

Area Chairman's Report

October 2010

A BIG THANK YOU to all Tablers who I have had the pleasure of visiting for their friendship and hospitality. Gentlemen, I'm having a great time visiting you all across Area 8 and experiencing the fantastic Tabling that our Area is renowned for. I thank you all most sincerely. There are still a couple of Diaries that I do not have - chaps, if it is you then please forward your diary to me as soon as possible so that we may arrange a visit.

Commendations to Bootle, Crosby & District who took the initiative and organised an Anthony Nolan Event at the Mathews Street Festival in Liverpool over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. After securing the fantastic venue of Liverpool Town Hall for the event the shout went out for volunteers to help run the event and encourage the festival goers to become registered donors. The response was fantastic! Tablers, from BC&D, Liverpool 8, HW&D989, Huyton, Leyland and even a prospective member (well done Mr Smith) gave their time to this worthy cause. All in all it was a great success with over 300 registrations taken over the festival weekend. Congratulations and Thank You to all who stepped up to the mark and got involved - you made the difference and potentially have helped to save somebody's life!

NSW2010 saw Tablers far and wide gather in the Historic City of Lancaster for the annual weekend of sports and fellowship. Whilst the turnout from Area 8 was rather poor - with less than 10% of our Area membership attending - we still finished a very respectable 9th (out of 32) and scooped the Golf and Tennis Trophies. Well done to all and especially the chaps from Rushen who made up the largest contingent from Area 8!

Thinking about NSW2011 it would appear that the NSW package does not appeal to the Area 8 Tabler. With this in mind we have added a Voting Poll to the area 8 website (www.area8roundtable.co.uk) to allow you to give some feedback to the NSW Organisers with a view to them Adapting and Improving it into a more attractive package. Please take the time to vote and by doing so help shape the future of Table and NSW.

Whilst we are talking about voicing our opinions and voting this would be the ideal opportunity for me to remind you all that this is YOUR association. The **capitation that you pay** both to National and Area are not only there to cover the running costs of the association but to ensure there is ample funding and support as our movement progresses. It is up to you to ensure that your money is invested accordingly and the association is run as you see fit within the democracy by which it is governed. Those members on your Area Council, your Regional Representative and the National Board are there to serve - so exercise those communications channels, **take them to task** and let them know how you want **your capitation** invested and how you want **your association** to run!

With this in mind please take the time to read the Resolutions proposed for the October Meeting of the National Council (http://www.roundtable.org.uk/Uploads/resources/Master_NC_Sep_2010v3.pdf). All feedback and comments to your Regional Representative who I am sure will be elaborating on these points and answering your questions at the Area 8 Meeting.

The June Area 8 Meeting saw us make a significant investment in our area by purchasing some promotional postcards. Most of these have now been distributed and we would welcome your stories and experiences on how they were used and how effective they were either directly or indirectly. If you have not yet had your pack of postcards then please contact me.

I would hope to see some consideration given to continuing the investment in Area 8 at the October Area Meeting - specifically with regards to the Regional Workshops being held in Preston which present the ideal opportunity for each Table within Area 8 to send a single delegate to attend the Web Workshop resulting in their Table having an 'on brand / message' website for the bargain price of £25.

October sees the start of Charter season within Area 8 and I would urge you all to strongly support each other's events. Please continue to read the newsletters (as it keeps this report shorter!) and take the initiative to visit one or more other Tables events in Area 8.

That brings us nicely to the Visiting Trophy which is no longer with Ormskirk & District 221!! The trophy now resides with Horwich, Westhoughton & District 989 who went en-force (and in their entirety) to visit O&DRT221 and claim the trophy. As HW&D989 are a visiting Table, the trophy will be presented to the Table with the highest number of attendees at their 40th Charter on the 8th October and I trust that it will then be well and truly back in circulation within Area 8.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Area 8 executive for their selfless dedication to the tasks demanded of them and for their continued friendship and support so far. Well done and hats off to all.

Keep Sharing the fun, Supporting each other and Shouting about it!

Hope to see you all soon.

Yours in Table



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