

ROTARY DISTRICT 1220

in the East Midlands, South Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire

THE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Foundation Support Team Meeting Thursday 3rd February 2022



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Doing Good In The World



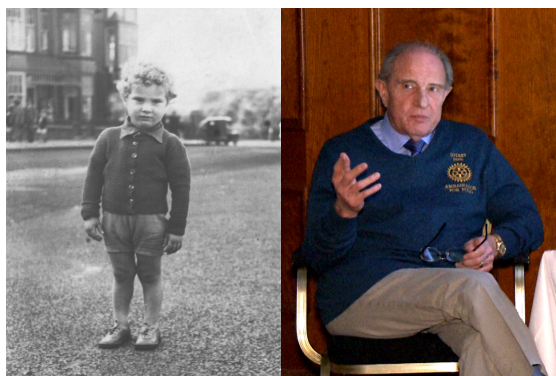
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YEAR



NEVER FORGET!

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

WELCOME! To the third District Foundation Newsletter of 2021/22



On the left the DRFC just three weeks before contracting Polio in August 1948 and seven or eight weeks prior to the NHS being created on the 5th July that year. And today, more or less.

Welcome indeed to the third D1220 Foundation Newsletter, the second being the December 2021 edition. The Foundation Appreciation Dinner was much the tail end of that edition.

At the beginning of January five members of the District Foundation Support Team met to have an informal “get together” and discuss, and debate, how far we had come since the 1st July and what the future held for us in terms of Foundation in D1220.

The question of whether the Newsletter should form an element in the District Magazine has not yet been resolved but remains on the FST Agenda.

Third Foundation Support Team Meeting – 03.02.22

On Thursday the 3rd of February there was a full house. That is save for the fact that Dr Jill Bethell MBE [Secretary] had to stand aside, for the present, and Judith Longden [Social] had to withdraw for personal family reasons. As for the position of Secretary I will deal deal with the Agenda and producing the minutes.

Sadly the interview which was to be a Q and A Session with the IP DRFC John Cavey and the RI Past President Ravindran did not take place as a result of a very poor registration – 19! I'm not in any way known for a lack of what to say; but on this occasion I think the less said the better.

On the 5th April there will be a Foundation Presentation [on ZOOM at 7.00pm]. It is the last one of a group of ten Presentations. Details will be with all members in D1220 shortly under the heading of Schedule of District Assembly in March/April 2022. The “Team” look forward to seeing a good turnout from members to our Presentation.

Moving further ahead [Saturday May the 28th at 9.00pm to 1.00pm] the D1220 Foundation Support Team will be holding a face2face Seminar at the Holiday Inn [“The Derbyshire”] J28 – M1. This Seminar will be for incoming Presidents and their Club Foundation Chairman. It will cover all aspects of Foundation, not least the area of most importance to the “Team” that being Awareness. For more details later.

Finally on Sunday 13th March I will be attending the Paul Harris Lunch at the “Derbyshire” where Foundation will be represented with a short “Foundation Persuasion” from me to attempt to bring more members into the *D1220 Foundation Family*”.

Messages from:-

DG [21/22] Martyn Bye

DRFC:- DG Martyn has an “automatic” place on the “District Foundation Support Team” and has exercised that right, and continued to support all that the FST seeks to now achieve and has offered this contribution to the District Foundation Newsletter.

“I think it is good to remind our members of the following:-

The Rotary Foundation, our charity, transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both **close to home** and around the world.

Since it was founded [about] one hundred years [1927], the Foundation has spent more than **£3,037,472,000.00** on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With **your help**, we can make lives better **in your community** and beyond.

Our Mission! The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 50 pence, a child can be protected from polio,
- £38 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness,
- £380 can launch an anti-bullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programmes in your community and worldwide”.

The Sustaining Members Officer Michael Longdon PDG - Why not become a Sustaining Member and help make a World of Difference to the lives of those in need.

Who is a Sustaining Member? A Rotarian who donates as an individual donor the equivalent of US \$100 [or more] per year to the Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom [RFUK] for the benefit of its Annual Fund is recognised as a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member.

The Annual Fund: Contributions to this fund provide essential funding for the the Foundation's Cultural, Humanitarian and Educational programmes.

