



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Since 1st July I have met with 46 clubs all enjoying Rotary in different ways and have heard of brilliant fund-raising and service projects of which we should all be proud. You really are **Rotary People of Action**. I

always felt very welcome – thank you all!!

Clubs are focused on growing **membership**. **Alternate meeting times work** – normal time plus breakfast or twilight – reduces time and cost - **attracting new members**. Women's Institute increased membership and changed image. Find out how from past National Chairman Janice Langley at Conference.

September is New Generations Month.

Carole Knight and her Youth team are preparing competitions and handling interest in Interact and Rotakids. Having viewed the impact of **Shepperton Aurora's** Interact Club at Sunbury Manor School – so active doing projects and fundraising at Rotary Club levels! - I can recommend Interact to all clubs.

September's Youth Newsletter contains full details of **Competitions** and dates. Primary schools competitions include **Junior Youth Speaks** and **Technology Tournament** and an Under-12s **Five-a-Side** trial - with a National Tournament for 'clubs affiliated with the FA'. To develop leadership potential consider short or year-long international **Youth Exchange** and **New Generations Service Exchange** and the always successful **RYLA**. We focus on 14-19 year olds. Some Districts include 20-30 year olds. **District Conference Showcase** includes stands for the Technology Tournament and Youth Opportunities.

Nominations for District Officer Elections close on 10 September. Details are with Club Secretaries. These are deeply rewarding roles. **Please send your nomination in.**

Projects

You are all involved in amazing service and fundraising projects - some very significant. Several clubs run Dragon Boat races – **Kingston** is the largest in the country with 55 teams raising funds for their charities too. Several run fairs – **Ashtead's** is the second largest event in Surrey after the County Show. This week I visited **Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice** as they received £85k from **Farnborough's Music in the Park**. These events are great public image opportunities and provide a great opportunity to meet potential members.

Nine Rotary South Clubs (**Staines, Guildford, Woking District, Ashford, Ripley and Send, Chertsey, Egham, Shepperton and Sunbury, Ashtead**) working together with clubs in **France** and **Trinidad** plus a **Scottish District** have financed equipping rooms in **Woking and Sam Beare's Hospice** rebuild project. Investment exceeds **£120k** - made up of a Foundation Global Grant of £86K and other club funding over £35k - a truly international effort funding our community project. Hear more of the impact at District Conference.

The impact of other large projects including the **Social Partnership** addressing social care locally, our **Sand Dams** project bringing safe water to 100k people at £10 per head to help them **survive in the drylands** and our project to **address poverty** with **Purple Community Fund** will also be covered at Conference. Over 30 other projects and NGOs including **Rotary Global Sight Solutions** (funding ten eye hospitals) are in the **Showcase**. These demonstrate our strong pedigree of international projects on most continents.

Still time to book District Conference, 6-8 October. With keynote speakers Lord Digby Jones, Jenny Seagrove and Ann Widdecombe we have a great programme. I hope to see you there. Full details and booking forms at: <http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=565044&DistrictNo=1145&Mp=493699>

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Administration & Information

RC of Surbiton

From September, onwards we shall be meeting formally on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. We shall publish the other social occasions/community meetings/group meetings on our website.

Forthcoming Events

- * **RC of Shepperton Aurora** are holding their 13th Annual Charity Lecture on Wednesday 27th September 2017 – the topic “Brooklands” (Flyer attached).
- * **RC of Surbiton** are hosting a talk on “Immunotherapy & Rotary in Surrey” on Tuesday 31st October 2017 (flyer attached + supporting article)
- * **RC of Sanderstead & Selsdon** is holding a Craft Fair on Saturday 11th November 2017 (flyer attached)
- * **RC of Chichester Harbour** is holding a “Bridge Afternoon” on Thursday 12th October 2017 to raise funds for Rotary Foundation (Flyer attached)
- * **RC of Sanderstead & Selsdon** is holding its next Annual Charity Walk on Sunday 3rd June 2018 (flyer attached)
- * **Details attached of a D1145 trip to Uganda in 2018**

District Conference 2017 – Appeal for Stewards

Are you interested in helping at the forthcoming District Conference by acting as a Steward? The rota schedule is attached, so if you are interested please complete it and return the document ASAP to Kevin Mack on kevinhmack99@yahoo.com, adding details of your arrival in Bournemouth

Surplus Jam required

The **RC of Kingston Upon Thames** are looking for any spare “Purple \$ Polio Jam” pots. If your Club can help please contact AG Paul Hickson on hicksonclan@hotmail.com

ELECTIONS

All Club Secretaries have had the papers relating to District posts for the next Rotary year 2018/19. If you want to help promote the Rotary message and want to “make a difference” please complete a cv form and send it to the District Secretary, (details below) expressing your areas of interest.

Nominations close of 10th September 2017