



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



During July I met with 20 clubs - enjoying Rotary - focused on fund-raising and service projects of which we should be proud, and looking at how to expand membership – often through satellite groups

and satellite clubs. An inspiring month – thank you all!!

We have **District Conference** October 6-8. I hope to see you there. Full programme details and booking forms are at <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=565044&DistrictNo=1145&Mp=493699>

In the July newsletter I highlighted our 2017-18 focus areas. In this one an update:

Public Image - Rotary People of Action worldwide public image campaign is rolling out. Have you seen the new RI website www.rotary.org or the 'We are People of Action' – Rotary video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaCtNgourr4A?

Listen to the Rotary South District radio news programme broadcasting at 14:30 on Saturdays on the Meridian website at www.meridianfm.com or search tuning websites such as Tunein for meridianfm. Farnborough Music in the Park and Kingston Dragon Boat Race were in the first two broadcasts. Please alert Anthony Beevor - pr@rotarysouth.org - with newsworthy items

Rotary Club Central – The new fast, simple to use Rotary Club Central and Rotary Showcase are launched. We roll out training to clubs - area by area - from September. They cover Rotary Club Central, Showcase and Ideas including the inputs needed to gain the Presidential Citation. Also included is DMS training. Croydon Area seminar is on 21st Sept. Others can be scheduled via your AG.

New Style Club Generation and Membership

August is Membership and New Club Development Month - time to start your membership activity. RIBI President Denis Spiller's presentation at District Council and my club visits have resulted in requests for best practice for setting up new groups or clubs. **Neil Rorie's** membership team can assist with creating satellite groups or recruiting corporate members. **Paul Hickson's** extension team provide support to sponsor a new club or work with a corporate entity or institution to establish a Rotary club in line with their core values. Bentley Motors is a great corporate example - <https://en-gb.facebook.com/bentleyrotary/>

Have you seen RIBI President Denis Spiller's You Tube on Rotary 2 - creating new Rotary clubs www.youtube.com/watch?v=xj8mpZLmAy8

Strategy - Following District Council we launched a survey to obtain your views and look for volunteers from each area to form working groups in these focus areas. The Area and District strategy planning for our future is working from club strategies - a bottom-up approach. It has attracted eight Rotarians - 3 from one club and mainly from the North West! We would like to involve all areas - a cross section of District. The survey is being kept open until 10 August to allow you to lend your support <http://www.123contactform.com/form-2806356/District-Council-Survey> by volunteering for the Strategy Working Group. Alternatively e-mail - farnhampatevans@aol.com. You can also use the survey to volunteer for all focus areas.

Projects - Next month expect coverage of our large projects. If you have a large event or project email me the details and I will select some to include. I look forward to meeting with many more clubs during August.

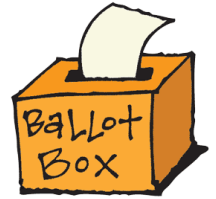
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Administration & Information

ELECTIONS

Shortly, I will be sending out nomination papers for the posts of DG (2020/2021), Treasurer, & Secretary for D1145 for the next Rotary Year. I will also be seeking expressions of interest from any members who wish to fulfil the role of Assistant Governor, Committee Chair, or other District position.

I will also be issuing a timetable should an election be necessary - please ensure that all members are apprised of this.



Change of Venue

RC of Guildford meet on Mondays at 12:45.

(This will be our new meeting place from Sept 2017. No meetings during August)
Weybourne House, 101 Portsmouth Rd, Guildford GU2 4DL

<http://www.weybournehouse.co.uk>

Secretary Rodney Cartwright 01483-572623



Club Promotions: (flyers attached)

RC of East Grinstead Meridian Golf Day – 14th September 2017

RC of Godalming Cyclathon – 30th September 2017



Training

Training sessions are being planned for Clubs to learn about Rotary Showcase, Rotary Club Central, and the use of DMS (for contact details).

They are being planned based on AG's areas. If your Club wants to take advantage of this please let your AG know so that you can be included in the plans!!



COMPLIANCE

If your Club has not signed the annual compliance document and notified Kevin Mack and/or Owen Durrett – do so at once. Until you do so the Rotary Insurance does not cover your activities

Similarly, if you have not contacted Kevin Mack for a club visit or booked into one of his seminars – you need to do so at once

Kevin can be contacted on kevinhmack99@yahoo.com

