## NEWSLETTER

# **District 1210**

Rotary

<u>A Message From District</u> <u>Governor Carol</u>

#### Hi Everyone,

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Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2017/18. The International Presidential theme for the year is one that I know we can all achieve **Rotary: Making a Difference**. We do this through our motto 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF'.

Through this edition there is a mix of news from Rotary International and RIBI as well as how Rotarians in D1210 are "Making that Difference", whilst having lots of FUN and FELLOWSHIP.

On a sad note to start, I have on behalf of the District sent our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Rotary International President Elect Sam F. Owori. Sam was an inspiration to us all.

Can I now thank you for the warmth and welcome given to me, as I have visited clubs and events so far.

I have through July had the

opportunity to visit a number of Clubs and get involved in events that I would normally not have done, one example being the opportunity to play the ukulele, which brought back childhood memories of many happy hours listening to my Grandad. I attended the Young Achiever Presentations in Wolverhampton and Tunstall. listened to the Wolverhampton Youth Orchestra, and what a credit our youth are. I thank you for giving them the opportunity to develop and grow.

Alongside our Youth we are also partnering with others and to date we are now working with Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, through the work undertaken on Health Awareness. Yes, even the opportunity to test a dinosaur!! Thank you to the Clubs in Shrewsbury for your support. This also enabled members of our Extension and Retention Team to get out and about promoting Rotary. Further news on these developments during the year.

Sport also featured this month with Wolverhampton Best Foot Forward and the RC The Wrekin Disability Sports Day. What fun, whilst increasing those steps and practicing my welly wanging skills. The smiles on the faces of those that took part were worth every Rotary Moment. I would like to acknowledge all the New members and newly awarded Paul Harris Fellows this month.

Whatever motivation each of us had for 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 <u>Rotary: Making a Difference.</u>

#### Thank you. Carol

working together to achieve the same goals.

If you are not already using it please assist DG Carol and start, it is a tool to help not hinder or challenge.

Training is also available via the RI Website or if you need assistance please contact your AG who is trained in its use already.



#### August 2017 with DG Carol

Newport Lite	1st
Brewood and District	2nd
Wolstanton	3rd
Ironbridge Satellite	4th
First Aid Training	5th
General Council	6th
Stoke on Trent	7th
Shrewsbury	8th
Burslem	9th
Cheadle	10th
Extension Meeting	11th
Darlaston Sailing Day	12th
RYLA (am)	13th
Telford Centre (pm)	13th
Stone and District	14th
Stafford Castle	15th
Kidsgrove	16th
RYLA - Talent Night	17th
Bloxwich Phoenix	20th
V Fest Tent Collect	21st
Eturia (am)	22nd
Brewood Satellite (eve)	22nd
Church Stretton	23rd
The Wrekin	24th

## <u>Rotary Club Central</u>

Has now been completely redesigned with a fresh, modern interface. Pages load faster, navigation is more intuitive, and easy-to-read charts and graphs make past and current club data more accessible.

Members can view trends, plan for the future, and track progress in just minutes. Plus, Rotary Club Central offers an individual user experience, allowing members to plan and evaluate what is important to their own clubs, like membership activities or Rotary Citation goals. You can even enter your Rotary Foundation giving goals in local currency.

It is also a great tool for succession planning. Club leaders change annually, so the historical record of goals and achievements eases the transition and ensures continuity.

It's just one way to boost trust between members and club leaders, because everyone has access to the same data and is

#### Sad News

#### Rotary President-elect Sam F. Owori dies.

Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Owori died unexpectedly on 13 July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years.

Sam's Rotary's 108th term as president would have begun on 1 July 2018

"Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hardworking Rotarian he was." said Rotary International President Ian Riseley.

"In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family, and Sam's millions of friends around the world in your thoughts."

Under Sam's leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years.

Sam saw in Rotary members "an incredible passion to make a difference," and wanted to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of

peace and prosperity."

Sam was the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, whose mission is to promote excellence in corporate governance principles and practice in the region by 2020. Previously, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has also served as corporate secretary of the Central Bank of Uganda.

He served as member and chair of several boards including FAULU (U) Ltd., (now Opportunity Bank), the Uganda Heart Institute, the Centre for African Family Studies, Mulago Hospital Complex, Mukono Theological College, and the Kampala City Council.

Sam also was the vice chair of Hospice Africa Uganda, and board member and chair of the Audit Committee of PACE (Programme for Accessible Health, Communication, and Education) in Uganda.

"Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community, and the world," Riseley said. "We are

establishing details on plans to celebrate his life as they become



available."

Rotary is establishing a memorial fund in Sam's honor and will provide details.

Photo: President Elect Sam addressing RI Convention in Atlanta.

### Special Interest: Tree Planting Challenge

Put on your wellies and join forces with Rotary clubs in your area for a tree-mendous challenge.

We are determined to meet a worldwide Rotary goal, set by

Rotarv International President Ian Riseley, where every Rotary member plants one tree each and changes the environment for the better by Earth Day on 22nd April 2018. The help of the public is very much needed.

