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DG Neville John and Rebecca

Rotarians set to celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial – 100 Years of 'Doing Good In The World'

"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others". (Arch c. Klumpf)

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith addressed district governors at the 2016 International Assembly in relation to the celebration of the Foundation's centennial year, 2016-17. Since the Foundation was established in 1917, it has spent more than US\$3 billion on programs and projects to improve the lives of millions worldwide, said Klinginsmith. The centennial celebration officially kicked off in May 2016 at the Rotary Convention in Korea and culminates at the 2017 convention in Atlanta.

Under the leadership of PDG Dennis Shore, the District 9800 Foundation Committee is working on a plan that the District and clubs can use to celebrate this significant year. If this were to coincide with the last reported case of polio, you will be all part of a once in a lifetime celebration. Check out the new 'Rotary Foundation - Rotary District 9800 Foundation' Facebook page for updates on this exciting year
<https://www.facebook.com/D9800Foundation/?fref=ts>.

Don't forget to attend one of the Foundation Success Seminars being held

Subjects to be covered include:

- How to qualify your club to apply for a Foundation Grant
- District Grants: What are they? How to apply
- How Grants are financed by club funding to the Annual Program Fund
- Global Grants:
 - How to build a Global Grant Humanitarian Project
 - What is required for a successful Global Grant submission
 - How to submit your Global Grant application online

Learn more about:

- How your club can fund a Rotary Global Scholar or nominate a Peace Fellow
- How your club can participate in the GVE program
- The Royce & Jean Abbey Award and Scholarships
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- Changes to the Foundation funding model
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History of The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 world convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children and when Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.



Evolution of Foundation programs

- 1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.
- 1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.
- 1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.
- 1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.
- 1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.
- 2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs. Since the first donation of US\$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totalling more than US\$1 billion

Every Rotary project anywhere in the world started with one person who had an idea – and they developed that idea by using the powerful network of Rotary and the funding engine of The Rotary Foundation to really make a difference in the world. And if there is one thing we've learned from the polio eradication campaign, it's what can be achieved if we are working together and moving in the same direction. Let's make this 100th year of doing good in the world one that shows our communities what Rotary is really all about – **'Making A Difference'**.

Neville John

District 9800 Governor 2016-2017



The Rotary Foundation at Work:

After a long day at a mobile prenatal clinic in Darlegrand, Haiti, the off-road vehicle that brought the nonprofit Midwives for Haiti's volunteers to the remote clinic site heads home. The customization and delivery of the vehicle cost more than \$70,000 and was funded by the Bon Secours Health System, The Rotary Foundation's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, the Interact Club of Hermitage High School, Virginia, USA, and the Rotary Clubs of Bon Air, Henrico North, and Western Henrico County, all in Virginia, USA.

Photo: Alyce Henson© Rotary International

Rotary House - more than just a building

By Eric Wright, Fight Cancer Foundation

The Bone Marrow Donor Institute Rotary House in North Melbourne doesn't just provide comfortable and affordable accommodation for rural, regional and interstate cancer patients and their families, it provides a welcoming 'home away from home'.

Operating since 2003, the centre would not have been possible without the support of the Rotary movement in Victoria and Tasmania.

One key word residents continue to use when describing BMDI Rotary House is 'safe', which is paramount when a family is going through an uncertain, distressing and frightening time.

Every year more than 60 families stay at BMDI Rotary House - each journey beginning with a diagnosis of cancer and the immediate stress of having to find accommodation close to their treating hospital.

Families often aren't given much notice before having to pick up and move to Melbourne and are unsure how long treatment will take. As they face the emotional challenge of the fight against cancer, the financial burden also becomes a reality.

The relief of finding accommodation at BMDI Rotary House allows families to focus on getting better and provide some normality in the midst of their cancer battle. This can be as simple as access to an oven to bake a cake, or a separate room where the kids can play.

BMDI Rotary House is made up of 13 self-contained fully furnished apartments catering for family living, and is designed to minimise the change of cross infection, as many residents are immune suppressed due to their treatment. Families' average stay at BMDI Rotary House is 5 months and in this time, they develop strong bonds with the House Manager and fellow residents who provide support, knowledge and understanding. The community environment is fostered through communal facilities that include a gym, games and reading rooms and regular resident events which encourage mingling.



BMDI Rotary House in North Melbourne.



For the carers and families of people living with cancer, this is an opportunity to connect with other people on the same journey and provides the comfort of a nearby support network.

