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# 1250 Communiqué

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**New Members**

Sussex Vale - David Kluge

## Stop Press: Hurricane Katrina

I have just heard that Mercy Ships' vessel, "Caribbean Mercy", was berthed at Chickasaw (near Mobile) when the hurricane struck. Fortunately, she sustained no significant damage, and the local Mayor has invited Mercy Ships to work in his community. So the vessel will be used as a command centre and housing location for relief teams. The first of these is preparing the vessel for this purpose and a second is on the way. Mercy Ships is appealing a) for volunteers to help with the relief effort and b) for funds to cover the extra costs falling on them. This seems an ideal way to facilitate hands-on assistance through a charity which has already been highlighted for support this year.

## The Swales Scribblings

(Thoughts of the month from the District Governor)

This last month has seen the headlines dominated by Kipling's twin impostors, triumph and disaster. The latter was the havoc wreaked by Hurricane Katrina and the apparent powerlessness of the world's richest nation to react adequately. We can be sure that our fellow Rotarians will be doing everything possible to provide help where it is most needed. RIBI has maintained a dialogue with Rotarians on the ground and it is clear that, once again, the most useful aid has been in the form of boxes, either Shelter or Aqua. Stocks now need to be built up to service needs elsewhere. A central fund has been set up by RIBI to receive donations of money, which will help with the provision of day-to-day needs. If you need any more information, International chairman, Neil Hills, will be happy to provide it.

The good news came only on Monday when England finally regained the Ashes! Not only did we see five riveting matches with countless nail-biting moments, but the series proved that playing hard does not have to be accompanied by the petulant loss of temper seen so often on the football field. Here were two teams whose respect for each other grew into real friendship. England won because they found someone to handle each crisis. Teamwork counts, and the fellowship within Rotary is what allows us to achieve far more than we could as individuals.

The Torquay Conference is only just over the horizon and Jan and I look forward to welcoming you. Be assured, we are going to have some fun!

Keep enjoying your Rotary, Ian Swales



## September..

September is New Generations Month, previously known as Youth Activities Month. RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar wrote in the current issue of *The Rotarian* that "We could just as well call September the month of our future, because investing in our youth is our future." His emphasis was on four programmes serving young people – Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange.

The Rotary International Board of Directors has approved funds for grants to assist Rotary clubs and districts in their outreach efforts to the general public, promoting Rotary and improving Rotary's public image. The grant will enable Rotary clubs to place limited Rotary billboards, banners, the RI prepared TV and Radio Public Service Announcements in their local TV and radio stations, or newspaper supplements that feature local Rotary stories. For details contact Douglas Price District 1250 PRO

## DG's & District Diary

(DG club visits in bold)

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> **Worthing Steyne**  
4<sup>th</sup> **Redhill Redstone** Redhill & Reigate g.c. 1930  
5<sup>th</sup> **Brighton** Brighton 1230  
5<sup>th</sup> **Chichester Priory** 18.30  
6<sup>th</sup> **GSE Team** Farewell Dinner  
10<sup>th</sup> **Worthing**  
10<sup>th</sup> **Haywards Heath**  
11<sup>th</sup> **Hove** 1230  
11<sup>th</sup> **Cuckfield & Lindfield** lindfield 1900  
13<sup>th</sup> **Horley**  
13<sup>th</sup> **Steyning & Henfield** Bramber 1930  
14<sup>th</sup> Ambassadorial Scholars welcome Brinsbury  
17<sup>th</sup> **Sussex Vale** Ditchling 1930  
18<sup>th</sup> **Godalming** Godalming 1230  
18<sup>th</sup> **Farnham Weyside** Farnham 1915  
19<sup>th</sup> **Reigate Hill** Reigate Hill 1930  
20<sup>th</sup> District Team meeting Brinsbury 1830  
25<sup>th</sup>) RIBI general council Alcester  
26<sup>th</sup> RIBI International committee Alcester 1000  
26<sup>th</sup> International/Foundation seminar Ardingly  
28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> District 1120 conference Eastbourne  
31<sup>st</sup> RIBI President in District lunch for NE  
Redhill 1300  
Dinner for SW Worthing Steyne 1900

## GSE FAREWELL DINNER

MID SUSSEX GOLF CLUB, DITCHLING

OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 - 7pm for 7-30 pm

Arrangements have been made for The Farewell Dinner for The GSE Team from Rotary District 3260 to take place at The Mid Sussex Golf Club, Spatham Lane, Ditchling

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## Communications Team...

