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A publication for Rotarians and all community-minded people

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Let's Talk Rotary

Happy New Year Rotarians, Family and Friends of Rotary - Welcome to 2010.

I hope you all enjoyed a well earned break and are refreshed and ready for more Rotary action.

This year, at the start of another decade, as we focus on Rotary Awareness Month, let us all think of how we can spread the word and make everyone aware of Rotary. We need to make people aware of who we are, what we do, and what we stand for. So over this month of January let's think of all ways we can get our message out to others: **Let's Do It, Let's Talk About Rotary**



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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I think 2010 is going to be a very special year for us as Rotarians. Perhaps it will because it's the year we eradicate Polio from the world or maybe the year each club completes a major project internationally or in the local community. Maybe it will be the year where you personally make a major contribution to the future of our organisation. Whatever it is we must talk about it; we must broadcast it to the world because: **Rotary Awareness Is In Our Hands.**

It's been a great start to the New Year with many clubs back in full swing already. Several Presidents have told me that they can't believe how fast their year is going; so little time left to complete all those great plans for the 2009-10 year. There is nothing more pleasing in Rotary than to see our Clubs with a full book of activities programmed for the second half of the Rotary year. There certainly is plenty going on in this district.

I have recently received several calls and emails from enthusiastic Rotarians wanting to introduce new programs and activities to the District. Right now there seems to be a real buzz about the place. Always something new to consider – that's Rotary.

Finally I would like to wish DGE Iven Mackay and Marilyn all the best as they travel to San Diego this week for the International Assembly and Future Vision Training. We look forward to Iven's return and the release of the theme for 2010-11 and of course Iven's Future Vision for our District.

Welcome Back Everyone, Enjoy Your Rotary Experience then tell somebody about it.

Colin Muir

District Governor

Just after DG Colin sent in his weekly contribution, the earthquake struck in Haiti. DG Colin asks that you read RI President Ray John Kenny's letter on the next page, for details of Rotary's response.



Rotary Establishes Haiti Earthquake Fund

18 January 2010

Dear Rotarians:

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent earthquake in Haiti, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis.

Rotary International coordinates information and provides resources on club and district disaster relief efforts. When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the [RI website](#). Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact the International Service Programs Section at relief@rotary.org to learn about current relief and recovery efforts.



Also, The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund, for the purpose of collecting contributions for earthquake victims. Details about the fund have been posted on the [RI website](#). Please note that all contributions must be in U.S. dollars, and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. Additionally, District Designated Funds cannot be accepted.

We have been in contact with District Governor Errol C. Alberga to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that clubs in Haiti are implementing on RI's online projects database, ProjectLINK. Any disaster recovery projects registered by District 7020 will be posted on ProjectLINK on a priority basis. Additionally, articles have been posted to the home page of the [RI website](#) with details on Rotary club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help. Rotarians may contact Governor Alberga directly at al.gram@cwjamaica.com or visit the [District 7020 website](#).

As always, when organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as [UNICEF](#), the [International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#), [Doctors Without Borders](#), [ShelterBox](#), [Aquabox](#), and [World Water Works](#) to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the disaster.

It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

Sincerely,
John Kenny, President Rotary International
Ed Futa, General Secretary Rotary International
Glenn E. Estess Sr., Trustee Chairman The Rotary Foundation

“This is the most tragic situation that you can imagine.
The support from Rotary and the world has really stepped up to help and
thank you for it.”

Past District 7020 Governor and Haiti District Coordinator Dick McCombe

Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Four complete Rotary years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award.

Because this is the Foundation's highest service recognition, a recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district level and occur over an extended period of time.

In December, Footscray Rotary Club's Foundation Director, Bob Newman, announced the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award winner was their own **Past District Governor John Davis**.

District Governor Colin Muir presented PDG John with this very special award.



