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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

DG Neville John's Message



Rotary's Focus for January: Vocational Service

Vocational Service - The Essence of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is embedded in the second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

- High ethical standards in business and professions.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations.
- Use your professional or other skills to serve a community through a project.
- Practice your vocation with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve their career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.



DG Neville John and Rebecca

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and interests you, then you're in the right place, because it is the very **essence of Rotary**. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations and is apparent in every avenue of service.

At club level, this means being able to identify the vocational skills of our members and others. For example, we have access to engineers and builders who can help us build a school in a remote community, we have access to doctors and nurses who can provide medical support where it's really needed and teachers who can provide skills to assist with many Rotary youth development programs and in vocational training in developing countries where such skills are needed. The list is endless.

"The only unique feature of Rotary is vocational service; everything else that we do is repeated by some other organization. If we have a special message or mission in the world that is unique to ourselves, it lies only in the realm of vocational service." - T.A. Warren, Past RI President 1945-1946



DG Neville John's Message

Vocational Service as a Membership & Public Image tool

Vocational Service should be seen as a part of every avenue of service and also as a potential marketing tool for membership development and enhancement of public image. Enhancing public image and awareness leads to more members and then to more service projects, contributing to an even better public image. When we talk to people about engaging in Rotary projects, it is most often their skills and experience that they have to offer. Vocational Service is basic to our organisation. When we join Rotary, we identify with our vocational experience, which requires that each club knows about the diverse experience it has available for project work. What do you know about the vocations of your club members or others in your community that could help with projects?

The Power of One – Means You!

Every Rotary project anywhere in the world started with one person who had an idea – and they developed and grew that idea using the huge, powerful network of Rotary to really make a difference. Ideas are only limited by your imagination and your willingness to ask the organisations and people in your community for their support, and in doing so, offering them the opportunity of a lifetime to be part of something great – a highly diverse and reputable international organisation which is anchored by its strong ethical core values. Rotary is in the business of making a difference, of restoring pride and dignity and of saving and improving lives of those who didn't get our opportunities. We realise the difference a little of our time can make, what our skills can bring, by working together, sharing our talents, our knowledge and our experience with others, and by doing what we can, when we can with whatever time we have. This allows every one of us to continue to change lives and our communities for the better, by working together and doing all we can to identify people who want to help in what we do.

"The goal of a person doing business is not only to earn a living. The purpose is to be a contributing member of the community, to make the community stronger, and to help make other people's lives better." – (Sakuji Tanaka, Past RI President 2012-2013)

Please join me in celebrating Vocational Service month by promoting the ethical core values of Rotary and doing something to gain a better understanding of the diverse vocational talents of each of your club members. You never know what you may find that could engage more of them.

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

The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Gala Dinner - 100 Years of 'Doing Good In The World'



Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith 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 Klingensmith. The global centennial celebration officially kicked off in May 2016 at the Rotary Convention in Korea and culminates at the 2017 convention in Atlanta.

In conjunction with District Foundation Chair, PDG Dennis Shore, Southbank Rotary will be assisting with organizing a major District event to celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. This will be an occasion for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. More details will be widely circulated before the end of this month but for now, **'Save the Date: 31st May 2017'** at The Atlantic, Central Pier, Docklands.

"Our boys and girls have greater freedom, exercise greater power, and have more opportunities for both good and evil, than ever before. Even if we fail them, youth will not be neglected, for they are the object of universal attention from all the conflicting ideologies and opinions in the world....How important it is, therefore, that youth's great possibilities for good be realized and developed!" – (Sir Angus S Mitchell 1948)

DG Neville John's Message

The Family of Rotary Grows - New Interact Club St Alban's Secondary College



In 1948/10949 Past RI President Sir Angus Mitchell's outline his aspirations for Rotary, one of which was to work with the youth of today to build a strong and peaceful world of tomorrow. I was absolutely delighted to attend the charter event of the Interact Club of St Albans Secondary College last month. Congratulations to the school, the Interact students and President Michael Donnelly and the members of sponsor club Brimbank Central Rotary. Tony Micallef was inducted as Charter President in the presence of Mayor of Brimbank, Cr John Hedditch and Cr Kim Truong, together with School Principal Kerrie Dowsley, and Deputy Ian Crocker. The Mayor extended an invitation to the Interactors to communicate directly with him on community matters highlighting the importance that local government place on the opinions of young leaders. The students are not just our future leaders - their step into the family of Rotary shows that they already are.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Another wonderful annual event in the Youth Service calendar last month was the Rotary meeting at the RYLA camp, hosted so well by Albert Park Rotary. The room packed with Rotarians from all over the District who came to support their nominated participants, and to be entertained after dinner with a series of thought provoking and insightful presentations from the RYLA students. Many have said that RYLA has provided clarity around their immediate futures, and a greater appreciation of the work of Rotary.



