

## **NATIONAL RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION REPORT GIVEN AT 2017 CONGRESS**

President, General Secretary Congress Jan Smith London Region it gives me pleasure in giving the National RMA Report.

Colleagues Friends since my report at last years Congress we have had some good & some bad events I am going to start with the bad news.

Firstly some of you may have heard me convey sincere condolences on behalf of the RMA to Steve Piking's wife & family. Steve was a great stalwart of the RMA to which we give our sincere thanks and wherever you are Steve may you rest in peace and once again we send good luck wishes for the future to your wife and family.

Secondly you may have noticed this year there is a lady not with us at Congress that is Monica Smith, Monica is no longer a member of the National RMA Committee as she was not elected by her Region. I know Monica has been upset by this and to compensate for not being here she booked a holiday so Monica hope you are having a lovely time.

Monica we give sincere thanks for all your hard work and inspirational input you have over the years given to the RMA. I can report to you at my suggestion Monica is to be made our National RMA Honorary President.

Now for the good news we had an excellent conference held last October at Wortley Hall Sheffield in fact I have been told it was one of the best we have ever had. Our Speakers were Keir Greenaway National Pensions Officer who gave us an update regarding Pensions. Keir took questions from the delegation Keir we give our thanks to you. Our other speaker was Tim our General Secretary who gave an excellent address to the delegation to you Time thank you.

This years conference will be held on 18th/19th October 2017 at the Mecure Hotel in Manchester. Letters have gone out to all Regional Secretaries informing of the date, each Region can have 2 delegates and up to 3 motions. Each Region can also send visitors to the conference all delegate, visitors and motions to be sent to me or Steve Kemp our National co ordinator no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2017 any sent after 1st August will not be accepted.

Invites have gone out to Mary our GMB President, Tim our General Secretary & Keir Greenaway National Pensions Officer to be our speakers for the conference I can tell you at the moment Tim and Keir have accepted the invitation.

I give thanks to my Regional Secretary Warren Kenny for all his support he is giving to the RMA. I can report that London Region RMA made a video on the forthcoming Election if you have not seen it, it can be viewed on the GMB website.

I give thanks to Taranjit Chana from London Region for speaking on behalf of the RMA with the Equalities Special Report. I can say to the CEC as long as I have breath left in my body we will get onto the CEC in our own right.

Congress I commend my report to you and thank you for listening.

Jan Smith National RMA Secretary