ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARYLEBONE

BULLETIN
14 November 2017

70ᵗʰ Anniversary Year

The Rotary Club of St. Marylebone came into existence on 20 September 1948. The Charter was presented at the Savoy Hotel on 4 November 1948

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The Oriental Club
Our Meeting Place

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. / At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."

Laurence Binyon, For The Fallen

(Reported by Kevin Coyne, photos by Peter Schweiger)

In the absence of President Robert Ghazi, Tom Lester presided as President-Elect.
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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Robert Ghazi (who was at a Stanley Leverton lunch) Matthew Lawson, Peter German, Rosa Santa Cruz and Paul Daley.

2. Members Present
Members present: Peggy Gunst, John Bash, Robert Ghazi, David Leuw , Peter Schweiger, Carole Harris, Noordin Kassam, John Green, Keith Stuart-Smith, Stephen Thomas, Kevin Coyne, Margaret Pollock, David Sanderson and Tom Lester.

3. Visitors

The Club welcomed : Mrs. Sheila Green, Michael Bolt and Kat Pugh, today's speaker.

4. Secretary's Report

"Following on from the ballot I was asked to hold because of the new conditions laid down by the Oriental Club, here are the plans for the beginning of next year:

We follow the majority decision to meet twice a month starting January as follows.
January 15th and 29th
February 12th and 26th.

We will post the cancelled dates on the web site and the District Bulletin

We will charge £28, the £3 surcharge will cover speakers' meals and possible bills for less than 10 meals.
 Visitors will be charged £25.

Speakers will be on January 15thand 29th and February 26th. Margaret Pollock has offered to organise an event for February 12th. We won't cancel any meetings to which we have invited a speaker.

Council meetings will be on 29th January and February 26th at 11am so it won't be a problem if it is on the same day as a speaker.

Looking for a new venue has been placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting. (A new venue may of course allow us to change our timetable if we so choose.)

March meetings will be March 15th and 26th at least.

As President- Elect I ask you all to accept the decision of the majority and unite with the common purpose of building up the Club for the future. Otherwise I think there is a real danger I won't have a club of which to be President.

4. Speaker

Tom Lester introduced our guest speaker Kat Pugh, the Head teacher of St Marylebone CE School. Kat said that she was very pleased to speak to us. She never had a lunch break; at school there was a myriad of activities now taking place. both intellectual physical . It was clear that the School was very active and engaged with the students..

Kat talked about the publications the school produces.: there was a weekly Bulletin prepared by the students and a very glossy St Marylebone Messenger, produced twice a year with articles by students.

Kat told us the School was founded in 1791 , originally the Marylebone "Day School of Industry", to educate the children of the poor in the parish. The St Marylebone School was a comprehensive school and was one of the first arts specialist schools. It focused on the visual and performing arts as well as doing extremely well in the Sciences and Maths. There were 1098 pupil with girls from 11-16 and the sixth form with both boys and girls. The School had an environment that supported students' accomplishments and high achievement, and there was a 'Praise Board' to recognise achievement, and this was supported by all students. There was a very culturally rich educational environment. They had a very high and varied number of speakers talking about their careers and the working world.

Kat also spoke about the relationship with the Marylebone Hotels consortium, through the good offices of Margaret Pollock. The Hotel sponsored a fun raising event for the school last year which had raised £20,000 for the school.

Questioned ranged from the use of mobile phones to the various Rotary contacts and competitions engaged in by the School.

Tom thanked Kat for an inspirational talk.

5. Visits to other Clubs etc.

Tom Lester had visited the meeting of the Westminster area clubs. He was impressed at the work the clubs do for the community. He said there were 50 members in attendance. He presented our projects at the meeting and encouraged our members to visit the other clubs from time to time.

6. Christmas Lunch

Carole Harris reviewed the plans for the Club Christmas lunch to be held at the Oriental Club on Monday December 4th. Tickets were £40 with drinks starting at 12 noon with lunch beginning at 12:45. Please get your cheques to Carole as soon as possible.

