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NEWSLETTER

District 1210



Rotary



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

A Message From District Governor Carol Reilly

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the September Newsletter and Basic Education and Literacy month. I can see that you are all pushing ahead with your projects and fundraising. Through this edition you will see a mix of news from Rotary International and Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland as well as examples of how Rotarians in D1210 are "Making that Difference", whilst having lots of FUN and FELLOWSHIP. I would like to acknowledge all the New members and newly awarded Paula Harris Fellows this month. Sincere condolences to the family of Jim Needham RC The Wrekin.

Can I first and foremost Thank you for the warmth and welcome given to me, as I have visited you all. Congratulations to the RC Stafford Castle on their 30th Charter, an excellent evening. Congratulations also to the winners of the recent sports finals, looking forward to the next round of sports.

This month saw our first District Council meeting where members of the District had the pleasure of presenting a cheque to Street Child for their work in Sierra Leone. A BIG THANK YOU to all the Clubs involved in this project. A project where we saw a partnership with District 1080. Rotary working at its best to support disadvantaged communities.

I hope you all enjoyed District Conference as much as I did, where we 'Celebrated Rotary: Making a Difference'. I am very grateful for everyone's hard work and all your positive feedback on the speaker content and entertainment. It was special for me to be able to present my Uncle with a Paul Harris Fellowship Sapphire and a certificate to commemorate 40 years in Rotary. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. You all felt there was something to take away. It might have been having made a new or renewed a friendship, a idea for a Club project, a membership, extension and retention opportunity or a concept you want to now explore. Most of all I hope you had FUN and feel inspired to go forward and 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'.

It was great to be able to support the RC Walsall at their annual Fun Run. It gave me the opportunity to meet the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, to hear of their charity supporting Adolescent Mental Health, alongside renewing health partnerships with Walsall Leisure Services for our forthcoming Health Awareness Events.

On the Membership front the Wolverhampton and Walsall area Clubs in conjunction with Rotaract Lead Joe Cartwright went back to University, to promote Rotary and Rotaract in Fresher's week and at the Opportunities Fair. PDG Richard Green, President Peter

Hall and myself recorded a video for use within the District. Link to view interview:

<http://youtu.be/SOBm4fdn8BO>

I had a thoroughly enjoyable day with DG Charan Bunge, D1060 at the Scholars Link Day. Rotary working across the world to sponsor young people through their Masters and PHD studies. The range of subjects and the depth of their knowledge was mind blowing. Thank you to Geoff Mackay for supporting this with his motivational presentation. We also had fun and fellowship playing skittles and beetle. The atmosphere in the room was electric, what enthusiasm.

Please don't forget the Concert for End Polio Now on Friday 29th September, 7pm for 7.30pm, Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall. We will be joined by Judith Diment, I look forward to seeing you all there.

Whatever motivation each of us had into 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 Rotary: Making a Difference.

Thank you Carol



October 2017 with DG Carol

Alumni Reconnect Day	1st
Bilston & Wolverhampton W	2nd
Uttoxeter	3rd
Cannock	4th
Wednesbury	5th
Willenhall Beatles Night	6th
Uttoxeter Charter	7th
Rotary Foundation Institute	8th -
Riga, Latvia	15th
Rugeley	16th
Wolverhampton St Georges	17th
District Continuity and Exec	17th
Palace of Westminster	18th
Telford Tree of Light	19th
District 1060 Conference	20th -
District 1060 Conference	22nd
Leek	23rd
World Polio Day	24th
Tunstall	24th
Stafford	25th
Wednesfield	25th
Willenhall	26th
Bill Huntley Memorial	27-29
Endon & Stockton Brook	31st

District 1210 Conference

Rotarians representing 44 Rotary clubs and their partners and friends from as far afield as the USA met up in Harrogate, Yorkshire for Conference over the weekend of the 15th to 17th September 2017.

The weekend started with the District Golf Competition organised by RC Cannock, held at Wetherby Golf Course, with some 21 entries which saw District Governor Carol attend to start the Golfers on their way, in addition this year a walk was arranged by RC Aldridge attended by 13 people which started at Harewood Village Hall.

Winner of the trophy this year was Colin Ames of RC Shrewsbury Severn.

Friday night was party night, starting off with Champagne Tasting, (who would have thought this was the DG's favourite tippie?), followed by music and dancing to The Nightjars.

Saturday morning DG Carol opened conference by welcoming an audience of 368 people including members of Inner Wheel, Soroptimist's and members of Lions Clubs International, she was also pleased to welcome RI President Representative Daniel Tanase, RIBI President Denis Spiller, RGBI President Tom Silverson, 3 of her fellow Governors from Districts 1040, 1060 and 1260.

