



**Rotary
International
designate
September as
“Basic
Education &
Literacy Month”**



Is there a project in your community or further afield that will help those who have never had the opportunity to learn to read or write?

Recharge your Rotary Batteries at The Rotary Ireland Conference 29th September – 1st October 2017, in the heart of County Down at the La Mon Hotel & Country Club, Castlereagh, Belfast.

I look forward to meeting you there.

booking form at www.rotaryconference.ie

With Autumn fast approaching I remind you that the next three months are critical for Rotary Ireland in our drive to **increase our Membership**.

Membership



The
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ROTARY

With the inauguration of two new Satellite clubs, our membership has increased to 1,925 (+24) versus our goal of net 2,000 members by the 30th June 2018. We have 73 clubs, and if we work hard to retain our existing members and gain one or two members per club, we will achieve our target.

The Satellite Club concept is proving popular and we have produced a “Satellite Club Handbook”, Hard copies will be available from your Assistant Governor next week or you can download a copy “[Here](#)”

Please engage with your Assistant Governor to look at all membership opportunities.

My next key topic is the **Rotary Ireland Conference**



which is taking place from Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October 2017 at the La Mon Hotel & Country Club just on the outskirts of Belfast.

If you have not booked for conference, then please do so right away; this is a great opportunity for everybody to recharge their Rotary batteries by coming together to renew friendships, share ideas and celebrate what Rotarians do well: Making a Difference.

Rotarian Claire Savage; journalist and TV Development Producer will introduce our speakers including:

Eric Knowles; well-known in the world of antiques and a Rotary Foundation Champion

Bill Wolsey; (Beannchor) owner of the well-known Merchant Hotel in Belfast.

Molly Comish; recent Rotary Young Citizens Awards winner.

Professor Jim Dornan; well-known retired obstetrician; father of Irish actor Jamie Dornan.

Stroke Association & Irish Heart Foundation; and a stroke survivor tell a story.

Youth Action; a regional voluntary youth group based in Belfast.

Valentine Hodges; Owner of Veesbees
Neil Porteous; Head Gardner at Mountstewart the nearby National Trust property.

Mash Direct; a family owned farming and food production enterprise in Comber

Rotary Peace Project; run by Rotarian Jean Best a powerful peace project for young people.

Don't forget you can attend for 1 day (either Friday or Saturday) without having to stay overnight. Please book by visiting

www.rotaryconference.ie.

Yours in Rotary

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