To help this challenge, Rotary in Great

## **Orientation For New Members**

#### GIVE NEW MEMBERS THE PERFECT WELCOME

Looking for the perfect way to welcome new members? Look no further as the first in a series of new promotional material redesigns is now available!

The New Member Welcome Guide is the ideal resource to inspire new members taking their first steps on their Rotary journey. The stylish 36 page booklet incorporates the latest RI

Britain and Ireland has secured the valuable help of our good friends at the Woodland Trust, the UK's WOODLAND largest conservation charity.

The charity is delighted to support Rotary by supplying trees and advice to make sure the saplings have the best chance of survival.

If all Rotary members here RIBI take part, over 47,000 trees will be planted, equivalent to one hundred football pitches springing up!

"People of Action"

campaign and makes

the perfect introductory

gift for a club's newest

It gives them important

information on Rotary,

our work at home and

overseas, The Rotary

Foundation, events and

recruits.

much more.

Worldwide there could be over a million trees planted to stem the threats to forests that are disappearing. The help of the public will dramatically increase this figure. From Rotakids to Rotarians to schools, youth organizations and local businesses, together we can achieve so much more.

This challenge is a lovely way to involve communities and activities will vary from extending and under-planting existing woods to enhancing parks and open spaces.

Please contact : Roy Meller,

RC Walsall for more information.

roy@meller.org.uk



**RIBI New Members Orientation Guide** Now Available from RIBI Shop.

This guide now replaces the previous A5 ring binder version and is now available through the RIBI Shop for £3. A PDF version is also available. For download.



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## Out and About With DG Carol

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Wow, what a start to my year as DG. But what fun, fellowship and friendship has been shown by all.

Thank you all so much.



Rotary District 1210 Shropshire, Staffordshire and parts of The West Midlands

Rotary Foundation

Concert in Aid of "End Polio Now" and Launch of Polio Eradication Month



Rotary

Young

Musician

Finalist

Tom Hall

Percussionist

Robyn Davies, robyntrebleclef@blueyonder.co.uk

Malcolm Hallewell, lionshome@yahoo.co.uk Tel; 07917 206789

Carol Reilly, 🚥

Hadley Orpheus Male Voice Choir Musical Director: Robyn Davies

Lions Youth Brass (Sandbach) <sup>Musical Director: Nigel</sup> Birch



For tickets contact :



Friday 29th September 2017 Walsall Central Methodist Church Ablewell Street. Walsall. WS1 2EQ 7.00pm

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## <u>ROTARY INTERNATIONAL</u> DISTRICT 1210

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## D1210 Welcomes:

Sonia Lowdon Richard Brown Michelle Davies Rounds Lee Wadlow Ron Sutton Barry John Kent Ann Cheetham PDG Dennis Parry Kate Riches William Burden A E (Bunny) Parker Midha Harminder Chris Mansell Bloxwich Phoenix Burntwood Burntwood Cannock Church Stretton Kidsgrove Newport Newport Newport Lite Shrewsbury Severn Shrewsbury Severn Walsall Saddlers The Wrekin

#### To Rotary Membership



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

## Conference 2017 "Harrogate"



This years District Conference takes place over the weekend of Friday 15th to Sunday 17th September and promises to be a "Conference For Rotary".

The emphasis planned is to Celebrate Rotary and everything we do, with a line up of presenters who have all been connected to or have benefitted from "Rotary in Action".

There is the usual social element to the weekend with a Party Night on the Friday and The District Governor Black Tie Ball on the Saturday, but the real aim for Conference is to allow Rotarians to understand what Rotary does and can do.

Those attending will hear from:-

Ellie Target "Another Man's Shoes"

Luke Simon "School in a Bag"

Joe Berry "Brighton Bombing" Olivia Giles "500 Miles" David Johnston "Child Poverty" Judith Diment "End Polio Now" Laura Brown-Rodriguez "Therapies Unite" Steve Brown "Paralympic Athlete" Ken Robertshaw "Peace Fellows" Denis Spiller "RIBI President" Tom Silverson "RIBI Rotaract President"

Including a performance by Niamh Robinson-Wakefield "RIBI National Young Musician Finalist"

In addition to quality presentation the Rotary Showcase will display a variety of Rotary aligned Projects including School In A Bag, Disaster Aid, Rotaract, Peace Jam, Shakespeare School Project, Rotary Foundation, RI Convention 2018 Toronto and "End Polio Now" Merchandise.

"Look Forward to seeing you there" — Carol

#### <u> 4 Counties Canal Walk</u>

President Sylvia Keris, RC Eccleshall Mercia starts her walk around the 4 counties Canal ring On Tuesday 1st August 2017 from Stone. The walk in aid of *"End Polio Now"* is spread across 11 days averaging 11 miles each day.

DG Carol will be starting Sylvia off from The Star PH at Stone at 10.00am on the 1st and would welcome fellow Rotarians to join her at the start.

President Sylvia would also welcome support along the way and full details can be found on the clubs website.



http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SylviaK erisWalk - to donate directly.