

# SIRC Times

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'IN ROTARY, OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH' – IAN H.S. RISELEY (PRESIDENT ROTARY INT)

TOGETHER, WE CONNECT – DISTRICT 2250

## 'The Tough 5' – an interview with our president Geir Owe

### 1- What are your five core values and how will it shape how you lead?

By being a Rotarian I do my best to fulfill the Rotary core values which are: Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership. For me as a person integrity and honesty is most important as this is the basis for creating fellowship and establish a basis for service and promote creativity in finding solutions to promote Rotary.

### 2- What are the keys to translating your vision for SIRC's future in action?

The club is currently in a transition with more younger members. This will change the club and from my point of view is listening to the members. The club has a good reputation for bringing good projects to the Rotary world, and this must be maintained as we change for the future with new projects

### 3- What are the first 3 things you are going to do to raise Club members confidence during your presidential role?

First is to listen to the members and give feedback as I feel appropriate. I eager to maintain an open dialog and keeping the club structure. I am in favor of, by maintaining the flexibility needed to ensure the club is functioning, I will do my best to ensure the club follow the intend of the RI constitution and club bylaws to support the club activities.

### 4- How will you gather, evaluate and act on information for all Club decisions?

With a club that is full of enthusiasm and with a lot of convincing arguments for multiple outcomes. I try to get to the best solution for the club. The most valuable tool to day is the meetings and the minutes and the actions listed. The challenge is to ensure we record our decisions, and stick to them.

### 5- What exciting things should we expect from you?

Not sure I am the person to come up with the exciting things, but I hope that I can motivate and recognize any exciting idea or activity. Last meetings initiative from new members was exciting and will bring more excitement into the club.

I have potential guest speaker that are willing to present to the club – One journalist that used to work for AP international, and one traveler and tour provider that have been to places where "normal" travelers do not go.





## The Pen Pal Project - from Norway to Uganda - by The British International School (BISS)

In 2015, The British International School of Stavanger set up a link with a local Junior School in rural Uganda. The link was established for the students to exchange letters and photographs about their lives and schools. This pen pal project was a great opportunity for the students at BISS to realise how important penmanship is, even in our modern day and age, and how exciting it can be to receive letters, especially when they have travelled a long way!

At the beginning of 2017, Litmus Light Junior School in Matete, Uganda, sent an invitation to the British School of Stavanger to visit their school in Uganda to exchange teaching and learning practices. Soon after, planning began and three teachers travelled to Uganda in October 2017.

The teachers had the opportunity to visit schools in the capital city and spent four days teaching at Litmus Light Junior School. The visit revealed a lot of challenges which students and teachers face on a daily basis. However, the bond between the two schools was ever present and the teachers were made very welcome by the school and the whole community throughout their stay.

The visit sparked a lot of thought and conversation amongst the teachers at the British International School of Stavanger and ideas to establish small projects are being discussed for the future.



### CLUB CHARITY FUND TO SIERRA LEON

President Geir Owe presenting a cheque on the 23-10-2017 from the TRF handover of 20,000 to the representatives of the Sierra Leone Sunrise Project (Orphanage project)

In Picture: Geir Owe (President) & Alice Hald Clark & Mr. Mohamed (Project Managers from Sierra Leone Sunrise Project)

### Sierra Leone-prosjekt fikk 20.000 kroner

Abdulai Samaras barnehjemsprosjekt i Sierra Leone ble nylig tildelt 20.000 kroner av Stavanger Internasjonale Rotary Club.

**FIGUR 20.000:** Sierra Leone Sunriseprojekt ble nylig tildelt 20.000 kroner. Fra venstre: Alice Hald Clark, Geir Owe og Abdulai Samaras. (Foto: Geir Owe)



# SIRC - Who Are We?



## STAVANGER INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CLUB – SIRC

A small, but very active Rotary Club with members of different nationalities. We strive to achieve awareness about Rotary and its project, but even more so, our own charity projects which are dear to our hearts.



**Get Involved: Meet us every Monday at the Clarion Hotel Stavanger 7PM-8PM**

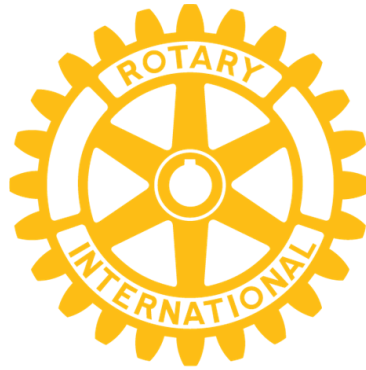
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# Rotary



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

## End Polio

Rotary and Gates Foundation Celebrate 10 Years of Working Together to End Polio

Since 2013, the Gates Foundation has matched every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication 2-to-1



## Rotary International

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Who We Are

Rotary is a global network of

1.2 million neighbors, friends,

leaders, and problem-solvers

who see a world where people

unite and take action to create

lasting change – across the

globe, in our communities, and

in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

### What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility **to take action on our world's** most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- - Promote peace
- - Fight disease
- - Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- - Save mothers and children
- - Support education
- - Grow local economies
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**The Four Way Test**  
of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?