Why become a Sustaining Member? Sustaining Members are crucial to the Foundation. If every Club Member were to contribute the equivalent of US\$100 every year, Rotary would be able to double its efforts to help people in need worldwide and support the continued growth of programmes. Projects generally focus on the areas below:-

- Promoting Peace and Conflict Prevention,
- Fighting and Preventing Disease,
- Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene,
- Saving Mothers and Children
- Supporting Education,
- Growing Local Communities,
- Supporting the Environment.

How to make to make your contribution? The easiest way to become a Sustaining Member is to set up a Standing Order. Our new Standing Order Form and Information sheet is available **on our District Web-Site**.

Please note: *If you are a Tax Payer, your monthly donation can be as low as £6.00 per month plus Gift Aid which equates £90.00 with the exchange rate at today's rate of \$1.32 to the £1.00 means that you would currently donate US\$118.80.*

The EPNC Chris Holmes

Polio Plus update for March 2022

In the twelve months since World Rotary Day [23rd February 2021] there have only been 5 recorded of acute polio caused by the wild type polio virus, 4 in Afghanistan and just 1 in Malawi. Significantly the last case of wild polio in Pakistan, a country with nearly 80 million children under the age of five and where there are an average of 18,500 live births per day – that was January 2021.

Although the report of a wild polio case in Malawi is disappointing it has been tracked to cross border contamination from Pakistan.

In respect of vaccine derived cases since the beginning of 2021 there has been 623 with 67% in Nigeria. Noting that if the population is seriously under immunized there will be enough susceptible children to be impacted from excreted vaccine derived poliovirus circulating in the community. That is why it is so important that the immunisation programme is maintained

Donations to Polio Plus are down and I urge Rotarians to pledge SS\$100 per year and join the Polio Plus Society. Details from Chris Holmes at chdholmes@gmail.com for an application form.

The Grants Sub-Committee Chairman Neil Swanwick

District Grants for the Rotary year 2022 – 23: Clubs will be invited in June/early July to submit proposals for Projects they wish to be supported by a District Grant.

Clubs should start their planning NOW to include in plans at their Club Assembly. The closing date for outline for outline proposals is mid-August and there is no guarantee that submissions after that date will be considered.

Further information is available on the District Web-Site under Committees > Foundation > Resources.

The Peace Initiative Sub-Committee Chairman John Moffat

An invitation has been sent out to all Clubs in the District Newsletter to seek potential Applicants for a Peace Fellowship, but as yet we have had no interest. Dinah Sandoval, our "adopted" Peace Fellow currently studying at Bradford University, has been invited to talk at the Foundation Seminar to take place on Saturday the 28th May from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

The latter will be held at the Holiday Inn [The "Derbyshire"] as mentioned above and bacon butties, biscuits, tea and coffee will be available through out the session.

John Box, and myself, are attending the Bill Huntley Peace Seminar at Bradford University 2nd April: details are available from me for anyone interested. jbmoftat@outlook.com + 01283 713 735

The Awareness Officer Tony Beenham and Vice Chairman Richard Lewis

Foundation Awareness Club Reviews:-

- > Clubs can make contact with our Team for a simplified Foundation Awareness Session.
- > Already provided a number of Club Sessions, to explain the Rotary Foundation Principles.
- > Can provide introduction by whichever clubs prefer – ZOOM or club visit.
- > Please contact the following for further information:-

- Tony Beenham rotary1220ajb@gmail.com & 07557 956 138
- Richard Lewis richlinc@btinternet.com & 01673 818 207
- D1220 more information is available on the Foundation Web-Site

Currently reviewing to simplify MyLearning information pages – see below:-

- <https://learn.rotary.org//members/learn/catalog/view/69>
- Foundation Basics,
- Club Foundation Committee Basics.

Continuing,

The District 1220 Foundation Web-Site

Just keep looking and learning!

The next Foundation Support Team Meeting

Thursday 2nd June 2021

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.

Any questions, or suggestions, then contact - jebox@btconnect.com + 01709 364811 & 364915

To those of you who persevered to get this far in reading this Newsletter, my sincere thanks. All my time and effort in putting this third Newsletter together, it seems, has not been wasted!

Sincerely and YIR,

**John Elford Box
DRFC**

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