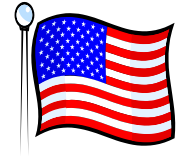




## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ROOSEVELT TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER November 2011

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### **Hello from your Secretary Ellen Burns**

As I move into my second year as Secretary, I have naturally tried to make small changes to the way we operate, I hope to the better of the scholarship. Hence, all dates for next year have been agreed and are on the web site - trying to organise four scholars' diaries and others, all to meet on the same day, has given many a headache. Also, for the use of our Trustees, all standard documents are available, under a secure password, on the web.

This year we accepted the cost and the involvement of a sponsorship of a scholar, by the QMC League of Friends. This resulted in Marie Hutchings, a Ward Sister at QMC, being chosen. She is on her Travels in America now. I hope you enjoy reading a snippet from her travel blog in this newsletter. Her full report will be available on her return.

You are now able to contact us via Facebook, so please let us know what you are doing, maybe some pictures?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any news.

### **Welcome to a New Trustee**

We mentioned in last November's newsletter that we had vacancies for new Trustees, due to two Trustees completing their Tenure. I am very pleased to introduce you to a new Trustee, Mr John Town.

**John Town says** – "My interest in the scholarship arises from having travelled widely in the USA, having gained personally and professionally throughout my life by comparing US and UK approaches to a wide variety of problems and an abiding respect for the achievements of FDR in facing huge challenges both at home and abroad. This was much strengthened by observing the experiences of my daughter Katy who was a Scholar in 2010. Until recently I was a university administrator by profession and was Registrar at Loughborough University and before that at the Queen's University of Belfast."

John hopes to help the scholarship in recruitment/selection and mentoring.

### **Management Group** (submitted by Gordon Waine)

Following discussions last year on the fund-raising and operation of Roosevelt, it was agreed to form and develop a Management Group of Trustees, to help with the detail of what we need to do and generally spread the load of running the Scholarship, and give extra help to the Secretary, and allotting roles and responsibilities to others. The group has already met twice and agreed individual roles and responsibilities.

The Management Group is made up of the following Trustees, each agreeing to take personal responsibility (to the full Board and Chairman of Trustees) for specific functions.

Gordon Waine, Chairman  
Ellen Burns, Secretary  
John France, Treasurer  
Louise Darby (2008), Event Officer.  
John Brewington (2003), Publicity and Website Controller.  
Russ Blenkinsop (1983), Mentoring for Scholars.  
David Sadler, Recruitment and Selection.

This group has given an added focus to the Scholarship, and was endorsed and encouraged to continue at the last trustees meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Recruitment of 2012 Scholars**

The new flyer is now available for distribution to the County Libraries, local businesses, Sports venues, etc. If you know of a location that would benefit from the leaflet please let me know.

Please spread the word to friends and family, and work colleagues who may have an interest in the Scholarship opportunity. You may apply as soon as you like.

You can also receive the flyer electronically if you require. To apply for the scholarship, go to the web site, download and complete the application form either on line or by post.

[www.rooseveltscholarship.org](http://www.rooseveltscholarship.org)

Any problems please contact the Secretary.

**The closing date for applications is Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012.  
First Interviews will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and  
Final Interview date is on the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012**

## Scholar Matters – update and progress of 2011 Scholars

### Marie Hutchings

*Ward Sister QMC*

Marie Hutchings is a Nurse at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and is spending 3 months studying and travelling in America.

*Taken from Marie's 'My Week Diary'*

#### Monday

I have only been in America for 2 days, and I am in awe of the sheer size, energy and pace of New York. I am feeling quite overwhelmed and intimidated at being here alone, but at the same time I realise how amazing an experience this is. I visited Ground Zero today because the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the twin towers has just passed and I wanted to experience the impact this had on the people of America. The memorial was beautiful, peaceful and emotive, especially the flower tributes left for those killed in the atrocities. The mood in the memorial garden was different to anywhere else in New York, in fact the tranquillity with just the sound of flowing water was the polar opposite to the car horns, loud voices, ringing cell phones I was accustomed to hearing in downtown New York.