Welcome New Members

District Secretary Marjorie Gerlinger notified *The Networker* of the following new Rotarians:

Rotary Club of Melton Valley: Robyn Johnson, Michael Dowling and Ian Stewart
R.C. of Eaglehawk: Julie Hutchinson and Colin Hutchison
R.C. of Laverton Point Cook: Ms Justine Cadell, Telecommunications
R.C. of Keilor East: David Gibbs
R.C. of Echuca-Moama: Reece Tehan
R.C. of Brighton North: Rosalie James, Equity Analysis
R.C. of Caulfield: Deidre Colbert and Gail Cremen
R.C. of Balwyn: David Rhodes
RC. of Brimbank Central: Christine Daly
RC of Southbank: Stuart Cardell
Ian Gandel has rejoined the RC of Abert Park



John Meehan of Central Melbourne-Sunrise notified the following new members:

Margaret STUART- Neurokinesiology
Det. Sgt. Michael WELLS - Policing-Community Relationships
Scott MUNRO - Law- General Practice
Mandi ZONNEVELDT- Professional Services- Communications



How nice it is when you send me a photo, or a few words about your new members. It puts some meat on their bones. Well done, Central Melbourne-Sunrise! – Clarice

Lone Pine Seedling Planted at Marysville

A seedling from the Lone Pine Tree at Gallipoli was planted at the Marysville Cenotaph on 2nd January 2010, on behalf of Rotary District 2420, Istanbul.

Rotary Districts have been assisting and supporting bushfire victims continuously and this ceremony fitted in well with the spirit of that tremendous effort to rebuild the community.

The gesture is an acknowledgement of the friendship that exists between our two countries, and was planned to coincide with the arrival of ten Turkish Rotarians on a cruise.



According to Bushfire Recovery Chairman Mev Connell - The event at Marysville went very well; unfortunately, the Turkish visiting group couldn't attend as they were all "hors de combat" as a result of food poisoning on their cruise ship. John Basarin and the Turkish Deputy Consul-General Mr Civelek did a good job in their absence.

Brigadier Nick Jans of Marysville RSL welcomed the guests, and Mrs Hatice Basarin read a message from the Istanbul Rotarians.

DGE Iven Mackay described how Rotary Districts around Australia and overseas have given help and offers of support, and contributed large amounts of money. All this was done with the common purpose of rebuilding those Victorian communities which were so devastated by the bushfires.

After the tree-planting concluded, everyone moved to the Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club for refreshments.

From left to right: Youth Exchange Chairman John Basarin, holding the Commemorative Plaque, DGE Iven Mackay, Jacinta Allan (State Member for Bendigo East, who represented the Premier of Victoria), Deputy Turkish Consul-General Mr Civelek, and The Hon. Fran Bailey MP.



Salvos Strike Up the Band at Richmond

Having members of the Salvation Army Band as guests and performers at the Richmond Rotary Christmas meetings has become a tradition for Richmond Rotary Club.

Entertaining members with Christmas tunes and accompanying carol singing helps keep the spirit of Christmas in the forefront. Warren Golding, retired Lt. Colonel, Salvation Army, each year organises up to 6 musicians to play up a festive storm.

Santa and his little elves collected bags of donated toys that were presented to the Salvos, along with a cheque, to help brighten Christmas for many disadvantaged children and their families.



Community Village Project

At the request of Victoria Police, the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne- Sunrise took part in a targetted drive by the Police and the Melbourne City Council to help address the increasing alcohol abuse and violence in the Melbourne CBD.

The Club provided 18 enthusiastic volunteers over 3 nights just prior to Christmas to offer free - 600 bottles of water; 300 coffee; 300 teas; 250 soups and 400 biscuits to mainly young teenagers and some of the city's homeless located near the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Another major part of the activity was to provide information on transport timetables and assist with taxis or buses from 10pm up until 5am the following morning.



The appreciation shown by many of these young people and their expressed disbelief that such a service was available to them free and by volunteers was satisfying and made this project such a moral success.

Generally the young people were well behaved and enjoying themselves but many appeared unprepared for the cold weather, absence of taxis, bus times and routes.

