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- RI offers Public Relations Grants
- New Year's Day Parade needs walkers
- RIBI Conference and RI Convention book now
- Youth Exchange and RYLA are looking for students

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SEASONS GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY CHANUKAH

## Rotary International Day at the United Nations 5th November 2005



On a summer-like November morning, while thousands of joggers were lining up in front of the United Nations for a warm-up race a day before the New York Marathon, Frank C. Collins Jr., Rotary Representative to the United Nations, hosted the very inspiring and informative Annual Rotary Day at the United Nations. There were more than 500 Rotarians in attendance, as well as 200 Interact high schools students. Rotary International's President, President-elect, and Foundation Director were present; as were most of Rotary International's directors and senior officers.

In his opening remarks, Frank Collins spoke about how Rotary has been involved with the United Nations since its creation in 1945. In fact, over forty-five of the founding delegates and several Secretary-Generals were Rotarians. He clarified, however, that while Rotary participates in the UN's humanitarian projects, we do not get involved in the political discussions at the UN.

The program was segmented into six panels:

- Service Above Self
- Millennium Development Goals and Rotary Participation
- Hunger
- Water
- Health
- Literacy

Each panel was moderated by a Rotary Represent-

tative to the United Nations. The panels consisted of one UN official to explain and clarify what the UN's goals and needs are. Two Rotarians would then outline projects that they were doing to assist in diminishing or eradicating poverty.

**Service Above Self and the UN's Millennium Development Goals**  
By the year 2015, all 191 United Nations Member States have pledged to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); which are the blueprint agreed to by all the world's countries and all the world's leading institutions to reduce by half the following:

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases,
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

For more information go to <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>



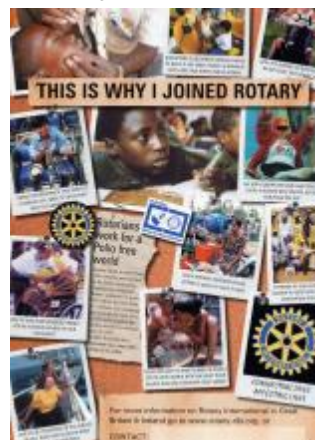
Rotarians at the UN in support of the achievement of Millennium Development Goals

## RI Public Relations Grants

Grants are available from RI to assist Clubs and Districts in their outreach efforts to the general public, promoting Rotary and improving Rotary's public image. The grant will enable Clubs to place limited Rotary billboards, banners, the RI prepared TV and Radio public service announcements in their local TV and radio stations, or newspaper supplements that feature local Rotary stories.

All Rotary Clubs are eligible to apply, with materials to steps to effective PR on the RI website and from our District committee. Also in Jan 2005 each Club received a CD-Rom of materials.

You can get this leaflet from RIBI.



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## Focus on Rotaract



### Rotaract...[Its a lot bigger than you think...]

I'm pleased to announce that Rotaract in Great Britain and Ireland is making huge progress in getting new clubs up and running.

We have a list of 55 potential new clubs already in the making this year, and this is increasing on a weekly basis, for example...

Hart & Rushmoor Rotaract in District 1140 were presented their charter on Saturday 19th November. A salsa party that showed they were full of enthusiasm and drive.



Bedford Rotaract in District 1070 are also set to charter soon.

Interest meetings are being held all around our Islands, Aberdeen in D1010 is a

fantastic example proving the need for new clubs, their first interest meeting saw 25 people turn up and added to

their list of 31 potential new members!

Then we have Torbay Rotaract in District 1170, the first Rotaract Club in Devon, taking the slower approach with their first interest meeting booked for the 19th January, where Sarah Dollar has managed to get press releases in all the local papers, on the radio and has West Country TV involved. Sarah is proving just what enthusiasm and drive can achieve.

Reigate Rotaract in District 1250 have also set a charter date for 22nd March, their at the very start of interest meetings but looking ahead to success none the less!

Portsmouth & Southsea Rotaract in District 1110 are planning their first community project to help launch this new club. They'll be dressing up in Christmas costumes and taking part in a mobility awareness project, traveling around the City centre on scooters and buggys! Not only helping to promote the charity Shopmobility but also the new Rotaract Club!

So can your district follow suit? Why not give it a go!

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Recent reports from the World Health Organization indicate that progress continues to be made in polio eradication. The outbreaks in West Africa and Yemen have largely come under control with fewer cases being reported each week. Indonesia agreed to a third round of NIDs which should help to expedite control in that country.

