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Rotary Alumni 1210 Newsletter

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Rotary Alumni 1210 Share Afternoon Tea and Cakes to Celebrate Alumni Reconnect Week 2016



Welcome to the 4th newsletter of Alumni 1210: The Alumni Association of Rotary District 1210

On Sunday 9th October 2016 Alumni 1210 celebrated Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week. An Afternoon Tea Party with a Best Cake Competition took place. The reunion was an opportunity for Alumni to meet up with old friends and reconnect with their Rotary Family. It was an afternoon of great fun, fellowship and nostalgia. Alumni along with programme hosts, sponsors, friends, family and Rotarians attended. Everyone enjoyed afternoon tea and tucked into plenty of cake after the competition had been judged. The afternoon was spent chatting about Rotary experiences such as Group Study Exchange Visits, Ex-Rotaract Clubs, and Rotary Scholarships. Many Alumni reunions took place; one such being when Group Study Exchange Team members from Australia met up and reconnected with Rotary for the first time since 2004.

Rotary International Alumni Relations Communications Specialist, Laura Higgs joined us via an early morning Skype call from USA. She gave a brief chat about Reconnect Week and her own Alumna experience as a youth exchange student. Ten minutes later we were joined via a very late night Skype call from The Philippines and Group Study Exchange Alumna Francia Salapare, who explained about her visit to D1210 in 2007 and how it had benefitted her career as a teacher. The afternoon was a huge success.

Rotary Alumni Reconnect is planned again this year. No firm date has been set yet however, it is likely to be in the first 2 weeks of October. Keep your diary free! It will be great to see you all at our Alumni 1210 event.

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New Rotaract Club is chartered in District 1210

On Tuesday 29th November the new Keele University Rotaract Club received their Charter from DG John Sayer. President Elliot Lancaster said, 'We are actively supporting End Polio and planning to build upon our relationship with Rotary. There is so much more planned and we are looking forward to making a difference both locally and internationally.'

The 16 founding members of the Rotaract Club at Keele University have begun their Rotary journey by raising over £159 from the sale of purple crocus lapel pins as part of Rotary's Purple4polio campaign.

Rotary Assistant Governor Joe Cartwright of the Newcastle-Under-Lyme Rotary Club which has been instrumental in the setting up of the Keele University Rotaract Club said he was 'delighted' at the progress being made in such a short space of time.

Said Rotarian Joe Cartwright:

"It is thrilling to have a Rotaract Club formed on our doorstep and including such willing and talented young people who will do so much for the Rotary movement and its objectives in the coming years. I can't believe how fortunate we are in having a Rotaract Club with such talent on our doorstep and we shall do everything we can to support their endeavours in the future."

"They have made a most positive start as a Rotaract Club and I would actively encourage other Rotary Clubs throughout Staffordshire and



Shropshire to consider similar opportunities within their catchment areas".

Joe said the Rotaract Club initiative had come independently from two students, who at the time didn't know each other. Maxine Missick knew of Rotary through her home in the Caribbean and Elliot Lancaster, now the new club's first president, through his father who is a Rotarian in Leicester.

"They both had their reasons for wanting to become involved in Rotary and as a result forming a Rotaract Club which they are both extremely proud of thanks to the support of the Keele University Students Union and Newcastle-Under-Lyme Rotary Club's sponsorship," Joe added.

If you would like more information about Rotaract, contact rotaract@rotary.org

Message from DG John Sayer

Rotary is large international family – and our alumni are part of that family, and like all families, we need to keep in touch with one another, which is why I am delighted that our Alumni Association sends out a regular Newsletter. I do hope that you enjoy reading it, and perhaps finding out more about Rotary International.

The current Rotary year sees the centenary of Rotary's own charity – The Rotary Foundation – and so many of our Alumni have participated in programmes

which have been funded by it. In addition to our educational programmes we do much to improve the conditions of so many people who live in less well developed parts of the world than us, promoting Peace, providing clean water and sanitation, and fighting disease.

We are particularly proud of our successes in the elimination of Polio from the world – we are very nearly there, but do need to continue the fight for a few more years yet in case the disease reoccurs.

