



District 1100 Newsletter - May 2019

The Area of Focus for May is Basic Education and Literacy.

This includes Teacher Training as well as direct support for children and young people. From 'My Rotary' you will see that 57 million children worldwide are not in school, while 781 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. 60% are women. Many Rotary Clubs in District 1100 are already involved in supporting education projects overseas as well as in their localities. and this is to be commended. For me, Education opens so many doors to a better future for all.

Youth Services in District 1100

This year Andy Jarrett has led our Youth Team and, together with others, has enabled Clubs to take part in many established youth programmes as well as bringing to our attention projects that Clubs have devised themselves.



Youth Speaks National Finalists.

Last month I reported on the success of our Senior Youth Speaks team from Katharine Lady Berkeley's School who have won through to the National Final. Their topic is: *Don't Worry: Be Happy – Is It really that Simple?*

On Sunday 12th May they will compete in Nottingham as part of the new style RIBI Showcase/Conference. I am sure you will join with me to wish them luck. I and members from Cotswold Tyndale Rotary Club will be willing them on as they take to the stage of The Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham.

National Youth Speaks competitions are for young people aged 11-17: Intermediate 11-13 years, and Seniors 14-17 years. However, at the last District

Council meeting we heard from Severn Vale Rotary Club about a Junior Youth Speaks competition they have devised and which they are willing to share with other Clubs. Only a week later I was at an Area 6 meeting where Worcester Rotary Club shared a similar Junior Youth Speaks project, again one which they had created themselves. Both are very positive ways to support junior schools and bring them together through a local competition.



The 2019 RYLA course takes place in two months' time. Thank you to Clubs that have already booked and paid for places; however there are still a few places to be filled. Following the positive feedback at the consultation meeting last year we had hoped that by now all the places would have been taken.

Our District RYLA is a great opportunity for young people aged 14-17 to gain leadership skills while having fun and working as a team. If your Club is still considering funding a young person, please get in touch with Andy Jarrett or Eddie Sims as soon as possible. We don't want young people to miss out when there are still places waiting for them.



PLANT4POLIO It's that time of year again when Clubs need to decide how many crocus corms they would like to plant in the autumn. I have heard of several projects where Rotary Clubs have worked with schools and not only tell the story of End Polio Now, but also engage with the children in planting the corms at their schools or in their communities. When they bloom next spring it will remind everyone of the work that still needs to be done, even in this country where some children are still not being vaccinated. Once again, the ordering of the corms is being undertaken by Keith Dunmur, and Clubs should have already received information from him.



District 2018-19

The final of the District Quiz took place on 19th April. It was the first time I had attended a Rotary Quiz night and it is to be recommended. Good fun, Good food and Great fellowship. It was held in a lovely pub outside Cirencester, and at the

half-way stage two teams were level and the third only one point ahead. It was a close run contest with much laughter and good-humoured banter. In the end the winning team for 2018-19 was Colwall Rotary Club with Swindon Old Town second and Portishead third. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening as it showed Rotarians enjoying themselves while displaying friendly rivalry.



I am looking forward to attending the R.I Convention in Hamburg next month.

It's not too late to register for this event and, if you would like to attend, all the details can be found on the Convention website.

Some Clubs have already sent me their proxy voting delegate cards as no one from their Club is able to attend. Should other Clubs wish me to act as their proxy, please send me your completed form by 26th May.

May-June Club events.

Thank you for all the invitations David and I are receiving to attend events, President's evenings etc during the next few weeks. I am trying to accept as many as I can as it gives me a chance to join you at work and play. We are also more than happy to roll our sleeves up and lend a hand, so please just ask.



The Annual Business Meeting is taking place online on Sunday 5th May at 2.00pm. Clubs should already be aware of the voting procedures and it is your chance to make your views known. Reports etc. can be found by typing ABM into the Search bar of the RGBI website.

Whatever you are doing this month - Enjoy your Rotary



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