

## ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARYLEBONE

# THE BULLETIN

19 March 2011

*"May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you  
In the palm of his hand."*

Old Irish Blessing

**Meeting 17 March 2011**

(Reported by John Bash, your Editor)



### 1. St Patrick's Day

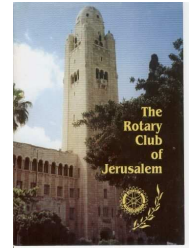
President Paul opened with the Rotary Grace, and wished everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day. Irish Whiskey, wine and Baileys were generously provided by Lorraine Dance, Kevin Coyne and President Paul. There was Irish music and a little dancing. The lunch was an alleged Irish Stew, but it omitted the two most important ingredients - lamb and potatoes. Perhaps the leprechauns changed it!!



### 2. Guests

Peter Schweiger, who had visited the Blarney Stone in 1965, which may account for the peculiar 'song' he sang to Fellows, introduced Rotarians John Crerar from Troon, and David Seligman from Jerusalem who exchanged banners with President Paul. Peter also introduced Suzanne Agar from St Marylebone School who had been involved with the Young Chef Competition, who told us how much her girls had got out of the competition. Her father is a Rotarian in Australia and she presented President Paul with a banner. (These banners can be seen on the Club's web-site as suggested by Peggy.)

David Seligman spoke about his club which was founded in 1929, an off shoot of the Cairo RC. They had a beautiful bronze bell with all the presidents' names inscribed. Their projects were all inclusive of all parts of the population; for example they had just raised money for a school for the deaf – both Jewish and Arab. He mentioned the Neve Shalom-Wahat al-Salam (Jewish-Palestinian village project), which the Club will be considering. His Club had 43 members, Arab, Jewish and Christian, with about one third women – who did most of the work! There were some 60 RCs in Israel.



Bettie Politi mentioned that she had visited the Jerusalem RC in the past.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Shyam Chatrath, Daniel McBrearty and Aftab Noorani.

### 4. Welfare

David Leuw had nothing specific to report, but welcomed Gerald back to the Club.

### 5. Youth Makes Music



Fellows reported on the excellent evening of Youth Makes Music final on Monday 14 March at the Royal Festival Hall, where the standard of music was very high. Mike Stonham is closely involved in the organisation of the competition and helped to reduce the original 69 contestants to the 17 who took part in the Final.



### 9. Quiz Night



Our brilliant quiz team of Keith Stuart-Smith, Neville Brick and Robert Rosenthal crushed Canary Wharf RC in the fourth round of the contest on 16 March at ISH. They were well supported by Members of our Club. As ever the food and drink was excellent. The next round may involve a move from ISH. We will keep you informed.

### 10. Shelter Boxes

Keith Stuart-Smith spoke about the importance of Shelter Boxes in the light of the disaster in Japan. The last time he looked on-line ours had not been dispatched, but he thought that by now the best way we could help and we should try to provide another one today.

David Seligman suggested that sometimes in a disaster it might be better to hold back for a few weeks and then provide help – this could be more sustainable.

### 13. Sergeant At Arms

Kevin Coyne suggested that we dig deep today towards another Shelter Box. At ISH he has Japanese students who shed tears about their country. Libyan and Bahraini student were also very concerned.



### 14. Fund Raising

Robert Ghazi referred to the success of the Calendar Girls in selling their calendars, and suggested that “we can do it”. Robert did not tell us which for month his photo would be!

#### **REMINDERS**

#### **THE ALMS-HOUSES PROJECT**

The opening of the refurbished top floor of the Christian Union Alms-Houses in Crawford Place, where the Club has raised some £12,000 for furnishings, will take place on 10 May, 6.30 to 8.30. The Lord Mayor of Westminster will unveil a plaque. There will be a reception with drinks and canapés. The price is £5.00 a ticket. Margaret will have tickets available at our next meeting and will be on sale until 27 April.

#### **GUESTS AT CLUB LUNCHES**

The Club Council has decided that from now on there will be no promotional lunches (paid by the Club) for prospective new members.

#### **END POLIO NOW - CROCUS - GREETING CARDS**

Fellows are reminded that the Club has printed 2,000 packs of greeting cards in aid of the End Polio Now Campaign. We need to sell them to recoup the costs and to provide urgently needed funds for the Campaign. Everyone should take at least five packs for themselves or to sell to friends. Contact Margaret Pollock for your supply.

#### **MARYLEBONE FAYRE**

The Marylebone Fayre will be held on Sunday 19 June. The Club will have a stand, by courtesy of Peter Schweiger, outside James Taylor and Sons, 4 Paddington Street. Juggling may take place!

#### **THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER**

Fellows are reminded that the President's Dinner will be on 1 June at the Churchill Hotel – 7.00 for 7.30. Tickets are £45 each and are available from Margaret Pollock from next Thursday's meeting. The last date for booking is 8 May.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

31 March – Sophie Dent  
7 April - Simon Whitehouse

A new perspective on addiction  
Royal Opera House

## IMPORTANT DATES

7 May - District Assembly  
10 May - Alms-Houses Opening Event  
1 June – President’s Dinner  
19 June – Marylebone Summer Fayre  
13 June – Paul Harris Dinner  
21 July - Visit by DG  
21-23 October – District Weekend Away in Eastbourne

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