

Rotary Club of Lincoln Colonia - Newsletter



December 2017

HELLO EVERYONE

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year.

It may be cold & snowy outside but you'll always be assured of a warm & toasty welcome at a Rotary meeting.

The camaraderie & community spirit of Rotary was especially evident over two very cold days last month. Members of all four Lincoln Rotary clubs joined forces to plant some 600 bare root hedging 'whips' at the International Bomber Command Memorial (top of Canwick hill)



Our next big fundraising event is the **University of Lincoln Santa Fun Run**, which is being held in the 'uphill area' of Lincoln next Sunday 17th December. The organising committee are crossing our fingers for dry pavements & blue skies!

We are still looking for helpers, so if our lovely 'Friends of Colonia' can spare a couple of hours on Sunday morning, please can you contact me at enquiries@coloniarotary.co.uk

PROGRAMME

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| 5 th December | Skills Force – A talk by Steve Robinson |
| 12 th December | SGM – Business & Council |
| 17 th December | UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN SANTA FUN RUN |
| 19 th December | Christmas Dinner (Black Tie) friends welcome (please contact me for menu choice) |
| | <u>No Meetings 26th December & 2nd January</u> |

Future Events – Please make a note in your diary

9th January 2018 A talk about **Steampunk** – This should be really interesting – Please join us

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25th March 2018 SWIMARATHON at Yarborough Leisure Centre. The charities we are supporting will be, 'The Growing Plot' and "end Polio Now'

11th May 2018 Rotary Club of Lincoln Colonia Charter Dinner at The Lincoln Hotel

A heartwarming story for Christmas

For a number of years we have supported a small Lincoln based charity: *Patchworking Against Poverty (PAP)*, which run medical camps in Kenya each year.

In 2015, a 6 year old girl called Prisca attended one of the medical camps in the remote western highlands of Kenya. She had severe congenital heart defects, yet despite living in dire poverty and basic conditions she had reached 6 years old. We supported PAP to get her to a specialist hospital in Nairobi but her condition was too complex for them to treat her. For the next two years PAP tried to get her the specialist surgery she would need to survive. Thanks to another amazing charity *Chain of Hope* Prisca was given a place at their state of the art Heart Centre in Aswan Egypt. With just 4 days notice, visas, an interpreter, clothes and a medical escort (from Lincoln) were organised. Prisca and her Dad travelled to Egypt where Professor Sir Maigi Yacoub and his team carried out the open heart surgery Prisca needed. She did well and after 7 weeks returned home to Kenya two weeks ago to be reunited with her family. The Rotary Club of Lincoln Colonia is proud to have supported Prisca and her amazing story.



On behalf of the Rotary Club of Lincoln Colonia I would like to wish you a peaceful & joyous Christmas
and a happy & healthy year ahead

Unless otherwise stated, we meet at the Lincoln Hotel, Eastgate at 6.45pm each Tuesday, where we enjoy an excellent two- course meal at a cost of £15.50.

We would be delighted if you'd like to join us, but we do ask that you let us know a couple of days in advance please, so that a meal is available.

If you would like to add friends or colleagues to our mailing list please give us brief details.

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