

Rotary

Great Britain & Ireland

ANNUAL REPORT

2016/17



Welcome



I would like to thank Rotarians across Great Britain and Ireland for your tremendous humanitarian work during the Rotary year 2016/17, making a difference to our local, national and international community.

I have been inspired by you all and am proud to have been your President during a historic year for Rotary, the year that we celebrated the centenary of our charity, The Rotary Foundation, which funds our countless humanitarian projects across the world, including our campaign to eradicate polio, as well as our global scholars and Peace Fellows.

Purple4Polio campaign

Thank you for your fantastic support of the Rotary Purple4Polio campaign launched when I became President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. This has had great results, including an increase in giving across Britain and Ireland to End Polio Now and more than 900 media reports, nationally and locally, in print, online and the broadcast media, about our campaign.

Together we planted seven million purple crocus corms in 2016/17, involving our partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Rotary clubs have been working with the RHS's community-based Bloom Groups to plant purple crocuses. This has PR and potential membership dividends.

I would like to express my thanks to the 'Evolutionaries' team of District Governors for their support for the campaign and to our amazing Rotary Great Britain and Ireland End Polio Now Champion Jannine Birtwistle.

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland's total polio giving for 2016/17 was the highest since 2011 and significantly up on the previous year, with the final figure standing at £1,153,684 from 1,376 clubs out of 1,781 clubs. Overall total giving to The Rotary Foundation was also up on the previous year. Please see the report from our Rotary Foundation committee on page 24.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Growing membership – new style Rotary clubs

As well as new-style Rotary clubs being chartered, 60 satellite clubs were established, with another 60 in formation, in 2016/17 across Britain and Ireland. Figures from districts also showed there were around 100 Rotary clubs that became new-style or innovative and flexible.

In District 1180 (South Lancashire, Merseyside, Cheshire, North & Mid Wales and the Marches), I was invited to the charter of the first corporate Rotary club in Great Britain and Ireland at Bentley Motors, based in Crewe.

Bentley Cheshire Rotary Club started as a satellite club about a year before, with the full backing of Bentley's CEO and members of the Bentley Motors Board.

I was also delighted to attend the charters of the Rotary Clubs of Wrexham Glyndwr, also in District 1180, and Marlow Bridge in District 1090 (Thames Valley), both formed as satellite clubs in February 2016, becoming Rotary clubs in July 2016. Rotary is now more visible in their communities and, as a result, the new clubs and also the established clubs that started them, are all gaining new members.

Getting on track

We had a challenging year as a General Council but made significant strides forward for the future of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland, in terms of producing a business plan, putting together a balanced budget, making sure of continuity for future years and looking at ways to modernise our organisation and increase our membership: our number one operational priority.

Thank you to Past Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President Peter Davey for the skills he brought to General Council in 2016/17, with his help on the business plan and also stepping in to take over the role of Rotary International Zone Co-ordinator for one year and, in that role, focusing on Membership and Rotary GO (Growth Opportunities) Phase 4.

Thank you to the General Council and Committee chairs and members for your hard work. Thanks also for the excellent work, guidance and support of our General Secretary Amanda Watkin and the Rotary Support Centre staff. ■

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eve Conway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Eve Conway | President 2016/17

GIVING BACK AS PRESIDENT

I never dreamt when I was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar gaining a Master's Degree in Broadcast Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois (the home of Rotary International) that I would become President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and it is wonderful to have had the opportunity to give back for the amazing opportunities that Rotary gave to me, for which I shall always be grateful.

I am so honoured that I was President in the year that we celebrated the Centenary of The Rotary Foundation, the 70th anniversary of the start of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship programme, the 30th anniversary of women being admitted into Rotary and the tenth anniversary of the Rotary Young Citizen Awards.

Purple4Polio campaign

My aim, as always, is to use my journalistic skills to raise the profile of Rotary. The Purple4Polio campaign, launched when I became President, has achieved this with Rotarians, clubs and the public getting involved and we have had a significant increase in giving to End Polio Now.

In 2016/17, there were more than 900 media reports, nationally and locally, in print, online and the broadcast media, about our campaign. National media coverage included The Independent, i, Daily Express and BBC1 TV's live coverage of Rotary and our Purple4Polio campaign with our entry in the Lord Mayor's Show.

I joined British Rotarians as they travelled to India to immunise children against polio during a National Immunisation Campaign and arranged for a Health Correspondent from The Independent newspaper to join us to report on Rotary's campaign for a polio-free world.

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland's total polio giving for 2016/17 was the highest since 2011 and 19% up on the previous year, with the final figure standing



Eve Conway with special guests at the Purple4Polio Tea Party

at £1,153,684 from 1,376 clubs out of 1,781 clubs. Nearly 80% of clubs made contributions to the eradication of polio, compared to 56% of clubs contributing in 2015/16 and 2014/15 and 63% in 2013/14.

Our partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society continued to bloom, this year in the form of seven million purple crocus corms, which highlighted our campaign with a splash of purple in communities across the country. This has PR and potential membership dividends.

Our Purple4Polio celebrity ambassadors, including legendary singer-songwriter and polio survivor Donovan, celebrity gardener Alan Titchmarsh, TV presenters Chris Tarrant, Konnie Huq and Julia Roberts, who is also a polio survivor, and Paralympian, broadcaster and polio survivor Ade Adepitan, have all got involved in the campaign and spread the message in national media interviews and through their social media channels.

Wilkin and Sons Limited (Tiptree Jam) and Typhoo Tea supported our

Purple4Polio Tea Parties. Tiptree donated 52,000 special jars of Purple4Polio jam to Rotarians across Great Britain and Ireland and Typhoo gave free tea to districts and clubs hosting their own tea parties.

More than a thousand Rotary Polio Teddy Bears are out and about, here and around the world, spreading the message about Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio.

Rotarian Mark Tredwin brought the message to a different audience as he took to the motor racing circuits across Britain in his Purple4Polio Caterham Seven car in the seven-race Caterham Seven's 60th Anniversary Festival Academy Series.

Young people are all our futures

Among the highlights of the year was celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the Rotary Young Citizen Awards, with the 2017 awards again being shown live on the BBC News Channel from the Rotary Conference in Manchester.

The Young Citizens were also on the BBC Breakfast TV sofa earlier in the



Eve Conway administers a polio vaccine to a child in India during a National Immunisation Day

morning. There were live interviews on BBC News Channel each hour after the awards and the live programme was repeated throughout the weekend.

Reports featuring the 2017 winners and winners from the past ten years also ran on the BBC News Channel and on regional BBC TV and radio in the week leading up to the awards, as well as on Radio 5 Live and other media outlets.

We have two new Rotarians from our Rotary Young Citizen Award winners. The first Rotarian I inducted as President was Rotary Young Citizen 2010 Award winner Maciej Szukala, a member of the first new-style Rotary Club I was involved in chartering as President, the Rotary Club of Wrexham Glyndwr.

The other is 19-year-old Digital Youth Council founder Harry McCann, a 2017 Award winner, who has become a member of the Rotary Club of Naas in Ireland, who nominated him for the Award. Harry was

also named as one of the ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World by Junior Chamber International.

Big Bang Fair

We raised Rotary's profile with the presentation of the first-ever Rotary Award for Medical/Scientific Advancement, linking with our polio campaign and The Rotary Foundation Centenary, at The Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham, which has more than 90,000 attendees and is aimed at motivating youngsters to become scientists and engineers. This is a great event with PR and membership potential linking us with schools, parents, teachers and different organisations.

Champions of Change

Inspirational Rotarians were recognised for their domestic and international projects for the fourth year running in the Champions of Change Awards at the House

of Lords. In addition, we had Community Champions Awards recognising non-Rotarians and the first ever Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Presidential Award went to George Mercer, President of Cardiff Rotary Club, for originating the idea of satellite clubs and changing the mindset of Rotary International by persevering with the idea through three Councils on Legislations.

His legacy is that sixty satellite clubs were established, with another 60 in formation, in 2016/17 across Britain and Ireland, as well as new-style Rotary clubs being chartered. ■

Eve Conway | [President 2016/17](#)

TELLING ROTARY'S STORY

EQUIPPING ROTARIANS, CLUBS AND DISTRICTS WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO TELL ROTARY'S STORY, THROUGH TRAINING AND PROVIDING RESOURCES HAS BEEN A KEY FOCUS TO ENHANCE ROTARY'S PUBLIC IMAGE.

Following a partial integration of the Rotary International Public Image Coordinators (RPIC) and the Marketing, PR & Communications Committee in 2015/16, we took a further step in 2016/17 by integrating the team as well. This created a new Public Image Committee as a single team, though with dual sets of goals, but it was a good next step. The Rotary International (RI) goals emphasised working with the Rotary Coordinators, enabling Rotarians to use social media, providing training where needed, branding and promoting projects; thus building on the goals we had for Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland.

We continued to promote the Rotary Voice and Visual Identity in all interactions and using 'The Rotary Effect' as our key focus point. During the year we had two updates of the Rotary Effect leaflet and added a range of simple postcards covering a general awareness, for networking opportunities and parents/teachers of the amazing young people taking part in our youth activities.

These proved to be even more popular than we expected at the Conference in Manchester. The goal in future is to build a suite of support materials for clubs and districts within the common theme. Towards the end of the year we started to think about how we would use the People of Action campaign that was launched formally at the Rotary Convention in June 2017, and was expected to be available in the next Rotary year.

Training

A new style of Regional Assemblies took place this year for the incoming district and club officers. The team supported all of these and discussed many aspects of Public Image with the attendees,

including branding and how to use Rotary's wonderful online resources. At the plenary sessions we had a rare opportunity to address a wider audience than just the Public Image Chairs and took the chance to explain why Public Image is everyone's responsibility.

During the year we took the opportunity to run a series of open-to-all webinars, attracting good audiences on the topics of social media and Rotary resources. These included sessions at basic and intermediate levels with panels of experts. Every time we run a session, everyone learns something.

Social media

We had an introduction to Facebook Live with a number of broadcasts during the year, including an interview with the President as a pre-advertised event. We hope to do more in the future and videos are key to future communications.

At the end of the year we held a social media workshop with the incoming District Governors and their social media champions. This encompassed a series of internal and external experts discussing how their use of social media helps expand their reach.

During the year we introduced a regular Good News Week, held every other month, where we focussed upon a week-long campaign of projects around the countries. This gave the opportunity for districts to propose their successful projects for inclusion.

Public Image awareness

The Public Image Awards were presented at Conference and encompassed the printed word as well as multimedia campaigns. This year there were over 60 entries.

Also at Conference the team provided various backdrops for photo opportunities and interviews. We look forward to 2018 when we have a dedicated member of the team on the Conference Committee - as indeed we will have on each of the other Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland committees.

For me one of the highlights is always the Young Citizen Awards and seeing in future years how these amazing people progress in their future lives. A new bonus is the Rotary Young Citizen Wheelchair Sports Award with WheelPower and through the partnership, seeing the number of Rotary-supported young athletes delivering medals at Wimbledon (Alfie Hewett) and in Para Athletics competitions (Sammi Kinghorn and Kare Adenegan) is so satisfying for Rotary. The Young Citizen Awards again received great coverage across the BBC and across radio networks.

Support

Towards the end of the year, we were joined by incoming RPIC Les Wilson who replaces Phillip Beggs, who has completed his stint in the RIBI Executive, as well as being RPIC for Zone 17. Thanks to him and all the committee members.

