



Special points of interest:

- District Conference is this month
- Leverton Lunch and District Carol Concert details
- Clubs strengthen their partnerships in their community
- GSE outbound team selected

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Vocational Service Month

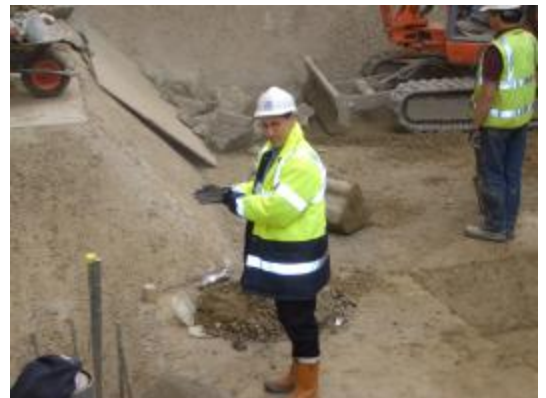
October brings us a change in the seasons and in the Rotary calendar it is suggested that the focus of our thoughts is Vocational Service; be it a Vocational speaker or the planning of a visit to see the work of another profession in action.

What is it about this particular Avenue of Service, that so often leads Rotarians to be unsure about how to fulfil its intentions? After all, by the very nature of Rotary membership, we are all, or at least have been, in a business or profession. When talking to young people, it does seem that the term Vocation is unclear to them as relating to one's work. Similarly, perhaps Rotarians sometimes look too far for an understanding of how to find opportunities to take part in Vocational Service.

As we all have a job or profession, there is already a range of vocational speakers within your Club or those around you. The "My Job" talks given by a new Rotary member in many Clubs need not be the only time that a Rotarian talks about their job. A long standing member could give that talk for the benefit of your newer members or at a neighbouring Club. Likewise, there is nothing that says we can't mix two Service Activi-

ties in the one talk. A talk or presentation about an unusual or popular job would most likely be a welcome offer in a local school; while schools are always on the lookout for offers to provide work experience to the older students.

Be creative about Club outings and that social will naturally be a Vocational event as well. A trip to a country pub is a social, a Club trip to a vineyard provides the chance to see another profession in action. Visit a newspaper in production Or consider the recent visit by St Pancras Club members, who have been shown around one of Europe's largest construction projects, the Kings Cross redevelopment right on their doorstep. Make Vocational Service work.



Vocation in action: District Governor Robert on a site visit

Robert's Ruminations

ROTARY IN LONDON
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Seasons Greetings

Seem somewhat early to be passing on Seasons Greetings to you all? Well consider this, the shops are already putting out the crackers and gifts and yet there are almost three months of this year left.

However, this week brings us two major religious festivals. I would like to pass on both my New Year greetings to those celebrating Rosh Hashanah and my best wishes to those of you who

are now fasting through Ramadan.

Service Committee Seminar season

During November each of the District Service Committees are holding seminar evenings for your Club chairmen. Please help the organizers by booking early. There is also a New Members evening, for those looking to find out more about Rotary beyond their Club.

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Hurricanes and ShelterBox

My attempts to get an email through to Rotarians in the area hit by Katrina did eventually get there. I received a short note from the DGE of District 6840 New Orleans who emailed me from his temporary stay in Houston to say that Shelterboxes were in use around Mississippi. Likewise the RI website has this to say:

Since Hurricane Katrina battered the U.S. Gulf Coast on 29 August, Rotarians have delivered 1,400 [Shelter-Boxes](#), which can accommodate 28,000 people. In Waveland, Mississippi, USA, a town of 7,000 devastated by a 30-foot wall of water, the tents are home to evacuees, volunteers, and emergency personnel.

Across a line of yellow tape on the same parking lot, Sheriff Kevin Widner, a member of a Rotary Club in Florida, USA, stands by his department's encampment. Several of the tents, bear the Rotary wheel and beneath it, the words "The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., USA." The club administers ShelterBox, along with the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England.

"I've been through six big hurricanes, and I've never seen anything like this," he says. "When they turned the water back on, the parking lot was flooded again. Everything here, including the tents we brought, was washed away. Fortunately, we got these tents somehow. I was so proud when I saw the Rotary wheel."

