

Rotary
Club of London



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2 July 2025

A New Chapter Begins

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

With great excitement and pride, we welcome our new President, **Anahita Harris**, along with her dedicated officers and committee chairs, as they embark on an inspiring journey for the next 12 months. Guided by Rotary International's new message, **"Unite for Good,"** they will carry our club's spirit forward – uniting ideas, talents, and hearts to serve our community and the world beyond.

As we step into this new Rotary year, let us stand alongside Anahita and her team, ready to support, encourage, and lift each other up. May this year be filled with fresh ideas, meaningful connections, and the joy that comes from making a difference – together, let's **Unite for Good**.

Congratulations, Anahita and her team – here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Warmly,
Elisabeth Reyes
Newsletter Editor





Message from our New President Anahita Harris:

Fellow Rotarians, Dear Friends and Cherished Guests,

Thank you to everyone who attended my first Rotary meeting as President of the Rotary Club of London on Monday 30 June 2025 and supported this special occasion. To those who could not be with us but were in our thoughts and hearts, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support and good wishes.

Your friendship, warmth, and kindness made this day truly memorable, one that I will always treasure.

Special thanks to PP Dr. Vasi Hollinghurst-Daniel for her kind, gracious words and unwavering support.

To the outgoing team, we extend our gratitude and wish you all the best.

To the incoming team, thank you and congratulations on your appointments.

I am delighted to have your support and dedication, and look forward to a successful year ahead.

With heartfelt thanks and love,

Anahita Harris

President

Rotary Club of London

Please [click here](#) to read Dr. Vasi Hollinghurst - Daniel's Speech introducing President Anahita Harris.

[Here](#) is the link to the photos of our Handover Lunch on Monday 30 June taken by PP Hiko.

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[More photos here](#)

Next Lunch Meeting: Monday 7 July 2025

Arrival time 12.15pm
Meeting starts 12.40pm

at The Chesterfield Hotel, 35 Charles Street, Mayfair, London, W1J 5EB

Our Speakers will be Adrian Faiers District Governor 2026 and Harriette Florence Verwey Officer of the Order of Orange-Nassau

**We are delighted to welcome two inspiring guests to our lunch meeting
this Monday:**



Adrian Faiers, our District Governor for 2025-2026, is an experienced IT Consultant and long-time Rotarian. A dedicated member of the Dulwich, Peckham & Crystal Palace club since 2002, Adrian has served in many key roles, including Club President and various District and Rotary GB&I committees. Adrian's commitment to Rotary and his leadership experience will inspire us as we look ahead to the year to come.



Harriette Florence Verwey, our special guest from the Rotary Club of Leiden-AM in the Netherlands, is an accomplished cardiologist and medical pioneer. Born in Suriname, Harriette built her career in the Netherlands, where her groundbreaking work in heart failure treatment has gained international recognition – earning her the title Officer of the Order of Orange-Nassau. We are honoured to hear her story and insights.

Join us for what promises to be an inspiring meeting!

Please book in the usual way with Tom Swainland today (tomswainland @ icloud. com)

Price £31.50 (to pay on the day)

Chesterfield Hotel, 35 Charles St, London W1J 5EB

IMPORTANT NOTICE : MEAL CHARGES : "Missed bookings" at our regular Monday meetings results in RCL receiving a £20 charge from the Chesterfield Hotel.

>> We ask all members for their cooperation. If you book your place and you are not attending, you will be asked to pay £20 to RCL.

 **Thursday 18th September 2025** 
BOOK YOUR SOCIAL EVENING NOW
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Join fellow Rotarians for a couple of hours social activity with the opportunity to throw darts at Flight Club Victoria.

The location is less than five minutes walk from Victoria underground, mainline and bus stations.

See their website for full detail of the club flightclubdarts.com/location-victoria. £15 per person to cover the cost of playing darts from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Drinks and food to be purchased individually on the night.

Book here via the Club's Ticket Tailor site [Buy tickets – Darts at Flight Club Victoria – Flight Club Victoria](#)

Forthcoming Club Meetings and Events

Monday 7 July: Lunch Meeting - Adrian Faiers District Governor 20226

Monday 14 July: Lunch Meeting - Anna Oggero - Projekt Europa

Monday 21 July: Evening Meeting - Global Scholars

Monday 28 July: Lunch Meeting - Helen Fry - Women in Intelligence

No Meeting in August

Back on Monday 1st of September 2025

 **SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY**

September 18, 2025 - Darts Social Evening

September 22, 2025 - International Peace Day

October 25 & 26, 2025 - Eastbourne District Conference

November 24, 2025 - International Men's Day

December 15, 2025 - Christmas Lunch

January 26, 2026 - Burns Supper

March 9, 2026 - International Women's Day

May 15 - 17, 2026 - Leonardo Da Vinci Awards, Florence

June 29, 2026 - Glass Boot Day

July 6, 2026 - Handover - New President

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

MEMBERS' NEWS



President Anahita and PP Clive Amos had lunch with Gerwin Witlox, RA RC MSc, Financial Director, and fellow Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Loon Op Zand in the Netherlands.



Their Club has 25 members and has raised over € 50,000 for charity during a single event.

They sailed to London along with four other friends and brought gifts with them. They brought Dutch Cheese 🧀



Our member, Shonak Reshamwala, attended the Rotary Club of Dubai Cosmopolitan AGM meeting.

Message from President Anahita Harris:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of London, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to PP David Johnson, who has now resigned from the Club.

We sincerely thank him and Mary for their dedicated service and many contributions over the years, and we wish both of them every success and happiness in the future.

Yours in Rotary,

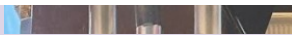
Anahita Harris

President Rotary Club of London



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.

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