Without the Rotary Support Centre, and in particular James Bolton and Martin Tandy, we would not be able to fulfil much of the work of the committee. The team would like to thank the team at Alcester for their dedication and hard work. ■

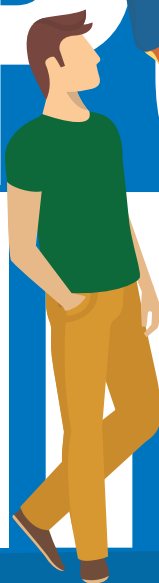
Mike Thorn|Chair



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COOKING UP A STORM

I would like to thank all the Rotary clubs that have participated in the Rotary youth competitions and programmes over the last 12 months. We will never know the difference you make to the lives of our youth, but I believe that we do. I would also like to thank the rest of the Youth Service Committee 2016/17.

Young Chef

There was an incredibly high standard of cooking at the Rotary Young Chef final, held at the Lincoln College's Sessions House facility. The judges had their work cut out deciding the winner - as head judge Walter said, any one of the dishes made would not have been out of place in any of the country's top restaurants, it was a question of choosing which ones had that little bit extra pizzazz that set them apart from the others.

After a lot of discussion, the judges decided that Tabitha Steven's starter of Jerusalem artichoke soup, followed by a main of seared sea bass, rounded off with a vanilla panna cotta dessert was the winner.

This meant that Tabitha, who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glasgow was, at the age of 13, the youngest ever national winner of the Rotary Young Chef Competition. She will be spending three days at sponsors Filippo Berio's training school in Tuscany.

Competitions like this don't just happen by themselves and huge thanks are due to Rodney Spokes for his meticulous organisation and to the rest of his District 1070 team for all their hard work.

Young Musician

This competition goes from strength to strength: extremely popular with the competitors, their parents and teachers

and a great source of pride in the districts which 'own' a winner at any level, be it local, district or national.

As usual over the whole competition audiences were treated to high standard musicianship in individual programmes across quite a range of musical genres and it was noticeable this year that a number of the national finalists included in their programme pieces that were not from the classical repertoire.

Those who travelled to the National Final at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama in Cardiff were well rewarded for their efforts. All performers did justice to their talent and gave the adjudicators a tough task in deciding the overall winners. In the end the Young Musician Instrumental Award went to Huw Boucher from District 1150 who apart from impressing us with his musicianship gave us a fascinating insight into the intricacies of playing the Welsh harp. The stand out winner of the Young Vocalist Award was Eyra Norman from District 1145 who brought the house down with her versatility and vocal control. She has a huge future ahead of her.

Young Photographer and Young Writer

Perfectly capturing a single moment in time is one of the gifts of a talented photographer, and this year's theme of Reflection allowed entrants to explore both literal and metaphorical ideas around the word.

For some, reflection was about capturing the juxtaposition of natural and man-made structures in water, but for others it was about telling a story through thoughtful moments of personal, human reflection.

From the 59 finalists from 22 districts,

Faith Merry, Corbin Bate and Paula Averkamp were crowned champions in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories respectively.

Also challenged with the theme of Reflection, it was a famous photograph that proved to be the inspiration for one of the winners of the Young Writer competition.

Mia Kellner, winner in the Senior category's short story about Steve McCurry's 'Afghan Girl' was a powerful read for the judges. From the remaining 67 finalists from 24 districts, Marla Payne was the Junior winner with Tara af Forselles ending up victorious in the Intermediate category.





Youth Speaks

This excellent, annual team competition enables students to improve their communication skills, to speak in public with confidence and authority on a wide range of topical subjects, covering everything from social media and the future of self-driving cars, to the dangers of stereotyping and the role of the monarchy in the 21st century.

This year well over 2,000 teams took part impressing the judges with their fluency, research, wit and creativity. This year the event was sponsored by David Hyner, Stretch Development to whom we are very grateful.

In the Intermediate category, the winners were St Aloysius' College, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glasgow, while in the Senior category, there were two teams finishing in joint first place: Farnborough Hill School, sponsored by both Farnham Rotary Club and Farnham Weyside Rotary Club; and Oswestry School, sponsored by Oswestry Rotary Club.

Rotary Young Citizen Awards

We received a large number of outstanding applicants for the Young Citizen Awards, this year seven winners were eventually selected by the judges, an exceedingly difficult, although worthwhile, task.

Rotary was delighted again to collaborate with the charity WheelPower for the Rotary Young Citizen Wheelchair Sports Award, which went to Kare Adenegan, who came away from this summer's World Para-athletics Championships with three medals.

The awards were presented by the BBC's Ellie Crisell at the Rotary Annual Conference in Manchester, with the ceremony broadcast on the BBC News Channel, providing substantial coverage for Rotary and the inspirational winners. Many of the awardees were also interviewed live on BBC Breakfast television.

2017 also allowed us to see some familiar faces as we celebrated 10 years of the awards by catching up with previous winners from the past decade. It was amazing to see how far they've come.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

A new comprehensive Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland RYLA Guidance and Reference Manual has been posted on the website.

Elsewhere in Rotary International, initiatives have increased the scope and depth of RYLA, including widening the age range of participants, plus encouraging Interact and Rotaractor participation.

Discussions which have been initiated must continue, with the intention of determining how Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland can emulate these initiatives. We have exemplar district RYLAs which use alternative funding routes for students, and the widening of provision for disabled young people to participate in the RYLA experience.

Regrettably post RYLA, many participants are left to drift away from Rotary instead of actively involving them in our activities.

Interact and RotaKids

This year we have seen more growth in the youngest sections of the Rotary family, with 29 new Interact clubs and 48 new RotaKids clubs being chartered during 2016/17.

District 1010 took home the RotaKids Development Award for the most chartered clubs, with District 1090 winning the equivalent award for Interact. The Best Interact Project went to Coed Cae Interact Club in Wales, sponsored by Brynmawr Rotary Club

Technology Tournament

Rotary Technology Tournaments have seen their strongest year yet, with more clubs and districts participating in existing events, and a significant increase in new

start-up tournaments.

2016/17 also saw a new relationship blossom between Rotary and the Rochester Bridge Trust with the introduction of the new Junior Technology Tournament. Designed specifically for 8-11 year olds and aimed at primary and junior schools, Junior Technology Tournaments are a challenging and enjoyable way for young people to enrich their STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

New Generations Service Exchange

This year has seen great progress in equipping district officers to promote New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) to potential 18-30 year old participants, sponsoring clubs and project providers.

Well targeted leaflets, pull-up banners and a training programme for district officers, supported by the NGSE Manual on the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland website, are now available to enable this much loved volunteering programme to blossom.

NGSE now has its own space on the website, in the form of an interactive page providing information as well as the opportunity to become involved.

With all this in place and the cooperation of district colleagues from other areas of Rotary Service, this joined up Rotary programme could really take off. ■

Lynne Deavin|Chair

With contributions from Di King, NGSE Chair and Andy Smith for Technology Tournament



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INTERACT

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ROTAKIDS
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DURING 2016/17



CLUBS

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

THE LIFEBLOOD OF ROTARY

AS IMPORTANT AS FUNDRAISING IS IN OUR CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITIES, UTILISING AND SHARING OUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS IS AT THE HEART OF ROTARY SERVICE.

It is invidious to repeat here the Object of Rotary which serves to remind all Rotarians of our commitment to the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

It has been the objective of the Vocational Service and Partnerships Committee to provide a resource for districts and clubs to encourage more proactive contribution to our communities over and above fundraising, important though that is. In addition, we aim to help them understand that vocational service is not at all project-based, but an intrinsic part of the lifeblood of Rotary which sets us apart from the rest.

Rotarians' skills are often the most overlooked part of club and district life. In support of the four avenues of service: International, New Generations,

Community and Club Service, Rotarians are asked to contribute not cash, but their life skills and professional and personal knowledge.

The so-called soft skills (or people skills) desperately needed by our communities and available in abundance in Rotary clubs include:



Communication skills



Decision making



Self-motivation



Leadership skills



Team working



Creativity & problem solving skills

Using Rotarians' vocational skills will always make a project more effective and there was ample evidence over the Rotary year 2016/17 that many clubs have found this to be the key to raising their profile in their local community and deriving much needed new members and partnerships.

These clubs recognise that individuals who are or have been leaders

and go-getters in their corporate life are much more comfortable socialising with likeminded people in their limited free time, confident that their skills and interests can be appreciated and put to good use.

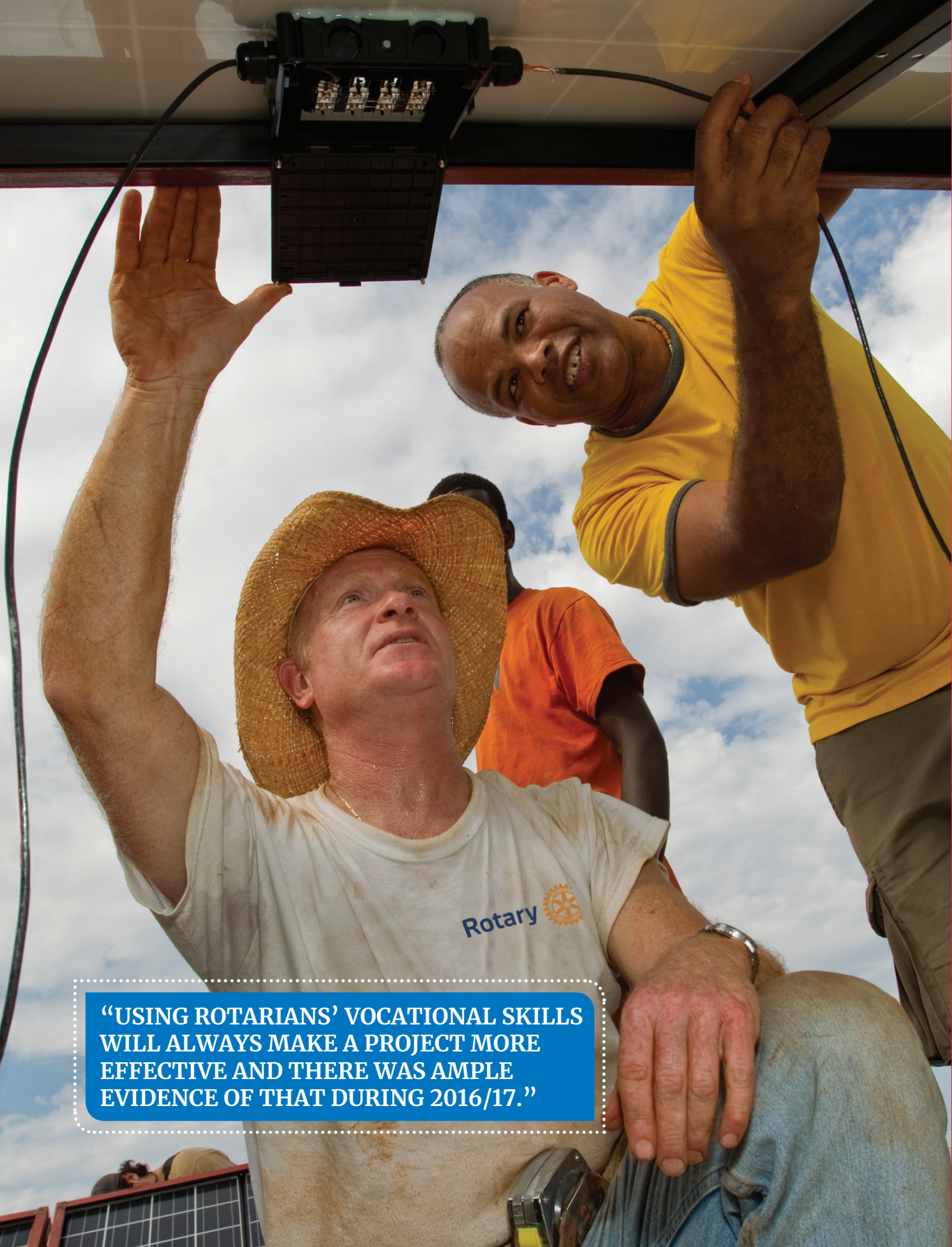
Well-run relevant projects are attractive to potential funders and partners, who seek well-managed, well-resourced and ethically-sound projects to fulfil their commitment to corporate social responsibility and responsible business.