The following speakers all of whom had been connected to Rotary in one way or another presented a vast array of topics:-

Ellie Targett - Another Mans Shoes
Ken Robertshaw and Kristyn Behrends - Peace Fellowships

Luke Simon - School in A Bag

Denis Spiller - RIBI President on his vision

Jo Berry - Building Bridges For Peace

Malcolm Hallowell - Rotaract (A very late stand in for RGBI President Tom Silverson)

A foundation lunch followed the plenary session attended by 110 guests, that saw DG Carol present her Uncle a member of RC Holmfirth District 1040 a Sapphire PHF, together with a 40 year membership certificate on behalf of RI.

Additionally following the lunch, everyone had the opportunity to take part in the project of packing a School in A Bag, a tremendous effort as 50 bags were packed on the day. Clubs have committed funds for a total of 75 bags.

Saturday evening was the Governor's Black Tie Ball where the food and entertainment were excellent, finishing just before midnight with the traditional singing of Auld Lang Syne

Sunday morning opened with the Thought of The day given by **Paul Booth**, President of RC The Wrekin, which was then followed by :-

Daniel Tanase - RI Presidents Message

Judith Diment - End Polio Now

David Johnston - Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission

Laura Brown De Rodriguez - Therapies Unite

Ashley Gray - Conference 2018

Olivia Giles - 500 miles

And finally a very humorous but sincere presentation by **Steve Brown**, the 2012 British Paralympic Rugby Team Captain.

The envelope collection for charities presenting totalled £490 (£600 gift aided), with the exit collection for International Appeals totalling £126.90.

Additionally a varied Rotary Showcase proved successful over the weekend with sales of End Polio Now Merchandise taking £600.

"On behalf of Newport Rotary Lite may I offer my congratulations for an excellent District Conference."

The speakers were inspirational and more than once, demonstrated sheer determination in the face of adversity to a level I find difficult to comprehend or articulate. Truly amazing individuals.

These events don't just happen and therefore, please pass on my thanks for the fabulous organisation whether it be the lovely administrative touch of providing our 'pack-up' in the hotel or the splendid gala dinner. From my personal perspective, the whole weekend was a triumph and has left me feeling reinvigorated to continue our own good work with a view to perhaps stretching my boundaries a little more!"

*Les Goodchild MBE
President.*

Together We Are The People of Action:

Rotary's new global public image campaign, called People of Action, was launched at the start of this Rotary year.

The campaign looks to bring the stories of Rotary members to life and show those who don't know us exactly who we are, what we do and how Rotary differs from other organisations.

A suite of print materials has been created for Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, which are now available to order from the online shop.

These include:

- New Member Welcome Guide
- Prospective Members booklet (A5)
- First contact booklet (A6)
- Trio of People of Action Postcards

Can you help?

Communications Chair John Wardle, is looking to establish links across the District with local media, he requests that clubs contact him with names of contacts and also stories of events and projects, so that they maybe shared with all.

Foundation Chair Ken Wagstaffe, would like to visit clubs to inform them of the work of Foundation, please contact Ken directly.

Membership, Extension and Retention Committee are looking to the mapping exercise undertaken at this year's PE and DO information days. This to allow communication and hopefully support from the local clubs in driving the membership growth for the benefit of our communities.

The aim for this year is to establish one new Satellite/New Style Club in each District Zone around the world, in line with International President Ian Riseley's challenge.

Clubs will be contacted over the next few weeks to discuss the plan with them.

DGN Brian Reilly is looking for clubs to sponsor children between the ages of 4 and 10 for this years "Christmas Kids Day Out" at Drayton Manor. Cost £10 each and children will receive a gift from Santa and have the use of Thomas Land rides whilst there.

RI Alumni Connect Week Starts 2nd October 2017

Out and About With DG Carol



District Peace Poster Competition

As part of the District Strategy announced at the May Assembly, DG Carol announced the holding of a "Peace Poster Competition".

PRESIDENTIAL PEACEBUILDING CONFERENCE 2018



Warwick Castle, Coventry Cathedral and the Ricoh Arena

RI President Ian Riseley invites you to join him at the 2018 Presidential Peacebuilding Conference in Coventry

Date: Saturday 24th February 2018
09.30-17.30: Disease Prevention, Treatment and Peace Conference
19.00: Evening Peacebuilding Dinner
Venue: The Ricoh Arena, Phoenix Way, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 6GE

Speakers: RI President Ian Riseley, RI Foundation Vice Chairman Barry Rassin, RI Director Brian Stoyel and The Lord Mayor of Coventry.

