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NEWS SHEET

AUGUST 2020

ZOOM MEETING DATES

4th Speaker: Rtn. Steve Cartwright: 'Kids Out'

11th Committees

18th Speaker: Briony Thomas: 'HomeStart-EEB'

25th Speaker: John Woollatt: 'Dyscover'

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Until further notice all meetings will be run via the Zoom platform on Tuesdays at 7pm. Secretary David has issued the link to all members in advance; anyone wishing to join us should contact him for the code.

NB From July 2020 there will be no general meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, but individual committee meetings may be arranged through the Secretary

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER REMINDER:

8th NB: Banstead ZOOM QUIZ In support of Epsom and Ewell Foodbanks: entrance only £5; join us in this vital cause – a lifeline for many.
[See Page 3 for entry link form]



THE PRESIDENT'S EPISTLE

Fortitude; what a magnificent sounding word that is; with an equally impressive meaning of courage, of which there is plenty at Banstead Rotary Club.

We have our most senior member, at least senior in years, approaching his mid-nineties, namely **Brian** who although confined in lockdown to nursing home care still takes his daily broadsheet newspaper which he reads avidly and who is still making jokes over the phone when members contact him.

There is also past president **John Draper** who lives in pain as a result of steel rods in his back but he never complains.

Then there is President elect **John Hannam** who recently had a twelve hour surgical operation but within a month or two is up and about joining us in Zoom and amusing us with his jokes and wisecracks in true John Wayne style "The hell I will!"

Lastly there is one of our newer members, **Steve MacNeice**, who lost multiple limbs through eating a cafeteria's toxic ham sandwich. Not only does **Steve** never complain but on the contrary he concentrates on what he can do and completely ignores what he can't. Not only has **Steve** agreed to become 2022/3's Club president but he is on the Club's International Committee and has agreed to take on the special task of Club Grants administrator so that we can take better advantage of the considerable charitable matched funding which is available from Rotary District.

Changing the subject slightly, as I really enjoy **Roger's** Colorado road sign jokes as shown in the Club's monthly news-letter, [see below], here are a couple of home made jokes on the subject of fortitude as supplied by Derek and myself :-

"Did you know that forty-one men do less work than *forty-two d'o*"

"A `sarf`-Londoner *fort`e chewed* forty nine times before `e swollerd"

Never mind eh - it's the way you tell `em !

Before signing off I should like to thank our newer members, all of whom have agreed to take on an individual task in addition to serving on committee. **Alexis** will be working with **Ann** as joint almoners, **Steve** will be looking after grants, **Thiery** takes charge of Facebook and **Regina** will assist **Derek** with the Newsletter.

So T.T.F.N. ** and Keeeeep Smiling.

Yours in Rotary
President Paul

** For the younger reader: 1940s abbreviation for "Ta Ta For Now" ...Ed

**MAKE SEPTEMBER 8TH A GRAND QUIZ NIGHT
AND SUPPORT LOCAL FOODBANKS!!**

Banstead
Rotary
Club



**Invites you to
its first ZOOM QUIZ**

Raising
much
needed
funds for



The date: Tuesday 8th September

The time: 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. **START**

Where: Online with **ZOOM**

Cost: £5 per person donation

Just go to

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BansteadQuiz>

The ZOOM link will be in your donation
acknowledgement.

CLUB MOMENTS

A FORWARD LOOK AT SEPTEMBER'S ZOOMS

1st Speaker: Rtn John Chamberlain: 'A Nuremburg Moon'

7th Special meeting: 'Member Get Member': information for anyone interested in membership – 'So you think you know what Rotary's about?' Invitation via members and Secretary.

8th ZOOM QUIZ: £5 per entry; all welcome; in aid of local Food Banks; see previous page for link.