From care packages on arrival to help residents settle in, to priority accommodation when having to return to hospital for regular check-ups after returning home, families are embraced by the BMDI Rotary House community, helping make sure that no family has to go through cancer alone.

Residents at ease, at BMDI Rotary House.

Meet the new RI President

By Kevin Cook - The Rotarian

Whenever John Germ saw a need in his hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, he engineered a solution. He'll bring the same can-do attitude to the office of RI president.

- [Read a profile of John Germ](#)
- [Visit the president's page](#)



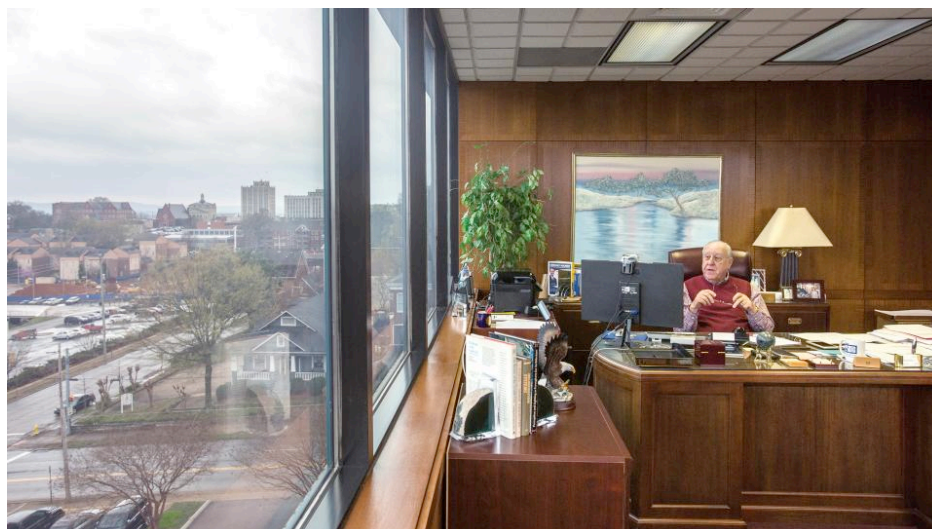
Just before John Germ dropped by, Rick Youngblood took a deep breath. "You want to match his energy," he says, "but he makes it hard to keep up." Youngblood is the president and CEO of Blood Assurance, a regional blood bank in Chattanooga, Tenn., that Germ helped found in 1972. After his visit with Youngblood, Germ strode between mountains of empty bottles and cans at Chattanooga's John F. Germ Recycling Center at Orange Grove, which he designed, before he drove to a construction site and popped a cork to dedicate a Miracle League field where special needs children will play baseball – all before zipping to the airport for a flight to Chicago and a cab ride to Rotary International World Headquarters, where he takes office as president of RI this month.

Why the breakneck pace? "I don't have hobbies," he says. "Civic work is my recreation."

Not long ago Germ, 77, spent a raucous evening at the Chattanooga Convention Center, enjoying jokes at his expense. "John is a very influential person," his friend Harry Fields announced from the podium. "I can't tell you how many people emulate him ... at Halloween. I mean, he's the epitome of tall, dark, and handsome. When it's dark, he's handsome!" Nobody laughed harder than the guest of honor at the celebration of his contributions, which was referred to as the

"roast of John Germ." The dinner raised more than \$75,000 for Chattanooga State Community College. In closing, Fields noted Germ's contribution to his community and the world: "100 percent of himself – and everyone else he can shake down!"

A legendary fundraiser, Germ led Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, an effort sparked by a challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotarians ultimately exceeded that number, raising \$228.7 million to fight polio. He has already served Rotary as vice president and director, and The Rotary Foundation as vice chair and trustee. His contributions to the fight to eradicate polio led to his selection as one of 12 U.S. Rotarians honored at the White House in 2013 as a



"Champion of Change" – someone who has improved communities around the world. As president, Germ chose three simple, no-nonsense words to be the theme of his year: *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

"Rotary has kept its light under a bushel for too long," he says. "We need to do a better job of promoting our cause. That's the challenge ahead, but I don't see it as a problem. I don't believe in problems – I believe in opportunities."

Full story:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/john-germ-champion-chattanooga>

Young Volunteer of the Year Award

By Des O'Shanassy, President, Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing

21 years old Khurram Khan is currently a Bachelor of Biomedicine student at the University of Melbourne. His major aim is to enter the Doctor of Medicine program.

As a civic responsibility, he enjoys volunteering and community service, and he would like to reflect his positive exposure in his profession.

He further aims to represent youth at various, multifarious forums to further polish his leadership skills, and prove his community spirit through selflessly serving the community.

