

Rotary
Ireland



District Governor's Newsletter – December 2014



December is “Family of Rotary” Month

The most important people in Rotary are: individual Rotarians, working quietly in their clubs to assist those who are less fortunate than themselves.

Rotarians identifying a need and responding to it.

This is a special time of year. May it bring to each of you the blessings that it offers.

As we *Light Up Rotary*, let us remember that the future of Rotary Ireland is in your hands.

“The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family of Rotary Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members.

The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program and project participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our events and projects, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world.”

During this special time of year, we all need to keep our families in mind and celebrate by including them in our Rotary activities.

Let's include our children, spouses, and partners in our Christmas celebrations. When we have our special events, invite those special persons to participate. Ask them to join in on the festivities whether it is singing, collecting items for the needy or simply attending that special event that occurs this time of year.

As for the District Team, we are thankful for the service each of you provide as Rotarians and appreciate the fellowship created by the activities in which you participate.

Please continue your efforts in the

advancement of our Rotary ideals.

If your club has not already done so please consider supporting our 2014/2014 District Projects [Project Daisy](#) and [Project 538](#)

During November we visited Ballymena, Coleraine, Ballycastle, Limavady, Antrim, Carrickfergus, Cookstown, Ballymoney, Dublin Fingal, Drogheda, Lurgan, Armagh, Lagan Valley, and Larne and were warmly welcomed by all. It's great to see the hard work that clubs are undertaking and enjoying fellowship and fun in the service of Rotary.

The Technology Tournament at Stormont and the Larne Club's Young Driver Awareness event were particular highlights in our service to young people; thank you to those Rotarians who worked so hard to make them a success.

In a final note, I wish you the Compliments of the Season and, as it's been said in the lyrics of The Christmas Song.....

“And so I'm offering this simple phrase, to kids from one to ninety-two, although it's been said many times, many ways, MERRY CHRISTMAS to you”

I ask you all to continue to **“Light Up Rotary”**.

Yours in Rotary
DG Phillip

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