For more information go to:

www.rotary.org/newsroom/programs/050926_waveland.html

News in Brief

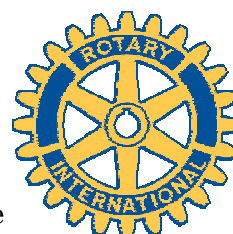
Several Clubs have recently strengthened their partnership with their Local Authority and local community causes. Wembley & Willesden's sundial in a local park, Heston & Isleworth's Historic plaques around Isleworth; while Streatham gave 20 cheques for £100 to local charities. Keep me informed and I'll try to include your Club.

The District Carol Service is booked for Wednesday 7th December 6.30 for 7.00pm at St Marylebone Parish Church. Details of gifts to bring and volunteers for the choir will be sent out soon.

Events

The London Club will be hosting its annual Leverton Lunch on Monday 21st November; in memory of Stanley Leverton the Rotarian who brought the idea of multiple Clubs within London to fruition and went on to be a RI Vice President. Their guest speaker for the lunch will be RIBI President Mike Webb.

Details have been sent to Clubs, so please do book to come along and thus ensure that every Club is represented that day.



The annual RI Zone Institute is an opportunity to hear quality speakers discuss broader issues of Rotary and its future direction. All are welcome and this year's event takes place in Bromsgrove on the 12th/ 13th November. It will be preceded by a Rotary Foundation seminar. This is your chance to have your say about your Foundation.

Details are available from the RIBI website.

District Conference

This month sees us back in Eastbourne



for our District Conference.

Speakers include the an Engineer's perspective on the Tsunami rebuilding, Olympic 2012 committee's plans

brought to life by their Chief Operating Officer Mike Power; Julie Hill will take us



on her world adventures (hope you saw her "Footprints in the Snow" tv biography recently, the London Air Ambulance and Tony Baldry MP considering the theme of "what next for Rotary after Polio ?" See the Conference programme sent to Clubs and on the website for a detailed list of speakers. Our official guests will include RIBI President Mike Webb and Alison.



Sunset aboard the MV Funchal, for the District 1240 Conference.

Visiting other Conferences

One of the pleasures of being your District Governor is getting invited to represent the District at another District Conference. In September Ros and I were guests aboard ship for the D.1240 Conference and then treated to D.1160 Irish hospitality aplenty in Dublin. (We look forward to a repeat at the RIBI Belfast Conference .)

We did bring back some new thoughts for our own Conference and will pass these on to DGE Clive and his Conference committee for consideration.

"It doesn't work to leap a twenty-foot chasm in two ten-foot jumps."
American proverb

The Rotary Foundation

Journey Towards Peace - Everyone Counts

Share the vision of this one-day event Saturday 5 November 2005 at the Bradford University. Meet the Rotary World Peace Fellows, faculty, Rotary leaders from RI, RIBI and the Rotary Foundation, and give your views in the discussion session. Learn at first hand of this exciting programme of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Centres for International Studies:

- to advance research, teaching, publication, and knowledge of peace and goodwill, cause of conflict and world understanding;
- to provide advance educational opportunities for a group of Rotary World Peace Fellows chosen from various countries and cultures in order to advance knowledge and world understanding among potential future leaders of government, business, media and other professions;
- to establish a programme through which



Our own Charity

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the member clubs of Rotary International may become increasingly effective in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world peace and understanding.

Group Study Exchange

I am pleased to report that a long day of interviews, on Saturday 1st October, has resulted in the selection of a strong team to represent this District during our Exchange with D.3040 central India.

Team Leader Suresh Gupta now has a team comprising an active Policeman, a Police officer specialising in Human Resources (recruiting new officers), a staff nurse and also one in marketing. A good spread of Vocations for this special opportunity.

Full details of this outbound team and of course of arrangements to receive the incoming team next Spring will be available on the Foundation section of the District website.

"When you know a man's business you know him."
Paul Harris on Vocational Service

Morris Dancers perform

My thanks, I think, to the brave members of Barkingside Club, who chose to greet Ros and me in somewhat unusual attire when I spoke at their Rotary Club meeting. The Club's reputation precedes it and yet this was indeed a surprise welcome.

