



Hello Ladies and welcome to the 2016-17 Tangent year

Let me introduce myself, I'm Paula your new National President and I live in Maidenhead with my two pet cockatiels Barney and Daisy; they are as badly behaved as toddlers but have the advantage that I can leave them home alone with plenty of food and water without being arrested. Having been made redundant from my job as a project manager for a large I.T. company I'm on an extended gap year which gives me plenty of time to come and visit you.

I'm absolutely thrilled to be your National President as I like nothing more than spending time with friends, the past year as VP was a terrific start and I'm really excited about the opportunities the coming year will bring, you don't have to be celebrating a special occasion to ask me to come and join you, please contact my diary lady, Sally Pellow at paulasdiary2017@gmail.com if you would like me to come to any of your meetings.

My chosen charity for the year is The Kidstime Foundation who support children of parents with a mental illness. The Foundation has been running workshops for over 15 years but recently developed the Who Cares? school programme. The programme provides a fully comprehensive kit of materials and a support system for teachers and students which both primary & secondary schools can use to address the needs of young people affected by parental mental illness, as well as the attitudes of others towards them. Following a pilot project in 8 schools the aim is to roll this out country wide.

I would love all clubs to undertake some fundraising this year, however small or large, you don't have to support my charity although I hope that you will— choose a cause in your own town and support that if you would prefer to.

I am holding 2 fund raising events to support my charity, a lunch at the Castle Hotel, Windsor on Saturday 3rd Sept, the hotel is just 4 minutes' walk from the station if you don't stop to shop on the way (contact paulaslunch2016@gmail.com) and a ball on Saturday 19th November at the Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel and Spa, Egham (contact paulasball2016@gmail.com), I do hope that the location at a Spa hotel can tempt you out for the night if not the whole weekend.

I know that some of you have been concerned about the collapse of our regalia supplier and the non-delivery of your ordered items; if you have not received items you have ordered and your club has not been in contact with us already, please contact sales@tangent-clubs.org, quoting Regalia 2016 and your club name in the title along with full details of what was ordered and (if possible) when.

I hope that you will embrace my theme for the year; one time, one meeting. Taken from the Japanese 一期一会 "Ichi-go ichi-e", we are reminded to cherish any gathering that we may take part in as many meetings in life are not repeated. Even when the same group of people can get together again, a particular gathering will never be replicated and thus, each moment is always once-in-a-lifetime. I would like all of you to treasure each and every meeting, not just with Tangent but also with your families & other friends.

Looking forward to meeting lots of you and creating memories to treasure.

Paula Farnfield