

ROTARY DISTRICT 1220
in the East Midlands, South Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire
THE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER
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NEVER FORGET! IF POLIO IS NOT DEFEATED EVERYWHERE, IT'S NOT DEFEATED ANYWHERE

WELCOME!

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

Second Foundation Team Meeting

On Thursday the 7th October, at 6.30pm, the Foundation Support Team met at the Holiday Inn [J28 AKA *The Derbyshire*]. In attendance was Ashley Gray ARRFC [Walsall Saddlers] who greatly contributed to the meeting and saw much in what was a meeting with a “lively” debate and “discussion forum” on all matters relating to Foundation and the prospect of bringing more members under the Foundation umbrella.

District Council

Council met on a ZOOM call on Saturday 20th November at 9.30am under the Chairmanship of DG Martyn Bye [Carlton]. The Foundation Team's comprehensive report was not added to.

Foundation Dinner and Appreciation Evening [20.11.21]

Below from the left,

Tony Beenham [Church Wilne] Awareness Officer, and ARRFC Ashley Gray [Walsall Saddlers] and many thanks to Ashley for a resounding talk on Foundation,

The gathered company,

Andrew Avery [President Retford] and his wife Anna,

DRFC John receiving his Rotary GB&I People of Action Polio Award from Dr Jill Bethell MBE as it was awarded in the year that Jill was the DG.

For many more photographs see the PowerPoint on the D1220 Foundation Website



The Foundation Team

The Foundation Team is always available to answer questions or discuss any aspect of the *world of the Rotary Foundation* or indeed visit your Club for the same purpose. We are at your disposal so do take advantage of the offer.

Grants - Sub Committee Chairman Neil Swanwick [Chesterfield Scarsdale].

The Grants sub-committee have considered and approved initially 15 projects from Clubs which received Grants to match their contributions, totalling £15,200. Nine projects were local to District 1220 Clubs; 5 are in Africa and one in India. Projects are a diverse range – including supporting local Food Banks via the Rotary 4 Food Banks initiative established last year, creating a well-being garden creating a memorial wood, assisting homeless people, providing a library for a school in Kenya, providing materials for local women to produce reusable sanitary pads so that girls can remain at school, a family planning facility in Uganda, provision of books for a school in India, funding for RYLA attendance for disadvantaged young people and many others.

The projects encompass many of the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus notably improving Health and Disease prevention, Community Development, basic Education and the Environment.

We are also supporting a number of Global Grants – some by providing funds to match the local Club contributions. These include the Guatemala Literacy Project and Projects relating to the Pandemic in India and Sri Lanka including oxygen provision and testing facilities,

if these inspire you, you want to learn more, or discuss how to apply for a District Grant next year, then please feel free to contact Neil Swanwick on 07827 325 407 or neilswanwick@yahoo.co.uk

Peace Initiative - Sub Committee Chairman John Moffat [Burton upon Trent].

Members will, or will not, be aware that we [D1220] have been appointed as Distant Host District to Peace Fellow Dinah Sandoval, and I would like her to be invited to speak at our Foundation Seminar and some other District or Club event.

I would like to promote our search for a candidate from our District to apply for a Peace Fellowship overseas next year. In addition I would also like to encourage Clubs to to apply for a District Grant under the Peace Area of Focus.

Finally I am in contact with Jannine Birtwhistle [Rotary GB&I – Peace Building and Conflict Prevention Coordinator] to discuss with her how to promote Peace Building in our District.

John can be contacted on 01283 713 735 or j.amof@tiscali.co.uk

Awareness - Tony Beenham [Church Wilne] Awareness Officer with Richard Lewis [Market Rasen]

Foundation Rotary's award winning Charity account for providing funds for ALL. Finances released after 3 years and allocated to Districts for Project/Grant Funding for Humanitarian Projects.

A Foundation overview is available on the District 1220 Foundation Website through MyRotary [login],

MyLearning – <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog/view/69> – Foundation Basics and also the Club Foundation Committee Basics [Grant information under Resources] or directly as below with some clubs already visited.

Contact Tony on 01332 756 779 or rotary1220ajb@gmail.com or Richard on 07974 395 180 or richlinc@btinternet.com

Sustaining Members - Michael Longdon [West Ashfield] Sustaining Members Officer

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

Contact Michael on 01623 378 990 or michaellongdon@sky.com

The Web-Site - Richard Lewis [Market Rasen] Vice Chairman

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

Contact Richard on 07974 395 180 or richlinc@btinternet.com

EPNC - Chris Holmes EPN Champion

- World Polio Day [24/10] saw the two RC's of Rotherham + D1220 producing a video to highlight the EPN Campaign,
- 26 boxes of Crocus Corms distributed to 21 Clubs raising funds for Polio Plus,
- Polio Plus donations 20/21 \$993,251 and 19/20 \$1,122,661 a disappointing reduction,
- to October 21 donations are \$142,200 and the target for 21/22 is \$1,253,000. The outcome set against 19/20, will be interesting to see!
- As an impetus to achieve that target [\$1,253,000] a new initiative that has been gathering momentum in many other parts of the Rotary World is setting up of Polio Plus Societies for Rotarians who pledge \$100 or more every year until the WHO declares that the wild poliovirus has been eradicated.
- Global Polio update:

[a] Wild Polio Virus summary

[1] The number of wild polio cases for 2021 as of December the 8th 2021 was 5; there was 1 in Pakistan and 4 in Afghanistan,

[2] The number of wild polio cases in 2020 was 140 – 84 Pakistan + 56 Afghanistan,

[3] Wild polio cases in 2019 were 176; 147 in Pakistan + 29 in Afghanistan.

- So can you see we are getting close! However we should not be complacent. Lets see if we can get as many 1220 Rotarians in the Polio Plus Society in the coming months. I am filling in my form today – will you?

Contact Chris on 07743 702 739 or chdholmes@gmail.com

The compliments of the season and a happy new year to you all and your family and friends.

JOHN

John Elford Box - DRFC

PS. Anyone wishing to receive my PowerPoint Talk on 70+ years living with Polio then let me know as business is now back to normal.