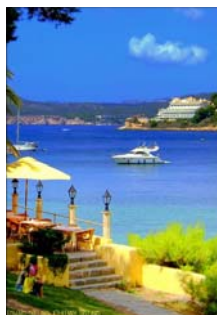
During a visit on first night by Chief Commissioner, Simon Overland and his Deputy Kieran Walshe, they offered their appreciation for Rotary's ongoing support. They were convinced that Rotary's presence had taken the heat out of a city area once renowned for violence.

It is hoped that this project will be repeated often during 2010 and other interested Rotary Clubs invited to participate.

At no time did the Rotarians feel threatened or fearful of aggressive situations and were comforted by the increased police presence over both weekends.

- Submitted by John Meehan

Group Study Exchange Welcome Dinner



The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach is hosting the GSE Welcome Dinner for the incoming team from District 2203 in Southern Spain.

Tuesday 9 February at Milanos Hotel, The Esplanade, Brighton Beach.

The cost is \$40 per head. Drinks and canapés will be served from 6.30pm.

Places are limited: Bookings for the Dinner can be made by contacting Keiran Cromie before 24th January on 0419 252 814 or keiran@brightontravel.com.au

Historic Landmarks and Polio

A number of iconic landmarks, including the British Parliament, the Colosseum, and the Sydney Opera House, provided a dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic message: *End Polio Now*.

Those three words -- Rotary's pledge to rid the world of the crippling childhood disease -- were projected onto each structure's exterior the week of 23 February, 2009, the organization's 104th anniversary.



Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the effort and are now working aggressively to raise the \$200 million needed to match the Gates Foundation grants. The money is needed to help close a funding gap that could undermine two decades of progress.

To learn more about polio eradication, visit www.rotary.org/endpolio today.

The Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts in various parts of the world. RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in member Districts identify those Rotarians who seem to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.



The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

Courses are run by experienced, formally trained Rotarians in this district. Participants are expected to contribute their experience and ideas in facilitated discussion groups – usually 15 participants and the aim is to acquire Rotary knowledge and understanding of how Rotary operates differently in clubs and learn from these differences. The style of the courses is conversational and learning comes by sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions.

The Institute offers courses in three full day sessions - 9.00am to 3.15pm and participants must complete Part 1 before proceeding to Part 2 then graduating after completion of Part 3 however the completion of all three parts may be completed at your own timing.

The course dates for the first six months of 2010 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday February 7 and Sunday April 11

Part 2 Sunday March 28 and Sunday May 2

Part 3 Sunday February 21 and May 23

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for RLI annually. Students return to their club with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the club. For 2009/2010 the cost per Rotarian is \$55.00 and it is usual for clubs to pay this charge for their members.

Courses are held at two venues for both Melbourne based and regional Rotarians as follows:
Montague Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague Street, South Melbourne and
Mechanics Institute, School Street, California Gully via Bendigo

Participants Comments on RLI: *"this is a must" - "great exchange of ideas" - "well worth attending"*

PDG John Wigley Chairman PDG Ann White Faculty Coordinator

To register for these sessions, please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au

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Notices and Events

Australian Unity Great Australia Day Swim

The event is endorsed by the Australia Day Council with naming sponsor Australian Unity Health Fund, and will be held at the Middle Brighton Baths on **Australia Day 26th January 2010**, in conjunction with the Michael Klim Corporate Relay Challenge.

Brighton Rotary Club intends for this swim to become an annual event and one of the major swim events on the calendar

All proceeds will go to children's orientated charities including Variety and BayCISS.

For further information contact Peter Grey on 0419507950 or peteragrey@gmail.com
www.greataustraliadayswim.com.au



The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship

We invite you to a bus tour of three wineries in the Macedon Ranges on **14th February**

Cost of the bus and lunch is \$ 30. Wines at your own cost. There are only 40 places, so book now!.

