



## District 1100 Newsletter – February 2019

With the dull days, dark evenings and now heavy snow, I am beginning the February Newsletter with a good news story - the opening of a new Satellite Club in Area 5.



Rotary in the Rissingtons held their inaugural meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January. It was a happy, interesting, informal meeting in the village hall and I was delighted to welcome founder members into the Rotary family. In the photo, you will see a younger than usual 'member'. The young lady was representing her Interact Club at the local school and it was wonderful to hear her speak so confidently about all the things they were doing in her Club. Rotary in the Rissingtons are initially hoping to concentrate on supporting young people in their communities and are working towards starting a Rotakids Club in the Junior School.

### Youth Competitions

This is also the time of year when we are inspired by young people at the District Finals of Youth Competitions. The first is the **Youth Speaks** District Final which will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> February at Maisemore Village Hall.



This is followed by the **Young Chef District Final** on the 9<sup>th</sup> March at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy and the **Young Musician District Final** on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at Dean Close School in Cheltenham. District 1100 is also privileged to be providing the venue for the **Young Musician Regional Final**, again at Dean Close School in Cheltenham on the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**Rotary's theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution.**

Peace and conflict resolution are not just about wars and conflict overseas, they are also about peace and conflict within our Islands. Last October, when I attended the Bradford Peace seminar where Rotary Peace Scholars take their Masters Degree, I sat next to a student who had just come back from a placement with Belfast City Council. Conflict happens in our schools, neighbourhoods, streets and work places and sadly, sometimes within our own Clubs. It brings to mind our Four Way Test which should help us in any dispute. Professor Owen Green from the University of Bradford is one of our speakers at Conference, which brings me to: -

**District Conference 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**



The Clock is counting down to the start of our District Conference and, in six weeks, we will be enjoying ourselves in Torquay. Thank you to all who have already booked to come, where we will hear a variety of interesting speakers as well as enjoying ourselves socially, including the Banquet on Saturday evening. You are not too late to join the party as there are still limited rooms

available at the Conference Hotel. All details are on the District 1100 website including the programme and booking form.



## Presidential Citation 2018-19

This is a good time of year for Clubs to take a constructive look at how they are progressing towards the goals in the Club citation. You may not achieve all of them, but even if you only complete a few, you are moving forward. If your Club no longer has a copy of the citation it can be downloaded from My Rotary.

## Rotary Day 2019

To round off this Newsletter, let me remind you that this year ROTARY DAY falls on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Lots of suggestions are on the RIBI website under End Polio Now to help raise funds for this vital cause. They include using the day, or sometime within a few weeks of the day, to **'FILL YOUR PLACE FOR POLIO'**. The idea is simply to bring people together from across your community for a gathering where food and drink are served. It could be friends in your own home, a greater number in a hall, or even by doing something different at a Club meeting. Ideas include wrapping raffle prizes in **Purple paper**, and donating the raffle money to **End Polio Now**. Hold a **Name a 'Polio' Bear** competition, suggest members wear something **Purple** at a meeting or even just have **Purple Paper Napkins**. You choose - every little raised will help to finish the job of eradicating **Polio** for our world.

Finally keep warm during this cold spell.



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