During the year, the committee also sought to lay the groundwork for a partnership model for clubs and districts, to safeguard the trust and confidence placed by the public on us to apply good governance and sound ethical judgement to our relationships with commercial companies and other organisations and to ensure that, in return, Rotary benefits as much as possible from these relationships in terms of profile and sponsorship.

As Chair, my deepest thanks are due to the members of the committee, who despite unforeseen family and professional events, continued to give a thoughtful and conscientious commitment to the committee. Thanks are also due to the ever-helpful and knowledgeable support of the staff at the Rotary Support Centre in Alcester, and to the support of our President, President Elect and Vice President who embody the ideals of vocational service in Rotary. ■

Brigitte Faubert |Chair





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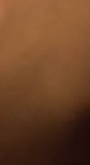
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ROTARACT COMMITTEE

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Building on the successes of 2015/16, the Rotaract in Great Britain and Ireland (RGI) Executive hit the ground running with a full complement of officers, chaired by Luke Addison with Tom Silverson as Chair Elect.

The review and update of the Rotaract database of club information, last year a work in progress, was now complete, facilitating much more efficient communications between RGI and all 43 Rotaract clubs.

In this year an additional six new Rotaract clubs were formed and chartered, bringing the total at the year end to 49 active clubs.

Eve Conway was very supportive of Rotaract throughout her year as Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President, starting with an invitation for Rotaract to take part in a joint handover event on board the Dixie Queen Thames riverboat.

RGI was able to hold its annual conference for a second year in parallel with the main Rotary Conference in Manchester in April, where registered attendees at the one-day event were up from 30 in 2015/16 to just under 100.

My Rotaract Committee of three Rotarians and myself was strengthened by having the RGI Chair and Chair Elect as full members, and to further strengthen the Rotary/Rotaract partnership I was invited to join the RGI Executive.

These two managing committees were supported by Mandy Hendrey based at the Rotary Support Centre in Alcester, as our Rotaract Administrator as part of the altogether excellent Club and District Support team.

Building on two invites last year, this year RGI enjoyed a presence at all five Regional Assemblies, culminating in a full day Rotaract seminar at the London Regional Assembly.



Rotaractor Katerina Denysenko visits residents at a nursing home in Ukraine

“ROTARACT WAS ABLE TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PARALLEL WITH THE MAIN ROTARY CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER.”

The Rotaract Road Show was invited to the District Conferences of Districts 1100 (South West England), 1175 (Devon and Cornwall) and 1190 (Cumbria and Lancashire) along with three very successful Regional Rotaract seminars which were held in London, Manchester and Aberdeen.

A collaboration with Volunteer Police Cadets, started by Peter Davey in his year as Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President came to fruition in June 2016, with the chartering of Blackburn Beacon Rotaract Club, formed by some

25 former police cadets, providing them with a pathway to continue and develop their community service ethos.

To round off a great year, the RGI Executive for 2016/17, along with newly elected members for 2017/18 met for a strategy and planning meeting at York Gate, Rotary in London Headquarters.

Thank you to all those Rotarians and Rotary clubs that have continued to support Rotaract. ■

Tony Jordan|Chair

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

The appointment as chairman of a Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland committee is a prestigious one, but carries with it considerable responsibility. The Leadership Development and Training Committee (LDTC) is no different from any other in that respect.

Our role is to be responsible for organisation and delivery of the Leadership Assembly and for the provision of other training and development activities as General Council shall determine. Regular reports go to the Executive Committee on the progress made towards the goals established for each Rotary year.

At the outset of 2016/17, the LDTC recognised that the pace of change is accelerating within our clubs particularly, as they adapt to circumstances where the membership is struggling to maintain their activities considering reduced numbers and an ageing population. We needed to ensure that adequate resources were available to clubs and districts to sustain their leadership development and training programmes.

The incidence of 'recycled' presidents is increasing, and these incoming club officers have to be persuaded to willingly participate in President Elect Preparation Seminars (PEPS) for the second (or even third) time - no mean feat. The quality of materials delivered to them must be excellent, well presented and relevant.

The LDTC calendar has, as its flagship event, the Leadership Assembly held in February, attended by District Governors Elect and Nominee, their partners and Assistant Governors. This is an opportunity for this group of aspiring leaders to meet the President Elect of Rotary International

(RI) and their own incoming Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President.

It is the first time for many participants that they have exchanged ideas and experiences outside of their own district, and the lively cross-fertilisation of points of view which takes place in the seminars is very interesting to observe.

The Regional Assemblies were in their third year, held in Stirling, Bristol, London, Birmingham and Leeds. Again, the percentage of attendees who were not district office holders increased, but while those who attended were positive overall, there will be a review of this event as previously agreed.

LDTC runs a three-year cycle of seminars for incoming District Governors (DGs), called the DG Journey. Its purpose is not to duplicate the excellent RI training for DGs given to DG Elects in their third year, but to guide and form each year group into a cohesive functioning General Council when their time comes to take on that role.

We address their requirements with an initial training needs analysis, and then build on the areas which require assistance, while teaching about the Governance of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland, the strategic role of General Council and using the Club and District Support department at the Rotary Support Centre in Alcester, to best advantage.

Committee members have used their professional skills to continue the review of role descriptions. These are summarised on the Rotary website and represent a comprehensive portfolio, available for club and district use, and able to be adapted by them as deemed necessary.

It is unrealistic and unprofessional to

expect members to apply for roles at any level if we do not publish a description of the main duties and responsibilities, the skill and competency requirements, experience and knowledge desirability.

We are gratified by the recognition by RI of the quality of the E-Learning courses published on the RI website Learning Centre under the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland logo, and delighted to see that materials developed for use within RIBI are finding a wider worldwide audience.

The LDTC has worked in collaboration with the Membership Committee and the Rotary Coordinator Teams to:

- Assist clubs in setting and tracking goals in Rotary Club Central;
- Support clubs in conducting club assessments and developing a written multi-year membership strategy using both Club and District Visioning.

And finally...

I thank all those who have served this committee during the year for their support and commitment. As a new Chairman, it was very helpful to be able to draw on the experience of longer serving members, while incorporating new initiatives from those joining for the first time. LDTC could not function without the willing, proactive assistance of the Club and District Support team led by Tina Howard. The increased collaborative working with officers of Rotary Great Britain and Ireland and RI strengthens both organisations for the future. ■

Hazel J. Haas |Chair

“THE INCREASED COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH OFFICERS OF ROTARY GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND RI STRENGTHENS BOTH ORGANISATIONS FOR THE FUTURE”.



REACHING OUT GLOBALLY

OUR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TENDS TO CONCENTRATE ON THREE AREAS OF ACTIVITY: RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL DISASTERS, INTERNATIONAL ROTARY PROJECTS, AND SUPPORT OF CHARITIES WORKING INTERNATIONALLY.

Whilst Rotary is not a 'first responder' where international disasters are concerned, we always want to be able to offer aid when a disaster occurs. Our best way of achieving this is to support first responders or as is frequently the case what we term 'box suppliers'.

These organisations include a number which have sprung from and still have strong Rotary roots, such as ShelterBox, Water Survival Box, Aquabox, LifeStraw and Disaster Aid UK & Ireland, to name but a few.

In supporting these organisations we responded to disasters in Syria, Italy, Iraq, New Zealand, and Colombia. In addition, appeals were launched via the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Donations Trust for reconstruction work post-disasters in Italy and the Caribbean (specifically Haiti).

We also advised clubs to support the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal for victims of the famine in East Africa. We seldom launch our own appeal with an international aid agency, but at Christmas it seemed appropriate to launch an appeal with UNICEF for the provision of blankets for children in Syria, supporting them during a huge humanitarian crisis. Clubs were generous

enough to contribute £30,000 from their Christmas collections for this appeal.

Whilst supporting others is the only way to react quickly to a disaster, the post-disaster phase is another matter and in particular, using funds from Donations Trust, more than a dozen reconstruction projects were funded in Nepal, and we anticipate a similar number as a result of other appeals during the coming year.

Rotary clubs do valuable work in supporting small charities working internationally, but we have been encouraging clubs to get involved in Rotary-led international projects. Many clubs do not have the resources or knowledge to embark on these projects in their own right, so we have developed two projects which are being promoted across Great Britain and Ireland to allow clubs to get involved and essentially dip

their toes into the international project arena.

These two projects are Sand Dams and Gift of Sight. Sand Dams is about providing clean water, through the building of dams in drylands and helping to alleviate the dreadful cycle of poverty and disease from which many of those regions' inhabitants suffer. During the year we completed our 50th dam in Kenya and our first in India - thus bringing clean water to more than 100,000 people.

The Gift of Sight project is about equipping eye hospitals in the developing world working as a joint effort between clubs in Great Britain and Ireland and in India. In addition to work in the poor areas of India, projects were commenced during the year in Bangladesh and Lebanon, with projects being planned for East Africa in the coming year.

Our emphasis is on Rotary service projects as opposed to just being a fundraising organisation and as such we have put together advisory documents on project initiation and management. ■

Ron Daniels | Chair



“THROUGH ROTARY-BACKED BOX SUPPLIERS, WE RESPONDED TO DISASTERS IN SYRIA, ITALY, IRAQ, NEW ZEALAND, AND COLOMBIA.”



**ROTARY CLUBS
DONATED
£30,000**

**TO PROVIDE SYRIAN CHILDREN
WITH WINTER BLANKETS**

IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN ROTARY COMMUNITIES ARE BENEFITING FROM THE JOINED UP ROTARY COMMITTEE WORK AND ARE TACKLING SOME OF THE BIGGEST HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING.

In 2016/17 time was spent rationalising the list of community projects in the Opportunities to Serve Library, by establishing a mutual benefit for both Rotary and the charities. Charities which have recognised a mutual benefit and responded to a questionnaire have been retained. This is ongoing and will be finalised during 2017/18.

Health awareness

There continued to be a health awareness focus to our activities, which entailed concentrating on three main areas of focus: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening (AAA); the NHS Blood & Organ Donation; and the Stroke Association.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

This was a new Health Awareness Programme for Rotary and involved working with NHS AAA Screening Teams.

An abdominal aortic aneurysm cannot be detected unless you have an ultrasound screening and is treatable if found early, but if an AAA bursts then it is fatal.

Ultrasound screening is automatically offered by the NHS via GPs to men over the age of 65, but unfortunately a clear majority do not take up the invitation and, as a result, people are dying needlessly.

Throughout the year some districts held actual screening sessions at their District Conferences, with local NHS Screening Teams carrying out the screening, resulting in saving at least one Rotarian's life and referring others to their GPs to receive treatment.

NHS Blood & Organ Donation

Over the year a very strong working relationship has been built with this

department of the NHS. We feature their campaigns in our newsletters and on social media. They supply us with materials to promote their work at conferences around the country.

They approached us to ask if they could have our official logo to add us as a supporter on their literature and their social media, which obviously has helped to raise our profile within the public sector, giving us great public exposure.

