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Rotaract Newswire

Update from the Chairman...

Hi and welcome to Decembers RGBI Newswire

In this edition you will read about Derby Rotaract's RedWelly Day, an update from EUCO (including an amazing special deal!!) and all the information you need to enjoy the Rotaract Pre-Convention in Los Angeles in June 2008.

I've been to a couple of events during December. Firstly congratulations must go to Glasgow Rotaract for their Charity Concert - Kevin Montgomery was the performer and £1528.52 was raised for the excellent Teenage Cancer Trust!



I also attended the much anticipated Twisted Reindeer Racing in Leatherhead and what a really good nights entertainment that was. We didn't have real Reindeers but our jockeys all did fantastically well with the tools they were given (namely string, a wooden stick and a toy Reindeer!)



I look forwards to seeing you all in 2008.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all

Yours in Rotaract
Paul



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RGBI Council Meeting Dates:

- ◆ 10th February 2008 - Camberley
- ◆ May 2008 - venue TBC

Use the resources available to you, visit the RGBI website for ideas on club projects, how to increase your membership, upcoming events and news items.

www.rotaract.org.uk

Crazy Gold Package Sale

Things have gone a bit crazy here at EUCO headquarters (my spare room!) and we've decided to give Rotaractors in GB&I a unique opportunity to get your hands on the remaining 7 Gold Package places at EUCO 2008.



The Gold Package includes:

- 2 nights accommodation (inc. bed, breakfast & dinner - Friday 2nd May & Saturday 3rd May)
- Secret Agents Party on Friday night
- Gala Ball on Saturday night - celebrating 40 years of Rotaract
- Picnic in the Park on Sunday
- All conference sessions on Friday
- Personal development games
- Some sight-seeing activities

The cost for this amazing package is just £86 - a real bargain!

These places are not available on general sale. So how do you get your hands in these much sort-after packages? Simple... the first 7 people to email me (lisa.burnett@euco2008.com) will get the reserved places. If you're lucky to be one of the 7 I'll then tell you how to proceed.

If you can't make the whole of EUCO why not pick the best bits, there are single day packages available or just come to the Gala Ball - for more information on EUCO 2008 please visit the website www.euco2008.com



EUCO 2008 - Pants?

Yes pants, teddies, Including your Visit the EUCO shop bags and brollies. The traditional T-shirt, this on the website to selection of EUCO year not only can you order all your EUCO products that you can be in the height of merchandise now and buy, **in advance**, for fashion but you can be be the envy of the the conference is dressed for the occa- delegates who miss great. sion on arrival. out!



Derby Rotaract & RedWelly Day



When local not-for-profit organisation RedWelly contacted Derby Rotaract, asking if we would be prepared to be the manpower behind a garden make-over, little did the Rotaractors envisage a very wet, wintry November day to carry out their task. Nevertheless, all the Rotaract members present enjoyed the day and felt that they had really achieved something by the end of it.

RedWelly is an organisation that concentrates on outside areas for deprived people and groups in the Derby area. If it is decided that an outdoor area will make a significant improvement to the quality of life to the person or group involved, they take in a group of people to perform a garden makeover. Normally they take groups from companies like Rolls Royce or PwC, who send their employees for a day's team building exercise. On this occasion, they asked Derby Rotaract not to fund the event, but to provide the elbow grease.

We spent the day with Mr. Walsh, who is registered blind, and his wife. We took up the existing paving slabs, which were very uneven and potentially dangerous for Mr. Walsh to walk on and set about laying new slabs, a lawn and fitting in a water feature.

Sadly at about 3.30pm, the rain got the better of us and we had to admit defeat. Given the circumstances, we did a pretty good job and all had a great time. Coupled with this, mentions on local BBC Radio and a photographer from the Derby Telegraph secured some much needed press coverage for both Rotaract and RedWelly.

For further details about RedWelly, visit www.redwelly.org. For more photos of the day, see our website at www.derbyrotaract.org.uk.



The LA 2008 Rotaract Pre-Convention is an opportunity for us to dazzle you with all that Los Angeles has to offer. Our Rotaract Host Organizing Committee is poised to bring you an unforgettable mix of service and star-studded events. From a service project in the Hollywood Hills to hip nightly social events, you can revel in the Los Angeles scene while leaving our city even better than when you first arrived. We'll also ring in Rotaract's 40th Anniversary with a very special Luncheon. We feel privileged to host the world in our beautiful city. As we prepare for 2008, we look back to 1905 and 1968 when it all began. We are reminded of our pledge to service and integrity as Rotaractors. Our team is eager to continue the mighty Rotary journey with you in Los Angeles.

Events:

We are happy to announce the launch of Rotaract Host Organizing Committee's website, www.rotaract2008.com. This website can be your view to the star-studded events planned for Rotaractors by Rotaractors in District 5280. We have dedicated our efforts to bring you the following events:

- STAR SEARCH Welcome Night Rotaract Mixer, Thursday 12 June 2008
- STAR STRUCK Hollywood Rooftop Clubbing, Friday 13 June 2008
- UNDER THE STARS Boat Party aboard the Queen Mary, Saturday 14 June 2008
- BE A STAR Sony Studios Tour, Monday 16 June 2008
- A STAR IS BORN Rotaract 40th Anniversary Luncheon Featuring Special Guest RI President Wilf Wilkinson, Tuesday 17 June 2008



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An Opportunity to...



Have Your Say...

If you have any articles or stories that you think other clubs may be interested in please send them to Martin Coates, RGBI Newswire Editor (editor@rotaract.org.uk) for the January Edition.

*Please send your articles and photos to me no later than
15th JANUARY*

Upcoming Events

Fri 11 Jan - Sun 13 Jan [Rotaract Europe Winter Meeting - Thessaloniki.](#)
Saturday 09 February [Winter Wonderland Ball](#)
Sunday 10 February [RGBI Council meeting](#)
Tuesday 15 April [Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Experience](#)
Saturday 26 April [Torcher Parade](#)

***Wednesday 30th April - Sunday 4th May: EUCO 2008
including the RGBI Annual Conference***

RGBI 2007/08 Exec

Feel free to contact any member of the RGBI 2007/08 Exec team if you have any questions, concerns or ideas that can help to keep Rotaract on the move...

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