

Foundation News



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The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's charitable organization.

The motto of the Rotary Foundation is:

"Doing Good in the World"

Over the past two decades Rotarians have increasingly relied on the Rotary Foundation to help them address humanitarian, educational and cultural needs locally and abroad.

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Australian David Stevenson (top left) and his wife, Asa Jupoa Stevenson (top right), cofounders of the Akha Training Centre in Mae Suai, Thailand, with some of the Akha hill tribe children they have helped. In 2005, the facility housed 300 children from 27 Akha villages. It is located in northern Thailand's "Golden Triangle," where drug trafficking and civil unrest along the Laos-Myanmar border have caused many hill tribes to flee into Thailand. They speak their own languages, and almost half lack citizenship and are unable to own land, vote, or seek legal employment. The Akha Training Centre teaches Akha children English and Thai, which allows them to be educated at Thai schools, making them less vulnerable in mainstream society. Rotarians from Australia, Canada, Singapore, Thailand, and the United States have volunteered and provided donations, and The

Rotary Foundation has supported the project with a Matching Grant. (Photo and text - from Rotary Images)

Embrace Our Rotary Foundation To Create a Better World

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International and is supported solely by volunteer contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation. Through Foundation grants, Rotarians are able to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Thank you to the club Foundation Chairs, 2010-11 for their efforts in promoting and encouraging their clubs to continue to support the Foundation's programs both financially and hands on over the last 12 months.

We did have an outstanding year not only with the funds raised to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation, but it was so gratifying to see the family of Rotary embracing the many aspects of the Foundation's Humanitarian, Educational and Cultural programs, which make such a positive contribution to the lives of others living in local and overseas communities.

I see many of the 2010-11 Club Foundation Chairs are continuing in that role in our second year of the Future Vision, the pilot program of the Foundation. We do have however quite a number of new Foundation Chairs for the 2011-12 Rotary year; thank you for accepting this most important Director's role in your club.

If you are new to your role as Club Foundation Chair you may still be on a learning curve trying to find out the changes your club will encounter under The Future Vision program.

District 9800, our District is a pilot District in the Future Vision program. We are one out of 100 Districts to be selected to evaluate the changes to the Foundation over the period 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2013. In the Rotary world there are currently 531 Districts, after 1st July 2013 the 431 non pilot districts will adopt the terms and conditions currently being evaluated by the 100 pilot districts.

Any Rotary Foundation program can only be successful if it is embraced and actively supported by Rotary club members. It is unrealistic to expect Rotarians



Isabel de Bosch, a member of the Rotary Club of Ciudad de Guatemala, was the first woman to become a Rotarian in Guatemala City, Guatemala. She founded Fundaninas, a facility that houses, feeds, and educates abused and abandoned girls ages 2-18. Rotary Foundation Matching Grants in 1991 and 1997 helped fund bunk beds, sheets, and pillows, and outfit the kitchen and bathrooms. Now a Matching Grant project with the Rotary Club of Winterthur, Switzerland, is helping to provide a "soy cow" -- a machine that grinds and processes soy beans to make soy milk (Photo and text - from Rotary Images)

to participate in and financially support TRF's programs unless they understand how these programs save and change lives and benefit them and your Rotary club in the process.

The club Foundation Chair should link club members to the District Governor and his Foundation team and the Trustees of TRF.

If you have not already done so in your club you should form a Foundation committee to develop and implement a plan to support the Foundation through program participation and financial contributions through community and international service. . . . 3



2010-11 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Carl-Wilmelm Stenhammar speaks during the Third Plenary Session. RI Convention, 24 May 2011, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

(Photo and text - from Rotary Images)

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We would hope your committee would accept the responsibilities listed below.

- ☀ Develop committee goals to achieve club financial goals for the coming year. We would hope that a contribution to TRF has already been budgeted for in the clubs annual budget.
- ☀ Educate and train club members about the Foundation and try to include something about the work of TRF in each week of the club bulletin.
- ☀ Encourage and facilitate participation in Foundation programs.

Our District has also set Foundation goals and objectives for the 2011-12 year and these are listed on page 75 of the 2011-12 District Information Directory, we would ask you to help us achieve these goals.