Congratulations to RYLA Chair Stuart Cardell and his committee, including Co-Directors, Chris Freeman and Jess Roberts. Stuart announced his retirement from the committee after seven years of dedicated support, and this was recognized at the dinner with a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire recognition. Thank you Stuart!

Rotary Showcase – 26th January 2017 Australia Day at Lake Weeroona in Bendigo

For those able to attend, don't forget the first showcase for the year in Bendigo on Australia Day, kicking off around 10 am and finishing at 3.30 pm. The community will see and experience first-hand the amazing work done by Rotary, including expos highlighting projects involved in Disease prevention & treatment, Water & sanitation, Maternal & child health, Basic education & Literacy, Economic & community development and Peace and Conflict prevention and resolution.

Rotary Serving Humanity – Through Vocational Service

The future is bright, with a membership that is talented and diverse, with Rotarians now more willing than ever to do what it takes to achieve the most they can without compromising what makes us who we are. Together we bring health, hope and a better life for our communities and together we'll leave a polio free world to our children and grandchildren – through 'Rotary Serving Humanity' and our diverse vocational talents.

Rebecca and I trust that 2017 is a healthy year ahead for you and your families.

Neville John

District Governor 2016-2017

Christmas 24/7

By David Dippie, RC Keilor

It happened to be the week before Christmas in Balibo Timor Leste, but it could have been in any of the 25 countries we have shipped goods to, at any time of the year. It could have been Mrs Jones in your suburb who received her Rotary Wheelchair from her occupational therapist. The attached letter highlights how cheap and easy it is to improve people's lives utilising the goods available from Donations In Kind. It cost \$50.00 to ship each wheelchair.

Bonoite,

A wonderful day today, with the delivery of wheelchairs to Cecilia and Johannes, both were over the moon.

We took Cecilia to Balibo hospital so that the Doctor could fit her for the chair and explain its workings to her mother. She didn't want me to take her home and made her mum wheel her 5kms home so she could take in the sights. I don't know if you realise but she is carried everywhere by her mum or cushioned between 2 people on a motorcycle for long distance travel.

I was so overwhelmed with emotion. She radiated so much joy that can't be captured in a photo. People gathered around and were so happy for her. Rotary has given so much joy not only to Cecilia but her family and friends.



Johannes was overcome with the generosity as he didn't know he would be receiving the chair. Yes, another teary moment for me. He is now able to wheel himself around after being stuck in a chair or lying on the floor, able to go out and about.

Each chair had a sheet with a Rotary logo and a message in Tetun. We have posted some photos on the Balibo Five Community learning centre Facebook page thanking Rotary.

I want to express my gratitude for what you have done. I'm not sure you realise how life changing this deed has been. Everyone is over the moon, staff at CLC, community,

Doctors at the hospital; its amazing the work that Rotary does. I wish you were here to reap the benefits of that joy. I will never forget this day a definite highlight in my life.

Thank you, thank you thank you from Balibo.

Warm regards

Michele

(Michele is a Palms Australia volunteer resident in Balibo living in the accommodation unit that Rotary helped to build.)

Your Donations-in-Kind Store contains 3400m2 of opportunities for you to help others. If you don't have a project Laurie Fisher 0428 550 574 dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com would be happy to recommend some.

Group Vocational Exchange FROM the Philippines

By Alan Seale, District Chair, Vocational Service

Last month Networker featured the District 9800 outgoing team going to the Philippines on a Vocational Exchange. In return, a very interesting group of young professionals from District 3820 in Southern Luzon will be visiting us from February 11 to March 11. This is a great opportunity for us to live one of the three key elements of Vocational Service - which is to **empower others through training and skill development**.

Can you recall when somebody stepped in early in your career and helped you develop your professional and personal skills by opening doors or introducing you to leaders in your field? That is what our visitors hope to experience when staying with us in Melbourne. We want them to feel just as you did when somebody gave you a break.

If you would like to help find suitable vocational visits for the incoming team, drop me a line and the Vocational Service team will follow it up.

The Team Members with some thought starters about vocational visits are;



Leader; Flordeliza Castro - Amptuan - an experienced nurse now in health services marketing and management. Exposure to major hospital management and public or private health service providers would seem a good fit. Possibly also educational institutions in this field?

