

PRESS RELEASE

PEARL NEWMAN MEMORIAL FUND DINNER

HELD ON CALUTONES LTD 14th ANNIVERSARY AT LYMPNE CASTLE,
HYTHE, KENT

ON

14 MARCH 1994

Notes taken from speech

A dinner was held on 14 March 1994 to celebrate 14 years of successful trading of Peter Newman Shoes and also to celebrate the success of the Pearl Newman Memorial Fund in aid of Cancer Relief that was set up in January 1993 following the death of his wife.

100 guests attended who ranged from Roger Gale M.P. for Thanet North to Editors, Lawyers, Accountants, Doctors, Bankers, Representatives from Clarks, K Shoes, Lotus, Rohde, Punch, Shop Manager's and Staff from Peter Newman shops who all enjoyed an excellent meal.

Firstly speaking about the company he said that on 14 March 1980 the first Peter Newman shop opened in Margate, now 14 years on there are 10 Peter Newman outlets with 65 employees and in 1993 passed the 3 million pound turnover for the first time.

In 1994 there are plans for expansion and further growth. The success of the business is down to the people, among which 12 employees were given long service awards for service over 5 years. The part that Pearl Newman played in the success story was spoken about and Peter Newman paid a tribute to a very special lady, Pearl Newman who will always be a part of the company.

Mr H Jackson, Senior Manager, National Westminster Bank proposed a toast to the Staff and Mr D Heeley, Clarks Women's Brand Director proposed a toast to the Company on its success. Mr Newman then spoke about: the Pearl Newman Memorial Fund which came about following her death on 30 November 1992 from ovarian cancer. Peter Newman said it came about because of 4 points: —. 1) the shortage of Morphine Syringe Pumps 2) the wonderful care given by the Marie Curie Nurses 3) a cheque that was given by a neighbour, to be given to a charity 4) Graeme McKenzie (Son-in-law) suggested that a Memorial Fund be set up. A target of £10,000 was set in order that we could supply Syringe Pump Drivers and support the wonderful Marie Curie Nurses.

Money came pouring in from Suppliers, Friends and businesses we deal with, and our own shops raised £12,000 through raffles, sponsored events and collecting tins.

Support from the Press has been good and has brought in many donations and led to contact being made with the Haematology Research Centre at the Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, who specialise in cancer treatment. To date

the fund has managed to supply 14 syringe pumps, which to the best of our knowledge has now satisfied the need in this area. £5,000 has been given to the Marie Curie Nurses and £2,500 to Pembury Hospital to purchase a Nitrogen Storage tank for storing cancer cells.

The fund has grown and prospered so much that toward the end of last year we were able to start working with the Pilgrim's Hospice to help satisfy some of their needs with patients in need of financial assistance to improve the quality of their lives. So far 24 families have been helped.

AT THE MOMENT THE TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED STANDS AT £28,243.30 .

Soon we hope to become a registered charity. The President is Roger Gale M.P., a Board of Trustees have been set up, a charity shop will hopefully soon be opened. The target for this year has been set at £50,000 so we can continue to supply pumps when there is a need, continue to help the Marie Curie Nurses, continue to help the Hospice and Pembury Hospital and to start links with Margate and Canterbury Hospital's Chemotherapy Units to improve the quality of life for patients undergoing treatment.

Mrs J Boyd, Matron of the Pilgrim's Hospice proposed the toast to the fund and spoke about the help the fund has been to 24 local families touched by terminal cancer.

Peter Newman said the aim of the fund will always be to help relieve pain and improve the quality of life for patient and carer. He stressed that every penny given goes to the cause and of his delight at the letters he has received from families that have been helped by the fund.

He thanked all for their fantastic support and took great comfort from the fact that his personal loss has led to such benefits to others.

Please continue to support in 1994 for the need is great.