Because of progress in most of the world, the Advisory Committee on Polio Eradication (ACPE), which is the independent, technical oversight body of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, recently concluded that polio could be



finished within the next six months everywhere, except Nigeria. A significant reason for this tremendous progress has been the introduction of monovalent oral polio vaccine. There are actually 3 types of the wild poliovirus, but only the type 1 virus need now be targeted.

The traditional OPV vaccine targets all three strains of the virus and eventually produces immunity to all three strains. However, because it is working to build immunity to 3 strains, it takes several doses to fully protect a child. A vaccine limited to one strain, has less to do and can fully protect in one dose.

**Remember that great missions are serious undertakings. Do not expect to perform great missions in a day**  
Paul Harris 1912

## News in Brief

### NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE

This New Year's Day we are again entering our float in to one of London's spectacles and a great opportunity for Rotary to be in the public eye. Our entry is with the London Borough of Barnet, allowing us to collect funds to their Mayor's appeal, MIND in Barnet. However, we really do need a good turnout of walkers to make our presence felt.

Please contact Russell Cross now to volunteer.

### YOUTH EXCHANGE AND RYLA HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Fantastic opportunities for Young People are available through both the Youth Exchange and RYLA programmes. The YE programme includes short term exchanges and camps; both of which are a few weeks long and the latter do not require a return student. We are working to send some students to a RYLA course run by D.1290 in Dartmoor next summer. Get your Club to sponsor someone or get their employer to assist.

## RI Convention

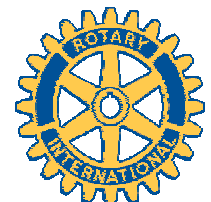


Just as Rotary's mission of peace and understanding unites, a spirit of cooperation and togetherness links the cities of Malmö and Copenhagen. The 2006 RI Convention is not only the first Rotary celebration in the Nordic region - it's also the first to embrace the hospitality of two host countries. The 97th annual RI Convention kicks off our second century of service and presents a remarkable opportunity to build bridges of friendship and service with fellow Rotarians and come away with new ideas and inspiration that will resonate into the future.

### Preconvention Meetings

Each year before the RI Convention, a series of preconvention meetings offers an excellent opportunity for attendees involved in Rotary's youth programs to reunite and exchange ideas. This year is no exception.

All preconvention meetings will take place in Sweden. The Rotaract Preconvention Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7 June, 2006, in Malmö at the Slaghuset, respectively.



Bridge the World

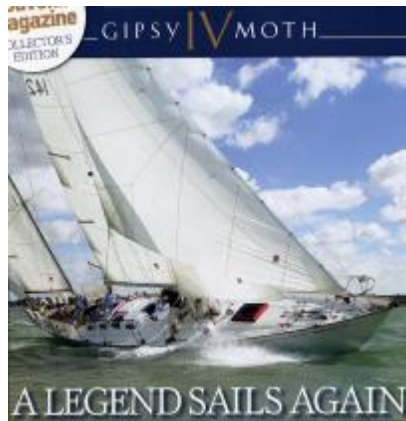
Join the RIBI Breakfast — Monday 12th June 2006 07.30am

at the Nimb Restaurant, on the edge of the Tivoli Gardens

## Youth Opportunities

Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland now have the opportunity to identify and finance up to 80 school students, disadvantaged economically, educationally or through ill health. Sponsorship of one young adult for one leg costs £5,000 and sponsorship of the whole leg for three young adults costs

£15,000 - but this leg would be named after your Rotary Club.



These costs are not cheap, but participation in this life changing experience, in this re-creation of history, is a unique opportunity both for the young person you identify and your Rotary Club.

Maybe you could help defray the

costs by sharing with other Rotary Clubs in your locality and, working together, selecting just one student to represent your town, city or district, to benefit from this tremendous challenge and experience.

As Gipsy Moth IV is fitted with cameras and all the latest telemetry, Rotarians and fellow students can follow the voyage now, and for the next 18 months, on [www.gipsymoth.org](http://www.gipsymoth.org).

### Crew Selection

UKSA (UK Sailing Association) is using the 40th Anniversary of Chichester's voyage to provide opportunities for 105 pupils to share in this new challenging adventure. Voyage places will be taken by deserving young people aged between 16 and 20 who have been specially selected as ambassadors for the voyage. All pupils have to undergo a rigorous selection and training programme to ensure they can benefit from the adventure and the life enhancing aspects of this global journey.

The voyage which will take place over two years, has been split up into 35 legs. There are six places on each leg/ three being occupied by young people. The remaining places are filled by a UKSA professional skipper/ mate and support crew.



Friendliness knows no bounds; it surmounts all barriers; it navigates all seas.