Nicole Angelique Lit Sanchez - a microbiologist currently working in an analytical services firm supporting the food and non food industries by providing a range of food safety and environmental testing services. So visiting RMIT Food Science and Technology, Nutrition Australia, environmental testing labs, food industry, etc. (no photo yet)



Mariffe Barral Dapito, with an MS in environmental science and engaged in solving pollution problems in river systems. Very well qualified and active professionally. Visits to the EPA, researchers/consultants in managing waste water impact on natural systems, Catchment Management Authorities, Melbourne Water, etc?



Jerick Pecaso - a water and sanitary engineer currently in environmental management at a university, interested in safety, health and environmental best practice with emphasis on water systems. So one of the Metro water companies, Melbourne Water, EPA, GHD (big environmental consulting firm), etc.



Ma. Leny Arcenas - an experienced nurse and midwife, now in the public sector managing public health programs e.g. STI HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, Adolescent Reproductive Health, etc. Suggests Department of Health, health insurance industry, university schools of nursing?

Suggestions? Reply to aseale@bigpond.net.au

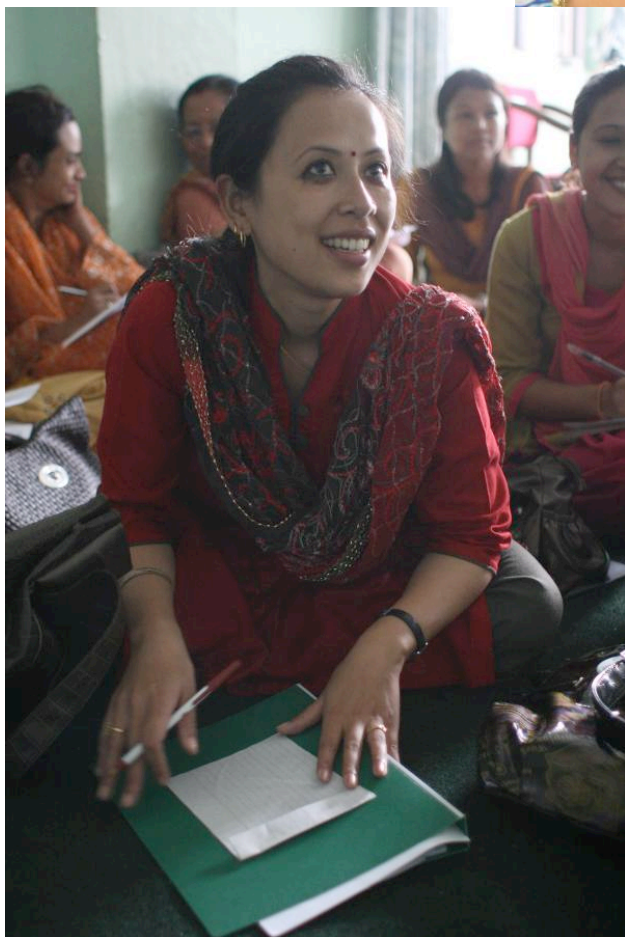
Teaching the Teachers

By Arnold R. Grahl

Realizing that getting children into schools isn't enough to solve illiteracy, Rotary shifts to mentoring and coaching teachers.

On Carolyn Johnson's second visit to the central highlands of Guatemala, she met a first-grade teacher who made a shocking confession. Before taking part in the Guatemala Literacy Project, the teacher was convinced that her students could not learn to read.

"She said 'We were willing to go through the program because it was a day out of class and you gave us books and you provided us with a nice lunch, but we knew that you were crazy,'" says Johnson, a Rotarian who helped design the curriculum for the project and now serves as a technical adviser for the Guatemala Literacy Project.



That teacher and more than a hundred of her colleagues each received several in-classroom coaching sessions over eight months. They learned how to replace rote memorization drills and repetition of words on a blackboard with exercises that engage their students in critical thinking.

"She went on to tell me excitedly how 45 of her 50 students were moving on to second grade because they had learned to read," Johnson says. "The program has made believers out of 90 percent of the teachers we have worked with. They are excited about being teachers again, and they go into their classrooms believing they can make a difference."

After decades of investing in literacy projects, experts have realized that simply getting children into the classroom — either by removing attendance barriers or providing supplies — is not enough. Before students can succeed, the quality of the teaching in that classroom needs to improve.

Photos courtesy Nepal Teacher Training Innovations

Full story: <https://www.rotary.org/en/teaching-teachers-key-literacy>

Evaluating Rotary Peace Centers

By Jos Nolle, Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise, Canada

After doing several project evaluation visits for *The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers* in places such as Ecuador, Brazil, Arizona, Mozambique, and Ethiopia, a somewhat unusual request came my way — to help the Rotary Peace Centers program team evaluate its six centers. These are located in the USA (Duke/UNC), the UK (Bradford), Sweden (Uppsala), Japan (International Christian University), Australia (Queensland), and Thailand (Chulalongkorn).



