

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 1210

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Register now for Rotary's new drive to end polio.

The Purple4Polio Rotary Grand Tour 2018 is hitting the highways next May and needs cars of all shapes and sizes to take part. Registration is now live!

Everyone is welcome to join this amazing road trip across Great Britain and Ireland from 21st – 24th May 2018. You pick your team, car, route, where you stay and raise sponsorship. In return, Rotary around the country will provide check and rest areas in stunning locations. We'll even wave you across the finish line with a chequered flag at the end of tour party in Yorkshire on the 24th of May.

When you have fully registered, we will send you two large vinyl car stickers which show the world that you are part of this amazing journey. It also helps you spot other teams. You will also receive a sponsor form and a log-book.

You may even want to wear purple End Polio Now clothing which is available from the End Polio Now Guernsey Shop. You can download the Rotary Grand Tour Logo Set for t-shirt and merchandise printing.

This is not a competition. The only race involved is the one to eradicate polio quickly. Your help is crucial as funds raised are going to End Polio Now via The Rotary Foundation UK.

Registration is available via the RIBI Website.

D1210 Welcomes: To Rotary Membership.

Colin Tyler - Church Stretton

Lesley Busby-Waltham - Newport Lite

Esther Leonie Wright - Newport Lite

Lajina Leal - Newport Lite

Stephen Shaw - Newport Lite

Dr. Allen Roberts - Tettenhall

Colin Garner - Tettenhall

Peter Brittain - Willenhall

Ken Whitehead - Burntwood and District

Jed Eatough - Burntwood and District

Marlon Miller - Shrewsbury Darwin

Chris Hurst - Stone and District

Adedayo Ajayi - Bloxwich Phoenix

Shaun Fitzpatrick - Bloxwich Phoenix

Prof. Patrick Ball - Wednesfield

Hannah Morrissey - Wednesfield

Susan Lowe - Telford Centre

Fiona Smith - The Wrekin



**Please send your news for future editions
to
DG Carol Reilly as this Newsletter is ours.**

Conference 2018 **ACC Liverpool** **Registration Now Open.** **Information on District Website.**

Confirmed Speakers to Date

Geoff Miller (Derbyshire ad England Cricketer)

Tony Hawkes

Street Children

Conference Hotel

Drudry's Inn

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NEWSLETTER

District 1210

Rotary



A Message From District Governor Carol Reilly

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the February Newsletter, February is Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution month, let's celebrate 'Our Foundation' and what it can do and achieve this. I look forward to attending the International Peace Seminar's at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry on Rotary Day 24th February 2018 and meeting up with International President Ian.



Through this edition you will see a mix of news from Rotary International and Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland as well as examples of how Rotarians in D1210 are "Making that Difference", whilst having lots of FUN and FELLOWSHIP. I would like to acknowledge all the New Members and newly awarded Paula Harris Fellows this month.

Can I first and foremost Thank you for the warmth and welcome given to me throughout all my Club visits.

I also thoroughly enjoyed visiting our Rotaract Club at the University of Keele, hearing of inspiring ideas for future projects and partnerships. I now look forward to supporting you all in your future activities, especially the Youth Projects and Health Awareness Day Event planning.

It has been an honour to very recently have Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President Denis Spiller in our District. Denis was amazed at the variety of service projects we have undertaken. A huge thank you to those Clubs and all Hosts for making his experience one he will remember for life. The projects he visited are featured in this newsletter. Denis also joined us for the 25th Charter of the RC Wolverhampton St. Georges and our January District Council meeting.

Membership continues to increase through awareness and Rotarians personally asking people to join our fantastic organisation. As we heard from Denis as he talked about Rotary 2, we need to build on people's engagement in projects to get membership dividends. Rotary has something for everyone. January welcomed 11 new

members into our District. Good Luck and Enjoy your Rotary.

