

ROTARY DISTRICT 1220

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The
Rotary  **Foundation**

Doing Good In The World



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR



NEVER FORGET!

**IF POLIO IS NOT DEFEATED EVERYWHERE,
THEN IT'S NOT DEFEATED ANYWHERE**

WELCOME!

A very, very warm welcome from me John Elford Box [Rotherham] and all the members of your District 1220 Foundation Team to all the members in District 1220, and for that matter any other Rotarians, or interested parties, who are viewing our first Newsletter.

This our first Foundation Newsletter and it is the intention to produce it on a two monthly basis.

There is an old saying – *You never get a second chance to make a first impression*. I would like to think that your initial impression is favourable. As the progression of the Newsletter moves forward, and with input from clubs illustrating their Foundation projects, or just interest in Foundation, there will be much more to report on.

First Foundation Team Meeting

On Thursday the 5th August, at 6.30pm, the Foundation Team met at the Rotherham Sitwell Park Golf Club under the chairmanship of the [embryonic] DRFC John Elford Box.

Given the time of year there was a small turnout, understandably, but thanks to DG Martyn Bye [Carlton] for joining and contributing, indicating the close relationship between the Foundation Team and the DG's agenda for his year. Not much, if anything to report, other than the establishment of the first meeting, which was the first of the six meetings scheduled for 21/22.

Grants Sub-Committee

The Grants Sub-Committee – met at the Holiday Inn [“*the Derbyshire*”] on Thursday 2nd September at 6.00pm under the Chairmanship of Neil Swanwick [Chesterfield Scarsdale]. Well attended and well executed by Neil who will, no doubt, report on the overall grants element as matters progress.

District Council

The District Council – met on a ZOOM call on Tuesday 7th September at 7.00pm under the Chairmanship of DG Martyn Bye [Carlton]. The Foundation Team's comprehensive report, which was sent out to all members in D1220, was only supplemented by the following points:-

* IPDG Dr Jill Bethell MBE [Dronfield] has taken on the role of Foundation Team Secretary after Lesley Reynolds [Derby South] who had given such devoted service to the role, had to stand down to reduce her many commitments. A big thank you to Lesley for all her input over the years, and also for working in unison with Jill for a positive handover.

* The Foundation Dinner Appreciation Evening which will be held at the Old Bell at Barnby Moor Retford on the 20th November is gaining impetuous and on track. Thanks to the IP-DRFC John Cavey who has agreed to present the awards for his final year.

* No excuse for not attending as a result of having already, on the day, attended District Council in the morning which is a ZOOM call at 9.30am! More details will be provided, through the D1220 weekly newsletter by the Foundation Team's Social Officer Judith Longden [Retford].

* Sustaining Membership numbers are now at 94 and rising: note 34 in early April. Thanks indeed to PDG Michael Longdon [West Ashfield], the Team's Sustaining Membership Officer, who is a credit to the cause.

The Foundation Team

The Foundation Team seeks to inform, to assist and to bring all things Foundation into focus with all the membership and to offer “in club” presentations to bring the wider world of Rotary Foundation to all, be they well informed or otherwise.

Below is a section of the Team who are there to help.

Grants

Please make contact with the Sub Committee Chairman Neil Swanwick [Chesterfield Scarsdale].

Peace Initiative

Please make contact with the Sub Committee Chairman John Moffat [Burton].

Awareness

Contact Richard Lewis Vice Chairman [Market Rasen] and/or Tony Beenham [Church Wilne] Awareness Officer who will be more than eager to move you forward.

Sustaining Members

Any clubs or club members who wish to know more about Sustaining membership should contact the Sustaining Membership Office PDG Michael Longdon [West Ashfield].

Social

Members wishing to receive more information about the 20th November Foundation Dinner Appreciation Evening, any overnight accommodation, rates for tables of 10, or the like, should contact the Social Officer Judith Longden [Retford].

The Web-Site

Any member wishing to have their club Foundation involvement activated on the Web-Site should make contact with the Vice Chairman Richard Lewis [Market Rasen].

The next Team Meeting

The 2nd Foundation Team Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn [“*the Derbyshire*”] on Thursday 7th October at 6.30pm. A resume of that meeting will be published shortly afterwards, as promised in the Foundation *Manifesto* at the District Assembly on the 27th April.

Membership feedback

The Foundation Team would be pleased to receive the views, and any observations, from members as to the concept of this Newsletter, and indeed its future and how it can help in furthering all matters relevant to the Foundation cause.

Also

See below.

This is a photograph taken of me in August 1948 aged 2 years old.
It was taken just three weeks before I caught POLIO, good looking as ever [or so I'm told],



The complete story from August 1948 to date is on my PowerPoint and videos,
any club wishing to hear the full story,
then contact me as below,



This photograph was taken from a video at one of my many talks.
it was taken on Thursday the 27th February 2020, at Rotherham Sitwell Rotary.
It was the last time I gave the talk in person prior to the first Coronavirus lock down,
and it's time I was given the opportunity to get back to normality!

Always available to give my talk and tell the story,
and further the campaign to End Polio Now [EPN]

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