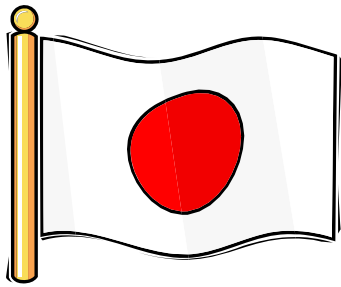


Mildmay Matters

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GSE 2008



On the 18th September the four Chelmsford Clubs hosted a Dinner for the latest GSE team to visit District 1240. The team from Rotary District 2590 (Yokohama and Kawasaki, Japan) are now well into their four-week visit and are led by (Victor) Isao Umehara, a management consultant specializing in cultural shifting in organizations- Dream: **to meet my soul mates in England, and to dedicate my *Shakuhachi in holy places. (*bamboo wind instrument).**

The team members are

1. Mr. Kazutaka Ohsako (Age: 35) Working at the general affairs and accounting section, Tolaun Company (Cleaning business).

Dream: **to learn the culture and customs of England, specially in laundry business.**

2. Ms. Shiho Miyazaki (Age: 32) Working as manager at Heiando Pharmacy.

Dream: **is to find a way to be a pharmacist all my life, and converse with a lot of British pharmacists for that purpose.**

3. Ms. Yoko Nozawa (Age: 28) Working in accommodation section, Hotel New Grand.

Dream: **to stay in hotels of England, and make relationships with guest relations officers.**

4. Ms. Kaori Kobayashi (Age: 31) A nurse at Yokosuka City Uwamachi Hospital.

Dream: **to learn the roles of nurses and desired services as a nurse in English Medical System. Also I hope to get deeper understanding how to relate with patients and how to be cooperative with outside nurses (eg. visiting nurses).**

The District 1240 team which includes Mildmay sponsored team members Shane Bartley and Janet West (reserve) will make the return visit to Japan later this month.



The Japanese Team with Team leader Victor



Shane Bartley and Janet West join in.

District Conference



Thoughts on District Conference

We arrived Friday afternoon and the only thought in our minds was, Dinner at 7.30. Oh! Sorry I forgot some had played golf in the morning.

Saturday's Conference session started with formal addresses by R.I.'s representative and R.I.B.I's representative and the other formalities.

Our first informative contribution was from The Leonard Cheshire Foundation about their international project, "Schools 4 All in Africa". The presentation set out their aims to provide schooling in particular for disabled children in Africa. In answer to a question, how many disabled children are there in Africa? The reply was we do not know. The reason – a family does not admit to have to having a disabled child, they keep them out of sight as others consider them as being cursed and very bad people – that is why they are disabled.

The afternoon started with a presentation from Retractor, Alistair who was covering for Clare Seale who was unable to attend. The presentation continually referred to Clare. This made for a very light hearted the presentation. However it took nothing away from what Rotaract achieves.

Our next subject was a presentation by the G.S.E. Team from Japan. The most noticeable part of their presentation was how much their English had improved since their arrival.

"Disability not Inability" was the theme of a presentation by Ann Wafula Strike. She caught Polio at the age of 2 as a result of taking an ineffective vaccine outlined the struggle she had had in life as a disabled child. She had overcome most of the problems and managed to obtain a good level of education due many to the efforts of her father. She is now wheelchair bound but has found a new sporting challenge and through her efforts competed in the Athens Paralympics in wheelchair racing. She missed out on China due to injury. She was the proof that disability is not inability.

We all have an opinion on the Prince of Wales, but after listening to David Cadman and his very forthright thoughts and experience of the Prince some of us will be looking at this man differently in the future.

Saturday's dinner was in fancy dress and Mildmay was there in full support.

How did Saturday go? Yes – informative and some good ideas. I missed David Judge's presentation at lunchtime about the R.I. Convention next year in June in Birmingham. Details are available from the Secretary and the subject will be raised at Club at some date in the future. It is a rare opportunity for us to visit a Rotary International Convention without travelling around the world.

Sunday began, no service but with "Thought for the Day" by Jose Huggins. This presentation fitted all religions and could easily be applied to all of us; it was a very well thought out "thought for the day".

It now became the turn of our own G.S.E. Team. They informed us of who they were what they did and what they want to see and do in Japan. Janet West the reserve is eager for one of them to go sick just as Shane was on the last exchange. Shane was having all his food tested before eating, only as a precaution you understand.

Prince Sessio Bereng Seeiso of Lesotho related his views on how the links with African (Countries) people should be made and maintained. His view is that contact should be uppermost in our approach to helping in Africa and the people.

The Prince was followed by Rotarian Gerard van 't Reit, President of the Rotary Club of Scherpenzeel/Woudenberg, this Club is twinned with our own Chelmer Bridge. The Club has a membership of 32, their plan to raise, over a ten-year period, £320,000 for a water project in the Cameroon. They have two years left to complete and feel they will do it comfortably. Every year different members of the Club visit the project and they have taken others along with them. This has resulted in more projects being taken on by others. She also stressed the need to maintain contact before, during and after the project.

