



**MARTIN'S  
MONTHLY MESSAGE**  
**JANUARY 2010**  
**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
**MARTIN GUDDE**



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**This is the start of a new decade**

**The future of Rotary is in our hands—we must make a difference—  
Rotary has never been needed more**

**My thanks to all the Rotarians and Clubs that organised Christmas parties for senior citizens and those who would have been on their own at Christmas time, I know of three Clubs and groups of Clubs that gave up Christmas day to transport, cook, and entertain. Barnet, Battersea Park and Redbridge, but many more Clubs organised parties throughout the Christmas period. Many Clubs collect during this period for various charities, and it is a very busy time for most Clubs.**



Battersea Park



Barnet

**Thank you to the Clubs that invited Estelle and myself to your Christmas parties.**

### **Sad loss**

It is with deep regret that quite a few Rotarians have passed to higher service including President Neil Lala of the Rotary Club of Tower Hamlets.

Our condolences to their families and Clubs.

## **CAROL SERVICE**

St. Andrew by the Wardrobe was the venue this year for our annual Carol Service. Thank you to P.D.G. Stan Hatton and P.D.G. Robert Morris for organising this event. The Church was full and the Christmas tree was dressed, carols sung and led by our own District 1130 Rotary Choir. All the presents that Clubs and Rotarians donated were delivered on the Friday to the Children's Wards, The Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel. With the help of Tower Hamlets Club and P.E. Tony Sharma, the tree and all the presents were delivered. The Club had arranged T.V reporter and cameras, this was reported on Channel S that evening where interviews were broadcast.

## **NEW YEARS DAY PARADE**

Congratulations to P.D.G Don Merritt and District International Chairman Adrian Faiers, who organised the whole event. Our double decker bus had gear problems and so we could not use it. But Rotary spirit shone through and Don arranged a school mini bus. This was decked out at 9.00 am on New Years Day outside York Gate. We met in Piccadilly and delighted to say that we had our biggest ever turnout of over 50 Rotarians, partners, Inner Wheel, Rotaractors, and Ambassadorial Scholars. (It was truly a Rotary family affair) We also had three other visiting District Governors, as well as two Italian and Swedish Rotarians who joined in with us.

We were number 29 in the Parade and the Mayor of Waltham Forest, who we teamed up with, walked the route with us.

Thanks to all the Rotarians who braved the cold, but gloriously sunny day (the snow had not arrived)

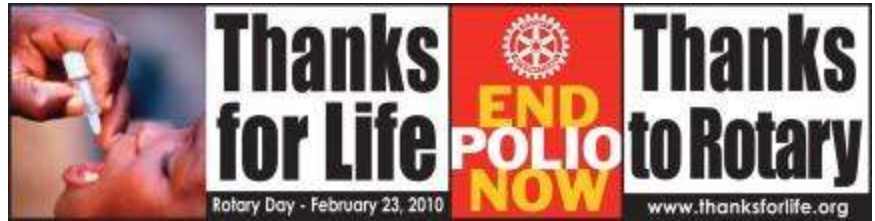
## **Good News New clubs -**

The Rotary Club of Pall Mall inaugural took place on 23rd November and the Rotary Club of Surrey Quays on the 1st December.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Provisional Rotary Club of Southall will be held on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at The Crown Banqueting Suite, Long Drive, Station Approach, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 0HG. Timing is 7:15pm for 7:30pm. The "ticket price" is £25 which will include a drink on arrival, a 3 course meal and "entertainment". It would be good to see as many clubs in the District as possible represented on the 29<sup>th</sup>, to support Founder President Umesh Sharma and all of the Founder Members at their Inaugural Meeting. Please advise President Elect Ali Ahmed by 15<sup>th</sup> January - [ali@montagestate.com](mailto:ali@montagestate.com) if you will be attending,

There are still more new Clubs being organised as well as the three already inaugurated. Please contact Leonard Specterman (as per District Directory or web site).

I do hope that that clubs are finalising their plans for Thanks for Life and Purple Pinkie Day. In early January clubs will be receiving around



100 leaflets for use in schools. More can be purchased by clubs if they so wish. Also lapel stickers will be available to clubs at a cost of £8.00 and again more can be ordered by clubs. Clubs will also have received six A2 posters for use in the Window of Opportunity or other promotional events. This is an ideal opportunity for us to increase our membership.

The DVD covering the National Immunisation Day held on 8/11/09 should also be with clubs by the time this newsletter is read and having seen a preview, I am confident that it will be a fantastic resource. Baseball Caps are also available at £7.50

Please contact PDG Don Merritt

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

**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**

**Please Contact PDG Don Merritt for more details**

### **David's Bike**

Can I thank all the clubs that donated and pledged money towards the cost of David's bike. This is a specially made tricycle for this young man.

*David is an eight year old boy with a condition called Prader-Willi Syndrome. Children with this condition have learning disabilities and have excessive eating disorders.*

*David is a fantastic child who however is overweight and it has been very difficult to him to lose this weight as he has bilateral foot deformities which make activities such as walking and running etc very hard.*

*David was assessed by a special needs company for a tricycle. David was amazing on the bike and actually he was unwilling to get off it at the end of the assessment.*





Most of Team before the New Years Day parade started

Posing with the Mayor of Waltham Forest Cllr Anna Mbachu



District Governors braving the cold  
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