Stroke Association

We have continued our close working with the Stroke Association, a relationship which has been serving our communities for many years. We have worked with Life After Stroke Services to see where we can be of help to stroke survivors and given out literature on stroke prevention and education.

We also promoted Health Awareness Days and many clubs and districts right across the UK support this with Know Your Blood Pressure Days, providing an invaluable service to our communities.

All three of these initiatives have been good awareness campaigns and I am sure we have achieved what we set out to do, which was to raise people's awareness of how they can improve their health, and who knows, maybe save a life or two along the way.

Rotary and living with dementia in communities

Rotary involvement in supporting people living with dementia has continued to grow over the past 12 months.

More Rotary-supported Memory Cafés have been opening and many clubs have been involved in making their communities dementia friendly by setting up or joining

local Dementia Action Alliances.

Rotarians are now becoming fully involved in the Dementia Champions and Dementia Friends programmes with several undertaking the full day Champions training sessions and hundreds more taking part in Dementia Friends awareness sessions.

Spontaneous fundraising for Admiral Nurses has been taking place across the whole of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland, and there has been considerable support from clubs across Scotland for the charity Playlist for Life, set up by Sally Magnusson to provide personalised music for people living with dementia.

Clubs continue to be involved in building community sensory gardens, alongside donating Memory Boxes, Fidget Quilts and Twiddlemuffs. Several new dementia projects are currently being supported by Rotarians including Dementia Buddy Guardian Angels and Dementia Hubs.

Provision of community defibrillators

Clubs and districts have provided 24/7, accessible defibrillators in the community at notable points throughout towns, villages and cities, be it in telephone boxes, on the walls of cinemas or other central locations. Working with the Community Heartbeat Trust and other providers, Rotary clubs have ensured when needed, the machine is there and examples of the saving of lives have been recognised within days of their installation.

As well as supporting the more senior groups within our society, Rotary has of course been providing exceptional opportunities to our young people.



Rotary KidsOut Day

An implementation of an online registration system form to make it easier for clubs to register their KidsOut events occurred in this Rotary year. This has also created a more comprehensive database of Rotary club KidsOut events and activities. In June, over 28,000 children had the opportunity to go along and enjoy the annual National Rotary KidsOut Day.

To spread the community cheer all year round, the Rotary KidsOut Festive Day, held annually on the first Tuesday in December, has also been added to the Rotary Project Library. KidsOut now provide children with caps free of charge, plus subsidies to help clubs defray event costs.

Rotarian involvement has also increased, with the number of Rotary KidsOut Ambassadors doubling from 7 to 14.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Working alongside Shakespeare Schools Festival, Rotarians continue to see the benefit of giving children from all walks of life the opportunity to participate in a performance of an abridged Shakespeare play, which they craft themselves to be performed in many ways, often with a 21st century twist. The participation of Rotary clubs to provide hands on expertise or funding results in injecting new levels confidence in children, seeing them develop a love for the arts and be given opportunities they might otherwise not have received. It also takes Rotary into the community in a guise we had not previously experienced.

Food and summer holidays

We continued growing a relationship with providers such as FareShare and the Greggs Foundation who helped many clubs in Great Britain and Ireland provide summer holiday clubs, to increase assistance and awareness of child poverty in the UK and create valuable support in the holidays with activities and meal provisions.

The Trussell Trust and Foodbanks

Working alongside volunteers, clubs grew their participation in times where working families as well as non-working families find themselves in difficulty, hands on action or fundraising activity makes a difference when needed the most.

Rotary work continues at the heart of our communities to be a means of support. Much is being done to make our communities better places to live thanks to the efforts by those who are at the heart of what needs doing.

Projects being undertaken in Rotary communities are benefiting from the joined up Rotary committee work, with clubs using Public Image resources to show what Rotary does, or Foundation grants to benefit their community projects. With this thinking, so much more can be done. It is the lifeblood of bringing in new members and long may that foresight continue. ■

Donna Wallbank|Chair

NEW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DURING 2016/17, WE MAINTAINED A FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH.

The Membership Committee along with the Rotary International (RI) Coordinator and RI Public Image teams continued working together to support districts in their efforts to grow Rotary membership.

Starting in 2012, clubs in Great Britain and Ireland had the opportunity to take part in the Membership Pilot Programmes. This enabled clubs to grow through programmes such as associate membership, corporate membership and through the introduction of innovative and flexible clubs. Clubs were also encouraged to think of ways in which they could start satellite clubs which might attract new members who favoured a more informal approach to their Rotary experience. New club formations were also encouraged.

The 2016 Council on Legislation (CoL) agreed changes to the constitution in regard to membership and frequency of meetings as well as the qualifications for membership. As a result, the Rotary International Membership Pilot Programme was terminated and Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland followed suit.

CoL 2016 gave clubs more freedom to determine how often they meet, who they invite into membership and what defines engagement in the club. This enables clubs to become more vibrant in order to grow. We have encouraged clubs to think of ways in which they might change to make themselves more vibrant and interesting.

During the year the RI Coordinator team worked closely with districts, visiting leadership teams to talk through the best way of retaining members and attracting new ones. This has proved very helpful to districts and sharing of knowledge and understanding has assisted everyone to understand how we can grow Rotary. In turn, clubs were encouraged to undertake a visioning process so that they could look at change which encouraged new

members and made the club a more interesting organisation of which to be part.

The RI Coordinator team assisted districts and thus clubs to make better use of Rotary Club Central to set goals and to record successes. A clear focus was given to this in order to increase the number of clubs actively involved in using Rotary Club Central.

From districts and clubs there were a number of excellent initiatives throughout the year with a number of clubs sponsoring satellite clubs. New members joining in this way were able to become Rotarians much more quickly and have the support of sponsor Rotarians to set up new projects. Whilst some satellite clubs remained as satellites for a longer period, others chartered quickly as clubs in their own right.

Such clubs provide an opportunity for people in an area to join a club which is more focussed on what younger people may want by way of meeting attendance and dining arrangements. However, this also enables clubs which prefer a more traditional approach to continue with their projects in that way.

New formations were also encouraged and a more modern format enabled new clubs to build quickly to having sufficient members to charter.

We maintained a focus on retention and an attractive leaflet 'Good Rotarians don't grow on trees...' was reissued to clubs. We encouraged clubs to make the Rotary experience a good one for everyone by acknowledging diversity and ensuring that current members remain engaged with their club's activities.

Building on the alumni strategy was also important. Early in the year we connected with alumni who were on the RI database. Whilst the response was modest we continued to inform alumni of what was

going on in clubs around Great Britain and Ireland.

We were disappointed that a planned seminar for district alumni officers had to be cancelled because there was insufficient interest. Maintaining interest of Rotary alumni is important. There are many Rotary youth activities and if we keep in contact with those who take part we have the opportunity to engage them in the long term. In the short term we may also interest their relatives who having seen Rotary in action may be interested in being part of that.

We maintained our resources available for districts and clubs and ensured that all publications were kept up to date. For example, the 'New Rotary Quick Start Guide' is an easy to read document for those involved in setting up new clubs.

A new venture in conjunction with the Public Image team was the introduction of postcards focussing on Rotary membership. These are an attractive way of engaging the interest of potential new Rotarians. The focus for membership resources has been on fresh, attractive presentation which invites a closer look at what is on offer.

As clubs and districts have adopted new ways of working the Membership Committee, in conjunction with the RI Coordinators, has sought to offer support to clubs. There are many enthusiastic club members who are eager to see Rotary grow. We have tried to assist where we can. The staff at the Support Centre in Alcester have done a sterling job, often at short notice and we extend our thanks to them. ■

Cath Chorley|Chair

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A CENTURY DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

2016/17 SAW US MARK 100 YEARS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED HUGELY SUCCESSFUL LEVEL OF GIVING FOR END POLIO NOW AND THE ANNUAL FUND, AS WELL AS THE LAUNCH OF THE PURPLE4POLIO CAMPAIGN

In addition to our statutory duty of raising funds for our Rotary Foundation the main thrust of the Foundation Committee’s activities for the year 2016/17 was to support clubs and districts to celebrate the centenary of the birth of our Foundation in 1917, bearing in mind that the Centennial Year would cover the two Rotary years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The General Council considered several ideas all of which were deemed to be too complex before settling on simplicity and the theme of Purple4Polio.

This campaign was designed to reinvent our involvement with End Polio Now here in Great Britain and Ireland, both from a Rotarian and general public perspective. The campaign encompassed pre-existing End Polio Now initiatives, alongside several new ones; packaged into a simple, easily-accessed polio toolkit for clubs and districts to use as they chose.

The Purple4Polio initiative has proved popular with clubs and districts with a record number of visits to the site to download leaflets, posters, signage, advice and information sheets the use of which has, this year, led to increased support for the End Polio Now campaign.

A major feature of the Purple4Polio

campaign was the push on the purple crocus project, whereby over five million corms were planted by clubs in partnership with local communities across Great Britain and Ireland. This brings the total planted over the past three years to 13 million.

Concurrent with the Purple4Polio initiative, there was the beginning of a changing of the guard on the Rotary Foundation Committee. Two new members joined from Zone 18, whilst for the Zone 17 delegates this was the final year of our three year terms. Thus for the Foundation Committee transition and continuity were very much the order of the day, whilst not taking our eyes off our dual objectives of fundraising and promoting the Purple4Polio campaign.

You responded and congratulations are in order! Thanks to the herculean efforts of the membership of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland, we can report a successful year of fundraising in support of End Polio Now and the Annual Fund (formerly the Annual Programmes Fund, which provides the monies to support the Rotary District and Global Grant programmes.

We are able to report that giving to End Polio Now was up by a whopping

£318,596, compared to the previous year’s deficit of £82,841 on the preceding figure. This year’s total was an amazing £1,153,684.

Whilst you were being so supportive of End Polio Now, your collective giving to the Annual Fund was £1,947,517, thus maintaining at an impressive 98% of last year’s total.

Overall giving to End Polio Now and the Annual Fund in 2016/17 was up by £272,205 to an impressive £3,101,201.

[\(See table below\)](#)

Our sincere thanks to Rotarians across these islands for taking heed of the concerns that were raised in last year’s report and responding as only you can do - magnificently!

The Endowment Fund

Formerly known as the Permanent Fund, the Endowment Fund too has enjoyed a much more successful year than hitherto. The priority of the Endowment Fund is to raise a sum of money, \$2 Billion USD, with the objective of using that sum to sustain the work of Rotary in perpetuity.

Estate Planning

In the main, the Endowment Fund is supported by bequests from the estates of deceased Rotarians, though not exclusively so. Gifts are also accepted from non-Rotarians who wish to donate their estates to worthy causes, such as our Foundation, which is committed to doing good in the world.

Should you or someone you know, wish to consider Estate Planning, please be aware that the Foundation Committee has two members who are expert in this

FUNDRAISING	2015/16	2016/17
END POLIO NOW (EPN)	£835,088	£1,153,684
ANNUAL PROGRAMMES FUND (APF)	£1,993,908	£1,947,517
TOTAL	£2,828,996	£3,101,201

specialist area. They are in a position to offer advice free of charge and without commitment. For further information please contact the Foundation department at the Rotary Support Centre in Alcester.

Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom (RFUK)

The end of Rotary year 2016/17 marked a significant change of Trustee personnel at RFUK. Past Rotary International President (PRIP), John Kenny, stepped down from the Chair of Trustees after many years of dedicated and committed service to the organisation.

