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District Governor's  
Newsletter

## The Rotary Foundation Month

November is Rotary Foundation Month and Rotary Foundation is *our* charity. Given all the wonderful support that Rotarians give to local and international charities and communities, why are so many of us so reluctant to put the same level of support in to our own charity? After all, it is the world's largest private Foundation and through the simple mechanism of investing its income before using those funds, it doesn't have to divert any of the income to cover Administration costs.

Ambassadorial scholars, Group Study Exchanges, Peace scholars, the eradication of Polio and so many types of Grants that Rotary Clubs can apply to enhance the funds they raise for their own projects. It can seem so daunting with Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants, Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants, Individual Grants and so on to consider. However in reality each suits a particular task and anyway we have very experienced members of the District Foundation Committee to help you fill up the forms, find an overseas partner Club and generally make the most of the available funds. Much of the funding available for us to call on is related to the amount



we contribute as a District. So think long-term by putting contributions in to Foundation and enhancing your ability to call on funds in future.

The scholar and exchange programmes really do contribute both to

Rotary's objective of improving world peace and understanding and to enhancing the vocational experience and opportunities of those who go on these trips. Our District's selection process via the Clubs allows us to select those best suited to benefit from the programmes and to promote Rotary ideals during these unique experiences. Remember to invite scholars to talk at your Club and how about past exchange team members as potential Rotarians?



The awesome power and majesty of Hurricane Katrina

## United Nations Rotary Day

Perhaps in years to come, November 5th 2005 will be remembered for being more than its being the 400th Anniversary of the plot by Guy Fawkes. His plot didn't succeed, yet Rotary has this year achieved an equally impressive success. As a respected NGO, Rotary International has been invited to the New York United Nations HQ for a

**UN Rotary Day.** The RI President and the full RI Board of Directors, including our own Tony de St Dalmas, will attend this special event with presentations to UN delegates by Rotary. One of those speakers will be Orcelik Balkan, who was only two weeks ago the RI President's representative at our own District Conference.

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ROTARY IN LONDON  
R.I. DISTRICT 1130

# Robert's Ruminations

## District Conference

In October we were back in Eastbourne for our District Conference. I think it was a great weekend and hope everyone had as good a time as I did; although you probably got more sleep than my schedule allowed. My sincere thanks to Chairman Don and all of the Conference committee for their hard work and their attention to detail. The Hearing Dogs display opened Friday with amazing energy, while Mercy Ships' wonderful story continues when the new hospital ship "Africa Mercy" comes to London next April.

Our wide variety of speakers were all of a high quality and you can read more about them in the next edition of the



Rotary in London magazine. The talk from Olympic 2012 committee's Chief Operating Officer Mike Power we intend to be the start of a long-term partnership.

I hope that the debate on Saturday afternoon gave Rotarians a chance to air their views on Rotary's future, while Beyond the Barricade certainly gave us all a great evening of entertainment.

## News in Brief

Balham Rotary Club are planning to host their first "Wandsworth Show Case" at the former Battersea Town Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2006. The Grand Hall will be available for any Charity or Club that wishes to run a stall or display. They are also arranging dance and musical events in the afternoon. Contact Balham if your Club or another organisation, fair trade supplier, music group and so on wish to participate in this great PR and fund raising idea.

## Charters Abound

A number of Clubs celebrate significant Charter Anniversaries this year. 1925-26 in particular seems to have been a busy year! Congratulations to you all and I hope you all make the most of it and enjoy the celebrations.

Balham	80 <sup>th</sup>	9 April 1926
Barkingside	55 <sup>th</sup>	19 January 1951
Battersea	80 <sup>th</sup>	7 April 1926
Battersea Park	50 <sup>th</sup>	13 July 1955
Canary Wharf	75 <sup>th</sup>	14 July 1931
Friern Barnet & W45 <sup>th</sup>		24 April 1961
Greenwich	80 <sup>th</sup>	14 April 1926
Hadleywood	35 <sup>th</sup>	1 January 1971
Hammersmith	80 <sup>th</sup>	19 February 1926
Harrow	75 <sup>th</sup>	6 January 1931
Heston & Islew <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	2 June 1981
Kensington	80 <sup>th</sup>	15 August 1925
Loughton & BH	70 <sup>th</sup>	17 April 1936
Mill Hill	75 <sup>th</sup>	3 March 1931
Penge	80 <sup>th</sup>	2 June 1926
Redbridge	25 <sup>th</sup>	14 January 1981
Southgate	80 <sup>th</sup>	15 December 1925
Waltham Abbey	35 <sup>th</sup>	10 February 1971

May you be  
builders, not  
mere climbers.  
Paul Harris 1916

**Mozartathon** – nine Mozart Piano concertos in one concert, all for a mere £12 and the profits to charity. What a bargain.

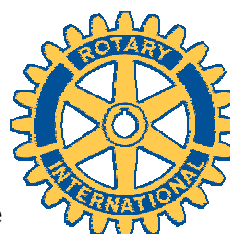
Through Westminster East Club, Rotary in London is pleased to be associated with this interesting event at St John's Smith Square on Saturday 26 November from 5pm, promoting the Foundation for Aneurysm Rupture Research.

Tickets from the Box Office 020 7222 1061.

## 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 Ambassadorial scholars may have been in London for just a few weeks, however they gave us a good fun filled presentation at the Conference.



