



ROTARY AND THE WORLD

President King attends 90th anniversary of Belfast club

Rotary International President Richard D. King joined more than 200 Rotarians and guests on 24 August in celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Other senior Rotary leaders who attended the event included RIBI (Rotary International in Britain and Ireland) President David Liddiatt and Governor Robert Warren of District 1160.

"It is a great privilege to be a member of the world's oldest and most distinguished service club," the RI president told Rotarians from across Britain and Ireland, who attended the anniversary dinner at Belfast's Europa Hotel. "Rotary has been a gift in my life -- an opportunity for doing good that I want to share with others. As the needs of communities change, Rotary will work to meet those needs."

"The visit of a president of Rotary International is a major event for Rotarians and it is fitting that the visit coincides with the celebration of 90 years of service by Rotarians to the people of Belfast," said District Governor Warren.

"The tremendous worldwide work going on by Rotary is mind-blowing," said Trevor Hinds, president of the Rotary Club of Belfast. "We would like to use the opportunity given by this anniversary to urge more volunteers to join Rotary."

Established in 1911, the Rotary Club of Belfast was one of the first Rotary clubs to be formed outside North America, where Rotary was founded nearly a century ago in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

In addition to raising funds for projects, members of the Rotary Club of Belfast organize several annual events such as a weeklong camp for children with disabilities in June; an outing for visually impaired children and their families in July; a study week that introduces grade school children to the commercial, industrial and cultural life of the city; a senior citizens' summer outing; and a children's pantomime.

Towards A Better Understanding (TABU), the club's conflict study and resolution project, is easily its most widely known effort. Established in the 1980s as a means to break down barriers in war-torn Northern Ireland communities, TABU has grown into an international mission to eliminate prejudice while fostering humanitarian goals. Annually, the program alternates between sending Northern Ireland students to the United States and sending American students to Northern Ireland. On these trips, students learn ways to dismantle walls between people, particularly young people, and how to reconcile differences.

HORRIBLE EVENTS SHOCKS RUSSIAN CLUB

Dear American Rotarians and all American friends,
I am writing to you on behalf of all members of our Rotary Club. That horrible events shocked us. It is hard to believe that such can happen now and so many people suffered. We are praying for those who were injured, hurt or perished and for all their families. We are mourning with you. We wish speedy recovery to those who survived. Please know that we are with you in our thoughts. We hope you haven't lost anyone who was dear to you and whom you loved. May God be with you.

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FIRESIDE MEETING RE-INTRODUCES ROTARY TO MANY



A very successful Rotary Fireside Meeting was held at Rich and Susan's Frieder's home (the club appreciates very much Rich and Susan's gracious hospitality). The agenda included short video from R.I. President Richard King, another short video of the History of Rotary, and talks by George Cooper (History of our Club), Kathy Haze (Community Service), Bob Mc Queen (Vocational and Community Service), Rich Frieder (International Service-Community Service), Honorary member Krishna Matur (Rotary Friendship Exchange) and Raj Desai (Project Deaf India). It was a real communication experience for potential new members, newer members as well as those who have been members for a number of years. For more photos go to our club's website at <http://www.missionviejorotary.org>

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

September 18 Col.(Ret) Krishna S Mathur PHF
TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO INDIA

WHITE ELEPHANT

Sept 18 Marilyn Philabaum Sept 25 John Raisin
Oct 2 Aaron Sako Oct 9 Tim Strauch
Oct 16 Scott Walker Oct 23 Jack Wallace

COMING EVENTS

Entertainment Books Now to-December 31st 2001

Walk Against Drugs October 20, 2001
Door of Faith Vision Screen TBA
Pancake Breakfast October 14, 2001
Yard Sale FundRaiser November 10, 2001
Chuck E Cheese Party December 11, 2001
Sports Pool FundRaiser December 15, 2001
Club Christmas Party Dec 16, 2001 MVCountry Club
Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
Christmas In April March 27, 2002
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast May 2, 2002 MVCountry Club
Teacher Appreciation May 10, 2002 Laguna Cliffs Marriott
District Conference May 14-16 2002
Scholarship Awards May 20, 2002
Rotary International Convention June 23-26 2002

Next Board Meeting Wed Oct 3rd, 2001 7am YMCA

ROTARY YARD SALE Fundraiser

Saturday November 10, 2001
0700 to 1300 Hours
at Constancia Cul-De Sac (Keegan's House)
Save any appropriate items
including large pieces of furniture
Note: Please exclude rummage sale type items

WE NEED MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CLUB. THEY ARE THE PLANNERS AND DOERS OF TODAY AND OF OUR IMMEDIATE TOMORROW!!!

-Rotary Guru