

**NOTES of the GENERAL MEETING of the 12th ASSEMBLY
held at Kolbäcks Gästgivaregård on 14th September 2003**

1. The President for the year, Håkan Evengård, welcomed all those present and particularly District Governor 2340 Svante Gyrulf as well as the Rotarians from Thame Witchert RC and Zandvoort RC on the occasion of the first attendance of their Clubs. The President asked Rtn Jan Barklund to be Chairman during the General Meeting.
2. In a short speech, Rtn Ernest Hourston of Lauderdale shared some of his memories of Rtn Alistair Kerr of Lauderdale who attended many Eurotary Assemblies and who died on 4th June 2003 but whose widow Olive attended the 12th Assembly. The Meeting then observed a short silence in honour of Rtn Alistair.
3. District Governor Svante Gyrulf greeted the General Meeting and directed our thoughts to the coming World Conference of Rotary International at Malmö/Copenhagen in 2006, an event that no Rotarian should miss.
4. Banners and greetings were exchanged between Clubs.
5. Notes of the General Meeting of the 11th Assembly held at Barnsdale Hall Hotel & Country Club were agreed.
6. No proposals for the changing of the Eurotary 87 Statutes had been received.
7. The Wreake Valley RC, seconded by Lauderdale RC, proposed the attendance of widows and widowers of Rotarians at Assemblies of Eurotary 87. After an explanation by Peter Dalton the Meeting decided that:

The widow(s) and widower(s) of Rotarians who were regular attenders at the annual Assembly of Eurotary 87 be invited to attend the social programme of the annual Assembly of Eurotary 87.
8. The Chairman informed the Meeting that all eligible Eurotary 87 Clubs – over 100 – had been informed about Eurotary 87 and had been invited to ask for formal invitations. As a result of this, and encouragement by Etwall & Hilton RC, two new Clubs had sent representatives to this Assembly.
9. Peter Dalton gave a progress report concerning the *Hope and Homes for Children* project. It has been agreed to support *H and H 'Project Onesti'* in fitting out and furnishing 2 – 4 houses in the Bacau Region of Romania with the Bacau RC acting as the Romanian Sponsor Club (which is a prerequisite for a Matching Grant). Pledges amounting to almost £5000 have been received and we shall shortly be in a position to make an application for a Matching Grant. More pledges of support from Clubs are still needed to complete the project. Peter will now write to individual Clubs giving details. His report was accepted with appreciation.

10. Rtn Gabriel Minder of Ferney-Voltaire RC, France, made a presentation of a possible future Common Action project, i.e. to prevent poor people in India becoming blind. A Task Force for Health Concern has been set up within Rotary in order to promote eye operations for people in need of them in Andhra Pradesh and other areas. Gabriel has been in contact with Belleville les 2 Fleuves RC and Biel-Büttenberg RC to gain support for the idea of making this an Eurotary 87 project. The Meeting decided to ask Burntwood & District RC to consider this idea during their preparations for the 2004 Assembly and General Meeting.
11. Ulf Rilbe, Kolbäck RC, informed the Meeting of what had been done about the idea that Eurotary 87 establish formal links with the United Nations Fellowship of Rotarians. During the discussion it was suggested that Eurotary 87 might already constitute an "Inter Country Committee" or a "Friendship" if formal recognition was needed at all. The Meeting agreed that further work is required to identify possible alternatives within the Rotary International framework and that the item should be placed on the Agenda of the 2004 General Meeting for a decision.
12. John Freeman and Peter Drury of Burntwood & District RC gave a presentation on the plans for The 13th Assembly to be held in Sutton Coldfield. The dates of 17th – 19th September 2004 were agreed. A website is to be set up and will include all details together with a CLUB Registration Form. They extended a welcome to all.
13. The venue for the 2005 Assembly was discussed. It was noted that no Club had offered to host the Assembly. Kolbäck RC is the first Club to host a second Assembly and, if Eurotary 87 is to continue to thrive, other Clubs would need to do the same. It was recognised that the Rotary Centennial Celebrations in 2005 will add to organisational burden of many Clubs. The Meeting agreed to ask Rtn Einar Thrap-Olsen to explore the possibility of the Gordes RC hosting the 2005 and to advise other Clubs. Burntwood & District RC would include the detail in the 2004 Agenda.

Looking further ahead the Thame Wichert RC representatives made a provisional offer to host the 2006 Assembly subject to the approval of their Club. This was accepted with enthusiasm.
14. Peter Dalton of The Wreake Valley RC, on behalf of those attending the 12th Assembly, expressed thanks to President Håkan and Kolbäck RC for an excellent Assembly and the fellowship that it had generated.
15. President Håkan handed over the Presidency of Eurotary 87 to Chris Starkey, the incoming President of Burntwood & District RC.
16. The Chairman closed the Meeting.

Asta Matikainen Lecklin
Secretary

Jan Barklund
Chairman