Khurram was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing at the Annual Changeover Dinner in June 2014. Since his induction he has impressed everyone with his enthusiasm and determination to improve the lot of those in the local and the international community. He has initiated two new programs in the Club's Youth portfolio. The Neil Vick Youth Leadership Awards recognise youth people in the community in three categories – *Inspirational Youth Leader of the Year; New Resident Leader of the Year; Young Indigenous Leader of the Year*. Khurram's most recent project is a Cluster program that seeks to provide mentors from within the Rotary community for young people in the local community to inspire and help them to achieve their career objectives. He has recently been appointed the clubs Youth and Vocations Chair.

Khurram also volunteers within the University of Melbourne community as well as sectors within his local community. His passions are animal welfare, arts and culture, children, civil rights and social action, economic empowerment, education, the environment, health and human rights. He recently retired from the role of Co-ordinator of the Sail Program, teaching general and science subjects to newly arrived migrants or settled Sudanese students.

Khurram's volunteering has earned him a number of awards including the New Resident Volunteer of the Year within the Victorian Premier's Volunteer Awards in 2014 and Young Volunteer of the Year Award – Wyndham City Council in 2015.

Past District Governor Julie Mason announced at the recent District Governors Changeover that Khurram has been selected as one of our Districts Royce Abbey Ambassadors for Change..

The Rotary club of Hoppers Crossing is very proud of Khurram . one of two 21 years old members. (the other Tim Manser, is a RYLA graduate and has also been appointed to the club Board as Social and Fundraising Chair)



Photos: The Honourable Linda Dessau AM , Governor of Victoria with Khurram, and below, DG Julie Mason presenting him with a Royce Abbey Award.

Girlhood, not Motherhood

By Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, United Nations Population Fund

When a girl becomes pregnant, her present and future change radically, and rarely for the better. Her health is endangered, her education and job prospects abruptly end and her vulnerability to poverty and exclusion multiplies. Pregnancy before a girl is physically, developmentally and socially ready jeopardizes her right to a safe, successful transition into adulthood.

Seldom is the pregnancy a result of the adolescent girl's choices. Much more often it stems from her lack of choices or opportunities, and from discrimination and abuses of her human rights. A girl's pregnancy reflects the failure of those around her to protect her rights, including her right to protection from abuse, to an education that would provide her with opportunities, and to access sexual and reproductive health services and information.

Child marriage is a main contributing factor to adolescent pregnancy. Nine out of ten births to girls aged 15-19 occur within marriage. Just as these girls often have no say about whether, when, and whom they will marry, they also likely have no say about whether and when to begin childbearing.

In response to this situation, UNFPA has made girls' rights and the prevention of adolescent pregnancy a signature issue in its policy and programming efforts, so that each girl will grow up unencumbered by gender inequality and discrimination, and free to choose the path to a healthy, empowered life.

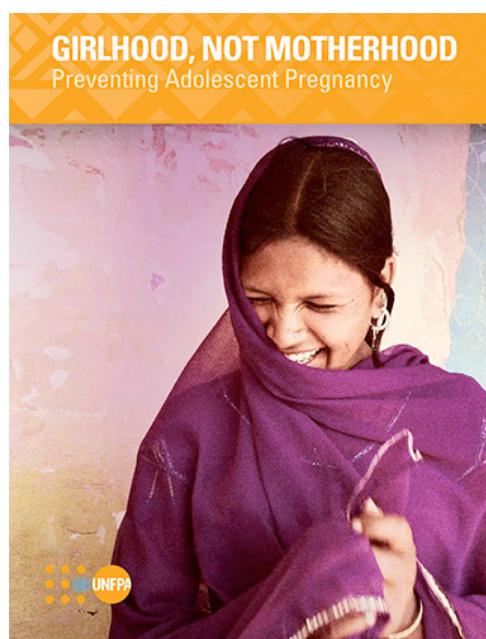
Towards that end, I am pleased to introduce *Girlhood, not Motherhood: Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy*, which presents the best available evidence and intellectual thinking on effective strategies and interventions to empower girls and reduce their vulnerability to adolescent pregnancy. Based on empirical evidence, the practical guidance presented here summarizes effective programmes that operate at multiple levels and with multiple stakeholders, including and most importantly, with the adolescent girl. The product of engagement with an Expert Advisory Group on Adolescent Pregnancy, this publication provides strategic thinking on how UNFPA can deliver on its commitment to promote the health, education and well-being of adolescent girls, especially to prevent early and unintended pregnancy.