15th Speaker: Jolene Ryan: Update on Queen Elizabeth Foundation's 'Survive and Thrive'

22nd Speaker: Rtn Ron Daniels, District 1145 Foundation lead: 'Foundation Grants'; followed by Club in Council

29th Speaker: President Paul Lufflum: 'Lend With Care' Update

A full month indeed and put this one in your diary as well:

6th October: Virtual Official Visit to the club by District 1145 Governor Rtn Nick Drake

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'END POLIO NOW': A MESSAGE FROM CLUB SECRETARY DAVID TO THE POWERS THAT BE!

Banstead Club were very lucky to have a presentation by **Rtn Peter Morley** - District Lead on 'End Polio Now'.

The presentation was excellent, clearly setting out the history and bringing us up to date with the current situation. Which is good and bad news.

The good news being that we have made enormous progress in defeating the disease, however, we still have some way to go due to larger than expected increase in infection rates in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Our club were horrified to hear that 35 clubs in the District have made no contributions to 'End Polio Now' this year, which threatens the doubling of the contributions by Bill Gates.

To the point of this email - which is two-fold, first to praise **Peter** for his work which is outstanding and second to encourage you to engender a greater enthusiasm from other clubs, especially those 35 who are not contributing.

May I suggest that you sing **Peter's** praises and extol the value of his presentation - which will we feel sure, will enthuse those who have not as yet contributed to 'End Polio Now'; and reassure those that have contributed, encouraging them to continue. Can this be done both within your geographic area of influence and across the rest of the District. **Peter** is very willing to travel across the District to give his excellent and inspiring talk.

This is such a good news story which is in danger of not completing the long-term goal of eradication.

Your assistance in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours in Rotary

David Martin
Secretary
Banstead Rotary [See pg 10 below for more great breaking news!]



...AND THIS ITEM CONCERNS OUR ESTEEMED SECRETARY AS WELL...



CHEERS!

Enjoying a cup of coffee outside Pistachios in the Park, Banstead recently were Aysin (Mr Pistachio) and son Ben – manager of this popular cafe - together with the Leader of Reigate & Banstead Council Cllr Mark Brunt, David Talbot Chair of Banstead Village Residents Association and Marion Hayns and **David Martin** from Banstead Village in Bloom (BViB)**

BViB had successfully applied to the Council for money from the CIL Fund (Community Infrastructure Levy) towards the cost of replacement of the old wooden benches with smart lightweight chrome tables and chairs together with a new rubbish bin for the ubiquitous dog ends, and to this BVRA added some money towards the purchase of the eye catching red umbrellas. This is just the first of the improvements planned for this much loved park in the centre of our Village. Work to a new sensory bed part financed by Specsavers together with a further grant from the CIL Fund is due to be started in the autumn and it is hoped that further improvements to the Children's Play area will become possible once planning for fundraising events can be undertaken once more, hopefully early in the New Year.

Marion Hayns: Banstead Village in Bloom

** When he's not being Rotary Secretary, David is of course Chairman of BViB....Ed

RTN STEVE MCNEICE RECENTLY ZOOMED INTO ONE OF THE ROTARY TOGETHER TALKS ABOUT A REAL OLD FASHIONED HERO!

“An inspiration to a Nation”: Captain Sir Tom Moore PHF

Steve writes:

When Captain Sir Tom received the Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary he was interviewed (<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3133368410083958>) and part of this interview was shown as part of the presentation. This was in part as Tom could not attend this evening but Hannah Ingram-Moore did an excellent presentation in his stead, sharing the story from inception to 163 of the world's 195 counties donating to his just giving page and the many honours and activities since then.



The just giving page had handled many appeals with the largest previous one maxing at 10,000 people trying to donate at any one time. Tom's page regularly crashed the just giving website with 90,000 people trying to donate at any one time. The event raised £32.7m before gift aid and £38.9m with gift aid.

As part of the above interview Captain Sir Tom revealed that in the 1940's in Keighley in Yorkshire, as Sir Tom describes himself as a typical Yorkshire man he was part of the Roundtable before moving and then becoming a member of March Rotary Club in Cambridgeshire.