The Foundation Thought

Taking 2-3 minutes at the start of each Rotary club meeting to show how TRF saves and changes lives can be a powerful way to tell TRF's story to club Rotarians. It is important to make the Foundation Thought interesting and exciting. However, if only one Rotarian tells the TRF story each week, club members may stop listening. As Club Foundation Chair, see if a roster can be established so that

the membership hears TRF stories told in different ways with varying emphasis each week.. Give each person on the roster a week to research and prepare. Many clubs have a toast and grace said every week; try and make the Foundation Thought the third leg of these presentations.

There is a wealth of information on the Rotary web site www.rotary.org Could I suggest your first search should be for the

Club Foundation Committee Manual (pilot districts). If you have not already done so register under Member Access of the Rotary International web site as it is very simple and you will need this access if you wish to submit a proposal for a Global grant.

There is also a wealth of information on Future Vision which you can download at your leisure from the Rotary International web site; however, if there are specific questions you would like an answer to please contact the sub chair of your interest - they are listed on pages 74 and 75 of the District information directory. and their email address is listed at the rear of the Directory.

The success or otherwise of the effectiveness of The Rotary Foundation - Our Charity in our District rest in the main with you, the Club Foundation Chair; let us aim to have every Rotarian and every club embrace the values of the Foundation in the 2011-12 Rotary year.

PDG John Davis

Foundation Chair

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Group Study Exchange: India and USA in 2012

Group Study Exchange, the program often called ‘The Jewel in the Crown of Rotary Foundation’, contains the DNA of Rotary within the core.

Plans are well in place for the Group Study Exchange program for this Rotary year. However, because the outbound team to India leaves in January 2012 the interviews for both our team leaders (India & USA) and team members for our outbound team to India are earlier than in previous years.

Team Leader applications for both D3030 India and D5230 California USA will be received until **Friday, September 9th, 2011**, with **interviews to be held on Sunday, September 25** at International House, Parkville at a time to be advised to applicants.

Team Member applications District 3030 India:
Close on Monday, September 19 (Interviews on Sunday, October 9th)

Duration of Exchange – January 14 – February 14 2012

Team Member applications District 5230 California USA:

Close on Monday, November 14 (Interviews on Sunday, December 4)

Duration of Exchange - April 22 – May 22 2012

Application forms are available under Foundation on the District 9800 web site rotarydistrict9800.org or by contacting District GSE Chair, Anne Peace 1A River Street, Echuca 3564. fairway@inet.net.au, Application forms were also in the GSE Information packs provided to your Foundation Chair at the District Assembly or if not in attendance the kit was posted to them.

District 3030 India

District 3030 India is located in central India and is a large district of 84 clubs with just under 4000 members.

Some profiles of the District:

Mineral resources, National Institute of Cricket Excellence is located in Nagpur, and it has National Parks and historic sites; areas of vocational interest could be Hospitals and Healthcare, Education, Policing and Law Enforcement as well as professions such as law and

accounting, agriculture, wineries and industrial units – mills and plants.

The DG of D3030 is Gopal Shiralker. Gopal (as he likes to be called) has a degree in civil engineering. In 1977 he started a spun pipe manufacturing unit in Nagpur in the name of Nagpur Cement Products. Today he is the Chairman/Managing Director of this empire. Reading and understanding words by reading is his hobby. He has an impressive collection of books on a variety of subjects but his special field of interest is: “Corporate Governance based on spirituality” Gopal is married to Usha who is a Doctorate in Marathi from Prune University. The couple have two adult sons Abhay and Nitin.

District 5230 mid California

History of the District:

In 1915 RI divided its clubs into separate Districts. Originally the region that was to become D5230 encompassed a wide area including the cities of Albuquerque, Berkeley, Fresno, Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco & San Jose.

In 1957 District 522 was established covering the area from Sanger/Avenal in the south, Carmel/Monterey on the coast, Fresno in the east and Lodi in the north. In 1982 a select committee recommended a regrouping of clubs within Districts 522 and 524 to form District 523. In 1991 the District number was changed to 5230. Presently there are 57 clubs with just under 3000 members.

The District Governor of D5230 is George Wade, a native of California born of Lebanese parents. George, a retired business owner and his wife Barbara, a retired English teacher have two daughters. His interests include Broadway shows, live concerts, traveling and singing in various musical groups.

