



Rotary Alumni 1210 Newsletter

August 2017

2016-17 RI President John F. Germ presents the 2016-17 Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award to Bob Cliff, chair of Rotary Alumni 1210

General session 4, Rotary International Convention
14 June 2017, Atlanta, Georgia, United States.



Experience at Convention 2017 Atlanta

Bob Cliff PHF
Co-Chair Alumni 1210

I have recently received my membership award for forty five years' service to Rotary, most of these years have been spent, predominantly as a "Club" member, I value my Club and the differences we have been able to make in the Community during those years.

However in 2007 I was fortunate to be selected as team leader of a GSE team to the Philippines. An experience that was to open up a whole new world of Rotary and what was happening in other Countries. One of my team was Beverley Ricketts and I am sure that neither of us would have envisaged that in 2017 we would be joint chair of Alumni 1210 and that I would be travelling to the Convention in Atlanta to be presented with the Global Alumni award. The nomination and subsequent success was down to the hard work and dedication of Beverley and PDG Richard Green.

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Conventions were something that Rotarians talk about but it exceeded all expectations. It was held in Atlanta as this was where Rotary Foundation Charity was founded 100 years ago.

From the first day everything was huge: the city, the venue, the attendees, 41,000, the programme extensive and exhilarating, the guest speakers, including Bill Gates and Jack Nicklaus, the accounts from young people telling of the experiences that had been offered and the opportunities that these had opened up to them and importantly how they saw the future of Rotary, all very inspirational and very moving.

The main convention Hall, which held over 20,000, was where I was presented with the Global award Banner, a daunting but fantastic experience,



Bob with
PDG Richard Green

a great privilege to actually stand on the stage with RI President John F Germ and to listen to all the very kind things he had to say about us and our District 1210.

I took part in one of the various breakout groups. Our group was on the day before the award ceremony and was entitled "Engage Rotary Alumni". There were three of us on the panel and we each had 15 minutes for our talk and then there was a general question and answer session. My two fellow speakers again were inspirational, one of them being Renan Dominguez, the very first Ambassadorial scholar and here he was at the age of 96 years telling his story!!! The other one was Clenise Platt from Norfolk Virginia who had so many accolades and an obviously bright and successful future ahead in the Rotary Family.

Needless to say the whole experience was, for me, something that I will never forget and I am so grateful to all, particularly Richard and Beverley, who worked so hard and who made it possible for me to attend this Convention.

PP Bob Cliff PHF

Alumna Carol Reilly becomes District Governor of Rotary District 1210

"Rotary is my life and you get back what you put in.

Life is what you make it, Go grab it."

DG Carol Reilly PHF



District Governor Carol
Reilly PHF with RI
President Ian Riseley
2017 - 2018

Carol was born in Holmfirth, Yorkshire, and is extremely proud to be of Yorkshire heritage.

She joined the National Health Service in 1980 as a qualified nurse working in Cardiovascular Services prior to moving into Management and Project Management, recently retiring as Head of Service taking forward Mental, Health, Dementia and Neurological Conditions.

Graduating from the University of Wolverhampton with a MSc in Professional Studies in Health Care in 2012, she holds an Honorary Senior Lectureship and works as an Alumni of the University to support and mentor students as they progress their chosen careers.

Carol is proud to have grown up with Rotary following in her Grandfathers', Uncles' and Fathers' footsteps, where she joined Rotaract in 1982 in Penarth, South Wales and then joining the Rotary Club of Walsall Saddlers in October 2008. Becoming Club President 2011/12 and holding many other offices at Club level. She was proud to have been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2012 and the RI Vocational Service Leadership Award in 2013. She is a Rotary Benefactor and Paul Harris Society Member.



Having joined the District team in 2009 on the Community Service Committee, she became its chair in 2011 and served until 2016; Assistant Governor 2012 – 15; Vocational Service Chair 2014 – 2016. In addition she is an Alumni Association Member for Rotary and Rotaract with interests in Youth Service, Foundation, Club Visioning, Membership and Extension and driving forward the District Health Awareness programmes and Vocational Study Exchange.



Carol was also GSE Team Leader 2010-11 leading a team to D7030 - Eastern Caribbean, including the 3 Guiana's (Guyana, Surinam and French Guiana).

She is passionate about Rotary, allowing her to give something back to those less fortunate, whilst helping to develop and nurture others. Carol is also an Ambassador for the KIDSOUT Charity.

She moved to the West Midlands after meeting Brian on the Nile in 2000 and marrying him in 2001, where they both share Carol's passion for Rotary. Brian being a member of the Rotary Club of Aldridge. Family and Church life are important to both of them. They enjoy travelling, fellowship with friends and having fun.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award student James plans to remain “connected” with the Rotary Family

James Price first experienced Rotary last August 2016, when he was supported by his local Rotary club The Wrekin to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, which left a lasting impression.

“The RYLA course was a fantastic opportunity, one which I will remember for a long time. It was a great experience which you need to grab hold of if you get the chance.

The week was well structured and packed with loads of different activities, which provided opportunities to develop my leadership and team working skills and above all it was FUN!

I made so many new friends with whom I am still in contact and have had numerous reunions with. All the leadership skills that I learnt have been put into practice at work and in my day to day life. The leaders were friendly, encouraging and could always put a smile on your face.

It is an opportunity that I am taking part in again this year so that I can let more people know about this fantastic course and impact it has had on me. I was astounded by the amount of work that Rotary Foundation do, for example the work they have done for the eradication of Polio in Africa and the aid they provide in humanitarian crisis, it is truly admirable.