Captain Sir Tom was asked for some words of inspiration and his reply was that “Tomorrow is always going to be better than today” in other words “Things will get better”

There is now a Captain Sir Tom Moore Foundation which will be looking to help with bereavement, combatting loneliness and isolation and its mantra is just two words: “INSPIRE” and “HOPE”. Rotary is hoping to work with this foundation and this is to be explored.

Hannah shared many examples and stories around this whirlwind 3 months and the video when made available on YouTube is well worth a watch.

Steve

Many thanks for the resume Steve; it was a delight to discover that Sir Tom had been a Rotarian; I certainly didn't know that...Ed



AN UNUSUAL SUMMER VISITOR...

The morning of Monday 10th August saw an unusual visit to my home in the shape of the club's Santa's Sleigh arrayed with brand new reindeer. Delivered by **David's** brother **Rae**, it was accompanied by a working party of **David, Steve** and **Roger** armed with much white paint and brushes. Of course, although pretending I wasn't in, yours truly got roped in to the scrubbing down,

washing, drying and painting the whole structure with a clean white under-coat.

During this process a neighbour's young son happened to pass by with his parents, wide-eyed with surprise, whom I think we convinced with a credible reason for this unseasonal apparition!



The team worked with typical

Rotary co-operation [getting in each others' way] but managing eventually to slop white paint where it was supposed to be slopped, prior to **Seamus** [a proper painter] coming at a later date to colour the reindeer artistically in 3-D!



Later: Seamus the Lapland Michelangelo hard at work!

Derek



WELCOME HELGA – A NEW MEMBER..

It is a delight to share the news that **Helga Stelzenhammer** had been approved for membership of the club. **Helga**, a Banstead resident with a background and extensive experience in education; [she is an examinations invigilator at The Beacon School and hopes to become

involved in Banstead Rotary club's youth service work], will be virtually inducted into membership at our Zoom meeting on 1 September.

Congratulations and welcome **Helga**; we all hope you will find friendship and service fulfilment with us.

Incidentally **Helga** says she got the idea about Rotary from picking up a Rotary magazine at an airport! A fitting endorsement to the value of distributing our magazines and leaflets in tactical locations –with permission of course!

Derek

A BUMPER FUND-RAISING YEAR!

Rtn Jane puts some flesh on the bones of last month's reported figures

A fantastic fundraising year for Rotary! The Rotary Club of Banstead has raised a staggering **£24,700** for charity this last Rotary year 2019-20!

The group is delighted to have raised the impressive sum which has been donated to a number of charities.

This year, members organised the Charity Walk which raised more than **£7,000** for 9 local causes including MNDA, Alzheimers Society, Citizen's Advice Reigate & Banstead, Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, HomeStart EEB, Mary Frances Trust, .Princess Alice Hospice, Sunnybank Trust and St. Raphael's Hospice.

General donations clocked up over **£3,500** for over 30 charities supporting people who are blind, have mental health issues, or who homeless or in need of a food bank.

Other events have included the Village Fair, dinners at members' homes, race night, a quiz and collections at Waitrose Banstead and ASDA Burgh Heath.

The well loved Christmas Santa Sleigh rounds raised over **£10,700!** Charity partners supporting the Rotary Club on the collection rounds included Banstead Macular Group, 3rd Banstead Scouts, Home Start EEB, Dyscover, Banstead Five Churches, Age Concern Banstead and The Beacon School. Further donations were made to other charity partners including Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Epsom & Ewell Talking News, East Surrey Talking Newspaper, The Diamond Centre, Princess Alice Hospice, QEF Banstead, Crossroads Care Surrey, and, National Autistic Society Surrey.

President John Draper congratulated all Rotarians for their hard work and dedication in raising the charity sums mentioned above. He also raised **£1100** for his chosen President's Charity, Children With Cancer Fund, Polegate

Members were also commended for their work in the community which includes helping school pupils with the Young Chef, Youth Debates public speaking and Beacon School Interact Club. The Club held weekly dinners each month with a diverse and interesting range of speakers.