The aims are to enjoy the local wine, without worrying about driving there and back, to enjoy each other's company, and to raise some money for D.I.K stores.

Summary of Itinerary: The bus will leave from Taylors Lakes Shopping Centre at 9.45 am
Then to Hanging Rock Winery, Lancefield Antiques Building, BBQ Lunch at Morgan Fields Vineyard, Paramoor Farm Winery and back to Taylors Lakes at around 4.00 pm



For more information and bookings by 9th Feb: contact Leon Lewi – 0419 354 313 or email llewi@connexus.net.au

John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

The Werribee Rotary Club are holding their annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day on **Tuesday 13th April 2010**.

The event is named after a former President of the Werribee Rotary and Werribee Park Golf Clubs. The event will again be held at the Werribee Park Golf Course, K Road Werribee.

The event is a 4 person Ambrose Format and hit off is at 12.30pm. We have Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships available and we also welcome single entries. Entry \$70 per player, or \$35 for Werribee Park Golf Club members



There is a BBQ Lunch before tee off and a dinner and presentation of trophies after the completion of play. All monies raised are put back into the local communities.

All enquiries to Graham Roper Ph: 0403 437 349.

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How Does Your Club Fare?

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2009/2010		November-09		At July 1	November-09			
Club	Cluster	No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End	Net gain /loss	% Change
Caulfield	Beachside	4	53%	6	7	9	3	50.0%
Elsternwick	Beachside	3	61%	11	13	13	2	18.2%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	39%	29	35	34	5	17.2%
Docklands	Batman	3	37%	30	35	35	5	16.7%
Laverton PtCook	Port Phillip	4	58%	19	21	22	3	15.8%
Southbank	Batman	3	73%	29	33	33	4	13.8%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	82%	17	19	19	2	11.8%
Collingwood	Heritage	3	47%	18	20	20	2	11.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	88%	9	10	10	1	11.1%
North Melbourne	Gateway	4	52%	28	31	31	3	10.7%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	64%	30	32	33	3	10.0%
Malvern	Stonningtn	4	79%	42	46	46	4	9.5%
Canterbury	Eastside	4	57%	45	49	49	4	8.9%
St Kilda	Stonnington	3	62%	12	13	13	1	8.3%
Camberwell	Eastside	4	82%	61	66	66	5	8.2%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	71%	27	29	29	2	7.4%
Central Melb. S'rise	Batman	3	74%	55	59	59	4	7.3%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	81%	28	30	30	2	7.1%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	4	70%	32	34	34	2	6.3%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	54%	53	56	56	3	5.7%
Woodend	Calder	4	66%	18	17	19	1	5.6%
Melbourne	Batman	4	50%	258	268	272	14	5.4%
Tullamarine	Gateway	5	71%	19	20	20	1	5.3%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	83%	39	39	41	2	5.1%
Moonee Valley	Gateway			20		21	1	5.0%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	3	75%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Gisborne	Calder	4	67%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Brighton	Beachside	4	55%	126	129	131	5	4.0%
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	60%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	90%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Albert Park	Batman	4	57%	62	64	64	2	3.2%
Kyneton	Calder	4	63%	37	38	38	1	2.7%
Richmond	Heritage	3	70%	38	39	39	1	2.6%
Castlemaine	Calder	4	81%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Chadstone / East Malvern	Stonningtn	4	67%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Kew	Yarra	4	79%	44	46	45	1	2.3%

