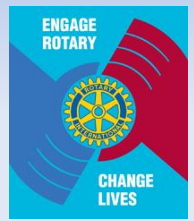


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Dear Rotarians

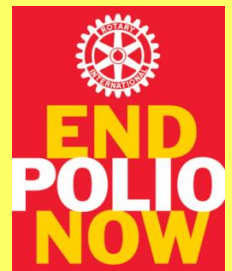
Recent weeks have seen a huge change in the fortunes of these islands. The water is now receding from the flooded areas and although it will be some years before we see a complete recovery for the communities affected things are improving. I am grateful to those clubs in the District who responded to my appeal to support the community organisations who saw their buildings damaged and equipment destroyed.

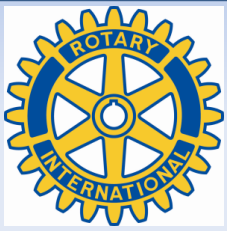
Rotary is, however, about more than raising and giving of money. I have spent the last few months visiting clubs, listening to members talk about and also seeing their project work in action. The young, elderly, disabled, homeless and the hungry, all are benefitting by the contributions we are making and we are making a difference. We're for Communities and it shows!

We cannot sell Rotary by talking about meeting once a week to eat a meal or standing outside a supermarket with a collecting tin. We can, however, use our project work to showcase our success and demonstrate the difference we are making.

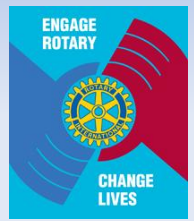
The last month has also seen the contributions that Rotary is making with Young Chef, Young Musician and Youth Speaks. We have held the District and Regional Finals of the competitions and will be represented in the National Final of Youth Speaks by Concord College. I am sure that all of us will want to wish them well. My thanks to all of the clubs that sponsored participants and to the District Organisers that ran the competitions.

In my last Newsletter I wrote of making Rotary more family friendly. It clearly struck a chord with many and I am grateful for the comments and support it produced. Clubs are embracing it in many different ways and are developing Associate membership, looking at forming Satellite clubs and the Innovative and Flexible club in Stoke has family and friends firmly at its heart. Life styles are changing and Rotary needs to reflect those changes.





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I am delighted to be able to announce that Nan McCreadie, the RIBI President will be visiting the District on 23rd and 24th June. The planning is in hand and I will circulate details as they are firmed up but on the Monday evening the Bilston and Wolverhampton West Club will be hosting a meeting at the Mount Hotel, Tettenhall and on the Tuesday lunch-time Newcastle will be hosting a similar event at the Grand National Hotel, Newcastle. An invitation will be extended to all members of the District. Please put the dates in your diary.

There appears to be some noise in the system again about 'restructuring.' The position has not changed since I last spoke about the subject. RIBI General Council will be discussing the matter again on 19 May with a view to producing a proposal for consideration by clubs over the three month period following. At the moment RIBI General Council is discussing a series of Districts based on regional geography but because of the meeting scheduled for 19 May I nor anyone else has any idea what the final proposal will look like. Continue to be patient - May is not that far away.

I close this Newsletter by reference to the passing away of Past District Governor, Keith Higgins, PHF of the Willenhall club. Keith served the Club and District in a variety of roles and he will be missed by many. I extend my condolences to Glen and her family.

Yours in Rotary

*Barry*



## Rotary Conferences

**RIBI Conference, ICC Birmingham, 11 - 13 April 2014**

<http://www.ribi.org/2014Conference>

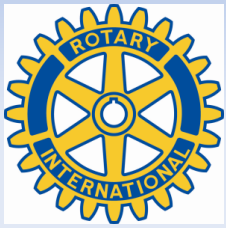
**RI Convention, Sydney, Australia, 1 - 4 June 2014**

<http://www.riconvention.org>

**District Conference, Conference Centre - Llandudno, 26 - 28 Sept 2014**

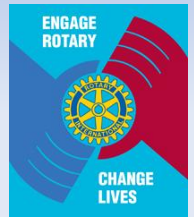
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## District Meetings and Events

11 – 13 April	RIBI Conference Birmingham
26 April	RIBI Young Chef Final, Dundee
27 April	Stafford – Walk in the Park
28 April	District Executive
3 May	RIBI Young Musician Final, Truro
10 May	District Assembly
10 May	RIBI Youth Speaks Final, Maidstone
15 May	Stafford Knot Charter Dinner
16 May	Stone Charter Dinner
20 May	Final – District Quiz
21 May	District Council

## Club and District News

Please send any information you would like published to me at [bpickenrotary@aol.com](mailto:bpickenrotary@aol.com) before 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in next month's newsletter.

