



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 25 June 2025

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,

It has been an incredible honor to receive the IPP Glass Boot from PP Doug Will, marking the completion of my term as President of the Rotary Club of London. I was truly grateful for the opportunity to share my 2024–25 Club Year Report at our recent two meetings.



Thank you to every council member and club member for your unwavering support throughout this remarkable year. As a full-time executive at Microsoft and a mother of two, this journey has certainly been challenging – but it has also been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

Despite the busy schedule, I remained committed to the goals we set at the beginning of the year. Together, we achieved so much. Some of the highlights include:

1. **Seamless collaboration and inspiration with both Rotaract Clubs,** strengthening our intergenerational bond and joint impact.



2. **Tech For Good** – from a small pilot to a £35K+ impact project, we empowered 10 charities and brought together over 400 hours of skilled volunteering across 8 Rotary and Rotaract clubs.



3. **RCL Festival at Victoria Embankment Gardens** – from an idea to reality, attracting over 250 children and 500 attendees. The energy and spirit that day were unforgettable. I still remember Stephanie and I could barely move at the end, but we knew we had created something truly special. We continue received positive feedback and enquiries after the event. Here is the [video](#) to recap the day (Thanks member Lon Lee to make this)

As we reflect, let us never forget our Rotary motto: *"Service Above Self."*

It is my sincere honor to present this year's **Paul Harris Fellow Awards** to **Diana Olar** and **Stéphanie Tumba** for their exceptional leadership and commitment in driving our action projects forward.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to take on a new leadership role as **Chairlady of Rise (London Tech Ladies)**, serving 5,000 members and continuing my passion for empowering women in tech. Even so, my heart will always remain with our Club, and I will continue to support and cheer on the next chapter of our journey.

To celebrate our collective achievements, I've prepared a [short video](#) for you all – I hope it brings a smile and reminds you how far we've come.

Lastly, I'd love to share a few heartfelt [testimonials link](#) from our Tech For Good beneficiaries – a reminder of the real lives touched by our service.

With deep gratitude and warmest wishes,
Candy Liu
President 2024-25,
Rotary Club of London

Next Lunch Meeting: Monday 30 June 2025

Arrival time 12.15pm
Meeting starts 12.40pm

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

**New president induction
DO COME ALONG**

We will welcome our new RCL President Anahita Harris





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 30 June: Lunch Meeting - New president induction

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

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

MEMBERS' NEWS

In Memoriam: Sir David Garrard

We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of Sir David Garrard on Saturday, 21st June 2025.

A distinguished member of the Rotary Club of London, Sir David was inducted in 2005 and was later honoured with an Honorary Membership. He was a passionate supporter of Rotary and gave generously to numerous causes. Notably, in recent years, he matched donations, doubling the funds raised at our charity Golf Days in support of Lifeline 4 Kids and Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

Sir David's enduring support for our Club and his dedication to service will be fondly remembered, and his absence will be profoundly felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Message from Judith Diment:

International PolioPlus Committee Meeting – Calgary

This Tuesday and Wednesday, I had the opportunity to attend the International PolioPlus Committee meeting in Calgary. It was an inspiring and productive gathering focused on our ongoing commitment to eradicating polio worldwide.



Our RCL member, Shonak Reshamwala, attended the AGM meeting of the Rotary Club of Genève International on June 19, 2025, at the Intercontinental Geneva Hotel.



Member David Kendal enjoying a nice evening with the President of Antibes and fellow Rotarians .



President-elect Anahita Harris attended the handover ceremony of our sponsored Rotaract Club of London to celebrate the outstanding terms of co-presidents Liam Ison and Mark



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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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RCL PI and Communication Chair

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