It is a privilege to be now meeting up with our Young People as we move forward into our Youth Competitions. I congratulate SAScal on their work with young people on the Youth Speaks Competition. The Wolverhampton area Young Musician saw exceptionally talented people entertain us. All are winners in my eyes. The food prepared by competitors at the District Young Chef Final was exquisite. How the judges managed to find out right winners I will never know. Thank you to all Clubs for your continued support for these projects and the other areas of youth service.

I enjoyed taking part in the judging of our inaugural Peace Poster Competition on the 12th February and look forward to presenting the winning poster to International President Ian at the Peace Seminar in Coventry.

Whatever motivation each of us had into joining Rotary, it is the satisfaction we find that causes us to remain, the satisfaction of knowing that week by week, year by year, **"we are part of Rotary: Making a Difference"**.

Carol.

Feb/ March 2018 with DG Carol	
RI President Peace Conf	23 /24
RC Albrighton	26
Telford Tree of Light Pres	27
RC Burntwood	28
RC Stafford Knot	01
RC Bridgnorth 75th Charter	03
Disability Sports Fun Day	04
Youth Speaks Inter. Final	05
RC Telford Centre	06
Youth Speaks Senior Final	07
MER Meeting	08
PEBS Briefing	10
RC Leek Swimathon	10
Young Musician Final	11
RC Stoke on Trent	12
HAD Meeting	13
RC Wolv (Apprentices Awd)	13
HAD Meeting	14
RC Cannock (& Clubs)	14
RC Wednesfield/Tettenhall	15
Blue Skies Graduation	16
RC W St Georges Bikeathon	16
RC Church Stretton Concert	16
Regional Young Chef Final	17

Video Launches Rotary 2.

Rotary 2 officially launched in January it consists of 9 video links that clubs are urged to promote to boost both current membership and the potential of new and innovative satellite and new clubs.

Rotary in this country has been losing members due to many reasons and has been successful in attracting new members, however the losses are outweighing the gains and time is now here to reverse that effect.

RIBI President on his recent visit to D1210 Council gave us the challenge so please visit the District Website and the newly launched District Membership Facebook site to both promote and distribute the new material available to us all.

Membership growth is in all our hands and not just the specific few.

Young Musician Finalists Reach BBC Finals

Two of our previous entrants to District 1210 Young Musician Finals have recently progressed to the finals of The BBC Young Musician of The Year Finals to be held in March .

Lauren Zhang, pianist, sponsored by the RC Dudley was a Regional Finalist in 2015, studied piano at Licentiate of Trinity College London and has been successful in numerous competitions.

Tom Hall, regional finalist in 2017 and was sponsored by RC Ironbridge playing percussion and is currently studying and playing in a number of top brass and jazz bands in the north of the country and locally.

Tom also this year performed for our District Polio Concert in September where over £850 was raised.

In addition to our district entrants Robert Burton from the RC Huntingdon and Cambridge a National Finalist in 2016, has also won through to the finals.

We wish them all success and again shows that Rotary really does and can "Make a Difference" to all young people via our Youth Programs.

Change, A Worrying Word. Or Is It?

How Changing What They Did Increased Membership.

By Fely R De Leon, past president Rotary Club of Hundred Islands, Pangasinan, Philippines

When I became president of my club, I shared a dream with some of the officers that the club could have a hundred members. But how? We had only 31 as of 1 July, 2016.

I faced challenges on two fronts. I had to make every meeting lively and enjoyable. And I had to make ours the club of choice for those who were looking for a worthy organization to join.

On the first front, I had to restructure our meetings from the usual drab, formal discussions to a fellowship where a member could really feel "at home." Even new members could, in a relaxed manner, contribute to the free flow of ideas. Everyone was encouraged to present opinions on every issue. I gave responsibilities to every member, and even assigned project chairmanships to new ones. I tapped the expertise of the past presidents who gladly became advisers and confidantes.

Fellowship parties.