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Brighton North	Beachside	4	77%	51	51	52	1	2.0%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	67%	84	85	85	1	1.2%
Balwyn	Eastside	3	57%	87	87	88	1	1.1%
Altona	Port Phillip	4	66%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	4	65%	33	33	33	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	3	50%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	3	97%	39	39	39	0	0.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	3	58%	65	65	65	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	4	91%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Keilor East	Gateway	5	73%	41	40	41	0	0.0%
Melton	Westside	3	79%	32	32	32	0	0.0%
Prahran	Stonningtn	4	74%	30	30	30	0	0.0%
Toorak	Stonningtn	4	69%	35	37	35	0	0.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	3	56%	22	22	22	0	0.0%
Essendon	Gateway	3	60%	77	76	76	-1	-1.3%
Glenferrie	Yarra	3	68%	47	46	46	-1	-2.1%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	70%	40	42	39	-1	-2.5%
Werribee	Port Phillip	3	78%	40	39	39	-1	-2.5%
Brimbank C'tral	Westside	4	73%	31	30	30	-1	-3.2%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	72%	31	31	30	-1	-3.2%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	84%	87	84	84	-3	-3.4%
Fitzroy	Heritage	5	74%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Daylesford	Calder	3	72%	25	24	24	-1	-4.0%
Bendigo S'hurst	Goldfields	4	80%	49	49	47	-2	-4.1%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	3	71%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	58%	23	23	22	-1	-4.3%
Sunshine	Westside	3	74%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	3	53%	34	32	32	-2	-5.9%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	65%	45	42	42	-3	-6.7%
Glen Eira	Beachside	3	83%	23	21	21	-2	-8.7%
Melbourne South	Batman	4	69%	33	30	30	-3	-9.1%
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	50%	21	20	19	-2	-9.5%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	67%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%
No. of Clubs Reporting			68		68			
No. of Members				2730		2797	67	2.5%
% Average of Those Reported			67.9%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			99%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						99%		



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Australia Day Celebrations - Rotary on Show

What a perfect day Australia Day was this year, with great weather, lots of national pride and many Australia Day activities. These included award ceremonies and dinners, BBQs for breakfasts, flag raising ceremonies, with lots of community activities and events celebrating this special day.

Many of these community activities were run by Rotary Clubs in conjunction with their local Australia Day Committees and other service groups. Rotarians were out in force doing what was necessary to make the day a great success. What a perfect day it was to showcase Rotary and to make our communities aware of Rotary and the work we do.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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I was privileged to be invited to Rochester to give the address at the Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony and saw firsthand the value of Rotary's participation in these community celebrations. The township of Rochester came alive at 7:30 am for the Lions Club BBQ breakfast followed by a flag raising ceremony in the RSL Gardens organised by Rotarians, members of the Australia Day Committee and supported by the Rotary Club of Rochester. At every function throughout the day, including the evening Community Awards Dinner, there were many opportunities to talk about Rotary and show the public what we do.

I came away thinking that we really do have lots of opportunities to get our message out; perhaps we don't recognise many of them because we are so busy looking for the big one, the high impact, the overt, or the "in your face" message that seems to be the way of marketing an organisation these days. Maybe there are other ways we can do it.

The announcement, at a community awards ceremony, that your Rotary club has just won the award for best local community activity may have more 'impact' with the general public than any big advertising campaign in the local paper. It's certainly food for thought.

This week I have asked *Networker* staff to include an open letter from RI President John Kenny asking us to support a major public image project on the 23 Feb 2010 and promote the **End Polio Now** campaign. Please support this very important initiative.

Before I finish on Australia Day I would like to quote something that General Peter Cosgrove said in his address this year. I thought it was very appropriate considering our theme this year, when he said:

"Australia is a nation of good fortune and a good future - and that's a cause for celebration!"

So my closing remark this week will have to be:

The Future of Rotary and the Nation is in Our Hands.

Colin Muir

District Governor

Message from RI President John Kenny

One Rotary Centre,
1560 Sherman Ave,
Evanston, Illinois.
January 2010



Dear DG Colin,

I am writing to ask for your support for a major Public Image project which is taking place on 23 February 2010. Various Public Image initiatives will be happening around the world from 16 February until 2 March 2010.

These will include the now successful lighting up of iconic buildings with the message **"End Polio Now"**. Leaders of governments will also receive from Rotary an End Polio Now postcard.

I would appreciate if you would ask each of the clubs in your district to be seen doing something visible to promote the End Polio Now campaign.

