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December Is Family Of Rotary Month

Who Belongs To Our Rotary Family?

Let's celebrate the Family of Rotary, in this the designated month where we can acknowledge our own families - the ones who understand and allow us to give the time, effort and money we willingly provide to Rotary International.

As a Rotarian, it also provides an opportunity to embrace the wider family of Rotary.

The Family of Rotary includes:

- Our partners, children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins. Why not consider a family visit in December to relatives that you have not seen for some time, to renew the strength of your own wider family?
- Fellow club members can share this month with you by joining in fellowship as we embrace the Christmas season.
- This month is a time where a special effort should be made to invite families of deceased members of your club to your Christmas celebrations.
- Youth Exchange students and their families, Interactors, Rotaractors and RYLarians, Group Study Exchange members, Ambassadorial scholars – all these people have experienced the power of Rotary. Don't let them drift away, involve them this month in your club's activities.

Why is the Family of Rotary important?

- It allows us to build lifelong friendships
- It enhances our personal families' relationships
- It builds world understanding and peace.
- It contributes to membership growth.
- It acknowledges diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion and profession.
- It improves Rotary's public Image
- It strengthens clubs and their commitment to service.

How do we care for fellow Rotarians like our own family?

- Remember birthdays and anniversaries
- Assist them when they are sick, lonely, or having difficulties.
- Share their grief during and after a death in the family.
- Celebrate births, weddings and graduations.

How do we involve our own families in Rotary?

- Organize a special family club meeting.
- Involve them in assisting at Fundraisers and Community Service projects.
- Consider hosting Youth Exchange students and Group Study Exchange Teams.

How do we keep Foundation Alumni involved in the family?

- Invite them to join Rotary.
- Invite them to speak at meetings.
- Ask them to participate in club programs.
- Communicate regularly when they are abroad.

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DG John Davis & Joan



- Welcome them when they return.
- Send them a copy of Networker or the Rotary Down Under magazine.

How can we care for partners of deceased Rotarians?

- Invite them to join Rotary District 9800 Inc.
- Invite them to special events.
- Send them a copy of Rotary Down Under or Networker each month.
- Send them a hard copy of your club newsletter.
- Call on them regularly.
- Celebrate their birthdays.

Celebrate your extended family in December - the Family of Rotary!

- John Davis, District Governor

New Members

Welcome to the following new member:

- Hugh Bucknall, RC Melbourne

Please see page 11 to see how your club is shaping in membership and attendance figures.

Rotary International and Gates Foundation Commit \$200M To Eradicate Polio

EVANSTON, III., U.S.A. (Nov. 26, 2007) -- Rotary International today announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will inject a much-needed US\$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere.

The Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. The Evanston-based volunteer service organization will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

"The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal."



Children show off the indelible ink on their fingers, which is proof of their protection from polio. Because of these immunization programs, polio has been reduced by more than 99 percent globally. Photo by Jean-Marc Giboux



Bill Gates, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, gives a baby the oral polio vaccine at the Shadnagar community health clinic in Andhra Pradesh, India, in 2002. (By Jeff Christensen -- Reuters / Associated Press)

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Since then, Rotary has contributed \$633 million to the eradication effort.

"Rotary members worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, who leads Rotary's polio eradication effort and chairs The Rotary Foundation, the not-for-profit charitable arm of Rotary that will administer the grant. "We hope that this shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation will challenge other donors – including foundations, governments and non-governmental organizations – to step up and make sure we



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have the resources needed to rid the world of polio once and for all."

The Gates Foundation grant comes at a crucial juncture for the initiative, which urgently needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. Although the GPEI has succeeded in slashing the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. The polio cases represented by that final one percent are the most costly to prevent due to such factors as geographical isolation, worker fatigue, low coverage with the vaccine, armed conflict and cultural barriers.

Last month, WHO released data confirming that all four remaining polio-endemic countries are on track to achieve eradication. In particular, significant progress has been made in India and Nigeria, which together account for 85 percent of the world's polio cases. Nigeria has reported 226 cases so far this year, compared with 958 at the same time last year. In both countries, more effective oral polio vaccines have contributed to steady progress in reducing polio cases.

WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan says the Gates Foundation grant reaffirms that polio eradication is both feasible and achievable. "This investment is precisely the catalyst we need as we intensify the push to finish polio," said Chan. "We have the technical tools to do it, and we can achieve a polio-free world if the rest of our financial partners step up to meet the challenge."

Most of the initial \$100 million will be spent in support of mass immunization campaigns in polio-affected countries, poliovirus surveillance activities and community education and outreach. The grant will also support an expanded research agenda on ways to halt the spread of the poliovirus. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

"The funds made possible through the Gates Foundation grant will help the Global Polio Eradication Initiative scale up its efforts to provide oral polio vaccine to children in those isolated locations where it's most needed," says UNICEF Executive Director Ann M. Veneman. "This important contribution will improve the capacity to protect vulnerable children from this debilitating disease."



*Polio primarily affects children under the age of five, and it can cause paralysis in hours.
Photo by Jean-Marc Giboux.*

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding says the collaboration between Rotary and the Gates Foundation underscores the importance of private sector involvement in major public health efforts. "As a government agency, we think it's wonderful that our private-sector colleagues have taken a leadership role in something as important as polio eradication. Their participation is absolutely critical."

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary's global membership is approximately 1.2 million men and women who belong to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

What The Gates Foundation Gift Means To Rotary

Participate in an on-line discussion with Rotary Foundation Trustee and PolioPlus Partners Co-Chair Louis Piconi

What wonderful news we got this week about the \$100 million challenge gift to Our Rotary Foundation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. What a proud moment for all of us when we read the RI press release, or saw it in the newspaper, or heard it on TV or on the radio, or read it on the Internet. It was wonderful to share the news at our Rotary meetings and listen to the collective expressions of joy from the members.



But now that the warm glow is starting to fade, many Rotarians are starting to ask Rotary leaders "What does the Gates gift really mean for Rotary?", "Do we have to raise more money?", "How will this affect annual fund giving?", "Will PolioPlus Partners donations count toward the challenge?" I suspect most of us cannot really answer the many, many questions being asked. We need information.

To help sort this out, and to help answer some of the questions floating around Rotary meetings, Rotary Foundation Trustee (and co-chair of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force) Lou Piconi has agreed to participate in an on-line discussion on this and other Foundation subjects. The International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)



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has generously agreed to once again make its "Community Forums" Internet site available so that Rotarians around the world can discuss the Gates Foundation gift, its impact on Rotary and our clubs, and other Foundation subjects with one of the most knowledgeable Rotarians.

The on-line discussion with Trustee Piconi will take place over a 51 hour period beginning at 900 A.M., EST, on Monday, December 10th and ending at Noon EST on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. This informative, and perhaps provocative, discussion with Trustee Piconi will take place at the website <http://www2.icufr.org/>. (Please note the "www2" in the address.)

To ask Trustee Piconi questions and to participate in the discussion, Rotarians must register in the Forum. To do that, go to the website and click on 'Register' at the top section of the opening page of the Community Forums (<http://www2.icufr.org/>). A 'Terms' page will next appear and, once you accept the terms, you will automatically go to the 'Registration' page. Please complete all 'required' information. When you register, please make sure you make a personal, private record of the 'User Name' and 'Password' you decide to use when registering in the Community Forums. It will be necessary to add your club name and district, and additional information in the profile, if you wish.

After you "register", you will receive a confirming email from an ICUFR volunteer confirming your registration. After receiving the confirming email, you must post messages and participate in other services on the web site. Registering for the Community Forums carries no obligation, and you will not be placed on an email list as a result of registering.

You also may enter the Forum as a 'guest' and read the discussion in the Community Forum but you will not be able to 'post' without registering.

We suggest you go to the ICUFR's Community Forums now, register and then look around for a while to get a 'feel' for the Community Forums. Post a message or two in any of the sections and topics, make some friends, and be ready for the discussion with Trustee Lou Piconi. On Monday, December 10th, on or after 900 A.M. EST, you can log into the ICUFR's Community Forums, and be ready to go. Scroll down to 'HOT TOPICS', click on 'The Rotary Foundation' and then click on 'Discussion with Trustee Louis Piconi'. Then fire away with your questions about the impact of the Gates Foundation gift and any other questions about The Rotary Foundation.

We sincerely will appreciate you passing this message along to other Rotarians. Please post it on your district or club web site, publish it in your district and club newsletter, and forward it to all Rotarians in your email address book. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can ask them in the ICUFR's COMMUNITY FORUMS in the 'Computer Help and Ideas' section under the topic of 'Help Using this Forum', or, alternatively, write to me at dwm@mooers-law.com and I'll help with your questions.

See you on-line on Monday, 10 December.

Dan Mooers, PRID
Zone 31 Coordinator, PolioPlus Partners Task Force
Director, ICUFR

ARHRF Announces 2008 Funding

Australian Rotary Health has announced its funding commitment for 2008. Thanks to your support the Fund is awarding over \$3 million dollars in research grants and scholarships to improve the health of Australians.



