



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1 April 2025

Dear Fellowship members,

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to join our Quarterly Meeting as I am currently on business travel in San Francisco.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to the entire council and to our meeting Chair, Gillian, for leading the session in my absence. Your dedication and leadership are greatly appreciated.

While I am away, I still wanted to take a moment to share some encouraging figures after these nine months of presidency.

- Welcomed 22 new members to the organization.
- Formed 2 youth-sponsored clubs: Rotaract Club of UCL and Interact Club of Tiffan Girls.
- Continued growth of three signature initiatives: Seagrass, Tech for Good, and RCL Fetes.
- Accumulated over 500 volunteer hours and raised over GBP 19K
- Hosted 7 evening meetings with an average of 50 guests and members joining each.



Looking forward to catching up with everyone soon, and I appreciate all your hard work in keeping things moving forward.

Best Regards,
Candy Liu
President of Rotary Club of London
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Here is the link to 54 photos taken during our lunch meeting on Monday 31 March 2025.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/jLTRpd8pmYkTtQLEA>

Next Evening Event: Monday 7 April 2025

at the House of Lords

**Celebrating IPP Doug Wills as President of our
Club 2023-2024
(Event Soldout)**

**Next big event:
International Gala Dinner**

Saturday, 26th April 2025, 6pm to 10pm

Royal College of Surgeons of England

Dear Esteemed Rotarians,

I am delighted to announce that our much-anticipated **International Gala Dinner** is now less than a month away! Taking place at the prestigious **Royal College of Surgeons** on **Saturday, 26 April 2025**, this highlight of our Club's calendar is a vital fundraiser for our international service projects.

Thanks to your incredible support, our previous Gala Dinner at the Royal Over-Seas League was a resounding success. This year, I warmly invite you to join us again with the same enthusiasm and generosity to create yet another unforgettable evening for an extraordinary cause.

This year, we are honoured to support the **David Nott Foundation**, a UK charity dedicated to providing specialist training to medical professionals working in countries impacted by conflict and catastrophe. Driven by a vision of a world where safe, skilled surgical care is available to all, the Foundation has achieved astounding milestones since its inception in 2015: training **2,158 doctors**, delivering **68 courses**, and reaching **17 countries**. Their inspiring work embodies Rotary's guiding principle of "**Service Above Self**", equipping doctors to save lives under the toughest conditions.

Together, let us champion this outstanding cause and make our Gala Dinner a glowing testament to the collective strength, compassion, and unity of our Club. I eagerly look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a truly unforgettable evening.

Please use this link to book: <https://buytickets.at/rotarycluboflondon1/1565468>

Or email RCLinternationalcommittee@gmail.com

Registration closes on Friday, 11 April 2025.

Alternatively you can pay by Cheque, Card, or Cash at Club meeting every Monday or by Bank Transfer to the Club's bank account:

The Reliance Bank

Account No. 00152687

Sort Code: 60-01-73,

Reference: [Your Name_GALA]

Warm regards,

Bella Evidente
International Service Chair



You are cordially invited to the
INTERNATIONAL GALA DINNER

The Forgotten Crises

Healing in Hostile Environments:
Enhancing Surgical Capacity in War-Torn Regions

DATE & TIME: Saturday, 26th April 2025, 6:00 -10:00pm

VENUE: The Royal College of Surgeons of England,
38-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE

DRESS CODE: Black-tie attire with a touch of white,
blue, or green accessories for both ladies and gentlemen

PROGRAMME: Welcome Reception with drink,
Three-course meal, Messages of healing and impact
by the David Nott Foundation, Live music, Auction,
Raffle, 'Infotainment', and Dance party

TICKET PRICES:

Early bird discount (if purchased by 15th February 2025): £125 per person

A table of 10: £1,200

Standard ticket price: £135 per person

Scan to Register



Registration and payment <https://buytickets.at/rotarycluboflondon1/1565468>
and email: RCLinternationalcommittee@gmail.com

RSVP by 11th April 2025 (Friday)

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for medical professionals working in countries impacted by
conflict and catastrophe. They strive for a world where safe,
skilled surgical care is available to all.

**Social Evening at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, SW1Y
5HS**

Thursday 1 May 2025 6.00pm till 8.30pm



Join fellow Rotarians for a couple of hours fellowship and conversation in the Long Bar at the prestigious RAC, Pall Mall. Initial drinks and sandwiches provided, with the opportunity to buy additional items.

Kindly hosted by Rotarian Tim Mac Andrews. Organized by Rotarian Stuart Castledine, to whom any enquiries should be directed.

(s_castledine@btinternet.com 077 689 77 875)

Arrival from 6.00pm, departure around 8.30pm. £25 per person. Booking essential, preferable before Friday 25th April 2025, to enable appropriate meeting sized area to be reserved and sufficient food to be ordered.

Click this link to reserve your space:

[Buy tickets – The Long Bar at The Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall. – Long Bar RAC Pall Mall](#)

**Leonardo Weekend
16 to 18 May 2025 in Athens Greece**

If you may be interested in attending please contact Vice President Gillian Balcombe Gillianfbalcombe@gmail.com

There is a basic cost of £295 per person plus
Guided tour and lunch Saturday £60
Sunday brunch £45

  **The Rotary Club of London Golf Charity Day is back
on 27 May 2025**  



The Rotary Club of London Golf Charity Day 2025

To all **expert players, social beginners and supporters,**



Every year we raise thousands for children's charities through the Golf Day event, we hope this year will be no exception!

