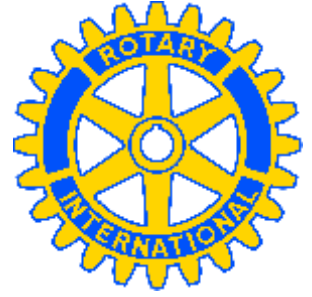




The Oakleaf



Rotary Club of Londonderry - November 2009
 District 1160 - Club No 76 - Incorporated 17th July 1922
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Historic Moments: Women in Rotary

By Susan Hanf and Donna Polydoros
 Rotary International News -- 1 October 2009

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.



"My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000.

Twenty years after the Council on Legislation's vote, Rotary has nearly 188,000 female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

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

This Year's Upcoming Projects & Events

Youth Leadership Challenge - First round interviews to be held on Tuesday 10th November. Regional Final to be held in Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown on Tuesday 24th November 2009

Toy Appeal - Toys can be brought to the club on Monday 7th December or left at Different Class Menswear

Christmas Remembrance Tree - 11th to 24th December 2009

Kids Christmas Party - December 2009

Christmas Hampers - December 2009

Kids Out Day - June 2010

New arrival for Tim & Christine



Tim Allen (former member of our club) pictured with his wife Christine and their baby daughter Cecilia who was born in July. Tim lives and works in Little Rock Arkansas (home state of Bill Clinton!). He moved there from St Louis in November 2006.

Tim attended the Rotary Club of St. Louis for 5 years whilst he lived there.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS -

Happy birthday this month on:

8th to Past Presidents Vincent Grant & Andrew McCartney

10th to Rotarian Heather Fielding

13th to Past President Derek Lee & Rotarian Frank Morrison

24th to Past President John McClean

30th to Past President Luke Hasson

DIARY

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.

Thursday 3rd December 2009: Council meeting in Maurice Brennan's home at 8 pm.

Monday 7th December 2009: Club Business Meeting.

Monday 14th December 2009: Club Christmas Lunch. Speaker:- The Mayor, Councillor Paul Fleming.



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

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Can-do spirit brings Rotary's challenge near halfway mark

By Dan Nixon Rotary International News -- 22 October 2009



Interactors in Kolkata, India, paste End Polio Now stickers on cars in return for donations, raising US\$3,200 for Rotary's challenge.

Photo courtesy of Rajani Mukerji

Creative Rotary club and district fundraisers, together with the generosity of individual Rotarians, have propelled Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge almost to the midpoint in funding. As of 21 October, \$99 million has been raised for Rotary's challenge through efforts like these:

The Concert to End Polio will take place 2 December, featuring world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman and the New York Philharmonic. Perlman is a polio survivor. Buy tickets now.

An auction of more than 90 paintings in New Delhi raised \$40,000 for the challenge. District 3010 and India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur organized the event in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy and Dhoomimal Gallery.

A concert organized by District 5230 (California, USA) featured eclectic jazz trumpeter and Grammy Award-winner Chris Botti. The event raised \$30,000 for Rotary's challenge, drawing about 1,400 Rotarians and others, including actor and director Clint Eastwood and his wife, Dina.

Fourteen Major League Baseball teams provided support during the regular season, many donating portions of ticket sales. A game hosted by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim resulted in a \$20,000 contribution, a Cincinnati Reds game \$10,000, and a Kansas City Royals game \$7,500.

The Rotary Club of Ry, Denmark, offered a car as first prize in a community raffle that garnered about \$8,000.

District 3400 (Indonesia) organized a family fun day that featured a blood donation drive, aerobics workout, children's games, music, and a food and fashion bazaar, raising about \$5,800.

Put Polio on Ice, a fundraiser sponsored by the Ontario Reign professional hockey team and District 5300 (parts of California and Nevada, USA), netted more than \$5,000.

Posies to End Polio, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs, New York, USA, garnered \$4,050 through sales of red roses at \$20 per dozen. The effort was preceded by a community forum featuring the Academy Award-nominated documentary *The Final Inch*; a talk by Ann Lee Hussey, chair of the Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates; and a panel discussion involving local Rotarians who served during National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria, two polio survivors, and a health official.

Members of the Rotary Club of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, raised about \$2,110 by parking cars for visitors attending a vintage railway exhibition that featured the Hogwarts Express steam locomotive of Harry Potter fame.

Fund Raising Update:

The excellent Charity Golf Competition held at Ballyliffin Glashedy Course, on 21st August this year raised the sum of £4,390 towards our charities.

Once again congratulations to Pat Kelly, Phelim O'Neill, Maurice Brennan and all those involved in making the day a great success.

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.

November is Rotary Foundation Month:

The Rotary Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." From an initial contribution of US\$26.50 it has expanded and distributed hundreds of millions of dollars for humanitarian projects. Grants have run from under \$1,000 level to almost \$1 Billion directed to Polio Eradication.

The Rotary Foundation is what makes Rotary truly international. All over the world we wear our Rotary pins and proclaim "Service above Self", but it is through giving to, and receiving from, The Rotary Foundation that we really work together and achieve great results

Our own club does not take full advantage of the Rotary Foundation. True, we did receive a matching grant of US\$25,000 for the Fagaras Orphanage in Romania but that was our only grant application in recent years. We often host visiting Group Study Exchange Teams and Ambassadorial Scholars but we never nominate candidates for these valuable programmes.

Surely, most of us must know people in employment, aged 25-40, who would benefit from a month's vocational and cultural exchange in another country.

Equally, many of us know post-graduate student who would be eligible for Ambassadorial Scholarships (one year) or Peace Scholarships (two years). If you can think of someone suitable for these programmes, and need more information, contact Nigel Sproule or John MacCrossan. Immediate Rotarian family members are not eligible.

Last year's two Ambassadorial Scholars Brigitta Kalmar and Samantha (Sam) Martin have been in contact. Brigitta is currently in Nepal researching Human Rights violations for her Thesis. She is seeking employment both there and in Europe, including Northern Ireland. Samantha is working as a Study Abroad Advisor at the State University of New York's New Paltz campus, in the mountains, 90 miles north of New York City. She has submitted her thesis to Magee and is awaiting her gradings. You can read Samantha's blog at <http://peaceandapint.blogspot.com/>