A breakdown of where the money is going:

Mental Health Grants	\$1,206,841
Ian Scott Scholarships	\$195,000
Post-Doctoral Fellowships	\$150,000
Evaluation Grants	\$700,000
Special Projects	\$40,000
Funding Partners	
PhD Scholarships (37)	\$578,000
Research Grants (12)	\$324,000

A few of the new projects are:

- "Treatment of acute stress disorder secondary to sexual assault: Effectiveness of therapy in a community mental health setting."
- "The mental health and wellbeing of young people in remand: Is the prevalence of mental health problems changing?"
- "Improving the management of acute agitation in the Emergency Department – a multicentre randomised controlled trial."

Grand Total **\$3,193,841**

Donations to ARHRF are tax deductible and can be sent to ARHRF, PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124. Telephone 02 8837 1900 or email arhrf@arhrf.org.au

One of the greatest pleasures in life is achieving what others said I could not.

- Wes Truscott



Group Study Exchange Teams

On 25 February 2008, D9800 will welcome the GSE Team from D5650 (Iowa/Nebraska) USA.

Here is brief summary about the team members:

Judy Peschio – Team Leader

Judy is a retired not-for-profit manager who, prior to retirement, was the CEO of the American Red Cross Chapter in Nebraska responsible for a 3.5 million dollar budget with 31 full-time employees, 900 registered volunteers and a 34 member Board of Directors. Her primary roles were strategic planning, management and fundraising.

Judy is married to Tom and has six adult sons, five daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren.

Her vocational interests are Not-for-Profit and Social Services Organizations, and Business Marketing/Communications.

Her hobbies are sailing, travel/historical sites, cooking, gardening, music/theatre.

Aaron Babcock

Aaron is 33 and married, and works in the field of Public Relations, Communications, Media Relations and Marketing.

For his vocational visits he would like to undertake the following activities: sports media/public relations, advertising agencies, public relations firms/departments, marketing firms, visit elementary and high schools.

Aaron's hobbies are: photography, attending sporting events, visiting scenic and historical sites, attending theatre, visiting wineries, attending concerts, watching movies, surfing the web.

Christine Billings

Christine is 35 and married with one child. She is employed as an academic advisor at Creighton College at Creighton University in Omaha. Creighton College provides quality, value-centered education for adult students.

During the exchange Christine would like to focus her vocational visits on Colleges and Universities, especially adult undergraduate programs, recruitment and retention, marketing, student services for adults and non-traditional students.

Christine's hobbies and interests are: reading, diversity issues, yoga, cultural/native activities, festivals, theatre, food and wine.

Jennifer (Jen) Jones

Jen is 32 and works as a VAR Channel Manager with the First National Bank of Omaha with responsibilities in banking/merchant credit card processing.

During the GSE Jen would like to visit with banking representatives responsible for: merchant credit card and electronic payment processing activities; management of relationships with point of sale software vendors; development of new point of sale products and services for merchant clients; fraud prevention/risk management for merchant accounts; and acquisition of new merchant accounts.

Jen's hobbies and interests include sports, travel/sightseeing, hiking, biking, movies, theatre, reading, walking tours, cultural activities, and wine.

Matthew (Matt) Novak

Matt is 39 and works as Assistant Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian in the College of Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Matt would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the GSE: visit college/university law libraries, court libraries, other academic libraries, public libraries, or any other activities relating to legal research or the practice of law.



*Back Row: (Left to Right) Matt Novak; Aaron Babcock
Front Row: Jen Jones; Judy Peschio (Team leader); Christine Billings*



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His hobbies and interests include: recreation (biking, hiking, swimming, etc.), exploring local cultural activities (theatre, music, museums, cuisine, etc.), sight-seeing and sporting events.

The USA team will depart on 29 March to return to the USA. The team from D9800 will also depart on that day. Here are some details about the Aussie team.

Anne Peace

Anne is a Past President of RC Echuca-Moama and, prior to retirement, was a Teacher (Elementary classroom, Music, Librarian). Currently Anne is owner/operator of a self-contained B&B in Echuca. She is a widow with two daughters, two sons-in-law and five grandchildren.

Anne is a Board Member of the local College of Adult Education, Secretary of 'The Paddock' alternative setting, Co-ordinator of special programs, most recently with local indigenous students.

During the tour Anne would like to visit to schools, especially alternative settings, music programs and adult education, and foodbanks. Her hobbies and interests include the Arts (theatre, choral and visual), gardening, volunteering, dining out, people and places of historical interest, and sporting events.



Back row: (Left to right) Michael Hick; Jason Cotter
Front row: Lena Condos; Anne Peace (Team leader – RC Echuca-Moama);
Heidi Schwegler; Bronwyn Flanagan

Lena Condos

Lena is 31 and has a background in marketing, fundraising and events management within the non-profit sector, presently with an animal welfare organisation. She has been employed in other areas of the non-profit sector including arts and culture, with a war memorial and as a manager of a local government museum.

Her work responsibilities include: development and implementation of strategic marketing plans, communications strategy, profile building events, sponsorship acquisition, fundraising activities, media and PR campaigns, increasing the number of dogs and cats being re-homed, merchandising activities, web content development, developing newsletters, and co-ordinating development of customer service charter for staff.

Lena would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour: visits to animal welfare organisations and shelters, visits to non-profit organisations involved in humanitarian aid and development projects, visits to arts and cultural facilities.

Her hobbies and interests include netball (not a popular sport in America!), sporting events, development projects, trekking, the outdoors, wildlife, nature, cycling, cultural events, musical events.

Jason Cotter

Jason is 31 and a Writer/Editor/Art Coordinator. He has been involved in publishing and the Aboriginal Art Industry. He works at Readings Books writing book reviews, developing and editing a new anthology, liaising with publishers about the return of unsold books and managing inventory. Previously at Warlukurlangu Artists - a remote, central Australian desert Aboriginal community art centre - he coordinated the production of aboriginal art work and its sale through exhibitions, liaising between senior, first contact, aboriginal artists and the art industry, and the social care of Warlpiri elders and their families. Jason is also a published writer of short fiction and non-fiction, and is currently working on a novel set in a desert Aboriginal community.

Jason would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour: meet with editors, publishers and others from Nebraskan publishers; meet and perhaps workshop with writers and editors; meet with local writers and artists with a strong sense of the natural landscape informing their work (The University of Nebraska Press has published a volume of Australian and North American nature writing called *A Place on Earth* that Jason found of great interest); meet with booksellers from independent bookstores; meet with members and visit the reservations of Native American Tribes, visit the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any other organisations owned by Tribal Councils; and run for



Native American cultural maintenance, welfare and development, with a particular interest in health and the art industry.

His hobbies and interests include reading and writing, the great outdoors (camping, fishing, exploring, flicking through the *Cabelas* catalog), art and artists, agriculture, photography, travel, wild places, plants and animals, different cultures, food, history and sport.

Bronwyn Flanagan

Bronwyn is 27 and a Pharmacist Manager in a Kensington Community Pharmacy, providing pharmaceutical care, harm minimisation program for opioid dependent persons and a range of health and educational services. She is also a Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Vic) Councillor, Board member of the Victorian state committee; Chairperson of Policy and Practise Committee; Chairperson of the Young Pharmacist Special Interest Group.

Bronwyn would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour: visits to pharmacies of various types and settings (super-stores, independent community pharmacies, hospital settings, pharmacies providing specialised services); attend a meeting of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical Society; and observe opioid dependent programs in Nebraska.

Her hobbies and interests include: the Arts (theatre, choral, instrumental and visual), recreational sports, foreign languages, farming, dining and travel.

Michael Hick

Michael is 30 and a Carpentry and Joinery Teacher at Victoria University in the Construction Industries Department teaching and training 1st, 2nd and 3rd year apprentices as well as pre-apprentices and also curriculum writing. He also works in the family business, which specialises in timber staircase construction, helping in the running of the business, measure and quoting, preparation and construction of the staircases.

Michael would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour: visit schools and training institutes for building and construction, building design and building and surveying and traditional boat building.

His hobbies and interests include bushwalking/hiking, getting out doors, motorbike touring, good company and good food, making timber furniture, eBay, X-box, and all types of music.

Heidi Schwegler

Heidi is 31 and a Financial Planner. She knew from the age of 16 that this was what she wanted to do and became the first person in Australia to complete the degree in Financial Planning. She has worked in the financial services industry for 12 years in various roles such as a Paraplanner, Fund Administrator and, more recently, a Business Development Consultant. In 2007, she started her own financial planning business and currently works in a practice in South Melbourne marketing and promoting her own financial planning business.

Heidi's motto is to "try new things" and she recently completed courses in massage, philosophy course and novel-writing. She enjoys riding, watching movies, dancing, reading and doing puzzles.