Visit Communications stand in House of Friendship and let us know if you have seen copies of the new District Communiqué and anything you would like to be added to this monthly publication.

## KATRINA...

"We had our Foundation Seminar this morning at the Salk Institute, and things are beginning to "move" here in good ole District 5340 in regards to Katrina. Escondido Sunrise (with the help of Valley Center, etc.) has sent approximately 400 stuffed animals to one of the DG's involved in the relief efforts. Our thoughts being that children might like to cuddle something. Cash will follow". Ann Godwin Rotary Club of Valley Center, CA USA District 5340

## CENTENARY QUIZ

Take part in the District Conference Centenary Quiz, proceeds in aid of Rotary Charities.

## Communications Workshop Dates

**Western Area - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
November 2005 – 6.30 for 7.00pm –  
at Brinsbury College

**Eastern Area - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
November 2005 – 6.30 for 7.00pm –  
Lloyds Building, Ardingly

## Brains at the Top

A young executive was leaving the office at 6 pm when he found his boss, a Rotary President, standing in front of a shredder with a document in his hand, scratching his head in puzzlement. "Ah, Listen," said the boss, "I have just received this **Communiqué** thing from the communication team at District, my secretary has left it out for me. Can you make this thing work?" "Certainly," said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the document, and pressed the start button. "Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his document disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy to take to my club to read."

My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone.

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**District Web Site**  
Many of the clubs still had incorrect President and Secretary information on the District Web site when I scanned though last week. I have now updated these to save further embarrassment to our visitors.  
Please visit [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk) to check out the corrections and the rest of your club data or ask for help from.  
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**ROTARACT**  
The Redhill, Reigate and Horley Breakfast Club have taken the initiative and have a number of potential Rotaractors and are inviting other clubs to support them and offer names of interested youngsters (18/30 years). Meeting planned 19<sup>th</sup> October (not 18<sup>th</sup> previously advised) Contact IPP Ray Soanes 01737 240485 or Jack Bennett 01444 232310 for further details.

**Chichester Big Band Concert – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Trafalgar Day Concert at The Venue, Quarry Lane, Chichester. Tickets £18.00 incl. buffet cash bar. Tickets: 02392 631246 / 01243 785560

**RIBI Foundation Newsletter**  
now available on our web site  
[www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)

**Joint Foundation and International Seminar**  
Wednesday 26th October 2005.  
7pm to 9pm Ardingly Showground  
Should be something for ALL Rotarians.  
Partners, Friends & Guests would be welcome.  
Likely to be a charge of no more than £6 per head, to include coffee and sandwiches beforehand.  
Pay Bar should also be available.  
Full details and agenda to be sent out nearer the time.  
Please put it in your diary and let all in your Club know. If there is anything you would like to have included please let us know to see what we can do.  
**Peter O'Keefe** Foundation Chair

**PolioPlus Talking Points** September 9th 2005  
**Tremendous progress has been made toward current effort to end polio worldwide.**  
In the two decades since Rotary and its global partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent.  
1,255 cases were reported in 2004, compared to 350,000 cases in 125 countries in 1988.  
210 territories and areas are now polio-free, and 134 of these, which contain half the world's population, have been certified polio-free by independent commissions.  
India, Pakistan and Afghanistan could be polio-free by the end of 2005.  
Wild poliovirus type 2 has not been found circulating anywhere in the world since 1999. **Full report on 1250 Web site**

I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.



**WANTED ..£££..**  
**District Treasurer for 2006/7**  
**Apply for details to your area AG.**

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her out to some place expensive.....  
So I took her to a petrol station!!!!!!

