World Polio Day.
This will be on Tuesday 24th October. We are being encouraged to turn a prominent local building in our area PURPLE. Any ideas?

Dispute Management Process 2017-18

Annex 7 provides guidance relating to defamation, slander and malicious falsehood that may arise from inappropriate or ill-considered communication by Rotarians to others. Individuals are responsible for what they may say, write or do and Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland does not have provision to financially support an individual who chooses to communicate in a manner that is defamatory within the context of a civil claim.

We do hold insurance cover for libel and slander but its intended use is to protect Rotary from third-party attack not to defend claims made by members or former members against the organisation in relation to disputes; this is very important to understand and I will be creating a series of short videos specific to all of our compliance, insurance and dispute management areas to help members better understand expectations and limitations.

National Immunisation Day 2018 has been confirmed as 28th January 2018. This involves a trip to India. Would you like to go? More details from Mike Yates.

Christmas cards.
It’s that time again! We are invited to buy packs of Foundation Christmas cards from the Club of Ellesmere Port. If you are interested as a Club, please see the leaflets available from the Secretary.

Millom Flood relief.
50 mm of rain fell in 2.5 hours over Millom and Kirby in Furness. travelling home from Barrow your secretary was forced to divert above Kirby to come back down through Chapels. The road uphill to the fells was a raging river! Some 300 residents of Millom including elderly people have been flooded out. Although Copeland have apparently allocated £50k, there is still a need for resources to assist those harmed by the extraordinary. Frank’s proposal is that we help too.
Speakers’ Corner.

Gilbert regaled us with stories about his gliding antics that seemed risky and adventurous. Fortunately no great harm has ensued! Nor has he disappeared over the Isle of Man on his circuitous flight plan. For a down to earth sort of person he gets around!

Derrick gets about too. He told members about his extensive visiting to Rotary Clubs world-wide. Over his 48 year membership he has been to Saskatoon (??), Leyland, Shepherd’s Bush, and Putney. He met the owner of the Haws who had declared independence from England and was visited by Prince Philip. In Bunkport he visited Walker’s Point, (no relation) even though it was Bush’s summer residence. Sadly Connecticut failed to satisfy his appetite with the worst Rotary meal he ever suffered. He even met up with some gambling casinos on a river because gambling on land was prohibited.

Enhancing the quality of the management and outcomes of Rotary Projects by fostering the development of resource networks; Dr Michael Kingdon.

This information stems from RI President’s (Ian Riseley) concerns over the general lack of ability to learn from previous projects. Comments?

Executive summary
1. International President Ian Riseley is working to enhance the quality of the management and outcomes of Rotary projects by fostering the development of resource networks. His aim is for expertise, experience and contacts to be shared more evenly between clubs, districts and countries. (The working name for the network members is “District Cadre”, but this may well change.)
2. Districts in some parts of the world, and some clubs in most districts, are far less active, internationally, than others. Many of these districts and clubs want to develop their own international projects but believe they lack essential experience, expertise, contacts and (in some cases) confidence. The function of the new district resource networks will be to provide the additional expertise and experience needed.
3. Rotarians with expertise and experience in project management and evaluation will be essential, if the expected for improvements in projects are to be achieved. (At the moment project management skills are not one of the areas of professional experience recognised for Foundation Cadre membership. This may change but in the meantime it is hoped that project managers, who are not otherwise qualified for Foundation Cadre membership, will be willing to serve as District Cadre.)
4. To speed the development of district resource networks, International President Ian has appointed 16 District International Service Chair Champions from across the world to spearhead the changes. The Champions met for the first time in Rotary’s HQ in Evanston in July, under the chairmanship of Kiki Melinides and her colleagues who head-up Rotary’s Project Enhancement work.
5. The two Champions responsible for assisting districts in Europe are myself and Paola Passini, a past DG from District 2072 (Italy). We will be working closely with Kiki, her colleagues and the other Champions to disseminate ideas, materials and experience as they develop.
6. Three districts – have anticipated some of the proposed changes; begun to develop their own resource networks and, therefore, already have experiences to share.
Meetings and Events for October 2017

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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’.

The Four Way Test.
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business and community life.
- Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.
67th Club Charter.

The Club Charter was reported as a success. We had a number of visitors from other Clubs and President Gilbert arranged for an entertaining speaker in the form of Mrs Sheila Dibnah. She kept her audience fascinated and greatly amused for an hour. Congratulations are due to the Clocktower Restaurant staff who provided an excellent meal in pleasant surroundings. We should also thank Gilbert and the organisers for making it happen!

With thanks to Frank:

On Boot's Children's Cough Medicine -- "Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication."
(We could do a lot to reduce the rate of construction accidents if we could just get those 5-year-olds with head-colds off those bulldozers.)

On a child's Superman costume -- "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly."
(I don't blame the company. I blame the parents for this one.)

With thanks to Ian:

A Tale of two houses

House #1:
A 20 room mansion (not including 8 bathrooms) heated by natural gas. Add on a pool (and a pool house) and a separate guest house, all heated by gas. In one month this residence consumes more energy than the average American household does in a year. The average bill for electricity and natural gas runs over $2400 per month. In natural gas alone, this property consumes more than 20 times the national average for an American home. This house is not situated in a Northern or Midwestern "snow belt" area. It's in the South.

House #2:
Designed by an architecture professor at a leading national university. This house incorporates every "green" feature current home construction can provide. The house is 4,000 square feet (4 bedrooms) and is nestled on a high prairie in the American southwest. A central closet in the house holds geothermal heat-pumps drawing ground water through pipes sunk 300 feet into the ground. The water (usually 67 degrees F) heats the house in the winter and cools it in the summer. The system uses no fossil fuels such as oil or natural gas and it consumes one-quarter electricity required for a conventional heating/cooling system. Rainwater from the roof is collected and funnelled into a 25,000-gallon underground cistern. Wastewater from showers, sinks and toilets goes into underground purifying tanks and then into the cistern. The collected water then irrigates the land surrounding the house. Surrounding flowers and shrubs native to the area enable the property to blend into the surrounding rural landscape.

HOUSE #1 is outside of Nashville, Tennessee; it is the abode of the "environmentalist" Al Gore.

HOUSE #2 is on a ranch near Crawford, Texas; it is the residence of ex-President of the United States, George W. Bush.

I sure hope this gets passed to everyone!