The district is a strong wine growing region and their inbound team will be vocationally focused towards the viticulture industry. Our exchange to D5230 will feature 2 weeks inland in an agricultural region, health and education, the professions and 2 weeks on the coast – tourism, hospitality, historic sites.

Thank you to all clubs who offered to host the team, to nominate team leaders and team members, your support has been appreciated.

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**RD9800 AMBASSADORIAL
 SCHOLAR 2012-13**



The RD9800 Foundation Committee has selected Elizabeth Day, sponsored by RC Melbourne, as the outbound Ambassadorial Scholar for 2012-13.

Elizabeth graduated from Melbourne University with first-class honours degrees

in Law and Arts. After doing articles with Allens Arthur Robinson, solicitors, and being admitted to the roll of the Supreme Court of Victoria in November 2009 she joined the Victorian Department of Premier & Cabinet as a Policy Officer, starting in the Security and Emergencies Branch. At that time this branch was fully engaged in the Black Saturday Bushfires Royal Commission. She also worked on the Government response to flooding throughout Victoria, locust plagues, counter-terrorism preparedness and a project team on implementation of a new anti-corruption commission for Victoria

Through this work and experiences Elizabeth has developed a desire to focus on the public policy areas relating to emergency management and development of community resilience in both local and international settings. She has applied to undertake the Master of Public Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University, USA.

Elizabeth is a keen netballer and enjoys public speaking and debating and doing cryptic crosswords in her spare moments.

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5... **RD9800 AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR 2010-11 RETURNS**

Roland Dillon has successfully completed the Master in Public Administration at Columbia University, New York and returned to Australia in early August. Before completing his course Roland was interviewed and offered a job with McKinsey & Co the international firm of management consultants and advisors. His role will be in policy development and advice to large corporations and government on environment, sustainability and climate-change issues.

Roland is available and keen to present to clubs, but in the short-term his new job will entail much interstate travel during the week. Email: roland.dillon@gmail.com Roland was sponsored by RC Southbank.

**David Gorman
Ambassadorial Scholars Co-ordinator 2011-12**



DISTRICT 9800 ROTARY FOUNDATION FUTURE VISION VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM TO DISTRICT 9550, TIMOR LESTE – AUGUST REPORT

This Vocational Training Team (VTT) is to upskill the midwives and maternity service providers in the Baucau area of Timor Leste.

This is one of The Rotary Foundation Future Vision 6 Areas of Focus – Maternal and Child Health. As mentioned in an earlier Newsletter, we have received formal approval from The Rotary Foundation for this Global Grant. Total cost of this project, including equipment, is US\$113,630 including the support from 12 of our Rotary Clubs and District 9550. This will fund 5 visits over the next 3 years.

The members of this first Team will be:

Leader - Professor Jeremy Oats, member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne; Chair Victorian Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity, Medical Co-Director Northern Territory Integrated Maternity Services, Professorial Fellow Dept. Obstetrics and Gynaecology University of Melbourne.

Members - Professor Susan McDonald, member of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn is at the Mercy Hospital for Women and Professor of Midwifery, LaTrobe University.

Professor Caroline Homer, Director, Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health, University of Technology, Sydney.

Doctor Fiona Cullinane, Consultant Obstetrician, Royal Womens' Hospital, Melbourne.

Doctor Ingrid Bucens, Paediatrician, currently in Dili, Timor Leste.

The reason for this midwifery up-skilling is to improve the maternal and child mortality rate, as 1 in 35 mothers die in, or as a result of, childbirth.

We have been waiting for some time now for approval from the Timor Leste Health Department. We have just received a letter of support from Agapito da Silva Soares, Director General, Ministry of Health, Timor Leste, and verbal approval from the National Institute of Health Sciences, which co-ordinates nurse training in Timor Leste. We anticipate receiving this formal written approval very soon.

It is planned that the Team will commence this up-skilling training in early November, 2011.

Our Rotary Foundation Future Vision Vocational Training Team will up-skill midwives and doctors, as well as contribute to saving lives. The program will have long term sustainability and clearly meets the mission and motto of our Rotary Foundation of "Doing Good in the World" and will "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".

PDG Ian Knight, D.9800 Rotary Foundation Special Projects Chair (VTT).