After preparing with the team in Evanston, I visited the six centers between November 2014 and March 2016. During that period, I was frequently in contact with Rotary Peace Centers staff in Evanston about my findings. Each visit was followed by a short report, which gave my observations from meeting with peace fellows at each center, with local peace center staff, and with the host area coordinator and a small group of host counselors.

Meeting the peace fellows was fantastic. These are very deserving young humanitarians who have already earned their stripes before being selected for the generous fellowship. They range from United Nations peacekeepers to local police officers, from emergency doctors in conflict zones to social workers in inner cities and shantytowns, from founders of small grassroots NGOs and community-based organizations to environmental activists.

They all were inspired and inspiring, strong young professionals for whom this fellowship was an opportunity to reflect, to absorb research findings in their field, and to study together with like-minded, driven professionals. Full of admiration, I listened to some 120 stories of courage, stubbornness, and perseverance of young professionals who were ready to “go to the field” again.

The universities around the world selected by the Rotary Peace Centers Committee to host these centers are of very high quality, and they all have some niche areas of expertise in peacekeeping and peacebuilding. These master’s degree programs, offered at five centers, and the professional development certificate, offered at the Chulalongkorn center, give the fellows the theory and practical skills to do their work even better than before.

There is much more I could tell you, but my advice is to see if you can visit one of these Rotary Peace Centers yourself and meet with the host-area Rotarians (who take great care of the fellows), the young professionals, and the academics who guide them through the further learning and honing of their skills.

This is a Rotary activity that should become another “legacy program” once the fight against polio has been won. The Rotary Peace Centers program deserves more attention and more funding to take it to the next level. The potential is clear and the importance is obvious.



During seven years of his professional career (1988-95), Jos Nolle worked as administrator of the international medical relief organization “Medecins sans Frontieres” in many conflict regions around the world. Since then, he worked 20 years in professional and technical vocational training and education, and has been involved in a variety of education development projects, some of them in post-conflict regions.

What Does ‘Cadre’ Mean to Rotarians? It varies quite a bit by region. Some know it’s a word for “group” or “team” with a highlevel connotation. Others find it too enigmatic and want it changed. In some Latin American countries, we learned, it means someone who might be “out to get you.”

Most Rotarians — even some regional Rotary Foundation coordinators! — confess that they do not know about The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers. It is a group of highly experienced Rotary volunteers, who help grant sponsors become more successful.

Membership Minute

Corporate membership and new membership types:

Are you interested in offering new membership types in your club? Robert Fisher, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, recently described his experience with corporate memberships. [Learn](#) how his club applied this new flexibility to increase membership.



Here's what clubs need to know about corporate memberships and other new membership types:

- Clubs are free to offer alternative memberships of any kind. For corporate memberships, clubs count individuals as members, not the corporations that sponsor them.
- If corporate members pay RI dues, they will be included in their club's official membership count and receive all the benefits that other active, dues-paying members enjoy.
- Clubs can have special policies for these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, or service expectations, as long as the club bylaws reflect these policies.



Nice photo!

Find the right picture to tell Rotary's story. RI's library contains thousands of colorful images that capture the heart of what we do locally and globally.

Description: Christopher Castro (center), of the Rotary Club of Brentwood, New York, USA, works with members of the community of Nan Sema on the island of La Gonave, Haiti, to secure solar panels on the roof of the local clinic. With Rotary Foundation Matching Grant 73919, Rotarians from District 7260 and Haitian Rotarians staffed a weeklong medical clinic there, installed a laptop and satellite to be used for telemedicine, and converted the community center's power source to solar energy. After the 2010 earthquake, Port-au-Prince residents fled to the island, increasing its population by 30 percent.

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New Rotary approved Website Themes

This month, Rotary International launched their new website, and also released their updated visual identity guidelines for clubs and districts. Clubs are encouraged to adopt Rotary's new voice and visual identity, as part of an initiative to strengthen the brand.

As ClubRunner is an Official Licensee, we're excited to announce two new Rotary themes that align with the new guidelines.

New Rotary approved website themes

Introducing [Vision](#) and [Community](#), two new Rotary approved mobile-responsive next-generation themes available in 7 different color variations each! Better showcase your work, the impact your club makes in the community, and engage with your audience like never before.