A focus on girls is more important than ever if we are to realize the world's forward-looking Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030. It strives to provide adolescents, particularly adolescent girls, with a nurturing environment for the full realization of their rights and capabilities.

By investing in a young adolescent girl's education and health, and reducing the risk of early marriage and early pregnancy, she has greater opportunities to find a path out of poverty, lead a healthier life and become an asset to her family, community and society. When her chances of being engaged in formal work increase, she can contribute to the economic growth of her country.

In my country, we have a saying: *you cannot run on one leg*.

By protecting girls' rights and enabling them to avoid adolescent pregnancy, we can make it possible for girls to live in dignity and realize their full potential as equal partners with boys. And with girls and boys on an equal footing, we can run the race toward the inclusive, gender-equitable world we all need today and for generations to come.



Download "Girlhood, not Motherhood: Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy":

<http://www.unfpa.org/publications/girlhood-not-motherhood>

Modern Day Slavery in Supply Chains

By Malcolm Baird, R C Brighton North

In more recent years the approach advocated by Walk Free, www.walkfree.org, several humanitarian organisations and some Government legislation has focused the emphasis on Corporate and Government responsibility in Corporate Supply Chain management. The aim is to hold companies to account to ensure they know all aspects of their resource and goods suppliers – that all steps and providers in the supply chain are known and that there are no goods sourced from where slave labour has been part of the extraction, production and supply process.

From the US Free The Slaves www.freetheslaves.net analysis, the estimates are that 78% of slavery victims are in labour slavery, where manual labour is needed, such as logging, mining, various farming, ranching, fishing, brick making and in service industries, dish washers, janitors, gardeners and house maids and then 22% trapped in forced prostitution or sex slavery. The estimate is that 26% of those in slavery are under the age of 18 years, which in most jurisdictions are considered children or adolescents. They view slavery as the result of vulnerability. It flourishes where people cannot meet their own basic needs and lack economic opportunity, they lack education, health care and may not have an honest local government or community officials. Slaves usually come from the poor, the desperate, the uneducated, the marginalised and the unprotected. People are forced to work without pay, under the threat of violence and they are unable to walk away. Children are far easier to manage than adults. They are exploited and their freedom denied.

The Walk Free Global Slavery Index 2016 www.globalslaveryindex.org estimates there are 45.8 M in slavery, which calculates to approx 11.9M under 18 Years, in child slavery. (Suggestion, read the forward by Andrew Forrest.)

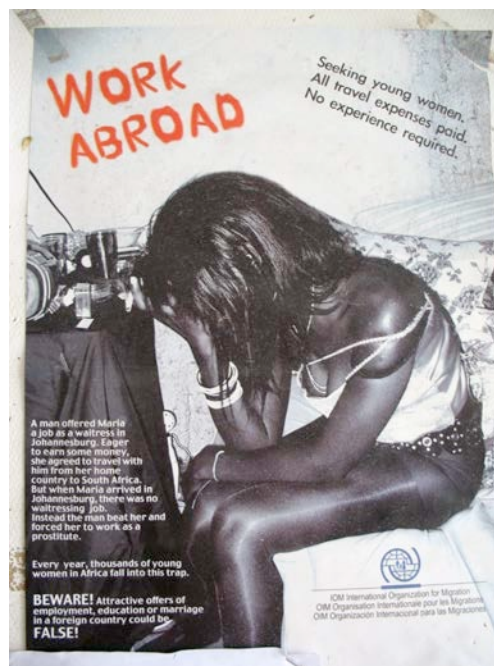
The emphasis on Corporate and Government responsibility in Corporate Supply Chain Management holds companies to account to remove modern slavery from corporate supply chains. It requires them to drill down through their suppliers, through their sub contractors and the subcontractors' suppliers, etc, all the way down to the raw material source and then back up the production supply process, all the steps until product receipt. The approach is to Know The Chain <https://knowthechain.org> and understand all the players, the full supply chain from raw material sourcing through the refine, manufacture / production and procurement chain, up to distribution including retailing.

