

DISTRICT 1100 NEWSLETTER

January 2018



Anne and I wish you a very Happy New Year and we hope for all that you wish for yourselves in 2018.

We're all now half way through our year of office (except of course for those brave souls who are taking the role on next year too). If I can be of any help to you at all then please do contact me. I'm happy to turn up at events, to present awards or generally help where I can, if my diary will permit.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - 23/25 March

Much of my free time over the next few weeks will be spent on tying things up for the Conference. We now know who will be representing the Rotary International President in Bournemouth. It is Julia Phelps from New Hampshire (USA not UK), who has been something of a rising star in Rotary circles, so we're looking forward to her visit - look her up - she looks lively (which is what I asked for).

And now some requests for you:

1. Could I ask you please to send us (electronically) club photos for our montage, which will be shown before and after each conference session. Even better if the photos could be captioned to give watchers a better idea of context. The photo montage often encourages other clubs to try ideas that look interesting and has been known to get cross-club support for particularly good projects.

These photos need to be with us before Jan 28th please or we can't guarantee that they will be able to be included.

2. If your club is hoping to mount a display in the Rotary Showcase (where we will be meeting for coffee during conference breaks) please let us know as soon as possible. We have a trophy for the best club display, the current holders of which are Chepstow. Another chance for you to get other clubs interested in your projects maybe?

As at 2nd Jan, we're over the 300 mark for participants registered, which is really encouraging. If I could ask you (or the person coordinating your club's conference attendance this year) to remind those intending to come to please register before Jan 31st that would help us so much.

And if you and your club haven't made your mind up yet do give it a go.

Whilst I'll not try to claim that it will be a cheap weekend away, it does provide pretty good value for money in terms of dining and entertainment, of camaraderie, of the chance of interesting and engaging participation and a great location.

We'll do our very best to get the conference packs to those who have registered in good time before you go and this year's pack will include a short brain teaser, courtesy of Kingswood, for those who are easily bored (or those who just like brain teasers).

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There will be much activity over the next few weeks on social media from our UK Membership and Public Image teams.

Can I ask please that when you see the various snippets posted on facebook that you like and share (after watching yourself of course) amongst your friends and ask your members to do the same.

The whole point of the exercise over the next few weeks is to alert as many people as possible to the types of Rotary which are available nowadays.

There are those amongst us who feel that Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland should do more to get the message of Rotary out to the general public.

This is your chance to help make that happen.

Thank you again for all the support you've given me so far. It's been a tremendous privilege to be able to come out and meet so many of your members at club meetings.

Someone asked me a couple of months ago how I managed to remain so enthusiastic even on the 6th presentation of the week. The truth is that you are all so keen to do your best and each club member has his or her own reasons for being a Rotarian, but each one is passionate about what they do and I can't help but pick up on that. It really has sustained me on those long journeys home.

Keep smiling

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