



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

14th Assembly: 23-25 September 2005

Assembly President: Rtn Jean VISTE

The President for the year of EUROTARY87, *Jean VISTE* welcomed all those presents from the Rotary clubs of KORSÖR, ALBRIGHTON & DISTRICT, BURNTWOOD & DISTRICT, ETWALL & HILTON, NORTH FYLDE, THAME WITCHERT, THE WREAKE VALLEY, FERNEY VOLTAIRE, GOLFE de FOS, GORDES, VAISON la ROMAINE, VITROLLES, LANGENHAGEN WEDEMARK, KINSHASA-KINGABWA, LAUDERDALE, GÖTEBORG-SÄVE, KOLBÄCK.

Patrick NOUAILLE DEGORCE Governor of District 1760 and *Christian GUERRERO* President of GOLFE de FOS Club added their words of welcome.

Item 1 : Minutes of the last AGM.

Clive CAIN from BURNTWOOD & DISTRICT Rotary Club presented the notes from the 2004 Assembly, copies of which were made available to all present. The notes were adopted without dissent.

Item 2 "Hope and Homes for Children, minibus project".

Peter DALTON, of THE WREAKE VALLEY Rotary Club.

Submission for a matching grant to support this project was, as reported last year, submitted through the District Foundation Committee and DDF funds were allocated. Application for the Matching Grant was submitted to Rotary Foundation and was accepted.

Before final approval was given Rotary Foundation found out that a Matching Grant application approved by Rotary Foundation for a project originated by the RC Smokey Hill, Aurora, Colorado and involving RC Oradea, Romania had not been finalised by the submission of a Completion Certificate. As a consequence Rotary Foundation declined to approve the application until that had been received. I was invited to re-submit a renewal application once the Final Certificate had been received.

After some considerable research I was able to find the Rotarian with responsibility for the Smokey Hill project and contacted him. The Completion Certificate was submitted at the end of June and accepted by Rotary Foundation on 7th July and the

Renewal Application was then approved by the District Grants Committee and re-submitted on 8th August.

I am advised that the application will be considered by Rotary Foundation at the end of this month [although I reliably informed by our District Foundation Grants Committee Chairman that all our District submissions have been accepted by Rotary Foundation].

Once I have received the Grant approval I will write to the representatives of all participating Eurotary 87 Clubs who have contributed to the project. Sadly, there is one Club that has failed to honour its pledge and this may result in a slight difficulty but, I live in hope that the Treasurer of that Club will be persuaded to act on the authority of his President to make the payment. If not I will make some other arrangements to meet the deficit.

Item 3 : "International Humanitarian Action" to restore the sight of poor people.

Gabriel MINDER, of RC FERNEY-VOLTAIRE, France (D. 1710) reported first on the Clubs' 2004/05 contributions : 635 Euros (mainly Southern France) + £300 (The Wreake Valley Club), which went into a large Matching Grant 57061 for a humanitarian Action in Bangalore (South India) to restore the sight of poor people. Over 6'500 eye surgeries have been planned costing 144'000 \$.

Item 5 : 2006 EUROTARY 87 Assembly.

Steen FRIIS OLSEN of the RC of KORSOR

Next year we hope to see all of you in Denmark ! You have now one more good reason !

Rotary International Convention 2006 is in Malmö, Sweden and Copenhagen from June the 11.th. to the 14 th. We suggested therefore that the Eurotary 87 assembly should be held in June, and the meeting in Burntwood approved the idea. Eurotary will therefore be held from 9th. to the 11.th June, so that you can join both Eurotary and the Convention, when you are in Denmark.

Last time Eurotary was held in Korsør was in 96, and we have arranged a program, that is different, but we still want to see you in our homes for dinner on Friday night. We have English, German and French speaking people in our club, so I am sure, we all will have a wonderful night, where you can meet old friends and meet new ones !

Saturday will start with a welcome at the Town Hall, and we will go by coach to Odense on the island of Funen to see the Funen Village. It is an open-air museum, that presents a Funen Village milieu, as it appeared in the same time of Hans Christian Andersen, our famous writer.

We will cross the Great Belt bridge, which was finished in 1998, and it is the second largest suspension bridge in the world.

In the evening we will have a grand Gala Dinner & Dance at the Great Magazine in Korsør. It is an old military building from 1610, which is modernised gently.

On Sunday we will have our annual general meeting and the partners visit. It is not finally planned, but if our plans are succeeded, I will promise you, it will be something different !

Our hotel is the Grand Park the same as last time, and it is neighbour to Korsør golf course with 18 holes. We have of course made plans for playing golf on Friday morning.

On Sunday afternoon is the opening of Rotary International Convention 2006 in Copenhagen. Korsør Nor will arrange transport from Korsør to Copenhagen every day during Convention and we also have a great offer on the stay at the Grand Park Hotel in the period.

There will be a lots of events. For example there will be a Nobel Dinner in Malmö with the real Nobel menu using the original Nobel tabelware setting. It will be arranged almost exactly in the same way as the original Nobel Banquet in Stockholm. You also have the opportunity to meet Rotarians from the whole world. We expect at least 20.000 guests.

You can see beautiful Malmö in Sweden and our wonderful Copenhagen too ! We have also built a bridge to Sweden, and there is only 25 kilometers between the two cities.

I have got some papers and pamphlets . You are welcome to take them back home with you.

We hope to see lots of you next year in Korsør ! I will promise you, that we will do our best to give you an unforgettable experience. !!

Item 6 : Hosting the 2007 EUROTARY87 Assembly.

It was agreed that the RC of Thame Witchert would host the 2007 meeting of EUROTARY87

Item 7 : Transferring the Presidency of EUROTARY87 to the 2006 host club.

President *Jean VISTE* of RC GOLFE de FOS formally handed over the EUROTARY87 Presidency to the President of KORSOR, the 2006 Assembly host club.

The 2006 Assembly President then closed the 2005 Assembly.