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Presidents Ramblings

On 22nd January we met and held a new committee meetings evening. A stunning 19 members attended together with Roger Hayward P.D.G, our regular visitor from Alliston, Ontario.

An initial discussion took place, at Colin's prompting, concerning the International Convention Hosting planned for June 2009. Various general ideas were discussed and it was agreed that the club would be kept up to date as and when information was received from district etc and more details emerged in the future.

For the remaining hour or so of the evening the members divided up into the two informal club committees of social and fund raising. Both meetings appeared to have promoted discussions relating to future plans and ideas concerning their functions. The committee chairmen will no doubt be reporting back to us in due course about the various matters raised.

One of our major social events of the year took place on 29th January. This was our annual dinner with wives and partners which had been postponed from before Xmas because of venue problems. Some 42 people attended this function (19 members, wives, partners and guests).

The company and food were very good and the entertainment consisted of a magician aptly named "Merlin" who went from table to table (slowly!) showing us close up card tricks and what to do with long thin balloons. Some of his creations seemed quite obscene – well they did to me anyway!

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, I know I did, particularly after the third glass of wine.

I was pleased to see that our Communications Officer (the Editor!) John managed to get my thank you letter to the people of Redditch, for the Xmas collection inserted into both the Standard and the Advertiser. For those who didn't see this it is reproduced below and hopefully similar letters will be issued in the future after public collections by the club:-

"The Rotary Club of Redditch Kingfisher would like to thank the people of Redditch who donated so generously to our Christmas Charity Collection outside Sainsburys Supermarket on Saturday December 22nd. The total sum raised was £945 and, as in the past, this will be distributed to various charities such as Acorns Hospice, County Air Ambulance, Aqua Boxes, Age Concern, NSPCC etc.

The Club will, for the first time, also be collecting for Charities outside Morrissions Supermarket on Saturday May 17th and we look forward to meeting more local people of the town in which we are based.

If anyone would be interested to learn more about Rotary and what it does, with a view to either joining and/or applying for financial assistance for a local charity that you are involved with, then please contact our President, Alan Atkinson on 546495 or email lesleylee@atkinsonandco.fsnet.co.uk."

Finally I give below the club programme (slightly amended) for the next few weeks for your information:-

February 12 th	G Till to arrange
February 19 th	J Scott to arrange
February 26 th	Tom Cryer Speaker
March 4 th	C Smith to arrange
March 11 th	Gordon Forrest (Wildlife Conservation in Worcs -part 2) (guests welcome)
March 18 th	J Savigar to arrange
March 25 th	No meeting – bank holiday
April 1 st	AGM

100 Club Lottery

To date we have definitely sold 55 tickets. We need to sell 100. If no more are sold this would give a pro-rata payout of only £27.50 first prize and £13.75 for second over the first 4 months and £55 first & £27,50 second for the final month. The first draw will take place on Tuesday 26th Feb, that gives us just under 3 weeks to sort it so come on you guys **'together we can do it'**.

Hopefully Don