

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

6th March Inner Wheel Club of Southgate Charity Quiz/Supper at the Walker Hall. (Proceeds to the Ruth Winston Centre. A Reg. Charity)

Sold Out

Sunday 14 March Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) City of London Boys School, EC4.

The RIBI Assembly will be held 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.

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

19th April Club AGM commencing 12 noon

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



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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March

Mon 1st March. Speaker. PDG Rtn **Alan Coleman** - WaterAid.

Mon 8th March. Speaker: **Neville Robinson** and the topic will be hypnosis

Sunday 14 March Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Mon 15th March Business & Fellowship meeting

Mon 22nd March Speaker: Rtn. **Richard Selby** will talk about being a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Mon 29th March Fifth Monday

April--- business in the borough & London

Mon 5th April Easter Monday. No meeting

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

Mon 12th April

Saturday 10th April This will be our Rotary Stroke Awareness Health day and will take place at St Andrews Church Hall.

Mon 19th April Club **AGM reports required**

Mon 26th April

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.



February World understanding month

Mon 1st Feb. Business and Fellowship meeting. Tony reported on his visit to the Pasadena Rotary Rose Parade with a picture of a magnificent float and the motto “Service Above the Rest” and the theme “A cut above the rest”. He attended the San Diego conference with the theme “Bridging Continents”. Half year report given by PE Peter on behalf of the International committee and PP David on behalf of the House Committee

Mon 8th Feb Speaker: PRI Dir. Rtn. Tony St Dalmas, who described the forthcoming Meeting of the Council on Legislation, which he will be attending in Chicago and which he compared at the Parliament of Rotary. He described the workings of the Council and the voting procedure. He gave examples of some of the 219 Resolutions to be discussed - you will be spared details!

Mon 15th Feb PP Bonni-Belle introduced her ambassadorial scholar, Maria Haupenthal from Germany, who is studying the Piano at the Royal Academy of Music. Maria has done some teaching with children. Maria gave an illustrated talk and spoke about herself, her country and town where she grew up, her education, her opinion of England (London) the things she liked and disliked.



18th Feb District Council held at 6.30pm at International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street. Attended by AG Jeremy

Mon 22nd Feb Business & Fellowship. Jeremy dealt with Nifty Fifty and suggested that, as this was “Thanks for Life Week”, each member present should put £1 in the box for “End Polio Now”. Eric still had two tickets available for the visit to Emirates Stadium. Sec. Stephen advised that we needed to nominate two voting delegates for the RIBI Conference at Bournemouth. PRI Dir. Tony and AG Jeremy were elected.



23rd Feb 2010 Thanks for a life day. Together with other Enfield Clubs, our Club took its turn on a stand in Palace Gardens, Enfield Town in the morning, from 8.30am to 1pm and on **Saturday 27th Feb**, with the help of Chris Hoyte our Ambassadorial Scholar and Enver, followed by members of the RC of Bush Hill Park, we also collected at Tesco, Colney Hatch Lane.



THE LATEST FROM SHELTERBOX at 22nd February

It is now five weeks since Haiti was rocked by a catastrophic earthquake and there is still an urgent need for secure shelter which can stand up to the Haitian climate. ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) member Jane Nash had just returned from Port au Prince. She says the importance of getting people into tents cannot be underestimated. ‘The rains are going to be really hard and it is going to take a long time to get transitional housing up and running. Our tents will withstand heavy rain. Would you want to be in a tarpaulin sheet in a torrential downpour when the ground will be soaked? The look on one woman’s face when I gave her a tent was like it was the best thing she had ever had,’ said Jane. ShelterBox General Manager Lasse Petersen, who has also just returned from Port au Prince, added: ‘At present the vast majority of people left homeless have yet to receive even plastic sheeting. These families need immediate emergency shelter rather than becoming caught up in policy debates. ‘A tent, as we’ve already seen, can be a life saving difference to many of the most vulnerable during what is likely to become a very lengthy wait for anything more permanent. It’s vital we continue our efforts in Haiti; tents are the number one priority.’

So far, more than 7,000 ShelterBoxes and disaster relief tents have been distributed in Haiti and another 1,200 are due to arrive in Port au Prince, Haiti’s capital, by Friday. The SRT in Port au Prince already has a planned distribution in place for these boxes. ShelterBox has committed another 5,000 tents to Haiti, which will provide shelter for another 50,000 people. These will start arriving at the end of February. ShelterBox tents undergo rigorous testing and will be able to stand up to the spring rains which will soon descend on Haiti.