



# Governors Gazette

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## **IS YOUR CLUB DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT?**

*Another busy month and, as I get towards the halfway point of the year, I have visited 45 clubs and been to 16 Charter nights! To add to that are the numerous events that you have so kindly invited me to. The overriding picture is the amount of work that is being done in the name of Rotary. It makes me realise what an unbelievable organisation Rotary is. As the DG I definitely get to see the bigger picture and I am so privileged to be DG in 1180. Please broaden your Rotary knowledge by using MY ROTARY and consider becoming a little more involved with the running of the District. You will be surprised how much pleasure you can get from it and how much you learn about Rotary.*

### **District Conferences**

*I have been fortunate to attend three other District's conferences that have taken place within our District. Dist 12185 and Dist 1060 in Southport and Dist 1210 in Liverpool. They were all great conferences with some excellent speakers. However, predictably, they were not as good as our conference and you definitely get a lot more for your money in D1180. Thanks to our great conference team here in Dist 1180 and don't forget to book for next years in 2019.*

### **Public Image**

*Just a gentle reminder, PLEASE use the correct Rotary logo on all things Rotary.*



*The above is the correct Rotary logo and should be used on all correspondence, clothing, badges, hats, menus, websites etc. Please speak to the Public Image Team if you are in any doubt. You may be thinking that this is in every issue of my Gazette - that's because it is an ongoing problem! Please Help us look as professional as those other charities that seem to be able to get it right. If you need any help there is a great Brand Centre on MY ROTARY that can help you with everything you need.*

### **DG's Diary**

*This is what I'm up to this month:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December General Council in Alcester RIBI HQ*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Governor Continuity Group*
- Light Up Purple for UN disability Day at St Vincent's School.*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Santa collections with Neston*
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- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Santa collections with Neston*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Interview on Red Shift Radio*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Birkenhead Club Visit*
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Peace Advocacy Training Wirral Grammar School for Girls*
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Peace Advocacy training Wirral Grammar School for girls*
- 18<sup>th</sup> December Neston Christmas dinner*

*So as you can see it is a quieter month for the DG but there is much work to be done at the*

computer, as you can imagine, but like you, I will be taking time out with my family at Christmas.

**If you want me to visit your club then let me have some dates so I can put you in my diary. I'd love to visit every club if I can at least once.**

*I am aware of other activities in the District, so I may just drop by if I can.*

## **Membership News!!**

**Congratulations to West Kirby Rotary Club! Now chartered and standing on your own two feet!! Well done and we all look forward to working with you.**



**West Kirby Charter Night**

## **ALL CHANGE!**

*The District Council meeting was live streamed for the first time and the feedback has been very encouraging. Thank you for those who tuned in. This is obviously a big step forward in inclusiveness and we will be repeating the screening next time around. Of course, it is not as good as being there in person and you are not allowed to vote via the live stream, but you are able to comment and ask questions. At the next District Council we will be joined by the Choir from St Vincent's School for the blind and visually impaired, so I hope you can come along on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to support them.*

## **Highlights of the month**

*Whilst many clubs are arranging their Christmas collections and celebrations, a special mention must go to the Rotary Club of Wrexham Glyndwr. In Market Square in Wrexham they organised a light switch-on event, which attracted about 10,000 people!! It was a superb event and had Rotary stamped all over it. A great way to market our great organisation. Well done to all.*



**RC Wrexham Glyndwr out in force !**

## **Youth Competitions**

**You can find all the details for youth competitions at the below link**

**<https://www.rotaryqbi.org/projects/youth-people/competitions/>**

*I spent a great day at Neston High School, being involved with the District Technology Tournament. A pretty difficult task was set, resulting in some excellent creations by the schools involved. Congratulations to Neston High School coming out as Overall winners. Well done to the efforts of Neston RC and North Wirral RC for a combined effort in making the event so successful. (Rotary clubs working together - now there's an idea!!)*



Teams working hard at the Technology Tournament.