Another example of a lively and active Club who are, as a result, not only getting in new members; they are also keeping them involved and interested.



London Olympics

As a follow-up to registering the District as recipients for information on volunteering opportunities, as it is released, we will now be setting up a small group to look at the best ways that Rotary In London can be involved.

RIBI is also working to create a partnership with the London Olympic Committee and we will be liaising closely to get the most out of this unique opportunity for Rotary to participate and benefit from the various events.



RIBI News

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.

Booking forms for the Conference are available on the RIBI website.

District Governor's Diary and Club Visits

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SERVICE Above Self

OCTOBER		<i>Vocational Service Month</i>		10 th	Th	LJ	Harrow / Kingsbury & K
1 st	Sa		GSE team interviews	10 th	Th		Kensington
3 rd	Mo	L	Southgate	11 th -12 th	Fr-Sa		RI Institute
4 th	Tu		<i>Ramadan starts</i>	12 th	Sa		Lord Mayors' Show
4 th	Tu		<i>Rosh Hashanah starts</i>	14 th	Mo		Hendon
6 th	Th		District Council	15 th	Tu	L	Dulwich & Peckham
10 th	Mo		Barnet & East Barnet	15 th	Tu		Balham
11 th	Tu		Hadleywood	16 th	We		Barking
12 th	We	L	Westminster West	17 th	Th	L	Battersea Park
13 th	Th		<i>Yom Kippur</i>	17 th	Th		New Members evening
17 th	Mo	L	Walthamstow West	19 th	Sa		RIBI SACCS
17 th	Mo		Enfield	21 st	Mo	L	London Club—Leverton Lunch w RIBI President
18 th	Tu	B	Roding	21 st	Mo		Golders Green
18 th	Tu		Mill Hill	22 nd	Tu	L	Dagenham
20 th -23 rd	Th-Su		District Conference	22 nd	Tu		District Foundation Seminar
25 th	Tu		RIBI General Council	23 rd	We		Bush Hill Park
26 th	We	L	Deptford	24 th	Th	L	St. Marylebone
27 th	Th		District Executive	24 th	Th		D. Services & Executive
31 st	Mo		Putney	29 th	Tu		D. International Seminar
Tbc			D. Communications Seminar	29 th	Tu		Friern Barnet & Whet'ne
NOVEMBER		<i>Rotary Foundation Month</i>					
1 st	Tu		Chiswick & Brentford	Club Visits			
2 nd	We		RIBI Youth Activities Cttee	For a variety of reasons, several of my official Club visits have had to be rescheduled; be it my or a Club's diary of commitments. Please do check the list above, or the District website, for the agreed alterations. Also, with so many Clubs meeting on the same day and time, it is helpful that you do confirm back promptly that a proposed change is fixed in the Club diary.			
2 nd	We		District Comm-Voc Seminar				
3 rd	Th		D. Membership Seminar				
7 th	Mo	L	Tooting				
7 th	Mo	J	Penge/ Crystal Palace & N				
8 th	Tu		D. Youth Activities Seminar				
9 th	We		Northwick Park				

Lord Mayors Show

Saturday 12th November

A reminder that 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 both to a London and a worldwide audience at the same time.

You should have seen the flyers from our float coordinator, Russell Cross, who needs 50 Rotarians, preferably from across the Clubs in our District, to walk with the Float and wave the Rotary flag.

Likewise please volunteer to walk with the float at the New Year's day parade; where a tie-up with Barnet Borough will enable us to have the Collecting tins in action.

For those Clubs that take part in local town or Borough carnivals, do remember that the District owned float is available for hire. Just find yourself a suitable car with a towing facility and a willing driver.

Pass it on

As you will be aware, the District mailing is now going out electronically to most Clubs and the various reports and flyers are also available on our website. With this monthly Newsletter being on the website comes an opportunity for your Club Secretary to download it in double sided A4 format and distribute copies to all Club members.

Is the electronic Mailing working for you and your Club? To iron out any early difficulties, we would welcome feedback.



Charter Night celebrations for President Elizabeth and the founder members of the Rotary Club of Newham