Paul Harris  
1935 RI Convention

## Half-year Seminars/ New Members Evening

During November the District Service committees held half-year seminars for a two-way exchange of information and feedback by your respective Club chairman or another representative. Each was well run and my thanks to the Chairmen and committees for their efforts to provide a varied and interesting programme. These evenings are run to help each Rotary Club, so it was a shame that more Clubs did not make the effort to send a member along to participate.

There was also a New Members evening at York

Gate on Thursday 17th November, where a large group of new members and some who felt they have little knowledge beyond their own Club saw and heard a great presentation by Dick Nathan about the wider world of Rotary. Well done to Lucille for arranging the evening, which will be repeated in the New Year. Orientation of every new member is an essential Club task, if we are to retain them. Attendance at such a District organised meeting should thus be seen as a vital part of the input you owe to that new member.

## RIBI News

Friday 21st April

PM Opening Plenary session—The Odyssey

EVE Entertainment 'A Taste of Ireland'

Saturday 22nd April

AM Second Plenary session

PM Business Meeting or Partner's Programme

Club President's and Partners reception

EVE President's Ball

Entertainment 'Cavalcade of Song'

Sunday 23rd April

AM Thought for the Day

AM Final Plenary session



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**SERVICE Above Self**

## District Governor's Diary and Club Visits

### DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Th		Hillside Finchley
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	L	Epping
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Chingford
7 <sup>th</sup>	We	L	Edgware and Stanmore
7 <sup>th</sup>	We		District Carol Concert St Marylebone Parish Church
8 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L	Elstree & Borehamwood
11 <sup>th</sup>	Su	L	D. Team Christmas Lunch
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Tottenham & Wood Green
25 <sup>th</sup>	Su		Christmas Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Su		Chanukah starts

### JANUARY 2006

			<i>Rotary Awareness Month</i>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Su		New Year's Day Parade
5 <sup>th</sup>	Th		Graveney
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Chigwell
11 <sup>th</sup>	We		District Council
12 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L	Snaresbrook & Wanstead
12 <sup>th</sup>	Th		Dulwich & Peckham
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	J	Redbridge/Leytonstone & Woodford
18 <sup>th</sup>	We	L	Westminster West
18 <sup>th</sup>	We		Barking
19 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L	St Marylebone
19 <sup>th</sup>	Th		Kennington
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Hampstead
25 <sup>th</sup>	We	L	Deptford
26 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L	Battersea Park
26 <sup>th</sup>	Th		District Executive

### FEBRUARY

3 <sup>rd</sup> /2 - 4 <sup>th</sup> /3		<i>World Understanding Month</i>	GSE outbound team to D.3040
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Su-Mo		RIBI General Council
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tu		Hadleywood
9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Th-Sa		RIBI President's visit to D1130

### RIBI PRESIDENT'S VISIT

RIBI President Mike Webb and Alison are keen to meet as many Rotarians as possible from across the District, during their visit in February. Several Clubs have offered to host Club meetings, to which their neighbouring Clubs are encouraged to attend. Invites from the particular Clubs will be sent out shortly.

We still have the opportunity to include a trip to see some further Club projects, so do tell me quickly if you wish to promote your involvement in the local community to a national audience.

The RIBI President's visit to each District is usually two days, while we have the pleasure and honour of 3 days of his time. Lets make sure Mike is shown the best that London can produce, with good attendance at each Club meeting.

## Earthquake victims

### Still need your help

Those who attended the recent the District International seminar, will have heard first hand how Rotary's Shelterbox scheme has literally save thousands of lives in its first five years of existence. The tsunami in southern Asia brought their humanitarian work to worldwide attention. Their more recent efforts in getting shelter to the remote mountain vil-

lages devastated by the earthquake in Kashmir has continued that focus. As Tom Henderson of Shelterbox said, the dispatch of boxes to needy parts of the world is only limited by the available

funds, not by the numbers who are made homeless by natural or manmade disasters.

In Kashmir/ Pakistan there is another pressing need, that of warm blankets to see the homeless through the winter snow and cold. As good as the Shelterbox tents are, no tent alone is sufficient for winter conditions.

**BLANKETS**  
URGENTLY NEEDED FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN KASHMIR



Rotary in Enfield will be on hand to collect your clean blankets or quilts at the following locations on SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER from 10am until 4pm

Jolly Tormon Pub Car Park - Enfield Road  
Toys R Us Car Park - Cambridge Road  
Enfield Baptist Church Car Park - Coud Road

The flight's booked!  
courtesy of British Airways  
Please help us fill the plane!



Shelterbox in the earthquake hit region of Pakistan—Rotary in Action