

**MARTIN'S
MONTHLY MESSAGE**
NOVEMBER 2009
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
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District Conference

My thanks to all who organised, contributed to, and attended the District Conference. Estelle and I thoroughly enjoyed everybody's company at the Conference.

We had excellent speakers. A really good House of Friendship, and overall an inspirational Conference.

With Gift Aid we collected over £500 for The Prostate Cancer Trust from the Saturday collection.

£485 was collected for "Thanks for Life" (polio eradication) Thanks to our grand daughter Olivia who recited a poem on stage written by Richard Digance, and assisted by our grandson Jack. Every time this poem is recited £1. should be donated to the Thanks for Life campaign. The poem will be on the Rotary in London web site for you to use. Richard Digance has allowed us to use this poem to collect money for polio eradication.

Once again thanks to P.D.G Clive Amos and his Conference Committee for all their hard work.

Good News New clubs -

The Rotary Club of Queensbury, Inaugural took place on 29th October. we have two more Rotary Clubs that will be inaugurated they are, The Rotary Club of Pall Mall on the 23rd November and the Rotary Club of Surrey Quays on the 1st December

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS.

The provisional Rotary Club of Southall is gaining momentum and their inaugural should be imminent .

There are more new Clubs being organised as well.

Dragon Boat re-launch

The Rotary Club of Tower Hamlets are organising and staging the event. It will be on a Sunday in May - avoiding the bank holiday weekend.

Each club can raise easily £5000.00 + on the day for whichever charity they wish to raise money for. We will produce a pack showing clubs how to enter and how to raise the money and how to use the event to get members. It is also an event which promotes team building, promotes Rotary, is Fun and encourages Rotarians to invite family and friends for a super day out. It is also an event where Rotarians can invite pro-

RIBI President's visit to our District

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (R.I.B.I.) President David Fowler and his wife Daphne will be visiting our District from the 16th November till the 18th.

They will be visiting:

The London Club, Stanley Leverton Day, (lunch) Barnet (evening).

On the 17th Roding for breakfast, Epping for lunch and Heston and Isleworth for dinner. Please contact those Clubs if you would like to hear President David.



A Rotarian since 1984, David was the charter president of the Rotary Club of Edgbaston Convention in Birmingham and has continued as a member of that club since moving to live near Worcester ten years ago. He has served Rotary International as a district governor, Literacy Resource Group general co-ordinator (2006-2008), committee and task force member, resource group area and zone co-ordinator, Institute chairman (4 times) and RI training leader (2007 & 2008). He was Rotary International in Britain & Ireland (RIBI) conference chairman for Blackpool 2008 and has served on the RIBI international committee and the leadership development & training committee. In district 1060 he was conference chairman in 2007, Council on Legislation representative (1998, 2001, 2004 & 2007) and has been PolioPlus officer, district editor and international committee chairman.

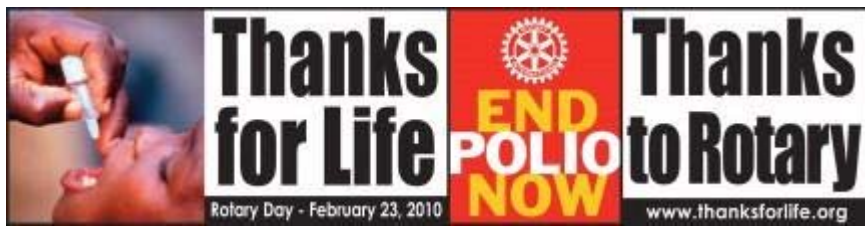
He has been married to Daphne for 45 years and she has been a member of Inner Wheel for 24 of those years recently completing three years as district secretary.

Feed the children

Your 20p's donations so far to feed children in District 9270, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. A very big thank you to all the Clubs that have already made a donation and pledges and to all the remaining Clubs that are participating in different ways to raise the money for this worthwhile project. So far, we have collected enough money to feed 28,500 children. Please keep the cheques coming in.

We received generous donations of £1000.00 from Nu-line Builders Merchants in Westbourne Grove, W.11, and £3000.00 from The Woodford Mosque. Please make cheques payable to The Rotary Charity Fund (District 1130) send to Howard Segal, District Treasurer, (as per District directory).

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TESCO Excellent news is that TESCO have made available 377 stores where we will be able to collect money on 27th February and put up display pull ups to tell customers about Rotary

Sainsbury's The Chief executive of Sainsbury's has also produced a letter to authorise branches to be available for Rotary collections to take place on Saturday 20th February 2010

I have appointed Rotarian **Léonie Cooper** of the Rotary Club of Battersea Park to take over the position of Environmental Officer, as Lucy Deville will be moving from our District in December 2009

District Christmas Carols

Tuesday 8th December 2009

7.00 for 7.30pm

You, your Club members and your families are cordially invited to join Estelle and myself for our annual festive Carol service. The District Christmas Carols is an opportunity to reflect on our Rotary Service at this festive period. However it is also a chance to socialise with the members and partners of other Clubs and those serving on the District committees.

As in recent years, each club/ person is invited to bring a Christmas gift for children who will be spending their Christmas in hospital. These should not be soft or furry toys, and should be clearly marked with the intended age group and whether suited to boys, girls or both.

Buy the Rotary Calendar 2010!

Costing only £5 with £2 going to The Rotary Foundation account - it's the ideal gift for Christmas.

Since inception in 1997, the calendar has raised in excess of £90,000 for the Rotary Foundation.

This year, the calendar has been given a complete facelift. The larger double page format, with more space to record your appointments, has resulted in a quality product both for personal use and to effectively publicise Rotary and your Club. It is even printed on environ-



mentally friendly paper sourced from managed forests,

Why not buy a few extra extra copies to use in your local area as a marketing tool. Public libraries, hospitals, doctors' surgeries, dentists' and opticians' waiting rooms are available so why not use these venues to promote Rotary in your community.

Please place your Club order as soon as possible!

Send the completed order form - [Rotary Calendar Order Form 2010](#) - together with a cheque made payable to "The Rotary Calendar Account" to Malcolm Boddington, 9 Owston, Lower Earley, Reading RG6 3DX as soon as possible.

Delivery to Districts should be in early November.

For all enquiries regarding the calendar or your order contact Malcolm on 0118 954 1358 or malcolm.boddington2@ntlworld.com.

Martin