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Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
all community
minded people

DG Weekly Message

The Rotary Foundation – a Foundation for Hope

November is the month when we
focus on The Rotary Foundation.

Most Rotarians know something
of the story of how The Rotary
Foundation came into being.
Sadly its architect, Arch Klumph
who was RI president in 1916-
17 is less well known, although
his name is enshrined in The
Arch Klumph Society, which
recognises those who donate
more than \$250,000 to The
Rotary Foundation. In my view
Arch Klumph stands right next to
Paul Harris for his contribution
to Rotary. He was born in 1869
in poor circumstances and left
school to go to work at the age
of 12. Through hard work and
talent he became a significant
businessman, eventually running
a Bank and a shipping line. He
had other talents and taught



Arch C. Klumph



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

himself to play the flute, not
remarkable of itself but he went
on to become a flautist with the
Cleveland Symphony Orchestra in
his spare time.

Arch Klumph's Rotary career
was just as remarkable. From
charter member of the Rotary
Club of Cleveland in 1911 in just
6 years he became RI President.
Subsequently he chaired the
Committee that wrote the Rotary
International Constitution and
was the architect of much of what
we know as Rotary today, such
as dividing Rotary into districts,
establishment of the office of
District Governor and the annual
District Conference.

The Rotary Endowment Fund
came about by "a vision, a little
inspiration" from Arch Klumph.
Most of us know a version of the
story. As Arch Klumph's term as RI
President was coming to an end,
the Rotary Club of Kansas City
collected money for a gift to the
retiring President and when they
closed the account they donated
the surplus of \$26.50 as seed
money for the Rotary Endowment
Fund, which Arch Klumph had
proposed. Despite ongoing
encouragement from Arch
Klumph, the fund grew slowly
but that changed in 1928 when
delegates to the Convention that

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November is Rotary Foundation Month



year renamed the fund to The Rotary Foundation, with separate Trustees and a separate bank account! Funds started to come in strongly and it was Paul Harris in 1929 who asked The Foundation to make its first donation (to the International Society for Crippled Children).

Efforts to accumulate really significant funds were set back by World War II, but in a sense it was that tragedy that defined the future role of The Foundation to become an instrument for peace in the future. Today the mission of The Rotary Foundation remains the same - to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The whole premise of The Rotary Foundation is that it is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

This vision became engraved in the Rotary psyche when it was decided to honour the memory of Paul Harris on his death in 1947 by gifts in his name to The Rotary Foundation. Thus The Foundation became the powerhouse envisaged by Arch Klumph who lived long enough to see this happen (he passed away in 1951). But I suspect even Arch Klumph could not have imagined the huge force for good that The Foundation has become. The incredible effort that has gone into Polio eradication demonstrates, as perhaps no other program can, just how vital Arch Klumph's "little inspiration" has been for achieving the outcomes that Rotary makes possible.

I know there are many fabulous programs in Rotary, including Australian Rotary Health, ROMAC, Interplast and so many others that we do and should support and I encourage us all as clubs and individual Rotarians to do so.

But we should not support these projects to the detriment or even the exclusion of The Rotary Foundation. We often overlook that so many traditional Rotary activities are made possible through The Rotary Foundation. It funds so many of our international programs and long standing programs such as Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships program and 3-H Grants.

The Rotary Foundation is refocusing its objectives through the Future Vision initiative but the outcomes are more than ever very much about realising The Foundation's long standing mission.

Some programs are being concluded, including Group Study Exchange. It is a view held by many

Rotarians that The Foundation Trustees have not made a good decision in this regard and we hope that this will be revisited in time. However the six areas of focus for the future are positive, with a strengthening of support for the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution, the introduction of Vocational Training Team (VTT) programs and the transition of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program into the Global Grant Scholarship program to ensure study in areas that will support the work of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is administered independently of the Rotary International Board but it is very much Rotary. Rotary as we know it today would not be what it is without The Rotary Foundation as its "engine room". Yes, I know that there is always a call for Clubs and individual Rotarians to support The Foundation but even a dollar makes a difference and anything we can do to support The Foundation means that Rotary can make a real difference to someone whose need is greater than ours—to provide hope for a better future.

Dennis Shore
District Governor



A rickshaw driver pedals through village streets and alleys to announce an upcoming Subnational Immunization Day. This grassroots social mobilization effort was organized and funded by local Rotarians. Birgunj, Nepal. April 2008.





The Rotary Foundation Explained

By PDG John Davis, D9800 Foundation Chairman

Arch Klumph proposed the establishment of The Rotary Foundation in 1917. In 1918 TRF received its first donation of US\$26.50 being the surplus from the 1918 convention. The net assets of the Foundation as at June 30th 2011 were US\$852 million.

Without The Rotary Foundation, Rotary International would only be a shadow of the organization that it is today.

Why then have we made significant changes to the Rotary Foundation under the Future Vision pilot program? While the current Foundation model has been very successful, the way its grant structure has been implemented and many of its programs, have had only minimal changes since their inception in 1917.

The Rotary Foundation with the changes foreshadowed under the Future Vision Pilot Program offers clubs and Districts more control over fund allocation and provides greater flexibility in decision making. It allows clubs and Districts to respond more quickly to urgent needs, both globally and locally, while providing great efficiencies and impact on the programs and projects undertaken by clubs and Districts supported by The Rotary Foundation.

For Districts involved in the pilot program for the first 3 years global grants could only be obtained from the Rotary Foundation if the project or program is between Pilot Districts or clubs in those Districts. This will change; as from January 2013 Pilot Districts and non-Pilot Districts can partner in a Global grant for implementation after 1st July 2013.

The Objectives of Future Vision were to allow The Rotary Foundation to:-

- 1. Strengthen the impact of club projects,**
- 2. Sharpen focus of overall grant activity.**
- 3. Transfer more decision making locally**
- 4. Simplify the Foundation Grants process**
- 5. Increase the visibility and image of Rotary International**

In an effort to concentrate its resources on specific areas the Rotary Foundation has nominated six areas of focus. These six areas will be funda-

mental in whether a global grant will be provided by the Rotary Foundation:

- **Peace and Conflict resolution**
- **Maternal and Child Health**
- **Water and Sanitation**
- **Education and Basic literacy**
- **Economic and Community Development.**
- **Disease treatment and prevention**

The changes under Future Vision will be a more effective and efficient way to help Rotarians develop diverse projects, with a greater impact and sustainable outcome.

The last 30 years have resulted in tremendous growth and unprecedented accomplishments for the Rotary Foundation. Building on the success and the lessons learned during this time and feedback from Rotarians, the changes now introduced to the Rotary Foundation will offer an exciting new way to energize and advance our Foundation into the Future.

The world needs Rotary and Rotary needs the Rotary Foundation; our Charity if it is to continue its good works around the world. All over the world there are people who rely on the Rotary Foundation for the chance of a better life.



Elis Nora assembles products at her paper making business in Nueva Esperanza, Honduras, a community built in 1999 for the victims of Hurricane Mitch. Rotarians helped to fund the community through Rotary Foundation 3-H Grants. Initiatives include providing medical equipment, supplying books for the library, and the funding of the community's primary school.



SAVING SIGHT IN SUMBA

By Don Heath, RC Glenferrie

In September this year the Glenferrie Rotary Club's team departed for Sumba for ten days where they carried out 97 sight saving operations as well as eye testing and the provision of glasses for 741 local people. International Service Director, Dr Mark Ellis, an ophthalmologist, was supported by Dr Jon Ruddle, three optometrists, two nurses and two Rotary volunteers. The Indonesian Island of Sumba, which is south of Bali and west of Timor, is a very poor part of the country where many health issues such as poor sight go untreated.

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie's Dinner Dance and Auction raised \$26,000 for this Sumba Eye Program. The Rotary Club of Kew also supported the program and one of their members Peter Stewart was one of the three optometrists taking part.

Under the guidance of their Rotary Foundation Chairman John Wischer and Ian Salek, the Club successfully applied for a Global Grant of \$32,330 from the Rotary Foundation to purchase valuable surgical equipment, such as a surgery microscope, a portable slit lamp microscope, an A-Scan machine and a portable trial case of 150 lenses to help our Optometrists diagnose sight defects. The team also provided valuable training for several Sumbanese nurses and shared knowledge with three Indonesian Ophthalmologists, to ensure the sustainability of this outstanding Program.

During the trip I was kept busy entering data on computer on every one of the 741 locals tested, conducting interviews for the Royal Australian College of Surgeons and escorting patients across the yard from the Optometrists to the Surgery.

I found the Sumbanese patients to be of a very gentle nature and extremely grateful for the provision of glasses and surgery to improve their sight. The highlight of the week was to see the looks on the patient's faces the following morning after the surgery bandages were removed and they realised in many cases that they could see again!

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie is delighted to support the Sumba Eye Program every year. It fulfils the Club's desire to be involved in supporting a major International project. As well as providing a wonderful service to the people of Sumba it gives the Club a sense of purpose to work together to raise funds to support the SEP.

Rotarians are leading the way in their communities by working hard to find solutions to global health problems.



Case Study:

Ngongo is a 62 year old man from the village of Lamboya on the island of Sumba in Southern Indonesia. He attended Primary School in Lamboya but only up to Grade 4 as he had to leave to work on his father's vegetable farm. Ngongo is married and has no children. He found out about our eye clinic from the Sumba Foundation Malaria Clinic in Lamboya. He was blind in one eye and could see very little out of the other eye so was at the stage where he could no longer manage the work on his farm. Lamboya is only 32 kilometres from Waikabubak, where we conducted our Eye Care Clinic, but the roads are difficult so it took him two hours to get to our eye clinic in the Sumba Foundation truck.

Optometrist Norm Russo tested his eyes and found that he was blind in the right eye from an accident with a piece of wood. Norm then found that his left eye had a bad cataract and he could only see one finger from a distance of one metre. He could not see the eye chart on the wall three metres away at all.

I escorted him to the surgery theatre where Dr Jon Ruddle anaesthetised his left eye and Dr Mark Ellis then removed his cataract. This is a very delicate operation and it was amazing to watch the skill of the ophthalmologists Mark and Jon, as they operated - saving sight! After recovery Ngongo was taken home to Lamboya by his nephew in the Sumba Foundation truck.

Ngongo was back at 8 am the next day to have his bandages removed by Dr Ellis. For me this step was the highlight of the week. The delightful reaction when he realised that he could see again with his left eye was wonderful. Peter Stewart then checked his new vision and was delighted to report that Ngongo had 6/36 vision in his left eye.

This will make a world of difference to his life as he will be able to start working on his farm again. After being given sunglasses to protect his eye and being briefed on eye care by our interpreter, he was ready for home - a very happy man!

This was an outstanding result for the Rotary Club of Glenferrie Sumba Eye Program.



Vocational Training Team

By PDG Ian Knight – D.9800 Rotary Foundation Special Projects Chair.

It gives me pleasure to report our Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team (VTT) September visit, to the Baucau Hospital, Timor Leste; was extremely successful. This team was lead by Professor Jeremy Oats, Rotary Club of Melbourne. Team members were Professor Susan McDonald, Rotary Club of North Balwyn, Doctor Fiona Cullinane and Doctor Ingrid Bucens.



We again thank our volunteer team for giving their time and skill to this very important training. Every member of the team expressed how privileged they were to be given the opportunity to participate in this project.

This Future Vision Vocational Training Team project is funded by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant, DDF from our District, 12 of our Rotary Clubs and District 9550. This major Rotary Foundation Future Vision project is 1 of the 6 Areas of Focus – Maternal and Child Health. Total cost, including equipment, to fund our Volunteer teams is US\$112,630.

This was the third of five planned visits to the Baucau District Hospital and six of the surrounding sub-district health centres, to provide obstetric emergency refresher training to up skill the midwives and doctors.

The VTT team concentrated on the circumstances most likely to cause death or severe morbidity in women and infants. This currently is 1 in 35 mothers dying in, or as a result of, childbirth.

During this visit, 28 midwives and 2 doctors were up skilled, many of whom come large distances for this up skilling training, bringing the total over 3 visits, to 90 midwives. As part of this VTT project grant, included were teaching models, which the team brought with them to Timor Leste. Team members gave lectures, worked through case studies and conducted simulated model exercises covering the basic emergency skill areas with

the assistance of translators, (cost also covered in this grant). The teaching models will remain at the Baucau Hospital, to be used for future training by the staff, and the VTT when they next visit – scheduled for April/May, 2013.

Following the training workshops, members of the team met with representatives of the UNFPA in Dili, who are responsible for the training in Timor Leste. The UNFPA confirmed they are most appreciative of this training and they strongly support this program.

Professor Jeremy reports “the team are continuing to refine the program so that all the course material is at a level appropriate to the educational standards of the participants”. The lectures and presentation slides have now all been translated into Tetum” (the local dialect). The team is also compiling a course book which will be made available to the participants of the next two courses.

The team report they are amazed the way the maternity care providers cope with such limited resources, and their strong commitment to the mothers and babies.



Senior Hospital staff have reported that the skills of the midwives have undergone a marked improvement since the up skilling training started, and will contribute to save lives.

Rotarian Daryl Mills OAM, our Rotary funded representative in Dili, continues to play a pivotal role in facilitating contact between the team leader, the Baucau Hospital and the UNFPA in Dili, as well as organizing accommodation, transport, recruiting and catering for the course attendees.

Through these VTT visits, our District is continuing to provide training with a sustainable outcome, and because of the goodwill created by our team, it will contribute to provide “Peace Through Service”.



Concert of the Stars

Concert of the Stars, presented by Hawthorn Rotary Club and Camcare, is a major annual fundraising event.

The doyen of Masters of Ceremonies, Tony Charlton, selected and introduced a stellar cast of performers to entertain a sell-out crowd at Genazzano College. Once again Tony and his friends gave up their time to entertain us, and to support those who are facing personal hardship or difficult life circumstances.

Camcare has been operating in the Boroondara area for over 30 years, providing support for young people, adults and families who are facing social or financial disadvantage. Their services include counselling, home-based family support and emergency relief, and school-based student support programs.

A great team effort by Camcare and RC Hawthorn facilitated car parking, stage management, seating and afternoon teas. Once again they provided a true value-for-money concert for the community.

The afternoon got off to a swing with the Blackburn High Senior Stage Band, who soon had the audience "In the Mood."

Sally Cooper is a violin virtuoso, who interpreted an assembly of airs in a masterly fashion. Concert pianist Alex Kogosowski has had

a lifetime playing with leading symphony orchestras. Following his own performance, he agreed to accompany Sally at short notice.



Tony introduced celebrated soprano Greta Bradman, and persuaded her to include "Every Day is a Sunshine Day for Me" which was composed by her famous grandfather.

The Australian Childrens' Choir are one of the finest mixed-voice choirs in Australia. They are directed by one of the Nation's finest talents, Andrew Wales.

Concert pianist Rebecca Chambers is a former Young Australian of the Year whose presentation of classic themes were a joy for all. The man of 100 voices, Paul Jennings showed his gift for making people laugh, with impressions of celebrities past and present to complete the afternoon's entertainment.



SOOTY and BILL at ALEXANDRA

By Bill Dagg, RC Pt Gellibrand D9800 and Robert Chaffe, RC Alexandra D9790



Sooty and Bill Dagg accompanied John and Judy Turner to the Rotary Club of Alexandra on Wednesday 24th October where John was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandra. John and Judy have a small property just outside Alexandra and John has been a regular attendee at Rotary over the past 30 years or so. The Alexandra Club has been a strong supporter of work in East Timor, including the ROTARY EAST TIMOR ROOFING project, which John has been a committee member for 12 years.. Bill is an old friend of the Club through Grants to Donations in Kind and the Melbourne Commonwealth Games Rotary Project.

The challenge on the evening was that both John and Judy had locked in their wedding anniversary as being Thursday the 24th (only to find that as they arrived at Rotary that they both had got the day wrong) and they spent their anniversary night at Rotary.

It was a fun night made even better by the program which focused on Wheel Chairs for Kids. Guest Speaker Peter Klaaysen, of RC LILYDALE, went home with a donation of \$300 from RC Alexandra for the project & bookings to speak @ RC Wodonga & RC Point Gellibrand

A good example of Rotary in action - Peace through Service-Multi-District. The smiles on the faces gives the plot away, everyone including Sooty was smiling all night ,the fellowship, a sense of achievement and purpose/service engulfed the whole night, ensuring that everyone went home in peace willing and ready to take on the challenges of the future, what ever it may be.

SOOTY is a Honorary Canine Member (H.C.M) of the RC Point Gellibrand, and is listed in the Club Directory. Under his Mobile, he is listed as "Very". Sooty is an authorized visitor to the Royal Children's Hospital , and many Nursing Homes, assists with the PR @ the RCPG's annual Kids with Cancer "Pirates DAY ". He was very impressed with the evening, and promised to post an autographed , framed copy of himself.

Bill spoke at RC Alexandria some 5 years ago on D9800 DIK, which they supported. The Club was one of the first Clubs to register Teams for the Commonwealth Games 2006 Rotary House Keeper's project.

District 9790 made \$ 191,937 and RC Alexandra, who put a team in the Pre Games Set up, made \$ 6,165 for their Community projects.

Photo: John Bassett, Judy and John Turner, Alexandra RC President Ross Thompson and Bill Dagg



Lalor Above and Beyond Awards

Rotarian Nik Tsardakis has been recognised for his outstanding contributions as a member of the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing and also in the wider community with the presentation of an electorate of Lalor Above and Beyond Award. Nik was one of a number of residents in the electorate of Lalor to receive his award from Prime Minister and Federal Member for Lalor, the Hon Julia Gillard MP at the Italian Social Club on 25 October 2012.

In his 33 years as a Rotarian, Nik Tsardakis has performed many roles in the Club, most notably he was secretary in 1985-86 and President in 1999-2000. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow for his outstanding contributions to Rotary in 2004. Nik performs a role as adjudicator in Wynypeak, the Wyndham Youth Public Speaking Competition, and is always a key contributor at the Club's Annual Antique and Collectibles Fair.

Over and above Nik's involvement with the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing he had made an extraordinary commitment to the local community through roles on a large number of boards and committees. Following a distinguished career in the ANZ Bank that took him both interstate and overseas, he applies his skills within the City of Wyndham.

President Terri Beirne said "Nik Tsardakis' diverse roles across a number of facets of life in the City of Wyndham have made a difference to so many people. His contributions and selfless attitude make him well and truly deserving of this award. We are delighted to see him recognised for his decades of service to the community."

Nik Tsardakis was born and raised in Werribee South where he married Dianne and has raised five children. Nik remains a resident of Werribee South and has demonstrated a huge commitment to the local area through his involvement on many committees:



Nik is pictured receiving his award from Prime Minister Julia Gillard

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 14 – 16 MARCH 2013



LOWEST EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE FOR SEVEN YEARS!!

Is it easy To Travel To Albury?

Well, yes, it is. Plane, train or car. Or you could join the energetic Rotarians riding to the conference by bicycle!

Fast Fact : The Albury airport is the third busiest airport in Regional NSW, with more than 300,000 passengers passing through the terminal each year and over 200 flights a week in and out of Albury.

Did You Know?

The day dress code is 'country casual'.