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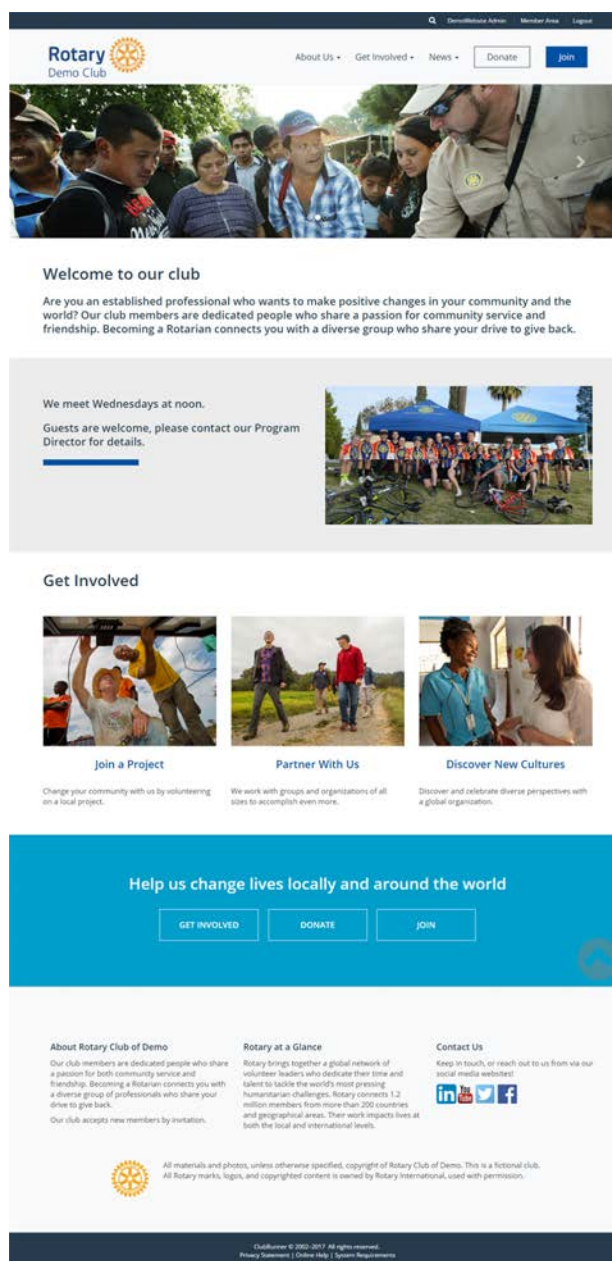
Choosing a new theme is easy, free and doesn't require you to rebuild your site content.

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"Rotary has a great story to tell, but we need to tell it in a more unified and consistent way. By working with ClubRunner, Rotary members will have the tools they need to communicate with all audiences". - David Alexander, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Rotary International

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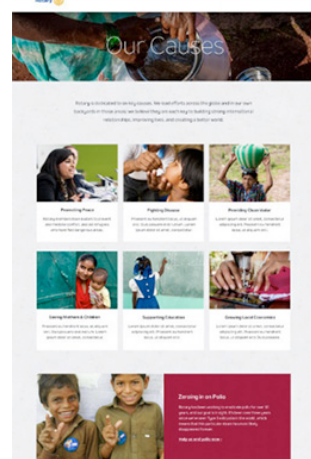
A sneak peek at the Web refresh

By Rotary staff

In January, visitors to Rotary.org will discover a new, contemporary site that tells Rotary's story in a fresh and exciting way. It's the first step in a two-part process to refresh our entire website: first the public site, Rotary.org, and then My Rotary.

Some of the changes will be obvious: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics to tell our stories, and better organization of content to help readers find out who we are and what we're doing. Others, like the improved speed of the site, will be a welcome surprise.

We believe these changes will more clearly show that Rotary is making the world a better place — and will persuade potential members and donors to support our work by joining a club, volunteering on a project, or donating to a cause. Visit Rotary.org in January to see all the improvements we've made.



THE ROTARIAN PHOTO CONTEST



Do you have a great shot from a club project or fundraiser? Did you capture a memorable moment at the convention or during an international trip? Enter your images in The Rotarian's 2017 photo contest and you might see them in the pages of the magazine.

You may enter up to three photos taken since 1st January 2016. While some photos might have elements of all three, select one category to enter your photo.

Our previous guest judges have included Pulitzer Prize-winning photographers David Hume Kennerly and Carol Guzy and Kathy Ryan, director of photography for the New York Times Magazine.

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Hamas and Rotary

By Tony Thomas

Hamas, Gaza's government, has been much in the news lately and thankfully the recent Hamas/Israel war has subsided somewhat.

