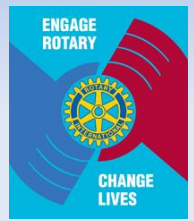


# Governor's Newsletter



District 1210 June 2014

Dear Rotarians

Those of you who attended the District Handover Dinner last year will recall that I spent part of my address examining the issue of Leadership in Rotary.

I said then that if we and our communities were to Engage Rotary, inevitably the District Team, the District Committee Chairmen, Club Presidents and the club leadership teams would need to provide the guidance and example that projects would require to ensure their success.

The Rotary theme for 2013-14 was to Engage Rotary - Change Lives and throughout the District, together, we have certainly done that.

The theme of Engaging Rotary: Changing Lives had three pillars

Membership

Polio Eradication

and Rotary Projects

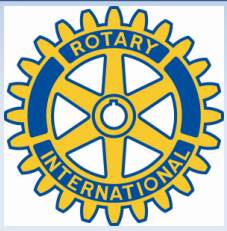
Membership remains a concern but we have seen progress. The emerging Innovative and Flexible Club at Stoke on Trent and the potential new club at Albrighton, Corporate membership, Associate members and Satellite clubs combined with efforts to increase membership in existing clubs, demonstrate that efforts are being made.

The support shown for End Polio Now has been a testimony to the commitment you have to seeing the campaign through to its end.

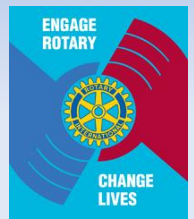
Your personal donations to me at District Assembly last year, and from individual club members when I was carrying out my club visits were some £3850 and with Gift Aid produced a total of £4620.

Oh yes - I have still got the button - if anyone wants to claim it!





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I know that clubs have also continued to make their own donations and the indications are that clubs in this District will have made a greater contribution to the End Polio Now campaign in this Rotary year than they have done for some considerable time.

I said at District Assembly in 2013 that I wanted to showcase Rotary Projects and put them at the centre of what we do. The presentations at District Council of project work have been timely and impressive. They have demonstrated the quality and the commitment to our communities.

Across all of our youth activity and competitions we have seen increased numbers taking part. There has been an increasing interest in Health Awareness Day, the Disabled Fun Day and in Kids Day Out. My thanks to everyone involved - we have had an extremely successful year.

To all of you, Rotarians and members of Inner Wheel, thank you for the warmth and generosity that you have shown to us and made us so welcome wherever we have been. I hope that my efforts have been adequate to the tasks you have asked me to perform.

My thanks to all the members of the District Team for their wise counsel and who have unfailingly supported me throughout the year.

Can I wish my successor, District Governor Elect, Lynne Marshall, every success for the coming twelve months. In Lynne the District has someone who is truly committed to Rotary. She has a concern for its values and a recognition of its traditions.

I look forward to her year and I commend her to you as she comes forward to 'Light up Rotary.'

Yours in Rotary

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