Banstead Rotary Club **President John Draper** stepped down at the club's Zoom meeting on 30 June. **Rotarian Paul Lufflum** will take over as the club's new president from July 2020. A Club Spokesperson summarised the last Rotary year with the following words, which includes the impact of COVID-19 on the charity:

"It is amazing how quickly the year has flown by. The Club Members feel very humble and honoured for the support received from the people of Banstead and our key charity partners." "The theme of Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney was "Rotary Connects The World," which was a great theme how we connect to the world and make a difference globally.

We wanted to build stronger relationships with our charity partners and Inner Wheel, as well as to carry on the good work and recruit new members. The Club excels in organising fantastic community events. This is complemented by the International team who organise events and projects to support Rotary polio eradication through the charity End Polio Now, and, our relationship with our twin club, Louviers-Le-Neubourg."

Covid- 19 has had a huge impact on our fundraising abilities and we have not raised as much money as we were going to because events like the Charity Walk, Race Night, Quiz, International Dinners and Village Fair were cancelled. Social distancing is going to have a greater impact on how we organise our events in the future and how we hold our Cuddington Golf Club meetings. We have to adapt to new ways of holding meetings and having a cashless society. Our last dinner meeting was on 3 March, and since then we have regrouped online for weekly Zoom meetings. If you would like to join us, volunteer, learn more, then please visit www.bansteadrotary.com or follow Banstead Rotary on Facebook & Twitter.

Jane

...AND WAITROSE TURN UP TRUMPS AGAIN!..



Waitrose generously donates £333.00 to Banstead Rotary

In Summer Banstead Rotary was one of the charities to be chosen by the team at the Waitrose Banstead High Street store for their Community Matters Scheme. Each month every main Waitrose branch donates money to be shared between three local good causes that are chosen by their customers.

Massive thanks to **Zoe**, Community Matters Champion, Waitrose Banstead for the support and we received a cheque for **£333!**

Jane



IT'S A SMALL – ROTARY – WORLD!

**ROTARY CLUB OF
LICHFIELD ST. CHAD**
CHARTER 9th SEPTEMBER, 1980



The club recently enjoyed an excellent talk on the Charity 'Kids Out', endorsed and heavily supported by Rotary clubs over many years, by no less a person than **PDG Steve Cartwright**

MPH, Rotary GB&I KidsOut Coordinator and Trustee of that worthy cause. President **Paul** gave him a warm welcome in the usual manner and **Steve** responded with the normal etiquette of bringing greetings from the President and members of his home club; but it was the name of his club, which stimulated the 'small world' thing in my brain, for it was none other than **Lichfield St. Chad**, the club in the Midlands, where I was first inducted into Rotary membership nearly 40 years ago! It was therefore in a warm nostalgic glow that I listened to **Steve's** address on how Kids Out was coping with the Covid restrictions, which have inevitably curtailed their usual programme of providing fun experiences and day camps for disadvantaged children.

And his magic must have worked because the club members present were unanimous in wanting to know more about and get involved in the Kids Out Christmas Presents project, which **Steve** went on to describe.

Derek



HUGE BREAKTHROUGH ON POLIO ERADICATION!

(25 August 2020) The World Health Organization's (WHO) Africa region has officially been certified free from wild poliovirus, signifying a major milestone

in the battle to eradicate the disease worldwide.

This progress is the result of a decades-long effort across the 47 countries which make up the WHO's African region and now means that five of the six WHO regions, which represent 90% of the world's population, will be free of wild polio.

Rotary members have played an invaluable role in the effort to rid the African region of wild polio.