## Virgin Shelterbox flight

Last Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, a Virgin Atlantic cargo flight left Gatwick Airport with another consignment of 400 Rotary Shelterboxes, together with two TV crews and one IPDG, en-route for the earthquake hit region of Pakistan. As is often the way with emergency aid, Colin Bryant had just three days notice that he would represent RIBI and honour this District by accompanying the much needed Shelterboxes during their filmed journey to the homeless survivors of the recent earthquake. With the winter snow now arriving in those mountains, the tents, sleeping bags and other essentials will be a vital short term protection.

I'm sure we'll see more of Colin and of this Shelterbox story on ITN and Sky News soon. I'd also take this opportunity to congratulate Colin on being appointed to chair the RIBI Comms/PR Committee in 2006-07.

To date Rotary has shipped 1200 Shelterboxes, thousands of tents, 852 Aquaboxes and 300 Emergency boxes to Pakistan; and is supporting the International Rescue Corps who have 6 Scots and 8 Englishmen working in the earthquake area.

The spirit of tolerance which has made it possible for Rotary to form a worldwide fellowship will make all things possible.

Paul Harris

## Scrooge ships £2500

The first 200 Rotarians and partners to apply for tickets recently enjoyed the treat of a night at the theatre, thanks to a member of the Rotary Club of Friern Barnet and Whetstone. This year's big show "Scrooge" is showing at The Palladium and stars Tommy Steele. Tickets for the show were given to Rotary. A donation got the lucky group top seats for an excellent show and a drink back stage afterwards. As a result £2500 was raised for the preferred charity MERCY SHIPS during the evening.

## 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.



RIBI President Mike Webb addresses our District Conference, uses a theme of developing

Rotary in its 2nd Century



## Rotary Wristbands

**Rotary Wrist Bands** - A symbol to show you care and an irresistible fashion accessory to those a little younger than ourselves. An initiative launched by the Rotary Club of Billericay D.1240, to raise funds for various projects to be run throughout this Rotary Year. The early success of the bands was brought to the attention of their DG Sandra Allen who promptly requested that they make them more widely available.



Rotary Wristbands - a symbol to show you care and a modern irresistible fashion accessory for young and young at heart

The band's simple message make them suitable for all clubs throughout the world - The high quality silicone bands are dual coloured blue and yellow, on the blue side the word ROTARY is embossed and on the yellow side "PEACE THE WORLD OVER".

## Half-year Seminars

During November each of the District Service committees are holding half-year seminars for a two-way information and feedback by your respective Club chairman or another representative Do encourage them to attend and contribute.

There is also a New Members evening at York Gate on Thursday 17th November, where new members or those who feel they have little knowledge beyond their own Club can hear about the wider world of Rotary. All are welcome, but do advise the committee, for catering purposes.

## District Governor's Diary and Club Visits

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NOVEMBER		<i>Rotary Foundation Month</i>	DECEMBER	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tu	<b>Chiswick &amp; Brentford</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Th <b>Hillside Finchley</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	We	RIBI Youth Activities Cttee	6 <sup>th</sup>	Tu L <b>Epping</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Th	D. Membership Seminar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Tu <b>Chingford</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	L <b>Tooting</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	We L <b>Edgware and Stanmore</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	J <b>Penge/ Crystal Palace &amp; N</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	We District Carol Concert
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	D. Youth Activities Seminar	8 <sup>th</sup>	Th L <b>Elstree &amp; Borehamwood</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	We	<b>Northwick Park</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Su L District Team Christmas Lunch
10 <sup>th</sup>	Th	LJ <b>Harrow / Kingsbury &amp; K</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	Tu <b>Tottenham &amp; Wood Green</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Th	<b>Kensington</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Su <i>Christmas Day</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Fr-Sa	RI Institute	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mo <i>Hanukkah starts</i>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sa	Lord Mayors' Show	<b>JANUARY 2006</b> <i>Rotary Awareness Month</i>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	<b>Hendon</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Su New Year's Day Parade
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	L <b>Dulwich &amp; Peckham</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Tu <b>Chigwell</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	<b>Balham</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	We District Council
16 <sup>th</sup>	We	<b>Barking</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L <b>Battersea Park</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Th	New Members evening		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sa	RIBI SACCS		
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mo	L London Club—Leverton Lunch w RIBI President		
21 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	<b>Golders Green</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tu	L <b>Dagenham</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tu	District Foundation Seminar		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We	<b>Bush Hill Park</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We	District Comm-Voc Seminar		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Th	L <b>St. Marylebone</b>		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Th	D. Services & Executive		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	D. International Seminar		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tu	<b>Friern Barnet &amp; Whet'ne</b>		

May I wish all who have just celebrated Divali and Ede all the best for their special festivities



A £5000 cheque was presented at Conference, to get the first Hearing Dog of the year from our Clubs.

### Lord Mayors Show

#### Saturday 12th November

We will 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. 50 Rotarians, from across the Clubs in our District, will 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.

### Carol Concert

#### Wednesday 7th December

This year's District Carol Service will be held at St Marylebone Parish Church, just across the road from York Gate on the evening of 7th December. Come and enjoy the carol singing and bring a gift, to bring some joy to a hospital bound young person. Mulled wine and mince pies at our HQ after the service.



The Club Presidents are greeted on stage at our District Conference