It can be anything from spending an hour one day handing out leaflets about Rotary and polio to having a booth at your local shopping mall collecting money to help pay for polio immunization for the children.

It really is up to each club's imagination to do what they can to support this project.

I do hope you will take this challenge to your clubs. Imagine the impact of every club in the world taking part to help End Polio Now around our organization's 105th anniversary.

For ideas and outreach materials to highlight 23 February, please visit:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/Rotaryleadership/RIpresident/Pages/PublicImage.aspx>

I wish you success as we celebrate Rotary's anniversary confident that each club will recognize The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

Sincerely,

John Kenny
President 2009-2010
Rotary International



ShelterBoxes in the Air

Tens of thousands dead, even more left homeless and scenes of chaos; this is the picture coming out of the Caribbean island of Haiti.

The catastrophe continues to unfold and international disaster relief charity ShelterBox are working round the clock to ensure emergency shelter reaches the island as quickly as possible. Reports from Haiti say thousands of people have been sleeping in the open air for the second night running, with some people even being forced to sleep among dead bodies.

With such a pressing need for emergency shelter provision, ShelterBox is dispatching 700 ShelterBoxes with even more to be packed before the end of the week. ShelterBox is using all of the resources available to make sure immediate aid reaches Haiti. Boxes are being shipped direct from ShelterBox HQ, from prepositioned stock in Curacao and from El Salvador.



A three-person ShelterBox Response Team comprised of highly-experienced members David Eby (US), Wayne Robinson (US) and Mark Pearson (UK) are doing all they can to make it to Haiti as quickly as possible. Alongside this, the dedicated team of volunteers at ShelterBox HQ in the UK are giving up their time to help pack the ShelterBoxes ready for transportation.

ShelterBox Founder Tom Henderson said: 'Our team around the world are doing all they can to ensure aid reaches the people of Haiti as soon as possible. With each day the need grows and we're doing all we can to get help to the thousands of families affected by this tragedy. 'The response from our volunteers and supporters has once again been sensational. We can't do this without the public's compassion and generosity.'

Latest News at <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/news.php?id=143>



Welcome New Members

Essendon RC: Ben Marshall
Balwyn RC: Diana Lorbach
Caulfield RC: Dr. SophiePotasz and Amelia Welsh
Kyneton RC: Graeme Batrouney
Chadstone/East Malvern RC: Jan Steinkellner;



Congratulations!

Simon Price of Melbourne Rotary Club received a Medal in The General Division of The Order of Australia, for services to the community through the Malvern Elderly Citizens Welfare Association, and to Rotary.

Erratum

An error was made in the description of the award presented in last week's Networker. **PDG John Davis was presented with the District Foundation Service Award.** While we strive for accuracy, we apologise to all concerned for this error. - Gordon Cheyne

How to Make News

Every week, you open your copy of *The Networker* and read about people just like you who are working on great service projects just like yours. Occasionally, you say to yourself – “Hey, why don’t I ever see my club in here?”

In any given month, a sizable number of the 1.2 million Rotarians in the more than 32,000 clubs around the world ask the same question.

Despite the hard work that goes into Rotary projects, only a few appear in your magazine.

The Networker gives you the opportunity to showcase your projects to other clubs in District 9800. Just supply me with the news – I’m sure every club has a wordsmith who can put a newsworthy article together.



What tips the scales in favor of the submissions that end up as magazine articles?

1. Great photos.

Strong photographs greatly increase your chance of receiving coverage. The best photos are compelling action shots – a doctor performing surgery, a polio immunization team at work, villagers pumping water from their new well.

I prefer to receive digital photos as e-mail attachments. The file format must be either .tif or .jpg. Photos embedded in Word documents, PowerPoint presentations, or .pdf, are very difficult.

2. A newsworthy story. Ask yourself the following questions:

Is it timely? Keep in mind that I work one week ahead.

Is it unusual? Point out what makes your project unique or innovative. Everyone holds fundraisers – what makes yours interesting enough to be included in *The Networker*?