We're thrilled to announce our Golf Day fundraiser at the prestigious **Muswell Hill Golf Club** on **Tuesday, 27th May**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a day of golf, delicious food, and camaraderie, all while supporting **Lifeline4kids** which do amazing work in supporting severely handicapped and terminally ill children, and in these hard economic times are in greater need than ever for our support.

Here is a link to the Club website: <https://www.muswellhillgolfclub.co.uk/>

This year we have **three packages** for you to choose

Package 1 - For the Avid Golfers (£75 per person)

- Teeing off at c12.30
- 18 holes of golf, and a delicious 2-course dinner (drinks excluded).

Package 2 – Putting competition (£40 per person)

- Putting at 5pm – 6pm
- Putting competition included a glass of prosecco (or non-alcoholic drink)
- Plus, a delicious 2-course dinner (drinks excluded).

Package 3 – Dinner only (£25 per person)

a delicious 2-course dinner (drinks excluded)



Highlights:

- Support a worthy cause.
- Beautiful setting at Muswell Hill Golf Club.
- Opportunities for both competitive and social golf.
- Delicious 2-course dinner.
- Fantastic chance to connect with fellow RCL members.

We encourage all members to participate, whether you're a seasoned golfer or a complete beginner. This event is about enjoying the sport, building

connections, and supporting our community.

How to Book: Please email to: Diana Olar (Diana.a.Olar@gmail.com)

For payments, please transfer to Rotary Club of London:

Account Number: 00152687, Sort Code: 60-01-73 (put your name+Golf)

book here : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rotarycluboflondon1/1648223>

Members News

Seeing support for Bakhita House in action

Caritas Bakhita House is a safe house for women who have been trafficked, enslaved or exploited.



Bakhita House which supports women who have been victims of human trafficking kindly invited representatives of the Rotary Club of London to hear first-hand about their work.

Last weekend the head of Bakhita House Karen Anstiss welcomed the RCL members to the home to hear about the support and compassion they have given to women since it opened 10 years ago.

This coming Monday's IPP Dinner at the House of Lords will be in aid of Bakhita House. Look out for details of the auction that will raise funds for the support of the victims of trafficking.

Pictured are, from left, RCL Communication Chair Elisabeth Reyes, Marley the house cat, Karen Anstiss, IPP Doug Wills, RCL President Elect Anahita Harris and RCL Vice President Elect Judith Diment.

Doug goes Stateside to talk strategy



Doug is pictured with the team of global representatives and shaking hands with RI President Elect Mario

IPP Doug Wills writes:

I was fortunate to last week be part of a seminar at the Rotary International HQ in Evanston, just outside Chicago. I was one of 12 Rotary Representatives from throughout the world invited to take part in a Global Support Seminar.

We heard thoughts and hopes from the most senior figures in Rotary about inspirational work from the end polio now campaign to the importance of maintaining membership.

It will not surprise you to know that I asked a few difficult questions in our fact-finding and thought-provoking sessions on the future. You will be delighted to hear that the message that came over strongest from all those who took part - from the next RI President Mario of Brazil to Sammy a fellow representative from Adis Ababa - was the need to support Rotary Clubs.

As Amy from Philadelphia who was as inspired as me by the seminar wrote on returning to her Club: "Rotary is more than an organisation; it's a movement of people taking action to create lasting change. I'm beyond grateful to be part of it." I couldn't have said it better.

Thank you note from Crimestoppers



Extract from the Thank You message received from Steve Mann, Director of Finance, Crimestoppers.

"Thank you for the generous donation of £150, which I passed to our Regional Manager for London, Alexa Loukas. The timing could not have been better as Alexa had been looking for funding to enable her to produce a flyer to be used by the Metropolitan Police to promote the Most Wanted pages on our website. Most Wanted allows the Police to post pictures of the villains they are keen to apprehend, something we can all support. Attached is an example of what has been produced"

Forthcoming Club Meetings and Events

Monday 7 April 2025: Evening IPP event at The House of Lords (Sold out)

Monday 14 April 2025: Lunch meeting - Rupert Douglas- Bate. Water Project in Ethiopia - Map Aid

Monday 21 April 2025: Easter Monday - NO MEETING

Saturday 26 April 2025: RCL International Gala Dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Monday 28 April 2025: Lunch meeting

More events here : <https://rotary-london.org/events/>



WELL-BEING UPDATE

If you or another member are feeling unwell, recovering, or have any other updates to share such as Anniversary or Birthday, please get in touch with **our Almoner, Past President Vasi**. You can reach Vasi via phone or WhatsApp at 07940 312930, or by email at vasidaniel41@gmail.com.



Your Feedback Matters!

We hope you enjoyed this week's bulletin. We'd love to hear from you! Whether it's your news, ideas, or updates, your contributions help us make this bulletin truly reflect our vibrant community. Share your stories, insights, or feedback directly with us at elisabeth07816@gmail.com.

Elisabeth Reyes
RCL PI and Communication Chair

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