

Important Dates for your diary: (Please check for changed dates)

The RIBI Assembly Saturday 27th to Sunday 28th March 2010 at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel,

Saturday 10th April. Our Club's Stroke Awareness Day at St Andrews Hall in Chase Side, Southgate. 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Sunday 11 April. The **District Assembly** at City of London Boys School

16th to 18th April the 2010 annual **RIBI Conference** will be held at Bournemouth International Centre and is promising to be truly magical

19th April Club AGM commencing 12 noon. Elections, Accounts and reports

29th April There will be a Water Survival Box Awareness Evening at 6 York Gate. A speaker from the Charity will show us what a Water-Survival Box is and how it is used.

Wednesday **9th June**. KidsOut Day

This year's RI Convention takes place in Montreal, Québec, Canada on the **20th to 23rd June 2010**.

4th May & 3rd June Visits: For members of Southgate Homebound. The new venue will be The **Woodman Inn** 21 Warrengate Road, Waterend, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts, AL9 7TT

District 1230 & RIBI handover **Sun 4th July** in Renfrew, Scotland

15th – 17th April. **The RIBI 2011** Conference will be in Dublin

The RI 2011 Convention will be in New Orleans



Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges, old spectacles, mobile phones & stamps to raise funds. **Volunteer required for storing items.**



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April--- business in the borough & London

Mon 5th April Bank holiday **No meeting**

Sat 10th April **Stroke Awareness Day**. Blood pressure checks and will take place at St Andrews Church Hall 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Sunday 11 April **District Assembly**. City of London Boys School,

Mon 12th April Business Meeting for presentation of Accounts and Budget for 2010/2011

Mon 19th April **Club AGM commencing at 12 noon**. Election of members of Club Council and appointment of Service Committee Chairs. Reports required

Mon 26th April TBA

May

Mon 3rd May Bank Holiday – **No meeting**

Tue 4th May. Visit with Southgate Homebound to Woodman Inn.

Mon 10th May TBA

Mon 17th May TBA

Tue 18th May. Visit to Wylliotts theatre to see The Pajama Game.

Mon 24th May TBA

Mon 31st May Bank Holiday – **No meeting**

Please remember that drinks before lunch must be purchased in main bar.

NB Please give apologies to the attendance Officer, Iris Macer, if you cannot attend and need to cancel your meal.



March

Mon 1st March. PE Peter was in the Chair and welcomed visitors **PDG Rtn. Alan Coleman (our speaker)** and Nick Johnson from EBRA.

Alan bought greetings from RC Barkingside and went on to give a short history of Water Aid since it was started by a handful of employees of various water companies to the vast organisation it is today. It now has about 180 full time employees and many volunteers and an income of about £40m a year. Its object is to ensure that everyone has access to clean water. Alan also dwelt on the importance of sanitation. Kevin has visited the Rotary Club of Dubai. Tony reported that we had collected £186 on Thanks for Life day



Mon 8th March. In the Chair: PE Peter Fisk who welcomed our Speaker, **Neville Robinson**, who spoke about hypnosis, and the benefits to health problems. His own particular interest was with regard to sight, since he had been an optometrist, prior to his retirement. Hypnosis deals with the subconscious mind and particularly with repetitive problems associated with music, TV, etc. Pavlov, a scientist, was the originator. Rectifying a squint problem had, in Neville's experience, been particularly successful and 100% success with stuttering. Chris reported on the successful Inner Wheel Quiz last Saturday and thanked Members for their support. Kevin reported on his visit to the Rotary Club of Dubai, which meets on the 33rd floor of the World Trade Centre



Mon 15th March PE Peter was again in the Chair for our Business & Fellowship meeting. Jeremy suggested that, in future, apologies should be read out. Pres. Barbara on holiday, Panos in Cyprus, Alan in Malta, Seeva at a funeral, and PRI Director Tony, is representing the RI President on a cruise ship in or near Bogota, Colombia, for a District Conference. PE Peter referred to an e-mail received from RC of Edmonton regarding Bill Routledge, ('Guv' at the Jolly Farmers), who is organising a shelterbox appeal for the disasters in Haiti and Chile during w/c 29th March, e.g. a Quiz night and raffle on Easter Sunday – volunteers on the day required, and to provide a team for the Quiz Night – it was agreed that we should support this event. Our Club have now provided 9 shelter boxes. PE Peter also said that we are required to make a return by 15th May regarding

Officers in our Club for the next Rotary year. **He would also encourage as many as possible to attend the District Assembly on 11th April**

Mon 22nd March In the Chair, PE Peter Fisk who welcome our Speaker: Rtn. **Richard Selby** and two members from Inner Wheel. Rotarian Richard (Dick) Selby, of the Rotary Club of Golders Green, retired 15 years ago from Barclays Bank, and had since married 1554 ladies ! He had also married 1554 men, since he is now a Registrar in the Barnet area, and has been for 10 years.



He pointed out that marriage is a contract, as opposed to a wedding, which is a celebration of a marriage. Formal marriages were founded in Tudor times, when women, before the actual day, would drink a concoction based on mead, under the moon – hence the modern term 'Honeymoon'. Charles 1, in 1660, ordered that marriages should take place in church, with a licence fee of 3 shillings (one shilling to the priest). Richard completed his talk with two amusing anecdotes, both experienced by him.

Mon 29th March PE Peter was in the Chair for our Business & Fellowship meeting. Tony reported he had represented the RI President at **District 4290 Conference in South America**, which had taken place on a cruise liner. The cruise had been for 7 days but the conference sessions were held over 3 days. Each time the ship docked, Tony was required, in addition to his main speeches at the Conference, to speak to 5 different Rotary Clubs. He was presented with a rather heavy bronze gift. In the main the Rotarians tend to concentrate on local community projects.

Chris reported **The RIBI Assembly** took place on Saturday through to Sunday at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel. Tony and Jeremy attended both days but Peter, Eric and Chris went on the Saturday to "meet the Presidents". It was an excellent event and they heard presentations from RIBI President elect Jim Moulson, RI President elect Ray Klinginsmith During the day it was announced that the figure raised on the "Thanks for a Life" day had reached (£962,000) \$1,524,000.

Our Club meeting went into extra time to hear Hon. Member, David Burrowes recount two amusing stories, when he first became an MP. He also told us of his involvement with cross bench initiatives, which included umbilical cord, blood storage for stem cells and protection of our war memorials against damage and desecration.