

DISTRICT 1100 NEWSLETTER

May 2018



You can't be blamed for thinking I must be demob happy, with only 6 weeks to go, but it's my chronically disorganised state that has resulted in this newsletter coming out two weeks late.

Some reminders first please, as we all rush towards our respect handovers:

FOUNDATION

Could I ask you all to make sure that your club has sent in all the monies you've collected for Foundation and End Polio Now.

With Foundation in particular, the amount we can distribute in District Grants in three years time reflects exactly on how much we actually send from the District to Rotary International during this current financial year. Every last penny helps us to help you with your club projects.

YOUTH

I see that there is an online survey which each club has been asked to take part in so that Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland can reassess our Youth Programmes to make sure they are still relevant. The deadline for completing this survey is 21st May.

Please make sure that your club takes part - the last survey only had 517 responses (out of over 2,000 clubs), which didn't give any mandate to review anything. Club Secretaries have apparently been alerted to the presence of the online survey (it can be accessed through the RIBI website if necessary I think).

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

I'd love to be able to present your club with a Presidential Citation signed by RI President, Ian Riseley.

To recap clubs can qualify if they:

1. Pay their subscriptions on time (January and July)
2. Enter volunteer hours and project values on Rotary Club Central
3. Any 4 of the following 8:
 - A) Set at least 10 goals in Rotary Club Central
 - B) Update your club's strategic plan on Rotary Club Central

- C) Achieve a net increase in membership (plus 1 in clubs of 50 or less, plus 2 in clubs of 51 or more)
- D) Achieve a net gain of female members (same numbers as above)
- E) Achieve a net gain of members aged under 40 (same numbers as above)
- F) Show what events you have outside club meetings on Rotary Club Central
- G) Sponsor a new club or community corps
- H) Sponsor a new Interact or Rotaract club

I know many clubs can answer yes to some of those qualifiers. Can your club say yes to enough of them?

DISTRICT COUNCIL

A reminder that the final Council of this Rotary year takes place this coming Thursday evening at The Gables, Falfield. Our special guest for the evening is RIBI President, Denis Spiller, who's spending three days in the District, and it would be great to have a good turnout for him on Thursday evening.

DISTRICT HANDOVER

If you'd like to make sure I actually give the chain of office up to DGE Joan, then come along to the handover lunch at Egypt Mill, Nailsworth on Sunday 1st July (it's ticket only but I can get some for you if you'd like to come - partners included) - details on District 1100 website I'm sure.

ANTI SLAVERY PROJECT

If I have any disappointment at all from my year as DG, it's that I somehow didn't hit the right note with my proposed project in Tamil Nadhu, which we had a presentation on at District Conference. I've had no clubs asking for more information on this and we somehow would need to find about £30,000 in seed money if we're going to see it go ahead (with the help of a Global Grant and the support of Rotary in Tamil Nadhu). Would your club be willing to think about a promise to donate something towards this project? I'd be happy to send details on to you for further consideration.

Still plenty going on - enjoy the rest of your year - see you soon

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