Some commentators have overlooked that the Hamas Charter of 1988 calls for the destruction not just of Israel but of Rotary, Lions and Freemasons Clubs, which Hamas believes are secret Zionist "cells of subversion and saboteurs".



Article 28 of the Hamas Charter says: "The Zionist invasion is a vicious invasion. It does not refrain from resorting to all methods, using all evil and contemptible ways to achieve its end. It relies greatly in its infiltration and espionage operations on the secret organizations it gave rise to, such as the Freemasons, The Rotary and Lions clubs, and other sabotage groups. All these organizations, whether secret or open, work in the interest of Zionism and according to its instructions. They aim at undermining societies, destroying values, corrupting consciences, deteriorating character and annihilating Islam. It is behind the drug trade and alcoholism in all its kinds so as to facilitate its control and expansion."

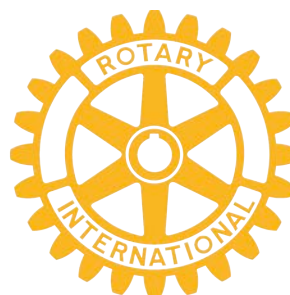
Article 17 says: "The day Islam is in control of guiding the affairs of life, these organizations, hostile to humanity and Islam, will be obliterated." http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp

It is a good thing that District 9800 clubs can be defended against Hamas, if necessary, by their Sergeants At Arms.

A backgrounder on historic Rotary/Islam relations can be found on the website of the e-club of Jefferson, California, at <http://stateofjeffersonrotary.org/library/programs-1/364-rotary-islam>

The author says "Fortunately for Rotary, and of course, the communities that benefit for Rotary service projects, many Muslims have chosen to ignore ... the Hamas Covenant. Rotary is present in many Muslim countries: Indonesia (the world's most populous Muslim nation), Turkey, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Sudan, the new nation of South Sudan, but probably most telling, the Rotary Club of Ramallah [West Bank]... That club's very existence is repudiation of the Hamas Covenant's positions on Rotary clubs."

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Clarice's Comments



Welcome back to Rotary, everybody! I hope you had a great Chrissie and a sober New Year. Are you all re-invigorated and ready for anything?

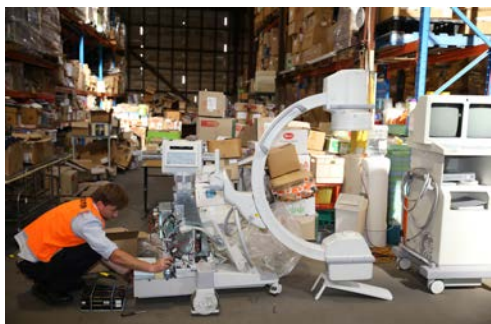
I thought I would have a quiet break, but my old pal Cheryl Pisterman (RC Glenferrie) co-opted me to help her pack up goods at the Legal Aid office with her husband David. Legal Aid are moving to other premises, and they had stationary and office equipment which was no longer required. Once there, we were also offered crockery, kitchen equipment (microwave oven and fridge) and a lounge suite in good condition. Whoopee! Luckily the Donations-in-Kind team of truckies (David, Alan and Andy) appeared to do the heavy lifting: however did David Dippie reverse the DIK truck down that narrow lane? ESP perhaps . . . In any case it will all be very useful, and some of it will go to Jill Forsyth (Kew RC) for her Op-shop in Camberwell, or to PDG Ross Butterworth's Western Emergency Relief Network.



Cheryl Pisterman with the DIK Truckies and husband David.

But it's often not what you know but who you know, that gets the job done.

Peter Lugg (Hawthorn RC) had obtained two X-Ray Image Intensifiers to include in his projected container to Cambodia, and he wondered if they were in safe working order: these X-Ray machines generate a whole lot of radiation, but who would know how much leaks out?



David Higgins installing new batteries.

He got Leah Biffin, a Physicist with Western Health to check them out. One unit was on its last legs, and probably best used as scrap metal. The other, a GE unit was really good, but the batteries failed to charge properly. Not a flashlight battery or even a car 12 volt battery, but two sophisticated 97 volt batteries, which they discovered to their dismay, cost \$2,900.00 Undeterred, Leah contacted Steve White, Service Delivery Manager of GE Healthcare, who promised to look into things. Steve did more than look, he found two second-hand batteries, and asked technician David Higgins to install them. On Thursday morning, David installed the batteries and provided a working key to the Image Intensifier, which is now up and running, ready to be loaded with the rest of Peter Lugg's equipment.

