

## NINE WORDS WOMEN USE

Fine: This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

Five Minutes: If she is getting dressed, this means half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

Nothing: This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.

Go Ahead: This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!

Loud Sigh: This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to #3 for the meaning of nothing.)

That's Okay: This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to

think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

Thanks: A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says 'Thanks a lot' - that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say 'you're welcome'. That will bring on a 'whatever').

Whatever: Is a woman's way of saying \*\*\*\*\* YOU!

Don't worry about it, I got it: Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the response refer to #3.

## **And Finally.....**

I wanted to mention the hugely successful Club Lotto Draw one more time. Apart from now forming part of Sarah's dad's pension plan it is also raising a significant amount for Club funds and I'd like to encourage you to involve family and friends if possible so that even more can be raised and used to the benefit of our many good causes.

## Programme for March & April 2009

3rd March	Fellowship	
10th March	Meeting moved	11th District Quiz semi-final
17th March	Business Meeting	12th TOL Presentation
24th March	Fellowship	19th Darts Quarter Final
31st March	Speaker - Kevin Wynne	Trek Patagonia
7th April	Business - Finalise Triathlon	
14th April	No Meeting	Easter
21st April	AGM	Audited Accounts
28th April	Charity Film Night	Slumdog Millionaire



**SERVICE Above Self**

Apologies for non-attendance at Club meetings should be made to Alison Braid (Secretary) no later than 11am on the previous Monday .



## President's Message...

Apologies these bulletins seem to get later each month, excuses this month include a short break in Rome and my old computer giving up the ghost. I'm typing this on a shiny new Sony Vaio that has taken me 2 weekends to set up properly with all necessary software installed.

During the month the Thomas Telford School won both the area round and District Final of Youth Speaks and I had the pleasure of hearing them at the Blessed Robert Johnson College in Wellington. They go forward to the Regional Final in Cardiff at the end of March so good luck to all of them.

Many of us travelled to Oswestry for an out of district evening of fellowship including a friendly 10 pin bowls match and a full report is included inside.

Although the Tree of Light Presentation evening planned for the start of February had to be postponed due to the inclement weather I did have the pleasure of attending the AGM of the Rotary Clubs of Telford and District Trust Fund and learned donations this year had set a new record. We are now on point to host next year's Tree of Light Presentation evening so one for my successor Gill to worry about.

The last meeting of the month was a speaker evening and Dr. Emad Tukmachi spoke to us about his acupuncture practice generating a number of questions on the night as well as acquiring some new patients there and then!

Finally we were able to send District a cheque for £1,000 for their 'Pump Aid' Challenge following our fundraising efforts through the Burns Night and Club sponsored weight loss.

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## Meetings...

Our first meeting of the month was held on the 10th as we had expected to be at the Tree of Light presentation evening the week before.

This was our first meeting since the highly successful Burns Night during January and Club Treasurer, Sonia Roberts was able to advise that approximately £700 had been raised on the night. Club Communications Officer, Barbara King was also pleased to report that a small article had appeared in the Shropshire Star reporting the success of the event.

The meeting on the 17th saw us gather in fellowship and much of the discussion concerned the trip the next night out of District to Oswestry for our 'friendly' ten pin bowls competition. That apart progress on our participation in a Host Hospitality Event was discussed and it was agreed that we should approach Ironbridge RC about combining forces with them in taking a group to the Ironbridge Gorge Museum on 22nd June.

## Oswestry Fellowship

February 18th and many of us set off for the trip to the New Saints Football Club at Park Hall near Oswestry for a social ten pin match against the local Rotary Club. This came about after the two clubs were seated together at the Shropshire Night organised by Wellington RC in October last year.



Club members were joined by Sonia's sister and a member of Oswestry to make the number of competitors on each side even, but that proved to be all that was, as we ran out comfortable winners losing only one match all night!



After the games were completed we all got together for an enjoyable meal where Rotary tales were shared and we learned that Oswestry rarely took part in District competitions as this could often result in trips to places such as Wrexham and Holyhead when of course clubs in Telford and Shrewsbury are actually within much easier travelling distance.



It was agreed that a return match should be held this time in Telford and Crown Green rather than Ten Pin bowls would be the order of the day. Sports Officer, Dave Edwards promised to arrange this as a summer event and he and President Cameron thanked our hosts for a wonderful night's entertainment before we all set off for home.

The whole event was a great example of good fellowship between clubs as Rotary should be.

## YOUTH SPEAKS

Two rounds of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition were held during the month and Thomas Telford School sponsored by Telford Centre RC emerged victorious on both occasions.

The Telford area round of the popular public speaking competition took place on 11th February at the Blessed Robert Johnson College in Wellington with six teams taking part and our own Irfana Jones acting as one of the three judges.

Those competing were:

**Adams Grammar,  
Newport Girls' High School,  
New College,  
Oscar Romero,  
Thomas Telford School,  
William Brookes,**

Telford area winners **Thomas Telford School** on the subject "Don't Blame Barbie" comprising of  
Chairperson Poppy BENNETT  
Speaker Helen BARNETT  
Proposer of Vote of Thanks Tom CORAM  
with Tutor John BIRKETT

and Runners-up **Newport Girls' High School** speaking on the subject "Is Materialism Society's Downfall?" comprising of  
Chairperson Amy BUTTERFIELD  
Speaker Hollie HIGGINS  
Proposer of Vote of Thanks Lucy CURRAN  
with Tutor Jo STANWAY

These two teams went forward to represent Telford at the District Final on 24th February at The Festival Drayton Centre, Market Drayton and the **Thomas Telford School** were again worthy winners and now go forward to represent the District at the Regional Finals in Cardiff on Sunday 29th March.



Youth Speaks winners Thomas Telford School, John Birkett and judge Jean Escott

## Speaker Night

On 24th February Club members were joined by a number of specially invited guests to hear from Dr. Emad Tukmachi, MBChB, DTM, PhD, MBAcC, acupuncture specialist and member of the British Acupuncture Council.



Dr. Tukmachi had his training in China and London and has been practicing acupuncture for more than 20 years. He is interested in Western Acupuncture as well as Traditional Chinese Acupuncture, using both in treating a wide variety of illnesses and in his teaching and research.

Dr. Tukmachi explained the theory and practice of Acupuncture from its roots in Chinese medicine to its applications in the western world and modern developments including electrical and needle-free laser acupuncture which is suitable for young children and those who are extremely needle-phobic.