Can other clubs adopt it? Let me know if the project has been, or could be, replicated by other clubs.

How did you measure the result?

Who was helped? Is there an inspiring story to be told?



If I decide to cover your story, I may contact you for more information, so don’t forget to include the names and phone numbers of the Rotarians who made the project happen.

Clarice clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Eyes Wide Open

Want to see what Rotary is doing in the developing world? The Cambodia Vietnam Eyes Wide Open team departs on Friday 29 January to undertake a variety of voluntary work in Siem Reap, Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh.

The team love receiving comments and knowing that District are following their journey.

Check out their blog: <http://eyeswideopencambodia-vietnam.blogspot.com/>



Notices and Events

The Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of fast paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

The course dates for the first six months of 2010 are as follows:

Part 1 Sunday February 7 and Sunday April 11

Part 2 Sunday March 28 and Sunday May 2

Part 3 Sunday February 21 and May 23

To register for these sessions, please contact the RLI Registrar Vicki Teschke at vicki.t@tacobill.com.au



Group Study Exchange Welcome Dinner

The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach is hosting the GSE Welcome Dinner for the incoming team from District 2203 in Southern Spain.

Tuesday 9 February at Milanos Hotel, The Esplanade, Brighton Beach.

The cost is \$40 per head. Drinks and canapés will be served from 6.30pm.

Places are limited: Bookings for the Dinner can be made by contacting Keiran Cromie before 24th January on 0419 252 814 or keiran@brightontravel.com.au



The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship

We invite you to a bus tour of three wineries in the Macedon Ranges on **14th February**. Cost of the bus and lunch is \$ 30. Wines at your own cost. There are only 40 places, so book now!.

The aims are to enjoy the local wine, without worrying about driving there and back, to enjoy each other's company, and to raise some money for D.I.K stores.

Summary of Itinerary: The bus will leave from Taylors Lakes Shopping Centre at 9.45 am. Then to Hanging Rock Winery, Lancefield Antiques Building, BBQ Lunch at Morgan Fields Vineyard, Paramoor Farm Winery and back to Taylors Lakes at around 4.00 pm.

For more information and bookings by 9th Feb: contact Leon Lewi – 0419 354 313 or email

[llewi@connexus.net.au](mailto:llew@connexus.net.au)



AFL in the 21st Century

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend dinner with **ANDREW DEMETRIOU CEO, Australian Football League** who will speak on "The AFL in the 21st Century"

Monday **22 February** 2010 at 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club Williams Road North, Toorak

RSVP: 17/02/2010 \$65.00 per person Drinks at bar prices

All profits donated to: PolioPlus and the US200 Million Gates Foundation Challenge Grant

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John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day

The Werribee Rotary Club are holding their annual John Flynn Memorial Charity Golf Day on **Tuesday 13th April** 2010.

The event is named after a former President of the Werribee Rotary and Werribee Park Golf Clubs. The event will again be held at the Werribee Park Golf Course, K Road Werribee.

The event is a 4 person Ambrose Format and hit off is at 12.30pm. We have Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsorships available and we also welcome single entries. Entry \$70 per player, or \$35 for Werribee Park Golf Club members.

There is a BBQ Lunch before tee off and a dinner and presentation of trophies after the completion of play. All monies raised are put back into the local communities.

All enquiries to Graham Roper Ph: 040 343 7349



How Does Your Club Fare?

