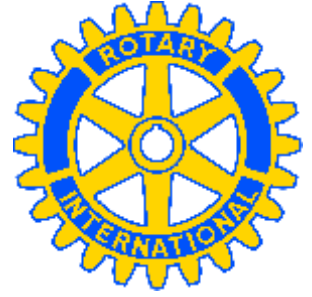




The Oakleaf



Rotary Club of Londonderry - October 2009
 District 1160 - Club No 76 - Incorporated 17th July 1922
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President 2009/2010: Jim Foster

OCTOBER is VOCATIONAL SERVICES month

Rotary, Google join forces

Rotary has teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of The Rotarian available free online.

Full-color, searchable scans of all issues of the magazine from 1959 to 2008 are now available through Google Books, with more issues to follow. The site is accessible from The Rotarian's page on the RI Web site.

Users can select from a gallery of issues organized by decade or click "Search all issues" to search the entire catalogue for a word or phrase.

The collaboration is part of an initiative to make Rotary's historical resources more accessible to Rotarians worldwide.

"Google is doing all of the scanning and indexing to make the material searchable -- and at no cost to Rotary," says Stephanie Giordano, archivist for Rotary International.

More than 72,000 pages will be available once Google finishes scanning and uploading all 1,100 issues. The first issue was published in January 1911, when the magazine was called The National Rotarian.

Some issues of interest include December 1979, which reported on Rotary's first polio immunization project; the February 2005 centennial issue; and issues from the 1980s discussing the admission of women into Rotary.

Try it for yourself. Browse past issues now.

Fund Raising Update:

The successful Gala Ball held in May raised the sum of £7,386 towards our charities.

Evening Meetings!

The next 2 club business meetings, namely the 5th October and the 9th November, will be evening meetings to be held in the City Hotel commencing at 6pm sharp.

These meetings are to run strictly on time with an opportunity to socialise after the meeting.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS -

Happy birthday this month on:

19th to Rotarian Jeremy Arthur

30th to Rotarian Charles Gallagher

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

DIARY

Thursday 1st October 2009: Council meeting in Jeremy Arthur's home at 8 pm.

Monday 5th October 2009: Club Business Meeting. **N.B - Evening Meeting** commencing at 6pm in the City Hotel.

Friday 10th to Sunday 11th October 2009 - District 1160 Conference - Athlone.

Monday 12th October 2009: Speaker:- The Director of Sion Mills Building Preservation Trust.

Monday 19th October 2009: N.B. Change to original Diary - Visitation by District Governor Tom Murphy.

Monday 26th October 2009: Speaker:- Michael Doherty - Peace and Reconciliation Group.

Monday 2nd November 2009: Speaker:- Oonagh McGillion - Director of Development Derry City Council.

Thursday 5th November 2009: Council meeting in Graham Hunter's home at 8 pm.

Monday 9th November 2009: Club Business Meeting. **N.B. - Evening Meeting** commencing at 6pm in the City Hotel.

Monday 16th November 2009: Speaker:- Tina Gillespie - Local Strategy Partnership.

Monday 23rd November 2009: Speaker:- Stephen Martin - District Commander PSNI.

Monday 30th November 2009: Speaker:- Valerie Watts - Town Clerk.

HOLIDAY DATES

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.

This Year's Upcoming Projects & Events

Youth Leadership Challenge - Commencing October 2009

Toy Appeal - November/December 2009

Christmas Remembrance Tree - 10th to 24th December 2009

Kids Christmas Party - December 2009

Club Christmas Meeting - 14th December 2009

Christmas Hampers - December 2009

Kids Out Day - June 2010



rotary club of londonderry meets: monday, 1.00 p.m.
 at the city hotel, queens quay, londonderry, BT48 7AS

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Rotaract paves the way into Rotary

By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary International News -- 9 September 2009



Photo courtesy Cyril Noirtin

Almost two decades ago, Cyril Noirtin, then a high school student from Nancy, France, received a special gift from Rotary: a chance to participate in an exchange to Wisconsin, USA, hosted by the Rotary Club of Lake Country-Hartland.

Noirtin had no idea that the one-year Rotary Youth Exchange trip would change his life and personality.

"The exchange gave me an appetite to be involved in an international network. When I came back to France, I decided to join Rotaract," says Noirtin, who later became charter president of the Rotary Club of Paris Agora and is now an RI representative to UNESCO. "Thanks to my Rotaract membership, I have been able to gain leadership abilities, build friendships all around the world, and participate in many social and humanitarian projects."

In addition to holding many leadership roles in Rotaract, the tech-savvy Noirtin helped put together Web sites for Rotaractors. His skills caught the eye of Rotarian Bernard Dervaux, then governor of District 1660, who tapped him to serve on the district's Internet committee. He quickly became the district's webmaster, helped organize the district conference, and worked on the district's monthly newsletter.

"At the end of the year, the district governor and other members of the committee had forgotten I was not a Rotarian," he recalls. "And I can tell you, when we created the Rotary Club of Paris Agora, we had the support and help of every one of them."

Noirtin would like to see more Rotaractors take what he calls the "natural next step" and become Rotarians. Working side by side on projects, he says, is the best way to make the transition smoother.

"Rotarians and Rotaractors have to get to know more about each other, understand what the other can bring to a project," he says. "If they are successful in doing that, my belief is the age barrier no longer is a problem."

Noirtin, who also serves on the Rotary Centers Committee, feels that it's crucial for Rotaractors to keep searching for a Rotary club or to consider chartering a new one if they don't initially find a good fit.

"Even if they look around today and don't feel comfortable, it's important they keep looking," he says. "They are the ones who are going to build and shape the Rotary of tomorrow. It is critical for them to enter Rotary."

The Paris Agora club was chartered with younger members in mind. Noirtin says his club's average age of 35-40 is 15-20 years younger than most established clubs in the Paris area. It meets in the evenings and only twice a month, which he says is much easier than traditional meeting schedules on the club's leadership, who are young professionals.

Noirtin would also like to see an effort to organize former Rotaractors, perhaps into an alumni association, to help them keep in touch and find their way into Rotary. He feels the issue is important enough for Rotary leaders to make it a top priority.

"If we have no one to share our future with, we have no future."

ROTANET 2008-09

GLOBAL FLAG EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

We have exchanged our club banner with The Rotary Club Salem South, District 2980 India under the above exchange programme, by email.



RI President's message October 2009

My fellow Rotarians:

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary.

High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.

Many service organizations are open to anyone who wishes to join. That has never been the case in Rotary. Rotarians only seek out as members those who are qualified – those who have the character, the ability, and the resolve to make a real contribution to their club.

I have long believed that the bedrock of Rotary is our commitment to ethical behaviour. It has been putting what's right above what's convenient – and Service Above Self – that has made Rotary different from the rest. That is why we must always remember that whatever we do, we are each the public face of Rotary. We are each the standard-bearers of our organization. What one member does, for good or for ill, reflects on all of us.

So much of what we've achieved as an organization has come about because of the trust the world has in Rotary and in Rotarians. That trust has been a major part of our success in polio eradication – the fact that we are known in every community, and known to be people of goodwill and good hearts.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and center in our minds and actions. We must seek out skilled and determined men and women of character. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self.

John Kenny

President, Rotary International



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