It turns out Steve White is a former Rotary exchange student: when sent a "thank-you" note and photo, he replied: *"Thank you for the update and pic. My engineers were very keen to help. It's nice to do something for those in need and reflect on our own lives and be grateful for what we have. As a former Rotary Youth Exchange Student (1989 to district 6220 in USA) I know Rotary's work very well. If you have future need for technical , electrical or biomedical skills - please contact me again and hopefully we can help out."*

One thing lead to another: Leah knew where there was a redundant Phillips X-Ray Image Intensifier, and she contacted Amanda Perdomo, Certified Medical Physics Specialist at the Alfred Radiology Department. Amanda then offered it to DIK. These units, to my amazement, cost \$10,000 to \$25,000! The DIK Truckies picked it up, and no sooner were they back at Footscray when Gillian Tickall, Chief Radiographer at the Alfred Hospital, offered them FIVE Phillips ultrasound scanners, no longer required. (She had just heard from Amanda how easy it is to dispose of equipment which is no longer required.) These ultrasound units are much easier to use than the X-Ray Image Intensifiers, and they would be suitable for rural hospitals in Cambodia. I checked the web for a price, and they cost around \$22,000 each when new! So the DIK Truckies sprang into action again.

What a wonderful chain of helpful people they discovered, all willing to assist in providing medical aid for third world countries. Thanks to them all, for giving us an especially Merry Christmas.

- Clarice

Notices and Events

*Want to earn a **\$1,000 Grant** for your **New Members** to invest in a new **Community Project** for your Club?*

Simply induct **4 new members** between **1 June** and **31 October 2016** – and the **\$1,000** grant will be presented for your New Members to use as seed funding on a project of their choice!!!

The District was so successful with these grants in 2015/16, that the **19** clubs that received these grants, inducted **196** new members!!!! And this equated to **62%** of all new members in our District!!

1. The aim of the **\$1,000 Grant** is to engage the New Members and improve New Member retention.
2. And to turn \$1,000 into a new project that has some or all of the following benefits:
 - ✓ Doing something worthwhile for the local community
 - ✓ Encouraging like-minded people to join in the project and get to know the “new Rotary”
 - ✓ Succeeds in profiling the Club.
3. A maximum of 20 grants are available for the first 20 clubs that achieve at least 4 New Member inductions within the required period.
4. No application form is needed.
5. Your club just needs to email Chris Egger cegger@ntc.gov.au with the names and induction dates of your **4** or more inductees, *and* provide your club bank account details.
6. All clubs in our District are eligible to receive this grant including those clubs that qualified for the previous \$1,000 grants in 2015/16.
7. As with previous allocations, this grant must be used as seed money on a *new* Community Project that the New Members select and are involved in, during the first 12 months they are in the club.

If your club would like a visit from one of the District Membership Committee to speak at your Club, please contact Sandi Fulcher (Secretary) via email: sandi_fulcher@hotmail.com

Need ideas of how to use the \$1,000 Grant? See the attached list of just some of the projects so far.

*Good luck with your Membership drive and we look forward to presenting **\$1,000** to your Club.*

Yours in Rotary,

Chris Egger
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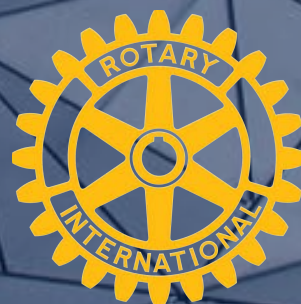
JOIN US AT OUR 2017 ROTARY SHOWCASES:

- January 26 Australia Day - Lake Weeroona, Bendigo
- February 25 - The Atrium, Federation Square, Melbourne
- June 10 & 11 Queen's Birthday Weekend - Rotary Park, Echuca

See and experience first hand the amazing work done by Rotary, including:

- Disease prevention & treatment
- Water & sanitation
- Maternal & child health
- Basic education & Literacy
- Economic & community development
- Promoting peace

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GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE

Want to know what the GVE stands for and is all about? Want a day of fun, fellowship and familiarisation?

On **Sunday 12 February 2017**, a BBQ luncheon catered for by the RC North Balwyn in their inimitable style and is to be an event showcasing much more than just alfresco cooking and enjoying! This BBQ is the official joint welcome to the just arrived GVE Team from D3820 in the Philippines and a farewell to our 9800 Team leaving for the Philippines on the next day. Let's really make them all feel welcome and wanted by being there as well.

Things you need to know:

Date and time – Sunday 12 February 2017, 12.00 midday to mid-afternoon.

Venue – Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond St, Balwyn North (Melway 46 F1). A leafy setting with plentiful seating, undercover if necessary, and toilets.

Menu – 3 meats, 3 salads, bread and coffee. Barrista coffee and soft drink available for purchase. BYO alcohol.