*Ground Zero*

#### *Con't-Tuesday*

I visited a Hospital in the Bronx today, an area I was quite apprehensive to visit, expecting it to be unsafe and unfriendly. What I experienced was something quite different. The contact I was meeting was a retired Dean of a college in New York, he had some involvement in health education, so when we were chatting about his life experiences I was fascinated. The main purpose of my visit was to get an insight and orientation into American Hospitals, and to learn about the innovative nursing practices occurring in this community. At my first meeting I was shown some innovative tele-health systems being trialled in the Bronx. I saw nurses sitting in office booths surrounded by computer screens wearing telephone headsets so as they could telephone their patients. They were looking at data being entered by patients in their own homes. For example a patient suffering with heart failure had to weigh daily at home on a set of scales connected to the phone line, which then transferred to a nurse's screen. If the registered nurse detected an increase within set limits a call would be made, and a medical intervention offered. I understood from the tour that this was a type of money saving initiative commended by health insurers, as this level of monitoring was a preventative measure against a hospital admission. I reflected on what I had seen, especially relating to how something like this could be used in Nottinghamshire. I personally feel there would be problems with patient compliance with such a huge responsibility bestowed on the patient, and an enormous financial investment

would be needed to provide patients with the technology in the first place. I also wondered if a chronically ill patient would really want to be reminded of it in such an intrusive manner? Surely monitoring of that intensity would have an impact on quality of life, or would it be seen as caring?

### Deborah Stevenson

*Nottingham Playhouse.*

Deborah is the next Scholar to commence her travels. Deborah is exploring Poetry whilst in America through participating in library readings at a variety of Poetry Festivals and has arranged to visit various school workshops. She starts on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and is expecting to be away for 6/7 weeks. We look forward to hearing from Deborah as she travels.

### Fiona Dick

*Nottingham Trent University.*

Fiona follows in Deborah's footsteps in January 2012; she is visiting various University Campus's to investigate the USA university sporting system which is quite complicated with a tiered system of delivery. She will visit the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which has over 1200 member institutions taking part. This association was founded by Theodore Roosevelt.

### Sheridan Chilvers

*Nottingham County Council*

Sheridan will be investigating the development of Social Enterprises ('SEs') in different states of the USA. His plans are in the early stages and a full report will be available on the web site and in the next news letter.

## Meeting of Sponsor Dignitaries

It is obligatory for all Scholars to meet and greet our main sponsors. The Lord Mayor of Nottingham Cllr Michael Wildergust and his Lady Mrs Carole Wildergust along with the Chairman of the County Council Cllr Keith Walker. This year we were accompanied by Ms June Wilson a Scholar in 1955, who now lives in Canada and was visiting Nottingham for a reunion in West Bridgford, She had fond memories of being interviewed in the Council Chambers 56 years ago. She was also very informative of her travels to the new scholars; travel was a lot different then!!! We try to keep in touch with all passed Scholars in some format, either by post or email, which, after 63 years of scholarships, it is quite a list.



Meeting of Civic Dignitaries 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

## Report from the Treasurer

The Celebration Event which was held on the 10th June, this year, raised a small profit of £158. The event was again held at Castle Gate, with the continued support of the Trease family, for which we are very grateful. Many thanks to The Trease Family and Ellen Burns for organising this event.

## The US Embassy Briefing

This years successful Scholars were again invited to visit the US Embassy in London. To use the media centre facilities at the embassy, and get inside information on travel in various States in the US, to assist in their scholarship plans. It was a great success and very useful to the Scholars. It is with heartfelt thanks to Karen Huntress from all

## Sad Sad News

It is with sadness that I must inform you that Barry Hayes, a scholar in 1959, has passed away. Barry died in City hospital on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 after a three month fight for life after an operation to remove a cancer. He was 80 years old and, although very fit until this year; he could not fight any longer. Barry put enormous effort into Roosevelt Club and supporting the scholarship on his return from the USA. Some of us probably have memories of his time as the landlord of the Robin Hood pub before he went to Spain for a few years. He returned to Basford and latterly he and his wife, Kath, have been living in a village near the Lincolnshire coast

Unfortunately, I was informed of another scholar who has sadly passed away. Ian Smellie, a scholar in 1958, who died peacefully on 29th July after a short illness. Beloved husband of Gill, much loved father of Joanna, Christopher, Angus and grandfather of Fraser, Alistair, Edward, Arthur, Esther, Joshua.

I have received notification of fond memories from several Trustees who knew Barry and Ian, and of the work and

dedication they made to the Scholarship over the years. Sincere condolences are sent to all of their families.

## Forthcoming Events

### Club Celebrations 2012

I am pleased to announce that the Celebration event is planned for **25<sup>th</sup> May 2012**, hosted again by the Trease family at Castle Gate. 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

## Website

Finally please visit our website which we continue to develop as a resource for Scholars both old and new.

[www.rooseveltscholarship.org/](http://www.rooseveltscholarship.org/)

From the website you can also join the [Scholarship Facebook](#) page.

Please join this community to help us contact and support future Scholars and to keep in touch with old friends.

If you have any old photos or other historic documents we can put on the website please send them to:

[john.brewington@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:john.brewington@environment-agency.gov.uk)

*If you have any information that you wish to share with others, this newsletter is the ideal opportunity to reach an audience. Please email or write with anything you feel will be of interest, for inclusion in the next issue.*

**The Trustees and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.**