Heard your wife left you, How upset you must be.  
But don't fret about it... She moved in with me.



## Global Vaccines Alliance

### Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland welcomes government funding for Global Vaccines Alliance

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland welcomes the announcement today by the Chancellor Rt Hon Gordon Brown that the UK will provide \$130 million a year for the new Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunisation, to help vaccinate millions of children against diseases such as polio, hepatitis B and tetanus in the world's poorest countries.

Rotary has to date raised \$600 million for vaccines, operational support and activities relating to immunization for the polio eradication programme. Rotary is a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which also includes the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Mike Webb President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland said "Great progress has been made. Just over 1,000 cases were reported in 2004, compared to 350,000 in 1988– a 99 percent reduction. We must all continue the fight for a polio-free world."

September 9th 2005 - **Full report on 1250 Web site**

## Rotary Mission Challenge Mercy Ships/District 1250 TEAM

**6 – 17 March 2006**

District Governor Ian Swales has formally agreed for District 1250 to send a Team of 15 Rotarian/Partners or Friends to be part of the Rotary Mission Challenge in support of Rotary Mission Challenge/Mercy Ship during the period of 6 to 17 March 2006

### What will the Team do in Sierra Leone::

The objective is to be part of the 8<sup>th</sup> Rotary Mission Challenge Team building an 80 bed hospital wing – to support the work of Mercy Ships on land. We are looking for volunteers who wish to actively undertake work on site as part of the "Service above Self" principle of this years Rotary Theme. Volunteers will work along side skilled local craftsmen.

**Who can join the Team :** Any Rotarian/Partner or a Friend of Rotary .

**How to join the Team:** Please contact the Team Leader Rotarian David Hodge (01883 347969) or International Chairman Neil Hills (01737 649900). Application form and further details on web site [www.rotary1250.org.uk](http://www.rotary1250.org.uk)



## Rotary District Jigsaw Challenge

We have a new large 48 piece 1800mm x 1200mm jigsaw puzzle depicting many Rotary Charities we support, which you may use at meetings for promotion and fund raising. It really is a good quality product which you may see and enjoy at **District Conference**. Come along and have a go in the **Jigsaw Challenge**. PRO Officer Doug Price has offered a large bottle of something for the winning entry. See you in House of Friendship.

## Youth Activities

A Youth Activities Seminar was held at Brinsbury College on Monday 5 September. There was an excellent turnout with 33 delegates representing half the clubs in District 1250.

The main areas of discussion were:-

**Youth Exchange:** Ellie Richardson, daughter of Rotarian Ray Richardson, gave an excellent talk about her experiences gained from her exchange visits to Italy and more recently her New Generations exchange to New Zealand. The main points to emerge were that it need not cost a sponsoring club any money and that Rotarians are not expected to host. Contact Ray on 01 243 543701 or Email

[richardsonray@hotmail.com](mailto:richardsonray@hotmail.com)

**RYLA:** David Spurrell is once again organising a leadership course to be held at Woodrow High House near Amersham from Sunday 9 April to Friday 14 April. To ensure your place on this popular event please contact David on 01 737 243789 or Email [davidspurrell@sweethaven.biz](mailto:davidspurrell@sweethaven.biz)

**Young Chef:** Giovanni Fontebasso, who has been running Young Chef Competitions for many years, is planning to run a District event in February, with the winners going on to the Regional finals and

perhaps even the RIBI finals, if we have sufficient Clubs running their own local competition. So please let Giovanni know your plans so that he may include you. Tel 01 483 274744 or Email [fontebasso@aol](mailto:fontebasso@aol).

**Youth Exchange:** Michael Hart is organising this year's competition and his plans are already well advanced. All clubs have been sent the rules, but if you have not received them contact him on 01 483 273935 or Email [hart.michael@teradyne.com](mailto:hart.michael@teradyne.com)

**Sports Aid:** Now that the organisational problems have been resolved, this is an excellent opportunity to sponsor a local promising sportsperson for as little as £250 and who knows, they might qualify for the London Olympics in 2012.

