



June is Rotary Fellowship Month



Rotary: Making a Difference.

When I addressed you all as your 100th District Governor at District Council last June, I emphasised that I wanted to do things slightly differently during this Rotary year. I wanted focus my club visits based on attending projects that you were running, the induction of new members, the presentation of Paul Harris Fellows & special club events.



The most moving and poignant event must have been the District Council meeting in January when we had members from Polio

Survivors Ireland and Northern Ireland Polio Fellowship telling their moving stories, hosted by Pamela Ballantine from Ulster Television. It is events like this that really bring home why we are all Rotarians and what significantly differentiates us from other organisations.

Rotary 2 – Making Ourselves Attractive to New Members



I have been totally blown away by the projects and hard work you all do in your local communities and overseas. It is the service work that we do, projects like the Remembrance Tree, Youth Leadership and our Bikes Project with Loughan House Prison that gives us the foundation to attract new members.

In conjunction with my fellow District Governors across the 25 Districts, we signed up to establish 250 Satellite Clubs by the end of June this year.

I am pleased to advise we have surpassed this goal by establishing over “250” new opportunities for new members to join us across England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales. In Ireland we have identified over “30” new Satellite opportunities which we will further develop in the new Rotary year.

We chartered our 74th Rotary Club on the 26th January 2018 in Raheny Rotary. We also inaugurated Dublin South Rotary & a new Rotaract Club at Dublin City University.

We launched a social media campaign with 10 new video clips.

Download these clips as detailed below and share them on your

website and Facebook page. Please make sure everyone in your club has the opportunity to see these videos.

People of Action (GBI version)

Rotary unites problem solvers in Great Britain and Ireland and across the world, transforming our communities one project at a time.

This video is Rotary International's People of Action promotional video, adapted with a Great Britain and Ireland voice-over.

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Tackling homelessness with Wrexham Glyndwr Rotary Club

Rotary is the flexible and rewarding way to get involved with your community and make a difference.

Meet Wrexham Glyndwr Rotary Club, whose diverse and enthusiastic members are serving their community by tackling homelessness and hosting exciting events.

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Rotary supporting young people

Every year Rotary helps thousands of young people achieve their dreams.

Together, we inspire young people to showcase their talents, take part in community projects and unlock their potential through our youth competitions and programmes.

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Rotary on the brink of polio history

For more than 30 years Rotary has led the campaign to rid the world of

polio, protecting 2.5 billion children from paralysis and death.

With Rotary advocacy and fundraising, we are on the brink of one of the greatest global health achievements ever.

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Marlow Bridge Rotary Club championing local causes

Marlow Bridge Rotary Club is one of many new and flexible Rotary clubs allowing busy individuals to volunteer in the community.

The club's first project was to support Paralympic gold medallist Naomi Riches in her world record rowing challenge!

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Bentley Motors give back to community through Corporate Rotary club

Staff members at Bentley Motors in Crewe started a project supporting the homeless in their community after forming the UK's first Corporate Rotary Club.

Rotary is the great way for your organisation to turn their Corporate Social Responsibility ideas into action through volunteering and projects.

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Young Rotary members blazing a trail in Manchester

Develop your skills, meet new people and give back to the community.

Meet Martin and Nicole, two young Rotary members who are fulfilling their ambitions through Rotary.

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Rotary members unite to tackle world hunger

Two days, 29 Rotary clubs, hundreds of volunteers and 100,000 meals packed to feed hungry school children in Kenya.

Together, we unite to make a difference.

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Learn, develop and grow with Rotary

Rotary changes lives with countless humanitarian projects locally and globally, from helping the homeless to eradicating polio.

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Family Rotary club use skills to kick-start local charities

Meet the family friendly Rotary club who donate their professional skills to kick-start local charities through their 'Pimp My Community' programme.

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Promoting a Healthy Community in Telford

Over the last 14 years, Rotary clubs in Shropshire, Staffordshire and the West Midlands have held awareness events promoting happy and healthy communities.

The project has provided 18,000 people with free blood pressure tests, other health-related checks and lifestyle advice from teams of volunteer professionals.

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12 Months as Your District Governor – What Inspired Me!

July 2017 - my visit club visit to Dingle Rotary - 336 miles from home!

August 2017 - my first joint club visit with Wicklow & Bray Rotary.

September 2017 - Rotary Ireland Conference @ the La Mon Hotel where we raised enough money from the auction for **44,000 polio vaccinations!**



October 2017 - We had the screening of the new “Breathe” film on World Polio Day in Dublin. We invited polio survivors from Polio Survivors Ireland.



November 2018 - Visit to Loughan House prison to meet the new Prison Governor and see at first-hand our international Bikes project. I was trained as a Peace Advocate as part of the Peace Programme with local schools from Zone 6 attending.

December 2017 - In conjunction with **One Last Push** and polio survivors from the Northern Ireland Polio Fellowship, we commemorated 60 years since the outbreak of polio in Belfast in 1957 when 297 people were impacted by polio.

What an outstanding and moving event! Thanks to **1visionpr** who orchestrated significant television, radio and newspaper coverage of the event.