This may sound easy but each step can also be camouflaged by various and many participants, subsidiaries, agents, sub contractors, employment agencies with separate legal entities which can hide transparency. Corporations can depend upon operational practices which can include – relying on the labour of migrant workers who have been recruited by labour agents / brokers for a fee – debt bondage e.g. Construction in the Middle East. Sourcing: Cotton harvesting Uzbekistan

http://www.antislavery.org/english/campaigns/cottoncrimes/forced_labour_in_uzbekistan_background.aspx Cobalt mining in the Congo www.amnesty.org.au/news/comments/41123 Seafood Thailand <http://ejfoundation.org/video/sold-sea-human-trafficking-thailands-fishing-industry-0>

Let's look at the available resources to assist Corporations and Governments. There is a link between some prime commodities and some of the worst forms of goods produced under forced and child labour.

www.verite.org/Commodities **"Forced Labour Commodity Atlas"** Click on each Commodity of interest to find a wealth of research information, e.g. Bricks, Charcoal, Cocoa, Coffee, Coltan Tungsten and Tin, Cotton, Granite, Palm Oil, Shrimp, Tobacco etc. Verite.org can provide Corporations and Governments consulting and auditing services to assist large Corporations and Governments in sourcing commodities via processes with ethical suppliers.



The Walk Free Foundation, have produced **A Guide for Tackling Modern Slavery in Supply Chains.**

business.walkfreefoundation.org It is a very comprehensive document which outlines a process and procedural tools of best practice for Corporations to follow. It was drawn up with input from a number of Companies and organizations, including BHP, General Electric, Rio Tinto, Safeway International, Credit Suisse, plus several others. The International Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply UK, International Rights Forum and Price Waterhouse, have all assisted in its creation. There is considerable research, information and services available to guide Corporations in ethical sourcing to help prevent and remedy severe human rights violations and suffering.

In the **US and UK** the subject of Slavery, Child Slavery and Human Trafficking has had greater focus and they have taken Supply Chain Management further, with a Legislative Approach.

In 2010 **The California Transparency in Supply Chain Act** was signed into law.

www.dol.gov/ilab/child-forced-labor/California-Transparency-in-Supply-Chains-Act.htm The Act requires businesses with US\$ 100M in turnover locally or internationally, to disclose via a public statement the efforts they are making to eradicate human trafficking and slavery from their supply chains. Hundreds of large Corporations across many industry sectors do have such statements, including, Amazon, Colgate Palmolive, Bayer, Caterpillar, Chevron, Costco, Ford, General Electric, Lowes, Nestle, Nike, Safeway, Target and many more etc.

In March 2015 in the **UK, The Modern Slavery Act**

www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-in-supply-chains-a-practical-guide was passed after several years of consultation and it requires Corporations with over 36M pounds in turnover to annually report – Directors to report – The statement must set out what steps they have taken during the financial year to ensure that modern slavery is not occurring in their supply chains or organisation. The Govt. has also appointed an Independent Anti- Slavery Commissioner. The aim is to ensure ethical business practices in supply chains and to increase transparency for the public, consumers and investors. Large Corporations are being held accountable and to be transparent in their operations as part of their social responsibility towards human rights, the environment as well as for their financial performance.

Slavery - So What Can Rotarians Do ? A view

a/ As humanitarians Rotarians are in a prime position to Raise Awareness, create public awareness to the plight of millions in Slavery, Child Slavery and Human Trafficking – with speakers at Clubs, Conferences and Conventions, covering Slavery, Human Trafficking and Ethical Supply Chains Management. (Gary Haugen, CEO International Justice Mission at the Seoul 2016 Convention, see Newsletter 65, <http://racsrag.org/>).

b/ As Consumers, Community and Industry Leaders, Employees, Investors, and Voters, Rotarians have considerable influence with a Corporations reputation and with Governments in their operational management and statutory compliance practices. We can hold them to account to ensure ethics and transparency in supply chain management. Large Corporations and Governments their Chairman, CEO and Leaders all have significant employee support resources along with purchasing power. (We know them. We work with or for them. We are them.) They and we are in a unique and very strong position to influence, speak out and lead, to alleviate and eliminate this evil practice.

c/ Rotarians make a significant humanitarian contribution across all the R I Areas of Focus through project work and a major strategy thrust, with enhanced attention could be aimed to assist regions of poverty. Reducing the extent of poverty and the vulnerability to slavery, by elevating the Area of Focus - Basic Education and Literacy, to be a priority. (A strategy direction priority set by R I ?) Take a village out of poverty, aim for sustainability (adopt a village projects) educate the children and you significantly reduce the children's need for migration and the potential of human trafficking and slavery. With 530+ Districts, 33,000+ Clubs, Rotary International could start a wave of change in Regions of poverty over the next decade and ongoing.



Melbourne RC's Big Year

By Tony Thomas, Networker Correspondent

Fiscal 2016 was a landmark year for Melbourne Rotary Club under President Peter Rogers. The club now owns its 15 Collins St headquarters. The purchase price and renovations, totaling more than \$800,000, were funded by members' one-off and non-tax-deductible donations, along with some dipping into club financial reserves.