7. The Christmas Draw.

John Bash asked that Members send him the cheques and counterfoils or bring them to next week's meeting. **This is very important. Most Members have not yet done this** as the last date for handing them to John in time to partake in the draw was 24 November.

8. Announcements
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(a) Margaret Pollack reminded Rotarians about the concerts by Orion Orchestra which we are supporting. She especially encouraged members to
Handel's Messiah at the St James church on 5 December conducted by Sue Perkins. Tickets can be purchased at marylebonemusicfestival.com or in person at Knight Frank, 55 Baker St. W1U 8AN.

(b) Kevin Coyne announced that the Marylebone Association had given a cheque of £500 to support the Woman's Trust - one of the Club's projects.

(c) Kevin introduced his guest Michael Bolt from the Marylebone Association who spoke about the Better Oxford Street campaign. Anyone interested in finding out more or who wanted to support the campaign can contact the following:

Web. www.betteroxfordstreet.org
E-mail. contact@betteroxfordstreet.org
Twitter@BetterOfordSt

9. Welfare

David Leuw welcomed Peggy Gunst back to her first meeting since her accident.

11. Sergeant-at-Arms

Carole Harris persuaded us to part with some coin as she distracted us by reciting her poem:

I promise to be brief today
And not to speak for long;
I want to touch on something
That's an old phenomenon.

I'd like to mention gossiping,
Which happens all the time;
And though it might be unpleasant -
It still is not a crime.

I think that most are guilty
(If we really tell the truth);
And something that we may have picked up
Early in our youth.

But now we're in a stressful world,
And harsh words often speak;
With scandals, and sometimes 'fake news'
Regaling us each week.

So all I want to say today is:
Let's bear this in mind -
To take some care before we speak
And make sure to be kind.

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Quotations - acknowledgement to Noordin Kassam

"Some cause happiness wherever they go;
others, whenever they go."
Oscar Wilde

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19 January – Daniel Sobel (CEO, inclusion Expert)

20 November - Council Meeting
4 December - Christmas Lunch and Lottery Draw
5 December - Messiah – Orion Orchestra
11 December - Business and Council Meeting

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15 January – Ian Adams, Lord Mayor of Westminster
5 February – Central Area Youth Speaks at the American School
12 February – Valentine's Lunch
22 February - Youth Makes Music at the Royal Festival Hall
24 February - Young Chef District Final
22 February -   Youth Makes Music at the Royal Festival Hall
March ?? - International Women's Day Lunch

HOST DUTIES

This Host duty member should be at the President's table except for certain formal meetings, such as the President's Handover, visits of the District Governor and Lord Mayor, etc. But, even on those occasions, this duty member must be close by to the speaker and President.

It will be for this member to introduce all visitors and guests, when called upon to do so by the President. Simply read from the visitors-and-guests form available from the Fellowship Table. When finished, return the form to the table.

In addition, the Host duty member will also introduce the guest speaker, unless the President requests otherwise. To prepare for this, chat with the speaker before or during the meeting, and prepare a short CV of the person. At the end of the meeting, give the CV to the Bulletin duty member.

FUTURE DUTIES

	HOST	**BULLETIN**
20 November	Tom Lester	Keith Stuart-Smith
27 November	Shyam Chatrath	Tom Lester
4 December	Kevin Coyne	Matthew Lawson
11 December	David Leuw	Tom Lester
18 December	Peter Schweiger	Kevin Coyne
25 December	NO MEETING	
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The Host will look after, introduce and thank the speaker after the speech.
Fellowship duties will be carried out by John Green. However, if he is unable to do so on any Thursday, he will allocate the duty to some else**.**

The **Bulletin** nominee will take notes of the meeting and pass them to the Bulletin Editor, John Bash.
The Sergeant At Arms will devise new and clever ways of filling the collection box.

If you are unable to take care of the duty allocated to you, please contact John Green

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