



### ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Since 1<sup>st</sup> July I have met with over sixty clubs. It has been a real pleasure. I remain amazed by your ability to deliver so many significant fund-raising and service projects - we can all be proud! Thank you all. You really

live up to being **Rotary People of Action**.

**Natural Disasters** have dominated recent news including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in the US and Caribbean, flooding in Nepal, mudslides in Sierra Leone and famine in East Africa. Many of you have collected funds and made donations. Our best route for emergency support remains disaster boxes – Shelterbox, Water Survival Box, Aquabox, and Disaster Aid **which always need replenishment**. You may have seen press advertisements by Shelterbox to raise funds. Long term we also help communities rebuild via RIBI Donations Trust, or School Boxes and Trade Aid boxes. A [new webpage has been created](#), providing disaster relief updates. A [disaster relief social media toolkit for Rotary clubs](#) provides help to maintain a consistent message of Rotary's efforts. Our District has a special relationship with District 7020 where eight of ten countries are impacted. Donation details can be found at [Donate here](#).

**October is Economic and Community Development Month** addressing the challenge of growing communities, small businesses and improving living standards, creating jobs and reducing poverty. Many of you take part via micro-financing, often through Lend with Care, training, developing social enterprise or access to markets or rebuilding of economic capacity after disasters. If you are involved in any projects now is the time to load on Rotary Showcase.

### October 24<sup>th</sup> is Rotary's World Polio Day

To date this year Polio cases have halved and much hard media work is beginning to bring some positive press on Rotary's 35 year role, including an article in the Journal of Infectious Diseases (2017, volume 216) available online. Much is planned for October 24<sup>th</sup> covered in the September Members Newsletter – World Polio Day 2017. A template letter to send to your MPs to thank them for the UK £100m contribution and a two page document that explains our advocacy are available.

### October 30<sup>th</sup> starts World Interact Week.

We have eight Interact clubs. If you have one or have one in formation, are you planning anything with your Interact club to celebrate?

### Good News

I hope you have seen signs of the **Rotary People of Action Public Image campaigns**. Have you seen the 8 page A6 **People of Action brochure**? **It is excellent and free**. Order for your club through the [RIBI Online Shop](#). There are A6 postcards (also free) and a longer A5 brochure too – **all great recruitment tools!**

### More Good News

**Rotary Club Central** training has started and clubs are loading goals. **Has your club scheduled training yet through your AG?**

### Yet More Good News

**RIBI public promotion of Rotary for the Next Generation (Rotary 2)** starts in January, aimed at developing Rotary for future generations in every community. For leads from this programme a club in your community needs a group or club aimed at that next generation. We have registered six groups of four or more, meeting at least monthly. More are in planning stage. For more information contact Paul Hickson [hicksonclan@hotmail.com](mailto:hicksonclan@hotmail.com).

I hope to see many of you at District Conference.

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# Administration & Information

## PEPS 1 2017 - PRESIDENT ELECTS

A reminder to all President Elects

Your training for your year starts shortly. Full details have been circulated to you or via your club Secretary - make sure you have responded to the invitation

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH - REIGATE BAPTIST CHURCH**

## Forthcoming Events

- \* RC of Chichester Harbour are holding an Antiques Talk & Dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 with a valuation session the following morning – full details on the attached flyers

## District Team for 2018/19

There was only one nomination for the post of DGNN for 2018/19 (to be DG in 2020/21) and that was Nick Drake of the RC of Caterham Harestone – Congratulations.

Other members of the District Team for next year will be announced shortly

## TRAINING

Many of you should have heard about “Rotary Club Central” and Rotary Showcase” but may not fully appreciate what they are and how your Club can use them.

Training is being organised (on an AG area basis) for all Clubs – so make sure you know when the session for your Club is to be held and ensure that your Club is represented.

In addition to that training, a session on the online directory system (*referred to as “DMS” by many*) is also being held.

This is an opportunity for you to ask those questions you have always wanted to!!

**DO NOT MISS OUT**

*My perennial plea to those responsible for keeping the data up to date – please ensure that you note who does what in your Club on the RIBI-T database – it is only if you do that, does the Directory system work for everyone.*