

## DCM 1080 Report from DG Jonathan King October 2020

The Rotary World is adapting its operational methods to cope with Covid-19 to engage members and provide service in our communities. Rotary GB&I Governing Council met on 15<sup>th</sup> September to decide the Covid-19 measures that would enable our Districts and Clubs to operate safely. On 17<sup>th</sup> September all Rotarians received an e-mail **Rotary Members' Newsletter Covid-19: Face-to-Face Meetings Update**, confirming the decision regarding Rotary Club and District meetings. **Until further notice face- to -face Rotary meetings are not permitted.** Please refer to the e-mail for the full instructions regarding voluntary or charitable services. Online meetings are encouraged, most Club and all District meetings are working this way.

The next District Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October will be online, joining instruction will soon be available. We will have a presentation from the new East Anglian Children's Hospices CEO Phil Gormley, regarding EACH and Rotary in East Anglia.

Our District Conference plans are still in place for Potters on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The Conference team is hoping that by then, we can have a fantastic weekend of fun and fellowship celebrating Rotary successes and sharing Action plans after Covid-19. Save the Date!

World Polio Day is on 24<sup>th</sup> October and from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, an online event **"Rotary's Gift to the World, our polio story"** will be an inspiring, fun celebration of the past, present and future of the polio campaign. Look out for registration details in early October. This day should be a focus on Polio awareness and I hope Clubs have plans to promote what Rotary is achieving. May I remind you our End Polio Now fundraising is key to gain additional match funding from The Bill Gates Foundation. We have a global target to raise \$50m, resulting in \$150m for Polio eradication.

I hope you all understand that the decisions being made by Rotary GB&I and RI are for the safety of us all.

DG Jonathan King 13/10/2020