Future Vision- a brief overview



Official group photo of the 2011-12 Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. Seated, left to right: John Kenny, Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, William B. Boyd, Dong Kurn Lee. Standing, first row, left to right: Stephen R. Brown, Ashok M. Mahajan, Anne L. Matthews, Kazuhiko Ozawa, Jackson San-Lien Hsieh, Lynn A. Hammond. Standing, second row, left to right: John Hewko, John F. Germ, Antonio Hallage, Doh Bae, Samuel A. Okudzeto, Ian H.S. Riseley.
(Photo and text - from Rotary Images)

The Rotary Foundation Trustees adopted the Future Vision Plan, a forward-looking, strategic approach to fulfilling the Foundation's mission, that will continue its transformation and advancement. The plan was based on input from a wide variety of Rotarians, the Foundation Future Vision Plan is designed to:-

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission.
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing major world needs that are relevant to Rotarians.
- Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals.
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts.

Grants Structure. Under the new grants structure, the Foundation will only provide two types of grants:

1. **Rotary Foundation District Grants** (replacing District Simplified grants). Block grants are made to districts to support smaller projects by providing a District grant for use on both local and international projects. Districts may use up to 50 per cent of their available District Designated Fund (DDF) for a block grant in a given rotary year and administer the grant without the Foundation's involvement.

2. **Rotary Foundation Global Grants** (replacing Matching grants) – grants that support larger projects with sustainable, high impact outcomes must be in one of the 6 areas of focus as listed below. The minimum global grant from TRF is US \$15,000 provided on the basis that on each dollar provided by a club or clubs TRF will provide 50 cents in the dollar. If a District is able to contribute DDF credits to the project each dollar provided by the District is matched on a 1:1 basis by TRF.

Focus areas

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Maternal and child health
- Water and sanitation
- Economic and community development
- Basic Education and literacy
- Disease prevention/treatment

Before either a District or Global grant can be accepted by our District a club must have submitted to the District Grant Sub Chair a club Memorandum of Understanding, signed by the Club President and President Elect. The signed MOU is valid for 12 months from the signing and covers multi applications for a grant in that period.

Additional information about the Future Vision Plan can be found at www.rotary.org/futurevision

ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

DISTRICT NOMINATES 2 CANDIDATES

The D9800 Rotary World Peace Fellowships Committee interviewed 2 applicants and strongly recommended both to the world competitive Selection Committee.

Dr Zuleika Arashiro, nominated by RC Melbourne, is a Brazilian national who has worked in Brazil, Argentina, Washington DC and, for the past 6 years, Victoria. In addition to undergraduate law from Brazil she has a Masters from Georgetown University in Washington where she was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and a Ph.D from La Trobe University. She has been Research and Policy Manager for The Brotherhood of St Laurence working on poverty issues and social inclusion, as well as assisting Burmese and Afghan refugees settle into local communities. She has a deep understanding of free trade issues focusing on food security and the impact at local community levels. She has applied for the 3 month Chulalongkorn program to gain practical experience applicable to communities.



Natasha Holt, nominated by RC Gisborne, has applied to Duke/University of North Carolina and their School of Social Work. She was a reserve last year and has since consulted with Duke/UNC which advised her to change from School of Health to improve her chances of selection by the university. She visited the Rotary Peace Center when returning from New Orleans Jazz Festival and has now been assured of University selection. Her diligence and Gisborne's great support are commendable. Her work is in sex and child trafficking having worked in China and



she has just been appointed to lead a task

force in Bangkok supported by AusAid. The photos of her in China (above at right - AIDS March - Great Wall; left on the left - Temple of Heaven) show how she not only relates to but enjoys being part of the communities in which she works – a tribute to her ability to work across cultures.



We also assisted about 3 other applicants who are being processed in other states.

Robert M Fels Chair, D9800 Rotary WPF Committee.

Polio Eradication Program- National Immunization Days (NID's)

It is hoped that in this Rotary year we are able to arrange a team of volunteers to attend a National Immunization Day (NID) in India. Our District as a District has not previously been involved in a NID. This would also give tangible evidence to those participating of the importance of the fund raising by our member clubs for the Polio Challenge over the last 3 years, for these funds enable vaccines to be purchased for these NID's. Because there is no cure for polio the best protection is prevention, for as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. The initial plans would be for the team of volunteers to leave Australia in February 2012; however, no firm dates can be set at this time until the dates of the NID's are confirmed later this year. We have also received an early response from our Rotary friends in D5840 Texas, the District of our Group study Exchange team in 2011 that they would like to join us in this venture.

