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President's Summer Letter

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At the invitation of the Chairman of RRAF UK & Ireland, this year's Europe Tour took place from June 6-8 in Yorkshire. Under the challenging heading of "Flat Cap, Whippet & Ferret Tour" we gained a great impression of ancient towns and villages, the coastal towns and rolling countryside at the heart of Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Starting from the Aldwark Manor Hotel, North Yorkshire Pete Wilson and David Spencer surpassed the missing support of the weather gods and sent us in a never ending optimistic attitude on track – see pictures on this website- and welcomed us joyfully at the bar of the hotel in the late afternoon or even earlier, when rain and flooding circumstances induced some of us to enter shortcuts.

The 48 cars/teams from the UK, Netherlands and Germany mastered Moors, visited Harewood House and Bolton Abbey and found their way to Kilnsey Park & Trout Farm before driving through or turning away from growing brooks. At the perfectly arranged dinners the adventures of the day were exchanged and the joint experience contributed to lively discussions at the various tables.

The participants and the Board express sincere thanks to RRAF for the hospitality and to Pete, David and their team for the splendid work in preparing and organizing this year's Tour.

After last year's successful Europe Tour starting from Brescia with also 48 cars/teams from the Netherlands (16) the UK (14), Germany (9), Italy (6) France (2), even from Sweden our Fellowship underlines in practice the idioms of Rotary: cooperation and communication across borders in growing companionableness.

On the occasion of the Europe Tour we held the Annual General Meeting of ACHAFR on June 7,2017, which was attended by 33 representatives.

Specific attention has been raised to national chapters in Germany and Italy.

In Germany a restart is necessary and constructive measures within a timescale is being developed.

In Italy : After a thankworthy long period of mr Tenchini as president/chairman ,the General Meeting of ARACI on May 6,2017 appointed a new Board headed by the new President : Giuseppe Giaconia di Migaido, Vice President :Rodolfo Torri, Secretary: Vincent Mazzone, Treasurer Alberto Ghidini

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The Board of ACHAFR has congratulated the renewed Board of ARACI and expressed confidence that also being based on the fine personal contacts with its new members the cooperation between ACHAFR and ARACI will reach for new horizons.

At our General Meeting again attention was pointed to the necessary support of chapters: additional regular information about number of members and tours are to be sent to the Secretary for publication on our website www.achafr.eu and more creditable use of our PR and marketing instruments, such as caps, scarves, flags, flyers and other promotional opportunities. We have those items in ample amount in stock and thus should be called upon by the national chapters.

Despite the complete overhaul of our website- which is now up-to-date - the Board regrets that there still is a low support for information by national chapters and many chapters seemingly do not know about the website- although Secretary Michael Rye constantly points attention to it by mailing to the chairmen!! To this end to avoid any misunderstanding, if Chairmen or members of Chapters wish to have anything added to the site would they please contact the Secretary in the first instant- see the address below. We do have initiatives to expand the site but costs as usual are paramount.

In a new and democratic approach the Board had decided to ask national chapters- well ahead of the Annual General Meeting- to nominate candidates for the Board of our Fellowship for the period 2018-2021.

At the Meeting trust was expressed to the present Board and thus its members have been re-elected for the period 2018-2021.

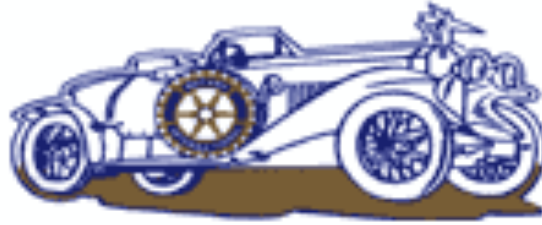
The Board expresses thankfulness for the confidence and regards this as a task to fulfil in the forthcoming period.

During this period we will see the following Europe Tours being organised:

- in The Netherlands from 8-10 June 2018
- in 2019 in Germany on the occasion of the Rotary International World Convention
- in 2020 in Italy as the Coast-to-Coast Tour
- in 2021 in the UK

In 2018 our International Fellowship will celebrate its 30 years . We attach specific attention to this magnificent achievement during the Europe Tour in the Netherlands and we ask

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national chapters to organise certain events on this occasion. We will pass some information and proposals to the Chairmen for their actions.

Last but by no means least I thank Bob Reynolds- our Chairman of the North America Chapter -for his outstanding organisation of and presence at our booth at this year's Rotary International World Convention in Atlanta. His presentation and social gathering have raised additional attention to our Fellowship and will definitely contribute to the further awareness

and growth of our Fellowship.

The success of a booth at the World Conventions will induce us to continue doing so at the Conventions in Toronto in 2018 and in Hamburg in 2019.

I wish all members of the national chapters challenging but pleasant tours and by doing so

We jointly KEEP ROTARY ROLLING

With finest personal regards

Dr. Matthijs van den Adel