Registration by 12 December entitles You To:

- Every session of the conference 2 days of outstanding speakers
- Satellite interviews with speakers in the U.K. and the US.
- 2 days of exceptional entertainers
- 2 delicious lunches
- 2 morning teas
- 2 afternoon teas
- and a dinner dance in the state-of-the-art Albury Centre

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/images/Rotary D9800>

Albury Conference Update No 4.pdf

HAT DAY WRAP-UP

It feels like Hat Day has been the consumption of our conversations at Australian Rotary Health for the past few months. This has been in planning our own events in Sydney and Melbourne while also speaking with a great number of Rotary Clubs and Districts hosting their own events in various places around Australia. We continue to receive Hat Day donations; thank you for your involvement and generosity.



Hat Day events were being registered and promoted on the Hat Day website. These came in the form of morning tea parties, family barbeques, individual hat parades and Rotary dinners. We were excited to introduce a hat-themed trivia package to Hat Day 2012, made available to the public courtesy of Mary Kearney, District Representative of D9600.

On Friday 12th October Australian Rotary Health's official Hat Day celebrations in Melbourne were highly successful. 817 people wore paper hats in Melbourne City Square to break the Guinness World Record™ for the most people wearing paper hats for ten minutes. We also introduced an interactive texting service which allowed people to SMS their support for Hat Day and be linked to a mobile landing page for more information.



Australian Rotary Health welcomed a partnership with the Millinery Association of Australia for future Hat Day events and have also gained the support of Ties For Lives who launched their creative campaign 'Fold-it Fridays' on stage in Melbourne. The concept is to wear a tie on Fridays in November to raise money for various mental health initiatives.

In Church Street Mall, Parramatta on Friday 19th October, staff connected with community members through a stall at Flourish Festival, Parramatta. One of our research assistants, Tanya Kasic, spoke to the public on stage about a program which aims to help those suffering a mental illness transition back into the workforce.

Hat Day was designed as a fun way for Rotary Clubs to connect with the community on the topic of mental health research. It has helped to raise the profile of Australian Rotary Health and promoted the importance of research in preventing mental illness. All proceeds go towards Australian Rotary Health's mental health research projects aimed at finding preventions, treatments and cures for mental illnesses including depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's and Bipolar Disorder.

<http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Information-About/Events/Hat-Day.aspx>



Letters to the Editor



Dear Colleagues,

STOP PRESS: BEDS, BEDS AND MORE BEDS!

Despite all of the planning for the collection of the beds from St Vincent's Hospital, we have been advised that the delivery has been delayed due to the boat being a little slower than advised. It must be one of those slow boats from China! (sorry).

The dates that we have been advised are now the following week on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November BUT with an anticipated 70 beds on each day rather than 50 over 3 days as originally planned. So the task is a little bigger on each day .

We need your assistance to deliver this task as all of the beds have eager customers in East Timor and Tanzania and after all that is what we are all in Rotary for.

If you can assist, please let us know as soon as you can so that we can plan the work force.

Advices to Bob Glindemann at bob.glindemann@bigpond.com or 0418 102 702 will be most welcome.

Many thanks.

Bob Glindemann

Hi Clarice

There has been a move to have surnames removed from publications recently. Ross Butterworth is a friend of mine but I would be surprised if 50% knew who you were talking about without a surname. Some time ago we received a note from Jim I think from South West Pacific. Who the hell is Jim. Not one person in our club knew.

Regards

Leon Scott

Clarice replies:

Thanks Leon for your feed-back. I'd assumed readers would know which DGE Ross I was referring to from the introductory e-mail: "District Governor Elect Ross and his lovely wife Annette Butterworth"



However your point is well taken. You will no doubt be happy to hear that Jim and Linda are keeping well, and would love to hear from you.

RI Currency Exchange Rates:

Just a quick note to advise that there are no changes to the exchange rates for November. The rates are:

Australia: 97 cents to the US dollar

BruceAllen, Manager,

The Rotary Foundation - South Pacific & Philippines Office

Welcome New Members



David Asher, seen here with his wife Karyn, has been inducted into the Rotary Club of Camberwell.

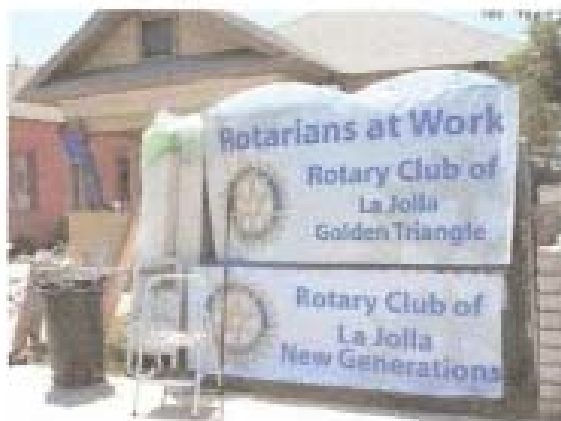
Club Secretary Richard Gray has ensured they will both receive "The Networker"



Rotarians at Work Day – Rotary in Action

A day to showcase our Districts Rotarians as
Hands on Volunteers doing good in our Communities

Sunday April 21st 2013

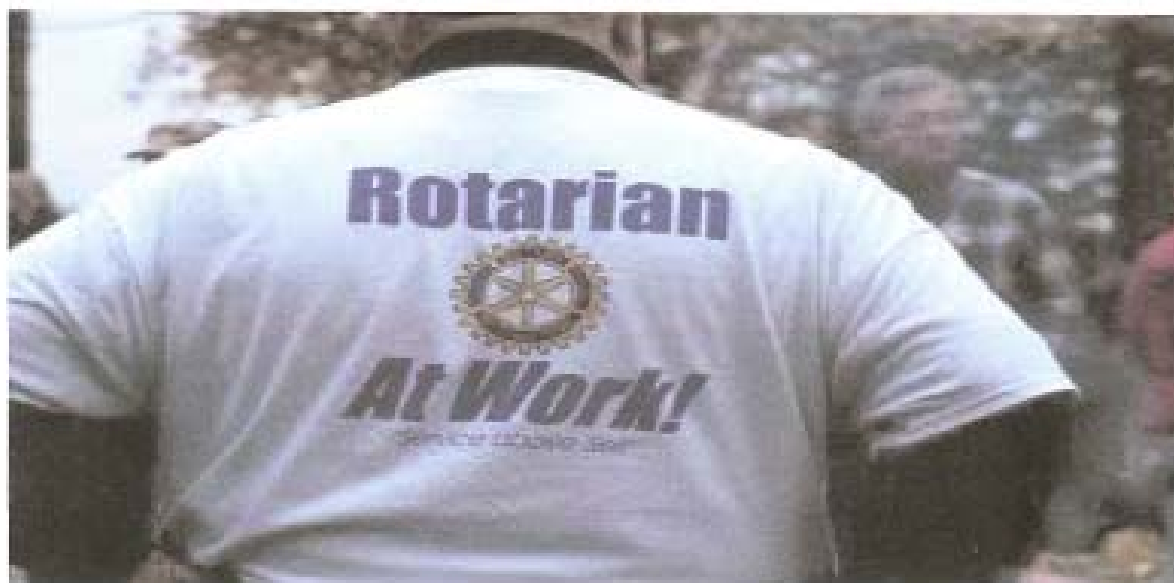


The Facts:

- Initiated in 2006 in California USA.
- Initiated in Australia, by our District in 2012
- We will be one of more than 42 Districts worldwide participating.
- Over 104,000 Rotarians worldwide will be taking part in worthwhile projects within their communities around the same day.
- Anyone can take part
- This will be a great PR exercise
- This will showcase Rotarians as hands on volunteers. *Rotary in Action*
- This will be an effective recruitment opportunity for new members.
- This will rejuvenate existing members
- This will provide local community engagement for our Clubs.
- We are delighted that Bunnings have agreed to become our National Corporate Sponsor.
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Projects to be undertaken:

Painting, gardening or general maintenance for the genuine needy, Schools, Sports Pavilions, Scout Halls, Guides Halls, Community Centres or Community Gardens.



All inquires to Ian Salek our Major Event Manager – Rotarians at Work Day
Mobile 0417176493 isalek@bigpond.net.au



Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

NOTICES

RYLA - Registrations extended

The 2012 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp will be held at The Oasis Centre in Mt Evelyn between Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th December 2012. To give clubs more time to finalise their participants, registrations have been extended until 16 November 2012. More information regarding RYLA can be found on the RYLA website at www.ryla9800.org.au, or you can contact program chairperson, Wayne Hunter on 0408 398927 or email waynehunter1@optusnet.com.au



Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

Quality shirazes from the Bendigo Wine Region are now available in half-cases.

Shiraz from Pondalowie, Connor Park Winery, Sandhurst Ridge Vineyard & Winery, Mandurang Valley, Water Wheel, Turners Crossing

This is your chance to stock up for Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted.

Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or gponoonan@tpg.com.au



EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2012

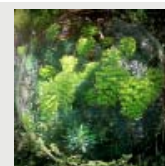
3-4th Nov RELAY FOR LIFE ...Plant Sale - RC Bendigo South

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November 10 am until 4pm.

187 Mandurang Road, Mandurang...10 minutes from Bendigo City Centre.

Healthy plants at reasonable prices

Contact elaine anne harrington elaineharrington@bigpond.com



8th Nov OAKS DAY LUNCHEON RC Essendon North

Thursday 8th November From 11am – 4pm

Fredricks Restaurant, 980 Mt Alexander Rd, Essendon

• Free glass of champagne on arrival • 2 course meal \$45 per head • Drinks at bar prices • Devonshire afternoon tea

Awards for: Lady of the Day – Best HatSweeps, Lucky Tab Tickets, Lucky Door Prize

Bookings are essential: Contact: Barry Coleman 0427 852 062, Coral

Thompson 9376 8625, Fredricks: 9374 1255 or via Email enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au



10th Nov Rotary Club of Glen Eira 25th Anniversary

Saturday 10th November 2012

Kooyong Tennis Centre, Glenferrie Road, Kooyong

\$85 per person Pre-Dinner Drinks at 6pm for 6.30pm 3 course buffet

Lots of fun, music and entertainment, together with old memories, and areunion with past members, and members from our friendship club in Japan, the Rotary of Ogaki-West.

For more information, call Geoff Asher 9571-3833 or John Strong 9836-9165

Visit our website rotarygleneira.org.au



11th Nov ANNUAL PAINT IN THE PARK

November 11th. Glen Eira Artists Society and Rotary Club of Caulfield

Register by email glenart2@gmail.com, and include a short Artist's Statement and Resumé

Briefing at 10.00 am at the Rotunda, Caulfield Park





NOVEMBER 2012

**11th
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CITY2SEA

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2012

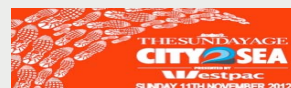
THE CITY2SEA 14km FUN RUN STARTING AT THE ARTS CENTRE, AROUND ALBERT PARK LAKE AND FINISHING BY THE SEA AT ST KILDA.

Rotary District 9800 has again been asked again to source and manage the 700 volunteers for this great event. Let us know 'asap' that you would like to be a part of this great event.

Contact Sandi Fulcher, City2Sea Event Coordinator

Mobile: 0416 063 434 or Work: 9686 0688 Email: sandi_fulcher@hotmail.com

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/We%20Want%20You%20As%20A%20Volunteer%20for%20The%20City2Sea%20Fun%20Run%202012%282%29.pdf>



**12th
Nov**

SHE'S A ROTARIAN

Monday 12 November 600-700pm Travel Inn Hotel Cnr. Drummond & Grattan St Carlton

Event Cost: Nil

Getting together with other women who are Rotarians.

This informal network of interesting & impressive people who care about making a better world.

Our aim is to introduce more women into Rotary through casual gatherings where we showcase Rotary's contribution to the community.

Bring along another woman . . . experience women networking!

Contact Details: [Kerry @travelinn.net.au](mailto:Kerry@travelinn.net.au)



**14th
Nov**

PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST

Chief Commissioner Ken D. Lay APM, Victoria Police

"Contemporary Issues in Policing"

Wednesday, 14th November 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am

The RACV Club \$60.00 (incl. GST)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Marjorie Gerlinger, PH: 9807 8320 / 0419 302 109 FX: 9888 3692

Email: marbern@bigpond.net.au

Booking Form http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/Images/PHF_Breakfast_bookingflyer.pdf



**18th
Nov**

LADIES FASHION SAMPLES FOR SALE

Rotary Club of Richmond's 'Pop-Up' Stall – featuring 300+ Australian-made Motto ladies fashion samples... ALL GARMENTS ONLY \$20 PER PIECE!

Grab a snazzy bargain to wear at the Christmas Festivities and the RD9800 Conference!

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 2012, 9.00AM – 4.00PM

*In the grounds of the Abbotsford Convent - 'Shirt and Skirt Market'

1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford (Mel map: 44 G5)

Cash/Credit card facilities, eftpos (no cash out)

*MAKE A DAY OF IT! The Abbotsford Convent has a number of eateries within its grounds - which makes it an ideal place to catch up with friends and family for breakfast, lunch or light refreshments

Enquiries: secretary@richmondrotary.org.au



**21-22
Nov**

BED RECYCLING - note date change

We have been informed that the next lot of 150 beds from St Vincent's Hospital will be available shortly.

Our plan is essentially the same as last year – to load as many directly into containers at the hospital and dispatch directly.

This is a big task but given our experience last year we know it can be done provided we have an appropriate number of people to assist.

If you can assist please advise Bob Glindemann at bob.glindemann@bigpond.com or 0418 102 702 so that we can plan the work force for each day.





NOVEMBER 2012

17-18 GARDEN DESIGN FEST

Nov

The Rotary Garden DesignFest will exhibit 26 superbly designed gardens by some of Melbourne's most acclaimed garden designers.



Gardens will be open from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm and tickets can be purchased in advance on the internet.

The landscape designers will be on hand at their respective gardens to chat to the public; this is a great way for you to informally meet these talented professionals, discuss your design needs and obtain all the relevant information you may need to create or improve your garden.

A very affordable price for gardening enthusiasts of \$35 per person to visit all gardens, or just a few, over the weekend including a full colour copy of the GDF 2012 Booklet containing all the garden and designer details; or alternatively pay only \$8 for a single visit entry ticket.

See the many colourful photographs of the display gardens plus a brief background on each of the designer on our website at www.gardendesignfest.com

For more information contact Mike McFarlane on 0418 317 418.

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25th GSE WELCOME HOME FUNCTION

Nov

Come and hear from the team after their visit to D1080 UK
SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER
12:00PM FOR 12:30PM
START
PITRUZZELLO ESTATE,
25 DEVERALL ROAD
SUNBURY/GISBORNE

Directions and map:
<http://www.pitruzzelloestate.com.au/Contact.html>

Cost: \$45 per head inclusive of 2 course lunch, coffee/tea
Drinks at bar prices
Cheque to RC Woodend, PO Box 333, Woodend 3442, or Direct debit to BSB: 033674 Account: 790054 with names



RSVP by 16th November To cbender@bigpond.net.au with names and any dietary requirements

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at:
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Rotary District 9800

A publication for
Rotarians and
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DG Weekly Message

***Rotary Centres for International
Studies in Peace and Conflict
Resolution – Peace through
Service in action***



The Rotary Foundation as we know it today was born out of war and conflict. The Foundation operated as an entity with its own Trustees from 1928 but it was World War II that cemented the potential of The Foundation as an instrument for peacemaking. Its objectives redefined in 1945 included the fostering of tangible and effective projects for furthering of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations. Paul Harris himself said "The way to war is a well-paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness."

The mission of The Rotary Foundation has been finetuned to its current succinct statement "to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty".



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

Over the years The Foundation has established many practical programs to implement this mission; the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, Group Study Exchange, Matching Grants program, and the Health, Hunger & Humanity (3H) Grants (initiated by PRIP Sir Clem Renouf of Australia).

District 9800 has enthusiastically supported educational programs from the outset and has participated in the GSE program every year since its commencement in 1965. So it has been with our support for the Rotary peace Centres Program.

The Rotary Centres for International Studies in Peace and Conflict resolution were conceived in 1997 to honour and recognise Paul Harris on the 50th anniversary of his death. The first class of 66 Fellows began their studies in 2002. Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Alumni work in a variety of areas, including grassroots and local nongovernmental organizations, national governments, the military, law

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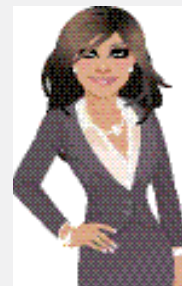
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November is Rotary Foundation Month





enforcement, and international Organisations such as the United Nations and World Bank.

Tania Miletic, a Fellow nominated by District 9800 was in that first intake. Tania studied at International Christian University in Tokyo and is currently an Independent Consultant in peace building and a faculty member with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, based since 2004 between Melbourne and Phnom Penh. Her role is predominantly as a researcher and trainer in peace building and conflict resolution across a range of projects, courses and consultancies regionally.

District 9800 has the proud record of being the only District of all 530 Districts to have successfully nominated a scholar for every year that the program has been operating. Initially each District could nominate only one scholar but with the introduction of the Professional Development Certificate program at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand multiple nominations have been permitted. To the end of the 2011-12 Rotary year 17 Fellows have been successfully nominated plus 2 others who were accepted via an adjoining District.

In this Rotary year of ***Peace through Service***, and in this Melbourne Cup week it is with great delight I confirm we got the Trifecta with all three nominees for study this year being accepted. Stuart Bateson and Suzanna van Meegen will attend the course at Chulalongkorn. Suzie has been working in Timor Leste for nearly three years as Australian Youth Ambassador for Development with the Alola Foundation and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Melbourne. Her early work was with Aborigines in Redfern and then in Ghana and Malawi. She worked for Red Cross with refugees in Christmas Island. She holds a BA (Sociology and Social Policy) and a Masters degree in International Social Development as well as post-graduate certificates. Her goal is to to best position herself to work towards legitimate peace with women and children.

Stuart is a Detective Inspector responsible for a new Security and Organised Crime Intelligence Unit within Victoria Police. The program will add to his skills and provide depth in peace and conflict resolution to provide long term benefits to Victoria Police and the wider Victorian community. Stuart is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern. Stuart holds a Master of Business degree and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Management and is a proven leader with a record of good practical experience in conflict resolution. This includes work among minority groups from the

Middle East and Africa as well as leading roles in resolution of major criminal activity in Melbourne.

Stephanie Woollard is an amazing young woman who is passionate about addressing inequality and disadvantage. Steph, also sponsored by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, has been accepted for the 2 year Masters program at the newest Centre for Peace and Conflict resolution at Uppsala University, Sweden. From the age of 15 Steph has worked with disadvantaged communities, initially aboriginal communities in Arnhem Land and then with refugees. From the age of 19 she has been working in Nepal and with the Nepalese community, spending up to three months each year in Nepal. This led her to establish her own Foundation – the Seven-Women Organisation in 2009. She gave 7 disabled and isolated village women living in a tin shed, training in craft making in a project which is empowering and uplifting with sustainable outcomes. The original 7 women now manage 450 village women in what has become the Women's Skills Training Centre. She has also mustered some 50 volunteers to sell the craft products in Australia. During all of this activity she earned a BA (International Development) degree. Her connection with Rotary was forged by attending RYLA in 2010 and she sees the Peace Fellows program as an opportunity to address issues of education, health and ethnic and economic inequality.