Notices & Events

The Variety Clubs Christmas Party For Special Children



The Rotary Club of Essendon North invites you to help out with the Variety Clubs Christmas Party for Special Children. The set up day is **Tuesday 11 December 2007** and the party is on **Wednesday, 12 December**.

Rotary club members who wish to participate in this most worthy event this year, please contact Events Australia for the current application forms (Events Australia, 407 City Road, South Melbourne Vic 3205. Ph: 9929 4407, Fax: 9699 4655. Email: lauren@eventsaust.com.au).

Please contact Jim Thompson of RC Essendon North on 9354 6694 with any queries.

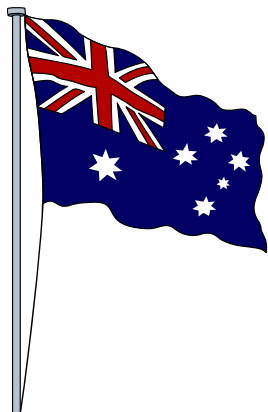
RC Flemington Meeting Update

The Rotary Club of Flemington will not meet on Wednesday 2 and 9 January and will conduct joint meetings with the RC of Maribyrnong-Highpoint on Tuesday 15 and 22 January, 7.30am at Quest Apartments, Flemington.

Normal meetings will resume on Wednesday, 30 January.

Quip Corner:

Did you expect mere proof
to sway my opinion?



RC St Kilda's Annual D9800 Australia Day Brunch

RC St Kilda are celebrating the annual D9800 Australia Day Brunch at the South Melbourne Town Hall from 10.00am on **Saturday, 26 January 2008** with special guest speaker, Lillian Frank A M, MBE and PHF.

Lillian is always an interesting speaker, a prolific fundraiser for charities, a Paul Harris Fellow and she will entertain Rotarians and their partners with her anecdotes about her life and people she has met.

Proceeds raised will aid the Royal Children's Hospital, the Sacred Heart Mission in Grey Street St Kilda and Australian Rotary Health and the entry fee is a reasonable \$55.00.

Please contact Ron Adams on 9821 0444 or 0408 136 100, or by email at r.g.adams@bigpond.com

Blues Festival to Mark the 150th Anniversary of Point Cook Homestead

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook will be holding a Blues Music Festival at the Point Cook Homestead on **Sunday, 10 February 2008** to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Point Cook Homestead.

Proceeds from the Festival will go towards a \$50,000 upgrade of the Point Cook Coastal Park Playground which is due for completion in March 2008.

The club is seeking support from other Rotarians in the District to help as volunteers on 10 February 2008, as the Laverton Point Cook club is only small. A crowd of around 3,000 is expected and volunteer roles include marshalling, car park, information officers, ticket sellers/checkers, set up and pack up, and general assistance. If you would like to register as a volunteer for the event, please contact Chris Egger on mailto:cegger@ntc.gov.au or phone 9236 5033 (bh) or 0407 846 382.



*John Ray, then Wyndham City Councillor
Leigh Barrat and John Argote from Parks Victoria*

Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards

Rotary Southern Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9830 'Shine On Awards' function is designed to focus on and honour the abilities and community achievements of those with a disability. There are two categories - Youth (15-20 y.o.) and Adult (21 years of age and over).

As you know, our prestigious Rotary Shine On Awards event has grown in popularity since 1998 and is now a multi-District Rotary annual celebration, with hosting shared in turn by our 5 Rotary Districts called the Southern Districts (in deference to the Districts with clubs crossing the borders into S.A. and NSW).

The coming ceremony is to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 4, 2008, and hosted by District 9790's Rotary Club of Appin Park, Wangaratta. They are already busy organising to make it a wonderful experience for everyone concerned, with country hospitality at its best!

Nominations close on **25 February 2008**. It is early days yet, but please don't let this get lost in the busy Christmas season.

If you have any queries or you just need another copy of the Rotary Shine On Guidelines and Nomination Form, email DawnWatson@yahoo.com or call Dawn on 9337 4710.

Sponsors are also being sought for the event so if you are have a business and would like to be a sponsor, please contact Emma Sutcliffe on 9395 7501 or mobile 0409 040 499 or mailto:emmamike@bigpond.com.

Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on **Friday, 29 February 2008** (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).



Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli.

A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on 24 April 2008, together with local Rotarians.

Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

Option 1: Seven day tour (**21-28 April 2008**) includes visit to the capital of three empires, Istanbul and ancient Troy.

Option 2: Three week walking tour (**8-25 April 2008**) tour which, apart from Istanbul, includes visits to World Heritage listed Cappadocia in central Turkey, following Roman roads in southern Turkey, Ephesus, Troy and joining with others for the launch and ceremony at Gallipoli.

If you wish, your itinerary can be rearranged according to your requirements.

To reserve a place or for further information, please contact Dr Peter Grey on 9592 9729, 0419 507 950 or <mailto:petergrey@snapsite.com.au>.

Fun In Retirement Expo

The Rotary Club of North balwyn, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara will be staging the inaugural Fun In Retirement Expo (FIRE) at the Boroondara Sports Complex from **5-7 July 2008**. FIRE will showcase the huge variety of businesses and community groups catering for the rapidly growing number of Boroondara citizens in 'The Third Age'. Our aim is to show the 50+ members of our community what is available to them, and to encourage them to become more involved in the life of the community, putting more richness and variety into their lives.

You are invited to take a booth at FIRE to show your wares to this age group who have both the money and the time to take up new hobbies; to develop themselves mentally and physically; to become more involved in their community; or to just indulge themselves!

Visit www.funinretirement.com.au for more details.



Featured Club

CLUB NAME: West Footscray

CHARTERED: 23 January 1978

If I was seeking someone to protect the state secrets or to provide a diplomatic response to a delicate issue, I would be delighted to give Gabrielle Morgan the brief. Gabrielle is a consummate legal professional and, very importantly, the President of the Rotary Club of West Footscray - a club that celebrates its 30 birthday next month, and the focus of our 'Featured Club' segment this week.

Like Shane Warne I have probed, tickled and tempted (...sorry, Shane), but Gabrielle has played her shots beautifully, neutralising the spin and despatching the loose balls to the boundary.

We met in Gabrielle's Droop Street, Footscray office and I was suitably intimidated by the heavy gold-leafed books ... you know, the sort that politicians always use as a television backdrop to bolster viewer perceptions of learned credibility. The tea and biscuits were welcome because 'Droop Street' exactly matched my energy levels following a previous evening 'session' where a few drinks finished up as a long, 'robust' discussion about the recent election. But I'm a trouper and the show had to go on ...

C: Gabrielle, what differentiates the Rotary Club of West Footscray from all others?

GM: There is probably little that differentiates our club from other Rotary clubs that have been in existence for 30 years or more. Our club has a large proportion of older members, many of whom are charter members. Like all Rotary clubs, we have a strong commitment to the local community and to the wider international community. *(Easily and diplomatically played - I obviously needed more subtlety in the attack ... -C)*

C: What past projects would rank in your club's 'Hall of Fame'?

GM: Our list would certainly include: the 'Tall Ships Café' which occurred early on in our club's existence and involved all members and partners and friends; DIK store setting up by the late Fred Wright of our club; the breakfast





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program at Gilmore College; trash and treasure market at the Footscray Football Ground; Youth Exchange and ambassadorial scholarship programs in which the Club was involved; FAME trips involving many of our club members; our club's involvement in Carols by Candlelight in the Yarraville Gardens which grows larger each year; and, on a lighter note, our club's cricket match challenge against the Rotary Club of Footscray resurrected a few years ago after an interruption of many years and in which our club is still the undefeated champion. *(Not such a 'lighter note' for Footscray, I'll bet. -C)*

C: What has your club in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

GM: So far this year we have been involved in: hosting another exchange student from France as part of the Youth Exchange program following on from our involvement last Rotary Year; 'gatekeeping' for the Western Region Football League finals series; supporting water conservation by assisting City West with their shower head exchange program; assisted at the DIK store one Saturday when most of our members and partners turned out at the store to pack goods destined for East Timor; we have held a Russian Singers Quartet Night with magnificent entertainment by a quartet from St Petersburg; held a colours and pie day in aid of the Mercy Hospice; donated towards the shipment of a container from DIK; donated a 'Shelterbox' to flood/cyclone victims of Bangladesh or New Guinea; and, we are in the process of assembling Christmas gifts for distribution to residents of nursing homes and aged care residences in the City of Maribyrnong and will shortly deliver them as part of our "Brighten the Day" project (this supplements our similar distribution of gifts at Easter).

This coming Friday night we are holding a Chinese Cultural Night at Medway Golf Course on Saturday week will see our hands on involvement in and joint sponsorship of Carols by Candlelight in the Yarraville Gardens.

Early in the New Year our club will hold a weekend sausage sizzle at Maribyrnong Highpoint and in February will hold its 30th Anniversary of Charter dinner. Many of the Club members will of course be attending the D9800 Rotary Conference in Shepparton. A club BBQ is planned as is our club's involvement in the annual DG's Charity Golf Day at Medway Golf Course. Our International Night in May is always a night to remember. We are also looking to participate in an overseas RAWCS program in the Solomon Islands.