Dist 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2009/2010		December-09		At July 1	December-09			
Club	Cluster							
		No. of Meets	Month %		Start	End	Net gain /loss	% Change
Caulfield	Beachside	3	63%	6	9	11	5	83.3%
Melton Valley	Westside	3	83%	17	19	22	5	29.4%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	35%	29	34	35	6	20.7%
Elsternwick	Beachside			11		13	2	18.2%
Southbank	Batman	3	71%	29	33	34	5	17.2%
Docklands	Batman			30		35	5	16.7%
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	3	68%	19	22	22	3	15.8%
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	3	72%	30	33	34	4	13.3%
Canterbury	Eastside	2	70%	45	50	50	5	11.1%
Collingwood	Heritage	2	78%	18	20	20	2	11.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	95%	9	10	10	1	11.1%
Cent Melb. S'rise	Batman	3	65%	55	59	61	6	10.9%
North Melb	Gateway	3	62%	28	31	31	3	10.7%
St Kilda	Stonnington			12		13	1	8.3%
Camberwell	Eastside	3	72%	61	66	66	5	8.2%
Malvern	Stonnington	3	72%	42	46	45	3	7.1%
Melbourne	Batman	3	47%	258	272	275	17	6.6%
Bendigo Strathdale	Goldfields	3	71%	32	34	34	2	6.3%
Toorak	Stonnington	4	70%	35	36	37	2	5.7%
Woodend	Calder	3	61%	18	19	19	1	5.6%
Kyneton	Calder	3	75%	37	38	39	2	5.4%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	3	78%	39	41	41	2	5.1%
Moonee Valley	Gateway			20		21	1	5.0%
Chadstone E Malvern	Stonnington	3	80%	41	42	43	2	4.9%
Brighton Beach	Beachside	2	75%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Brighton	Beachside	3	43%	126	131	131	5	4.0%
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	3	61%	53	55	55	2	3.8%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	2	52%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
W Footscray	Hobsons Bay	3	62%	27	28	28	1	3.7%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	3	86%	27	28	28	1	3.7%

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Essendon N	Gateway	4	100%	28	30	29	1	3.6%
Castlemaine	Calder	3	75%	41	42	42	1	2.4%
Keilor East	Gateway	3	83%	41	41	42	1	2.4%
Kew	Yarra	3	76%	44	45	45	1	2.3%
Brighton North	Beachside	3	78%	51	52	52	1	2.0%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	63%	65	66	66	1	1.5%
Essendon	Gateway	4	53%	76	77	77	1	1.3%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	70%	84	85	85	1	1.2%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	61%	87	87	88	1	1.1%
Altona	Port Phillip	2	72%	25	25	25	0	0.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	2	76%	33	33	33	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	3	50%	18	18	18	0	0.0%
Brimbank Central	Westside	3	81%	31	30	31	0	0.0%
Carlton	Heritage	3	84%	39	39	39	0	0.0%
Gisborne	Calder	4	69%	24	25	24	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	3	82%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	2	88%	38	39	38	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	3	49%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
Albert Park	Batman	3	56%	62	64	61	-1	-1.6%
Glenferrie	Yarra	3	66%	47	46	46	-1	-2.1%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	3	70%	40	39	39	-1	-2.5%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	77%	40	39	39	-1	-2.5%
Melton	Westside	3	83%	32	32	31	-1	-3.1%
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	3	76%	31	30	30	-1	-3.2%
Prahran	Stonnington	3	71%	30	30	29	-1	-3.3%
Fitzroy	Heritage	3	75%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Daylesford	Calder	3	72%	25	24	24	-1	-4.0%
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields			49		47	-2	-4.1%
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	2	76%	24	23	23	-1	-4.2%
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	3	74%	23	22	22	-1	-4.3%
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	3	75%	22	21	21	-1	-4.5%
North Balwyn	Eastside	3	80%	87	84	83	-4	-4.6%
Sunshine	Westside	3	68%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	3	67%	34	32	32	-2	-5.9%
Melbourne S'th	Batman	3	65%	33	30	31	-2	-6.1%
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	81%	23	21	21	-2	-8.7%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	3	73%	45	42	40	-5	-11.1%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	3	69%	27	24	24	-3	-11.1%

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Port Melbourne	Batman	2	66%	21	19	16	-5	-23.8%
No. of Clubs Reporting			64		64			
No. of Members				2730		2802	72	2.6%
% Average of Those Reported			70.6%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			93%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						93%		

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