The value of the three scholarships provided by The Rotary Foundation is \$98,000. I am convinced this is a wonderful investment in the future and a very significant contribution by The Foundation to "doing good in the world". Because of the support our District receives we are proud to return US\$25,000 annually from our District Designated Funds to the Peace Centres program. In return we are recognised as a Peacebuilder District, one of only 44 in the world and the only Australian District. Such outcomes reflect not only the quality of the candidates but the passion and determination of our District Rotary World Peace Fellows Committee led so ably by Bob Fels from the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

Peace through Service is a theme that resonates with District 9800 and through the Rotary Centres for International Studies in Peace and Conflict resolution, the theme will continue to do so long after this Rotary year fades into memory. Rotary – it's amazing.

Dennis Shore
District Governor



HOW TO GET SWORN AT - AND NOT MIND

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Anne Mitchell is a charity worker who doesn't mind being shouted and sworn at. For the past 15 years she's made a weekly visit to the Flinders Street Station steps. She gets to know the homeless youngsters there so that she can help them.

Volunteers who go with her can find it a bit daunting. On her first night, one of them got heaps of abuse from a homeless girl. The volunteer backed away, scared. The next night, Anne told her to do the opposite. If the girl abused her, she said, move forward and give her a hug and say 'Hi!'. This worked. "Kids have a hard shell and want to 'test you out' by making you angry," Anne says. "I say that every day is a new day. Look for something good in a kid, not judge them on what happened yesterday. We praise them for anything good they do. If a young person gets a job and gets fired after a week, it's still a step forward. Maybe in their next job they'll last a month."

Anne is the only full-time worker for Steps Outreach Service, part of the non-denominational Concern Australia. Steps gets a lot of support in cash, food vouchers and personal support from Rotary clubs around Melbourne.

"Outreach" means visits to teenagers anywhere from Sunbury to Pakenham. Anne says, "We have to invest a lot of our time in each case. In a week we would probably each do about eight of these visits. We may take them to negotiate with Centrelink or housing officials, or support them through involvement with police. Drug users need complex work in counseling, detox and rehab."

A lot of tough behavior is bravado to impress other young people, she says. On their own, a kid may be a different person. One teenaged girl wrote to Anne: "I can see you do care and I know you're real. I have shown sides of myself to you that hardly anyone ever sees, and even when I'm feeling so down and out, I call and there you are. That means the world to me and you never judge me so once again, thank-you with all my heart."

Steps does not apply for government funding because the conditions often don't match what homeless people really need. Instead, Steps relies on sponsors, charities and donations. When a Rotary member in South Melbourne died, his family told mourners to donate to Steps rather than spending on flowers.

Chronically homeless people impose a huge economic cost on society. A recent study found that one homeless woman from the age of 12 to 21 had cost the State \$5.5 million in sanctions and support.



More about the Steps Outreach Program at

<http://www.concernaustralia.org.au/steps/>



MEDIA SPOTLIGHTS ROTARY'S LEADERSHIP IN POLIO ERADICATION

By RI General Secretary John Hewko

From the time I came aboard as general secretary of Rotary International in July 2011, one of my top priorities has been to help ensure that Rotary receives the credit it deserves for its leadership role in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative as we move ever closer to a polio-free world.

I'm happy to report that 2012 has been a good year in terms of keeping Rotary "in the story" as the news media have covered a series of major developments in polio eradication. Of course, we can do more, but we are making significant progress in increasing the recognition of Rotary.

Last month, Rotary also enjoyed high visibility in the coverage of the special session on polio eradication during the UN General Assembly. The event was covered by TIME MAGAZINE, the Toronto Globe & Mail, Kaiser Daily Global Health Policy Report, and UN News Centre, among others.

Right after the UN event, Rotary got great exposure through our participation in the Global Citizen Festival concert in Central Park. More than 60,000 people were there, and thousands more watched the live stream. Just before rock legend and polio survivor Neil Young closed the concert, I was on-stage to drive home the End Polio Now message, joined by actress Archie Panjabi, a Rotary "This Close" campaign celebrity; Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, daughter of Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari;

and Ramesh Ferris, a Canadian Rotarian and polio survivor. Each of us emphasized the key role that Rotary has played in the global effort to fight polio.

In June, Rotary received a nice mention in a Washington Post editorial, and in January and February we also figured prominently in coverage of India's removal from the polio-endemic list after a full year of no new polio cases. Stories were carried by The Economist, Reuters, and the BBC, among others.

As we move forward, all of this media coverage not only accurately recognizes Rotary's leadership role in polio eradication – a wonderful morale booster for Rotarians who have worked so hard for so long to end polio – it raises awareness and support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative itself at this crucial point in the campaign.

Media successes like this don't just happen. It takes a lot of hard work requiring a solid media strategy; tight coordination between Rotarians in the field, RI staff, and our polio eradication partners; and the resources to pull it all together.



To mark World Polio Day, Rotary Germany engaged in an innovative partnership with German rail-network Deutsche Bahn. The 'End Polio Now' locomotive went on its maiden run on 26 October.



DEVELOPMENTS IN TIMOR

By Daryl Forge, RC Brighton

Six Brighton RC Club Members recently went to Timor Leste to construct a children's playground. Going to Timor Leste, I was pretty ignorant about the country. Now that I'm back, I'm still ignorant, but I've been doing some research.

Here are some interesting facts: In September 1999, 78% of the Timorese population voted for independence. Following this vote, the Indonesian militia ran amok - killing people, driving 260,000 Timorese towards West Timor, and stealing or destroying 70% of the infrastructure - (including roads, bridges, hospital and schools). Since then the population of Timor has doubled from 500,000 to over 1 million people, due to a high birth rate and the return of refugees. Today 30% of the population is under the age of 15. Half of the population is illiterate. Although the Constitution specifies Portuguese and English as the working languages, the reality is that the two official languages are Portuguese and Tetum, a local indigenous language. There are 33 indigenous languages. Less than 40% speak Tetum.

In summary:

- 50% illiteracy
- Poor quality infrastructure
- No national language

Kirsty Sword Gusmao, wife of Prime Minister (Shenana) Xanana Gusmao, is a former Bendigo girl. The Bendigo-Maubisse Friendship Committee was formed to deliver education programs and raise living standards in the Maubisse District. The City of Greater Bendigo provides all recurring funding and support services. Rotarians provide the majority of volunteers.

Over the past 5 years the Bendigo-Maubisse Friendship Committee has sent 50 containers to Timor, containing 240 cubic metre of re-cycled, second hand or donated goods. They have sent 32 working teams to complete various projects.

These teams have:

1. Built a school at Liqueitei using re-cycled materials. (The school consists of 3 classrooms for 120 students, septic toilet, staff room, store room and running water and generated electricity.)
2. Provided clean water and hand washing facilities for the Groto Secondary College.
3. Transformed an old dilapidated hall into a volunteers home, with all modern Western luxuries, many not available to the locals.
4. Sent Literacy Coaches to show the local teachers how to tell stories, as there are few Tetum language books in print.

5. Restored 2 of 12 classrooms of Flecha Primary School. Last year, our team replaced the roof on the school.

6. Completed a solar power project to provide solar power to 4 homes in 3 rooms. These solar systems replace candles and kerosene lighting, and sell for \$100 each.

7. Are in the process of establishing a Womens' Community Centre.

What Next?

The Bendigo-Maubisse Friendship Committee is looking to develop a Youth Training facility for Vocational training, which we will continue to support. We are actively seeking to identify a project that can be owned and controlled by Brighton Rotary Club.





Youth Leaders Chance for Change



People under age 25 represent 43 per cent of the global population. Yet they rarely have an opportunity to influence national or global policies.

However, on 4-6 December 2012, over 900 youth leaders, representing every country, will have an unprecedented opportunity to have their say when they convene in Bali to develop official recommendations for the United Nations development agenda.

They will not be the only ones contributing. Around the world, youth leaders will connect locally and electronically to provide a shared response to the social, economic and human rights challenges and opportunities faced by their generation.

Five crucial issues under discussion

Led by young people for young people and contributing directly to the process of defining future development goals, the Global Youth Forum will give young people a stronger voice. Delegates will agree on global recommendations for action on five crucial issues:

- Staying healthy
- Comprehensive education
- Transitions to decent employment for youth
- Sexuality, families and rights
- Fully inclusive civic participation

The issues are based on goals that emerged from the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and that remain relevant to the lives of young people. Through a partnership of UN agencies, young people, civil society and the private sector, the Forum aims to spur a sustainable youth advocacy movement.

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo was a milestone in the history of population and development, as well as in the history of women's rights. At the conference the world agreed that population is not just about counting people, but about making sure that every person counts.

<http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/sitemap/ic>



Shanti was married at age 12, but she and her husband are trying to save up some money before having children. Photo: William A. Ryan/UNFP





Future Vision Explained

By PDG John Davis, D9800 Foundation Chairman



The Future Vision Pilot Program offers clubs and Districts more control over fund allocation and provides greater flexibility in decision making. It allows clubs and Districts to respond more quickly to urgent needs, both globally and locally, while providing great efficiencies and impact on the programs and projects undertaken by clubs and Districts supported by The Rotary Foundation.

The Objectives of Future Vision are to allow The Rotary Foundation to:-

1. Strengthen the impact of club projects, the Rotary Foundation's aim is to fund fewer major programs than a multitude of small programs; bigger programs change the lives of a larger number of people and also generate more interest. This is reflected in the minimum Global grant from TRF of US\$15,000 under Future Vision. Cluster clubs have pooled their financial resources to qualify for this grant.

2. Sharpen focus of overall grant activity.

The Rotary Foundation has tried over many years to be all things to all people, allocating resources across a wide spectrum of activities. By leveraging resources and focusing them on those areas where Rotarians can be most effective, the Foundation can enable Rotarians to make a greater, more enduring impact. Polio Plus is an example as are the new Packaged grants which are fully funded by the Rotary Foundation.

3. Transfer more decision making locally

When setting priorities the District and its member clubs should be in the best position to do this, rather than a decision from the Foundation in Evanston, Districts will be able to manage and allocate funds to projects from their District Block grant.

4. Simplify the Foundation Grants process

There are now only three grant types:- District, Global and Packaged grants- the Foundation can use the same funding approach for humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational teams. By relying more on advanced training, clear stewardship controls and electronic payment methods, the Foundation will decrease the amount of time between the submission of a grant application and the issue of funds. We have found that if an application for a Global Grant meets all the requirements, approval can be given within 6 weeks and a District grant can be approved within 2 weeks. The District Grant committee would welcome applications for a District Grant as there are funds still available for use by clubs to supplement their own funds in humanitarian projects.

5. Increase the visibility and image of Rotary International

By being connected with larger, more impact programs Rotary will be recognized as a premier foundation as Rotarians begin to make a greater impact in the areas of focus. This increased visibility will lead to increases in Rotary membership and donations to the Foundation, which will in turn provide additional funding for District and Global grants.

Clubs in D9800 have been very supportive both in time and funding to the Rotary Foundation, however we could do better with the Every Rotarian Every Year program, which is an individual's contribution to the Foundation of a suggested \$100 Australian per year every year. The exact amount is at the discretion of the giver.

The Rotary Foundation is our Charitable organization and its financial support by Rotary clubs is essential if Rotary International through its member clubs is able to continue to fund its good works around the world.

Can I ask you to always consider the Rotary Foundation our Charity at the highest priority level when decisions are being made with the allocation of club funds? Without club funds being donated to The Rotary Foundation each year, the work of Rotary International around the world would be greatly diminished.



A boy collects jugs of water from the river in La Grua, Dominican Republic, near an unworked sugarcane field. Rotarians all over the world contribute to sustainable projects promoting clean water and sanitation, which have been funded by Rotary Foundation Matching Grants.



'For the purpose of doing good in the world'

By Susan Hanf, *Rotary International News* -- 6 June 2012

For a man best known as the father of The Rotary Foundation, Arch C. Klumph was modest about his role in its creation.

In 1928, he listed three accomplishments that gave him "more satisfaction than any other contributions to Rotary" -- and launching the Foundation wasn't among them.

Instead, he emphasized his role in writing Rotary's constitution in 1915, which he asserted "gave Rotary International its first centralized power and made all the Objects and fundamentals of Rotary universal." He also took pride in establishing attendance reports and in being the first to insist upon founding a European branch office of Rotary International.

Klumph was born in the small town of Conneautville, Pennsylvania, USA, on 6 June 1869. When he was a child, his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he would later become a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. In 1914, he was elected a director of the International Association of Rotary Clubs and served on the Constitution and By-laws Committee and the Executive Committee. He was elected Rotary's sixth president in 1916, five years after he became a Rotarian.

Near the end of his term as president, at the 1917 international convention in Atlanta, Georgia, Klumph reminded Rotarians that "Rotary is at the present time entering a new era, demanding improved methods in administrative machinery, with which to carry out the splendid principles which have been laid down heretofore." He defined six points of action, including an endowment, which would later become The Rotary Foundation:

"Carrying on, as we are, a miscellaneous community service, it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world, in charitable, educational or other avenues of community progress, or such funds could be well used for extension work."

Through Klumph's simple yet profound statement, the Rotary Endowment Fund was born. The first contribution was made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City in 1917. By 1928, when the RI Bylaws were amended to change the name to The Rotary Foundation, the endowment fund had grown to over \$5,000.

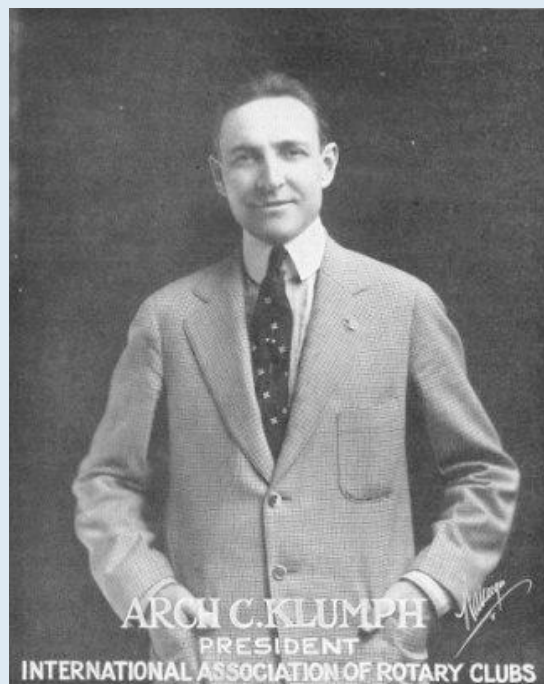
In 1929, the Foundation made its first grant: \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children, as requested by the donor, Rotary founder Paul P. Harris.

"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds...we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."— Arch C. Klumph, December 1928

Newspaper Biography of Klumph:

<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/presidents/1916klumph/bio.htm>

History of The Rotary Foundation: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/History/TRFHistory/Pages/ridefault.aspx>





Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

RYLA - Registrations extended

The 2012 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp will be held at The Oasis Centre in Mt Evelyn between Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th December 2012. To give clubs more time to finalise their participants, registrations have been extended until 16 November 2012. More information regarding RYLA can be found on the RYLA website at www.ryla9800.org.au, or you can contact program chairperson, Wayne Hunter on 0408 398927 or email waynehunter1@optusnet.com.au



Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

Quality shirazes from the Bendigo Wine Region are now available in half-cases.

Shirazes from Pondalowie, Connor Park Winery, Sandhurst Ridge Vineyard & Winery, Mandurang Valley, Water Wheel, Turners Crossing

This is your chance to stock up for Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted.

Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or gnoonan@tpg.com.au



Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

This is a small Department of Education Secondary School that provides an alternative for students who have been unable to settle into a mainstream secondary education. Students present with a range of personal and family issues including entrenched poverty, family violence and dysfunction, substance abuse and mental health issues.

The School is trying to establish a Gardening Project for Year 10 students and needs the following gardening implements and plants (or financial assistance to pay for the items) : long and short handled spades, shovels, small hand garden spade, gloves, overalls, gumboots, watering cans, hose with connections, vegetable seeds and a small garden shed.

If your Club is able to assist, please contact the Rotary Club of Caulfield rotarycaulfield@gmail.com.



TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

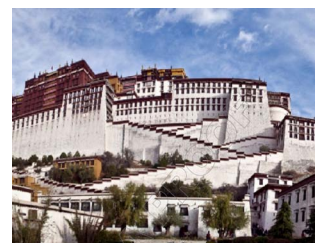
The 2013 Calendar showing some selected pictures from Tibet is a desk unit with its own stand. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

It is ideal for Christmas and other gift ideas that you may be looking for.

Read more about Tibetan Village Project: <http://www.tvpaaustralia.org.au/>

Calendar available from Don Cullen cullen.don@gmail.com

Tibetan Village Project Australia Inc. P.O. Box 417, Black Rock, 3193



EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2012

10th
Nov

Rotary Club of Glen Eira 25th Anniversary

Saturday 10th November 2012

Kooyong Tennis Centre, Glenferrie Road, Kooyong

\$85 per person Pre-Dinner Drinks at 6pm for 6.30pm 3 course buffet

Lots of fun, music and entertainment, together with old memories, and areunion with past members, and members from our friendship club in Japan, the Rotary of Ogaki-West.

For more information, call Geoff Asher 9571-3833 or John Strong 9836-9165

Visit our website rotarygleneira.org.au



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ANNUAL PAINT IN THE PARK

November 11th. Glen Eira Artists Society and Rotary Club of Caulfield

Register by email glenart2@gmail.com, and include a short Artist's Statement and Resumé

Briefing at 10.00 am at the Rotunda, Caulfield Park





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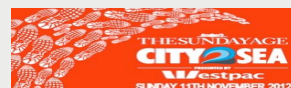
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Rotary District 9800 has again been asked again to source and manage the 700 volunteers for this great event. Let us know 'asap' that you would like to be a part of this great event.

Contact Sandi Fulcher, City2Sea Event Coordinator

Mobile: 0416 063 434 or Work: 9686 0688 Email: sandi_fulcher@hotmail.com

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/site/1164/We%20Want%20You%20As%20A%20Volunteer%20for%20The%20City2Sea%20Fun%20Run%202012%282%29.pdf>



**12th
Nov**

SHE'S A ROTARIAN

Monday 12 November 600-700pm Travel Inn Hotel Cnr. Drummond & Grattan St Carlton

Event Cost: Nil

Getting together with other women who are Rotarians.

This informal network of interesting & impressive people who care about making a better world.

Our aim is to introduce more women into Rotary through casual gatherings where we showcase Rotary's contribution to the community.

Bring along another woman . . . experience women networking!

