



**Special points of interest:**

- New generations Month brings new opportunities to serve
- Book now for the District Conference 20th-23rd October 2005
- Tea caddies available in aid of The Rotary Foundation
- GSE team to D.3040 need candidates for the team

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Newsletter

## New Generations Month

### 1. Interact/Rotaract

Both of these aspects of the Rotary family have been neglected of late. When looking at ways to expand Rotary's good work, consider setting up or supporting an Interact or Rotaract Club.

### 2. Youth Activities

As the schools now return for the new academic year, so is the time right to set up those contacts for the various Rotary Youth competitions. The District committee has representatives in each part of the District to assist Clubs get the right information out to schools and to get them involved in these great competitions.

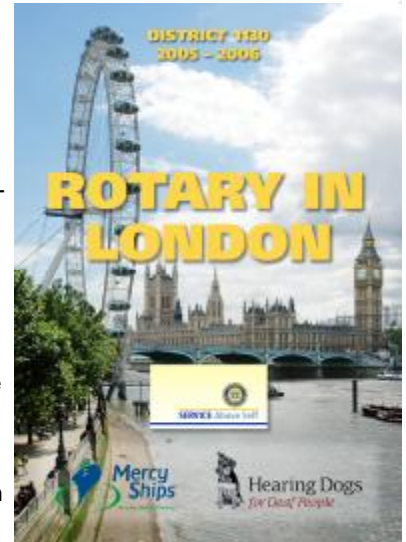
### 3. RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards are a wonderful opportunity for young people to experience a few days of an outward bound leadership course combined with Rotary ethics. Courses vary across the country and we hope to run a short course later this year with another District that has developed the format; to gain our own experience of running these events.

### 4. Youth Exchange

If a full academic year exchange seems too much, then consider a young person for a short-term exchange or one of

the many Camps that are on offer. A great international opportunity. If there are concerns about their safety abroad, then refer to the detailed Policy document now available from RI and to the forthcoming RIBI YE Protection Policy.



## REFLECTIONS

Despite being the start of our Second Century, for London it has not been an easy start to the Rotary year. The bombings in London brought home that there are still those unwilling to use reasonable means to pursue their views. Our thoughts are with those who suffered loss or injury.

My thanks to the many Clubs and individuals on their sympathy when my father passed on at the end of July. Apologies to those Clubs where my official DG visit had to be postponed and I look forward to joining you at one of your meetings soon.

## Web & Mail

This month will see the monthly Mailing to Clubs being distributed by email for the first time. For now any Clubs who are unable to accept documents this way can advise the District Secretary for a printed copy set. Please give us your feedback on this initiative

All District Mailing documents will also be available for download from the new look District Website, at [www.rotaryinlondon.org](http://www.rotaryinlondon.org)

## Diversity in Action

I've heard it said that one of the most interesting aspects of the post of District Governor is visiting each Club and I have now to agree with that thought. The diversity of projects and the different ways of organizing Clubs under the same basic rules is fascinating.

My thanks to all the Clubs I've met so far, some 16 in the two summer months, for the common trait of a friendly welcome.

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ROTARY IN LONDON  
R.I. DISTRICT 1130

# Robert's Ruminations

## Membership Month

### 1. Charter Nights a plenty

For too many years this District had no new Clubs formed and then two came along together. Both will be celebrating their Charter status with events this month. The eClub of London Centenary will meet in the physical world on Saturday evening 26<sup>th</sup> September at York Gate; while Newham will be welcoming the RIBI President to their event on Monday evening 28<sup>th</sup> September at West Ham F.C. Please give both Clubs your full support.

### 2. Extension

The proposed first Information meeting for a new Club in the Cricklewood area has had to be postponed. We have a great modern venue, the Crown Moran Hotel, and now need more suggestions on prospective members before the meeting is rescheduled. Do you know someone who lives or works in that area? If so please pass on their details to Extension Officer Martin Gudde or to Lucille Parker.

### VOLUNTEER PLEDGE

Rotary in London is now registered as an organisation committed to supporting the Olympics and Paralympics in 2012.