It is Rotary in Britain & Ireland's annual Conference in Manchester between 7th & 9th April. Entry to the Showcase is free so why not come along and find out more about the organisation. You can find out more about our Conference by following this link:

<http://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/conference>

I look forward to meeting many of you, either in Manchester or at some of our events around this District

Best wishes
District Governor John Sayer



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News from RIBI



As a Rotary Alumni, you're invited to join us at the Rotary Conference in Manchester in April 2017! You will have free access to the bustling Rotary Community Showcase featuring exhibitions and activities from Rotary projects, partner charities and other organisations. Set in the stunning Manchester Central Convention Complex, you are welcome to visit the Showcase exhibition on any of the three days of Conference from Friday 7th – Sunday 9th April. Just be sure you [let us know](#) you're coming.

Whilst you are welcome to visit the Showcase exhibition free of charge, if you wish to attend any other part of the conference and listen to many inspirational speakers and enjoy the entertainment, booking and payment will be required in advance

To read more RIBI alumni news, go to http://www.rotarygbi.org/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=view&email_id=252&user_id=0&wysijap=subscriptions

Alumni 1210 named as RI Alumni Association of the Year 2016 - 2017

Alumni Association of Rotary District 1210 has been selected by Rotary International Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Trustees to receive the 2016-17 Alumni Association of the Year Award.

John F. Germ, President of Rotary International 2016-17 and Kalyan Banerjee Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2016-17 said "Congratulations on winning the Alumni Association of the Year Award! It has been our privilege to select your group, and I look forward to meeting your association's representative in Atlanta. Thank you for exemplifying the outstanding work Rotary alumni associations do to support Service above Self."

Co-chair Bob Cliff will be representing Alumni 1210 when he collects the Award in June 2017 at the RI Convention in Atlanta, USA. Please let us know if any of you will be attending the convention too.

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR DISTRICT 1210

Huge congratulations to the **Alumni Association of District 1210**, who were the recent winners of the **2016/17 Alumni Association of the Year Award** handed out by the Rotary International Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Trustees.



The annual award was established in 2011 and recognises an alumni association that has displayed a heightened awareness of the significant role that alumni play in Rotary and has demonstrated the significant impact of Rotary programmes.

Previous winners have been from right across the globe including Japan, India and Argentina, so it is fantastic to see a district from Great Britain and Ireland getting worldwide recognition!

The association will receive their award at the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.



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Looking “Back, and to the Future” with Alumni 1210

Alumni 1210 have recently received records from the beginnings of The Association and other historical District 1210 Alumni related information. This archive is a fascinating read, and will be maintained in to the future by Alumni 1210 Officers.

Take a look at one of these documents.

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Centenary Alumni Garden Party
Sunday 22 May 2005
from 2.00pm to 4.30pm
At Chillington Hall, Brewood, Staffordshire



The event was the brain-child of District 1210 Rotary Foundation Chairman Hilary Ball, and her Scholarships sub-Committee Chairman Ken Rogers, to celebrate 100 years of the Rotary movement, and the life-changing effects of participating in the educational programmes of The Rotary Foundation. For Rotary Foundation Alumnus John Gifford, it was a means of thanking Rotary for such an experience in 1982-83. In that year, John Gifford was a young Police Inspector serving with the Staffordshire Police Force, and he was selected to become a team member of a Group Study Exchange Team to visit District 7770, South Carolina, USA. The team leader was Hilary's husband Jon Ball, later to become District Governor of District 1210. This experience had a profound effect on John Gifford as he learned much about himself and his chosen career during his six-week stay in the USA.