I am excited about the future opportunities that organisation has to offer and my involvement with them.”



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

In our last newsletter we discussed The Centenary Alumni Garden Party, on Sunday 22 May 2005 at Chillington Hall, Brewood, Staffordshire and asked for your help in naming the alumni who attended.

Many thanks to PDG Jon Ball who came to our aid when he discovered a photograph from the day showing all of the alumni who attended.

We have put names to many of the faces – great result!

Can you help us with the last few missing names?



Alumni 1210 Reunion Chillington Hall 2005

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| 1. Robin Bennett | 14. John Rostill |
| 2. Keryn Clarke | 15. Mrs Crescent Giffard |
| 3. Tony Altham | 16. John Giffard |
| 4. | 17. Ted Hothersall |
| 5. Jon Ball | 18. Dennis Parry |
| 6. Susan Hardman-Moore | 19. |
| 7. | 20. David Williams |
| 8. Lee McDougall | 21. David Ashley |
| 9. Jane Wardropper | 22. Mike Summerfield |
| 10. John Mottram | 23. Barbara Wetton |
| 11. | 24. Jane Brewin |
| 12. | 25. Helen Stanyer |
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Message from DG Carol Reilly



I am very proud to be the District Governor for Rotary International District 1210 for the Rotary Year 2017/18. I am looking forward to working with our Alumni Association to '**Make A Difference**' to Local, National and International communities. I also congratulate the Alumni Association on their recent award. I was so proud to be there as it was received at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

The scene for this Rotary Year.

Through the Presidential Citation and Theme **Rotary – Making A Difference**. The main emphasis for 2017/18 is:

1. Support and Strengthen Clubs – Extension and Retention
2. Enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness – People of Action Campaign
3. Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service through Peace and Service

Our Alumni Association can help achieve these goals by working alongside Rotarians or by development of their own projects and activities. May I ask you to consider joining in the following activities: -

Tree Planting - I ask that each Alumni plant one tree sometime between now and Earth Day, 22 April 2018. Roy Meller - RC Walsall is coordinator for this project, so please advise him if you do so.

Polio Concert – 29 September, Central Hall Methodist Church, 7pm for 7.30pm £10. Robyn Davies & Malcolm Hallewell - RC The Wrekin have tickets for this concert.

PEACE Poster Competition with youth groups and schools – more information will be coming out via the District Team.

District Conference 15th – 17th September, HIC Harrogate. Based on Celebrating Rotary "Making a Difference".

I agree with Rotary International President Ian Riseley, "To me Rotary is defined not by who we are, but by what we do---by the potential that Rotary gives us, and the ways we realize that potential in meaningful and lasting service.

Whatever motivation each of us had for joining Rotary, it is the satisfaction we find in Rotary that causes us to remain, the satisfaction of knowing that week by week, year by year, we are part of Rotary: and we are "**Making a Difference**".

We are The People of Action.

I invite Alumni Members who are not Rotarians to consider President Ian's thoughts and come and join us, you will get a lot of satisfaction in what you do, whilst having FUN and Fellowship.

Yours In Rotary Friendship

Carol Reilly
District Governor 2017/18



Did you know that Rotary Fellowships can provide a great way to make new friends around the world and enhance your Rotary experience?

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who share a common passion.

Rotary Fellowships Welcome Alumni



Currently, more than 60 fellowships unite Rotarians in friendship and expand opportunities to enjoy their favourite recreational activities, sports, and vocation. These groups range from cycling to skiing, Latin culture to jazz, doctors to photographers, and even wine-tasting to beer.



View the complete list of Rotary Fellowships
www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships

Rotary



International Caravanning

ICFR



Fellowship of Rotarians



Rotary International recently invited its Fellowships to open their Constitutions to allow Rotary Alumni and Family members to become members, to develop the Rotary experience and provide a better understanding of what Rotary embraces.

The International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR) now allows these two groups to join and enjoy the company of other Rotarians whilst following their social world using caravans and motor homes.

ICFR is 50 years old this year and has over 900 members and organises about 30 meetings a year around the UK, as well as some on the continent and from time to time extended tours are organised. This year 15 couples spent March in South Africa. Our meetings are invariably for five days with the continental ones extending to two to three weeks. The UK ones are held around the country and often in areas you may not have visited before and so perhaps not aware of the local attractions. Comprehensive programmes are usually arranged but do allow for members to "do their own thing".

Our website www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk gives a great deal of information on our activities and looking at its "News & Views" (its biannual magazine) link provides a comprehensive insight as to who we are and what we do.

Membership does come with a warning. **Fun, Friendship and Fellowship are compulsory.** With membership costing £10 a year, where else could you get such value for money? If you would like more information on how to "Caravan with Rotary" or to discuss its activities please contact me at derrick50@uwclub.net or telephone 01902.893367.

Derrick Sanders
Membership Secretary of ICFR



Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week 2017

Monday 2nd October to Sunday 8th October

Save the date:

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

Alumni 1210 will be celebrating Alumni Reconnect Week
Our main event will take place on SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER.

Please keep this day free in your diary!

More details to follow

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Membership of Alumni 1210 has now been widened to all young people who have taken part in Rotary programmes. In addition to alumni from GSE, VSE, RYLarians, Rotaractors and Interactors we are now able to make contact with, and invite to become members of Alumni 1210, all Youth Competitors from the age of 11 years old. This opens a huge database for us to connect to the Rotary Family.

This will be a joint effort between Alumni 1210 and sponsoring Rotary Clubs. Links will be formed as soon as the youngster's programme has ended and thus contact will be continuous.



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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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