C: The Rotary Club of West Footscray has a proud history with Donations In Kind (DIK). Tell me about it.

GM: Our club is immensely proud of its involvement with the D9800 DIK store. The D9800 DIK project was started by the late Fred Wright of our club in 1988 after he returned from his first FAME trip with a number of other members of our club to the Solomon Islands. As a result of this trip, Fred saw a need and set to filling that need. The DIK store was first located at the old drill hall on the corner of Gordon and Barkly Streets Footscray and was manned and headed up by Fred until approximately 2000 when he asked Bill Dagg to come on board and handed over to him in about 2001. The DIK store moved a number of times in its history until settling in its current location under the stewardship of Bill Dagg. Over the years a number of our members have been closely associated with the DIK store as volunteers. Our club has also financially assisted the DIK store over the years. It was proudly started as an international project of the Rotary Club of West Footscray and was managed by our club over the years but of course is a district project for the use and involvement of all clubs. Since 1988 some 217 containers and about AUD \$11 million in goods have been shipped from the DIK store. All our members are justly proud at being able to claim the instigator of the district DIK store – the late Fred Wright – as a member of our club and friend to all. *(It is a wonderful story and a great tribute to Fred, Bill and West Footscray. -C)*



DIK - Donations of goods, products and equipment can help rebuild villages and disaster torn townships overseas as well as at home

C: What is the Rotary Club of West Footscray's passion?

GM: I could be flippant and say that the member's passion is football and more particularly principally the Western Bulldogs. However I think, like all Rotarians, our members passion and that of our club is doing good in our local community and in the wider international community – lending a helping hand when it is needed. *(Forget 'flippant', I just bowled a 'flipper' and the probing ball is now over the fence. -C)*

C: If you had to liken your club to a well known film, what would it be and who would play the male and female lead characters?

GM: This is a very curly question and although a couple of films light-heartedly suggest themselves, discretion dictates that my lips are sealed. Putting members in the role of certain actors may offend some who might not share my sense of humour and others who might say "why not me?". *(A very curly question?" ... not for the 'Sultan of Swat' – same result. Over the fence. -C)*

C: You've recently returned as a participant in the Youth Exchange program - one of few city clubs involved - how has it gone?

GM: The experience had been very rewarding, worthwhile and enjoyable both for the club as a whole, the host families and of course the students. Last year we shared the hosting of Laura Quintard a student from the Alsace area of France. She was quite a character and destined for a bright future if her determination is any guide. This



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year we are hosting another student from the same area of France – in fact from the same school as Laura attended (although unbeknown to us at first). His name is Jean Credoz and he is an accomplished musician and linguist. At present he is touring the Gippsland region as a participant on the Great Victorian bike ride with his host parent Denis O'Brien (one of the Ride to Conference participants). For our International Night last year we had five of last year's exchange students as guest speakers shortly before the end of their year of exchange. They spoke of the enormous personal growth and independence they experienced as part of the Youth Exchange program and were grateful for the opportunity to tell the many ways in which they had grown as individuals as a result of their involvement

C: Tell me about area around West Footscray - the features and how it's changed over the years.

GM: Once the hub of industry and home to many big manufacturing concerns, the scene has altered vastly over the last twenty or so years. Much industry has moved off shore or moved away as it has outgrown its original factories and what was once industrial estates, has given way to residential land and an increase in residents of the area. Much of the increase in residents is settlement of migrants from Asia and Africa.

C: Over the years, what has been a Rotary Club of West Footscray 'weird or funny incident' that still has members chuckling?

GM: There is not one individual thing that I can immediately think of however in years past at Conference, many of our members have had an enjoyable few days away with friends and the things that have occurred at conference still keeps those members chuckling. *(I'm not chuckling ...that was my best ball. -C)*

C: If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club of West Footscray with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it", how do you think would you spend it?

GM: That again is a curly one, for a different reason, as there's so many things that I would like to do with the money. Most centre around the youth in our local community and especially homeless youth and at the other end of the spectrum, the aged in our community. Principally I would like to provide something permanent and tangible. However I would also like to provide some assistance to those of our country neighbours who have been so affected by the drought and to make things a little easier for them.

C: If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary Club of West Footscray how would I go about making contact with the club?

GM: You should contact the President, Gabrielle Morgan, the Secretary, Laurie Fisher, or one of our membership committee all of whom may be contacted by email at <mailto:westfootscray@rotarydistrict9800.org> or contact me on 9687 6872 during business hours or 0419 398 507. Alternatively, you can come along to one of our meetings at Medway Golf Club, 57 Omar Street, Maidstone on any Wednesday at 12.30pm for 12.45pm at which you would be made most welcome.

West Footscray Rotary Club – a proud history with lots of things happening. But I was still digging. There must be a few historical villains to be 'outed'. But Gabrielle was now in 'full flourish'. Ever the gracious hostess, she raised her arm to attract attention and summon more tea and biscuits. To me, it looked as though she was acknowledging the crowd as they clapped her double century. The Clarice bowling figures stood at 0/203 and I was still vulnerable.

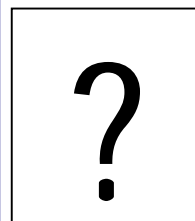
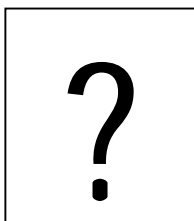
But you can't protest too heavily about an interviewee who provides Tim Tams. I'd met my match. Maybe it's *my technique*. I made a mental note ... I'd have three more Tim Tams and, on the way home, I'd give Shane a call on the mobile phone.



Know someone who
would make a
great Rotarian?



Bring them along to your
next meeting.





How's Your Club Shaping Up?

After a glitch in September, we're back on track – congratulations for 100% Attendance and Membership reporting in October 2007.

(The figures below have been sorted by % Change.)

Club	Cluster	Attendance		Membership				
		Oct 07		Jul 07	Oct 07		Net gain 07/08	% Change
		No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End		
Port Melbourne	Batman	1	100%	0	0	54	54	
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	63%	14	21	21	7	50.0%
Melbourne North	Gateway	4	65%	21	26	26	5	23.8%
Woodend	Calder	4	83%	13	15	15	2	15.4%
Melton Valley	Westside	5	83%	13	15	15	2	15.4%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	66%	77	79	88	11	14.3%
Southbank	Batman	5	67%	23	25	26	3	13.0%
Maribyrning Highpoint	Hobsons Bay	4	60%	16	18	18	2	12.5%
Glen Eira	Beachside	5	68%	25	28	28	3	12.0%
Brighton	Beachside	4	59%	125	136	139	14	11.2%
Caulfield	Beachside	4	75%	10	11	11	1	10.0%
Malvern	Monash	5	76%	40	44	44	4	10.0%
Albert Park	Batman	5	55%	43	43	47	4	9.3%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	5	76%	22	23	24	2	9.1%
Daylesford	Calder	5	73%	26	28	28	2	7.7%
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	5	60%	55	57	59	4	7.3%
Altona City	Port Phillip	5	85%	28	30	30	2	7.1%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	52%	29	28	31	2	6.9%
Melton	Westside	5	92%	44	45	47	3	6.8%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	5	52%	31	33	33	2	6.5%
Moonee Valley	Gateway	5	54%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	56%	56	59	59	3	5.4%
Keilor East	Gateway	5	78%	38	40	40	2	5.3%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	5	79%	20	21	21	1	5.0%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	5	65%	41	43	43	2	4.9%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	68%	21	22	22	1	4.8%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	71%	43	45	45	2	4.7%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	5	63%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Melbourne	Batman	5	50%	257	266	267	10	3.9%
Kew	Yarra	5	54%	53	55	55	2	3.8%
Essendon North	Gateway	5	70%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Toorak	Monash	4	82%	35	36	36	1	2.9%
Hawthorn	Yarra	5	62%	70	72	72	2	2.9%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	5	77%	38	38	39	1	2.6%
Bendigo	Goldfields	5	69%	78	78	80	2	2.6%
Chadstone / East Malvern	Monash	5	79%	44	45	45	1	2.3%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	78%	89	91	91	2	2.2%
Richmond	Heritage	5	51%	47	47	48	1	2.1%
Brighton North	Beachside	5	56%	44	45	44	0	0.0%