Now the Commercial! Sandra Allen outlined the plans for next years Conference just outside Cirencester. The Secretary has the details and the forms. All under one roof with one all in price of £239.

Our last speaker was Malcolm Wells about Canine Partners. These are dogs that are trained to assist a disabled person to assist them to live a more independent life. The dog will wake a person up, help them out of bed, open doors, open draws, help them by picking items off the shelf in the

supermarket. He made presentation by taking up the situation of a disabled person Peter and his dog Rover. He told us how the dogs are trained; the dog selects its partner and how the partner is trained. In no way could one have gone to sleep or felt bored with this presentation.

Now followed the formal concluding speeches by the Representative from R.I. Michael J. Johns. He stressed the concentration of one's efforts to one or two projects and not spreading what you can offer too thinly. He was followed by R.I.B.I. Representative Rodney Huggins who took this opportunity to put Rotary's view on protection of the environment and what we can do and what Rotary wants us to do.

The final session of Conference in next month's Mildmay Matters.

Tony Bugden

.... some of the goings on at the Conference which the writer decided not to relate – wonder why?



Photos by Pat Gaudin

Plea for Support

Dear Chelmsford Mildmay

I am writing to ask you to dig deep in your heart (and pocket!) to support our **Rotoract Club** please.

As you know I am your club liaison officer this year.

Most of the older members of Rotoract have now left and the newer members are doing their best, but they really need **our support and encouragement**.

I would like to show them that Rotary cares about them and their club and wants to do all we can to help them succeed.

Rotoract are holding a bingo night at the **RAFA club on Wednesday 22nd October**.

Chelmsford Rotarians and wives have supported this event in the past and had a great night out in the process.

To Summarise:

What did I think of the Weekend? Very informative – makes you feel that one is involved in something bigger than one Club – it gives one ideas of what can be done – suggests other variations to our activities – it gives one a problem with so much help needed, who to support, that in itself gives you inspiration – the fellowship of the weekend and enjoyment – it prompted the question, should a Club concentrate say two projects and not spread its effort to thinly?

You missed a treat – if you have never been to Conference you ought to experience one. Why not come to Conference next, it looks good.

The cost is just **£7:50 per person** that includes a fish & chip (or veggie burger or sausage in batter) supper.

The start time is **7.45 pm**.

The bar is heavily subsidised and the drinks are very cheap. The beers also very good!

Please, please support this event so we can show Rotoract we care about them.

I am happy to co-ordinate numbers and take food orders.

Please could you do your best to attend this event with **your wife/partner/friend**.

An e-mail reply is all I'm looking for at this stage.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Yours in Rotary

Malcolm Shead

The Secretary has for sale:

Hospice Diaries @ £2.50 and Hospice Calendars @ £3.00.

Programme

DATE	SUBJECT/SPEAKER	GRACE/DUTY
October		
7 th	D.G. Ken Buck	Mike Ashton
14 th	BUSINESS MEETING	Nanette Wright
	Object of Rotary	Michael Savill
21 st	Georgina Rhymes	Mike Ardley
28 th	Laura Logan-Wood – Chelmsford Prison Visitors Centre	Keith Webb
November		
4 th	BUSINESS MEETING	Tony Barker
	Object of Rotary	Alistair Simpson
11 th	Charity Lunch	John Bucknell
18 th	A Trip to China – Nanette Wright	Lieonarah
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25 th	Football Kit in Uganda – Roy Joffe	Adam Copsey
December		
2 nd	BUSINESS MEETING	Alan Duchars
	Object of Rotary	David Thompson
9 th	Discussion on Recruitment and Club Structure	Roy Thorne
16 th	Christmas Lunch	John Tilsley
23 rd	Fellowship Meeting	Michael Vandome

DIARY DATES:

October

24th Chelmsford Club in association with Chelmsford Jazz Club
7.30 for 8pm start – KEGS

29th District Quiz – Heats

November

12th Visit to the Quadrant, Moulsham Street for Rotarians, family and friends. The Quadrant is offering an awareness evening. Since the demise of Bolingbroke's the Quadrant has the opportunity to raise its profile in the town and this evening it is inviting Rotarians to see what they have to offer. There is a finger buffet and many other items of interest to the ladies and the men. There is also a discount of 20% in most departments. Cost of the evening is £10 of which half (£5) will go to charity.

[Tickets available from Mike Savill or Ian Dudley.](#)

18th GSE return Dinner at Rivenhall Hotel. Special Guest R.I.B.I. President Ian Thompson.
Come and welcome home the 1240 Team to Japan (including our own Shane Bartley.)

[Booking Form available from the Secretary- NOW](#)

In response to last month's poser on the business with the 600+ employees was the House of Commons- The Editor received one correct answer but as it was not on a £5 note it had to be ruled invalid!

Copy date for the November Issue is Friday 7th November