The Ricoh Arena railway station is 5 minutes from the M6 motorway giving access to the M1, M5, M40 and is 20 minutes from Birmingham Airport.

Accommodation at the onsite Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. **0844 873 6563** or email hotelreservations@ricoharena.co.uk quoting **2302RA** to secure your room.

Early bird - for all registrations made before 31 October - £49.50
 Registrations from 1 Nov - 25 Jan **£55.00**
 Registrations from 26 Jan - 23 Feb **£60** (non refundable)

For further details contact the Chairman Peacebuilding Committee, Peter L. Offer email: peterloffer@aol.com

www.rotarygbi.org

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EARLY BIRD £49.50
Registrations made before 31 October

Rotary District 1210



PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Theme: "Peace In Our Communities, Rotary Making A Difference".
Three age categories: Junior, Intermediate and Senior
A Youth Services Competition Open To All Youth Groups within The Community.

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Rules to the competition are now approved by The Youth Services Committee and available from The District Website, www.rotary1210.org

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HOST A WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT

**24th
October
2017**



Rotary and The Bill and Linda Gates Foundation

Bill Gates and his team have been great partners in 2017 on publically sharing Rotary's leadership in the polio eradication effort.

In February, Rotary was the only polio partner named in Bill and Melinda's annual letter. In the letter, Melinda says: "And we're inspired by the infinite persistence of Rotary International. They were leading this fight long before we joined it, and they've just kept moving forward. They know that going from 350,000 cases to 37 is amazing, but success is zero."

In June, Bill gave the keynote address at Rotary's Atlanta convention. In his remarks, he said: "Rotary laid the foundation with its unwavering sense of purpose and its belief that anything is possible if you put your mind and body to it." He also announced an expanded match agreement with Rotary, wherein his foundation will match contributions to Rotary's Polio Plus work 2:1 up to \$50 million per year over the next three years.

This resulted in media placements highlighting Rotary's leading role in polio eradication in news outlets including:

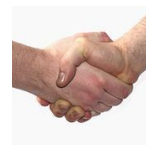
The Wall Street Journal ran a print/online exclusive breaking the news of the new Rotary/Gates fundraising commitments, including the expanded/increased match.

John Cena conducted an interview with Bill Gates for the Today Show, a top US morning show.

Additional top-tier media covered the polio news at convention, including The Globe and Mail, Forbes, Fox News and CNN.

D1210 Welcomes:

Sylvia Baynes - Shrewsbury Darwin
Robert Humphreys - Shrewsbury Darwin
Ron Gardner - Newport
Dr Nick Tindall - Newport Lite
David Griffin - Newport Lite
Richard Ayres - Newcastle U Lyme
Vanessa Voysey - Bridgnorth
Kathryn Joyce - Blythe Bridge
To Rotary Membership.



Gentle reminder, please report new members to DG Carol and DS Roger Garland so all can be recognised in the Newsletter.

Rotary D1210 in Partnership.

Following a request by Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group in August for Rotary to carry out a Health Awareness Day during National Hypertension Week, a joint membership and Health Day was held in Telford Town centre.

Assisted by the RC Aldridge, Ironbridge, The Wrekin, Walsall Saddlers and Wellington, 132 members of the public were checked for BP and Glucose, fortunately though no one was immediately referred to hospital but a number were advised to follow up with their GP's asap.

In addition RIBI have video recorded the day as part of the Rotary 2 campaign to be launched in 2018, copies of the local video will be available for use around the District for promotion.

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

The Gates Foundation created and widely shared a "Thank You Rotary" video.

In October, Rotary will co-host its 5th annual World Polio Day livestream event with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, from their Seattle headquarters.

Rotary also continues to work closely with UK media. Most recently, the Guardian covered Rotary's role in a new funding commitment from the UK government. Other stories ran throughout the year in the Independent, Daily Mail and others.

The "End Polio Now" newsletter also contains examples of Rotary and polio in the media in every issue. To receive these regular updates visit: <https://www.rotary.org/en/member-news/newsletters>.

RIBI President Denis Spiller in D1210:

24.11.2017 Blythe Bridge Charter
21.01.2018 Wolv St Georges Charter Lunch

30.01.2018 to 31.01.2018

District General Visit.

Clubs wishing to display a project or activity please contact DG Carol with details so a programme to show off the good work of clubs can be organised.