



**District 1070**



**DGs at Hykeham Sailability**

# Take Off

**District Governor's  
Newsletter**

**Flight 011**

**July 2016**

Good day to Rotarians in all the 90 clubs that are now part of the newly-expanded Rotary District 1070. We are moving into an exciting year with **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

I am proud to have been asked by you to lead our new District 1070 for the year. It is a real privilege, albeit a daunting one. We have so much history to build on, including exemplary support for people in our own local communities and across the world. I will, during the year, be doing all I can, with the district team, to support and encourage all members of Rotary, your families and friends to continue and to broaden that service to humanity.

Let me start by thanking our past District Governors Geoff and Margaret, as well as all the 2015-16 teams, for all you have done developing our districts over the year, helping clubs achieve so much.

With this edition of Take Off I am widening the distribution of my newsletter to all members of our wonderful organisation in Central/Eastern England. Your new presidents have seen several previous editions over the past year. I hope that now all members will enjoy and be interested by the updates of news and information I plan to include in each issue over the coming year.

**Rotary Serving Humanity** is our theme across all the clubs in District 1070 and across the whole world of Rotary for the year 2016-17. This is a reminder from RI President John Germ to us all that service to humanity is the basis of all that Rotary does. We meet in our clubs, we enjoy our social activities and our service projects, we work together as friends on fund raising; all of this contributes to our serving humanity.



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

Our own charity, The Rotary Foundation, moves into its centenary year in 2016-17, having been initiated at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in 1917. Our Foundation is keen to support as many projects as possible during 2016-17. Just talk to the Foundation team if you have an interest either in financial support for your projects or want some practical help in project design. Please do continue to support our own charity even more generously in this, its 100<sup>th</sup> year.

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**



**YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD**



We hope to see the end of polio across the world in 2016-17. We are so close to finishing the task. Keep spreading the message and helping financially. The sooner we can end polio, the sooner Rotary will be able to take part in the celebrations of the completion of this massive task and, more importantly, the sooner no more children across the world will be paralysed for life.

## Sailability

Towards the end of June, I was pleased to be at a new venue for me, Hykeham sailing club in Lincoln, along with immediate past DGs Geoff and Margaret – hence the headline photo, with Geoff and me sailing together in fortunately light winds. Sailability is well supported at Hykeham by Rotary clubs from the north west of our district. That support has enabled them to buy and install a floating pontoon ideally suited to disabled sailors. I am sure many of you will have visited one or more of the Sailability centres around our district. Do lend them your support, be it financial or by giving your time. It is one of our many really worthwhile and successful projects.

## District Conference – 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September

Our own District Conference will be in Nottingham this year. The format will be the same as our traditional conferences, with plenaries on Saturday and Sunday mornings, free time on Saturday afternoon and a gala dinner on Saturday evening. This year it will be at a more local, accessible and flexible venue, combining the best of both worlds. For clubs who favour a club weekend away, I totally support your doing so; go to the seaside, the Peaks, Dales or mountains, travel overseas, but plan to do it on a different weekend. Enjoy your Rotary fellowship and friendships at both Conference and at another time as part of your club programme. For others, who value a shorter journey, lower costs, or more time at home, work or with the family, this year's Conference should be ideal. Join us for the Saturday and/or Sunday morning plenary sessions and/or the gala dinner on Saturday evening.

We have a full, varied and interesting programme, with the aim of everyone leaving full of great ideas about expanding our Rotary Service across our communities. The Conference programme is on the district website. Visit [www.rotary1070.org/district-conference](http://www.rotary1070.org/district-conference).

We have a very few places left for the Foundation dinner that I am hosting on the Friday of Conference weekend at the Orchard Hotel in Nottingham. This is to bring more focus on Foundation's centenary, which of course will feature at the Conference itself. The price will be £30 per head, including a donation to our Foundation of about £5. Let me know promptly if you would like to join us.

## Ask the DG

I shall be holding a series of "Ask the DG" conference calls during the year, on the first Friday of each month, starting on 5<sup>th</sup> August. I will be at one end of an open conference call line. All Rotarians will be sent (via club secretaries) the log-in and dial-in codes. Any Rotarian is welcome to log-in or dial-in and ask whatever questions they may have, or simply sit and listen. Give it a try if you have any questions. 5<sup>th</sup> August, 5pm: computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/834871621>, or phone 0330 221 0099, Access Code: 834-871-621

## Rotary International Centenary Convention

This year's Convention (the RI global counterpart to a district conference) is in Atlanta from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This will be a memorable event. I encourage you to consider joining me. See [www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta](http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta).



I look forward to sharing a great year with you and with **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

Yours in Rotary

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