PRIP John was replaced by Mike Webb who had recently been appointed as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. Mike has previously served as President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and as a Director of Rotary International.

Polio Eradication

The outbreak of wild polio virus (WPV) reported in Nigeria seems to have been contained with no cases reported in that country since August 2016 (correct at time of writing).

It will be a further three years before Nigeria can again be declared to be a polio-free country. In the meantime the work still continues to eradicate the disease from its last toeholds on the planet with enormous resources being deployed in both Pakistan and Afghanistan.

It is reassuring to note that our efforts are not standing alone with high level support coming from both endemic and donor countries. The UK government's Department for International Development has pledged continued support for the initiative through to 2017/18.

Peace and Conflict Premonition?

It is reassuring to note that the Global Grant commitment of clubs has been sustained at last year's level.

There is however an interesting trend emerging with clubs and districts showing a greater degree of interest than hitherto in the 'Area' of Peace and Conflict Resolution for both domestic and international consumption. Intriguingly in some instances the interest is being shown in working with the youth community here at home in these islands. Could this possibly be indicative of multiple committee projects involving Youth and Community working in tandem with The Rotary Foundation?

The Centenary Project – a gentle reminder

The Centennial Year is a full twelve months long, so we now find ourselves at the halfway stage with Past Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland President Eve seamlessly handing over the reins to President Denis Spiller.

So too, I hope, it is with your support of the Purple4Polio Project as you too

make similarly smooth transitions within your clubs and districts. You have enjoyed a record-breaking year with your fundraising and donations to our Foundation and End Polio Now and support for District and Global Grants has also been immense.

We hope that we are able to report an even greater success next year as our Rotary Foundation concludes its Centennial Celebrations and enters its Second Century of "Doing Good in the World". ■

Allan Maclaughlan | Chair
(July 2016 - April 2017)

John Dunkley | Chair
(From April 2017)

THE PERFECT RECIPE FOR END POLIO NOW
BY TURNING £1.00 INTO £5.63

- 1 Take a donation of **£1.00**
- 2 With **25% Gift Aid** it becomes **£1.25**
- 3 With **50% matching from The Rotary Foundation** it becomes **£1.88**
- 4 Finally it is **trebled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** it becomes **£5.63**

GLOBAL GRANTS PER ZONE:	ZONE 17	ZONE 18A
PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION	6	28
DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT	15	34
WATER & SANITATION	8	7
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH	2	5
BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY	1	12
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	8	21
TOTAL	40	107

These figures mirror almost exactly last year's level of Global Grant activity, 42 and 113 in Zones 17 and 18a respectively. This clearly demonstrates the commitment, dedication and consistency of clubs within Great Britain and Ireland to work with international partners to continue to do good in the world.

A LONG TERM HELPING HAND

2016 WAS ANOTHER YEAR IN WHICH UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER AND SEISMIC EVENTS HAVE CAUSED A GREAT NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES TO SUFFER IN THEIR WAKE.

Three such major events happened in short succession during Autumn 2016, with the village of Amatrice in the centre of a 6.1 magnitude earthquake which was felt throughout the central region of Italy. This was followed by Hurricane Matthew, a category 5 storm which left parts of the Caribbean and the south-eastern United States devastated. Many places were further hit in 2017 by a number of new hurricanes, some for a second time in a few months.

In November, the Kaikoura earthquake occurred in the South Island of New Zealand. This led to the set up of three appeals during 2016 by the Donations Trust which received a great number of donations from clubs, districts and individuals.

The Donations Trust is not an emergency fund as it does not have the infrastructure to provide such relief. However, what the Donations Trust can do is to collate donations and make grants

to Rotary projects working to rebuild communities.

Grants can be in all sizes dependant on the project needs, the funds available and the number of applications. Rebuilding communities following a disaster can inevitably take time. Even though, or possibly because of, the continued challenges that nature brings, the Trustees receive a great number of Rotarian-run, sustainable community projects looking for funding from our appeals.

Two such great projects completed in the year were the implementation of flood resilience measures by the Rotary Clubs of Ambleside and Tynedale.

Sometimes, in rare occasions, with the best will, projects have to be abandoned for political or socioeconomic reasons, as has happened with the housing project in Pakistan, where the Trust is currently investigating other options to utilise the donations held.

A further example was a project in

Nepal where the Trust has been able to utilise the amount initially pledged and has managed to find further projects to fund through the 2017/18 Rotary year.

The two earthquake appeals were transferred to the main Rotary district appeals, held within these countries, as it was felt that the appeals set up mirrored the requirements laid out for the Donations Trust.

The Trustees are currently working with District 7020 to establish a way to utilise the funds received in the Caribbean Hurricane appeal, but are also open to funding requests from clubs and districts working with Rotarians in the affected areas directly.

Following an appeal if you are putting together a sustainable community project to assist in the devastated area you might look to the Trust for a grant to help you to reach your goal. ■

Greg Thacker | Chair

DONATIONS & GRANTS	FUND BALANCE AT 30/6/16	DONATIONS RECEIVED IN THE YEAR	GRANTS PAID OR PLEDGED IN THE YEAR	FUND BALANCE AT 30/6/17
UK & IRELAND FLOOD APPEAL	£99,858	£2,023	£3,493	£98,388
ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL		£9,539	£9,539	£0
CARIBBEAN HURRICANE APPEAL		£50,934		£50,934
NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE APPEAL		£500		£500
NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL	£7,237	£600	(£24,000)	£31,837
PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL	£37,602			£37,602
GENERAL DISASTER FUND	£20,987	£945	£3,493	£21,932



BBC crew filming the series 'Shakespeare & Hathaway - Private Investigators' at the Rotary Support Centre

PREMISES TRUSTEES

STAYING SUPPORTIVE

In my report last year I said that the refurbishment was complete after what sometimes seems to have been a very long time. I also spoke of our long-held hope of generating some income from the rental of parts of the premises.

That hope has recently become reality with the BBC paying a healthy rent for partial use of the facilities. It is our aim to expand on that beginning, always taking

great care to ensure that only high quality tenants are considered.

Our ambitions remain the installation of air-conditioning in the office areas and the resurfacing of the car park. Both these jobs, equally desirable, are costly and remain subject to budgetary restrictions.

Happily I have nothing more to report - until, that is, the next structural survey is duly undertaken and proves me wrong!

Once again my fellow Trustees Norman Proctor, Rodney Huggins and David Liddiatt have been of great service and I would also like to pay tribute to General Secretary Amanda who has served us exceedingly well. ■

Noel Fryer | Chair



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

UPDATE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The Board of Rotary International (RI) has met four times in the past Rotary Year with each meeting lasting 3 to 4 days with some 400 to 600 items on each agenda. In addition, the Board has met with the Foundation Trustees which has been of great value to both groups. There have been many challenges, but most with favourable outcomes. Our biggest challenge is once again membership with many areas in the world showing a decline, including Great Britain and Ireland, but others showing an increase, especially in the Far East.

RI saw a drop of some five hundred members this year giving Rotary a global membership of over 1.2 million. Within Great Britain and Ireland, Zone 17 showed a net loss of 594 and Zone 18, 605, making a total loss of 1,199 in the year. This is disappointing as most clubs and districts have put in great effort to improve their membership, which begs the question if they had not what loss would we be looking at?

The worldwide re-zoning has now been completed and will come into operation in 2021. For Great Britain and Ireland, we have two new zones with some districts moving into Zone 17 which becomes Zone 19, leaving just seven districts in Zone 18A, which becomes 20A. Zone 20B will cover Spain and Portugal, and 20C will be The Netherlands.

This is at the result of Great Britain and Ireland losing some 15% of our membership in the last eight years. This does not affect our Rotary clubs in any way other than we will not have a Director every year, so over a 12 year period we will have a Director for eight years, Spain and Portugal for two years and The Netherlands for two years.

Following a decision at the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Business Meeting,

a simple amendment will be put to the next Council of Legislation, stating that for any election for Director from Great Britain and Ireland, whether it is the turn of Zone 19 or Zone 20A, all clubs in these isles may both propose and vote on the candidate.

Following the promise that RI would revamp both the RI website and Rotary Club Central, I am delighted that both have been completed. From reports I have received from Rotarians, everyone is pleased with the changes and RI are pleased that more clubs in Great Britain and Ireland are now using Rotary Club Central. In addition, the public facing pages of the rotary.org website have been recognised as one of the 20 Best Nonprofits Websites by Top Nonprofits, an independent evaluator of the best organisations in our industry.

The Board of Directors, the Foundation Trustees and Rotary International staff have continued to monitor all costs of Rotary International. Overall results were stronger than planned, resulting in an increase of over \$10 million in net assets, primarily due to revenues being \$8.7 million favourable, due to investment return and higher than planned Convention attendance. Operating expenses were also favourable by \$1.6m, mainly due to lower than planned travel expenses.

The Rotary Foundation also came in with favourable end of year figures, with lower costs and contributions of \$304 million exceeding the goal for 2016/17 of \$300 million. In Great Britain and Ireland, the number of clubs contributing to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund was up 4.15% to 95.14%, and polio up by 26.91% to 79.86%, thanks in part to clubs getting involved with the Purple4Polio campaign.

The Board took many decisions on a variety of topics which can be seen on the rotary.org website. These included creating

a new Board Governance Committee, agreeing the use of electronic voting on all substantive items on its agenda, clarifying its policy pertaining to clubs, districts and other Rotary entities' activities involving guns and weapons.

The Board also encouraged the President to appoint committee chairs who had been a Vice Chairman or committee member for continuity, and encourage younger members, including Rotaract.

The Board also adopted a new vision statement: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

This last year was the second year for Rotary Global Rewards (RGR), and a survey was carried out, with 4000 taking part, to obtain opinions on the scheme.

Members appreciate offers that give discounts, as well as giving back to Rotary. The programme needs to be promoted more within clubs and districts to raise awareness among members, and the need for more offers to be available in certain countries is also acknowledged.

I am pleased to report that sharing of ideas between staff at RI and Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland has continued, thanks to the great teams led by General Secretaries John Hewko and Amanda Watkin. I would like to thank them and all of their staff for the help and guidance they have given me over the past two years.

As I passed over the mantle to my successor Brian Stoyel on July 1st 2017, I know he will do a good job and represent Great Britain and Ireland whenever he can. I wish him a very happy and fulfilling time on the Board. ■

Peter Offer | [RI Director 2015/17](#)

Rotary

Great Britain & Ireland

ACCOUNTS 2016/17

**BUDGET 2018/19
& FORECASTS**



RIBI ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

A review of the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2017 shows that they have been prepared under the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland which replaces all the UK Financial Reporting Standards prior to the new UK financial reporting regime.

During the year the actual RIBI net income was £1.46M compared to the amount shown in the budget of £1.74M. The budget, for 2016/17, was prepared in October 2015 and agreed by the members at the Annual Business Meeting in 2016. Subsequently a decision was taken at the Council on Legislation, which removed the Charter fee income budgeted as being receivable by RIBI. Two months later the result of the UK Referendum caused a reduction in the value of sterling. These two factors, together with the decline in membership, gave rise to the shortfall in net income for the year.

Despite this shortfall the finance committee believed it necessary to continue supporting Districts at the same level as in prior years. Hence, £300,000 was returned to the Districts to spend in accordance with the members wishes.

In total, Promotional Activity increased reflecting the need to raise awareness of the Rotary brand to the general public. Additionally, Magazine costs increased by 20%, again using the publication to promote Rotary to a wider audience.