January 2018 - The visit of Rotary International Britain & Ireland President Denis Spiller to our shores following the invite from the Rotary Club of Navan. We had 8 clubs represented with President Denis making a presentation to 5 founding members. All 5 members bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and fun to our meetings every week. The members are Francis (Fred) Kenny, Christopher Oakes, Joe Keappock, Eugene Collins, and William O'Brien-Lynch



February 2018 - One of my projects was to work in partnership with the Stroke Association NI Team to host a blood pressure event. Another was to support the local Support Group through funding specialised sports equipment, Lurgan Rotary ran an event in the their Community Centre.



March 2018 - Dungannon & Cookstown Rotary held an excellent technology tournament at the College in Dungannon.



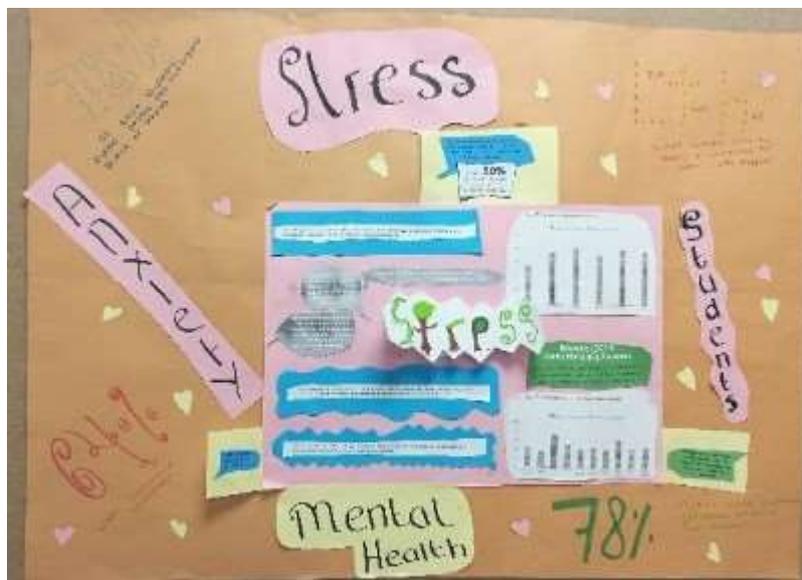
April 2018 - Activities were significantly reduced due to Jury Service, but I was able to attend the RIBI Conference in Torquay.

May 2018 - Five schools from Zone 6 presented their school Peace projects; what a magnificent day! The students were outstanding! The impressive presentations made full use of poster displays and modern technology.

The topics included; the processes used to introduce the concept to their schoolmates; organising discussion groups; tackling hurtful language in school; identifying causes of stress and suggesting solutions.

Workshops were set up on; bullying; encouraging empathy, understanding and inclusion; identifying the amount of time spent on various social media platforms; the accessing of inappropriate content and suggestions to tackle this issue.

Succession planning; to ensure their schools will have fully trained Peace Advocates in future; and determined efforts to work Peace Advocacy into their regular curriculum



June 2018 - Bangor Rotarians under the leadership of President James O'Fee held an excellent blood pressure testing event with the Stroke Association NI at Sea Bangor, organised by the local council. The event was held over 2 days. North Down Rotary, led by next year's President Jim Henry, took responsibility for the Sunday. Full marks to President James and his Team for the foresight in proposing and organising the event. Sea Bangor had 60,000 visitors at the event with:

353 blood pressure tests:

- 286 within normal range (81%)
- 62 advised for a routine follow up within a month (18%)
- 5 sent for urgent follow up within a week (1%)



Rotarian's recognised - I was very proud to attend the Champions of Change Awards in Cardiff this year. We were very privileged to receive two awards: Daniel O'Reilly (Monaghan Rotary) for the Crumlin hospital project and a Presidential Award to Brendan O'Shea (Mallow Rotary) through his leadership in bringing in 13 new Rotarians in a Rotary year.



In the recent Queen's honours list, Rotarian Tom Givans for the Rotary Club of Dungannon was awarded an MBE for services to the community. Congratulations Tom!

Tom Givans, MBE

AWARDED an MBE for services to the community.

Tom Givans, a member of Dungannon Rotary Club, said he felt "humbled and very privileged" upon hearing the news that he'd been given the accolade in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

The Co Tyrone father-of-two added: "I did not expect to get thanks for doing what has always come automatically to me, and that is helping others."

He is the owner of Dungannon Windows, a successful local

company, and has a background in engineering.

He bought the company 30 years ago after spending time in North Africa, where he worked on the Libyan oil rigs.

Hugh Finnegan, president of Dungannon Rotary Club, said he was delighted at the news.

"It is very fitting because Tom has been a massive help in all our projects over the years and has supported all the past presidents in their role," he said.



I thank you all for your hard work and the personal time you have given to this great organisation. Hopefully we can build on the solid foundations we have put in place during this Rotary year.

I thank you for your financial support in our world-wide efforts to eradicate polio, we still have work to do but what a wonderful legacy to be able say we played a part in eradicating polio worldwide.

I am representing Rotary Ireland at this year's Convention in Toronto, so I will not be joining you in person for the District Council/Hand-Over meeting on 30th June. Technology permitting, I will join you live from Toronto.

Many thanks to my Leadership Team for all their support and hard work during the Rotary year.

I wish DGE Monica and her Team best wishes for the new Rotary year.

Let's **Be The Inspiration.**



Yours in Rotary

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