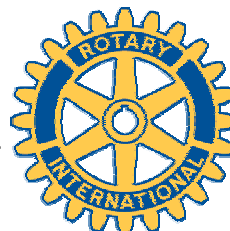
## News in Brief

### Aquaboxes to Niger

Every available Aquabox recently went in to a container on route to Niger, following a desperate call to the Rotary Aquabox office. That would have been at least 40 Aqua 30's and 85 standard boxes. Clubs are reminded to fill and return the boxes they have as soon as possible, for the ever growing need in Africa and continuing need in the Tsunami areas.

## International Friendship

When I took a phone call from the Club Secretary of the Rotary Club of Monaghan, Ireland towards the end of August; little did I think that we could help his Club at such short notice. Having raised £30000 for a heart operation at Great Ormond Street hospital for a Bulgarian boy, they needed a room for him, his mother and a family friend interpreter for a few days either side of the hospital stay.



My thanks to each Club who looked in to whether they could assist and a special thanks to Tim Raath and St Marylebone Club for showing true international friendship and finding the accommodation required.

KoKo is just 6years old and we wish him well with this operation to correct the heart defect he has had since birth.

## District Conference



This October sees us back in Eastbourne for our District Conference.

An exciting variety of speakers awaits you all. These will include the Olympic 2012 committee's plans brought to life by Mike Lee, Communications Director; paraplegic Julie Hill taking us on her world adventures (watch out for her "Footprints in the Snow" tv documentary this month), the London Air Ambulance and Tony Baldry MP considering the theme of "what next for Rotary after Polio?" See the Conference programme for a detailed list of speakers.



Hearing Dogs  
for Deaf People

The two RIBI preferred projects will provide presentations and while they say never work on stage with animals, I think the Hearing Dogs displaying their work will probably steal the morning show. The future of Rotary's membership can be aired by you all on Saturday afternoon; under the guidance of past RIBI Membership Chairman Barry Lucas. Our official guests will include RIBI President Mike Webb and Alison.



"Chance favours the prepared mind.

- Louis Pasteur

## The Rotary Foundation

### 1. Group Study Exchange

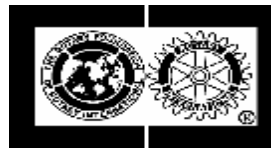
#### Return team from Pittsburgh:

During the last two months Colin Mathews and the team that returned from Pittsburgh at the end of June have given presentations to groups of Clubs across the District. They were clearly a good team of Ambassadors for Rotary in London and their presentations show that they have learnt a lot from the Vocational days arranged while in District 7300. You will have another opportunity to meet them at our District Conference.

#### Outbound team to D.3040:

February 2006 may seem a long way off, yet in terms of putting together and then preparing a Group Study Exchange team for their unique experience in District 3040, Madrah Pradesh and Gujarat, there is no time to spare.

We recently held the interviews for the Team Leader and my thanks to the candidates for putting their name forward. Good luck to Suresh Gupta, of the St Pancras Club, who was chosen to lead the team. Interviews for the team will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October and I would



Our own Charity

urge all Clubs to put forward candidates, in the age range 25-40, for consideration on this vocationally biased international exchange to foster international understanding.

### 2. Ambassadorial Scholars arrive

During this month 26 Ambassadorial Scholars from across the world arrive in London, for the start of their academic studies. Thank you to the Rotarians and their Clubs that will be host councillors to these scholars for the next year. On 11<sup>th</sup> September there will be a Briefing and Tea for the Host Councillors and their partners at York Gate.

Remember to invite an Ambassadorial Scholar or two to speak at your Club during this year. They all have an interesting story to tell.

### 3. Tea Caddies

I'm pleased to report that the special Caddies of Tea donated by Yorkshire Tea have been well supported. There are still more available, so please put in your orders with District Foundation Chairman Norman.

"Every Rotarian Every Year" is not just about money from your own pocket.

## Polio Plus update

Polio cases for year to 23 August 2005 :

Global cases of poliovirus:	1105		
Yemen (importation)	437	Ethiopia (importation)	13
Nigeria (endemic)	349	Angola (importation)	7
Indonesia (importation)	226	Afghanistan (endemic)	4
Sudan(re-established transmission)	26	Mali (importation)	3
India (endemic)	26	Niger (endemic)	2
Pakistan(endemic)	15	Chad(re-established transmission)	1
		Cameroun (importation)	1
		Eritrea (importation)	1

## RIBI News

### .Environmental Award

If your Club is currently undertaking a project which has an impact on the Environment, then why not enter it in the **RIBI Environmental Award**. There are 3 categories and projects do not need to have been completed. The awards will be presented to Winners at the 2006 RIBI Conference.