The hire cost of the venue for the Annual Business Meeting increased both over the budget amount and the expenditure in the prior year. This reflects the fact that Manchester was a more

expensive location than Bournemouth and that, in the future, serious thought must be given to budgeting methods for the Conference as well as the ABM.

Careful consideration was given to the costs involved in the Rotary insurance renewal and work by the RIBI brokers, Bartletts, saw an 11% reduction over the budgeted amount and a 7% reduction over the previous year. This, despite maintaining the level of protection required and in some cases increasing cover.

Despite the fall in the value of sterling, the stock market rose significantly and to such an extent that the decision was taken to sell certain investments, crystallising the profits made and releasing cash. A proportion of these funds was used to refurbish the Support Centre and the balance was reinvested. This allowed the capital gains tax losses brought forward to be utilised but did result in a planned increase in the tax liabilities for the year ended 30 June 2017.

All the actions taken by the Finance Committee and given approval by General Council have ensured that the reduction in the Association's reserves have been kept to a minimum despite the adverse conditions occurring during the year. ■

Niall Blair | Honorary Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

BUDGET 2018/19

	2016/17 Actual* £	2017/18 Budget** £	2018/19 Budget £	2019/20 Forecast £	2020/21 Forecast £
1 No. of paying members on 1 July	47,689	46,500	45,400	44,300	44,000
2 Subscription amount due per member per annum	£52.00	£60.00	£62.00	£65.00	£65.00
3					
4 Income					
5 Subscription and Charter fee income	2,523,849	2,824,825	2,844,850	2,908,600	2,887,650
6 Subscription and charter fee payment to RI	(1,103,002)	(1,228,291)	(1,188,842)	(1,228,417)	(1,220,193)
7					
8	1,420,847	1,596,534	1,656,008	1,680,183	1,667,457
9					
10 Net Investment and Other income	37,944	41,525	43,050	43,450	45,450
11					
12 Total Net Income	1,458,791	1,638,059	1,699,058	1,723,633	1,712,907
13					
14 Deduct:					
15 District Support and District Extension	311,580	295,500	294,850	294,850	294,850
16 Training Support	128,908	106,065	138,065	126,065	126,097
17 Membership Promotion	302,965	167,500	192,750	192,750	187,500
18 Governance	112,152	76,548	73,445	82,295	72,745
19 Rotary Services	162,011	180,933	178,480	183,940	188,505
20 Staff	524,268	537,688	549,222	559,548	567,209
21 Premises	75,987	79,676	86,440	87,461	88,536
22 Administration and Professional fees	104,668	108,477	105,100	106,679	107,191
23 Other (VAT, Tax)	58,189	85,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
24					
25 Total Expenditure	1,780,728	1,637,387	1,698,352	1,713,588	1,712,633
26					
27 Net surplus/(deficit) before realised/unrealised Gains	(321,937)	672	706	10,045	274
28 Surplus/(deficit) from realised gains/losses	179,862	-	-	-	-
29 Surplus/(deficit) from unrealised/realised gains/losses - FRS 102	12,630	-	-	-	-
30 Fair value gain/(loss) on foreign exchange contracts - FRS 102	(51,014)	-	-	-	-
31 Utilisation/(Increase) of Reserves	51,014	-	-	-	-
32					
33 Net surplus/(deficit) for year after other gains/losses	(129,445)	672	706	10,045	274

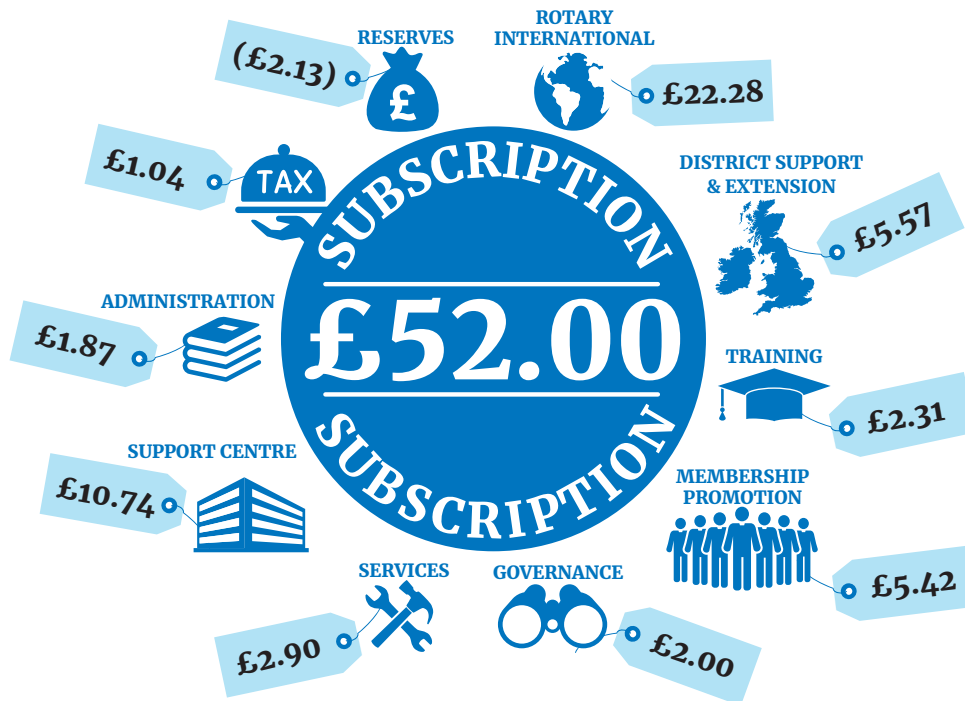
* full set of accounts available online on the RIBI Website: bit.ly/RotaryFinance (login required)

** Budget 2017/2018 agreed at April 2017 ABM

SUBSCRIPTION

HOW YOU SUPPORTED ROTARY

2016/17*



*per number of paying members as shown on page 31
Note: Line items include a percentage reduction of 'other income' and exclude FRS102 changes

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020/21

It was good to arrive in 2017/18 for Rotary in these islands, hoping that the financial difficulties of the previous years had been contained and to know that the Association had emerged with only a modest 10% reduction in its reserves.

Looking to the future, the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee and of General Council, prepared a budget for the year 2018/19 and forecasts for the years 2019/20 and 2020/21, all set to achieve a break even position, or better, at the end of each year.

A looming problem during the year 2018/19 could be the effect of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union. This may have an adverse effect upon sterling, as it has done over the past two years. However, your District Governors

in General Council took the decision to instruct forward purchasing of US dollars in order to meet the commitments of RIBI to Rotary International. This, to some extent, has taken the uncertainty out of purchasing currency by fixing the amount to be paid well before the amounts fall due for transfer to Rotary International.

During the Annual Business Meeting of 2017 it was proposed, and agreed, that the annual subscription for the years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 should be set at £60, £62 and £65 respectively. This follows the decision regarding the pattern of subscription increases taken by the Council on Legislation in 2016.

The forecast for the year 2020/21 shows a continuation of the subscription at a rate of £65 but does not take into account any increase for inflation. A rise

in the rate of subscription in line with the increase in the rate of inflation in September 2019, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, would seem to be a fair method of calculating the membership subscription for RIBI. In the event of a greater than inflation increase being proposed by Rotary International or, by sterling falling dramatically against the US dollar, adequate reason would be provided in order to amend the rate of subscription increase to members within RIBI to produce a balanced budget. ■

Niall Blair | Honorary Treasurer



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THE FUTURE

THE FUTURE

Successive General Councils have recognised that fundamental change is required within the Association of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

Changes to the Association's committee structures and training models were implemented this Rotary year and in February 2017, the Rotary2 membership programme was launched and is demonstrating excellent results.

However, these developments alone are not going to secure the future of Rotary in these islands. Behind the introduction of new flexible clubs, we must build new district structures and most importantly a much-changed administrative territorial unit. The future of Rotary will be in the hands of the millennial generations and our structure must be suitable for 21st century service delivery.

To set the scene, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland is 104 years old and sadly public perceptions of our clubs typically reflect the same. Rotary members of today mostly draw upon the baby boomer generation, demonstrated by our average age of 74 years.

Since the 1990s, we have continued to recruit boomers and our working membership has reduced from perhaps 60-70%, down to maybe as low as 15% and we are still around 80% male. It is our duty to create a Rotary attractive to today's working population and this is why Rotary2 has been introduced.

In proposing change, we must understand why it is required, and to recognise that this is not change for change sake. Further, this change is not as has been implied before, simply moving the deckchairs around on the Titanic. Moving the chairs, gave the crew something to do whilst waiting to sink, but didn't affect the outcome. The General Council is proposing change that has consequence, has a purpose and potentially has influence throughout Rotary International.

If we do nothing to change our

membership profile, Rotary as we know it in these islands will be gone in 10 years. Rotary International has demonstrated its recognition of the situation with major rule changes, providing relaxation on attendance and the removal of the vocation criteria on membership. It is now up to clubs to recognise our vulnerability and take advantage of these changes.

Additionally, Rotary International is seriously looking at regionalisation, of which Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland is currently the sole example, therefore now is the time to change and become the role model for the world.

There are many drivers for change, not least that in these modern times, evolution is key to survival. Darwin was right. Rotary must reflect the needs of the millennials and not just the boomers, and senior Rotary roles, such as District Governor and Association President must be open to, and deliverable by, working Rotarians. Rotary must look like and act as an organisation fit for people of the 21st century.

The plan is to implement innovative, and ultimately radical, change for the Association, that it should be remembered, is an administrative territorial unit of Rotary International. This administration includes: General Council; Executive Committee; Service and Administrative Committees; and the Presidency itself. Not everything can be changed at once and these changes do not directly affect the clubs and districts, but they will influence the wider perceptions of Rotary and aim to influence wider thinking.

The evolutionary change programme brings important benefits of streamlining, increased accountability and cost effectiveness, bringing our structure into one recognisable by our counterparts as one that is designed for today. In some areas, there will be a name change, but a change in name to one that has meaning not just within Rotary, but within the modern world.

PROPOSED CHANGE PLAN Service and Administrative Committees

Big changes were made in 2017 with the Home and International teams. They are called teams, because teams work together to get things done, whereas committees can spend a lot of time meeting and talking, without opportunity to deliver.

Executive Committee

This is the operational body that directs the teams and the work of the support centre. The aim is to optimise reporting by bringing team leaders directly on to the Executive instead of operating through a layer of liaison governors. This increases accountability, improves communications and potentially reduces cost as less people are involved in wider team meetings.

General Council

As a title, this means nothing other than 'old fashioned', so instead it will be known as the Governing Council. This describes what it does, being responsible for driving policy and strategies.


The Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Presidency

This has remained untouched for 100 years and has been a bone of contention for Rotary International, other parts of the Rotary world and even some of our own members, for much of that time. It is unique, but in truth, outside of the club, there is just one real President of Rotary, and that is our global one.

Life has changed, expectations have changed, demands by clubs and individual Rotarians have changed and being retired must not be a criterion for this role.

The proposal moving forward over three years is that the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Presidency is ended.

In its place we shall have a Chairman of the Association, whose role is to Chair

A photograph of a woman on the left and a man on the right, both engaged in manual labor in an open field. The woman is wearing a grey tank top, black shorts, and white sneakers, carrying a shovel over her shoulder. The man is wearing a white t-shirt, grey shorts, and a hat, pushing a wheelbarrow. The background shows a clear blue sky and some distant buildings.

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the Governing Council and the Executive Committee, and to support the General Secretary in the delivery of Rotary support services in Great Britain and Ireland.

