



**August  
is  
Membership  
and  
Extension  
Month**

**New members in  
your Club will**

**“LIGHT UP  
ROTARY”**

The Rotary Ireland  
Conference takes place  
on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>

September in the  
fabulous surroundings  
of Titanic Belfast

On Friday evening in  
Belfast City Hall  
following a drinks  
reception sponsored by  
Belfast City Council a  
meal will be served by  
“Imaginative Waiters”

There will be a Live  
Musical Show to suit all  
tastes and together we  
will make this a  
sparkling evening of  
Rotary fellowship,  
friendship and fun.

There will be no charge  
for the evening thanks  
to the generous  
sponsorship of Edina  
Engineering Ltd.

**Have you registered  
for Conference?**

If not you can do so  
now at  
[www.rotaryconference.ie](http://www.rotaryconference.ie)

**New Members are our Future!**

In Rotary, we mark August as  
Membership and Extension Month.

There is a good reason why we remind  
ourselves of the importance of  
membership early in every Rotary  
year: because the job of growing our  
membership is one that we can never  
begin too soon.

It is also a job that we can never stop  
working on. In order to keep serving,  
Rotary always needs to be growing!  
Growing membership doesn't end  
when a new member joins. It ends only  
when a new member is enjoying being a  
Rotarian and never wants to leave!  
And making sure that our clubs are  
enjoyable places to be is a key part of  
growing membership.

People come into Rotary for all kinds  
of reasons, but they stay because  
Rotary is fun to be part of. So I want to  
remind all of you to have fun in your  
clubs.

Rotary is based on the idea that our  
service is more effective when we serve  
together with our friends. So let's enjoy  
our Rotary service, share it with  
others, and [Light Up Rotary](#) together!

The first club which Marjorie and I  
visited was the Rotary Club of Carlow  
where we were graciously received. The  
club has gone through a difficult period  
and it was encouraging for us to see the  
interest that members showed in the  
plans for the Rotary year 2014/2015.

During July we visited Youghal, Tralee,  
Bandon, Killarney, Dingle, Mallow,  
Athlone, Mullingar and Dublin Central.  
We were made to feel very welcome in  
every club and enjoyed our visits. I  
asked each club to consider  
supporting this year's District  
International, Community and  
Vocational Preferred Projects

- [Project 538.](#)
- [The Daisy Project](#)
- International Woman's Day

By supporting these projects and  
contributing \$100 per capita to the  
Rotary Foundation, Rotarians in  
Rotary Ireland will help people less  
fortunate than themselves with  
renewed enthusiasm – in short  
[“Light Up Rotary”](#).

ALMOST THREE decades ago,  
Rotarians made a choice to give  
something far more important than  
money. We gave our word that we  
would eradicate the **poliovirus** and  
create a future free of this disease.

But we haven't yet kept that word.  
We haven't yet made the world  
polio-free.

In Rotary, we have been saying for  
many years that we are going to  
eliminate polio.

We talk about it, we work toward it,  
and we've raised money for it - a  
great deal of money and now we are  
asking Rotarians to finish the job!

There will be those who feel they  
have given enough already to the  
cause of polio eradication - those  
who feel we have done enough, and  
that it is time to move on.

If we pause, if we slacken now, we  
risk losing all that we have already  
given. We risk our own good name  
and the good name of all the  
Rotarians who came before us.

This is something that we as  
Rotarians cannot and will not  
accept.

We must continue until we finish  
the job, please support Polio Plus by  
contributing £50 per capita and  
benefiting from the 2 for 1 matching  
of the Gates Foundation and soon  
we can proudly say [“we eradicated  
polio”](#).

Yours in Rotary  
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