The club had leased its office for many decades but the board decided this was lost money. So the suite on the 9th floor of a largely medical-user building was bought in March 2015. Members including several Past Presidents did a lot of the wall demolition and re-painting in working bees, and the office opened in September last year.

Other landmarks for the year were recruiting 29 new members, taking membership to more than 250; and hitting for the first time the goal of 20% female membership. By offering discounted dues to new members under 40, the club has averted any rise in the average age of members, which is steady at 66 years.

The club is using RI's new innovative freedoms and promoting "corporate" membership. The seven such members to date are NAB, Telstra, GHD Engineering, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Monash University, Dixon Advisory and Scalzo Foods. Each can nominate up to four employees to become club members. The corporation pays a \$1000 joining fee and then \$715pa per employee-member.

The club was Australia's first and is Australia's largest. It has chartered or grandfathered around 500 Australian Rotary clubs.

The turbulence over the club's meeting venue should finally be resolved this year. The long-standing venue of the Windsor Hotel was due for renovations last year so the club in October 2015 shifted its Wednesday lunch meetings to Zinc Restaurant at Federation Square. Meanwhile the Windsor renovations were delayed and the club moved back there last March. But the re-scheduled Windsor renovations will now oblige the club to move to another CBD meeting venue late this year.

In July Quin Scalzo, executive chairman of Scalzo Food Industries, became the club's 100th president. The club has its 100th anniversary in April 2021. But because of resignations or deaths, the club has had more than one president in some years. One such president (1928) was Thomas Baker, whose photography firm merged to form the original Kodak (Australasia) business.

Quin 69, joined the club in 2011. His company has more than \$300m turnover supplying food products such as nuts, fruits and seeds to retailers and to food giants like Kelloggs and Mars. Quin is keen to keep the momentum up on new members. He also plans for:

- # a large fund raising exercise tapping third-party donors
- # Closer engagement with the Melbourne CBD business and residents' community
- # Continued momentum with the club's large-scale initiatives to house the homeless (see previous issue of Networker).

The club's office has been run by full-time office manager Jo Mavros for the past nine years. Member dues are relatively high at \$715pa but newcomers under 40 pay \$350 and the one-off joining fee is waived.



15, Collins Street, Melbourne.



President Quin Scalzo

Your Letters



Dear Clarice,

"Days for Girls" is an international organisation with its aim to provide reusable, hygienic sanitary kits to girls in developing countries to use when they menstruate. Health education is also part of this scheme.

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn has a group of enthusiastic ladies who have been making these kits and a Team from this Club visited the Solomon Islands earlier this year to both deliver the kits and also teach local ladies how to make the kits. The Team gained a great deal of knowledge from this experience.

I was one of the Team members and I would very much like to hear from other groups within the District making kits or delivering this project overseas. I believe it could be very beneficial if we could correspond to share our knowledge and maybe co-ordinate our efforts.

I would appreciate it if you are involved in this project if you could contact me.

Jane Pennington

Immediate Past President, Rotary Club of North Balwyn

Email: Jane.Pennington@bigpond.com

Phone: 0408 402 555

More about Days for Girls at <http://www.daysforgirls.org>

Clarice replies: I checked out the website, Jane, and "Days for Girls" seems a really worthwhile enterprise. The euphemism "health education" seems to cover reproductive physiology, which is sure to be beneficial. Inspired by your letter, I found an article "Girlhood not Motherhood" which may interest you. I hope you get lots of support for the "Days for Girls" project.



Changes for the new Rotary year



In April, Rotary members from around the world met at the Council on Legislation, taking action to grant clubs greater flexibility in their meeting schedule and membership. These changes took effect 1 July.

- [Learn more about the changes](#)
- [Watch a video from RI President John F. Germ](#)



Clarice's Comments



As we went to press last week, a lovely article by Tony Thomas arrived on my desk. It was about "Mr Long", the volunteer at Donations-in-Kind. In our previous issue, we had explained that **Ngoc Long Dang** had received Vocational Service and Paul Harris recognitions from West Footscray RC. Anyway, here's a better photo of Long, at the DIK Store.

Tony's article described **Donations-in-Kind**:

"The West Footscray depot is DIK Victoria's biggest and operates for four Districts. In the 15 years to June 2015, it shipped out 455 containers of recycled goods worth \$45m, including school, hospital and computer equipment. Its logistics costs of more than \$70,000 a year are covered by Rotarians, enabling the depot to ship out \$5.5m in aid in 2014-15."

