



July is Handover Month

The 2014/2015 District Governors are now taking up the challenge of leading their Districts to

“LIGHT UP ROTARY”

This we will do at the Rotary Ireland Conference 26th/27th 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

Happy New Year!

In this Rotary year, our theme is “[Light up Rotary](#)” Let’s make a start to the new year by bringing in at least one new member in every club in Ireland – how can we do that?

Ask a prospective member for their help with a project. I believe that if we can get prospective members to help with a project - it could be a Youth Project, or a Community Project, or an International Project.

They will realise that they can make a difference in someone's life. And they'll also realise that when you give through Rotary service, you get so much more in return.

Why not ask more than one person!

Sometimes we get comfortable in going to our club and in not having any responsibility. It's great to go to your meeting and see your friends.

But if you want to really enjoy Rotary, you all need to be doing projects.

Hands-on projects are great equalizers. When you are manning the Remembrance Tree or helping to run a fund-raising event, you're just like the next person, and that person is just like you. When everyone's serving together, there's camaraderie, and that's how we keep people engaged.

Rotarians sometimes don't *realise* **all** the good that Rotary is doing and is capable of doing.

If they could witness the impact of the projects I was privileged to see earlier this year, it would change their lives.

They would understand that they belong to an organisation whose members have a common desire to do something good and who, working together, accomplish incredible things.

I am in awe of the good I see Rotarians doing throughout Ireland and further afield.

It is my hope that each one of you will support your Club's membership drive.

I ask each club to consider supporting this year's District International, Community and Vocational Projects

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

By supporting these projects and our Rotary Foundation, Rotarians in Rotary Ireland will help people less fortunate than themselves with renewed enthusiasm – in short “Light Up Rotary”

I also am asking each one of you to make a gift of some amount to our Rotary Foundation.

Why not consider becoming a Sustaining Member of our own charity The Rotary Foundation?

It will be my pleasure to visit your club and meet the many great Rotarians we are privileged to have in Rotary Ireland.

Yours in Rotary
DG Phillip

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