



Special points of interest:

- Happy New Year and welcome to part 2
- New Year's Day Parade success
- COL deadline approaches
- RIBI President's visit programme announced

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Rotary Awareness Month

Awareness is an important part of Rotary work and comes in two main forms :

- what the outside community knows and thinks of Rotary, and
- what Rotarians themselves know of our many different activities.

Sharing information about us outside of our organisation is a part of Rotary Awareness that we have for too long been reluctant to do to the full. The tin collection or collecting of donations for a disaster or other needy cause shouldn't be just another charity out raising funds.

Use the Rotary wheel, borrow the pull up displays from District and produce your own Club material to show proudly alongside the fund raising effort. Not only will the public be more likely to give to "the trusted Rotarians", if it is clear who is collecting, but awareness of the organisation and the large variety of Service we undertake locally and internationally can be taken to a wider audience.

Likewise RIBI and RI are setting targets for extending the knowledge of Rotary's bigger projects to the UN, governments and to other major non-Governmental organisations.

Within Rotary it is imperative that members are well aware of Rotary's activities and its goals. The orientation of new members is the start not the end of a continuing process of educating our fellow members about what Rotary is, what it does and what it is achiev-

ing locally and further afield.

"Rotary is an organisation that works for peace and better understanding between people", says RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer. It is important that we know about the current emphases to work extensively with literacy, water management, health and hunger; and of course our public image.

We must also be aware of Rotary's extensive programs for Youth, both those that are so successful in our District, and those that need greater attention. Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract and RYLA are among the programs in the latter category.

The Rotary Foundation, our own charity, often gets knocked by Rotarians rather than be praised within and promoted outside of Rotary for the extensive program of international projects that it supports in the furtherance of our Rotary objective of greater peace and understanding. Is that another facet of lack of understanding that we all need to overcome?

Help develop Awareness of this great organisation and help develop Rotary in its Second Century of Service.

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Rotary and Hearing Dogs at the Lord Mayor's Show

20th New Year's Day Parade

Getting up before midday on New Year's Day may seem like a challenge, however this year some 450,000 spectators were on the streets of Westminster to revel in the 106 floats and groups that were out to entertain them.

Our Rotary float and a lively contingent of Rotarians was there to Promote Rotary and we were able to collect for the Mayor of Barnet's appeal for Mind in Barnet. A great and relaxed Parade, watched live by some 220 million worldwide.

On behalf of the District entry, DGE Clive and I received a

thank you plaque from the Lord Mayor of Westminster at City Hall. Well done to Russell Cross and team for decking out the float for the day.



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ROTARY IN LONDON
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Robert's Ruminations

Front Page News

BLANKETS FOR PAKISTAN

"Over 1100 blankets have now reached Pakistan after the flight was paid for by Rotarians of the Borough of Enfield."

The Rotary Blanket appeal got pride of place in the final issue of the local newspaper, following the success of the Enfield group of Clubs to follow their northern neighbours in Broxbourne and collect badly needed blankets, to help those affected by the earthquake in Pakistan/ Kashmir survive this winter.



ShelterBox report that over 7000 boxes have been dispatched to the same region, with aid continuing in this region. This is in addition to the 13000 boxes sent to tsunami affected areas and 1300 to areas of America affected by Hurricane Katrina.



Ready for the New Year's Day Parade

News in Brief

Presents for children who unfortunately had to spend this special time of year in hospital were distributed to Great Ormond St, St George's and the Royal London Hospitals as a result of the generous gifts handed over at the District Carol Service. I presented some 30 boxes to Great Ormond St, while a similar number went to each of the other two hospital children's wards.

My thanks to Barry Wright for leading the Service, to the choir, to Ivy Gibbs for preparing our mulled wine and to each Club that presented a gift for those needy children.

Events

The RI Convention in Malmo/ Copenhagen may seem like a while away, being in June; but the first deadline for discount registration has now passed. Likewise hotels and flights are filling up, so don't delay in making that booking. Details are available from the RI website, me or for hotel ideas contact John Evans (see Rotary/ Rotaract in D Directory).

Booking for the RIBI Breakfast is now open and we will be holding a lunch for D1130 attendees.