**Andrew Kolmar** Youth Activities Chairman 01 483 274547 [kolmar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kolmar@tiscali.co.uk)

**IS OUR CLUB HEALTHY?**  
Let's all guard against the following unhealthy symptoms: malnutrition due to lack of Rotary information, inspiration, and leadership; general debility due to lack of service projects; aging through loss of membership growth and vision; and disease from carelessness in classification, apathy towards attendance, and self above service.

## The last space filler ...

### RED SKELTON'S -TIPS FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere..... but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburettor. I asked where the car was; she told me "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the rubbish truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said "Dust".

# COM VOC SNIPPETS

## Need a club speaker?



John Hutchison is actively involved with the Jubilee Sailing Trust and he would be pleased to visit other Clubs and talk to them about the work of the JST. John is a member of the Rotary Club of Ashtead.

## Re-Action

The terrible atrocities that happened in London recently only strengthens the resolve of Rotarians to do all that they can to assist. Re-Action is a vehicle through which Clubs can make contact with their Local Authority so that the skills of Rotarians might be called upon in the case of an emergency. Please contact PDG Rotarian Malcolm Whittley, a member of the RIBI Community & Vocational Service Committee who will be pleased to assist in any way and to give advice.

## Awards

Please do not forget that the closing date for entries to be received by District for the RIBI Community Centennial Award and the RIBI Vocational Centennial Award is the 31st. December 2005. Entries for the Environmental Awards are dealt with separately.

## Air Ambulance Appeal

**Surrey Air Ambulance Appeal**  
saving time - saving life



Air Ambulance charities have a universal appeal because anybody might need them at any time. Irrespective of age, gender, religion, ethnicity or social class the public embrace these helicopters as the lifeboats of the 21st Century.

Can Rotary Help with these two worthwhile appeals? Find out more by visiting the House of Friendship Stand 16 at the Torquay Conference or call Howard Attree on 01273 583066 E-Mail [howardattree@netscape.net](mailto:howardattree@netscape.net) for more details.

## HOW TRUE IT IS...

Another year has passed  
and we're all a little older.  
Last summer felt hotter  
and winter seems much colder.

I rack my brain for happy thoughts,  
to put down on my pad,  
But lots of things that come to mind  
just make me kind of sad.

There was a time not long ago  
when life was quite a blast.  
Now I fully understand  
about "Living in the Past".

We used to go to friends homes,  
football games and lunches.  
Now we go to therapy, to hospitals,  
and after-funeral brunches.

We used to have hangovers,  
from parties that were happy.  
Now we suffer body aches  
and sleep the night away.

We used to go out dining,  
and couldn't get our fill.  
Now we ask for doggie bags,  
come home and take a pill.

We used to often travel  
to places near and far.  
Now we get backaches  
from riding in the car.

We used to go out shopping  
for new clothing at the Mall  
But, now we never bother...  
all the sizes are too small.

That, my friend is how life is,  
and now my tale is told.  
So, enjoy each day and live it up...  
Before you're too darn old!!

## Membership Services Committee

Has your club set your Membership Targets yet and worked out a plan to achieve them? i.e. net increase of one new member per club during the current year.

Tell us about your club successes.



Below is an update on the Shelter boxes for USA Katrina victims form Tonya Weger at RI for web site please 9 September 2005

## Thousands sheltered by Rotarian effort

Rotarians are diligently working to provide refugees with shelter from the storm, as they have been since Hurricane Katrina made landfall on 29 August. To date, their efforts have provided emergency accommodation for up to 24,000 survivors via 1,200 ShelterBoxes - containing tents and necessary equipment - delivered throughout the U.S. Gulf Coast.

"This is the first time [ShelterBoxes] are needed in the U.S. since there's standing water in a whole city," said Jerry Hearn, a past district governor of District 6960 and active member of Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, where ShelterBox is an ongoing community service project. Hearn's district was hit hard by Hurricane Charlie in 2004. "But it was nothing to this scale, we could stay in our homes," he said.