The cost to each volunteer for airfares and accommodation would be in the region of \$3-3,500 per person, however, this figure is yet to be finalized.

Expressions of interest to be involved in the NID should be directed to Alan Freedman alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com or Adrian Nelson adrian@nelsonbros.com.au (Image - RI website - Rotary Images)



Hello Friends,

Another Rotary year has concluded and we are now able to review the giving figures for District 9800 in the 12 months ending the 30th of June 2011. When donations are made by clubs or individuals to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) the donor usually requests that they be credited to one of the following areas:

Annual Programs Fund:

Provides the necessary funding for operation of TRF programs. Contributions are made by individuals, Clubs or Districts.

Permanent Fund:

Ensures long-term viability of TRF and its programs. Contributions are invested in perpetuity, and a percentage of the investment returns are spend annually to benefit TRF programs.

Restricted Giving:

Most donations under this section are for one of the following programs:

- Polio Eradication Campaign
- Rotary Peace Studies
- Contributions to Matching Grants.

If you would like to know any more details about these funds, go to www.rotary.org

This last Rotary Year, District 9800 gave the following to TRF:

- Annual Programs Fund – US\$ 460,055 (up over 30% from last year)
- Restricted Giving – US\$ 103,751

This equates to US\$ 171.79 per member to the Annual Programs fund, with the highest contribution by a club to the Annual Program Fund being a per capita

contribution being US\$429. This could be a target for other clubs to emulate this year. District 9800 was the second highest per-capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund last year. The District's total giving to TRF was US\$ 573,280 which makes you the highest total giving of all Australasian Districts.

A sincere thank you to all Clubs and individuals who have contributed to our Foundation. Over 98% of gifts to TRF come from Rotarians and their families (this excludes the major contribution of US\$ 355 million from the Gates Foundation for polio eradication). So in the simplest of terms, without Rotarians' support, there would be no Rotary Foundation.

You will all be aware that the amount of the work undertaken by TRF is only limited by the funds that we, as Rotarians, contribute.

Thank you for your generosity in the past and for your continued commitment of both time and funds, as we support the Trustees of TRF under the Chair of Bill Boyd.

Cheers

John Cole

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

ROTARY POLIO \$200 MILLION CHALLENGE REPORT.

As at June 30, the contributions by Rotarians worldwide to the Polio Challenge stood at \$US 185 million, a little less than the target figure, and for this reason the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation have decided to extend the Challenge for one more year.

The Contribution from D9800 for the last Rotary year was \$62000, and for the three year period was \$270,000, an excellent effort. There are some Clubs in the District who have not supported the Challenge, or are well below the \$1000 per year as suggested by The Foundation, and these Clubs may recognize this last opportunity.

In this calendar year, WHO reports only 204 cases worldwide, and only 64 in the so called endemic countries.. Let us now be confident at this time next year, we may realize our Rotary dream.

Polio Day will be celebrated in Victoria at a seminar in Ballarat on October 22. If you have any contact with sufferers of "Post-Polio Syndrome" and need information as to support available you may wish to attend this Polio Day. Details are available from the undersigned.

The Polio Cake project of the Rotary Club of Melton Valley will be held again this year, The project contributed \$28,000 to the Polio Challenge in our last Rotary year in the names of the supporting Clubs, and over \$80,000 in the three years of the Challenge. This is a wonderful way to have all Rotarians in your Club to support the eradication program.

PDG Don Jago

D9800 Polio Plus and Challenge Chair

Royce Abbey Awards Report . . . *(PP Roger Leaske)*

Great News! The Royce Abbey Awards has gone International - again! This month saw the fourth Royce Abbey Award to go International, with the Rotary Club of Manila Maynilad Seafront, District 3810 in the Philippines.

Recently, on the home front, District 9800, our latest recipient and the clubs first, was Phil Yarwood of the Rotary Club of Gisborne, presented by President Robert Botwood (pictured at right).

Rotary Club of Balwyn President Ken McQualter, presented Royce Abbey Awards to Chris DeFraga, Grantham Beeston and David Hattam.

Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh President, Geoff Camm, gave Patrice Shelley her "Award."

Essendon North President, Prakash Raniga, awarded their member Himanshu Kaushik.



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District 9780. President, Paul Blain, Rotary Club of Warrnambool Central, presented Graham Pennington his Royce Abbey Award.

District 9790. Rotary Club of Shepparton Central Pres, Gary Steingenberger gave their member, the club's first Royce Abbey award to Peter Reale.

President Alf Gloster of the Rotary Club of Sunbury gave their first to Emanuel Camilleri.

The Royce Abbey Awards Committee congratulates the Awardees on their achievement in Rotary so far and thanks each and every club and President for getting involved in this very worthwhile program.

This is a special award---- for special Rotarians, because it is a "benefit to all concerned".

Why is the Royce Abbey Award is a benefit to all concerned ?

**First: It Acknowledges Rotary members in their early years,
For their Enthusiasm and Commitment to the ideals of Rotary.**

**Second: Recognises and honours the distinguished service
Of past President Rotary International
Royce Abbey AO; DCM.**

**Third: Contributes to the Royce & Jean Abbey Agricultural Scholarship Fund, which sponsors
International Scholars from developing countries.**

**When a Rotarian receives this award, it is saying that he or she is showing the very attributes of, and
beginning to follow along the path,
that Royce took, in his early days of Rotary involvement.**

**When the club President, chooses the Rotarian to receive the award, that action recognises the member,
as part, of the future of Rotary.**

**What an honour to think, that in your early days of Rotary,
Your club President and Club, thinks enough of you, to compare you, with one of the most successful
world presidents of Rotary International.**

To the Presidents thinking of giving an award to one of their newer members:

**When you announce the awardee, the reaction is remarkable.
We have even seen men with tears in their eyes, shaking and sometimes having trouble speaking.**

The awardee receives a framed certificate signed by:

The club President - The current District Governor - and Royce Abbey.

And a Royce Abbey lapel badge

**This one thing the club can do to help retain members : recognise them for what they are,
up and coming future leaders.**

Royce has often said,

In life and Rotary - It's not what you say - it's what you do - that matters.

EVERY
 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR

**Poverty, hunger, disease,
 violence and ignorance are
 pressing issues.**

No one can tell us where Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: what Rotary will be tomorrow, depends upon what we Rotarians DO TODAY.

**HOW CAN I JOIN MY FELLOW
 ROTARIANS IN MEETING TOMORROWS
 CHALLENGES TODAY?**

The answer is pretty simple: Financially Support our Foundation
 There are a number of ways to contribute:

- Become an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Centurion with an annual tax deductible minimum contribution of A\$100
- Become a Paul Harris Society Member of D9800 (Australia's first established & largest) with an annual tax deductible commitment of US\$1000
- Become a Major Donor with a minimum tax deductible contribution of US\$10,000
- Become a Benefactor (by making a provision within your will) with a minimum contribution of US\$1,000
- Ensure your Rotary Club commits to the Annual Giving to The Foundation of A\$180 per Club Member

Without ongoing financial contribution (investments for the future)
 Our Foundation will not be able to meet our Global Challenges

Foundation Seminar Monday 24th October 2011

Please mark this date in your diary

The date of our Foundation Seminar has been changed from the date shown in the District Directory of Sunday the 18th September to an after work time on Monday the 24th October.

We understand that weekends for many is family time and thus the change to a Monday evening.

The seminar is primarily directed to **Foundation Chairs, Presidents and Presidents Elect**, but **Assistant Governors** and members interested in where The Rotary Foundation fits into Rotary International would be very welcome.

Venue: Graduate House; Carlton.
Time: 5.30 for a 6 start to be concluded by 8.30
Cost: \$10 per person attending, we would request clubs to cover the cost of their members attending.

Free Under cover parking available.

More information and registration details will be released shortly.

Rotary Foundation Grants

District Grants

Clubs are able to receive Foundation District Grants for smaller but meaningful humanitarian projects. Clubs may apply for District grants at the beginning of the grant cycle (between February and April for projects being undertaken in the next Rotary Year). This means clubs intending to undertake a small humanitarian project in the 2012-2013 Rotary Year should make application through the District Foundation Grants Subcommittee any time between February and April 2012.