**A great evening was also spent at Southport Meols Charter night which hosted their Youth Speaks competition. A great idea!**



**Green Bank High School are the winners !**

**Now is the time to start planning your Youth Competitions. We are good at this in 1180 and we have national winners to prove it!!**

**Show the young people in our District what Rotary has to offer. I'm delighted to say that two young people from RYLA have decided to continue their Rotary journey this year by applying for Rotary Camps and Tours. This is a superb opportunity for any young person and one that both of my children have been on. For more information on Rotary camps and tours go to [www.youthexchange.org.uk/camps-and-tours/](http://www.youthexchange.org.uk/camps-and-tours/)**

**or contact Maria Martin for more details. Registrations for this wonderful opportunity are being taken NOW.**



## **Rotaract News**

**Rotaract is starting to take shape in Liverpool. Liverpool University are on their way to establishing a club, thanks to the hard work of the City of Liverpool RC. The attendance of some of their prospective members at the District Conference made a huge difference to their vision of what they can achieve.**

**I have contacted the Merseyside police cadets to see if they wish to continue their service by way of a Rotaract Club, I will be visiting them in February. What is your club doing?**

### **WHO ELSE IS UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?**

**Let's get a *community based Rotaract club* set up this year in District 1180.**

## **November is Foundation Month**

**The Foundation Seminar was extremely well attended. Those clubs that attended will be eligible for District Grants next Rotary year, as long as they have signed the Memo of Understanding. Is Your club missing out ?**

### **Polio Plus News !**

**After an outstanding effort by so many clubs I have circulated the correct form to all club secretaries for you to send of your polio donations. It is important to fill out this form and tick the polio box, otherwise your donation WILL NOT go to polio and will not be trebled by Bill Gates.**

**Of course, there is still plenty of time left in the Rotary year for you to continue to take**

*part and help me achieve my goal of every club in 1180 donating something to Polio.*

## **Time to start planning**

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Rotary's birthday.**

*We seem to let this date pass us by so this time let's have a celebration.*

*What will your club do? Can we involve the community? Is this an opportunity to boost your membership? A chance to showcase your club? A chance to join efforts together with your neighbouring clubs? A chance to show the community you exist? Invite them to a children's type party maybe? Hold an event to present cheques and say thankyou's? Have a conversation in your club to see what you can do. Let me know if your club has plans. Let's be creative and inspire each other.*

## **Environmental News National Rotary Action ECO Day 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

*Many of you took part in the last mass beach clean day recently – thank you for all your efforts, it was a tremendous way to showcase Rotary in the community. I am now planning, with our Welsh neighbours, to roll this out across the whole of RIBI. The plan is to get EVERY CLUB IN RIBI to get out and about on 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 to do something for the good of the environment but we don't want to do it alone – we need to get our communities involved too. The environment is on everybody's mind now and so this is a great way to fly the flag of Rotary and do some good in our communities. A New initiative called *The Rotary Community Plastic Challenge* will be launched very soon so watch this space for more details.*

## **Amazing Opportunity for Special Educational Needs teachers**

*District 1180 Vocational Training Team (VTT) applications are required.*

*We have received several enquiries regarding this exciting opportunity but we want to widen the net so anyone has the chance to apply. If you have a relationship with a primary or secondary school please send them the below link. This is a opportunity not to be missed for teachers to visit Australia in 2019*

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=732521&DistrictNo=1180>

## **RIBI Rotary Showcase Nottingham**

*Join us for a great weekend in Nottingham. This event is replacing the RIBI conference and will be a different approach to Rotary. Let us know if you're coming as we have a District 1180 night out on the Friday night.*



*And how about Joining the 20 other Rotarians in Dist 1180 who have already registered for the RI World Convention in Hamburg! If you have never been to a convention it is a magical experience and it won't be back in Europe for another few years at least! 25,000 Rotarians can't be wrong so come and join us!*



*Book now for discounted rate that ends soon*

**And finally**

*Christmas is a time of year for us all to spend with our loved ones in the warmth and comfort of our homes. As we all know, many people do not have this pleasure and I would like to thank you all for the efforts you have made throughout the year for those less fortunate. Something you may have done will be making sure someone out there has a nicer Christmas this year. You may not have received a thank you in person but someone, somewhere in the world has a roof over their head, or clean water or food, because of you. It may not sound much to us but to them it is the whole world. Never underestimate the change YOU make to people's lives as a Rotarian. YOUR Foundation makes a difference to people's lives across the globe and in our communities and that's what makes us different, that's what makes us Rotarians.*

*We wish all of you and your families, a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. Let us continue in 2019 to be the Inspiration.*

*Steve and Maria x*

*Please follow me on my new Facebook page – follow this link*

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*In the meantime, enjoy your Rotary, keep in touch and 'Be the Inspiration'*



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

**DG STEVE**

*In the interests of the environment please refrain from printing this newsletter, if possible.*