Contact Details: [Kerry @travelinn.net.au](mailto:Kerry@travelinn.net.au)



**14th
Nov**

PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST

Chief Commissioner Ken D. Lay APM, Victoria Police

"Contemporary Issues in Policing"

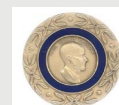
Wednesday, 14th November 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am

The RACV Club \$60.00 (incl. GST)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Marjorie Gerlinger, PH: 9807 8320 / 0419 302 109 FX: 9888 3692

Email: marbern@bigpond.net.au

Booking Form http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/Images/PHF_Breakfast_bookingflyer.pdf



**18th
Nov**

LADIES FASHION SAMPLES FOR SALE

Rotary Club of Richmond's 'Pop-Up' Stall – featuring 300+ Australian-made Motto ladies fashion samples... ALL GARMENTS ONLY \$20 PER PIECE!

Grab a snazzy bargain to wear at the Christmas Festivities and the RD9800 Conference!

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 2012, 9.00AM – 4.00PM

*In the grounds of the Abbotsford Convent - 'Shirt and Skirt Market'

1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford (Mel map: 44 G5)

Cash/Credit card facilities, eftpos (no cash out)

*MAKE A DAY OF IT! The Abbotsford Convent has a number of eateries within its grounds - which makes it an ideal place to catch up with friends and family for breakfast, lunch or light refreshments

Enquiries: secretary@richmondrotary.org.au



**21-22
Nov**

BED RECYCLING - note date change

We have been informed that the next lot of 150 beds from St Vincent's Hospital will be available shortly.

Our plan is essentially the same as last year – to load as many directly into containers at the hospital and dispatch directly.

This is a big task but given our experience last year we know it can be done provided we have an appropriate number of people to assist.

If you can assist please advise Bob Glindemann at bob.glindemann@bigpond.com or 0418 102 702 so that we can plan the work force for each day.





NOVEMBER 2012

17-18 Nov GARDEN DESIGN FEST

The Rotary Garden DesignFest will exhibit 26 superbly designed gardens by some of Melbourne's most acclaimed garden designers.



Gardens will be open from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm and tickets can be purchased in advance on the internet.

The landscape designers will be on hand at their respective gardens to chat to the public; this is a great way for you to informally meet these talented professionals, discuss your design needs and obtain all the relevant information you may need to create or improve your garden.

A very affordable price for gardening enthusiasts of \$35 per person to visit all gardens, or just a few, over the weekend including a full colour copy of the GDF 2012 Booklet containing all the garden and designer details; or alternatively pay only \$8 for a single visit entry ticket.

See the many colourful photographs of the display gardens plus a brief background on each of the designer on our website at www.gardendesignfest.com

For more information contact Mike McFarlane on 0418 317 418.

25th Nov GSE WELCOME HOME FUNCTION

Come and hear from the team after their visit to D1080 UK
SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER
12:00PM FOR 12:30PM
START
PITRUZZELLO ESTATE,
25 DEVERALL ROAD
SUNBURY/GISBORNE

Directions and map:
<http://www.pitruzzelloestate.com.au/Contact.html>

Cost: \$45 per head inclusive of 2 course lunch, coffee/tea
Drinks at bar prices
Cheque to RC Woodend, PO Box 333, Woodend 3442, or Direct debit to BSB: 033674 Account: 790054 with names



RSVP by 16th November To cbender@bigpond.net.au with names and any dietary requirements

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DG Weekly Message

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS ARE TRANSITIONING TO GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARS

When The Rotary Foundation rewrote its objectives after the Second World War, the first of its three objectives was "the promotion of Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study". And so was born the idea that for more than sixty years has been a hallmark of The Rotary Foundation - Ambassadorial Scholarships. When Paul Harris passed away in 1947 money poured in from all over the world in response to a request for Rotarians to donate \$10 in his honour to The Foundation. In the first year after Paul Harris died, 18 Rotary Foundation Fellowships were granted for study for one year at a university abroad. These were the precursors to Ambassadorial Scholarships.



Miho Teshino, from Japan, former Ambassadorial Scholar; helping to paint and repair house damaged by Hurricane Katrina, United Saints Recovery Project. RI Convention, 20 May 2011, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

In 1955, Rotary's 50th anniversary year, 494 scholarships were awarded to scholars from 57 countries. The Ambassadorial Scholarship's program has grown to become the world's largest privately funded scholarship program for universities. So why have the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation decided that is it time for a change?

At the start, as it is now, the purpose of the program was to promote further international and friendly relations between the people of all nations as a first step to a peaceful world. Scholars are proposed by Rotary clubs and selected by Districts with two priorities. As the very name implies, scholars are first to be ambassadors for Rotary between their home district by sharing their culture with others in their host country and secondly to complete the chosen course in academic study.

The program has surely achieved these objectives and many well known people have been recipients of these scholarships and acknowledge the part played by the scholarships in shaping their future lives. At two ends of the spectrum we can cite former Governor General, Sir William Dean and leading media personality, Virginia Trioli as well known examples. However, whilst this is a signature program for Rotary it has perhaps never had the kudos of other programs such as the Rhodes Scholar program. Indeed many Rotarians had started to express a view that the program was becoming more about the second priority than the first.

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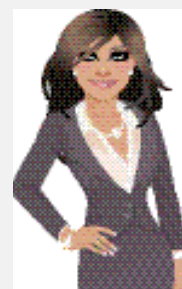
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November is Rotary Foundation Month



So in the fine tuning of the focus of the Rotary Foundation that is being rolled out under Future Vision, all program's were subject to intense scrutiny and it was concluded that it was indeed time for a change.

A sign of the future direction is provided by the success of the Rotary Peace Fellows program, which achieves quantifiable outcomes in support of the mission of The Rotary Foundation while actually increasing the ambassadorial outcomes.

So welcome to the Global Grant Scholarship program! To me this new focus achieves the valuable ambassadorial aspects of the previous program but by confining study to areas that will contribute to and enhance the six areas of focus for Future Vision, it fulfils the general objective of The Foundation of "doing good in the world". For the recipient it means significantly higher funding to ensure that scholars can attend the best universities to study in areas that will add value to the core focus areas of the Rotary Foundation.

It is evident when you think about the study opportunities that would comply with six areas of focus that there is no shortage of study opportunity for the right candidate, who can elect to study in these areas:

1. Peace and conflict prevention or resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water and sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education and literacy
6. Economic and community development



Of course with change comes yet more changes. Districts will no longer be the arbiter of who is eligible for a Global Grant Scholarship. This will be determined by The Foundation, as it is for Peace Fellows. In a way, however, this increases the need and opportunity for the district to select well to ensure that the proposed candidate is successful. But there is more! The opportunity is no longer necessarily confined to an annual opportunity and clubs can directly nominate a suitable applicant directly if they wish. There is a catch however as clubs have to find at least US\$15,000 towards the funding

which District will add to in order to meet the required local funding contribution.

The Rotary Clubs of Camberwell and North Melbourne in partnership were first out of the blocks and we now have the first Global Grants Scholar already studying in Geneva. Romy Green has commenced working on her Masters Degree in International Law and Human Rights. We wish her well.

Our traditional competitive District application will also continue for Global Grants Scholars and we have an applicant under consideration by The Foundation at present with strong expectations of a successful outcome. If you have a suitable candidate in mind or are calling for expressions of interest for the District Scholar opportunity, please note that the District Selection Committee has brought the program forward and applications will need to be submitted by 30 April, 2013 for the next opportunity.

If you have not had the opportunity to read the latest edition of Rotary Down Under may I commend at least one item for your reading pleasure. David Gorman who is Chair of our District Post Graduate Scholarships/ Ambassadorial Scholar Committee has written a superbly crafted letter to address an earlier letter that expressed concern that the Ambassadorial Scholar Program had reached its use-by date. It is always legitimate and just good practice to review all programs on a regular basis and David's response nails all the concerns comprehensively.

In this year of Peace through Service it is encouraging that we are at the cusp of a new journey to reinvigorate the mission of The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world. Rotary - it's amazing.

Dennis Shore
District Governor



Erik Blome, a 1991-92 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, works in his studio in Crystal Lake, Illinois, USA, on a bronze cast for a bust of Jean Baptiste Point DuSable, founder of Chicago. Blome will donate the bust to a school in DuSable's native Haiti

CAMP GETAWAY

By Paul Kirkpatrick, Chair Camp Getaway D9800



Over last weekend, a dedicated band of Rotary volunteers commenced the preparation for the concrete floor for the storage shed which is the first stage of the kitchen replacement project at Camp Getaway. (see photo)

With all six clubs in the immediate Bendigo district committed to as many members as possible assisting with fund-raising catering at the Bendigo Swap Meet next weekend (Nov 17 & 18), a further working bee will be held at the Camp Getaway site on SATURDAY NOV 24th to place the boxing to enable the concrete floor slab of the storage shed to be completed.



The Rotary Club of Camberwell has already booked the weekend of Nov 24 & 25 for their annual trip to Camp Getaway where they will undertake valuable maintenance and painting tasks. So it should be a great day of working and fellowship on Sat Nov 24th when volunteers from other D9800 clubs will also be on site to handle the tasks involved in placing the boxing for the concrete floor slab of the first stage of the kitchen replacement project, which is the storage shed. We hope to see you there.

RLI at GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER



Last Sunday saw eleven more Graduates for the Rotary Leadership Institute, all from the Goldfields Cluster in the Bendigo area. Our photo shows the graduates with facilitators PDG Ann White and PDG John Wigley.

The RLI 3 part program was run in a country region for the first time and was very enthusiastically received by those who attended.

There is no doubt that if Goldfield have the numbers again in 2013, that the RLI facilitation team will be available to conduct the program for them



CHILDRENS SURGICAL CENTRE

By Bronwyn Stevens, RC Melbourne South

As the nurse and teacher strolled around the village advice is sought on all manner of issues. La Crüe was asked about crop production and water issues, I was asked to diagnose eye and sight issues, lumps, bumps, rashes and infections. Malnutrition, arsenic poisoning, landmine injuries and tropical skin infestations are areas that are totally new to me. In this remote Cambodian village typhoid, cholera and malaria are rampant but thankfully I can recognize them and help. A mother begs us to come to her hut. From the dark recesses of the one thatched room reluctantly, and hanging her head, creeps a little girl. She clearly doesn't want to come out but her mum insists. The daylight reveals a beautiful 12 year old girl, but one side of her face is marred by a huge deformity. It pushes her jaw out of alignment, her teeth also, and drags her mouth and eye out of shape. I immediately think of the marvelous Rotary program "Interplast" and determine to help her.



Western Doctors working in Cambodia look at her photos and "Children's Surgical Centre" (CSC) in Phnom Penh agree to see and treat her and any other villagers that need surgical help. All we needed to do was get them there. This is not easy as the villagers "believe on the spirit", have never encountered western medicine, and their local medicine seems to me to consist largely of tree roots and other leaves and sticks.

We return to this village and a couple of others like it on each "World Of Difference" tour. 130kms from Phnom Penh this Kampong Speu village is remote, isolated and very poor. When "Cambodia Wonders" guide Rithy Ann first took us there the villagers were in a terrible state and some had died of cholera. With each visit we have gained their trust and confidence. There is now a village "medicine man" that is dispensing paracetamol, antibiotics, worming tablets

under tuition. He is doing a fine job and 2 weeks ago the villagers were healthy, and the children weren't coughing and febrile as observed in previous trips.

Previously parents wouldn't allow us to take their children to hospital for surgery, but with Rithy taking in emergency food aid each month for the past 12 months, and 4 tours later it has finally happened. 2 weeks ago Limy and 5 other children came with Rithy and me to Phnom Penh. The children and their mothers had never left their village, so imagine the amazement and joy a bus ride, swim in a hotel pool, visit to the Royal Palace and staying in a hotel overnight gave. There is no electricity, running water or toilets in the village, so staying in the hotel required some orientation information!

RC Phnom Penh President Peter Gray and Interpreter Navy joined us at CSC to assist. CSC assessed the children and immediately operated on 3 boys with undescended testes. They also released contractures from burns on 14 year old Micel's hand. She fell into a fire as a baby and her fingers were bonded together. Limy had X-rays and is booked for surgery in December, as is a little girl with a squint (cross eye). How wonderful to have access to such a skilled and free service in Cambodia: thank you Dr Jim Gollogly and the Khmer doctors and team.

Our Rotary Club (Melbourne South) was so admiring of CSC's work that we have donated \$9000 to go toward the purchase of an emergency generator.

Rithy & Peter Gray are coming to Australia in March 2013 as guest speaker at Rotary District 9800 conference. They are also available to speak at other meetings. If you would like to book Rithy and or Peter as guest speakers, or for more information about World of Difference tours please visit www.wod.org.au



For more information about Childrens' Surgical Centre visit www.csc.org



Police Chief at Paul Harris Breakfast

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Nearly 250 Paul Harris Fellows and guests heard Victorian Police Chief Commissioner Ken Lay APM describe the force's big issues on November 14. He highlighted getting on top of organised and cyber crime, coping with decreasing ratios of support staff, and making the best use of social media in policing. "Putting more blue shirts into police stations is not going to help me tackle cyber-crime," he said.



Photo: Central Melbourne-Sunrise President Kay Stevens with Chief Commissioner Ken Lay and DG Dennis Shore

The Central Melbourne-Sunrise club has a close affinity with Victoria Police through its mentoring scheme, which has paired more than 100 top police with varying Rotary clubs' senior members plus well-connected business leaders. Ken Lay said this scheme was having a material influence on police leadership, which for the past year has been heavily restructuring.

The resources he controls are daunting – about 17,500 police and staff, a \$2.2b budget, and 500 work centres. The force deals with 400,000 crimes a year and many millions of unrecorded interactions to help community stability.

Lay, who began police life driving a divisional van around Prahran, said the force still had legacy structures – such as country police stations typically being 10-15km distant – an easy horse ride. Modernising is not easy in any large and unionised bureaucracy, he said. The connected world is now both an advantage and a concern – as instanced by the frightening extent of electronic extortion, fraud, bullying and child porn issues. On social media, he said the reactions to the heinous murder of a young woman in Brunswick last September are a wake-up call that police must engage with "sharing" sites – there were quickly 46 Facebook pages involving people involved. Some were positive and some were terrible. Police in solving such crimes need to capture and make good use of such social communications. The murder also highlighted the effects of CCTV (closed circuit TV), which led to a breakthrough. "CCTV is very good for helping us to solve crimes but we don't know if it's as good for preventing crimes," he said.

A few decades ago Victoria Police were largely State-bound. Today all Australian forces are mobilized to match needs such as the earthquake in NZ, floods in Queensland, the Commonwealth heads' meeting in Perth, and Solomon Islands peacekeeping. The global financial crisis is still impacting the force. He is currently dealing with a \$60m cut to his budget, with the brunt of savings being made from support-staff reductions.

Some offences are probably best dealt with by the community more than police – the graffiti epidemic is one example which can't be stopped just by police on the beat, he said. Organised crime has grown 8% in the past year and poses enormous problems for police. These criminals are in good suits and ties, not bikie jackets. The public is very supportive of police on issues like the road toll but is yet to fully get behind the force on this enormous crime threat.

In coming years the police have to prioritise issues according to the harm being done to the community, with perhaps less emphasis on data collection, for example. The media on which the force relies, is shifting from morning newspapers to e-news. The force is also being more frank, new examples including its Parliamentary submission on child abuse by some church personnel, he said.



The guests, including members of 33 clubs in District 9800, were attending the 20th annual Paul Harris Breakfast of the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise at the RACV City Club. The breakfasts have been a landmark Melbourne event each November since the first one in 1992 was addressed by Past Rotary International President Royce Abbey AO DCM



The event raised \$9628 for Rotary Foundation programs. A Mercedes driving course at Sandown race track raised \$650 at auction, and a Qantas simulator session for three people raised \$1,000. Other speakers at the breakfast included District 9800 Governor, Dennis Shore and District Foundation Director and PDG, John Davis.



Empowering Girls in Nepal

KAPILVASTU, Nepal—Bijay Laxmi, 15 years old, has been married since she was 11. In a few months, she will move in with the family of a husband she doesn't know. There, she will cook, clean, tend the livestock and, most likely, start having children of her own.



She knows giving birth at such a young age is dangerous, but the choice will be not hers.

"I'm sorry I was married young, but what can I do?" Bijay Laxmi asks. "I will try to convince my in-laws that it would be better if I started having children in four years."

In Nepal, half of all girls are married by age 18, even though child marriage is against the law. Campaigns against the practice are starting to have an impact, and a growing number of girls, empowered to defend their rights, are resisting child marriage. But the change is coming too slowly and too late for many.

About half of the girls worldwide who are affected by child marriage live in South Asia. This harmful practice persists for various sociocultural and eco-

nomic reasons. But the common thread that runs across all ethnic groups and religions is the low status of women and girls.

The parents of both Bijay Laxmi and Shanti were both motivated by a traditional belief that they would go to heaven if their daughters were married before reaching puberty.

Child marriage often denies girls an education, and often subjects them to discrimination, domestic violence and abuse. Many start bearing children before their bodies are ready, putting them and their babies at deadly risk during childbirth.

A number of initiatives inform Nepali communities about the harm caused by child marriage and the benefits of keeping girls in school.

A UNFPA-supported programme called Choose Your Future teaches girls who are not in school about health issues and encourages the development of basic life skills.

Choose Your Future teachers try to persuade parents to let their daughters attend school full time, and many do so, especially since in Nepal girls' education is free through grade 10.

Full story: <http://unfpa.org/public/home/news/pid/1216>



Shanti was married at age 12, but she and her husband are trying to save up some money before having children. Photo: William A. Ryan/UNFPA



WORLD UNDERSTANDING STARTS AT HOME

By Frank Deaver, Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama USA

Our world is full of minorities. There are racial and ethnic minorities, there are religious minorities, there are political minorities, and many more.

Rotarians also constitute a minority. Of the more than six billion people in the world, our number is only a little more than 1.2 million.

What makes Rotarians different is that we are a distinctly privileged minority. Most Rotarians are among the one percent of people in the world who have a college education or who own a computer. In our comfortable homes, we are far richer than the 80 percent who live in substandard housing. With food enough to eat, we are healthier than the 50 percent who suffer from malnutrition. With the ability to read and write, we are more employable than the 70 percent who are illiterate.

We are all too often the victims of a lack of understanding, or perhaps more accurately, of misunderstanding. We give to the Rotary Foundation, but we are only minimally aware of how our contributions are spent. We speak of Rotary's humanitarian programs, but we know too little about the plight of the recipients.

The life of a Rotarian is in many ways too comfortable. Too few of us have had opportunity to personally witness the poverty and misery of the world's majority. Perhaps we have not even been exposed to the homeless, the illiterate, the oppressed, within our own communities. Perhaps our daily commute from comfortable home to comfortable office fails to take us through "that part of town."

In truth, we need not look to distant lands to find the minority among us, the unfortunate ones who lack even the basic necessities of life. They are virtually on our doorsteps, and the fact that they so often remain invisible is as much our fault as theirs.

This month, dedicated to World Understanding, offers to Rotarians a challenge to introduce one minority (ours) to other minorities (those who are in need). What we may come to understand is that there is more opportunity for service in our own communities than we realized.



Rotarians in every community throughout the Rotary world, could embrace the philosophy of Stephen Grellet, French-American advocate for reforms in hospital and prison conditions: "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good things, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show a fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

World understanding is a noble and worthy Rotary goal, but it does not begin on the other side of the world. It begins where we are. It begins at our very doorstep.



