





2015/16 DG Newsletter

Dear Fellow Rotarian,



May I wish you a very happy, productive and rewarding year in Rotary Service.

As we enter 2016 we are, of course, moving into the second half of the Rotary year. Many thanks for all you've achieved in the first half of the year. There have been some remarkable and significant achievements already. We now need to build on our successes and continue to Be a Gift to the World.

At the same time the preparation for the Rotary Year 2016/17 will increase in intensity. This month DGE John Dehnel will be at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego and wish him every success. For me it was an unforgettable learning experience and I'm sure John will have the same feelings.

Can I also remind you of three very important events planned in the next few months which are essential preparation for the next Rotary year.

**For the 2016/17 District Team**: Team Development Day, 13<sup>th</sup> February,

Scalford Hall, Melton Mowbray. All concerned have received invitations.

For 2016/17 Club Presidents: Presidents-Elect Preparation Seminar (PEPS), 12<sup>th</sup> March, The Haycock, Wansford. All Presidents-Elect are expected to attend.

For all 2016/17 Club Officers, Committee Chairs and other interested Rotarians: District Assembly, 7<sup>th</sup> May, University of Loughborough.

### THE FLOOD SITUATION

Many thanks to those who have been able to contribute so generously to the Cumbria/Lancashire appeal.

This past week I sent details of how to contribute to the needs in Yorkshire and it has been pleasing to hear of immediate responses again.

It is good when the Rotary community comes together to support each other.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The next District Council, scheduled for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March will be unique in that we will be inviting representatives from: - Alford & Mablethorpe, Bailgate Lincoln, Horncastle, Lincoln, Lincoln Colonia, Lindum Lincoln, Skegness, Spilsby & Woodhall Spa to attend as observers.

If there is to be a vote on any matter which affects the District after 30<sup>th</sup> June

2016 then we will ask Council to suspend Standing Orders to allow representatives from the nine Clubs to be able to vote.

One such resolution will be to confirm the for 2016/17 arrangement Assistant Governor Areas in the north of the expanded District. Consultations with the 1270 Clubs and with our Area A have indicated a strong wish to create two Areas in which Clubs from each District are represented.

Attendance at District Council is always good but I would ask for representation of 100% of Clubs on this special occasion.

This is, of course, the last scheduled District Council in the 2015/16 year.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET ROTARIANS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD** 

# **CONNECT WITH KOREA –** TOUCH THE WORLD



The Rotary International Convention travels to Seoul in 2016. Explore this world-class city and discover the rich culture, latest trends and time-honored traditions. Connect with new friends and new ideas. Join thousands of Rotarians from around the world who will ne together in friendship and peace. Don't miss it!

Be sure to register by 15 December for early registration saving





I am planning to be in Seoul. It would be great if we could get a team from D1070. Maybe we could plan our travel and accommodation together.

So far I am not aware of anyone else from D1070 who is planning to attend. Please would you let me know if you are interested.

If you can't manage to get to Seoul or if you want another interesting event how about the 2016 RIBI Conference to be held from 1-3 April in Bournemouth.



Details of both RI and RIBI events can be found on the respective websites.

#### **MULTI CLUB PROJECTS**

When I was President of the Rotary Club of Lusaka the Presidents of the six Clubs in the city met together and resolved never to do alone anything which could be more effectively done together.

This is a principle by which I have stood ever since. We can achieve so much more if we pool our resources together with finding partners from outside the Rotary movement.

You will recall that in all District Councils this Rotary year I've invited Clubs to bid for a spot on the agenda to inform others of exciting projects they may wish to join.

Holbeach and St. Neots have both taken advantage of this and have presented exciting projects in Nepal and Kenya and I am happy to include updates on these:

#### HOLBEACH

School for Aurally Impaired, Nepal



As we reach half-way through the Rotary year, many Clubs are working on their plans for the next Rotary year (2016-17). One project you might like to consider (especially as only pledges are required now — no actual money would be needed before October 2016 or possibly later) is Holbeach's joint project with the Nepal Trust to repair and develop an earthquake-damaged school in Nepal. The school is almost unique in taking deaf children with the regular intake, and needs further facilities to expand this aspect of its work and encourage other Nepalese schools to follow their example.

Holbeach are about to launch an appeal for every Club in District 1070 to pledge £250 - which (along with 2 for 1 matching funds from other sources - mostly already pledged) were it achieved would fully fund the project and enable work to start by mid-2016. This project ticks boxes in so many different areas - education, disability, post-earthquake re-building, community development, partnership with other organisations, and cooperation amongst Rotary Clubs to name but a few, and I would commend it to you all. For more information or to arrange a speaker, contact Rtn Colin Scott colin.scott@rotary-holbeach.org.uk

#### ST. NEOTS:

Little Faces School, Kenya

Rtn. Sally Harrison is the contact for this project – <u>sally.harrison@dhl.com</u>. She too will be delighted to give you more information and/or to speak at your Club.

Sally provided every Club with a copy of a CD with three powerpoint presentations on it. (These were in the baskets at the last District Council).

The Project is called "Little Faces Schools" and is based in Mombasa



As a former Headteacher I am delighted to give these excellent education projects my unqualified support. If you can help in any way please contact Colin and Sally.

#### RI PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

May I remind all that the RI President's Citation can now only be achieved through information recorded by a Club on Rotary Club Central.

If a Club meets the criteria for a citation Rotary Club Central will automatically set this in motion. There is no application form or DG's endorsement. It is entirely up to each Club to ensure that Rotary Club Central is used to give RI a picture of what you're doing.

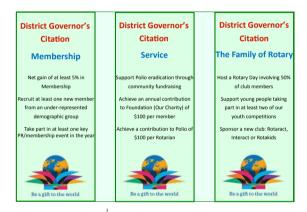
It is my hope that we will see a record number of Clubs achieving the Citation in this 2015/16 Rotary Year. As I review the achievements of Clubs In the District I have no doubt that RI Presidential Citations are thoroughly merited.

## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CITATION**

In addition to the RI Presidential Citation I continuina DG Citation the by IPDG Ken successfully started Billington. Details of this were distributed to all Clubs some time ago...







#### **NEW MEMBER**

**Kettering Tresham** Peter Jones

#### **CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE**

Jock Brown Sleaford (Hon)

#### **VISITS TO CLUBS**

I genuinely enjoy every opportunity to visit Clubs, so please keep the invitations coming in.

The diary is quote full through to the end of June but there is space for more.

All Charters of which I'm aware are in my

diary.

Clubs who opted to have cluster/multi club visits, may like to invite me to make an individual visit. I am quite happy to come along as a speaker or simply to lend support for some special event you've planned.

MY DIARY	
Jan	
4	District Foundation meeting
5	Kibworth & Fleckney
8	RIBI International Committee
11	Boston Clubs
12	Blaby Charter
13	Stamford
14	Ashby Clubs Cheque Presentations
19	Youth Speaks Semi Final: Morton New Day Church
20	Youth Speaks Semi Final: Beauchamp College
21	Youth Speaks Semi Final: Northampton High School.
22	Bournemouth Conference Accounts mtg
23	1070 E Club Charter
24	Black Dyke Band Concert, Kettering
25	Soar Valley Charter
26	District Team Meeting
27	Kempston Charter
29	Huntingdon Cromwell Charity Dinner
30	District (Southern) Young Chef Final

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