

## DG December 2018 Update

It is hard to believe Christmas is almost upon us, and as I have been told so many times recently, my term of office is at the halfway point.

The year has gone very quickly, having now had Conference and thank you to all attendees, I have had some really positive feedback. I have attended many of the key annual events that the DG of 1040 is expected to attend and try to attend all requests.

In terms of club visits I am well on target, to have held 38 club meetings, with the opportunity for 100 clubs in District to attend. That just leaves me 3 already booked in the New Year, it has always been my intention, to have done the majority by Christmas. We will soon be at the point that Manoj will visit the International Assembly in San Diego, and we will all know the next year's theme. And Rotary will start to look at 2019/20. Therefore it is important that I have given the strategic message from this year, before that point.

In doing so I will have driven around the 5,000 mile mark, covering the District, and I estimate this will be around 8,000 by June next year.

My diary however remains full into the New Year, with Charters and Events, such as the Disability Games in Hull, and many finals of Youth events taking place in spring.

We will soon be at the second of three District Councils, which perhaps is the important of the year. Committees and the District Executive have met, and are now ready to make proposals to the Council, some of these decisions will be not just for the short term, but ones which will effect us all, long into the future, and I would ask that clubs make sure they are represented. It is not for me to list here the issues that need resolving, as they will be covered in the individual reports, so please read those reports prior to attendance in York.

I am in a privileged position, one that I take seriously and am proud to serve District 1040 as DG, and will be attending the second General Council at Alcester in early December and will report back, from that, there are issues that once voted on will need to be communicated back to the District.

All in All, as I travel around the District, I find it in good heart and spirit generally, there are some individual issues to resolve, but there is a general positivity around, and even though we must continue to address membership as our main priority, there are new members at many clubs and many are young members, so we need to continue the good work, but thank you for all the work and effort put in so far.

It would be amiss of me not to make mention, that the new club of Leeds Phoenix has received its Charter, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will celebrate this in February, really brilliant news. That is a very positive note, in the District and we must look to continue the drive to form new clubs, as you will know we lost 2 clubs at the end of last year so the District count is 102.

**So to close, I am really enjoying this important office of DG, seeing how vast the range of projects and events are taking place around the District, so thank you for all you do, but remember have Fun doing it.**

**I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**DG Nigel.**