Frank Deaver has been a member of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama (USA) since 1969, and was president in 1980-81. Frank is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, RI Foundation Benefactor, and Major Donor; and his wife Dusti is also a Paul Harris Fellow

Steps Outreach Service

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Steps Outreach Service is a small team of dedicated workers and volunteers who spend time at the Steps of Flinders St Station, forming relationship with young homeless people. Some are supported through detox or rehabilitation. Others are provided with basic material aid to get them through the next couple of nights of sleeping rough – sleeping bags, blankets, socks and toiletries. With crisis accommodation already full to overflowing, some young people have no other option than to sleep ‘under the bridge’.

Charity worker Anne Mitchell cites one success story, “Emma”, who left home at 12 to escape her abusive stepfather. Anne met her two years ago when Emma was a 16-year-old addict begging in the city and using a concrete step for a pillow at night. “Emma’s initial hostility went away and we began to meet her regularly for lunch or coffee. We gave her a birthday present when she turned 18 – that was the only present she got.” Today Emma is reunited with her family, has a place to live and is holding a job.

“Sam”, now 19, went into care because of a violent stepfather and himself became a violent addict. Anne and volunteers helped him for months and found that he also had a softer, caring side, particularly towards young girls who were becoming street kids. Sam was able to get a small flat and then a part-time job.

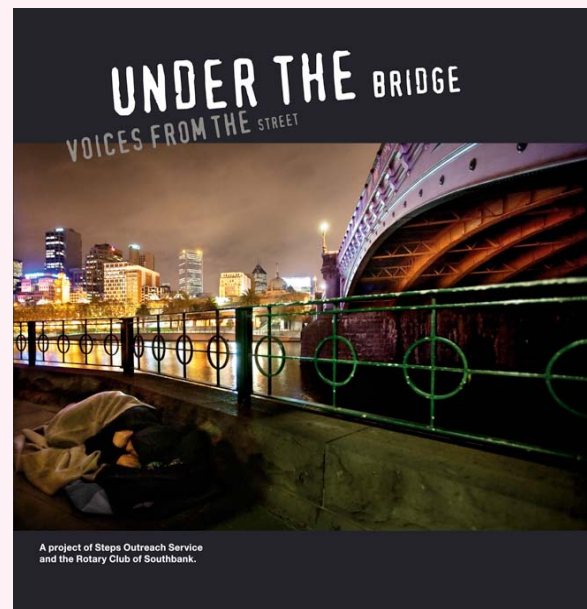
“We have successfully steered some young people at risk to programs like ‘Hand Brake Turn’ where they learn automotive skills through an eight week course backed up with social security help,” Anne says.

A critical group is young people leaving institutional care. Close to a third of them become homeless. Steps has a special program, ‘Independent Futures’ to get them through the transition into living independently in the mainstream community.

Another Steps program, ‘Breaking the Cycle’ is using a mentor to help primary and secondary school children from troubled homes to fit better into school. This could also involve providing uniforms and a musical instrument or sports equipment. “We find a child or young person can excel in at least one thing, and we build on that,” Anne says.

The highlight of each year is a Christmas lunch at the Collingwood headquarters, where volunteers give out food hamper bags, vouchers and presents to 150-200 people.

More about the Steps Outreach Program at <http://www.concernaustralia.org.au/steps/>



Under the Bridge

To mark the 25th Anniversary of Steps Outreach Service, Concern Australia, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Southbank, has produced a book titled *Under the Bridge*. It contains stunning photography and inspiring poetry from Melbourne’s homeless young people. All proceeds go to continuing the work of Steps.



Exchange of Scenery for Brazilian student

By Annie Wysham, RC Richmond

Senior Reporter, Paula Maud, Melbourne Leader, ran a feature article on 3rd November, 2012, on Giulia Cardosa, a Brazilian student hosted by the Rotary Club of Richmond: 'Exchange of scenery for Brazilian student'.

Giulia, aged 16, arrived in Melbourne in January as a participant in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. She's sponsored by the Rotary Club of Campos in RD 4750, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro. Arranged by Richmond Rotary, Giulia is being schooled for the year at Melbourne Girls College, Richmond, in Year 11.

The article made mention of the fact that Giulia shared her 'wish list' with Richmond Rotarians and the Friends of Richmond Rotary; and how they've all rallied to help her tick off as many items as possible before she heads back home to Brazil in mid-January 2013.

To fulfill one of the 'wish list' items, last school holidays President Sue and her husband Kevin hosted Giulia and a fellow Brazilian exchange student, Isabella Ferrari, to an overnight stay in Healesville. It included a visit to the Healesville Sanctuary. Much to the delight of the girls they were able to get up close to unique and rare Australian animals in a stunning bushland setting!

Richmond Rotary organized a fun night of dining and dancing at Copacabana Brazilian Restaurant in Collingwood recently to celebrate Giulia's 17th birthday! The South American floorshow and Latin Band helped to bring out the Brazilian in [mostly] everyone who took to the dance floor!

Giulia told Melbourne Leader that she can't wait to show Australia to her own family when they visit from Brazil next January and to share the Aussie culture she has grown to love.

Read the Melbourne Leader article at: http://melbourne-leader.wherelive.com.au/lifestyle/story/exchange-of-scenery-for-brazilian-student/?fb_ref=rec-top&fb_source=email



Dining Chinese and home-made pavlova were both on Giulia's wish-list' - seen pictured with her present host, PP Trevor Pang

Welcome New Members

Rotary Club of Brimbank Central's newest member Marilyn Zukalski (Health & Fitness) with President Lou Gionfriddo on the night of her induction





Hello! Hello!

Just up the Frog and Toad for a Toby Jug and a good Rabbit and Pork.

What's this all about then?

It's about the recent return of the D9800 GSE team to UK D1080.

Have you been keeping up with their blog?

Whether you have or not, you should come and hear their stories at the D9800 GSE Welcome Home event.

DG Denis Shore ('The Guvner') has and stated we were all 'GREEN eyed with envy'.

Museums, Ports, Coppers, Harrods, TV stations, Zoos, Castles and Pubs are just some of the amazing activities that the team has been involved in during their visit to the UK.

Team Leader Julie Mason with Virginia Loftus, Steven Bourke, Elizabeth Nutall, Kirsten Brewer and Karen Nyholm will be there to update the district on their activities and shenanigans on Sunday 25 November at 12:00 for a 12:30 pm start

BLIMEY! It's an easy 25 minutes from Melbourne along the Calder Hwy at the lovely PITRUZZELLO ESTATE 25 Deverall Road Sunbury/Gisborne

CRICKEY! The price of \$45 is inclusive of a 2 course lunch, coffee and tea. Drinks will be available at bar prices.

Please RSVP by November 16th to cbender@bigpond.net.au and include any dietary requirements.

Its only two weeks away so Tally Ho Chaps!





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http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at.

If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens to arrange drop off or collection: 0410 32 4537. www.wod.org.



Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

Quality shirazes from the Bendigo Wine Region are now available in half-cases.

Shirazes from Pondalowie, Connor Park Winery, Sandhurst Ridge Vineyard & Winery, Mandurang Valley, Water Wheel, Turners Crossing

This is your chance to stock up for Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted.

Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or gnoonan@tpg.com.au



Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

This is a small Department of Education Secondary School that provides an alternative for students who have been unable to settle into a mainstream secondary education. Students present with a range of personal and family issues including entrenched poverty, family violence and dysfunction, substance abuse and mental health issues.

The School is trying to establish a Gardening Project for Year 10 students and needs the following gardening implements and plants (or financial assistance to pay for the items) : long and short handled spades, shovels, small hand garden spade, gloves, overalls, gumboots, watering cans, hose with connections, vegetable seeds and a small garden shed.



If your Club is able to assist, please contact the Rotary Club of Caulfield rotarycaulfield@gmail.com

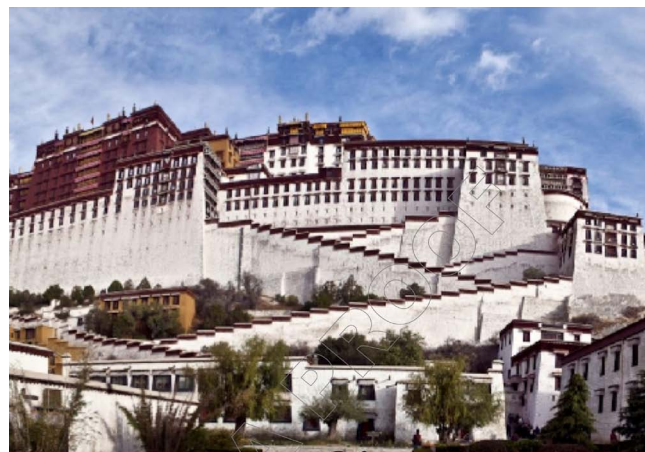
TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

The 2013 Calendar showing some selected pictures from Tibet is a desk unit with it's own stand. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

It is ideal for Christmas and other gift ideas that you may be looking for.

Read more about Tibetan Village Project: <http://www.tvpaustralia.org.au/>

Calendar available from Don Cullen cullen.don@gmail.com
Tibetan Village Project Australia Inc. P.O. Box 417, Black Rock, 3193





EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2012

17-18 Nov GARDEN DESIGN FEST

The Rotary Garden DesignFest will exhibit 26 superbly designed gardens by some of Melbourne's most acclaimed garden designers.

Gardens will be open from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm and tickets can be purchased in advance on the internet.

The landscape designers will be on hand at their respective gardens to chat to the public; this is a great way for you to informally meet these talented professionals, discuss your design needs and obtain all the relevant information you may need to create or improve your garden.

A very affordable price for gardening enthusiasts of \$35 per person to visit all gardens, or just a few, over the weekend including a full colour copy of the GDF 2012 Booklet containing all the garden and designer details; or alternatively pay only \$8 for a single visit entry ticket.

See the many colourful photographs of the display gardens plus a brief background on each of the designer on our website at www.gardendesignfest.com

For more information contact Mike McFarlane on 0418 317 418



18th Nov LADIES FASHION SAMPLES FOR SALE

Rotary Club of Richmond's 'Pop-Up' Stall – featuring 300+ Australian-made Motto ladies fashion samples... ALL GARMENTS ONLY \$20 PER PIECE!

Grab a snazzy bargain to wear at the Christmas Festivities and the RD9800 Conference! SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 2012, 9.00AM – 4.00PM

*In the grounds of the Abbotsford Convent - 'Shirt and Skirt Market'

1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford Cash/Credit card facilities, eftpos (no cash out)

*MAKE A DAY OF IT! The Abbotsford Convent has a number of eateries within its grounds - which makes it an ideal place to catch up with friends and family for breakfast, lunch or light refreshments

Enquiries: secretary@richmondrotary.org.au



21-22 Nov BED RECYCLING - note date change

We have been informed that the next lot of 150 beds from St Vincent's Hospital will be available shortly.

Our plan is essentially the same as last year – to load as many directly into containers at the hospital and dispatch directly.

This is a big task but given our experience last year we know it can be done provided we have an appropriate number of people to assist. If you can assist please advise Bob Glindemann at bob.glindemann@bigpond.com or 0418 102 702 so that we can plan the work force for each day.



25th Nov Children Christmas Party - Williamstown RC

Sunday 25th November from 11.00 am till 4.00 pm at Seaworks, 85 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

Rides, a nursery farm, face painting and clowns, live music, all free. a Food court, community stalls, games, and a small craft market.

Entry will be free for children and by gold coin donation for adults.

All funds raised will be allocated to our project Heart Start to equip local schools and youth clubs with defibrillators.





NOVEMBER 2012

**25th
Nov**

GSE WELCOME HOME FUNCTION

Come and hear from the team after
their visit to D1080 UK

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER
12:00PM FOR 12:30PM START
PITRUZZELLO ESTATE, 25
DEVERALL ROAD SUNBURY/
GISBORNE

Directions and map:

<http://www.pitruzzelloestate.com.au/Contact.html>

Cost: \$45 per head inclusive of 2
course lunch, coffee/tea Drinks at
bar prices

Cheque to RC Woodend, PO Box 333, Woodend 3442, or
Direct debit to BSB: 033674 Account: 790054 with names
RSVP by 16th November To cbender@bigpond.net.au with names
and any dietary requirements



**8th
Dec**

MURRUMBEENA COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 8 December 2012
9am – 2pm 117 Murrumbeena
Road (Melways 69 A5)

Celebrate the Festive Season
with Christmas Trees, Cakes
and Cards. 60 stalls including
Gourmet Foods, Fresh Produce,
Art, Books, Jewellery, Quilts,
Eco-products, Honey, Bath and
Beauty products, Kidswear, Fashion accessories, and so much
more! Your last opportunity to buy fabulous fudge ANYWHERE
from Chocolatier Jen. Refreshments at the Market Café, Sausage
Sizzle and Perk Me Up coffee van. Live Entertainment and Face
Painting. Entry by Gold Coin

2013 Market Dates - 13 April, 13 July, 5 October, 7 December



**10th
Dec**

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Paul Bateman, Director

VICTORIAN MULTICULTURAL
COMMISSION

'Managing Victoria's Extraordinary
Cultural Diversity'

MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012
Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge
Road, Richmond

6.30pm for 7.00pm \$30 per person –
includes a 2-course dinner. Drinks at
bar prices

RSVP: secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au
by Wednesday 5th December

Cash/credit card payments at the door

For further details: Rotarian Annie Wysham: 0419 100 297
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www.multicultural.vic.gov.au



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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar,
visit the following link:
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

To submit Notices & Events, please
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clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



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DG Weekly Message

The Rotary Foundation and You

You will recall that The Rotary Foundation started when Arch Klumph (RI President 1916-17) had "a vision, a little inspiration all of a sudden one day that the organisation was particularly adapted to the purpose of accepting endowments to do great things".

It is a well known that while the concept was noble and approved by the RI Board, it took years before any significant endowments found their way to the fund. When endowments did start to flow the momentum was interrupted firstly by the Great Depression and then the Second World War.

It was the death of Paul Harris that provided the stimulus for Rotarians and supporters of Rotary to really kick-start the endowing of The Rotary Foundation.

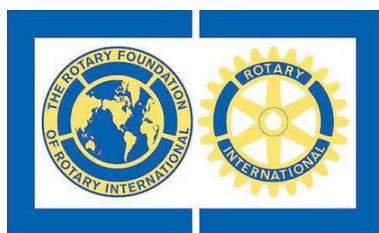
It was not just the passing of Paul Harris and the honouring of his contribution but perhaps the timing that was also relevant. Paul Harris passed away on 27 January, 1947 when the world was still adjusting to the realities of the horrors of World War II and the deprivations and despair that followed. Communications were not what they are today when Paul Harris died and many Rotarians had not learned of his passing when they received the February 1947 "Rotarian" magazine that had been printed before Paul Harris had passed away and which featured the very last written words from him reflecting on Rotary's 42nd anniversary – or in the somewhat quaint language of the day – Rotary's Two Score and Two.

The significance and almost prescient message was one Paul Harris had actually never addressed prior to this writing; did he ever think Rotary would become what it had when he started the organisation? He was frank. There was no inspired beginning just the idea that people of different vocations could enjoy fellowship and help each other. But the growth spurt occurred when "representatives of different nationalities, religions and political faith came in. Complete tolerance prevailed".



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

The article goes on to chronicle the international growth of Rotary. At this point I feel I must digress from the theme of The Foundation to quote a paragraph from the Paul Harris article, "there were men like the late James W. Davidson, of Canada, who with his countryman Colonel J. Layton Ralston "planted" Rotary in the Antipodes. Later when Jim's health and strength were failing, he spent three years in completing the span of the world, bringing Rotary to many more lands. After reporting to Rotary International's Board in Chicago, Jim returned to Canada and died". Perhaps we do not need that extremity of sacrifice from all Rotarians but in fact so many Rotarians do go an extra mile.



That brings me to the subject that is often uncomfortable for many and that is the making of personal contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation became the powerhouse that it is because of contributions from individuals and clubs to honour the life and contribution of Paul Harris on the death. At the time the suggested donation was \$10 per member. It was the 10th anniversary recognition of the passing of Paul Harris that spurred the most significant idea in the history of The Rotary Foundation. The early enthusiasm for donating to The Foundation had declined and the Trustees of The Foundation had another "little inspiration" to create the idea of

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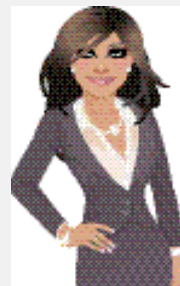
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November is Rotary Foundation Month



recognition for support of The Foundation as encouragement for ongoing funding. It was decided that anyone contributing \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation would be recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow and receive a plaque, medallion and lapel pin all bearing the founder's likeness. A decade later an additional category was introduced, that of Sustaining Member for those who pledged \$100 annually. When they attained total donations of \$1000 they would also be recognised as Paul Harris Fellows.



The endowment fund that Arch Klumph envisaged became a reality in 1992 when The Permanent fund Initiative was established to provide a stream of revenue to underwrite the programs of The Foundation. Of course the needs of the World are also increasing and this has seen the introduction of Future Vision to target the beneficiaries of The Foundation to make the greatest impact. That is another part of the story and for another day.

In Australia and perhaps significantly in our District a PHF recognition has long been a way in which clubs recognise personal "Service Above Self" from members and citizens in the community. This is a very appropriate way in which PHF credits from funds that have been raised and donated by the Club to The Foundation should be applied.

In the Australian way, many Rotarians are uncomfortable about adding to their public PHF recognition through their personal donations to The Foundation. Many members are now starting to receive, seemingly out of nowhere, PHF recognitions due to their ongoing support of the EREY Centurion program (Every Rotarian Every Year). It is a personal choice for Rotarians to display or not display that recognition. Nor do they have to accept it. The option is available to direct it elsewhere (for example to a spouse) or anyone else or to instruct The Foundation to treat the donation as anonymous.

Rotarians give so much of their time and money to be a Rotarian and I'm therefore conscious of not wanting to impose on that generosity by pressuring members to make individual donations that they feel they cannot afford. There are so many worthy programs in Rotary that deserve our support be it through personal effort or personal donation that further requests for donations can be a turn-off. Yet Australians are generous. Look at the donations we make in times of disaster, such as Tsunamis, floods and bushfires. We happily give to the Salvos and the Red Cross. They do great work but so does The Rotary Foundation. Every extra dollar helps and all that is really being asked for is what you can afford to give. But also think about where The Foundation sits in your priority of giving. You at least know that every dollar you give is spent on doing good in the world!

That last letter from Paul Harris said it all – ***"Rotary does yeomen service ... wherein civilization itself is at stake. How could Rotary do otherwise? More power, more power to you, my beloved Rotary".***

Dennis Shore
District Governor



Mariana Ponce and her children wave goodbye to Rotarian volunteer Julio Vilalta. Their lives were devastated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. A Rotary success story, she rebuilds her life as a single mother selling soy products thanks to a microcredit from Grupo Unido Valle de Angeles.



A man tends to rice paddies. This method of cultivation, typical in Sri Lanka, boosts crop yields and decreases the negative environmental effects of rice growing. Southern Province, Sri Lanka.

