



DG 1210 NEWSLETTER



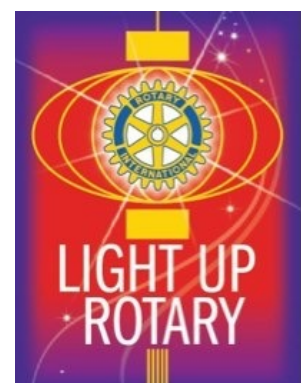
Season's Greetings!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is always nice to start with a big thank you and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those that attended my conference in Llandudno in September. I can now report that with the Gift Aid received from HMRC the total raised from the envelope donations given at conference was £1,133.94p. The monies have been distributed between The Railway Children and Gandys Foundation. We also received £210 from the Art Sale, which went to the End Polio Now Campaign.

Once again a big thank you to everyone for the great support.

This year's challenge
is to Light Up Rotary



December started off with the Big Breakfast held annually by the RC of Etruria and it was a superb event attended by local businesses and Rotarians from across the District. Delighted to say that I presented President Eric Whitmore with a Rotary Day Award for this event, which stands as a superb example of bringing Rotary awareness to the many local businesses in North Staffordshire. Well done Eric!

The next event was the Inner Wheel Christmas District Meeting held at Linden House - another fantastic event and our first Christmas Lunch. Good food, good fun and great fellowship! I would like to thank Chairman Margaret and all the Ladies from Inner Wheel for the warm welcome that was received by Ron and I. A really enjoyable afternoon. Thank you Ladies!



RC of Newport Christmas Concert



Up next was the RC of Newport Christmas Concert, which certainly put everyone in the festive mood. With talented young musicians and singers and all the audience joining in at the end with the twelve days of Christmas, a superb evening was had by all. Well done to the RC of Newport.

Tuning up for the Newport Concert

It was a pleasure to visit Trentham Gardens for the presentation of a £5,000 cheque donated to Rotary by Trentham Gardens in response to the 10 Rotary Clubs involvement in the Fireworks event held in the gardens 7th November 2014. The money was split evenly between Midland Air Ambulance and Peter Pan Nursery. Great to see Club's successfully collaborating! Well done to the RC of Audley, Blythe Bridge, Burslem, Cheadle, Eccleshall Mercia, Wolstanton, Stafford Knot, Stone, Newcastle and Stoke on Trent.



Trentham Fireworks Event: Members from the clubs and representatives of Trentham Gardens, with Jo Bailey from Midland Air Ambulance and Sophia Baker from Peter Pan Nursery.

Throughout December Ron and I were delighted to have been invited to share Christmas Festivities with the RC of Etruria, RC Walsall, RC of Whitchurch, RC of Burslem, RC of The Wrekin, RC of Newport, and RC of Dudley. A mix of Christmas meals and Christmas Concerts and we would like to thank one and all for your kind hospitality. Every visit was full of festive spirit and on a personal note - you have made this a very special Christmas for me in my year as DG.

The meeting at my own club, the RC of Burslem, turned out to be a very special event as Rtn. Christine Colaluca was awarded with a well deserved PHF for all her work in the Community. Also to my complete surprise I was humbled to receive a PHF Sapphire Pin. Needless to say tissues were needed.

Another well deserved PHF was awarded by the RC of Dudley to Rtn David Attwood, who if you remember from my August Newsletter was cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise money for the End Polio Now Campaign. Not only did David succeed in his quest, but he also personally raised £10,000 in sponsorship, when added to other monies raised elsewhere a very delighted PDG Dr. Fraser Dukes received a cheque totalling £15,000. Well done David and all those that supported him.



Cheque presentation. From right to left: Rtn. David Attwood, Charlotte Orr, President Pauline Gregory, PDG Dr. Fraser Dukes.

Finally, may I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! May we all continue to Light Up Rotary as we enter into the second half of this Rotary Year.

*Yours in Rotary,
Lynne*

Dates for your Diary

Rotary Conferences 2014/15

- ▶ RIBI Conference, Waterfront Conference Centre – Belfast, 10th - 12th April 2015
- ▶ Rotary International Convention – Sao Paulo, 6th - 9th June 2015
- ▶ District Conference - Venue Cymru, Llandudno, 25th - 27th September 2015

District Meetings & Events 2015

January

- ▶ International Committee Meeting - 12th
- ▶ Community Service Committee Meeting - 12th
- ▶ Foundation Committee Meeting - 13th
- ▶ Youth Service Committee Meeting - 13th
- ▶ Vocational Service Committee Meeting - 14th
- ▶ MDR Forum - 20th
- ▶ Rotary Club of Telford Centre - Burns Night - 23rd
- ▶ International Rally - Park House, Shifnal - 26th
- ▶ District Executive Meeting - 29th
- ▶ Shrewsbury Darwin Charter Night - 30th

February

- ▶ Young Musician - Telford - 4th
- ▶ Young Chef - Wolstanton High School - 5th
- ▶ Ellesmere 29th Charter Night - 7th
- ▶ Young Musician - Wolverhampton - 8th
- ▶ Young Chef - Telford - 9th
- ▶ Blythe Bridge President Night - 20th
- ▶ Young Chef District Final - Wolstanton High School - 25th

**“If you love life,
don’t waste time,
for time is what life
is made up of ”**

-BRUCE LEE

▶ District Council - 26th

March

▶ Stoke On Trent South Jazz Brunch - 1st

▶ Youth Speaks Junior - 9th

▶ Youth Speaks Senior - 10th

▶ Young Chef Regional Final - 14th

▶ Young Musicians District Final - Ercall Wood Tech. College Telford - 15th

NB: If clubs would like to advertise forthcoming functions as part of my newsletter, please contact me at marshall.lynne@gmail.com before the 25th of the month.