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NEWSLETTER

District 1210



Rotary



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

A Message From District Governor Carol Reilly

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the December Newsletter, December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month.

I can see that you are all pushing ahead with your projects and fundraising for the Christmas Season. 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 Paul Harris Fellows this month.

Can I first and foremost Thank you for the warmth and welcome given to me, as I continue my visits to you all. Congratulations to the RC Blythe Bridge & District on their 30th Charter. Thank you to RIBI President Denis for attending this auspicious occasion. The speaker brought back many happy childhood memories as we even sang 'Pratty Flowers' The Holmfirth Anthem. Congratulations also to the RC Telford Centre on their 25th Charter.

I enjoyed the fun and fellowship with the RC Stafford Castle at their Firework Extravaganza. An excellent event for the community, especially the

children as they looked amazed at the fireworks. The Brass Band concert with the RC Wednesfield was a superb occasion. It was invigorating helping the RC Cannock at their 10k Race and the RC Burntwood marshalling for the Christmas Pudding Run in the snow!! Well done to all involved.

Congratulations to the RC Stafford and Honorary Rotarian Beverley Ricketts on the opening of a new school library through the Books4Home Project. A memorial for a well loved Teaching Assistant in the school. The children were inspiring as they talked of the project and paid tribute to someone they valued very much.

Thank you to you all for your support of the British Legion, I know many of you partner with them at this time of year. It was a privilege to join my own Club at the cenotaph in Walsall and lay a wreath on behalf of the District to honour Rotarians who have gone to higher service.

It has been a pleasure to be at the induction of a few new Rotarians this month. Enjoy your Rotary, having Fun and Fellowship with fellow Rotarians and your community.

I look forward to joining Clubs for their Christmas Concerts and supporting your projects over this Christmas season.

May I take the opportunity to wish you and your families a happy, peaceful, Christmas and New Year.

Looking forward into the New Year and January being Vocational Service Month.

I shall be joining a number of Rotarians from across RIBI but taking part in the New Year's Day Parade in London.

The Purple 4 Polio Rally will be coming through D1210, 21st – 24th May, please think of a suitable venue within the District to showcase and man, giving membership and public image opportunities.

RIBI President Denis is in the District at the end of January for his official visit, please do contact me with your projects, in order that I can plan his programme.

If there is a Club that would like to help organise the Rotary Family Fun Day May/June, please do get in touch.

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"***.

Carol.



December 2017 with DG Carol

RC Tunstall Collection	2nd
RC Cannock OAP Party	4th
Kids Out Drayton Manor	5th
RC Sedgley & W Collection	6th
D21 Inner Wheel Lunch	7th
RC Wolv St Georges Collect	8th
RC Burntwood Sleigh	8th
RC Cannock Xmas Party	8th
RC Tunstall Collection	9th
RC Blox Phoenix Sleigh	9th
RC Newport Lite Concert	10th
RC Burntwood Sleigh	11th
RC Walsall Saddlers Charter	12th
RC Etruria Big Breakfast	12th
RC Stafford Xmas Meal	13th
RC Rugeley Sleigh	14th
RC Stafford Knot OAP Party	15th
RC Willenhall Carol Concert	15th
RC Willenhall Xmas Party	16th
RC Bloxwich Phoenix Sleigh	17th
RC Stoke South	18th
RC Bilston & Wolverhampton	18th
RC Telford Centre	19th
RC Church Stretton	20th

Common Age Schools Competition

Dear Fellow Rotarians

Some of you are aware that I am involved in a new Commonwealth wide organisation called CommonAge which celebrates the contribution made by older people across the Commonwealth and seeks to support those providing care and support, particularly in poorer countries. Next year, 2018, sees the Commonwealth Heads of Government conference taking place in London and CommonAge is privileged to now being part of the small number of accredited organisations that will be attending. As part of the celebrations for next year's CHoG conference, widely thought to be the last that HM Queen will attend, CommonAge launched a competition aimed at school children to write stories about the elders in their communities and for the best contributions to be published in a book that will be presented to HM Queen at the conference.

