bing" ::
 "Ideal Toy Company" America
 "Harman and Knickerbacter" Britain

Shirley has a collection of over 400 Teddy Bears and has a name for everyone.

Is Shirley a bit concerned that the Teddy Bears are happy to be in the company of Rotarians?



Events for July 2009

<p>Monday 6th July <i>Club meeting</i></p>	<p>Street Pastors: The Rev. Peter Hooper is our speaker for this evening and will give a presentation on the work of Street Pastors in Melton Mowbray. this will be a very interesting as they have celebrated their first six months of operation in the town. <i>All partners and guests are welcome to attend this meeting.</i></p>
<p>Monday 13th July <i>Club meeting</i></p>	<p>Joliba Trust: Deborah Hutchinson</p> <p>Joliba Trust supports grassroots development work with farming and cattle-raising communities in some of the poorest areas of Mali. Their particular focus is on projects to help women and environmental work for long-term food security.</p>
<p>Monday 27th July <i>Club meeting</i></p>	<p>Local Councillor: Byron Rhodes</p>



2009

Children from the Sherard Primary School Special Needs Unit had a great day out at Wickstead Park

The weather was fine for the time spent at the park and we had lunch outside under a tree as the picture shows. The children took the opportunity to go on several rides during the day. The Pirate Ship ride is one that is not every one's wish to go on, but many children thought it was great fun. Tom in our group went on three times! President Shirley went on the ship and after said "never again will I go on that", but she thinks the experience has cured her sinus problem! On our return to the school all the staff, who were in charge of the children for this trip, thanked Rotary for arranging this outing for their school.



Next stop Wickstead Park



Helpers coffee break



Picnic lunch under a tree

"The Pirate Ship" some of the childrens' favourite ride -



but not for President Shirley

Wet Sunday

On Sunday 7th June some Rotarians and friends were volunteers to sell programmes at one of the entrance gates to the Rutand County Show. In spite of the heavy rain quite a number of people attended.

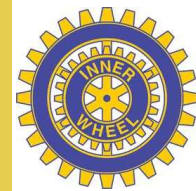


*Christine and Tony Wallis
We have to smile we are volunteers for this!*

Congratulations to:

Rotarian Alan Raynes and Inner Wheel District Chairman Elizabeth Raynes on both being awarded the Paul Harris Fellow. It is very rare for a husband and wife to be given this honour at the same time. Their contribution to charity work and service to both Rotary and Inner Wheel has been exceptional.

In the next issue there will be photographs and more details of the reunion held on the 28th June.



14th I.I.W. Convention - 5th - 9th May 2009

For Elizabeth and Alan Raynes the very long journey started at the crack of dawn when the mini bus from Spalding arrived to pick up Zena Coles, Elizabeth and Alan from Stamford half an hour earlier than expected and were soon joined by John and Margaret Sismey. On route to Heathrow, Mike and Pauline Driver were collected.

At Kuala Lumpur they changed flights to Kota Kinabalu. When they arrived at their hotel in the Suteria Harbour Resort, they were greeted by I.W. members from District 330, Malaysia and Singapore. Thirty six countries were represented at the Convention. The first morning Elizabeth sat next to Past International Inner Wheel President, Ida Dumbledam-De Klerk and her husband from District 58 in The Netherlands, who was delighted to share memories of visiting District 7 and return visit.

The Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening was a splendid affair. Entertainment was provided by three Singapore Inner Wheel clubs, who modelled fashions by designer Anna T, who organises a charity "Mother and Child". The Opening Ceremony on Thursday showed a video of all the countries represented at the Convention, with live accompaniment provided by the Royal Sabah Police Contingent Band. The flags of the host countries and those of the President's country, Denmark and International Inner Wheel were escorted into the hall and members were addressed by Convention Coordinator Datuk Nancy and I.I.W. President Suzanne. The Guest of Honour was the Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Aman, arrived. He said "Selamat Datang" or "Welcome" to Sabah - Land below the Wind. He was interested in the objectives of Inner Wheel and quoted Sir Winston Churchill as once saying "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give". President Suzanne lit the Candle of Friendship and sounded the Gong to open the Convention. There then followed a spectacular show of Malaysian traditional dancing by the Sabah Tourist Board dancers in their many different colourful costumes.



The business sessions started on Thursday afternoon and from then until lunchtime on Saturday members gradually worked their way through the proposals and amendments. Following the Thursday afternoon session transport was provided by a convoy of 20 buses, accompanied by a police escort, to the hospitality evening, which was held at the Sabah Foundation. On arrival they were greeted by a band of MURUT 'Warriors' and given beautiful beaded necklaces. Tables were arranged on the terraces where they enjoyed a buffet of Asian foods. Music was provided by a bamboo ensemble and there was also an impressive display of traditional dancing. The finale was a dramatic pyrotechnic display over the bay, sponsored by Kota Kinabalu City Hall.



At the Gala Dinner on Friday evening, members were resplendent in their National Costumes and evening gowns and the theme "Festival of Colours" was certainly evident. The Guest of Honour was the Chief Minister of Sabah who attended with his wife. All the ladies were presented with a bracelet of beads and a silk rose. Music was provided by 'The Dreamers'. The Fashion Show by A'Sutra displayed the range of richness of batik design. Finally, members of Inner Wheel Kuala Lumpur gave a medley of exuberant dances featuring a colourful collection of exotic costumes, many of which they had made themselves.



At the Closing Ceremony on Saturday afternoon, President Suzanne wore the traditional Sabah costume, which had been presented to her at the Opening Ceremony and was escorted in by kindergarten children from the villages. The venue of the next Convention in 2012 will be held in Turkey and the 2009-12 IIW Project would be the UNICEF Education for Girls in Bolivia. The guest speaker was Dr Catherine Lim, who was very humorous. Mr Steen Andersen, Executive Director of UNICEF, Denmark, was presented with a cheque for £155,000 for Girls' Education in Madaagascar and with a key to the city of Kota Kinabalu. Entertainment was provided by local children with a formation Chinese drumming group, followed by a dance performance by a kindergarten school, some as young as three.

After the Candle of Friendship had been extinguished and the Convention closed, the organising committee in their charming costumes, led by Chairman Nancy, gave a 'thank you' song and led us into the traditional 'Aul;d Lang Syne'. We hugged and kissed friends old and new before travelling to the four quarters of the globe, to return home, or to have a much needed rest.

A few of Elizabeth and Alan's photos of their time in Malaysia



LIFE EDUCATION

At the last meeting of the Inner Wheel Club, we had a presentation by an Educator from the Leicestershire Life Education programme, Tim Gilbert and he had with him an associate Nimixa Mistry. Initially they had us doing simple exercises like tapping your head while rubbing your tummy, just to make sure we were awake! They were great fun and very interesting. At the end of the presentation President Gill Sharp presented to David Sharp, chairman of Rotary Life Education Melton, a cheque for £500.

OTHER DONATIONS

At the same meeting it was agreed to send a donation to Rainbows Childrens Hospice of £50, and the McMillian Nurses were to receive the balance of District Chairman Elizabeth's fund of £100.