COL 2007 and Membership

Council on Legislation deadline approaches

Does your Club have a suggestion to improve Rotary and its future place as a leading force for good in the world? The deadline for proposals to the 2007 COL approaches fast. As District Council approval is now required before a proposal goes forward, only a few weeks remain to submit them to District. Details from D Secretary or our COL representative PDG Don Merritt.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Retaining good members is as critical to Rotary's long-term viability as inducting new members. A key element of retention is new member orientation. Clubs need a framework to introduce new members to the Club, its structure, opportunities for Service and Rotary's history. Clubs can get guidance from the District Committee, while the RI website has suggestion notes for a Club program

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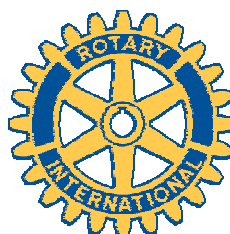
Yemeni Proverb

For many years now, young athletes in south London have had the opportunity to perform at the National stadium in Crystal Palace, thanks to the efforts of Rotarians in nearby Clubs hosting their annual Rotary Youth Sports Day there.

Roy Ashby of Dulwich and Peckham Rotary Club is heading up the organizing of the event for this June. They have some professional input on safety, but do need both helpers to run the event and Clubs to get school teams to participate. Please contact him for details of how you and your Club can be involved.

Attendance

The monthly Attendance returns from Clubs are an important tool for monitoring the health of the Clubs and the District. While many do send in their figures to Brian Watkins, too many need to be chased and it would be appreciated if all Clubs could forward their returns promptly.



To aid this process, you can email the figures direct to Brian and a trial is about to start of filling in the returns via the District website.

The Rotary Foundation

Our outbound **Group Study Exchange** team, led by PP Suresh Gupta, will depart for their leg of this great linking of peoples across the world early next month. Final preparations for their tour of D3040 India - Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat - are coming together.

For us this gives an opportunity to both wish them well and to see the Presentation they intend to give to Clubs in India. The team will be at our District Council meeting on Wednesday 11th January and will be the guest speakers at Kensington Club on Thursday evening 19th January.

Updates on how their tour is progressing during February will be available on the Foundation section of the District website.

Hosts are required for home hospitality for the inbound team during their stay 14th April to 12th May. Also Mike Hodge is looking for Clubs both to hold a meeting, for the team to speak to them and neighbouring Clubs, and for Clubs to arrange Vocationally interesting visits. The committee have some suggestions of venues to visit if there seems nothing suitable in your own area.

The candidate that we put forward for one of the prestigious **Rotary World Peace Fellowships**, Sandra Sheard, has been offered a fellowship by The Rotary

Foundation, for studies as part of the *Rotary Centres for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution program*. Once admission to the partner university is confirmed, more details and an official announcement of all the students will be made.

Global Polio Largely Fading

So reported the Washington Post on 26 December 2005, when both they and The New York Times reported about the worldwide work to eradicate Polio and how Rotary has been instrumental in that fight.

Describing the new vaccine strategy, it notes recent successes in countries where Polio reappeared in the last 3 years, following problems in maintaining immunisation programmes.

They note that "Rotary is a co-leader of the eradication campaign, to which it contributed \$600million and tens of thousands of volunteers."



Our own Charity

Work to rebuild areas of south-east Asia torn apart by the Tsunami a year ago continue. Micro-credit programs are in place in coastal Indonesia, while schools and homes are being built in Sri Lanka from funds provided by Rotary.



"What can you do, what are you willing to do for Rotary?"

Paul Harris on Rotary

Festive Spirit

Our grateful thanks to both Barnet & EB and Battersea Park for letting us share the experience of thinking of others first this Christmas Day. Barnet treated some 50



plus to sherry, singing and lunch; while Battersea Park with help from both nearby Clubs and local volunteers gave 500 older and needy

the 25th. Following a 3-course lunch, there was Bingo and a Tom Jones sound-alike to keep them dancing. Thanks also to the other Clubs that hosted or transported at Christmas.



Wandsworth Borough residents truly a day to cherish; using a marquee that was hosting Corporate events up to

RIBI News

Celebrate 30 years of Partnership with SightSavers.