Due to the mass homelessness caused by Katrina, boxes were altered to accommodate two tents that house 10 people each. "We omitted 10 sleeping bags because the Salvation Army had enough cots for everyone," Hearn said.

The distribution of ShelterBoxes is one of the main Rotarian relief efforts for Katrina at this time, and it's being coordinated throughout the entire United States. Rotarians are working closely with agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. "We continue to let them know what we have," Hearn explained. "We don't just drop [the boxes] off."

Whether it's identifying campgrounds or other suitable places to set up tents or teaching the community how to best construct their ShelterBox Villages, Rotarians are on the ground and making a difference.

"I do believe we're getting a handle on the areas that were affected," said RI Director Bob Stuart, an active member

of the Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois. "We are trying to reach all evacuees."

According to Past District Governor and active member of the Rotary Club of Lafayette South, Louisiana, Frank Bradshaw, 200 ShelterBoxes were taken to Katrina's ground zero in Gulfport, Mississippi. Lafayette and Lake Charles, Louisiana, were other early ShelterBox recipients.

The Houston Astrodome received 200 boxes, which were later distributed to areas such as Jackson, Mississippi, where there was a greater need for additional shelter. Atlanta, Georgia, is slated to receive 400 units for its evacuees. And Rotarians are working to get determine how to get more ShelterBoxes to areas that remain destitute.

"Today it's the Delta south of New Orleans - there is very much need there," Hearn said. "In their recovery effort, they're where New Orleans was last week. The media was concentrating on New Orleans and no one heard anything about these areas."

The ShelterBox project began in England but has since spread to Australia, Canada, and the U.S. The Rotarian-sponsored groups ships units globally to areas in need

## POLIO....

President Mike Webb has reacted to Chancellor Gordon Brown's announcement that the UK Government will provide \$130 million a year for the new Global Alliance for Immunisation, to help vaccinate millions of children against diseases such as POLIO and Hepatitis B in the world's poorest countries.

Rotarians across the board have been incensed by this announcement and its apparent disregard of Rotary's contribution to the Eradication of Polio.

Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I will show you a man who can't get his pants off.

Just because I'm moody doesn't mean you're not irritating.

## D1250 International Committee

### Mercy Ships

Please see the details of the proposed trip to Sierra Leone, March 2006. This looks to be a fantastic chance to live up to the Service Above Self motto.

### Communication

We have most e mail contacts for the Clubs International Chairman but it would be really good if each of you could send me a brief e-mail to confirm your details and fill up my address book! I would be nice to hear what is going on in your Clubs. If you can copy the info (hopefully not too technical) to those in the District International Team responsible for your patch that would be useful.

Neil Hills, Chairman [neil.hills@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:neil.hills@tiscali.co.uk)

## Seaford Martello...

In September Seaford Martello Rotary Club bade a fond farewell to Rotary Ambassadorial Student Yasuko Koreyuki from Takizawa, Japan. Yasuko, a graduate of Iwate Prefectural University has been studying Migration Studies at Sussex University for the last year. During that time has become a frequent and very popular visitor to the club. She has returned to Japan for now but we do hope that she will be able to visit us again one day.



On 12th September Seaford Martello Rotary Club were treated to a fascinating talk from Carly Young who has recently returned from a Rotary sponsored goodwill trip to Serbia and Montenegro. Carly, 18, daughter of Rotarian Linda Young described the fellowship and hospitality she received from Local Rotarian families and the various cultural visits and activities that were arranged. Whilst there Carly made friends with a number of other Rotary sponsored young people from across Europe.



(Photo of Carly receiving a Commemorative Certificate from Seaford Martello Rotary President Bryan Turner.)



*In your own time or driving me quackers*



*Patience is a virtue or Cats glorious Cats*

**News Item** – the GSE team visited several Rotary clubs in District 1250 earlier this week and gave a pre- conference presentation to Chichester Priory on Wednesday evening...



GSE team pictured here with Chichester Priory President Michael Clark.