

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SLOUGH

SPEAKER NOTES - 2015

The Slough Rotary club, with around 40 members, is a part of Rotary International, the largest Service Organisation in the world with 1.2 million members in over 160 countries. We welcome members of both sexes, and all faiths who work or have worked in responsible positions in their chosen field. The Rotary motto is "Service above Self", and this year's theme is "Peace through Service."

Details of our members and information on our activities can be obtained from any member, or our Website www.sloughrotary.org.uk. The Slough club's aim is "*Getting more out of Life, working together for others*".

Venue - Directions

We meet at the Copthorn Hotel, Slough, on Thursdays at 6.15 for 6.45, and usually have a meal before listening to a Speaker or conducting our business. Occasionally we meet at The Long Barn, Cippenham Lane in Cippenham. Full directions are on the club website.

Club Meeting

We have a 2-course meal (main and dessert) with coffee. If you have any dietary needs, please contact the Speaker Secretary (Marlene Lewis tel: 07968 050015) before the meeting.

The meal starts with a Grace at 6.45pm. Under the President's direction, Guests are welcomed, announcements made, and a toast given to those with birthdays that week.

After the Loyal Toast, the speaker is introduced. After the talk a vote of thanks is then given. Following the "joke of the week", the President closes the meeting with the final toast, "Rotary The World Over", coupling this with the name of the Rotary Club of any visitors present. The meeting should close between 8.30 and 9.00 pm.

Speaker Guidance

Speakers have approximately 30 minutes for their presentation to include questions and comments from members.

We can arrange for digital projector, screen facilities if you need. Please let the Speaker Secretary know what you require.

The club atmosphere is friendly and welcoming, particularly for guest speakers. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive club. The only guidance we give on content is that we are a non-political, non-religious organisation and we do not expect speakers to express a party political or Faith view.

Whilst the above outline of a club meeting may appear a little formal, this is not

the case and we are a relatively informal and good humoured club.

The dress code suggested is smart casual, and depending on weather and members commitments prior to the meeting, they may be with or without jacket and/or tie.

Fees

Standard club practice is not to give fees or charitable donations except agreed travel expenses against submitted receipts. Any related request for support for a speaker's charity is referred to the relevant club committee for consideration in the next financial year.

Further Guidance

Above all, we want speakers to enjoy their visit to Slough Rotary. If you have any questions before you come, please contact the

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