



District 1100 Newsletter – April 2019

The Area of focus for April is Maternal and Child Health.

If you log into My Rotary and search Areas of Focus, you will find the scope of opportunities that you and your Club can engage in. Maternal and Child Health includes providing immunisation and antibiotics, promoting good nutrition, preventing Mother to Infant HIV transmission, and water and sanitation hygiene. The different areas of focus are full of ideas for you to consider.

District Conference 2019



Thank you to those who attended Conference and have provided feedback. I am very pleased at how positively Conference was received which is all down to the Conference Team.

Chaired by Jan Harris, and drawn from eight Rotary Clubs we had Jan, Deputy Host: Richard Purdon; Registration: Oliver Lister; Treasurer: Martin King; Chief Steward: Ken Culham and his team; Banqueting: Anne Pooley and Beth Phillip; Audio Visual: Mike Matthews and Steve Davies; Rotary Showcase: Peter Elliott and Photography Malcolm Horsley. A huge Thank You to them all.



On returning from Conference I received, by courier, a beautiful bouquet of flowers. However, there was no indication as to who sent them. So, to the anonymous donor, Thank You, they are still gracing our fireplace today.



Thornbury RC brought the Iron Lung to Conference where it was positioned outside the main entrance. Much interest was shown including by a group of teenagers who became engaged in conversation while performing wheelies outside the centre. They had no idea about Polio or what the Iron Lung was and asked practical questions including ones about keeping clean. I am sure they will spread the word as they were totally unaware of Polio beforehand. Thornbury RC will be taking the Iron Lung to Nottingham for Showcase - again a great opportunity to engage with the public. 12 Clubs in District 1100 have already booked the Iron Lung, covering 27 days and two conferences, with a booking of nine days in Sheffield!

World Immunisation Week is the 24th – 30th April which includes Measles and other diseases which are on the increase as the take-up of immunisation falls.

Youth competitions

The Regional stage of the Rotary Youth competitions has now been completed and District 1100 had some great competitors in the Regional Finals.

Youth Speaks



The Team from Katherine Lady Berkeley's School, who represented us in the Youth Speaks competition, won the Regional Competition in Royal Leamington Spa and now go forward to the RIBI Final at Conference/Showcase in Nottingham on Sunday 12th May. The event will be open to the Public. I thank Cotswold Tyndale Rotary Club who have supported the team throughout the competition.

Young Chef



The Regional Final took place on Saturday 30th March in Builth Wells and our finalist Rufus Wells again supported by Cotswold Tyndale RC, came second. Rufus created a vegan menu, which was highly commended for its originality and skill. In addition, it tasted wonderful and I am not a vegan. I have the recipe for a vegan meringue which was amazing. You might never guess how you make meringues without eggs.

Young Musician

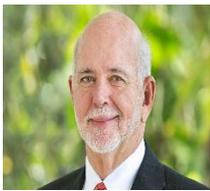


The Young Musician Regional Final was on the 31st March at Dean Close School Cheltenham. Such talented young people performed for both the Young Instrumentalist and Young Singer competitions. For those who attended it was a real treat with the winner of the Instrumental section a pianist from District 1060 and the vocalist from

District 1150.

RIBI Showcase, Nottingham

You now have two good reasons to come to Showcase: supporting our Youth Speaks Team and the Iron Lung Project. Booking information can be found on the RIBI site. In addition, speakers include:



RI President Barry Rassin



Mark Connelly, the 2018 Youth Speaks winner, talking about Music for Minds

Cyclone Idai

Thank you to all who have contributed to humanitarian aid needed in this area. People are still suffering and we should continue to support where we can.

To wrap up this month's Newsletter congratulations to Cirencester Rotary Club who celebrated their 90th Charter during March.

We still have three months of this Rotary year to look forward to and lots to do, and I hope to join you on many events when you are enjoying what you are doing and engaging with the public.



Joan D1100 District Governor 2018-2019