Cost – \$30.00 per person.

Direct Deposit to Westpac Account 375477 BSB 033181 – Use Club name as reference

PLEASE BOOK with HENRY DRURY ASAP, 3/72 Wattle Road, Hawthorn, Vic 3122 PH: 0414 782 332 Email: handjdrury@gmail.com On payment, please identify the names of the people coming to the BBQ.



Celebrate with us in Atlanta

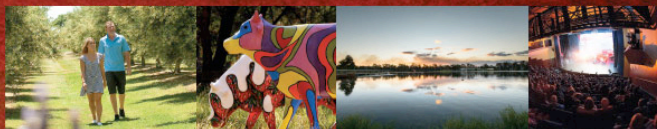
Join thousands of Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, **10-14 June 2017**.

The celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary promises to be an unforgettable experience. Register before 15 December for extra savings!

- Are you wondering where to stay? A number of excellent hotels are offering special convention rates, and many are within walking distance or a short bus or subway ride away. Learn more and book now.
- Are you coming to the The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party? Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the city where it all began, with cake, ice cream, and lots of fun. [Purchase tickets](#) for only \$26.50 per person.
- The Atlanta convention's Host Organization Committee is planning outstanding events for all attendees. [Visit the HOC site](#) to learn about the many events, tours, and activities available.
- Spread the word! [Download promotional materials](#) for social media, posters, and more.



**2017 DISTRICT 9800
CONFERENCE
SHEPPARTON - VICTORIA
30 MARCH - 1 APRIL**



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Notices and Events

Rotary Trip to India

23 January - 10 February 2017

A Tour of India with a Rotarian as our guide.

We will also be visiting Rotary Albert Park's sanitation project. Melbourne Mumbai Melbourne Flight plus 16 night accommodation w/breakfast. All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tour. Local English speaking guides.

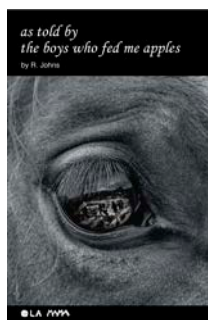
\$3835 pp Twin Share \$4785 pp single

RSVP: ASAP: e: ishwsh@gmail.com m: 0423 663 694



The boys who fed me apples

Sandy was the only one of 136,000 Australian World War 1 war horses to return home. Sandy's fragmented war story (and that of three soldiers who served with him) is told through physical performance which crosses over with a visceral, poetic text and a haunting, original sound design. La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond St Carlton **March 22nd - April 2nd**. Weds 6.30pm, Thurs- Sat 7.30 pm, Sun 4pm. Matinees Wed 1 pm and Thurs 11am. Bookings : 9347 6142 Approximately 85 mins. Selected for the 2017 VCAA Drama Playlist. This project has been supported by the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Fund and Big West Festival. Playwright Rosemary Johns is a volunteer at the Flemington Rotary Opportunity Shop.



Wedding Expo 2017 at Encore

Sunday 30 April 2017 - 10am - 4pm Gold coin donation

Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing, 3029

An Expo for those planning a wedding in Melbourne's West is being held on 30 April 2017.



There will be a wide range of industry specialists in attendance including: Marriage Celebrants, Wedding Photographers, Hair and Make-Up, Bonbonnières, Fireworks, Wedding Invitations and Stationery, Wedding Reception Venues, Wedding Cakes, Wedding Florists, Wedding Dresses, Wedding Gown Cleaning, Mother-of-the-Bride Wear, Male Formal Wear, Wedding Gifts, Decorations, and Wedding Cars and Limousines. The event is open to potential exhibitors and details are available through the Email address above.

All proceeds raised are going towards the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing for use on their community and international projects. We look forward to assisting you on the day with your wedding requirements and thank you for your support.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rotaryclubhopperscrossing

Visit our website at www.hopperscrossingrotary.org.au.

Our Contributors



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



Tony Thomas contributes to "The Networker", and "Quadrant", where he recently wrote about Sex Pistils. Believe it or not.



David Dippie of Keilor RC is a Rotarian who wants to change the world. Keep an eye on this man!



Dennis Shore was D9800 District Governor in 2012-13, and he is now District Foundation Director.



Our Glamorous Girl Friday Clarice replies to the letters we receive at "The Networker".



Matthew Scott of Bendigo South teaches Religion and Media Studies.



Philip Archer of Southbank Rotary Club is District Membership Director.



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



DG Nominee Bronwyn Stephens is a supporter of several projects in Cambodia.



Henry Drury of Hawthorn Rotary is a key member of the District Vocational Exchange Committee.