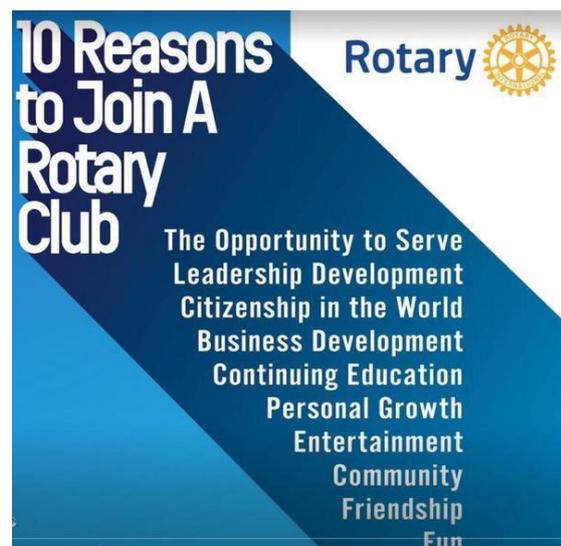
By raising funds for polio eradication, advocating with world governments and national and local leaders, and raising awareness, Rotarians have contributed nearly US \$890 million to conquer polio in the region.

This item naturally made media news and, as we have come to expect, not a word about Rotary's enormous efforts, in The Times at least; nor did they mention the allied generosity of the Bill Gates Organization either! For more detail please connect with: <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/homepage.php?DistrictNo=1145> ...Ed

CLUB EMBARKS ON NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE...

No need to repeat here the urgent need for growing membership in the Rotary movement and Banstead Club is no exception. The club's Membership, Publicity and Promotion team led by **Rtn Jane Illingworth** is proposing to martial the medium of the Zoom platform and members' own outreach in another attempt to interest prospective new members to join us.

The September programme [see above] proposes an information meeting of interested persons – “So You Think You Know What Rotary Is About?” on **Monday 7th at 7.00pm** followed by a comprehensive Q & A session led by Club President **Paul** and his Officers.



Rtn Jane outlines below some of the perceived benefits of membership:

Get involved with Rotary!

Volunteering with Rotary could be the most important thing you ever do. Your skills and experience are invaluable in our drive to help communities at home and around the world through our volunteer work.

Whether you become a member of Rotary or volunteer your time and abilities to our local club, you will be helping to make people's lives better. Just take a look at our list of members and committees!

There are many ways to get involved with Rotary:
You could join your local Rotary and open up a world of opportunities
You could donate to a club or Rotary initiative
You could volunteer to speak at a club about a cause or interest
If you are a school pupil, you could take part in a Rotary competition
You could volunteer to help the club in one of its initiatives, without becoming a Rotary member

If Rotary sounds like the organisation for you and you feel like

volunteering some of your spare time, we'd like to hear from you!
 Please contact via our website www.bansteadrotary.com to discuss your interest with a view to meeting up with local Rotarians at the Banstead Club - attending one of our speaker evenings or social events is a great way for you to get the measure of Rotary and for the club to get to know you.
 To provide some background you can learn more about us at:
 Twitter @BansteadRotary
 Facebook www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub

...Ed

FROM A COUPLE OF OUR SERVICE PARTNERS...



We thought you should know what Age Concern Banstead has been up to over the last few months and more importantly what services we are currently providing. Please, if you are able to include our information in your newsletter and bring our services to the attention of your members we would

be grateful. Our office is manned 10am to 3pm Monday – Friday, so if you would like any further information please contact us.

Kind regards

Claire Robertson



Supporting Older People throughout 'Lockdown & Beyond' 01737 352156 July 2020

We thought it might be useful to keep you up to date with what is happening at Age Concern Banstead. We have been providing an amazing shopping and prescription service throughout 'lockdown' however this will be finishing on 14th August as demand has declined. We are hoping to invite individuals to our Community Garden from August and we are exploring the possibility of potentially providing some very small social gatherings. These would need to be strictly by invitation only and would probably also be weather dependent, as they are likely to need to take place in the open air.

Foot Care & Hearing Aid Service We believe both these services will be available again in the very near future. Please phone the office 01737 352156 and ask for your details to be put on the 'list'. As soon as services restart you will be contacted with an appointment and details of any special requirements to ensure safety.