The volunteers at DIK do such great work, sorting through the donated goods and consigning things where they are most needed. What a pity more Clubs don't contribute to the annual cost of the rent, to keep this wonderful project on a stable financial footing.



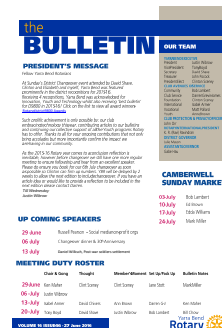
Yarra Bend Rotary Club won the District Awards for their Bulletin and Club Technology. Have you seen their Bulletin? Amazing! We should plan a kidnapping, and get them to help at "The Networker". (only joking) Well done, all at Yarra Bend!

You can see all the District Awards at:

<http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/19298>

FYI: We also have a link to the full and official list of changes proposed by the **Council on Legislation** and adopted by RI at:

<http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/19325>



Last week my own club paid a visit to the **51st Camberwell Rotary Art Show**, where we were welcomed by President Nick Pane, and we enjoyed some delicious finger food. Professor of Art History at Melbourne University, Ken Wach, gave us a spellbinding description of the exhibition, which is really worth a visit.



Stop Press: Sweden's police chief unveiled the force's latest weapon in the fight against sexual assault: wristbands reading "Don't touch me".

Really? An attacker who isn't stopped by the victim screaming will undoubtedly by dissuaded when he sees that rubber wrist band . . .

Send me your news: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

See you later - Clarice.

Notices and Events

ROTARY WORLD CONVENTION, JUNE 2017

By DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens

Please come and join me and an estimated 50,000 other Rotarians as we are thrilled, inspired and delighted to be part of this world wide service organisation.

The Aussies that attended Seoul came back so very pleased that they had experienced the awesome internationality of Rotary. Please consider this opportunity to visit Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 10TH – 14TH June 2017

Explore and register at the convention website:

<http://www.riconvention.org/>. There is a critical date of **15 December 2016**: Last day for early-registration discount (\$US340 Rotarians)

Your registration includes:

- Inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders in our organization
- Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership, and project management skills
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship
- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and at the general sessions

ACCOMMODATION IS BOOKED THROUGH THE WEBSITE

Mark and I are staying at HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES , 111 Cone St NW Atlanta, GA 30303-2103

Watch the Convention Video at: <http://video.rotary.org/aUF2>



Notices and Events

Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing Antiques and Collectables Fair

15 July 2016 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm; 16 July 2016 from 10.00am to 5.00pm and 17 July 2016 from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

\$10.00 admission

<https://www.facebook.com/RCHCAntiqueandCollectablesFair/>



Albert Park Poker Night

Rotary Albert Park is holding a Poker Night to raise funds for our Indian projects ([see here](#)) on **Saturday, 16th July**, at 7:00pm. Join us, and invite your friends, for a fun, professionally run, social night of poker in a safe environment.

- Quick "Learn to Play" instructions before the Texas Hold'em tournament
- The top 9 players will share in over \$2,000 worth of prizes

Middle Park Bowling Club, Canterbury Road, Middle Park

Entry is by a donation of \$50. Bring your friends - you'll have fun. Drinks at bar prices. Food available. The space is limited, so get in early. To buy tickets, go to Trybooking,

<https://www.trybooking.com/203796>



World of Difference Tours



JANUARY 2017 TOUR FILLING FAST WITH 13 OR 16 DAY OPTIONS

Experience an authentic blend of Cambodian culture and immersion in local village communities

Rotary has enabled Cambodian villages to develop and schools to flourish. Be part of the monitoring and continual assessment of the projects. New projects are continually being developed

Project leader Rithy will supervise the local workers and our participation in these projects.

We will assist and also teach dental and hygiene lessons.

Enjoy comfortable accommodation. Meals are fully catered.

With safety our prime concern Rotary insurance will be there.
Rotarian Rithy as our guide, and Bronwyn as tour leader.

Camberwell Rotary Art Show

Swinburne University, from **9 to 17 July**.

Over 1,500 paintings and all of them will be offered for sale.

A package for clubs to hold a regular meeting at the show is available. It includes Admission to the Show, Lunch or dinner including a glass of wine, and a free tour of the Show with an art expert. Cost \$25 per person for a minimum of 20 people.

Call Geoff Angus, 0408 348 212 or email to geoffangus@bigpond.com.



Notices and Events

FUTURE LEADERS SEMINAR - Penrith, NSW.

The 2016 Future Leaders Seminar will be an interactive day of shared ideas, presentations by speakers from Rotary International, and workshops led by successful community and business leaders who are also Rotarians.