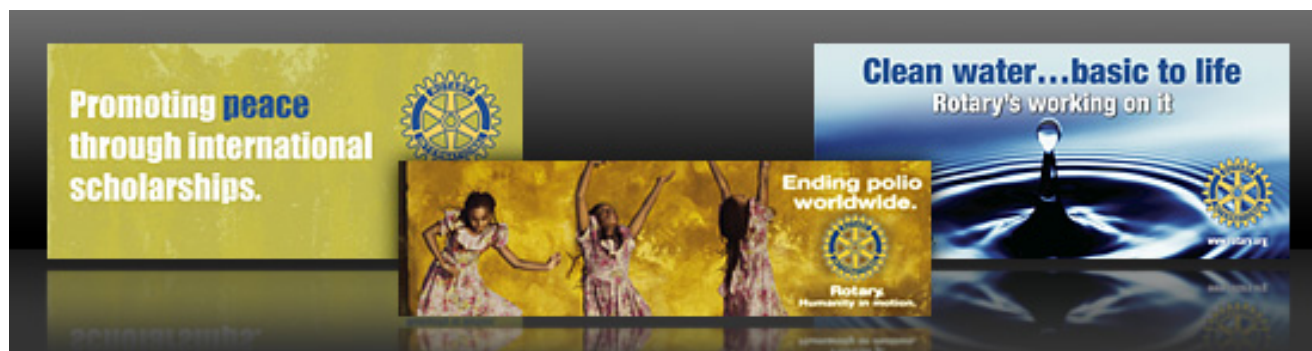


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Gisborne	Calder	5	77%	25	24	25	0	0.0%
Camberwell	Eastside	5	69%	61	61	61	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	5	78%	36	36	36	0	0.0%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	5	70%	51	51	51	0	0.0%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	5	76%	30	30	30	0	0.0%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	53%	31	31	31	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	5	74%	41	41	41	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	5	88%	30	30	30	0	0.0%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	5	67%	29	29	29	0	0.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	5	65%	19	19	19	0	0.0%
St Kilda	Monash	5	73%	11	11	11	0	0.0%
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	5	69%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	5	69%	39	40	39	0	0.0%
Brimbank Central	Westside	5	82%	27	27	27	0	0.0%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	58%	37	36	36	-1	-2.7%
Prahran	Monash	5	67%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	5	75%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Altona	Port Phillip	5	77%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Sunshine	Westside	5	62%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Werribee	Port Phillip	5	80%	46	43	44	-2	-4.3%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	5	77%	22	22	21	-1	-4.5%
Elsternwick	Beachside	4	62%	19	18	18	-1	-5.3%
Kyneton	Calder	5	80%	38	36	36	-2	-5.3%
Castlemaine	Calder	5	72%	52	49	49	-3	-5.8%
Essendon	Gateway	5	54%	81	80	76	-5	-6.2%
Rochester	Goldfields	4	68%	12	11	11	-1	-8.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra	5	69%	48	45	44	-4	-8.3%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	74%	18	16	16	-2	-11.1%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	85%	36	32	32	-4	-11.1%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	81%	30	26	26	-4	-13.3%
Melbourne Latrobe	Batman	4	50%	13	11	11	-2	-15.4%
South Yarra	Monash	5	70%	9	10	6	-3	-33.3%
No. of Members				2720	2772	2792	72	2.6%





December Is Family Of Rotary Month

Our 4 Way Test

It is more relevant today than ever in our daily lives.

What's it all coming to? Almost every day we get a serving of 'social nasties'.

The flouting of legal and regulatory provisions, the granting of privileges to friends, relatives and financial backers, the preferential use of privileged information, vote buying, resources wastage and human exploitation, it goes on ... The list of abuses committed for personal gain is depressingly long, just glance through your daily newspaper.

For many decades Rotary clubs and Rotarians around the world have used The 4 Way Test as an instrument to develop respect and understanding among peoples. How the 4 Way Test can work for you is indicated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert Taylor – the man who developed it.

He suggests that first you memorize The 4 Way Test and then formulate a habit of checking your thoughts, words and deeds with it. Its power is its uncompromising simplicity – it has an unerring ability to get to the core.

The 4 Way Test is now being used successfully around the world in business, government and schools as an effective measuring stick for acceptable conduct. It is a guide for *right thinking*.

If you engage the 4 Way Test in your daily life it will give greater definition to relationships. It will also allow you to become happier and more successful.

Herbert Taylor developed the 4 Way Test as a way of saving his company from being closed down as a bankrupt organization. The company, as with many companies, had a code of ethics, but the code was long, virtually impossible to memorize and therefore impractical. He felt that there was need for a simple measuring stick of ethics which everyone in the company could quickly memorize and relate to. He also believed that the proposed test should not tell his staff what they must do. Rather, it should *ask questions which would make it possible to find out whether proposed plans, policies, statements or actions were right or wrong*.

One day in July 1932, whether as the result of much thought or divine intervention, a simple framework formed in the mind of Herbert Taylor. He wrote down the following:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. **Is it the truth?**
2. **Is it fair to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build goodwill and better friendship?**
4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

The application of the 4 Way Test to Herbert Taylor's own personnel, his suppliers and customers helped his company to win their friendship and goodwill. To Herbert Taylor, his successors and to Rotarians worldwide, it was obvious that winning the friendship and confidence of those with whom we associate is essential to permanent success in business.

From bankruptcy in 1932, Herbert Taylor's company had, within a period of 20 years, paid its debts in full and had also paid its shareholders over one million dollars in dividends. The company had a value of over two million dollars ... no mean figure in the early 1950's.

The intangible dividends from the use of the 4 Way Test are greater than any financial benefits. If implemented in your business, you will enjoy a constant increase in the goodwill friendship and confidence of your customers and the general public. Just as significant is the positive impression that it has on employees who will be inclined to place a greater emphasis on ethical practices.

An ongoing relationship with the 4 Way Test usually sees it become habit forming and its validity extends seamlessly to family and community activities.

Thus you become a better father, mother, grandparent, a better friend and a better citizen.

Isn't that what the Family of Rotary is all about?



DG John Davis & Joan

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- John Davis, District Governor



New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

- Luciano Azzuro, RC Port Melbourne, Classification: Fashion Industry
- Rev. John Davis, RC Melbourne
- Ricardo Krauskopf, RC Port Melbourne, Classification: Hotel Industry
- Glenn McMahon, RC Bendigo, Classification: Mortgage Brokerage
- Darren Saunderson, RC Camberwell, Classification: Real Estate – Sales
- Andrew Tulloch, RC Camberwell, Classification: Education – Secondary Teaching
- Darren Xerri, RC Port Melbourne, Classification: Business Coaching

Quip Corner:

It's difficult to work in groups when you're omnipotent.

40+ Rotarian

All journalists love 'a scoop' ... a first grab at a story ahead of all other journos.

It doesn't happen often but, once tasted, it's a very heady brew. Scoops usually start in a weird way. This was no different. A phone call ... a muffled voice ... a set of directions and the usual 'clinchier' ... *'it'll be worth your time, Clarice'*. I'm a little hazy on directions, but it was right in the heart of D9800 ... sort of 'Kynetonish' but maybe nearer to Castlemaine. I think that it's rather charming that we females can convert mundane directions into 'voyages of discovery'. I mean ... how boring is 'Melway Map 127, F3'? I'm sorry, I've digressed (again).

I found the turnoff ... incredible really! The small dirt road was barely visible, but my 'informant' had been very specific. After driving for about 15 minutes it opened to a clearing of about 5 hectares. In the middle was a gorgeous cottage and, out the back, a paddock and a few penned areas which must have contained some animals ... I'm not sure what, though.

San was there to meet me. *"Well done, Clarice. It's not an easy place to find"*, he said. San had slightly olive skin and I wondered about his origins ... was he Spanish 'Sancho' or maybe Italian 'Santoro'? The question was still forming when he guided me (Keating-like) into his small, but tastefully furnished abode.

"We have much to talk about, Clarice", he said.

It was those eyes (it always is) ... deep blue, twinkling and knowing. I was becoming a little disoriented and my 'stock standard' 40+ Rotarian questions were evaporating. Finally, I blurted out, *"When did you join Rotary?"* He looked at me with a world weary smile and said, *"I'm probably the oldest Rotarian you'll ever interview, Clarice"*.

What followed certainly defied logic, and I'm not so sure that I can make sense of it even now. San knew everything about Rotary ... he even said that he knew Paul Harris. *"What a visionary"*, said San, *"But not before his time. The world had been crying out for Paul Harris ... in fact, we need more of them"*. San talked about the Great War, the Depression and the Holocaust.

"Clarice, I've travelled a great deal ... and for many, many years. There's so much suffering out there. It affects you. I'm one man and there's very little I can do. I suppose it's the children that really tug on my heartstrings. I think of equal justice and benefits, but the world doesn't work that way I know it, you know it, governments know it, villains know it and heroes know it".

San was looking a little crestfallen so, ever in tune with people's feelings, I switched the subject. It had passed midday ... so perhaps a wee drink to put a little sparkle into the mood. Being in a good wine area, I braced myself for a very acceptable answer to my next question. *"San what do you enjoy, when you're relaxing with a drink?"* He pondered for a moment and I thought, *"Such an old guy ... I reckon there might be Grange Hermitage in this...."* What happened next absolutely floored me.