Further Forms are available from RIBI.

### RIBI Conference Belfast

Next April's RIBI Conference promises to be an interesting change, as we venture to Belfast; a vibrant regenerated city. We are looking to book one hotel for use by members of our District. Please advise John Evans of Northwick Park if you are interested in this option.



## District Governor's Diary and Club Visits

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**SERVICE Above Self**

SEPTEMBER			<i>New Generations Month</i>	OCTOBER		<i>Vocational Service Month</i>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Th	B	Enfield Chase – Interim	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sa	GSE team interviews
1 <sup>st</sup>	Th		Westminster East	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mo	L Southgate
2 <sup>nd-4<sup>th</sup></sup>	Fr-Su		DG at D.1240 Conference	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	Ramadan starts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	L	London	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	Rosh Hashanah starts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mo		Hendon	6 <sup>th</sup>	Th	District Council
6 <sup>th</sup>	TuL		St. Pancras	Tbc		D. Communications Seminar
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Chigwell	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	Barnet & East Barnet
7 <sup>th</sup>	We	LJ	Battersea / Clapham	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	Hadleywood
8 <sup>th</sup>	Th		Graveney	12 <sup>th</sup>	We	L Westminster West
11 <sup>th</sup>	Su		Ambassadorial Scholars' hosts briefing and tea	13 <sup>th</sup>	Th	Yom Kippur
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	L	Bermondsey	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	L Walthamstow West
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Hampstead	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	Enfield
14 <sup>th</sup>	We		Kenton & Harrow Sunset	18 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	B Roding
15 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L	Greenford	18 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	Mill Hill
15 <sup>th</sup>	Th		Kennington	20 <sup>th-23<sup>rd</sup></sup>	Th-Su	District Conference
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fr	L	Hammersmith	25 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	RIBI General Council
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mo		Wembley & Willesden	26 <sup>th</sup>	We	L Deptford
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	L	Brixton	27 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L Elstree & Borehamwood
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Chelsea	27 <sup>th</sup>	Th	District Executive
21 <sup>st</sup>	We		Barkingside	31 <sup>st</sup>	Mo	Putney
22 <sup>nd-25<sup>th</sup></sup>	Th-Su		DG at D.1160 Conference			
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	L	Streatham			
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mo		Newham Charter Night			
27 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	B	Finchley			
28 <sup>th</sup>	We	L	Edmonton			
28 <sup>th</sup>	We		Shepherds Bush			
29 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L	Battersea Park			
29 <sup>th</sup>	Th		District Services & Executive			

### Attendance Returns

Please encourage your Club Attendance Officer to complete and return the monthly figures to our District Attendance Officer Brian Watkins. This can be done by email. Likewise the Club Secretary should be advising both of new Rotarians and of any membership losses. These are useful tools for monitoring trends at Club and District level. Likewise one of the RI Emphases is for every Club to target ending the year with a one net increase in their membership.

## Lord Mayors Show

Saturday 12th November

We will be taking the Rotary Float around the streets of the City of London again this November; as we join the new Lord Mayor and his unique display of British pageantry. A great day out and a special opportunity to promote Rotary to a London and a worldwide audience at the same time.

Our float coordinator, Russell Cross, needs 50 Rotarians, preferably from across the Clubs in our District, to walk with the Float and wave the Rotary flag.

## STOP PRESS

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW

*The dramatised life story of Julie Hill, a paraplegic who won't let that slow her down and who will be speaking to us at Conference is on ITV1 Sunday 11th September at 8.00pm.*

## PHF Sapphire pin

**PDG Sydney Parker is not often lost for a word or two, so it was a delight at the July District Council meeting to catch him unawares. On behalf of the District, the Rotary Clubs of Northwick Park and Golders Green arranged for him to be presented with a Paul Harris Sapphire pin; in recognition of his hard work for Rotary in this District and now as RIBI Treasurer. Well done Sydney.**



Does your Club have a good cause to celebrate? Tell me and I'll try and include it in a future Newsletter.