The aims of the Seminar are to:

- Instill a desire for leadership and to motivate Future Leaders
- Encourage Rotary leadership in our clubs and districts and beyond
- Inform of the leadership opportunities in our Rotary world
- Build knowledge of Rotary topics
- Revitalise Rotary by inspiring participants to action



Who can attend: The Seminar is open to all Rotarians throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands who would like to learn more about the current issues in Rotary and develop their leadership skills through Rotary at all levels (in the club, district and above):

For clubs : Who in your club are up and coming leaders? Encourage them to register for this Seminar.

For individual Rotarians: You do not have to be nominated by your district or club. You can "nominate" yourself.

When: **Wednesday 31st August**, 8.30am arrival for 9.00am to 5.00pm sessions.

All Future Leaders' Seminar participants are also invited to attend Rotary Institute **Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd September**.

Where: Penrith Panthers – Ron Mullock Room (Penrith, NSW)

Includes: A day of stimulating networking, informational and highly motivating speakers and breakout discussion groups, plus lunch and tea breaks.

Cost: Future Leaders' Seminar is AUD\$125 per person. Rotary Institute and other associated activities are additional cost.

Registration: At www.rotaryinstitute.org.au



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Daryl Mills Farewell

Final Report and Farewell Visit by Daryl Mills Rotary Liaison Office Timor Leste

26th July. The Rotary Club of Balwyn 6.15 for 6.45pm at Green Acres Golf Club 51 Elm Street, Kew
Cost: \$30.00 for two course meal – drinks at bar prices



A special evening of review, thanks and farewell to Daryl Mills, whose commitment to Timor Leste over the last 12 years has been outstanding and his legacy lives on through his training of several locals to continue this vital work.

We commend this evening to you and would ask that you forward this note to other individuals and Clubs in D9800 and surrounding Districts.

RSVP: richardseeley@bigpond.com by 19th July, 2016

9800 Rotaract Our Space 2016

The Rotaractors of District 9800 would like to formally invite you to Rotaract's biggest night of the year our **9800 DISTRICT ROTARACT**

CHANGEOVER called, "Our Space" on **August 13th**.

Our Space is a chance for us Rotaractors to celebrate and to showcase our passions for Rotary and Rotaract. The Rotaract Clubs of Melbourne City, Gateway and Swinburne will provide an insight into their plans for the upcoming Rotary year.

6:30pm August 13th The Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd., Richmond Dress: **Cocktail**

Tickets: [BOOK HERE](#)

Our Space is going to be a fantastic night of Rotaract and Rotary and we will be ever so grateful for your attendance.

Cameron Williams, District Rotaract Representative M: 0425 828 893 www.rotaract9800.org.au



Rotarians against Malaria Conference

20-21st August, at Cilcoms, Tullamarine.

Speakers include RAM Project Managers, Tim Freeman and Wayne Morris, Prof. Ric Price (Menzies Institute), Prof. Denis Shanks (AAMI), Dr Danielle Stanisic (Griffith Uni.), Dr Jack Richards (Burnet Institute), and Michael Shields (Chair of Rotaract Australia Against Malaria). Speakers from WEHI and Operation Buzz-Off to be confirmed.

REGISTER at www.rawcs.org.au/ram-conference

Registration \$100; extra dinner guests \$30; Single day Registration \$50 (Sat. or Sunday). [Registration fee includes morning and afternoon teas, breakfast and the Conference Dinner.]

CILOMS is located close to the airport with a free shuttle bus service.

Book your room direct with Ciloms Reservations at

ciloms@ciloms.com.au or Phone : 61 3 9335 2788 or 1800 819 443.

Enquiries or assistance with registration contact:

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Our Contributors



District Governor Neville John is a member of Central Melbourne Rotary Club.



Tony Thomas writes lots of amusing and informative material for us and for "Quadrant.org.au"



David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. He admits he may need your help!



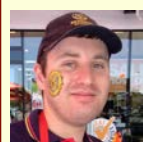
Philip Archer of Southbank RC is District Membership Director.



Our Girl Friday Clarice gets around a lot in Rotary, and writes a column in "Networker". "Just for fun" she says.



Eric Wright is Managing Director of the Fight Cancer Foundation.



Matthew Scott sends us regular reports from the Deep North, in between episodes of face-painting.



District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, always keeps the Networker team on their toes.



Des O'Shanassy is the president of Hoppers Crossing Rotary Club. Did you read about their Antique Fair?



Malcolm Baird of Brighton North is passionate about the abolition of Child Slavery.