The Paul Harris Society

By Chris Don, District Director Public Relations and Communications

Last Sunday the Paul Harris Society held its annual luncheon at which time PDG Eric Farmer (D9810) now a member of the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern was inducted as the Societies 57th member.

The Keynote speaker at the luncheon was Melbourne Rotarian Professor Jeremy Oats, our Districts Team Leader of the Vocational Training Team that has now conducted three important training missions in Timor Leste.

Along with North Balwyn Rotarian Professor Susan McDonald and Doctor Neil Roy, all leading members of the outbound teams, they were all awarded Certificates of Appreciation and Rotary Foundation Alumni medallions from District Governor Dennis Shore, District Foundation Committee Chairman PDG John Davis and Paul Harris Administrator PDG Ian Knight.



The Paul Harris Society of D9800, Australia's first, was established under the encouragement of DG Bernie Walshe 2006/07. The District Foundation Committee Chairman at the time, Chris Don, worked with PP John Rafter with the Society being chartered at the 2007 District Conference in 2007 with twenty-seven members. Currently with membership now at 57 the D9800 Paul Harris Society is Australia's largest and has, by its stature, encouraged a number of other Australian Districts to establish their own Paul Harris Society.

The Society is named after the founder of Rotary International: it recognises friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute US\$1000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus and other approved Foundation grant activities. Society contributions count toward Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor Recognition.

The Paul Harris Society is a district-administered recognition program. Each year the Society holds a special luncheon at which time new Society members are inducted and a keynote speaker is invited to address the gathering. Over the period a number of Past Rotary International Presidents have attended along with Trustees from The Rotary Foundation.

Anyone interested in supporting our Foundation by becoming a Paul Harris Society member should contact PDG Ian Knight. 96457742 isknight@westnet.com.au

Photos show: Top: Professor Jeremy Oats, Professor Susan McDonald and Doctor Neil Roy
Centre: Some happy diners
Lower: PDG John Davis, PDG Eric Farmer and DG Dennis Shore



More Photos at <https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/PHSNovember2012?authkey=Gv1sRgCMit19DWmeaWggE>



How to get a School Built - in Laos

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

Melbourne-based Rotarian Roy Garrett is putting his long Indochinese experience to good use – he's just funded the building of a two-classroom extension at a school for 65 Laotian children at Ban Houai Yen village near Luang Prabang.

He and his wife Annie have been taking non-commercial tour parties to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos since they returned to Australia after six years in Saigon. Roy, who is with the Central Melbourne-Sunrise Rotary Club, was sales and marketing director in Saigon for a Swiss-Vietnamese cement company. By adding a \$1100 a head surcharge to their 13th tour in October, the Garretts raised \$14,500 which was enough for the construction of the primary school. The work was done by locals using Laotian government templates, and Roy's party put the finishing touches on it by two days of painting. They also spent two mirthful school days using mime to teach the five to ten year olds about hand-washing.



"The new school looks fantastic," Roy says. "The kids used to sit on benches and four to a desk. With two new rooms to add to the existing three, that will change for the better."

"Older kids, when they reach high school age, have to cross the river to a school and I suspect they miss many days tuition during the monsoon season. That school also needs help. The villagers appreciate our efforts enormously. Laos is going to need help like this for at least another 30 years. For us, it was so rewarding. Not one of our party got sick, pick-pocketed or fell over. One condition is that everyone must have fly-out health insurance."

The project was based on trust. Roy has a Melbourne friend Rod Fraser who established a Laos foundation and who spoke to Roy's club. Sadly, not a cent in donations resulted, so Roy looked for a different method. He lined up four club members and their wives, another couple and four women solo travellers, and sent the \$14,500 surcharge for the school to a

Laotian contact of Rod's, Somnuek, who runs a holiday lodge in Luang Prabang.

"I had some anxieties sending this large sum into the ether but Somnuek didn't let us down," Roy said. There is no road to the school. After a bumpy 18km bus ride from Luang Prabang, the party was poled across a Mekong tributary four at a time in a punt, and walked to the school.



During the trip the four Rotarians went further to check out the high school village Hue Khang as site for a Rotary and private-funded renovation of an overcrowded high school. This will involve \$25,000 including a \$7200 grant from District 9800 and some funds from Melbourne-Sunrise club. Donations of \$1200 per head from the travelling party will raise the other \$15,000.

Interested? The 2013 trip is from November 8-23, 2013. Cost including the high-school surcharge is \$5700. Contact Roy at mingrit@bigpond.com



November is Rotary Foundation Month

By Bruce Allen, The Rotary Foundation - South Pacific & Philippines

The month of November is the month Rotary International dedicates to the programs and activities of the Rotary Foundation and this gives us a wonderful opportunity to focus our attention on the many great things that our foundation delivers to our world.

We take so much for granted as we enjoy our privileged life. Water streams from every one of the 16 or so taps in our houses, medical aid is just around the corner, a strong and active education system provides a future for all our children and with the exception of a few, we want for nothing. How different it is for one-third of the world's population!

Including our efforts in the area of polio eradication, your Foundation provided something like \$180 million last year to support clubs and districts in their efforts to 'do good in the world'. If you add the money supplied by clubs and districts to complete these projects we would have a conservative spend of something like \$450 million so we are not a small, insignificant organization. We are a highly relevant significant group and we should never fail to make that point with our friends.

Nothing ever comes cheap and everything The Foundation does costs money. When the money runs out so does our ability to make a difference. Clubs can take the bull by the horns and agreed to pay their TRF commitment now rather than wait until the traditional 'rush' period of June. We will get our money working sooner rather than later and that will



help enormously. If all clubs in Australia could do this then The Foundation would be in a much stronger position.

We can also help as individuals. Those of us with Centurion commitments who aren't tied into a scheduled payment plan could consider paying this month. It's only \$100 per person but collectively it has the power to do so much. Those of us who haven't yet made the Centurion' leap of faith' might give the possibility a little extra thought. That extra\$1.92 a week can make such a difference to the people depending on us for a better life.

The Rotary Foundation is your own charity and I'm just asking you to be part of it.

Rotarians active in supporting polio eradication on World Polio Day

by Dan Nixon, Rotary News -- 9 November 2012

Rotarians worldwide celebrated and took action to mark World Polio Day on 24 October.

In Germany, Rotarians partnered with the Deutsche Bahn railway to emblazon a locomotive with the Rotary International gearwheel, the End Polio Now logo, and the slogan, "We have almost made it. Get on board for a world without polio."

The locomotive will move trains through Germany's major cities for the next 12 months. During that time, "Rotary clubs are to prepare for their own events to go to the public and present Rotary, focusing on its long-standing corporate project," says Matthias Schütt, a member of the Rotary Club of Ratzeburg-Alte Salzstrasse. "A nationwide Rotary Day is scheduled for 4 May."

Photo: Barbara Groth, governor of District 1940 (standing, far right), Rotarians, and friends welcome the End Polio Now locomotive to Hamburg, Germany, on 26 October, at the start of its nationwide 12-month tour.



Full story: http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/121109_news_poliodaywrap.aspx



MEDICAL RESEARCH and LEVERAGING A GREAT OUTCOME

By Philip Rowell, RC Brighton North

In 2006 after floating his company Cobar Consolidated Resources Limited little did now PP Ian Lawrence of the Brighton North Rotary Club in District 9800 realise that his Rotary life would change forever.

PP Ian invited George Lefroy to join the board of his company.

George, his family and friends had set up the Bruce Lefroy Centre to undertake genetic health research in honour of his son in 2003.

George invited PP Ian to a fundraiser for the Centre where Professor Martin Delatycki spoke about the research that he was undertaking into the neurological and terminal disease of Friedreich's Ataxia.

PP Ian knew nothing of the disease until he heard Martin speak.

PP Ian perceived an opportunity through Rotary to assist and set about doing something real and positive.

He convinced his club to undertake a commitment to raise \$120,000 over a three year period of fundraising and arranged to obtain a commitment from Australian Rotary Health to match that with \$60,000 if the club could achieve its fundraising objective.

At the fundraising function in the first of the three years past RI President Royce Abbey was present to make a short, but poignant and eloquent speech on behalf of his family having lost a grandson to Friedreich's Ataxia in his teens.

That night raised in excess of \$75,000 and gave the project a huge impetus.

Brighton North Rotary Club subsequently delivered on its commitment to raise \$120,000 by 30 June 2012 and Australian Rotary Health provided its \$60,000.

The icing on the cake was the recent advice to PP Ian from Professor Martin Delatycki that the National Health and Medical Research Council had approved further funding of slightly in excess of \$577,500 for the Bruce Lefroy Centre to undertake research into developing bone marrow transplant and

novel therapeutic vectors to treat Friedreich's Ataxia.

Thus with leveraging through ARH and NH&MRC, the \$120,000 raised by the club has resulted in a sum of in excess of \$757,000 being available for this important research into treatment for Friedreich's Ataxia.

The relationship between the Centre and Club has had other benefits for both.

Brighton North RC has assisted at the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Association (FARA) Go the Tan Fundraising Run held each February over the past three years, being a major fundraiser for FARA, and this has become an annual and ongoing project of the club.

Further the club has in the past two years had an annual visit to the Centre in lieu of a weekly meeting to meet with the researchers and hear of the great work that they are doing followed by a meal and fellowship at a nearby hotel. Such visits have been both educational and inspiring and will continue.

The outcome is outstanding for both the Centre, for Rotary and Brighton North RC in particular and appears likely to be a continuing "partnership" into the future.

And it all started because PP Ian invited George to join his board and the rest is history.



RCBN President Jim Mitchell, Paul Lockhart, Louise Corben, Professor Martin Delatycki (PHF and Honorary Member of Brighton North RC), Dean Phelan and Genevieve Tai.

Friedreich's ataxia is a rare inherited disease of the nervous system characterised by the gradual loss of balance, coordination and muscular control. The affected person is unable to control their muscles, which leads to tremors, an unsteady gait and slurred speech, which may look like being drunk to an outsider observer. There is no cure, but the symptoms can be managed with medication and physical therapy. - http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Friedreich%27s_ataxia



PERS and SETS?



PERS? SETS?

More Rotary acronyms?
Just what we need!

With the assistance of two exchange students, DG Elect Ross Butterworth and his training team of Colin Muir, David Bennett and Peter Lamping ran Presidents and Secretaries Elect through their paces at Melbourne University last weekend.

Rest assured that Rotary will run smoothly in D9800 next year. More Photos of Presenters, Presidents-to-be and Secretaries-to-be at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/106224275621582639712/PETSSETSNovember2012?aauthkey=Gv1sRgCPbDirS85fu-hQE>

OUR DISTRICT'S INVOLVEMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IN THE ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM

As reported recently, the District continued its Black Caviar performance in having its three nominees being awarded Rotary World Peace Fellowships bringing the total to 20 in 11 years of the program. The Rotary Foundation recognised our skills in this area by appointing Bob Fels (Rotary Club of Melbourne) to its international Rotary Peace Centers Committee for the past 6 years. As Rotary limits membership of international committees to 3 years unless there are exceptional circumstances, his activities are a tribute to the District's proactive work in the program.

To understand firsthand the program Bob has visited all the Peace Centers except International Christian University in Tokyo. He was appointed to conduct a review of the University of Bradford Peace Centre in 2008. He was appointed to an Executive Committee to select Chulalongkorn Fellows in 2008 replacing John Kenny who was preparing to become President of Rotary International. In 2010 he was appointed leader of the Task Force to Identify the Next Rotary Peace Center leading to site visits of the 5 finalist universities. Uppsala University in Sweden was selected.



Bob is seen in the accompanying photo at Uppsala. Bob is silent on whether the snowball was necessary in negotiations to secure the right outcome for Rotary in the negotiations.

In 2011, Bob was appointed, with two other Rotarians, to review the Peace Center in Buenos Aires. The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation accepted the team's recommendation to withdraw from that Center. In 2012, he was appointed with two other Rotarians to the team to identify the next peace Center University. That work is on hold while the Peace Centers Program, having developed over 10 years, is reviewed.



The Peace Centers Committee is seen as a senior committee being allowed to meet in the Rotary Board Room on the 18th floor of Rotary's HQ in Evanston. A number of past RI Presidents of have been members and in the early years all, apart from Bob, had been at least Past District Governors. This is probably a tribute to Bob's understanding of the program, as opposed to a career in the Rotary hierarchy, which enables him to speak up with confidence at the meetings.

He points out that in assessing applicants, so as to eliminate perceptions of bias, a committee member does not participate in reviewing candidates from his/her country.

Rotary International is truly international and it reflects well on our District that we have people like Bob who can make a significant contribution to the work of Rotary International in such a significant area of focus for Rotary.



SPEAKER BANK UPDATE

By Jill Weeks, RC Hawthorn

Thanks to Frank Fleming (RC Altona) who emailed to let us know that instead of their normal meeting, his club recently visited the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Frank says he would 'commend this to other clubs'.



Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Rebecca Harford (PR Development)

'We would warmly welcome any Rotary Club who wishes to visit us at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Our tour evenings follow the same general format, we are very happy to tailor the tour to the interests of the Rotary Club. General tour format is detailed below.



Discovery Tour

5.00pm – 5.30pm – Guests arrive

5.30pm – Formal welcome from our Director or Associate Director

5.35pm – Guests divided into groups and are taken to up to three different research areas within the Murdoch Children's to meet with our researchers and hear about their work.

6.40pm – Groups reconvene for drinks and light finger food.

7.00pm – Guests depart

Some of the other Rotary groups we have had visit choose to go on to have dinner in one of the local hotels and I am happy to make a recommendation'.

SPEAKERS:

Rebecca also mentions: We have over 1400 researchers here specialising in many types of child health research, I can help organise a speaker who is appropriate for individual clubs interests.

Conference Update

Update (Number 7) for the Rotary District 9800 Albury Conference is now available.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/9800/7912/HTML/181860//RotaryD9800AlburyConferenceUpdateNo7.pdf>

In this Update you will notice that the vital time and date for the close of Early Bird Registration is: 11.59pm on December 12. This also applies to Registration Forms received in the post, due to the computer system used to record bookings.

Need any further information?

Missed out on a previous Update?

Just send us an email and we will send you the missing Update.

Update 1: Welcome! Lowest Early Bird Registration For 7 Years

Update 2: BBQ On Thursday Night, Bridge and Golf, Country Casual Dinner Dance, Speakers

Update 3: Ease Of Travel To Albury (plus Rotary Cyclists), Local Knowledge, Did You Know: Dress Code, Sizzle, Sip And Relax, Not Just Spin

Update 4: Paddle Your Way To Success, CountryLink Idea, Rotary Market Place Offer, Rotary's Got Talent, Place Of Interest

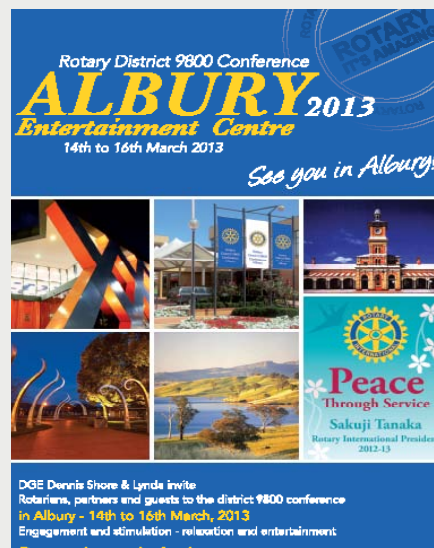
Update 5: Getting There (another idea), Your Chance To Save \$150 (per couple), Early Bird Applies To Everyone

Update 6: Twilight Market, Membership, Harnessing Technology And Social Media, Smart Way To Save \$150 (per couple)

Contact the D9800 Albury Conference Chairman Noel McInnes

Email: info@rotary9800conference.org

Website: www.rotary9800conference.org





Stacking Beds at St Vincent's

By Bob Glindemann, Donations-in-kind

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who assisted with this project this week at St Vincent's Hospital.

I realise that at times we may have seemed less than busy but we are in the hands of others when we do these tasks. I am sure that many of the world's problems were addressed (and maybe solved!) as we waited for the beds to arrive. Regardless, we achieved what we set out to do and were completed on both days, doors locked before 4.00pm - a great effort.

The real beneficiaries will be to the recipients of the beds when they are delivered and distributed in the New Year.



Right now at the DIK store we have the three containers being held so that we can complete the packing and ship them to arrive after Daryl Mills returns from his Christmas leave.

There will be 48 beds to the TB Clinic at Tibar - that was yesterday's container, another 40+ beds for the Baucau National Hospital - half yesterday and most of the balance today and at this stage 30 beds for the new community Hospital at Solo in Java. We will bring this up to 50 from the store before we send this container.

I also know that the people from Paragon were very appreciative of our assistance and they have confirmed that a request for a donation from them towards the freight on the Tibar container will be favorably received. St Vincent's have Rotary DIK as their preferred recipient of goods such as these and that is a good place to be.

The other two containers have the freight covered but we are still seeking funds for the Tibar unit so if your Club has a little of the Christmas spirit, perhaps some consideration towards the \$8000 we need for this might be possible.

Everyone at DIK is most appreciative of your assistance and participation. If you have not been to the store - drop in and see us some time.



We loaded old beds into the container (above) as new beds were being assembled (right)





Welcome New Members

The following Clubs have inducted new members in October:

R.C. of Camberwell

David Asher,

R.C. of Bendigo-Strathdale

Cindy Elsheikh

R.C. of Footscray

Janet Anderson, Wilson Leung

R.C. of Caulfield

Nikolai Fazouline

R.C. of Essendon

Bernadette Schwerdt

R.C. Brimbank Central

Marilyn Zukalski

R.C. Woodend

J Falzarano, M Van Pagee, M Duffield, P Helena

R.C. of Glenferrie

Faye Dargie

R.C. of Hawthorn

Amanda Webb

R.C. of Point Gellibrand

Mike Butcher

R.C. of Laverton Point

Cook

Alan Jarrott

R.C. of Bendigo

Sandhurst

Dr George Waters

R.C. of Brighton Beach

Eleisha Pawelek

R.C. of Werribee

Andrew Nield, Kirilee Nield

R.C. of St Kilda

Eammon Hamilton



The fine art of scaring children

by Tony Thomas, November 20, 2012

Ballarat has a great art gallery, with its original architecture and gold-financed 19th century acquisitions. I was stoozing around there last week after enjoying its show on floral illustrations, dating back to William Dampier. In the main halls it has an "art trail" for children, directing them to half a dozen works. Each has a screed alongside backgrounding the painting and giving the kids some quizzes.



Our casual contributor Tony Thomas doesn't know much about art, but knows what he likes.

Read his article in Quadrant, and enjoy the Australian Art: <http://www.quadrant.org.au/blogs/doomed-planet/2012/11/the-fine-art-of-scaring-children>



Letters to the Editor

Dear Clarice,

you wrote in the Networker of the 2nd November 2012/15:

'Last year I pondered what relevance The Melbourne Cup had to Rotary and struggled to provide a link. Well this year I discussed it with a friend and she suggested a link. She said "Isn't Rotary all about bringing people together from all over the place, from all walks of life, to get together to do something special?" And it made me think - what would happen if we made our own Club meetings and events just a little more special to be part of? There's a large crowd of Melbournians out there who love the type of events that bring us together to have fun, dress up and participate in something fun. I hope the idea inspires just one of you to think how you can make Rotary even more special to attract a crowd!'