Around six years ago, John inherited Chillington Hall and country estate from his father Peter Gifford. The Gifford family came to England with the Normans in 1178, and Chillington has been in the family since those days. Chillington Hall is a Grade 1 listed building (the highest grade of building of architectural or historic interest in the British Isles). This prestigious country house built in the 18th century is notable for the East and North Ranges designed by Sir John Soane, with grounds designed by "Capability" Brown, arguably the most famous landscape gardener of stately homes England has ever produced. Now Chief Constable of Staffordshire, with his wife Crescent, who was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, John kindly offered his lovely home as the venue for a Centenary Alumni Garden Party on Sunday afternoon, 22 May 2005. It was part of Rotary District 1210 Centenary Celebrations, and this event turned out to be the most significant Alumni event in the British Isles this past centenary year. It was coupled with the Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) Social Afternoon, by the Governor-elect David Williams, and with a jazz band made up of local Rotarians, there was a great atmosphere.

Some 26 Foundation Alumni attended, some travelling from as far as London and Edinburgh, Scotland. It was a great time of fellowship and fun, and over tea and refreshments many happy re-unions were made, and ambassadorial scholars of up to 30 years ago were reunited with their sponsor counsellors, and GSE team members with their team leaders. In presenting his banner and a gift to John and Crescent Gifford, District Governor James Adeogun said "This celebration of 100 years of Rotary and the life-changing experience of The Rotary Foundation Programmes, has come about because of the generosity of our gracious hosts John and Crescent Gifford, and we thank them for so kindly opening up their magnificent home today".

On our leaving Chillington, Crescent Gifford said how much the afternoon had meant to John, as it was his way of simply saying 'thank you' to Rotary and how proud he was to be an alumnus of The Rotary Foundation.

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17 July 2005



Did you attend this event in 2005?
Or do you know any of the Alumni who attended?
Or do you have any information to share about the day?

Please get in contact with us now
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Alumni get in touch!

Alumni 1210 members Helen Perkins and Ann Syrett succeeded in getting in touch with each other and meeting up in the British Virgin Islands. Helen read about Ann in the Alumni 1210 newsletter and hoped to meet up with Ann when she visited the BVI on a work commitment. Helen attended a meeting at Ann's Club, Rotary Sunrise of Road Town with some of her UK government team. Ann said "My Club was delighted to welcome them. It was great to have them with us and I think they enjoyed the meeting which had our usual amount of laughter and good-natured joking."

The following day, Helen and her colleagues took time out from their busy work schedule to accept Ann and Tony's (Ann's husband) invitation to watch a spectacular sunset from their home overlooking Road Town Harbour and the Sir Francis Drake Channel.



left to right:
President Marvin Flax, Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town, Rotarian Tim Leeson, Rotary Club of Kirkham & Rural Fylde, Allen Penrith, Rotarians and 1210 Foundation alumna Ann Syrett, RCSRT, and Helen Perkins GSE alumna, Rotary Club of Wednesfield, and District 7020 Assistant Governor for the B.V.I., Elvis Harrigan.



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Bulgarian Interactor Daniel establishes a new Interact Club in District 1210



Daniel Nikolov
(1st on the right)

When Daniel Nikolov arrived as a new student at Chase Grammar School, Cannock, he was very keen to stay involved with Interact, having been a member in his home country of Bulgaria. As there was no Interact Club nearby, with the help of the school and Rotary Club of Cannock, he decided to set up his own.

Daniel said, "I really wanted to be part of this community again, since I was a member of Interact Club Burgas, back in Bulgaria. With a huge amount of effort and time I managed to set up a club in the school, which is going to be chartered soon, with 15 members. I'm so enthusiastic about Interact, because it gives you the opportunity to meet new people, organise and be part of projects and most of all, be giving something back to the community. Everybody here is really excited about the future of Chase Interact Club (Cannock)."

"Daniel impressed me so much as a young person that I was glad to help him get in touch with the Rotary Club of Cannock, who have been tremendous in giving the school and Daniel every assistance to form this Club. The students who have joined are showing great commitment and enthusiasm."

Elaine Crabtree, Head of Upper School, Chase Grammar.

Chase Interact Club (Cannock) will be chartered in late February 2017.

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Membership Information

Alumni 1210 has not established any dues or financial commitment for membership.

The members will seek to inform other Alumni about the Association and encourage their participation. They request the assistance of Rotary clubs in this endeavour.

The Association plans to meet annually at a District Event although the officers will meet more frequently.

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