To date, the President has delivered many of the duties performed elsewhere by the RI Zone Director, but without a seat on the RI Board. So instead, the role of our RI Director will be refreshed to reflect what every other director in the Rotary world does, and that is to visit and support districts in their Zones, thus considerably reducing the demands on the Chairman.

In fact, there is no shortage of senior Rotarians including the Chairman, the Director, the General Secretary and six Rotary International Coordinators, whose role it is to visit and support districts and clubs, potentially offering far greater delivery than a single President has been able to do alone.

The Chairman is still an elected officer and the process of election is open for review over the three-year change period, particularly as only 40% of clubs currently take part in the democratic voting process they are entitled to.

Both internal and external marketing are considered an issue for most Rotarians. With the new model, internal promotion

can be addressed by a larger group of senior officers than ever before. External coverage is still a challenge without budget, but the Director, the Chairman and the General Secretary are the figurehead officers to lead on announcements and media interviews.

We cannot complete this change in a day, or even a year, as by-laws and constitutional changes such as the final removal and replacement of the Presidency must go to Council on Legislation, and the next is in 2022. However, we can pilot the model and ratification of the planned stages will take place at Association Business Meetings between 2018 and 2020.

A bright future is ahead of us if we adopt change and rejuvenate membership, and a revised Administrative structure will:

- Enable efficiency in operation and greater accountability;
- Reflect the structure and operation of similar 21st century organisations;
- Motivate districts and clubs to adopt change and modernisation;
- Enable working Rotarians to aspire to leadership roles.

The future of Rotary is in your hands. Changes both major and minor will affect how we work but importantly, they have the potential to build new perceptions of Rotary and open up leadership opportunities to younger people with modern experience and drive, to take our organisation into a future of growth in membership and stature, instead of an accelerating decline that will otherwise dominate the next 10 years.

In the spirit and beliefs of Paul Harris himself Rotary must change and evolve to retain relevance to both its members and the community.

You are asked to support this proposal for change and to demonstrate to the Rotary world that as with club creation programmes in the 1930's, the Satellite model in 2011 and Rotary2 in 2017, Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland is again innovating for a Rotary fit for the future. ■

Denis Spiller | President 2017/18

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RESOLUTIONS 2017/18

INTRODUCTION

These introductory notes are for the benefit of all delegates attending the business meeting in Torquay. The meeting will be regulated under the Association's Standing Orders, which are contained in the RIBI Constitutional documents pages 26 to 32 (issued September 2017).

If any Rotarian wishes to address the meeting in the debates which are to take place, it would be helpful to everyone if they could make their way to a microphone well in advance, commencing with a clear statement of their **name and club only**. It would be helpful to the Chairman of the meeting if he knew whether it was the intention of the Rotarian to speak **for** the resolution (green card), **against** the resolution (red card), to **close the debate** (blue card) or to **raise a procedural point** (yellow card).

Speakers will not be recognised if they do not use a microphone, nor will their valuable contributions to the debate be recorded.

The proposer for each resolution will be allowed **5 minutes** to state their case. All other speakers will be allowed **3 minutes**. Before the resolution is put to the vote, the proposer will be allowed a **further 3 minutes** to exercise their right of reply. The reply shall be strictly confined to answering previous speakers, and any new matter shall not be introduced into the debate. The rostrum lights will turn from **green to amber** when 1 minute of speaking time remains. A **red** light indicates that the permitted time has expired and speakers must **close within 10 seconds**, after which time the microphone will switch off, unless the business meeting approves an extension. The Chairman has indicated that he will enforce these rules.

Standing Order 16 Amendments to be in Writing

- Every amendment shall be moved and seconded by a duly accredited voting delegate and shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and forwarded to the General Secretary of the Association not later than seven days before the first day of the annual conference, and shall be read before it is further discussed or put to the meeting. However, the chairman may waive such requirement on the basis that the proposed amendment is clearly understandable and straightforward as orally stated from the floor by the proposer of such

amendment and a written copy is handed to the General Secretary of the Association.

No voting delegate shall move or second more than one amendment to any individual resolution.

All voting will be by electronic means when available. Otherwise, voting will be by show of hands, unless you the delegates, by a two-thirds majority, decide that a ballot should be taken or the Chairman of the business meeting decides that a ballot would be advisable. All speakers are requested to address the Chairman only.

Standing Order 4 Rules as to speeches - reply

- A Rotarian shall not, unless by leave of the Chairman, address the business meeting more than once on any proposed resolution or amendment, but the mover of an original proposed resolution, or of an amendment which has become the substantive resolution, may reply.

In order to clarify any matter, the Chairman of the Constitutions committee and General Secretary are permitted to address the meeting. The Chairman of this year's business meeting, PDG Tom Griffin, will be available to Rotarians proposing or seconding conference resolutions/ amendments for a briefing meeting on procedural matters. This will take place onsite and in the morning prior to the business meeting, for the benefit of all. The Chairman of the Constitutions Committee and the General Secretary shall also be invited to attend this meeting.

Voting delegates planning to attend the business meeting in person must report to the Constitutions Committee at the Conference Credentials Desk prior to 3pm on 7th April before they shall be entitled to vote at the business meeting. The Chairman and members of the RIBI Constitutions committee will be available for consultation in the Torquay Riviera Conference Centre between 9.30am and 5pm on Friday 6th April and 8.30am and 3pm on Saturday 7th April 2018.

It is anticipated that online voting will be available to voting delegates. This would mean that voting delegates would not have to be present at the business meeting, but voting delegates (and their deputies) not present at the business meeting must have an email address and be available to vote online from 3.30pm on the afternoon of 7th April 2018.

RIBI Business Meeting 2018 - Agenda

1. RIBI The Future

The President of the Association, Denis Spiller shall report to the meeting on the proposals for change set out in his report "Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland – The Future".

The following resolution will then be put to the Business Meeting:

Resolution 17/18:01

That the proposal for change set out in the report 'Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland - The Future' presented by the President of the Association be approved.

Notes:

1. If the above resolution is carried, General Council resolution 17/18:02 will be moved.
2. The refocusing of the Presidency to providing strategic leadership to the Association by ensuring that the Association's governance structure effectively delivers the Association's Strategy and Business Plan can be implemented without the need for any constitutional change. Reflecting that change by changing the title of the role to "Chairman of RIBI" requires the Constitution of the Association to be amended. This can only be achieved with the approval of the RI Council on Legislation. The deadline for submission of enactments to Council on Legislation 2019 has passed; accordingly, if the above resolution is carried, a resolution will be brought before the 2019 Business Meeting to effect the change of title and to authorize the submission of an enactment to the Council on Legislation 2022. However, when nominations are sought in the summer for the role of RIBI President 2021/22, it will be on the basis of a revised role description, to be approved by General Council which reflects the refocusing of the role.
3. Similarly, the adoption by the RI director elected by the clubs in the territory of the task of visiting clubs and districts to enthuse and motivate them and to celebrate success can be implemented without any constitutional change.

2. Annual Report for 2016/17

Immediate Past President Eve Conway will present the annual report of the General Council for the year 2016/17.

- **Report of the RIBI Donations Trust - to be taken as read questions only**
- **Report of the RIBI Premises Trustee - to be taken as read questions only**

After the presentation, the following resolution will be put to the conference: *That the Annual Report of the General Council 2016/17 be adopted.*

3. Report by the Director of Rotary International

4. Statements of Account for 2016/17

Honorary Treasurer Niall Blair will present the annual accounts of the Association for the year 2016/17. After discussion the following resolution will be put to the meeting:

That the audited statements of account for the year ended 30th June 2017 be adopted.

5. Auditors

That Burgis and Bullock, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, be reappointed auditors to the Association for 2017/18 accounts.

6. Nominations

The elected President Nominee of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland 2018/19 and the District Governors for 2020/21 will be formally presented for nomination by conference to the convention of Rotary International for election.

President Nominee 2018/19 Tom Griffin		
District 1010 – TBC	District 1110 – Tim Mason	District 1190 – Welma Robinson
District 1020 – Calum Thomson	District 1120 – Brian Dunne	District 1200 – Rory O'Donnell
District 1030 – Barbara Broadbelt	District 1130 – Francis Uwaechi	District 1210 – Malcolm Hallowell
District 1040 – Andrew Bateman	District 1145 – Nick Drake	District 1220 – David Hood
District 1060 – Timothy Bushell	District 1150 – Alison Sutherland	District 1230 – Angela Samson
District 1070 – Peter Berry	District 1160 – TBC	District 1240 – Mike Griffin
District 1080 – Lindsay Pearson	District 1175 – William Wills	District 1260 – Vijay Patel
District 1090 – TBC	District 1180 – David Hartley	District 1285 – Peter James-Robinson
District 1100 – Christopher Firth		

7. Proposed budget for 2018/19

Honorary Treasurer Niall Blair will present a balanced budget for the Rotary year 2018/19 and triennial financial forecast.

After discussion, the following resolutions will be put to the business meeting:

That the 2018/19 Balanced Budget be adopted.

8. Resolutions to the RIBI Business Meeting 2017

Resolution Number with Purpose and Effect
<p>17/18:01 To endorse the RIBI Structure and Business Plan</p> <p>That the Association's programme for change set out in the report entitled Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland – The Future be approved.</p>
<p>17/18:02 To amend the composition of Executive Committee.</p> <p>To achieve better integration of the Association's governance structure by including in the membership of the Executive Committee those Rotarians who will serve as chairmen of the Association's principal committees. This should serve to ensure the effective delivery by the governance structure of the Association's Strategy and Business Plan.</p>
<p>17/18:03 To amend the system of voting for District Councils to allow for electronic voting which may include e mail or internet technology in addition to postal voting in respect of By Law 11(9)(d) and as an alternative to a show of hands as in By Law 11(11) (d.) where the District Council is inquorate.</p> <p>In the event of a District Council not being quorate, the effect is to allow District Councils to be able to conduct their essential business.</p>
<p>17/18:04 To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for President and Honorary Treasurer.</p> <p>The role of the Selection Advisory Committee has been amended such that the Committee no longer makes a recommendation as to which candidate should, in its opinion, be elected, but instead is charged with reviewing the nominations and putting forward for election those candidates whom it believes satisfy the criteria laid down by General Council.</p>
<p>17/18:05 To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for RI Director</p> <p>The role of the Selection Advisory Committee has been amended such that the Committee no longer makes a recommendation as to which candidate should, in its opinion, be elected, but instead is charged with reviewing the nominations and putting forward for election those candidates whom it believes satisfy the criteria laid down by General Council.</p>

1 **RESOLUTION 17/18:01**

2 To endorse the RIBI Structure and Business Plan entitled *Rotary International Great Britain and*
3 *Ireland – The Future*

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5 **PROPOSED BY GENERAL COUNCIL**

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7 The proposals coming forward begin with the RIBI administrative level, the key area within our
8 control, being:

- 9
 - 10 • the modernisation of Committees;
 - 11 • changes to the Executive;
 - 12 • modernisation of General Council;
 - 13 • changes to the Presidency;
 - 14 • growth of the role of the Director within our zones

15 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

16 Changes at the RIBI Administrative level are within our control and will help portray the overall
17 organisation in modern terms. However, Rotary recruits and delivers at the local level and it is
18 therefore vital that clubs not only support the new image big picture, but that they portray and
19 deliver a Rotary at the local level that is also fit for the 21st century, either through change of the
20 existing club, or through the sponsoring of a new flexible one to complement their own.

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22 The changes both major and minor will affect how we work, they will improve efficiency through
23 communication and accountability and will save some costs, but importantly, they have the
24 potential of building new perceptions of Rotary and will open up leadership opportunities to
25 younger people with modern experience and drive to take our organisation into a future of growth
26 in membership and stature instead of the accelerating decline that will otherwise dominate the next
27 20 years.