The characteristics of a District Grant are:

- ★ awarded for amounts between \$2,000 and \$4,000
- ★ match 1:1 funds contributed to the project by the applicant club
- ★ paid to clubs upon completion of the project and after the Grants Subcommittee has received a final report on the project.
- ★ awarded for projects aligning with one or more of the six areas of focus for humanitarian grant projects

A fine example of a District Grant project is a humanitarian project presently being undertaken by the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

“The Purpose of the project is to assist resourcing a small community school in the Philippines with some essential facilities and equipment. The school is St Nino High School and it is located on the outskirts of Talibon on the island of Bohol. Although the existing school is very basic, it was well constructed by the community itself on land which was donated. The community is severely financially disadvantaged and it is a credit to them that they have built the school with their own hands to educate their children. The school consists of two rooms but suffers from no windows, lining on the walls, desks, teaching aids, and sporting equipment. Until recently, the school did not have a toilet block. Only recently, the school had electricity connected.”

The Rotary Club of Canterbury visited the school in 2009 when an eye screening was done on the whole community where the school is located and hearing tests were done on the students. This screening was done in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Tagbilaran who identified the community as one for the screening project. Two members of the RC Canterbury visited the School again in 2010 together with the RC Tagbilaran. The members, who were both engineers, were part of the team for our annual medical mission to the Philippines which was located this year in another province. This visit demonstrated that the school has many requirements to function efficiently and has a desperate need to increase the size of its toilet facilities since the school is expanding rapidly such is the need in this deprived community. A visit report prepared by our members is attached.

The RC Canterbury has approved the expenditure of \$5,000 to assist the school and in particular for the improvement and expansion of a toilet block at the school. Subject to available funds, additional resources required are outlined on the attached report. The total cost, including the toilet block, comes to \$11,500. Members of the RC Canterbury team from last year, families and friends have donated about \$1,500. We request the assistance of a District Grant of \$5,000 to meet the shortfall.”

The Rotary Club of Canterbury recently provided an update on the progress they are making on their project:

“Further to our interim report dated 30th May 2011, reasonable progress has been made.

Finance - \$5000Aus was transferred to a separate specific bank account for the grant and a further \$3000 is about to be forwarded for reimbursing materials purchased to date.

Toilet block and Wash stand - The Tagbilaran Rotary club acting as our agents have had an architect produce a plan and an estimate for the cost of the Toilet. The plan now includes wash basins within the toilet block whereas our earlier submission had a separate wash stand shed. A copy of the plan is

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attached. The toilet block estimate is 250,000 peso (about \$6,200 Aus)

The parents excavated the hole for the septic tank in June (pictured left) and the Tagbilaran Club have arranged delivery and payment for 500 hollow blocks, 100 bags of cement, 10 cubic metres of sand, 10 cubic metres of aggregate, 70 pieces of deformed bar reinforcement and tie wire ready for building work to commence on Monday 1st August. Past President Nila advised that she is paying 2 labourers on 6th August.

The School's Parent & Teacher Association (PTA) is providing parents to assist the masons and carpenters.

School Desks - 100 school desks have been ordered at 400 peso each.

Sports Equipment - As previously advised, our Canterbury Rotarian Jim Clements purchased some sports equipment in Manila and has presented it to the school. (Copy of photo in sports store in Manila at left).

The principal of the school sent a nice thank you email on 22nd June:

“Today, Wednesday, is the sports day of our students here in SNHS and I just wanted to share how happy I am watching my students enjoying the sports equipments you have donated.. They really had a memorable sports day... I know they have enjoyed a lot... They even don't want to stop.

*Thank you so much!
Principal Domingo Caejes”*

Turning of the first sod Ceremony (pictured at left) - Past President Nila Montero arranged a ground breaking ceremony inviting the local Barangay (local municipality) officials, the new

President of the Tagbilaran Club and even had the local Congressman turning the first official sod.

Summary. - Although having a shaky start we are confident that the toilet block will now be completed together with the other items in the Grant.”

Well done to the Rotary Club of Canterbury. We look forward to the successful completion of this meaningful and worthy humanitarian project to assist the St Nino High School community on the island of Talibon in the Philippines.

PDG Jim Studebaker

D9800 Foundation Grants Subcommittee Chair