Funny that Clarice - you're a girl of my own heart!

At about the time of your writing, as Marketing Chair of the RC Richmond, I was busy formulating a plan to do exactly what you proposed: 'I hope the idea inspires just one of you to think how you can make Rotary even more special to attract a crowd!'

And so the RC Richmond's - Guest Speaker Series 2012-2013 was born!

With the support of our President, Sue Bolton, Program Chair, Ben Hosking, and Membership Chair, Jenny List, this occasional Guest Speaker Series is planned to serve as a vehicle for inviting new people along to Richmond Rotary, to expose them to speakers of note, on topics of interest and value. The Guest Speaker Series are not planned as a fundraising exercise.

Our first speaker on Monday, 10th December, 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Amora Riverwalk Hotel, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond, will be Paul Bateman, Director, Victorian Multicultural Commission. His topic: 'Managing Victoria's Extraordinary Cultural Diversity'.

Paul is my eldest son and an experienced public speaker. Paul has also agreed to help me attract other potential speakers of note from the wider community. Nice to have contacts - even if you have to breed your own!

Clarice - please see 'Notices & Events' in this edition and contact secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au by Wednesday 5th December 2012 to book yourself a place for Monday 10th December to be a part of this inaugural Guest Speaker Series and hear what my boy has to say! (Sorry - he's married!)

Victoria is the most culturally diverse State in Australia. The broad consensus is that we are a multicultural success story.

So as you said, "Isn't Rotary all about bringing people together from all over the place, from all walks of life, to get together to do something special?"

Annie Wysham
Marketing Chair
RC Richmond

Clarice Replies: Great work, Annie: your club certainly comes up with some innovative ideas. We wish you every success with your Guest Speaker Series. I hope to be able to attend a few times.



Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at. If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens to arrange drop off or collection: 0410 32 4537. www.wod.



Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

Quality shirazes from the Bendigo Wine Region are now available in half-cases.

Shirazes from Pondalowie, Connor Park Winery, Sandhurst Ridge Vineyard & Winery, Mandurang Valley, Water Wheel, Turners Crossing

This is your chance to stock up for Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted.

Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or gpnnoonan@tpg.com.au



Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

This is a small Department of Education Secondary School that provides an alternative for students who have been unable to settle into a mainstream secondary education. Students present with a range of personal and family issues including entrenched poverty, family violence and dysfunction, substance abuse and mental health issues.

The School is trying to establish a Gardening Project for Year 10 students and needs the following gardening implements and plants (or financial assistance to pay for the items) : long and short handled spades, shovels, small hand garden spade, gloves, overalls, gumboots, watering cans, hose with connections, vegetable seeds and a small garden shed.

If your Club is able to assist, please contact the Rotary Club of Caulfield rotarycaulfield@gmail.com



TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

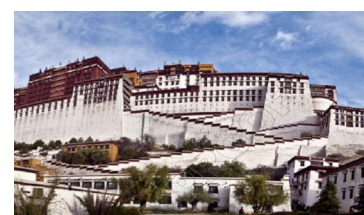
The 2013 Calendar showing some selected pictures from Tibet is a desk unit with it's own stand. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

It is ideal for Christmas and other gift ideas that you may be looking for.

Read more about Tibetan Village Project: <http://www.tvpaustralia.org.au/>

Calendar available from Don Cullen cullen.don@gmail.com

Tibetan Village Project Australia Inc. P.O. Box 417, Black Rock, 3193



Xmas Hams

For many years, the Rotary Club of Hawthorn has been providing the finest oven baked, naturally smoked, fresh hams to its members, friends and supporters at Christmas.

PICKUP THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 7.00 to 9.00 am

KOOYONG TENNIS CLUB (NORTHERN CARPARK ADJACENT TO THE MONASH FREEWAY OVERPASS) 489 GLENFERRIE ROAD, KOOYONG

FOR ORDERS Fax: 9296 2101 Email: rlogan@kildair.com.au

Mail: c/o R. Logan, 58 Muir St, Hawthorn, 3122





EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2012

25th
Nov

Children Christmas Party - Williamstown RC

Sunday 25th November from 11.00 am till 4.00 pm at Seaworks, 85 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

Rides, a nursery farm, face painting and clowns, live music, all free. a Food court, community stalls, games, and a small craft market.

Entry will be free for children and by gold coin donation for adults.



25th
Nov

GSE WELCOME HOME FUNCTION

Come and hear from the team after their visit to D1080 UK
SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 12:00PM FOR 12:30PM START
PITRUZZELLO ESTATE, 25 DEVERALL ROAD SUNBURY/
GISBORNE

Directions and map:

<http://www.pitruzzelloestate.com.au/Contact.html>

Cost: \$45 per head inclusive of 2 course lunch, coffee/tea Drinks at bar prices

Cheque to RC Woodend, PO Box 333, Woodend 3442, or

Direct debit to BSB: 033674 Account: 790054 with names

RSVP by 16th November To cbender@bigpond.net.au with names and any dietary requirements



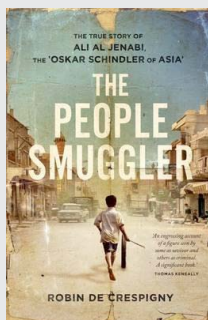


DECEMBER 2012

**5th
Dec**

"The People Smuggler"

Walkley Award listed Author Robin De Crespigny will throw new light upon the true story of Ali Al Jinaly, "The People Smuggler" at lunch with the Rotary Club of West Footscray at the Medway Golf Club (Mel Ref 27F10) on Wednesday 5th December, commencing at 12.30pm for 12.45pm. Book with Peter Hollings on 0411 163 218 or peter.hollings@bigpond.com



**8th
Dec**

RC Melbourne Park Trivia Night

Sat 8th Dec, 7pm Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd, Richmond
\$45 each or \$405 for a table of 10
Contact Carly Nuthall at carly.nuthall@rcmelpark.com for tickets
Website or link for more information: www.rcmelpark.com



**8th
Dec**

MURRUMBEENA COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 8 December 2012
9am – 2pm 117 Murrumbeena Road (Melways 69 A5)
Celebrate the Festive Season with Christmas Trees, Cakes and Cards. 60 stalls including Gourmet Foods, Fresh Produce, Art, Books, Jewellery, Quilts, Eco-products, Honey, Bath and Beauty products, Kidswear, Fashion accessories, and so much more! Your last opportunity to buy fabulous fudge ANYWHERE from Chocolatier Jen. Refreshments at the Market Café, Sausage Sizzle and Perk Me Up coffee van. Live Entertainment and Face Painting. Entry by Gold Coin
2013 Market Dates - 13 April, 13 July, 5 October, 7 December



**10th
Dec**

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Paul Bateman, Director
VICTORIAN MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION
'Managing Victoria's Extraordinary Cultural Diversity'
MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012
Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond
6.30pm for 7.00pm \$30 per person – includes a 2-course dinner. Drinks at bar prices
RSVP: secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au by Wednesday 5th December
Cash/credit card payments at the door
For further details: Rotarian Annie Wysham: 0419 100 297
annie.c.w@bigpond.com www.rotaryrichmond.org.au
www.multicultural.vic.gov.au



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To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at:
clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP: OCTOBER

District Attendance Officer Peter Lamping sends us the October figures:

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2012/2013		October-12		At July 1	October-12			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of Meetings	Month %		Start	End	Net gain/loss 12/13	% Change
Melbourne Pk	Heritage	5	60%	18	23	23	5	27.8%
St Kilda	Stonnington	5	65%	9	10	11	2	22.2%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	90%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Woodend	Calder	4	85%	25	24	28	3	12.0%
Bendigo S'dale	Goldfields	5	69%	26	28	29	3	11.5%
Brimbank Cent	Gateway	5	79%	27	29	30	3	11.1%
Docklands	Batman			9		10	1	11.1%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	86%	10	10	11	1	10.0%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	5	74%	33	36	36	3	9.1%
Point G/brand	Hobsons B	5	66%	34	37	37	3	8.8%
Melton	Westside	4	77%	26	27	28	2	7.7%
Moonsee Valley	Gateway			13		14	1	7.7%
North Melb	Heritage			26		28	2	7.7%
Toorak	Stonnington	5	88%	28	30	30	2	7.1%
Echuca-Ma	Goldfields	4	69%	15	16	16	1	6.7%
Sunshine	Westside			18		19	1	5.6%
Werribee	Port Phillip	5	83%	37	37	39	2	5.4%
Keller East	Gateway			40		42	2	5.0%
Chadstone EMelv	Stonnington	5	75%	43	45	45	2	4.7%
Altona City	Port Phillip	5	82%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Southbank	Batman	4	68%	23	23	24	1	4.3%
Gisborne	Calder	5	64%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields	5	66%	50	51	52	2	4.0%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	5	94%	26	27	27	1	3.8%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	42%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Footscray	Hobsons B	4	61%	54	54	56	2	3.7%
Melbourne S	Batman	4	90%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Hawthorn	Yarra	3	82%	57	58	59	2	3.5%
Daylesford	Calder	5	86%	29	30	30	1	3.4%
Laverton Pt Ck	Port Phillip	4	57%	34	35	35	1	2.9%
Kew	Yarra	4	83%	35	36	36	1	2.9%
Camberwell	Eastside	5	76%	77	78	79	2	2.6%
Keller	Gateway	4	73%	39	40	40	1	2.6%
Glenferrie	Yarra	5	68%	43	42	44	1	2.3%
Brighton N	Beachside	5	70%	51	52	52	1	2.0%



Albert Park	Batman	5	38%	62	65	63	1	1.6%
Altona	Port Phillip			24		24	0	0.0%
Bendigo	Goldfields	5	69%	72	72	72	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	5	56%	15	15	15	0	0.0%
Brighton B	Beachside	5	61%	21	20	21	0	0.0%
Castlemaine	Colder	5	50%	37	37	37	0	0.0%
Collingwood	Heritage			20		20	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	72%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Flemington	Hobsons B	5	68%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Glen Eira	Beachside	5	50%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	5	87%	17	17	17	0	0.0%
NBALwyn	Eastside	4	91%	74	74	74	0	0.0%
Port Melb	Batman	5	60%	10	10	10	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	5	77%	37	37	37	0	0.0%
Rochester	Goldfields	5	88%	8	8	8	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	54%	18	16	18	0	0.0%
West Pscray	Hobsons	5	57%	24	24	24	0	0.0%
Melbourne	Batman	5	77%	230	227	227	-3	-1.3%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	68%	76	75	75	-1	-1.3%
Carlton	Heritage	5	87%	41	40	40	-1	-2.4%
Canterbury	Eastside	5	70%	39	38	38	-1	-2.6%
Brighton	Beachside	3	63%	110	107	107	-3	-3.7%
Malvern	Stonnington	5	61%	35	33	34	-1	-2.9%
Essendon	Gateway	5	50%	68	66	66	-2	-2.9%
Bendigo S	Goldfields	5	65%	32	31	31	-1	-3.1%
Essendon N	Gateway	5	83%	26	26	25	-1	-3.8%
K'roo Flat	Goldfields	4	65%	26	25	25	-1	-3.8%
Princes	Stonnington			23		22	-1	-4.3%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	80%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
CentMelb. 5'rise	Batman	5	72%	57	54	54	-3	-5.3%
Williamstown	Hobsons B	4	61%	36	34	34	-2	-5.6%
Kyneton	Colder	5	77%	41	38	38	-3	-7.3%
Hoppers King	Port Phillip	5	69%	23	22	21	-2	-8.7%
Yarraville	Hobsons B	4	67%	20	18	18	-2	-10.0%
No. of Clubs Reporting			61		61			
No. of Members				2486		2530	32	1.3%
% Average of Those Reported			71.7%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			88%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						88%		



Networker

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Group Study Exchange

After weeks of preparation the team leader and members of the Group Study Exchange Team departed from Tullamarine airport on Friday the 5th of October. A stopover in Amsterdam enabled us to arrive in Norwich on Sunday the 7th of October fit and ready for the program to begin.

We spent the first week in and around the Norwich and Great Yarmouth area. We enjoyed presenting to a Rally of the seven local clubs who enjoyed the slide show, learning about the team members and the very powerful video that concluded all our formal presentations.

We visited the Norwich Magistrates and Crown Court, toured the Norwich Cathedral and had an interesting walking tour that included some shopping. The individual team members were able to enjoy a day particular to their vocation and we all learnt more about the interesting initiatives in response to climate change.



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

We enjoyed some time on the water on Oulton Broad sailing whilst we found out about a terrific project called Sailability where local Rotarians take people with disabilities sailing each week.

Some of us visited Blickling Hall, a stately home in the village of Blickling, that has been in the care of the National Trust since 1940 and houses historically significant books and manuscripts.

At the end of this week we were able to go to London for the weekend and we saw a show, did lots of shopping and generally had some time away from GSE commitments.

The second week saw us at Woodbridge where the Rotary Club of Woodbridge Deben provided a visit to

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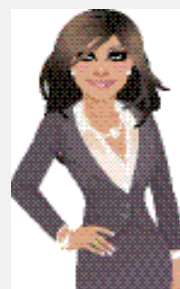
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Kirsten Brewer, Steve Bourke, Team Leader Julie Mason, Elizabeth Nuttall, Virginia Loftus and Karen Lillywhite.

November is Rotary Foundation Month





Felixstowe Docks, the largest container port in the United Kingdom, the opportunity to explore the village of Woodbridge and another vocational day that included Suffolk Police Headquarters, the East Anglian Times, the East Anglia Children's Hospice and the Suffolk Punch Trust. We impressed three clubs with our presentation and by the end of the week had formed friendships with gracious host families who arranged for us to get to Ipswich ready for the District Conference.

The District 1080 conference had an accent on youth and we were especially impressed with Dr Eva Brodehl who is an advisor to the Rotary International membership Development and Retention Committee. Eva is a member of Rotary eClub One in District 5450 and has some wonderful ideas to make it attractive for younger people to join Rotary.

During the third week of our adventure we travelled to Baldock where our hosts worked incredibly hard to accommodate the particular requests of the team members for personalised vocational experiences. A highlight in our schedule of presentations was being able to dine and present in the dining room of Queens College. Exploring Cambridge with a guided walking tour was surpassed by another day of individual exploration that culminated with attending a service at Kings College to hear the famous Kings College Choir. Lunch at the Eagle Pub was also a treat.

As we moved on to the fourth week we were understandably tired and having three changes related to host families tested the packing arrangements of our suitcases. However we lived up to our name of Victorian Spirit and visited a brewery, Elgoods Family Brewery in Wisbech where we enjoyed a tour and some samples of the beer.

A day trip to MAGPAS, the emergency medical charity that provides pre-hospital and critical care by a physician-paramedic team to accident victims in East Anglia, was a highlight as we made it to the local media.

Our Farewell Function, hosted by the Rotary Club of Swaffham, gave us the opportunity to reflect on our time in District 1080 in relation to the wonderful vocational and local interest program of activities provided and to thank the key people involved. In visiting museums such as the Tide Mill in Woodridge, Snape Maltings and the Long Shop Steam Museum in Leiston we had knowledgeable and passionate Rotarians telling us about the history and the significance of their museum.

We felt important when the Mayor of Woodbridge and the Deputy Mayor of Kings Lynn made time to meet with us and tell us about their part of England.

For all of us the memories of caring Rotarians, generous, lovely people who opened their homes and their hearts to us will remain forever. They drove us around, fed us wonderful meals, shared us with their friends, and wanted to get to know us and please us.

It was a privilege to lead the Group Study Exchange Team, Victorian Spirit, to District 1080 in East Anglia. Libby, Steve, Karen, Kirsten and Virginia represented our Rotary District with dignity, a professional and articulate approach to all the expectations that the program asked for and more.

Julie Mason,
GSE Team Leader 2012 to District 1080 England





A Very Special Person

By Kevin Sheehan, RC Melbourne

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE HAILS A SPECIAL PERSON

On Wednesday 21st November, The Rotary Club of Melbourne conferred its annual SIR JOHN REID COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD on Robert Edward Adam for his outstanding service to Deaf and hard of hearing Victorians over a span of nearly 50 years in a range of roles including President and Chairman of Vicdeaf in two periods, from 1991-1996 and 2002 to-date, and as Board Director of Vicdeaf in three periods from 1966-70, 1972-74 and 1990 to-date.

Robert, known to friends and colleagues as “Mac” is himself deaf. His response presentation that followed was extremely well received, and the signing and interpreting went smoothly, which was a great learning experience for all present in understanding the difficulties experienced in everyday life by persons who are deaf.



Robert (Mac) has been a Board Director of the Victorian Council of Deaf People, and a teacher and mentor of deaf students. He has also been President of the Australian Federation of Deaf Societies since 2007 and a Director of that organisation between 1991-1996 and 2002-2006, and a Board Director of Deaf Children, Australia. He was Technical Director for Shooting for the International Committee for Sports for the Deaf in Taipei in 2009 and has been a member of the Asia Pacific Sign Language Development Association since 2010. In conferring the year 2012 award, Rotary Club of Melbourne President Clive Weeks said that Mac was a most worthy recipient whose contribution rises well above what would normally be expected in such roles. His sustained voluntary contribution as a leader in his immediate community and the broader state, national and international community is distinguished by humility, optimism, generosity of spirit and a blend of experience and expertise that would not be available from others.

Mac is regarded as a true leader within the Deaf community as well as a leader in the broader Victorian and Australian community who happens to be Deaf. His Deafness does not define his leadership, but it does make his contribution richer because of the diversity of his background.

RIDE TO END POLIO

Rotary News -- 19 November 2012

Ninety Rotarian cyclists from clubs throughout the United States took part in the El Tour de Tucson on 17 November in Arizona, raising more than US\$375,000 for polio eradication.

RI General Secretary John Hewko and his wife, Marga, were among the Rotarians, friends of Rotary, and family members who hit the pavement along with 9,000 riders from around the world in the charity bike ride, sponsored by the University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona, completing distances of 42, 60, 85 or 111 miles. The Hewkos also exceeded their goal of \$111,000 in pledges, raising more than \$200,000 for the ride.

Rotarians have been taking part in the ride since 2009, when the End Polio Now campaign was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary to enroll cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign. In that first year, 27 cyclists raised \$35,000. The number has grown steadily since.

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/121119_news_polioride.aspx



WHEN SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

DG Dennis Shore recently made his official visit to RC Port Melbourne and during the evening presented on behalf of PDG Keith Ryall three Foundation Awards to the Club as:

- one of the top three Clubs in D9800 (out of 69 Clubs in the District) for its annual per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation. The Clubs per capita contribution for the year was \$406.22
- one of 1064 Clubs worldwide (there are about of about 33,000 Rotary Clubs in total) to attain the status of a 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club
- one of two Clubs in D9800 to be awarded the Every Rotarian Every Year Banner for achieving minimum \$US100 per capita contribution to the Foundation with every member of the Club personally contributing an amount to the Foundation

The Awards were received on behalf of the Club by the Immediate Past President, Grant Travill.

DG Dennis described the Club's commitment to the Rotary Foundation as an outstanding achievement.