I was really hoping that Rotary could help publicise this event, although sadly I have had no response from RIBI but I would really appreciate if our District 1210 could promote this event through our contacts in to schools

Are you able to help?

Kind regards

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District 1210

Rotary Young Citizen Award 2018

CELEBRATING INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE

The deadline for nominations for the Rotary Young Citizen Awards is just around the corner. So if you know of an outstanding, inspirational young person or group under the age of 25 whose citizenship and dedication to a project or projects deserves national recognition, please nominate them by downloading a copy of the Young Citizen Awards information pack and nomination form .

Rotary is privileged to be continuing with the Rotary Young Citizen Wheel-Power Sports Award. This special Award is sponsored by the British

Wheelchair Sport charity WheelPower, with whom Rotary has partnered to help transform the lives of disabled people through sport.

Every nominee receives a personalised certificate, with the lucky winners receiving a trophy and £500 for their chosen charity or project they are involved with, which will be presented by TV Presenter Ellie Crisell at RIBI's 2018 Conference in Torquay.

The Tenth Anniversary of the Awards in 2017 were shown live on the BBC News Channel and you can find more about the winners here and read their inspiring stories here.

The closing date for nominations is Friday, 26th January, 2018.

The Immediate Past President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Eve Conway who started the Awards ten years ago, said: "The achievements of these young people are outstanding and serve as an inspiration to us all. They go above and beyond to help make a difference to the lives of other people, putting the needs of others before their own to bring about change."

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)

Purple for Polio Banger Rally 21st to 24th May 2018

See Back Page.



A very happy Christmas and Prosperous 2018



PRESIDENTIAL
PEACEBUILDING
CONFERENCE 2018



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 hotel.reservations@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)

EARLY BIRD
£49.50
 Registrations made before 31 October

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

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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.



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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Register now for Rotary's new drive to end polio.

The Purple4Polio Rotary Grand Tour 2018 is hitting the highways next May and needs cars of all shapes and sizes to take part. Registration is now live!

Everyone is welcome to join this amazing road trip across Great Britain and Ireland from 21st – 24th May 2018. You pick your team, car, route, where you stay and raise sponsorship. In return, Rotary around the country will provide check and rest areas in stunning locations. We'll even wave you across the finish line with a chequered flag at the end of tour party in Yorkshire on the 24th of May.

When you have fully registered, we will send you two large vinyl car stickers which show the world that you are part of this amazing journey. It also helps you spot other teams. You will also receive a sponsor form and a log-book.

You may even want to wear purple End Polio Now clothing which is available from the End Polio Now Guernsey Shop. You can download the Rotary Grand Tour Logo Set for t-shirt and merchandise printing.

This is not a competition. The only race involved is the one to eradicate polio quickly. Your help is crucial as funds raised are going to End Polio Now via The Rotary Foundation UK.

Registration is available via the RIBI Website.

D1210 Welcomes: **To Rotary Membership.**

Kevin Reiling - Six Towns
Andrea Reiling - Six Towns
Claire Roscoe - Newport Lite
Michael Atherton - Newport Lite
Janet Atherton - Newport Lite
Stella Almond - Dudley
Sophie Richards - Wellington
Maureen Ward - Wellington
Nicki Grant - Ironbridge
Annice Dixon - Ironbridge
Liam King - Telford Centre



December with DG Carol Cont..

RC Wednesfield Party	20th
RC Willenhall Sleigh	21st
RC Burntwood Sleigh	22nd
RC Chrch Stretton Carols	24th
RC Whitchurch	25th



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

Conference 2018

"Liverpool"

Registration Now Open.
Information on District Website.

Social Media Can Help!!

RC Burntwood launched their Tree of Light on 26th November and via facebook advertised the event.

Over 1500 people with over 200 shares of the story and a crowd of over 250 people attended along with some 150 children who saw and visited Santa.

Just shows the power of social media working in communities.