Transport Service We continue to provide this service to take people to **medical appointments**, however many of our wonderful volunteers are themselves isolating so we have less available. Please telephone us 01737 370078 with as much notice as possible and we will try to help. Our volunteer drivers will all be taking extra precautions, such as wearing masks.

Blue Badges, Attendance Allowance etc Jane Taylor continues to be available, on Thursdays & Fridays, to advise and help with applications. Although she is not currently able to come into your home, she is happy, weather permitting, to sit outside with you and help complete forms.

Bereavement Café Losing a loved one at any time is dreadful but we recognise that it has been particularly hard for people at the moment. Obviously we are not currently able to run our monthly café, however Jane Taylor and our Bereavement Café volunteers are very happy to provide support over the phone.

Dementia Carers support group is of course currently suspended. Claire Robertson is however available in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10-3 pm so please do give her a ring about any dementia related issues or just for an informal chat about your circumstances. We recognise what an extremely difficult time this will have been for families experiencing dementia with the suspension of so many support services.

Musical Memories, our new weekly service for people with dementia and their carers is currently taking place via zoom on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to know more please telephone Claire 01737 352156 or contact Barbara Christopher who leads this service on 0787 7574 1944 and ask to be added to the group.

The Banstead Day Centre hopes to partially reopen from Monday 21st July for **pre-booked appointments only** with the hair-dresser, footcare and hearing aid service. The centre is currently looking splendid with walls and woodwork all being painted ready to welcome people back although, sadly it is still likely to be sometime before things get back to normal. Reigate & Banstead, who have now taken the centre back 'in house' and all the centre staff are very keen to resume services.

85 Years of the Queen Elizabeth Foundation

Dear Jane & Banstead Rotary members,

I hope you and your families are well.

I thought I would email to update you on where **QEF** is sitting after months of this awful pandemic.

This year is **QEF's** 85th Birthday and the charity has survived many devastating challenges including a World War and the resultant economic turmoil. The current crisis as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic is, however, the most severe that we have ever faced. It has forced the postponement of all our fundraising events and the impact this has had on the charity has been devastating. We have had to close many services and all our charity shops, furlough staff members, stop families visiting residents and have staff working from home.

In the last few weeks we have been able to start opening up many of our closed services and get back to some kind of new normal, although many staff are still working from home. Please see attached a short update on our brand new Care & Rehabilitation Centre. We have also agreed to work with the NHS to take in many clients who had Covid-19 a few months ago and were ventilated for a number of weeks, sadly they have suffered many more complications including brain damage and strokes, so our teams are now able to give them intense physio therapy sessions and other rehabilitation in our new CRC.

Our MERU workshop was one of the services we had to close for a few months. This meant we were unable to do Bugzi wheelchair assessments, build Bugzi's or adapt toys. We have recently opened in a smaller capacity and have a huge waiting list full of children who need Bugzi wheelchairs and adapted toys. Click on this We Transfer link: <https://we.tl/t-M0RxLw7auI> to hear from Jude's mum Jennifer and how he was hoping to have a Bugzi for this summer, but sadly this hasn't been possible.

We launched our Survive & Thrive appeal and we are working hard to raise the desperately needed funds we need to ensure we can continue to help disabled people thrive.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to our zoom meeting on 15th September.

Kind Regards

Jolene Ryan

*Events Development Executive
(Challenge Events & Community)*

Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People
Leatherhead Court, Woodlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 0BN

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QEF NEWSLETTER

QEF SUPPORTER UPDATE JULY 2020

THE CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE (CRC)

We are delighted to announce that the incredible new Care and Rehabilitation Centre (CRC) has partially opened at our Leatherhead site. The CRC welcomed its first residents at the beginning of this month, a fantastic way for us to continue celebrating QEF's 85th anniversary. Seventeen beneficiaries from our Neuro-Rehabilitation Service were welcomed into their new state-of-the-art bedrooms on the ground floor of the facility. They are enjoying their pioneering new home, including the use of the Smart Home assistive technology. None of this would have been possible without our generous supporters - thank you.

