



# The Oakleaf

Rotary Club of Londonderry - August 2009

District 1160 - Club No 76 - Incorporated 17th July 1922 - www.londonderryrotary.org - **President 2009/2010: Jim Foster**

## OFFICIAL HANDBOOK Monday 6th July 2009



Photograph: Werner Scheel

Immediate Past President Vincent Grant presenting President Jim Foster with his chain of office for the Rotary year 2009 to 2010.

## AUGUST - is Membership and Extension Month.

The new online version of Rotary Basics is an indispensable tool for introducing new and prospective club members to the fundamentals of Rotary.

Rotary International, the world's first service organization, is made up of over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Its members form a global network of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational structure, with many programs that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members. The Web site offers a basic Rotary education — the fundamental knowledge that will make every member better informed about Rotary and proud to be a Rotarian.

Club members should visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) select "members" then "new members" and click on Rotary Basics and browse all the useful information for a refresher!

**Perhaps we can hold a impromptu test one lunch time!**

## CHARITY GOLF DAY:

Friday 21st August 2009 at Ballyliffin Golf Club (Glashedy Course). Soup & sandwiches at 1 p.m. - Shotgun start at 2 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. €400 per team of four (includes lunch and dinner) male/female/mixed or professional. Contact Pat Kelly, Phelim O'Neill or Maurice Brennan.

## DIARY

**Monday 6th July 2009:** Club Business Meeting.

**Monday 13th July 2009:** Bank Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 20th July 2009:** Presentation on Remembrance Tree Project by Werner Scheel

**Monday 27th July 2009:** Club Holiday.

**Monday 3rd August 2009:** Club Holiday.

**Monday 10th August 2009:** Speaker:- Eamonn Melaugh

**Monday 17th August 2009:** No Speaker.

**Monday 24th August 2009:** No Speaker.

**Friday 21st August 2009:** Charity Golf Day at Ballyliffin.

**Monday 31st August 2009:** Bank Holiday - No meeting.

**Thursday 3rd September 2009:** Council meeting will be held in Alan Rodden's home at 8 pm.

## HOLIDAY DATES

**Monday 13th July 2009:** Bank Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 27th July 2009:** Local Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 3rd August 2009:** Local Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 31st August 2009:** Bank Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 21st December 2009:** Christmas Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 28th December 2009:** Christmas Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 5th April 2010:** Bank Holiday - Easter Monday - No meeting.

**Monday 3rd May 2010:** Bank Holiday - No meeting.

**Monday 24th May 2010:** Bank Holiday - No meeting.

## ANNUAL SUBS. & MEALS 2009 to 2010:

Subs and meals are now due for the new Rotary Year and remain unchanged at £420. Rotarians should make payment as usual to our treasurer Maurice Brennan

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee would be pleased to hear from any member who knows or can think of any suitable prospects in the following categories: Education (any level primary, secondary or third), Medicine, Clergy, Journalism, Dentistry or Computing.

If you are aware of any potential new member in any of the above categories please advise membership Chair Alan Rodden.



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at the city hotel, queens quay, londonderry, BT48 7AS

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in great britain  
and ireland

## RI President's Message - August 2009

My fellow Rotarians:

I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are all themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience, I have never thought it fitting to exhort or demand. Every Rotary club is and must be autonomous: The leadership of Rotary International exists not to control, but to motivate and guide.

And so when we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary, for the overwhelming majority of Rotarians, is of the club: of club meetings, club projects, and fellow club members.

When Paul Harris began the first Rotary club 104 years ago, he did not initially think of service. Instead, he had in mind a place where people of good character, intelligence, and morals could enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship. The service came later, as a natural outgrowth of the gathering of such people.

Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well.

In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life.

The membership challenges that we face today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation. But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack.

John Kenny - President, Rotary International

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### ROTARY ATHLONE 2009

#### DISTRICT 1160 CONFERENCE,

#### OCTOBER 9th-11th:

Registration is open to all Rotarians, their partners, guests and Rotaractors.

President Jim has some registration forms or you can register via website: [www.rotaryconference.ie](http://www.rotaryconference.ie).

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### TESCO WATERSIDE HALF MARATHON

#### Saturday 12th September 2009:

Any Rotarian who may be interested in taking part in this event in aid of NSPCC & Foyle Hospice either to run the 13.1 miles or as part of a relay team of 3 should contact our Sports Officer Gavin Killeen.

## Reach One, Keep One

The RI Board of Directors adopted a new membership slogan, "Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One," at its June meeting.

The slogan emphasizes the need for Rotarians to focus on both recruitment and retention in their membership growth efforts.

"Membership development is each Rotarian's responsibility," said Paul Netzel, a member of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee and a past RI director.

"'Reach One' reminds us that because Rotary membership is by invitation, it's essential that each Rotarian reaches out and invites someone to join," added Netzel, a member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles.

"'Keep One' reminds us that it's not sufficient to simply sponsor someone into Rotary; we must also see that new members become active and involved Rotarians. We know this is an essential element in membership retention."

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### Trustee chair - August 2009

#### Message from the chair

#### Fighting polio with urgency and hope



The Rotary year we have just begun will be pivotal in determining the course of our Foundation in this, Rotary's second century of service. There are new challenges before us – challenges that we must rise to meet in order to keep the promises we have made. The first of those promises, of course, is to eradicate polio. This is our number-one priority as an organization, and it will remain so until the job is done.

Last year, more than 1,600 cases of the disease were identified around the world. This is a great improvement from the worst days of polio epidemics, which many of us remember from decades ago. But it is not good enough, and it will not be good enough until the number is zero. We cannot pause or slacken our efforts. We know all too well what happens when we do not reach every child. We saw it in Nigeria in 2003 and have seen it again in the Horn of Africa.

In March, Rotary approved US\$500,000 in emergency grants to UNICEF and the World Health Organization to help contain the outbreak of wild poliovirus that had spread from war-torn South Sudan into parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. This funding allowed for increased immunization activities in the three countries affected by the spread, and separate rounds of immunization have continued in South Sudan to halt the source of the outbreak.

We are optimistic that this outbreak will be contained, and remain confident in the viability of eradication. These recent events only serve to highlight the importance of our continued work. It is not enough merely to keep the number of new outbreaks low. We must bring it to zero.

Glenn E. Estess Sr. - Foundation Trustee Chair

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If any rotarian has an interesting story or article they would like to be considered for inclusion in **The Oakleaf** please contact Jeremy Arthur.