DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 22 April 2016.

David F, David W, Keith and Chris G. attended this conference following a superb ride in the crew cab with Siri to amuse us.

Our RI President 2016-17 will be John F Germ; while our RIGBI President will be Eve Conway. Our Asst. Governor will be Richard Attenborough (no relation).

There is a new theme for the coming year (1st July). It will be Rotary Serving Humanity. The message to us is “Spread the Word”. Membership is a key concern as numbers fluctuate. We were reminded that Rotary’s main charity is Foundation which is supported by Bill Gates with matched funding. A surprising number of clubs contribute nothing to this but we make a substantial gift each year.

There are going to be simpler rules for membership. we are expected to attend two meetings per month but these can include time spent on Rotary activities such as the bucket collection. We are urged to set up satellite clubs and raise awareness of Rotary!

Our District Charity has been selected to be ‘Blood Bikes’ for Lancs and S Lakes. They have agreed to provide a speaker for us. (Talk to Keith for further details).

• For International we were asked to re-invigorate the Shoe Box scheme.
• For Youth Services we were reminded that there many areas for competitions and awards: Young Artist; Young Chef; Young Photographer (new theme to be ‘Reflection’); Young Magician; Young Writer; Young Speaker and Rotakids.
• For Community there was a suggestion that all clubs should conduct a skills audit of members.

One speaker focused on PR. She wants to see people’s awareness of Rotary substantially improved through media and marketing. Reasons for joining Rotary include business links, fellowship and fund raising. We were urged to ask, ‘What is my Club like?’

Changes are being made to the Rotary database and Chris D is on top of it! We are in process of synchronising all databases set up by Rotary.

Blood Pressure Day happened again on 22 April. Although staffing was depleted because of the Assembly it went well and customers were pleased; especially those who discovered they didn’t have a problem! Many thanks to those who took part and are already living up to next year’s theme of Rotary Serving Humanity as well as Tesco’s for the site space..
ALERTS TO TERROR THREATS IN 2011 EUROPE

By John Cleese
The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada. The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years..

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France’s white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country’s military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbor" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is canceled." So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

District Directory
At the District Council held on 12th April, it was agreed that unless RIBI could update the layout of the “compact district directory” to include email addresses for club officers, a printed directory would not be produced in June.

A copy of the "standard" directory together with the appendix giving details of District Officers and Committees is available on the members only pages of the District Website at http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=300800&ClubID=1154&Mp=322722 and will be updated regularly.

Marketing & Publicity
The MPRC team have now taken delivery of two branded Gazebos funded from our District reserves. They will shortly be available for Clubs to use in local events. One will be stored in Lancashire and one in Cumbria. If you have any events that where you would like to use one, please let MPRC Chair Kevin Walsh know.
### The HUSTLE

Please read the Hustle rota for May and June. When it is your turn please try to baffle fellow Rotarians and relieve them of £1-00. Also please provide a small prize for the winner.

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### May 2016 Brockwood Menus for Rotary meetings

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### Meetings and Events for April 2016

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**If you are unable to get to a Rotary meeting.**

In the first instance please let Carole Pogrel know. 01229 773144 or carolepogrel@hotmail.com

After 10-00am on Wednesday please ring Brockwood direct to cancel your meal on 01229 772329

If you need to contact members login at ‘Members login’; go to ‘Contact and search’ then ‘Club members’.