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29 The intent and plans for change are based on key organisational issues and requirements that are:

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 - 31 • the need to address the drivers for change including our aging membership;
 - 32 • the need to create a Rotary for the Millennials;
 - 33 • the need for a structure that enables working Rotarians to take on the leadership roles;
 - 34 • the need to have an organisation that is designed for and reflects the style and language of
35 the 21st century;
 - 36 • the need to have an organisation that is fit for purpose as a role model for regional Rotary
37 groups around the world, as RI is currently in the mood to explore and possibly implement
38 such, based on the desire of areas like Japan and Australia

39 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

40 *Honorary Treasurer to comment.*

1 **RESOLUTION 17/18:02**

2 To change the composition of the Executive Committee of Rotary International in Great Britain and
3 Ireland.

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5 **PROPOSED BY GENERAL COUNCIL**

6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY LAWS OF
7 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **The current version of the By-law(s) affected by this change may be read in The RIBI Constitutional**
10 **Documents which are available online.**

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12 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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14 **By Law 1 Clause 8 (a) – Executive Committee:**

15 The composition of the Executive Committee with effect from 1st July 2018 will consist of the
16 President, who shall be the Chairman with a second or casting vote, the Immediate Past President,
17 the Vice-President, the Vice President Elect (without vote), the Honorary Treasurer, the Director of
18 Rotary International (elected from the membership of the clubs in the appropriate zone or section of
19 a zone) and the General Secretary (without vote). In addition, there shall be one district governor
20 and one district governor elect, who shall be elected by the governors of the General Council on
21 which each of them serves by means of the single transferable vote, and between three and six
22 general members, who shall be appointed by the General Council. No general member may serve
23 for a period greater than three consecutive years.

24

25 A quorum of the committee shall be the President and five voting members or, in the absence of the
26 President, seven voting members.

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28 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

29 The objective of this resolution is to achieve better integration of the Association’s governance
30 structure by including in the membership of the Executive Committee those Rotarians who will serve
31 as chairmen of the Association’s principal committees. This should serve to ensure the effective
32 delivery by the governance structure of the Association’s Strategy and Business Plan.

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34 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

35 *Honorary Treasurer to comment.*

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REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (RIBI Article 12 and 15 (1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15).

1 **RESOLUTION 17/18:03**

2 To amend the system of voting for District Councils within Rotary International in Great Britain and
3 Ireland to allow for electronic voting in the event of a meeting being inquorate.

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5 **PROPOSED BY GENERAL COUNCIL**

6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY LAWS OF
7 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **The current version of the By-law(s) affected by this change may be read in The RIBI Constitutional**
10 **Documents which are available online.**

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12 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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14 **By Law 11 Elections Clause 11(d) – Votes:**

15 All voting at district council meetings shall be by a show of hands except for the selection of a
16 Rotarian to serve as District Governor and as provided in Clause 9 (d) hereof. In the event of a
17 District Council meeting failing to achieve a quorum, in the days following the inquorate meeting,
18 and before the next District Council meeting, essential District business may be voted upon by ballot
19 by mail which may include email or internet technology. This shall not be used as an alternative to
20 holding a District Council meeting. In the case of voting on re-districting any such questions shall be
21 decided by club votes only, on the basis of one vote per club in the district or districts affected
22 except as provided for in the By-laws of Rotary International.

23
24 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

25 In the event of a District Council failing to achieve a quorum, the effect of this resolution is to allow
26 District Councils to be able to conduct their essential business in the days following the inquorate
27 meeting and before the next District Council meeting. It shall not be used as an alternative to
28 holding a District Council meeting.

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30 **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

31 *No financial impact.*

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REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (RIBI Article 12 and 15 (1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15).

1 **RESOLUTION 17/18:04**

2 To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for President and Honorary
3 Treasurer

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5 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SKIPTON**

6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY LAWS OF
7 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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9 **The current version of the By-law(s) affected by this change may be read in The RIBI Constitutional
10 Documents which are available online.**

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12 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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14 **By-law 1 General Council**

15 *Clause 4 (c) – Constitutions Committee - shall consist of a Chairman and three members.*

- 16 1) The committee shall advise the General Council on all constitutional matters that may from
17 time to time arise. It shall also advise districts and clubs on any constitutional matters, and,
18 on behalf of the General Council, shall consider and approve or otherwise any proposed
19 amendments to the *Standard RIBI Club By-laws* which may be submitted by clubs, except
20 those specifically delegated by the General Council to the General Secretary.
- 21 2) The committee shall prepare for adoption by the General Council correlative amendments to
22 the *Constitution* and *By-laws of the Association* and the *Standard RIBI Club Constitution* and
23 *By-laws* when necessary, to give full effect to decisions of the Council on Legislation of RI
24 after these have been reduced to their final form.
- 25 3) The committee shall have charge of the elections, shall review nominations to assess
26 whether candidates meet the criteria determined by General Council, and shall supervise
27 the ballots, reporting promptly the results thereof.

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29 **By-law 8 Proposals, Nominations and Elections**

30 *Clause 1 – Administration*

31 For electoral purposes the territorial administrative unit is divided into two zones of Rotary
32 International; zones 17 (north) and 18a (south). The districts making up the zones shall be as
33 determined by Rotary International. The President and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the
34 voting delegates of both zones. The Director of Rotary International shall be elected only by the voting
35 delegates of the clubs in the appropriate zone.

36
37 *Clause 2 - President & Honorary Treasurer*

38 Nominations - Subject to the provisions of these By-laws, a club may propose for election one active
39 member for each of the offices of President and Honorary Treasurer. The club must first be satisfied
40 that such person or persons, if elected, would be willing to act. The name or names so proposed shall
41 be submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be
42 signed by the club secretary and one other officer of the club and must be delivered to the General
43 Secretary of the Association not later than 15th July.

44
45 *Clause 3 – Review of Nominations*

46 At a suitable date following the closing date for nominations, the Constitutions Committee shall meet
47 to review the nominations, taking into account any criteria agreed by the General Council as being
48 appropriate to the posts. The Committee shall be entitled to call for interview all or any of the persons
49 nominated if it considers it appropriate so to do. The Committee shall make no recommendation, but
50 is empowered to decline to put forward for election any candidate who, in its reasonable opinion, fails
51 adequately to meet the criteria for the post agreed by the General Council.

52 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

53 The procedure for election of the President and Honorary Treasurer has been significantly amended
54 in recent years. General Council approves a Job Description and Person Specification for these posts,
55 and candidates are required to submit written statements indicating how, in their opinion, they meet
56 the criteria set out in the Job Description and Person Specification. Candidates are also required to
57 record a short video presentation under controlled conditions. The Job Description, Person
58 Specification, written statements and video presentation are all available to clubs from the
59 commencement of the voting process. Clubs, therefore, have available to them a significant amount
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1 **RESOLUTION 17/18:05**

2 To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for Director of Rotary
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5 **PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SKIPTON**

6 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY LAWS OF
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9 **The current version of the By-law(s) affected by this change may be read in The RIBI Constitutional**
10 **Documents which are available online.**

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12 **IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:**

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14 **By-law 1 General Council**

15 *Clause 4 (c) – Constitutions Committee - shall consist of a Chairman and three members.*

- 16 1) The committee shall advise the General Council on all constitutional matters that may from
17 time to time arise. It shall also advise districts and clubs on any constitutional matters, and,
18 on behalf of the General Council, shall consider and approve or otherwise any proposed
19 amendments to the *Standard RIBI Club By-laws* which may be submitted by clubs, except
20 those specifically delegated by the General Council to the General Secretary.
- 21 2) The committee shall prepare for adoption by the General Council correlative amendments to
22 the *Constitution* and *By-laws of the Association* and the *Standard RIBI Club Constitution* and
23 *By-laws* when necessary, to give full effect to decisions of the Council on Legislation of RI
24 after these have been reduced to their final form.
- 25 3) The committee shall have charge of the elections, shall review nominations to assess
26 whether candidates meet the criteria determined by General Council, and shall supervise
27 the ballots, reporting promptly the results thereof.

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29 **By-law 8 Proposals, Nominations and Elections**

30 *Clause 4 - Director of Board of Rotary International*

- 31 a) Qualifications - A candidate nominated as Director of Rotary International shall be a member,
32 other than an honorary member, in good standing in a club in the appropriate zone and shall have
33 served a full term as a District Governor of Rotary International prior to being proposed as such
34 candidate (except where service for less than a full term may be determined by the Board of
35 Rotary International to satisfy the intent of this provision) with at least three years of time having
36 elapsed since service as a governor. Such candidate shall also have attended at least two
37 Institutes and one Convention in the 36 month period prior to being proposed. No candidate may
38 be a member of the Constitutions committee.
- 39 b) Nominations - A district council in the appropriate zone not later than 15th July in each odd
40 numbered year propose one active member for consideration at the ensuing annual conference
41 as a candidate for nomination as Director of Rotary International. The district council must first
42 be satisfied that such person, if elected, would be willing to act. The name so proposed shall be
43 submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be
44 signed by the district secretary and one other officer of the district, and must be delivered to the
45 General Secretary of the Association not later than 15th July.
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47 the 1st day of July in the calendar year following the annual convention of Rotary International at
48 which such person is elected, and shall continue for two years, or until a successor shall have
49 been elected and qualified. No person who has served a full term as director may again hold office
50 as director except as President or President-Elect of Rotary International.

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52 *Clause 5 – Review of Nominations*

53 At a suitable date following the closing date for nominations, the Constitutions Committee shall meet
54 to review the nominations, taking into account any criteria agreed by the General Council as being
55 appropriate to the post. The Committee shall be entitled to call for interview all or any of the persons
56 nominated if it considers it appropriate so to do. The Committee shall make no recommendation, but
57 is empowered to decline to put forward for election any candidate who, in its reasonable opinion, fails
58 adequately to meet the criteria for the post agreed by the General Council.

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60 *Clause 6 - Notification to Clubs*

61 A list of the proposals for Director of Rotary International, Officers of the Association and district
62 governors, shall be dispatched by the General Secretary of the Association to the secretary of each
63 club at least twenty-one days before the first day of the annual conference.

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65 *Clause 7 – Voting*

66 If voting is to take place at the annual conference, the Constitutions committee shall verify the
67 credentials of voting delegates and shall have charge of the elections. In the event of a contest voting
68 shall be by ballot by means of the single transferable vote. After each ballot the Constitutions
69 committee shall report promptly to the Chairman of the Conference the result of the voting, which
70 report shall be signed by the Chairman of the committee. The committee shall keep in its custody all
71 ballot papers until the end of the conference when they shall then be destroyed.

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73 *Clause 8 - Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International*

74 a) Qualifications - The member and alternate member from a zone to serve on the Nominating
75 Committee for the President of Rotary International shall each be a Past Director of Rotary
76 International and shall be a member other than an honorary member of a club in the appropriate
77 zone. Neither the President of Rotary International, the President-Elect of Rotary International,
78 any candidate for President nor any Past President of Rotary International shall be eligible for
79 membership of the nominating committee.

80 b) Election - In each alternate year one member shall be elected from the clubs in the zone to
81 serve on the committee, either at the Annual Conference or by a postal ballot in such form and
82 at such time as the General Council shall determine. In even-numbered years zone 17 shall elect
83 a member of the committee; in odd-numbered years zone 18a shall elect a member of the
84 committee.

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86 **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

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