"Mead ???!!!", I gasped. And in true John McEnroe-speak, I told him, *"You cannot be serious"*. But he was. *"It's a fine old drink, Clarice. Very traditional and much favoured where I come from"*, he said. I was too apoplectic to ask where he came from. Selfishly, at that point, I just didn't care. But San was on a roll. Smiling to the heavens he uttered, *"Occasionally I enjoy gluhwein, but it's mead that really satisfies my soul"*. Mead, gluhwein ... yuk, this was all going pear shaped!

I decided to change tack ...

"San, you spoke about a lot of trouble in the world, there must be some joy as well", I offered. He looked at me squarely, *"Clarice, there is joy in the world. I do one big trip each year and I'm constantly amazed at the way people*



get on with their lives. Rotary plays a big role. It's not only the Foundation that 'makes a difference'. It's the individual clubs and individual members identifying local areas of need and addressing them. It's the inspirational programs of Rotary that change people's lives forever. And it's fellowship ... the very core, the very heart of Rotary. It's people of goodwill banding together to spread goodwill. Clarice, I am so proud to be a Rotarian".

Maybe it was the mead. Yeah ...OK ... I know what I said ... but after one glass I got this lovely fuzzy feeling, thinking of the ancient origins of mead. And my 'ancient' friend certainly didn't mind a glass or two. We talked about everything ... of course, a lot of it was about me but ... hey ... how often do you get to pick the brains of a learned sage? Especially one as travelled as San. He took me outside and showed me his little farm. He was a deer farmer. It was only a small holding, but the eight deer in the paddock looked very healthy and happy. "My best friends", he said and left it at that.

Hmm ... my question about deer antlers and aphrodisiacs would need to be addressed at another time.

Too soon, too soon ... I had to go. I really could have stayed much longer. "San, I've really enjoyed today", I said, "But I'm puzzled. Your name, 'San'... it's abbreviated. What's your complete Christian name ... is it 'Sancho' or 'Santoro'? He looked deeply into my eyes (Boy, he was good at that). "Ta", he said. Worrying that he might think I was prying, I said, "And 'ta' to you San... yes, 'thank you'... I really had a great time".

My last view of San was in the rear view mirror. He was standing next to the deer, his huge arm moving in big arcs of farewell.

I hoped that I hadn't offended San. Still, he did say 'ta' as I left, so he must've had a good day too. Double lane ... Calder highway ... drifting home ... thinking of the day ... 'San' ... 'Ta'OOOOOHHMIGOD !!!

I screeched to a halt and went back. I know what you're thinking ... and you're right. No turnoff ! But I had remembered the name – "Blitzen Lane". So the following day was spent checking old parish records for Blitzen Lane. No record. Someone suggested that 'Blitzen' sounded German and could have related to German diggers in the gold rush. But I knew better.

I'd met Santa and Santa was a Rotarian.

Santa and Rotary ...logical, when you think about it, but ... fantastic !!! I knew that the Family of Rotary was all embracing ... but this?

He'll always be 'San' to me. I know that he and I 'connected' and somehow I know that we'll catch up again ... maybe at Blitzen Lane. Better still ... I could do a makeup *AT HIS CLUB !!!*

Interplast & D9800 Make A Real Difference

Founded in 1983 as an association between the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Rotary District 9800, **Interplast Australia & New Zealand** is a charity that sends teams of volunteer plastic & reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses to developing countries in the Asia Pacific Region to provide **free** treatment and medical training.

Interplast is a charity that provides teams of medical volunteers to undertake programs of plastic and reconstructive surgery and training in neighbouring Asian Pacific Countries. Interplast sends approximately 24-30 programs to approximately 12-16 countries each year, sponsoring doctors and nurses to continue parts of their training in Australia.

Interplast is invited over and works with the countries Ministry of Health and senior surgeons to facilitate the delivery of Interplast programs, all Interplast volunteers are fully qualified in their field of expertise.

Interplast has a Board of Directors drawn from a cross section of expertise, and takes recommendations from the Rotary and Surgical Committees. Interplast is a non profit company and a Deductible Gift Recipient.

Interplast has sponsored 60 doctors and nurses to continue part of their training in Australia and sent 600 volunteers on nearly 400 programs to 22 countries, performed over 28,000 consultations and nearly 17,000 life changing operations.

In 2000 Interplast Australia was the recipient of the Australian Humanitarian Award in the Field of Health.



Before



After



Interplast Operation History

23 Year record of operations 1983 – 2006

Cleft lip	3,196
Cleft palate	2,453
*Cleft lip & cleft palate	28
Extremity deformities	868
Urethra	385
Burn scar contractures	3,424
Skin tumours	1,722
Nasal deformities	293
Extremity injuries	924
Miscellaneous	2,747
TOTAL	16,040

How to Donate

Help support the many motivated, professional and compassionate volunteers from Australia and New Zealand improve the access to health services in our neighbouring countries. All donations are greatly appreciated, judiciously used and tax deductible.

There are many ways you and or your Club can help Interplast and get involved in the wonderful, life changing and sustainable work undertaken by so many volunteers. As a charity naturally it is reliant on, and very grateful for any monetary donations.

Operation 700

District 9800 is again this year promoting **Operation 700** with a view to raising \$49,000 to totally fund one overseas program thereby continuing the inspirational work of Interplast in making a difference in literally “**rebuilding lives by repairing bodies**” (say \$700 for each of our 70 Clubs) .

For further information please contact our D9800 Interplast coordinator **Mike McFarlane** PP PHF on 0418 317 418 or visit the website www.interplast.com.au

The Homeless World Cup 2008

The Homeless World Cup is an international sports project that uses the positive power of football to raise the issue of homelessness and poverty worldwide.

The Event has been held annually since 2003, when the inaugural Homeless World Cup took place in Graz/ Austria. Since then it has been held in Gothenburg/ Sweden (2004), Edinburgh/ Scotland (2005), Cape Town/South Africa (2006) and Copenhagen/Denmark (2007).

Melbourne successfully won the international bid for the upcoming competition and will proudly host the Homeless World Cup from 30 November to 7 December 2008 at Federation Square and Birrarang Mar.

There will be approximately 56 teams of 10 (8 players + 2 Coach/Manager) from around the world and sponsors and partners include the Victorian State Government, City of Melbourne, Macquarie Bank, Goldman Sachs JBWere, BHP Billiton, Jo-Anne and Greg Beirne.

Volunteers are an integral part of the success of any community event. The successful delivery of the Homeless World Cup 2008 will rely on the recruitment, training and engagement of a strong pool of volunteers to fill key operational roles.

Approximately 250 volunteer roles will need to be filled and up to 500 volunteers recruited, trained and rostered across the Event. They will form part of the Event Team and will work across the Event venues including the Competition Venue and the Athlete Village.

This is a unique opportunity for Rotary to be involved in a world wide community project that addresses the issue of homelessness in our own local community. Through the District 9800 PACE Initiative (Partnerships for Advancing Community Engagement) Rotary clubs can assist and support the establishment of training centres around Australia.





Through the Community Street Soccer centres participants attend year round week-in week-out training sessions and over time progress into local, State, National and HWC competitions.

By gradually increasing the level of commitment to fellow weekly training participants and team mates the level of "social change" made by participants gradually increases.

Benefits to Rotary:

- Project that gives every Rotarian an opportunity to be involved hands on in a local community service program.
- To work along side The Big Issue and other community groups to support, enrich and develop further training, education and leadership through established Rotary New Generation, Vocational & International programs.
- Opportunity to help establish & support training centres throughout Australia in local areas identified in most need.
- Work with friends & family of Rotary together in community service
- Lift Rotary's profile to the general public
- Increase Membership
- Opportunity for Rotarian's, family & friends to utilize their vocations

There are volunteer roles available for pre- and during games, as well as special events including the opening ceremony, parade and BBQ.

For further information contact: James Pullar 0417 574 941 or Jenny Hunter 0417 311 079

Rotary Programs Gain Top PR

The achievements of Rotarians in the programs, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) and Polio Plus gained excellent exposure for Rotary on prime time television in Brisbane and around Australia.

Firstly, Channel 10, Brisbane, presented the work of ROMAC on the five o'clock news on Monday 20 August 2007. The one and three quarter minute coverage featured the Rasmidden sisters, who were horrendously burned on the island of Simeulue (Indonesia), with Associate Professor Roy Kimble, Head of the Burns Unit at Brisbane's Royal Children's Hospital and Duon Ngor (Cambodia), who had a facial tumour, with Dr John Arvier, maxillo facial surgeon, from the Wesley Hospital.

Then on 4 September a one minute 45 second Polio Plus interview with Australian Rotarian and Polio Eradication volunteer Jenny Horton went to air on Channel 10's 5:00pm news to South East Queensland with a slightly longer version going to air around Australia on Channel 10's 11:00am news Wednesday 5 September.

Jenny currently has returned to Islamabad in Pakistan where she is involved in vaccinating children against polio.

Earlier this year, PP Jenny Horton (RC of Kenmore) received Rotary's International Service Award from PRIP Sir Clem Renouf for her work in polio eradication. This award is limited to 10 Rotarians per year world wide "The goal of banishing polio from the world at first seemed impossible, with at least 1000 new cases each day, but now much of the world is polio free, with only four polio endemic countries and a total of only 497 new cases this year world wide," Jenny said.