The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne is small – but the results show what can be achieved with application and commitment.

The DG was also invited during the evening to induct three new members, taking the membership of the Club from 10 to 13.



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GSE Team Returns from Cambridge

By Grant Hocking, District Chairman, Community Service

Recently the D9800 GSE team returned from a successful visit to District 1080 Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom. The team provided an overview of their experiences to a gathering of Rotarians and guests at the Welcome Home event on Sunday 25 November.

Lead by Team Leader Julie Mason the team included Kirsten Brewer sponsored by the RC Brighton North, Libby Nuttall sponsored by the RC Bendigo, Karen Nyholm sponsored by the RC Chadstone East Malvern and Virginia Loftus sponsored by the RC Camberwell. Steven Bourke sponsored by the RC Central Melbourne Sunrise was unable to attend due to a family commitment.



Hosted by the Rotary Club of Woodend the venue was Pitruzzellos Winery and Olive Grove in Gisborne South which provided magnificent views of the country and was commented on by many in attendance.

The audience, including DG Denis and Lynda Shore and DGE Ross and Annette Butterworth, enjoyed the special stories provided by the GSE team. Visits to Police centres, London Zoo, and TV stations headlined the visits. There were also visits to museums, castles and a few pubs to round out the amazing activities that the team were involved in during their visit to the UK.

The team members made a special presentation of a framed group photo to Team leader Julie Mason. The District Governor, supported by Foundation Chair John Davis and GSE Chair Anne Peace presented GSE alumni pins to the team members.

Everyone is now looking forward to the D1080 GSE team visit in February 2013.



Photos: GSE Chair Anne Peace with team leader Julie Mason.

Team members Kirsten Brewer, Libby Nuttall, Karen Nyholm and Virginia Loftus



HELPING HANDS

By Frank Dri, RC Sunshine

Since 2005 the Sunshine Rotary Club with the help of Donations In Kind Footscray, has supported primary schools and kindergartens in Samoa.

Each year Sunshine Rotary send a container filled with student chairs and desks, computers and computer programs, musical and sports equipment, readers, text books and student stationery, in order to provide the much needed resources to support students in schools. Teachers from the Glengala Primary School visit the schools to arrange tuition in computers.

The Rotary Club of Sunshine has developed partnerships with local primary schools in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne, from which they source the items to be sent. These items are superfluous to school needs and would otherwise go to landfill. The project is proud of having local school children involved in an overseas humanitarian project. It gives these students an appreciation of conditions in third world countries and a way to make a difference to these people.

School children donate their used pencils and workbooks for distribution to children in Samoa.

In 2008 DIK provided Australian Census Bags, which we used as student school bags. Volunteers fill the Census bags with student stationery ready for distribution.

Since 2005 Sunshine Rotary has supported sixteen primary schools and eleven kindergartens, delivering 10 containers to date.



A mass of Colour Students of Lotofanga Primary School
Michelle Velo, Rev. Samani Sila, Dianne Cartwright
Volunteer George Cartwright trying on a bag for size

Will YOUR Club be highlighted at the District Conference?

The deadline for Club submissions is the end of November.

With Christmas & Summer holidays coming the AV Presentation sub-Committee require your submission immediately. It will take some time to produce and arrange voiceovers for 70 Clubs during January/February.

It's not difficult: Select one project or on-going project to best represent your Club's activities for the year. We require 5 – 10 photographs relating to the project you select for your club's segment.

Provide 50 – 70 words of copy to be used as voiceover during the showing of your Club's project.

If we do not receive your Club's submission on time we may not be able to have your Club's presentation ready.

Problems? Contact Gordon Cheyne 95002359 or gcheyne@bigpond.net.au



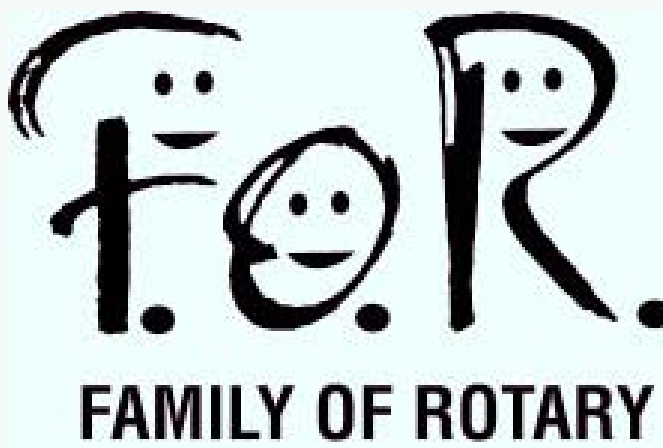
Family of Rotary

The idea behind The Family of Rotary is to motivate clubs to care for Rotarians and members of Rotary's extended family (spouses and children) and remember spouses of deceased Rotarians. Just as the strength of an individual family allows each member to reach out more fully in community and life, the strengthening of the Rotary family will allow each Rotarian to participate more completely.

In addition, the Family of Rotary concept builds stronger clubs that attract and retain quality members. When family members become involved in Rotary service and social activities, they will understand why Rotarians make time when it conflicts with other demands. We need to find ways to include all Rotarians and families of Rotarians.

Suggested Activities:

- Visit sick Rotarians in their homes and ensure any needs are met.
- Enquire after those who have missed meetings or allowed their membership to lapse.
- Promote membership retention.
- Promote diversity of membership in clubs
- Encourage newer Rotarians to serve on a committee or spearhead a club project.
- Encourage spouses and children of Rotarians to participate in service projects.
- Encourage spouses and adult children of Rotarians to join Rotary
- Support the families of deceased Rotarians in their times of need.
- Maintain relationships with the families of deceased Rotarians and spouses and encourage them to continue their involvement with Rotary.
- Produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter to honorary members, supporters, Rotary widows & widowers, former Youth Exchange students, GSE team members and other non-Rotarians involved in our activities.



ONCE AGAIN, ROTARIANS DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE GOOD IN BED

By David Dippie, Donations-in-Kind

Also good working on beds, lifting beds and doing what ever is required to fit them into containers. Members of (D9800 or the Rotary Club of) were involved in the largest recycling and humanitarian project of this type that we are aware of. St Vincents Hospital is refurbishing the wards with the latest in medical equipment. 150 electric beds, over-bed tables and patient lockers were replaced over two days and the existing ones were donated to Rotary. Rotary volunteers loaded the equipment into three containers along with mattresses and medical supplies from the Alfred and Kyneton Hospitals to go to two hospitals in East Timor and one in Indonesia. These are the first electric beds for these hospitals and will improve patient recovery and care.

Three containers packed in two days is great achievement.

The support for Donations In Kind medical projects this year has been magnificent with over 250 beds and a very wide range of other medical equipment shipped so far.

As we are aware it costs money to ship goods, but look at the return. New electric hospital beds cost \$4-5000; it costs only \$170 to ship these beds. While a lot of the money has been raised DIK are still looking for help. \$170 for a bed with our Clubs name on it, which will help many people over many years sounds like something we should consider. For more information contact Bob Glindemann Bob.Glindemann@bigpond.com or look at www.rotarydik.org



Rotarians worked hard all day, but welcomed the opportunity for a break when it arose.





What are Rotary's Core Values?

By Mark Schirmer, AG Gateway Cluster



SERVICE

We believe that our service activities and programs bring about greater world understanding and peace. Service is a major element of our mission. Through the plans and actions of individual clubs, we create a culture of service throughout our organization that provides unparalleled satisfaction for those who serve.

FELLOWSHIP

We believe that individual efforts focus on individual needs, but combined efforts serve humanity. The power of combined efforts knows no limitation, multiplies resources, and broadens our lives and perspectives. Fellowship leads to tolerance and transcends racial, national, and other boundaries.

DIVERSITY

We believe Rotary unifies all people internationally behind the ideal of service. We encourage diversity of vocations within our membership and in our activities and service work. A club that reflects its business and professional community is a club with a key to its future.

INTEGRITY

We are committed to and expect accountability from our leaders and fellow members, both in the results of our efforts and in the processes we use to accomplish our goals. We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and personal relationships. We are fair and respectful in our interactions, and we conscientiously steward the resources entrusted to us.

LEADERSHIP

We are a global fellowship of individuals who are leaders in their fields of endeavor. We believe in the importance of leadership development and in leadership as a quality of our members. As Rotarians, we are leaders in implementing our core values.

WHY HAVE CORE VALUES - WHAT DO THEY DO

Clarify who we are.

Form the foundation on which we perform and conduct ourselves.

Articulate what we stand for.

Inspire us to foster and support the ideal of service for developing and maintaining integrity in human relations.

Guide us in what we do.

Underpin Rotary as an organisation and brand.

'Market' Rotary internal and external.

Guides members' priorities and actions.

Help filter choices.

Drive the intent and direction of the organization's leadership.

ASSESSMENT

All Gateway cluster clubs align with Rotary's core values.

Alignment is not related to club size, individual age or sex.

Alignment is displayed by actions, behaviour and what we do.

'Rotarians' may have stronger alignment than 'members'

Stronger alignment with our values is always possible.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRONGER ALIGNMENT

- Stronger awareness of Rotary's core values – example and learning.
- Up skilling and growing 'members' to be 'Rotarians' and their alignment with core values.
- Embracing the opportunities Rotary provides for development particularly in leadership.
- Soften the adverse effects of 'stop', 'start'/'strong', 'weak' in Rotary leadership from year to year by embracing three to five year club rolling strategic planning.
- Connection with Earlyact, Interact and Rotaract with Rotary – succession planning and links.
- Self assessment – do we showcase our core values (internal and external).
- Can we market our/club/Rotary core values.
- Embracing RLI and Club Visioning as learning opportunities in preparation for club leadership.
- Encouragement, motivation and support for Presidents and office bearers – DG visits are good example.
- Embracing technology to assist and support learning – on line tutorials.

WHY CHANGE?

APPEAL, RELEVANCE, ATTRACTIVENESS, FLEXIBILITY, ACCOMMODATING are critical success factors to Rotary membership retention and membership growth and achievement - our core values are our signature.

Maintain Rotary – a place to be (for current and new members), does amazing things, a place for inspired individuals to give back for what we have been given, a network of support in any time of need (internal and external) and 'mateship' – these are our core values.

Did I see something I would like to part of in where I have just been?





Letters to the Editor

Dearest Clarice,

I enjoy reading your District 9800 Newsletter which is put out by such a vibrant woman as yourself, and long have I admired your for it.

I have heard a rumor on the grapevine ...and the grapevine is usually a reliable source....that the "Dee Gees", Dennis, Ross and Murray, have been challenged to sing a Mens Medley as a quartet with one other at the upcoming District Conference in Albury. Just wondering if you can confirm this.

Sincerely, I remain your faithful servant in the service of Rotary,

Humbert P.

Clarice replies:

Thanks for the kind words, you cheeky thing. However, a woman must have some secrets, so I cannot confirm or deny the rumour. You will just have to come to Albury to find out.

The Dee Gees: But can they sing?



Dear Rotary Friends,

Here is a new Rotarian Group :

It is a « Friendship Group », for Rotarians MUSICIANS, and for every Rotarian who would like to join !

"IFRM : International Fellowship Of Rotarian Musicians"

This will enable you to discover another way to connect and to work with other Rotarians in order to help more the people in need around the World !

As "IFRM" Vice Chair for Europe , may I ask you to go to the "IFRM" website : www.IFRM.org -

You can also easily become a member of this Group and , thus, join hundreds of other Rotarians already members .

May I please ask you to forward this mail to all of your friends , to your Rotary Club , to your District , and even beyond borders ?

I am looking forward to help you through this very friendly Group in your Rotary Projects , and to help you become a member !

Yours In Rotary ,

Dr Jean Louis Nguyen Qui , MD

Inter Country Committee France-Thailand Chair in RI

IFRM vice Chair in charge of Europe (Rotarian Musicians)

Leader of the "Jazz Cool Band", the "John Nano Quartet", the "Swinging Poohs" and the "Nano Jazz Band"

TelinFrance :+33608923420 Mail : l.nguyen1@orange.fr

Clarice replies: Great to hear from you Jean-Louis. Wouldn't it be great if you could join us in Albury for our District Conference? You would surely demonstrate that "Rotary's Got Talent"!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Networker editor

It is in Rotary's interests to demonstrate the 4 way test in all things including via fair and informed objectivity and care for people worldwide. I believe that an article in the current newsletter does not assist.

I am not impressed by the inclusion of the very one sided denigration of sustainability principles as demonstrated by the inclusion of the Quadrant article regarding scaring children which relates to an exhibition at a Ballarat gallery.

While the gallery spiel it is based upon may need some reworking, its aim to make people think about important issues is clear. In contrast, the Quadrant's take on the spiel smacks of the unscientific claptrap typical of the shock jocks, including innuendo's of ulterior financial motives, a total lack of environmental awareness and a denigration of widely accepted scientific facts. This is not healthy for Rotary, its members or its public image.

All children need to be generally aware of the global issues (both good and bad) arising from decisions made in the past as well as those being made now. Our children are the ones who will have to fix the global problems including those that we are currently contributing to. Lets not make it even harder for them to do so. The gallery is on the right track, perhaps some assistance to them is better than the Quadrant pasting to which Rotary is now associated.

Greater care in selecting support articles will help to ensure that the newsletter maintains its credibility

regards
Jon Temby

Clarice replies:

Thanks for your note, Jon, we enjoy getting constructive feedback from our readers. Tony Thomas is a former journalist and one of our regular contributors. We referred to an article he had written elsewhere, "The fine art of scaring children", as we felt it might amuse our readers. However we expressed no opinion on its content. If you chose to read his article, you, like Tony and everyone else, are entitled to your opinion. As he says, he doesn't know much about art, but knows what he likes.

I'll append Tony's tongue-in-cheek spoof, inspired by the gallery's "Ajax and Cassandra" by Solomon J. Solomon (1886) This will save readers the bother of reading the full article at <http://www.quadrant.org.au/blogs/doomed-planet/2012/11/the-fine-art-of-scaring-children>

"This is what climate change looks like. It is too hot to wear many clothes. A lady tries to hail a taxi but in a desperate attempt to reduce CO2 emissions, her friend carries her home instead."





Notices and Events

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events

LAPTOP COMPUTERS WANTED

World of Difference, Rotary Club of Echuca and Campaspe College of Adult Education are working together....In October 2012 10 students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture, history and daily life of Cambodia. Laptop computers are high on the list for donations to take for the projects that they will volunteer at. If you have any laptops that are now no longer used please let us share them with young students and teachers who would treasure them.

Contact Bronwyn Stephens to arrange drop off or collection: 0410 32 4537. www.wod.



Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

Quality shirazes from the Bendigo Wine Region are now available in half-cases.

Shirazes from Pondalowie, Connor Park Winery, Sandhurst Ridge Vineyard & Winery, Mandurang Valley, Water Wheel, Turners Crossing

This is your chance to stock up for Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted.

Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or gpgnoonan@tpg.com.au



Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

This is a small Department of Education Secondary School that provides an alternative for students who have been unable to settle into a mainstream secondary education. Students present with a range of personal and family issues including entrenched poverty, family violence and dysfunction, substance abuse and mental health issues.

The School is trying to establish a Gardening Project for Year 10 students and needs the following gardening implements and plants (or financial assistance to pay for the items) : long and short handled spades, shovels, small hand garden spade, gloves, overalls, gumboots, watering cans, hose with connections, vegetable seeds and a small garden shed.

If your Club is able to assist ,please contact the Rotary Club of Caulfield rotarycaulfield@gmail.com



TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

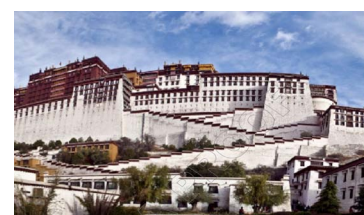
The 2013 Calendar showing some selected pictures from Tibet is a desk unit with it's own stand. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

It is ideal for Christmas and other gift ideas that you may be looking for.

Read more about Tibetan Village Project: <http://www.tvpaustralia.org.au/>

Calendar available from Don Cullen cullen.don@gmail.com

Tibetan Village Project Australia Inc. P.O. Box 417, Black Rock, 3193



Xmas Hams

For many years, the Rotary Club of Hawthorn has been providing the finest oven baked, naturally smoked, fresh hams to its members, friends and supporters at Christmas.

PICKUP THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 7.00 to 9.00 am

KOOYONG TENNIS CLUB (NORTHERN CARPARK ADJACENT TO THE MONASH FREEWAY OVERPASS) 489 GLENFERRIE ROAD, KOOYONG

FOR ORDERS Fax: 9296 2101 Email: rlogan@kildair.com.au

Mail: c/o R. Logan, 58 Muir St, Hawthorn, 3122



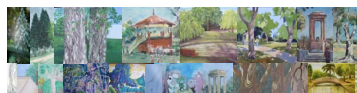


4-16th Dec PAINT IN THE PARK DAY

Dec

EXHIBITION Dec 4-16, Rotary Club of Caulfield, Glen Eira Artists' Society: The results of the Paint in the Park Day are now available for all to see:

Glen Eira City Council Gallery, cnr Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads
Gallery hours: Monday to Friday 10am–5pm, Weekends and public holidays 1pm–5pm, Admission is free



5th Dec

“The People Smuggler”

Walkley Award listed Author Robin De Crespigny will throw new light upon the true story of Ali Al Jinaly, “The People Smuggler” at lunch with the Rotary Club of West Footscray at the Medway Golf Club (Mel Ref 27F10) on Wednesday 5th December, commencing at 12.30pm for 12.45pm.

Book with Peter Hollings on 0411 163 218 or peter.hollings@



8th Dec

RC Melbourne Park Trivia Night

Sat 8th Dec, 7pm Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd, Richmond
\$45 each or \$405 for a table of 10

Contact Carly Nuthall at carly.nuthall@rcmelpark.com for tickets

Website or link for more information: www.rcmelpark.com



8th Dec

MURRUMBEENA COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 8 December 2012 9am – 2pm 117 Murrumbena Road (Melways 69 A5)

Celebrate the Festive Season with Christmas Trees, Cakes and Cards. 60 stalls including Gourmet Foods, Fresh Produce, Art, Books, Jewellery, Quilts, Eco-products, Honey, Bath and Beauty products, Kidswear, Fashion accessories, and so much more! Your last opportunity to buy fabulous fudge ANYWHERE from Chocolatier Jen. Refreshments at the Market Café, Sausage Sizzle and Perk Me Up coffee van. Live Entertainment and Face Painting. Entry by Gold Coin

2013 Market Dates - 13 April, 13 July, 5 October, 7 December



10th Dec

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Paul Bateman, Director VICTORIAN MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

‘Managing Victoria’s Extraordinary Cultural Diversity’

MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012 Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond 6.30pm for 7.00pm \$30 per person – includes a 2-course dinner. Drinks at bar prices

RSVP: secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au by Wednesday 5th December

Cash/credit card payments at the door

For further details: Rotarian Annie Wysham: 0419 100 297

annie.c.w@bigpond.com www.rotaryrichmond.org.au
www.multicultural.vic.gov.au



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Contact the Editor

Do you have a letter for Clarice?
Is something on your mind?

Send your thoughts to her email address at
clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



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