Soon, the members started to feel the camaraderie and enjoyment of being a Rotarian. The last meeting of the month became our fellowship parties, hosted by the birthday celebrators for that particular month. Themes were selected and food and drinks were abundant. These fellowship parties became much-anticipated affairs, boosting morale for everyone.

As a result, it became easy for us to embark on big projects. We even partnered with the local government and other organizations on a lot of projects. Even Lions International became an ally.

I made sure that this change of strategy and the renewed vigour that followed were communicated to the public and even among clubs and Rotarians in District 3790 by way of social media and the local paper, as well as banners and streamers announcing our projects. I also made sure that public image was given much emphasis.

Recruitment

Attacking the second front had now become easier with the favourable image we had created from the first. It became a natural task of each Rotarian to attract other members. More than twenty of our members brought in friends who also became motivated members.

We may not have achieved our goal of a hundred members. But we ended up with 80, making our club the biggest in our district.

Source RI Membership News.



District Youth Speaks Finals

Monday 5th March (Intermediate) 6.30pm

Wednesday 7th March (Senior) 6.30pm

St Edwards C/E Academy - Leek.

RIBI President Visit to D1210



A very special evening meeting.

The Rotary Club of Wolverhampton invites Rotarians, Friends, and Guests to a Special Vocational Study Exchange (VSE) Welcome Home Meeting. Please join us at 7 for 7.30 pm. at Linden House, Tettenhall Rd., Wolverhampton WV6 0DD, on Tuesday, March 13th 2018.

The VSE team will be telling us about their experiences in Bangalore. 2 of the team members are apprentices at the Michael Beetham Aircraft Restoration Centre, at the RAF Museum, Cosford.

They, and other apprentices there are supported by the Wolverhampton club. They will also be presenting an entertaining, illustrated talk about their careers, including a working trip to the BODO Aviation Museum, Norway. This will be followed with the presentation by District Governor Carol Reilly of the annual PDG George Sidebotham Award to the apprentice of the Year.

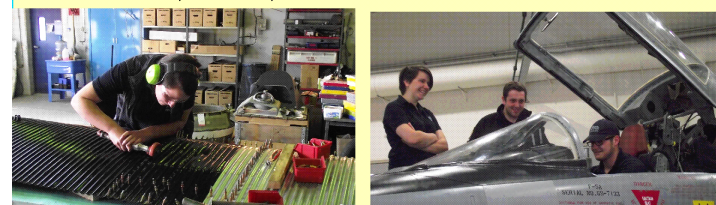
THERE WILL BE A THREE COURSE DINNER COMPRISING MUSHROOM SOUP, ROAST BEEF AND APPLE PIE AND CUSTARD, WITH TEA OR COFFEE, PRICED AT £16.50.

These events have always been enjoyable, giving a chance to meet and chat with interesting young people.

TO RESERVE A PLACE PLEASE SEND CHEQUES AT £16.50 PER PERSON, MADE PAYABLE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOLVERHAMPTON TO:

PDG RICHARD GREEN, 24, CASTLECROFT RD., FINCHFIELD, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV3 8BT.

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, WITH THE ATTACHED BOOKING FORM.



PLEASE RESERVE.....PLACES FOR THE VSE WELCOME HOME/COSFORD APPRENTICES EVENT AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH AT LINDEN HOUSE.

I REQUIRE.....VEGETARIAN OPTION DINNER (5)

NAME(S).....

.....(PLEASE PRINT.)

ROTARY CLUB OF.....

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A FUN INTERNATIONAL EVENING

ARRANGED BY
THE ROTARY CLUBS OF WALSALL AND WEDNESFIELD
All are invited



Saturday 21st April 2018

at Linden House, 211 Tettenhall Road,
Wolverhampton WV6 0DD
6.30pm for 7.00pm

Ticket £20.00 per person

If you wish to wear some form of international dress,
then please do so
COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN !!!!