Jenny Horton sits with Pakistani children who are now protected against polio.

Notices & Events

RC Echuca Moama Meeting Advice

Due to renovations at the Moama Bowling Club in the first quarter of 2008, the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama will be meeting (6 for 6.30pm) at the Fountain Motel Northern Highway Way Echuca – Tel. 54823200.

The first meeting for 2008 will be a breakfast meeting - 7 for 7.30am on January 8 2008.

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRY-athlon

Through your club, organisation, or group USM Events would like to offer you the opportunity to be involved in assisting them to organise volunteers for this exciting event in the Catani Gardens on **Sunday, 24 February**.



A donation to your club of \$25 per volunteer is offered in return for your members acting as road marshals and various other positions required for this swim, cycle and run event. Each volunteer will receive a hat, T Shirt, and some Sponsor's products in a kit bag. (Minimum age for volunteers is 16 years).

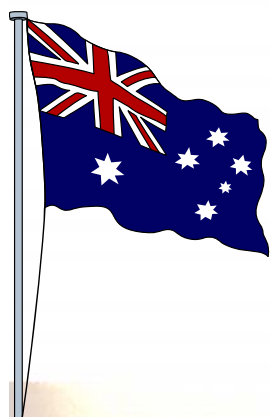
In conjunction with Sanitarium Weet-Bix, USM Events are committed to helping kids in Australia nurture healthy lifestyles.

To raise funds for your club in this manner or an explanation of volunteer's duties, please contact either Tony Mitchelhill or Brian Clancy, Volunteer Co-ordinators, USM Events. Phone: (07) 5449 0711, Mobile: 0405 045 430 (Brian). Email: brian@usmevents.com.au or tony.mitchelhill@usmevents.com.au. Responses are required by Friday, 4 January 2008.

RC Flemington Meeting Update

The Rotary Club of Flemington will not meet on Wednesday 2 and 9 January and will conduct joint meetings with the RC of Maribyrnong-Highpoint on Tuesday 15 and 22 January, 7.30am at Quest Apartments, Flemington.

Normal meetings will resume on Wednesday, 30 January.



RC St Kilda's Annual D9800 Australia Day Brunch

RC St Kilda are celebrating the annual D9800 Australia Day Brunch at the South Melbourne Town Hall from 10.00am on **Saturday, 26 January 2008** with special guest speaker, Lillian Frank A M, MBE and PHF.

Lillian is always an interesting speaker, a prolific fundraiser for charities, a Paul Harris Fellow and she will entertain Rotarians and their partners with her anecdotes about her life and people she has met.

Proceeds raised will aid the Royal Children's Hospital, the Sacred Heart Mission in Grey Street St Kilda and Australian Rotary Health and the entry fee is a reasonable \$55.00.

Please contact Ron Adams on 9821 0444 or 0408 136 100, or by email at r.g.adams@bigpond.com

Blues Festival to Mark the 150th Anniversary of Point Cook Homestead

The Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook will be holding a Blues Music Festival at the Point Cook Homestead on **Sunday, 10 February 2008** to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Point Cook Homestead.

Proceeds from the Festival will go towards a \$50,000 upgrade of the Point Cook Coastal Park Playground which is due for completion in March 2008.

The club is seeking support from other Rotarians in the District to help as volunteers on 10 February 2008, as the Laverton Point Cook club is only small. A crowd of around 3,000 is expected and volunteer roles include marshalling, car park, information officers, ticket sellers/checkers, set up and pack up, and general assistance. If you would like to register as a volunteer for the event, please contact Chris Egger on mailto:cegger@ntc.gov.au or phone 9236 5033 (bh) or 0407 846 382.



*John Ray, then Wyndham City Councillor
Leigh Barrat and John Argote from Parks Victoria*

Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards

Rotary Southern Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9830 'Shine On Awards' function is designed to focus on and honour the abilities and community achievements of those with a disability. There are two categories - Youth (15-20 y.o.) and Adult (21 years of age and over).

As you know, our prestigious Rotary Shine On Awards event has grown in popularity since 1998 and is now a multi-District Rotary annual celebration, with hosting shared in turn by our 5 Rotary Districts called the Southern Districts (in deference to the Districts with clubs crossing the borders into S.A. and NSW).

The coming ceremony is to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 4, 2008, and hosted by District 9790's Rotary Club of Appin Park, Wangaratta. They are already busy organising to make it a wonderful experience for everyone concerned, with country hospitality at its best!



Nominations close on **25 February 2008**. It is early days yet, but please don't let this get lost in the busy Christmas season.

If you have any queries or you just need another copy of the Rotary Shine On Guidelines and Nomination Form, email DawnWatson@yahoo.com or call Dawn on 9337 4710.

Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

Altona City Rotary Club is holding its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects.

Commencing at 12.30pm on **Friday, 29 February 2008** (we're giving you lots of time to get your entries in before the 14 February deadline!), there will also be a presentation dinner and plenty of great prizes.

All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli.

A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on 24 April 2008, together with local Rotarians.

Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime.

Option 1: Seven day tour (**21-28 April 2008**) includes visit to the capital of three empires, Istanbul and ancient Troy.

Option 2: Three week walking tour (**8-25 April 2008**) tour which, apart from Istanbul, includes visits to World Heritage listed Cappadocia in central Turkey, following Roman roads in southern Turkey, Epheusus, Troy and joining with others for the launch and ceremony at Gallipoli.

If you wish, your itinerary can be rearranged according to your requirements.

To reserve a place or for further information, please contact Dr Peter Grey on 9592 9729, 0419 507 950 or <mailto:petergrey@snapsite.com.au>.

Fun In Retirement Expo

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara will be staging the inaugural Fun In Retirement Expo (FIRE) at the Boroondara Sports Complex from **5-7 July 2008**. FIRE will showcase the huge variety of businesses and community groups catering for the rapidly growing number of Boroondara citizens in 'The Third Age'. Our aim is to show the 50+ members of our community what is available to them, and to encourage them to become more involved in the life of the community, putting more richness and variety into their lives.

You are invited to take a booth at FIRE to show your wares to this age group who have both the money and the time to take up new hobbies; to develop themselves mentally and physically; to become more involved in their community; or to just indulge themselves!

Visit www.funinretirement.com.au for more details.



Featured Club

CLUB NAME: Melbourne South

CHARTERED: 5 August 1952

It went like this 1. "Clarice, I'd love to catch up ... 2. But, I'm a very busy girl. 3. Hey, join me at my class? 4. I'll bring some gear for you. 5. What size are you? Hmm ... my answers were: 1. Good 2. Oh, I see ... 3. Y-ye-yes 4. Great (I think) 5. (cannot be disclosed ... revealing it means I may have to kill all subscribers).

Robyn Buccheri is the President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne South. Her life is go-go-go ... almost as silly as mine. The class ... wait for it ... Belly dancing !!

When I arrived Robyn was already dressed in 'the gear'. ... veils, headscarf, ankle, wrist and waist jewellery. She looked stunning. "Your outfit", said the mischievous president from South.

"Robyn"?!!!!



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It weighed nothing. "Don't worry, Clarice", said Robyn, "It's just the girls. Men are totally banned". That helped ... *but, not much*. Although, I must say that when I'd changed, the fabric lightness was ...well, 'liberating'. But, I felt as big as Makybe Diva ... a good comparison, as the Spring Carnival had wrought its evil on my former 'body beautiful'. I groaned, "Look at me ... fat as a fool and two more weeks of Christmas functions". "You're amongst friends, Clarice", said Robyn. *And I was too*. Without putting too fine a point on it, there were a couple of girls who made me feel like Damien Oliver.

But one thing I did discover ... belly dancers are wonderfully happy people. They have fluidity and grace and a camaraderie which only comes from 'a modesty shared' ... and a few metres of gossamer-thin fabric.

So, as we gyrated in unison, I 'bumped' the first question to Robyn ...

C: What differentiates the Rotary Club of Melbourne South from all others?

RB: It was the first club in the District and possibly in the World outside of USA

to induct lady Rotarians, July 1989. (... *and the first to oversee the demise of a lady 'on the job', so to speak. Ouch, Robyn I can't stretch thaaaaat far ... -C)*

C: What past projects would rank in your Club's 'Hall of Fame'?