Despite partially opening the CRC, QEF continues to fundraise to ensure that we are able to fully equip the CRC with specialist equipment for the bedrooms, therapy suites and some of the communal areas. As you are aware, QEF has suffered an unexpected financial deficit as a result of the global pandemic and we are trying to recover some of these funds. As a result of this, we hope to complete furnishing the first floor at a later date.

COVID-19 has transformed our fundraising activities and we continue to seek inventive ways to ensure that our services are able to continue and thrive. We are truly appreciative of those who have come forward to support QEF is our aspirations and future endeavours.

We are delighted to share new photos of the CRC with you.



Photos copyright of Gareth Gardner

Thank you to our loyal supporters for your ongoing support of QEF and the new Care and Rehabilitation Centre (CRC).

...AND ALMOST FINALLY A WORD FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR...

From your District Governor

This year has started like no other, in my first month in office I have not travelled anywhere on Rotary business other than walking upstairs to my study. However, I have now met many Rotarians through visiting their virtual club meetings. I would like to thank all the clubs I have visited so far for their warm welcome and their participation in the discussion of the plans for the future of Rotary in this District.

As we continue to slowly emerge from the lockdown, we need to be mindful of our responsibilities to our members and to the public. Therefore, it is vital that any face to face activities we plan to undertake are carefully planned and backed up by a detailed risk assessment, this includes any move to start face to face club meetings, be they in doors or outdoors. We must also ensure that any photographs appearing in our social media, websites or in press releases show that we are adhering to Government rules about social distancing etc... I know that it is extremely frustrating for many of you seeing the hospitality industry opening up again but being unable to resume club meetings, however, it is important for the well being of many of our members that we ensure that any face to face meetings are conducted in a safe manner and are available to all the members of the club not just the younger or braver few.

I am please to report that as the applications closed for District Designated Grants from the Foundation at the end of June virtually all the available monies had been applied for, the first time for several years. We may have a small amount of grant left when the monies arrive, but this depends on exchange rates etc... If this is the case, we will announce how to apply and by when. The District reserves have been used to pay out DDF monies for Covid-19 projects in advance of the funds being received from the Rotary Foundation. This has meant that clubs have received the money within 2-3 days of applying for a grant. Those monies will be returned to the reserves when the money from the Foundation is received.

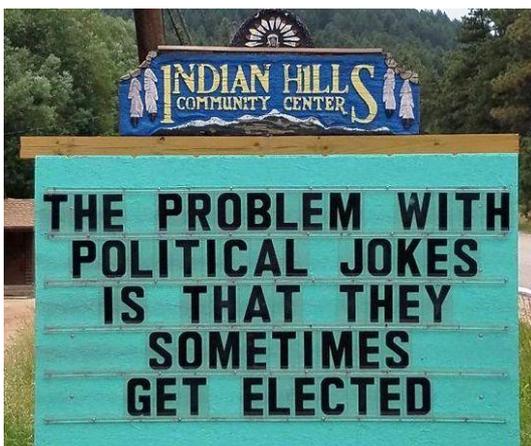
It is very early in the Rotary year to be giving thanks, but I would like to thank the whole District Team who have been working tirelessly to make sure that the District keeps running effectively during these challenging times.

Nick Drake
District Governor



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And Finally ...A Little Colorado Chuckle [? Groan] Before We Close



REMINDER FOR OUR MACULAR ESCORTS!

ROTARY CLUB OF BANSTEAD

Macular Disease Society

Drivers: Cancelled until further notice, when a re-arranged lifts rota will be reinstated.



BIRTHDAYS

Only one this month; Corporate Member **Rtn. Veronica Henman** on the 17th. Very Best wishes to **Veronica**.

Ed's Envoi

Many thanks to all who contributed and sincere apologies for the late delivery of this issue; exceptional domestic issues of divers types have played havoc with my deadlines! In view of this please let me have your copy, preferably by e-mail attachment, for the September edition by [about] **Friday 18th September** .

Derek

