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Attend a club meeting or a social event and meet the members. We will be delighted to explain about our activities and our structure and to welcome you and your partner.

Take a look at our website

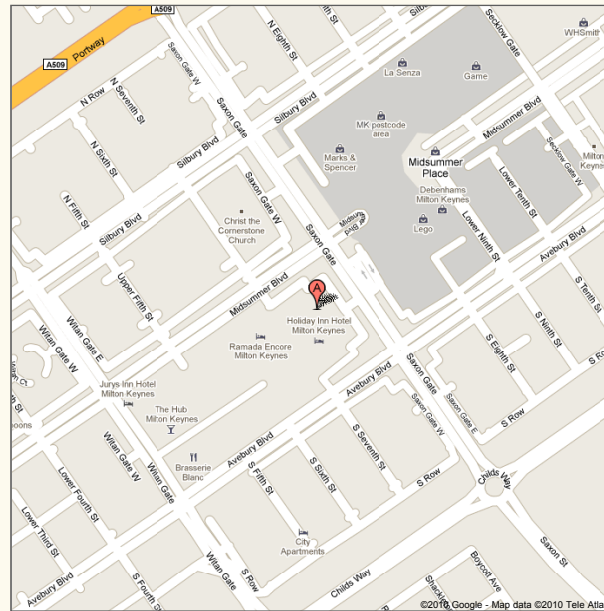
www.rotary-milton-keynes.org

You will see that beside the serious business of Rotary and helping the community we have a lively social diary as well.

Please contact the Membership Development Officer by e-mail

presnom@rotary-milton-keynes.org

or by phone on 07847 182 132.



Our weekly meeting point

The Rotary Club of Milton Keynes meets at 12:45 each Monday except Bank Holiday's and fifth Monday's. We sit down with a two-course meal and coffee. Meetings normally end by 2pm. The venue is the Cosgrove Suite, 4th Floor, at the Holiday Inn CMK.

If you are new to MK Rotary come and join us for a meal!

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Rotary Club of Milton Keynes



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Our Fundraising & Social Activities



President's Message

The President of Rotary International 2011-12 has chosen his theme to be Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. He asks us to look within ourselves, to understand that all of humanity has the same dreams, similar hopes, the same aspirations and similar problems. We all yearn for peace and contentment and what we work to bring to others, we must first find within ourselves.

If we strengthen ourselves, we strengthen those around us - a strong family. I came from a Rotary family, and the family is where everything begins and where there has been success - build upon that to create continuity. If we want to see peace around us we have to start by being the change we wish to see in the world. If we wish for peace - we must live in peace within our homes and communities. We must try to be the instrument of change to help all around us to be able to experience peace, good health, reduce child mortality and to spread literacy and prevent hunger. The Polio Plus challenge has been a prime example of how Rotarians can make those changes.

The rise of life expectancy has brought with it many more people suffering from some form of dementia. I would like to make a change for those suffering from dementia, and their carers by giving them support within this area. Therefore I have chosen Admiral Nurses for us to support this year.

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity: In peace, harmony and friendship let us bring change and a more joyful future for us all.

Chris Schimmel

Fundraising

The Rotary Club of Milton Keynes organises a Swimathon each year. Since its inception in 1994 the event has raised over £400,000. The charities which we will be supporting next year will be determined in November.

The main event is usually held in March, at Stantonbury Leisure Centre Pool. A special event for disabled swimmers takes place at Newport Pagnell in February.

In 2011 we raised and distributed over £30,000 to local charities and other charities supported by Rotary International. Here are a few examples of where the money went:

Major Swimathon Donations 2011	
MK MS Therapy Group	£4,000
Ride High	£4,000
MK Bereavement Service	£3,500
Willen Hospice	£3,000
MK Bowel Cancer Trust	£3,000

Teams of up to 6 swimmers are needed. You do not need to be an expert. Experienced swimmers or beginners can take part.

You only need to be prepared to give up an hour of your time and get sponsored for the number of lengths your team swims.

Service Projects

'Lend a Hand' Rotarians visit the homes of the elderly and infirm to help out with simple jobs

'Technology Tournament' provides an opportunity for students to use team-building skills in solving a design and technology problem

'KidsOut' and their mission to bring fun and happiness into the lives of disadvantaged kids in the UK

Milton Keynes Young Musician of the Year competition saw seven students from the Milton Keynes Music Service performing superbly played music

International

Marondera: We support a village in Zimbabwe and facilitated sinking two boreholes and installing tanks and pipework, at the Mushe weVanhu Orphanage.

End Polio now: Enjoy a bottle of Tiptree Rotary Tomato Ketchup and return the bottle filled with spare change to support Rotary Foundation in fighting Polio.

Helmond Regio is our partner club in the Netherlands with whom we meet every two years for a cultural program and fellowship.

Club Admin

Organises events through the year, including Speaker Meetings and seasonal events as the Christmas Party, Burns Night, Bowling and Golf Tournaments.