



**“LIGHT UP
ROTARY”**

At the Rotary Ireland Conference which takes place on 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 buffet meal will be served by “Imaginative Waiters”

There will be Live Music 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

September is Youth Services Month

In Rotary, we try to take the long view in our service. We aspire to serve in ways that will make a lasting difference that will continue to have an impact after our participation ends.

Our younger generations share this sentiment and apply it by focusing on environmental issues in new and innovative ways.

As a young person, environmental issues were barely on my radar. To young people today, these concerns are front and centre.

Their perspective is a valuable contribution to the world of Rotary and it is one that we should all encourage and support. Just as they are learning from us, so should we be learning from them! In conjunction with RIBI, clubs can encourage young people to develop and grow their skills

Youth Leadership Development Competition

The Youth Leadership Development Competition is our “flagship” competition. Information packs for 2014/2015 have been sent to clubs and I encourage you all to contact schools and Youth groups now.

Youth Speaks

The Youth Speaks competition continues to go from strength to strength each year, producing some superb quality speakers in our young people aged from 11 to 18.

Young Chef

The Young Chef competition, has a new Irish competition sponsor [The School Food Company](#) entrants’ will again produce superb quality cooking. The competition is open to young people aged 11 to 17.

Young Photographer

The digital camera has revolutionised the photographic world. Each year we see more and more entries for Young Photographer, each submitting a portfolio of photographs.

Young Writer

Starting with club level competitions, winners progress to district events and, ultimately, to a national final. The winning work is published in Rotary magazines and on the RIBI website.

Technology Tournament

Students are given a previously unseen task which they have to solve in a given period of time under Rotarian supervised tournament conditions.

These young people are the Rotarians of tomorrow. When we support them, we are supporting the future of our entire organization.

We are helping to train the men and women who will be the Rotary club presidents, district governors, RI directors, and RI presidents of tomorrow.

Details of all our competitions can be found [“HERE”](#)

But, what about today? Has your club kept in touch with the thousands of young people who have taken part in our youth competitions over the years? Have you been in contact with the parents of those young people? Have you asked those parents to join Rotary? Have you asked them to become “Friends” of Rotary and help out at fund raising events? If not – Why not?

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Dublin Central who have already inducted four new members with five more in the pipeline – how many new Rotarians has your club inducted?

During August I visited the Rotary Clubs of Lisburn, Omagh, Belfast, North Down, Belfast East, Newtownabbey, Bangor and Dublin North. Thank you to you all for the warm welcome to your club and I hope you all will **“Light Up Rotary”**.

Yours in Rotary
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