



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



April featured great activities including Stroke Awareness and Blood Pressure monitoring days. As April started many enjoyed an excellent RIBI Conference in Torquay. It was a special weekend

attended by RI President Ian Riseley. Speakers included Chris Tarrant, Angela Rippon, Phil Bennett and some magnificent Youth contributions, including Young Citizens. Our own District provided speakers for four of the sessions – Janice Langley, Women's Institute; Tom Silverson, Rotaract; and both International Projects introduced by Ron Daniels – Sand Dams and John Miles with Global Sight Solutions (Guildford Eye).

Michael Zaffran, WHO Director covered Polio recognising both the leadership and contribution of Rotary to the elimination of Polio. He also gave us credit for the creation of the world health network to the remotest places in the world that enabled swift containment of Ebola. For him this powerful access was the **Plus in Polio Plus**.

For many the highlight was the visit of **Princess Anne, Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Elgin**. Her presentation recognised Rotary's contribution throughout her lifetime, in all areas. It is available for us all to view and share with friends or on our websites in its entirety together with other conference highlights at

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/conference/2018-conference/>.

The **Annual Business Meeting** on April 7 resulted in support, almost unanimous, for all the important resolutions triggering change at RIBI. They are aimed to enable working Rotarians to take RIBI leadership roles within a 21st century Rotary and to modernise Executive Committee, General Council, and the roles of RIBI President and RI Director.

May is Youth Service Month

Youth activities are concluding. Around 90 attended **RYLA** and in both weeks we saw them grow in confidence and leadership skills – so much young energy in the room - so worthwhile. I see many youth projects in clubs and find great inspiration from talking to young people at Youth events. Remember the quality young performers at District Assembly!

Success in Youth competitions!!!!

Rotary South Youth contestants are doing us proud regionally and nationally.

Congratulations to Kitty Grosse sponsored by **Fleet Rotary** who won the **Young Chef National Final**. Having seen her talented creation twice, the award is thoroughly deserved.



Congratulations too to both our **Young Musician** candidates who won at Regional level. **Vocalist** was won by **Jasmine Bingham** sponsored by **RC Epsom**.



Instrumentalist was won by **Berniya Hamie** sponsored by **RC Brighton and Hove Soiree**. Both go to the national final in Edinburgh on 19 May. They are impressive!



Our Youth Speaks Intermediate Team from Farnborough Hill School sponsored by Farnham and Farnham Weyside

also won the Regional Final. Farnborough Hill student Charlotte Dargan was awarded best speaker. They have a place at the National Final. Young Photographer, Young Writer and other finals are still to come in May.

Rotary Convention

I hope to see many of you at the **Rotary Convention in Toronto 23-27 June**.

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto>

Can you join the group going from District? If your club is unable to send delegates to vote I can act as your proxy. Please send me any credential certificates/voting cards by 1 June, should you wish me to vote on your behalf.

RI President's Environmental Tree Challenge

To date I have reports from clubs on the tree planting you made before World Earth Day on April 22nd **exceeding two trees per member – double our objective**. That is brilliant. Thank you all. Please put your project on Rotary Showcase so everyone can see what you have achieved. 5000 of the trees were planted at Sand Dams in Kenya where they will help create localised microclimates and we are expecting photographs soon.

Presidential Citation Now is the time to ensure your goals and achievements are on **Rotary Club Central (RCC) and Rotary Showcase**. The majority of our areas have now completed RCC training. The Presidential Citation is a great opportunity to use these new tools that are with us for the long term. <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/2017-18-presidential-theme-and-citation-brochure-ian-hs-riseley-2017-18-ri-president>. You will find your efforts on the tree challenge should tick many boxes to get the Citation. Please try it.

Public Image – Your Projects

RIBI reached five million people with its Public Image campaign around the Rotary State of the Nation Survey. You have projects that address the issues it highlighted. **Anthony Beevor** is now ready to help you gain publicity for those projects with our local media. The State of the Nation Survey highlighted loneliness, mental health, poverty, homelessness, crime, care for elderly, unemployment and opportunities for young people as key issues in society. A summary of the report can be found at <https://www.rotarygbi.org/state-of-the-nation/>. You carry out many worthwhile projects throughout Rotary South. Many are not appearing in local news media, radio,

television or social media. We often wonder why we do not get good publicity for our efforts. A major reason, and there are several, is that we don't tell anybody about them. We have to tell our story. When you have completed a project tell our public image team led by Anthony Beevor. We can work with you to publicise your projects in your local area as well as the District. Email your project news and photographs to pr@rotarysouth.org.uk. Do not wait, just do it. Also put it all on the Rotary Showcase. We have some useful webinar training see Register for Upcoming Webinars attachment.

Rejuvenating Rotary

We continue to develop next generation style opportunities ready to welcome potential new members generated by our campaigns. Do you want to understand how to create these opportunities in your area and attract new Rotarians? If so attend the **Rejuvenating Rotary Event** on Saturday May 12th. It is filling up – over half our clubs are represented – is yours? It is a not to miss event for every club looking to a future. You must register to attend.

<http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-2541611/Membership-Seminar>

We also have some useful online training see Register for Upcoming Webinars attachment.

<u>RIBI and RI Events</u>
<p>21-24 May Purple 4 Polio Grand Tour. Cars start at Brooklands visiting other Districts before heading for Halifax. Fundraise by being sponsored for the journey and enjoy a fun tour of England and Wales. Peter Kleyn is our representative. Peter.kleyn@aol.com. Entry is £35 per car. Information and booking https://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio-rotary-grand-tour/</p>
<p>13 June Kids Out It started in our District and we have events around the District. Please support them</p>
<p>Mid-June Rotary Ride for Prostate Cancer 23-27 June, Toronto – leading world speakers Inspiration around every corner in Toronto It is the keynote event of the year in a fascinating city. Information and booking http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto Join the Rotary South party.</p>

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Administration & Information

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT ROTARY YEAR

- Please ensure that the Compliance document is signed by the President & Secretary and the District Compliance Officer (Kevin Mack) and/or myself is notified. Keep the original copy with Club records.
- Please notify me of the names of your Clubs voting delegates for District Council meetings in 2018/19.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH CLUBS

It has been practice that Clubs send me details of events that they wish publicised across the District - on many occasions the event is likely to be of interest to local Clubs.

From 1st July, I will only be distributing District wide promotions that are likely to gain support. The DMS e-mailing application enables individuals to circulate information to a targeted audience – please make yourself familiar with this and use it to promote your events.

FUTURE EVENTS

- ✳ The **RC of Lewes Castle** is organising a Sponsored Walk on Saturday 16th June 2018 – full details on flyer
- ✳ The **RC of Farnborough** is celebrating its 60th Charter, combining with their President's Night @ Farnham Castle on Friday 18th January 2019 – full details on the flyer
- ✳ The **RC of Cheam & Sutton** is holding a May Fair on Monday 28th May 2018 – full details on the flyer

ROTARY BOOKS !

After the last District Council Meeting in July a number of Rotary publications (books) were found on a table in the foyer. Do you know who they belong to? Please let the Secretary know so that they can either be returned or a decision made on their retention.