The Rotary Mountain Challenge takes place over the weekend of 24 and 25 June 2006. Teams of 8 will climb a mountain in Scotland, England and Wales. Every Rotary District in RIBI is being asked to enter a combined or Club team(s). The aim is for each team to raise £5000 in sponsorship, with proceeds going to the special "30th Anniversary Rotary African Vision Appeal." Will you enter this challenge?



RIBI Public Relations Trophy

Don't hide your successes, enter the RIBI PR Trophy. Awarded annually, this trophy is for the Rotary Club that has best promoted Rotary's **public image** in the community through a club project or event and is not about how much money has been raised. Entries to RIBI by the end of February.

Likewise, the annual **Club Bulletin** competition is underway and RIBI need your entries before the end of February.

Details of both have been sent to Clubs.

District Governor's Diary and Club Visits

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SERVICE Above Self

JANUARY	Rotary Awareness Month	February cont.
1 st	Su New Year's Day Parade	2 nd Th Enfield Chase Inaugural
10 th	Tu Chigwell	3 rd /2 - 4 th /3 GSE outbound to D.3040
11 th	We District Council	5 th -6 th Su-Mo RIBI General Council
12 th	Th Dulwich & Peckham	7 th Tu Hadleywood
17 th	Tu J Redbridge/Ley'st & Wdfd	9 th -11 th Th-Sa RIBI President's visit <i>see programme below</i>
18 th	We L Westminster West	16 th Th Graveney
18 th	We Barking	23 rd Th D Services & Executive
19 th	Th L St Marylebone	24 th -26 th Fr-Su District Team weekend
19 th	Th GSE team at Kensington	28 th Tu RIBI Youth Activities Cttee
24 th	Tu Hampstead	MARCH
25 th	We L Deptford	2 nd Th L Elstree & Borehamwood
26 th	Th District Executive	2 nd Th Kennington
FEBRUARY	World Understanding Month	16 th Th L Snaresbrook & Wanstead
1 st	We L Edgware & Stanmore	16 th Th New Members Evening 2
2 nd	Th L Battersea Park	

Visit by RIBI President to District 1130

Th. 9 th Feb.	AM		Arrive from D.1220 (Notts.), then drive to Loughton
	Lunch	East	Loughton & B.H. Club Meeting, with neighbouring Clubs
	PM		-ditto- Disabled Riding School
	Evening	Central	Westminster East Club Meeting, with neighbouring Clubs
Fri. 10 th	AM		TBC ??
	Lunch	West	Hammersmith Club Meeting, with neighbouring Clubs
	PM		Battersea Project visit, then tea break and rest.
	Evening	South	Battersea Special Club Meeting, with neighbouring Clubs
Sat. 11 th	AM		eClub of London C Presentation and meeting
	Lunch		-ditto- including light lunch
	PM		- Rest and Prepare for Evening
	Evening	N.W./N	Golders Green Indian Banquet, with neighbouring Clubs and guests

New Year, New Club

The Inaugural Meeting of the Interim Rotary Club of Enfield Chase will be on Thursday evening 2nd February at Trios Banqueting Suite Palmers Green.

I am delighted that all the hard work by the sponsoring Clubs of Bush Hill Park, Edmonton, Enfield and Southgate; the District Extension Officer Martin Gudde; and the prospective members has come to fruition. To encourage the Founder members I do hope that attendance at this Inaugural Meeting will be a good representation of all the Clubs across the District. Of course you could also support them beyond their formation, by visiting one of their Breakfast meetings.

It is important for the future vitality of the District that new Clubs are formed. I trust that others will follow and to this end, existing Clubs need to be willing to put in some time with the District Team to find and support the prospective members. As the sponsor Clubs to Enfield Chase have discovered, the efforts to find members for a new Club has given each of them the impetus to increase their own membership. So everyone has benefited.

Full details and an order form for tickets to the Inaugural Meeting have gone out with the District Mailing and are on the District website.

Fun(d) Raising



The two Preferred Projects this year have been well received by Clubs and at the end of 2005, funds received at the charities from D1130 were:

Mercy Ships £6450 Hearing Dogs £8000

My thanks on their behalf, particularly as much more has been collected I know and do keep sending it in.



Certificate from Hearing Dogs for Guy our first Dog