RB: We organised a scout hall for Albert Park – major fund-raising event towards this project was a Rotary night at "My Fair Lady" on 5 May 1959. The Club took over Her Majesty's Theatre that evening *and every seat was sold*. Supporting our environment- the club's interest developed as early as 1989 and it played a leading role in the introduction of environmental issues to the agenda of the District. Literacy Excellence in Schools – Essay Competition. This was another environmental project aimed at giving community recognition to student writing skills and promoting consideration of environmental topics by years 10, 11 & 12 students. In 1960 Australia was the first country to develop a white cane signal for blind people to show they needed help. Our club gave 240 canes towards the 350 blind people who were being taught how to signal. We have been significant contributors and funders of the Bone Marrow Donor Institute. Through our Club some \$304,000 was contributed to the original appeal. Today the Centre provides research into a cure for leukaemia, breast cancer etc. and is centre of international repute. We have had 2 District Governors. *(I know ... I beat one of them at golf. -C)* We organised the provision of motorised fishing boats for the tsunami victims with the co-operation of the Rotary Club of Colombo. We sponsored the first indigenous health scholar. We hosted the first and only Youth exchange student from Cambodia - Vanny Lang, who arrived in Melbourne the day the Poll Pot regime took control. After many years without news of her family, contact was made through the untiring efforts of Tiny and Ann Price (also a member of Melbourne South). We were able to bring Vann's father, stepmother and three siblings to Australia, where they have become model citizens. Our Club initiated the Computers 4 Kids project in D9800. We took over the management and fundraising activities for the Southport Community Nursing home project when the initial planning committee encountered problems, eventually delivering a successful completion.

C: What has your Club in the pipeline for the 2007/08 Rotary year?

RB: To date we have raised \$40,000 of which \$19,000 has been given to Ovarian Cancer Awareness and \$15,000 to the building of fresh water wells in Cambodia. Our International Committee are also working on the provision of mosquito nets for the villagers in Cambodia and is funding 4 Shelter Boxes. We have a successful member of the GSE team to go to Nebraska USA 2008. Re-invigoration of the Community Chest 10 years ago and sharing in the management of it.

C: The old South Melbourne was distinctive ... it even had its own football team. Is there still a South Melbourne identity or is it being 'swallowed' by South bank, Port Melbourne, Albert Park and the Kingsway area?

RB: It still has its own identity and the other suburbs are satellites to it. *(Boldly put, Robyn. I like that. -C)*

C: And what about the area?

RB: It's always been close to the action with a rich and varied history of industry and commerce. The South Melbourne area has been sensitive to change and has always been able to incorporate all its wonderful attributes ... period houses, great pubs and restaurants, the iconic market and the beach ... into whatever the changing scene required. And there's a great family component. Some families have lived in the area since the late 1800's.

C: What is the Rotary Club of Melbourne South's passion?

RB: To have FUN while we're making a difference. *(You've made a difference to me' ... I think I've dislocated both hips. -C)*

C: If you had to liken your Club to a well known film, what would it be and who would play the male and female lead characters?

RB: "Gone With The Wind" starring Rob Dunn as Rhett Butler and Loretta Pavlova as Scarlet O'Hara. *(Yes, a perfect couple ... I can just see Rob Dunn directing the Civil War with his 7 iron. -C)*

C: What aspect of the Club's activities is best known and appreciated by other clubs in the District?

RB: Undoubtedly, it would be the Club's great reputation for fellowship and its welcoming atmosphere to visitors. *(And that cute little veil-swishing move, Robyn? The 'presidential pirouette'? I reckon that would a 'welcoming atmosphere' for visitors. Whew, am I glad it's just the girls here. -C)*



C: *A bit of history ... tell me about some of the 'lovable villains' of the Melbourne South Rotary Club? Can you make my day by assuring that the era of lovable villains is not over?*

RB: Harry ("my boy") Pill and Lindsay (wisecracking) McWilliams, plus Tiny Price, who was always in great humour and whose presidential year was chaotic and unpredictable, but great fun. We still have Ray and Warren who head our fellowship, organising fun activities ... in particular, arranging phantom race calls at our annual Cup Eve dinner ... always taking our money. *(Well done, lads – good to see the 'villains' have a win. –C)*

C: *Over the years, what has been a Rotary Club of Melbourne South weird or funny incident that still has members chuckling?*

RB: In the 70's the President and his wife hosted a "black tie" new member dinner at their home. It was a lavish affair and enjoyed by all. At the next Board meeting an invoice was handed in for reimbursements of the evening. It is still being talked about. *(I think another president got impeached in the 70's ... they still talk about that too. –C)*

C: *If there was a cheque for \$1 million made out to the Rotary Club of Melbourne South with a note saying, "Spend it all on worthwhile community projects or lose it",.... where do you think would you spend it?*

RB: Christmas hampers, RAM, Polio Plus and ARHR.

C: *If I was keen to get involved with the Rotary Club of Melbourne South how would I go about making contact with the club?*

RB: Google search the club and go to the website or look in the telephone directory under Rotary Club information.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne South – a leader and innovator in District 9800 for over 55 years. The Club is strong and the community, despite its football team disappearing and its lake area closed annually for the petrol heads, continues to thrive. Belly dancing thrives too. The number of devotees is growing and it's certainly not just a pursuit for people of Middle Eastern origin. The exercise is non-impact and the company is sensational.

I'd worked up a fairly healthy 'glow' (ladies do not 'perspire') and was looking forward to a refresher. And so it came ... mint tea! Thanks, Robyn. Seems that the bacchanalian inclinations of Melbourne South did not translate to the belly dancing set.

I was proud (and I was sore). But I had made my commitment to health and fitness ... and I'd suffered through mint tea! No more exercise for 2007 ... I'd paid my dues.

Roll on Christmas !!!

Family Of Rotary Month With DG John Davis

The Family of Rotary And Its Hidden Gems

I have been in Rotary for 32 years and I am continually amazed at the depth and scope of our organization. It was recently brought to my attention, by the President of Toorak, Gordon Chine, of a group in Rotary that I never knew existed and I'm sure that many Rotarians would also not have heard of this group.

The group is the **Rotary Action Group for Population and Development (RFPD)**. It was formed in 1996 and it currently has 20,000 members ... the largest of all Rotary fellowship groups.

This group is actively seeking ways to improve the lives of others, and to trying to develop strategies to meet the challenges that lie ahead for planet Earth. Increasing world population is a good example. Concerned bodies first addressed the population explosion in the early 1800's when the worlds population was 1 billion. It had grown to 6 Billion by the year 2000 and the forecast is 10.5 Billion by the year 2100.

We have all heard the well worn phrase 'Australia the Lucky Country'. Australians take for granted their access to medical services, their level of literacy and to have a life expectancy of 80 years. Further, we expect female members of their families to survive childbirth and for babies to survive birth and grow into adults. The conditions, however, are only presented in a few very "lucky" countries in the world.

Child bearing in some countries is life threatening. In Australia women 4 women out of every 100,000 died up to 42 days after live birth delivery. In some countries this rate was nearly 1,500 per delivery per 100,000 live births. The mortality rate of infants who died in their first year of life per 1000 births in Australia was less than 5 while in many countries the mortality rate per 1000 births was more than 150. These are statistics are certainly thought provoking and are part of a report given at the Maastricht Conference in 2004 by the Chair of RFPD Dr Robert Zinger. I would certainly encourage all Rotarians to spend some time on website www.ripd.org and click on the Cairo slide presentation.

Humanity faces an ongoing crisis of trying to handle issues of over population, unsustainable development and human suffering. The RFPD is for Rotarians and friends who share the common belief that these challenges to humanity can no longer be ignored and that Rotarians can do something about it. With Rotary International's rich



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religious, ethnic and cultural background and with a membership spanning over 200 countries, many believe that Rotary is the ideally positioned to play a major role in facing the challenges ahead.

In 1999 the Board of Directors of Rotary International published the *Statement on Population Growth and Development* directing Rotary International to include Population and Development as an appropriate area for Rotary humanitarian service. A Key phrase reads: "Sustainable development, preservation of the environment, and the quality of life for all people, especially the new generations, is impacted by population growth".

In November 2005, the Rotary International Board renewed, for the third time, the three year Memorandum of Cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to work together on population-based projects. The purpose of the Memorandum is to establish a framework for cooperation between UNFPA and Rotary International in order to share information and resources in the fields of population and reproductive health, including family planning and sexual health, safe motherhood and HIV/AIDS prevention. It also seeks to promote awareness, both in developed and in developing countries, of the social, economic and environmental implications of national and international population challenges. Again, you can via the website www.rifpd.org, access information about a monthly publication called *Fragile Earth*. The facts and figures are revealing and underline just how important are the issues relating to our environment.

At Christmas we focus on our families. I suggest that it may also a time to reflect on the many other families around the world who are struggling just to survive. We are indeed fortunate that we live in a country that provides us with a high quality of life. However, at this time of the year can I ask you as Rotarians to think about how you can help in spreading some of our good fortune to those who need our help to improve their immediate future.

Joan and I wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to working with you as we move into the second part of the 2007-8 Rotary Year.

Thank you to all D9800 members who have made the first half of the 2007/08 Rotary year so enjoyable and interesting for me and the Networker staff.

We're looking forward to being with you again from 14 January 2008, so be sure to keep sending through your fabulous stories, notices and events for publishing when we return to the Networker office.

In the meantime, may you and your families thoroughly enjoy the Festive Season and best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year.

Clarice