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**MAY IS ROTARY'S YOUTH SERVICE MONTH** 

## **DG Julie Mason's Message**



May Area of Focus: Youth Services



Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." James Baldwin

A lovely and pertinent saying is that "It takes a village to raise a child" and I am convinced that our work in Rotary plays a significant role in creating opportunities for children to thrive and become caring, thoughtful citizens of the world. I would suggest that every Rotary Club in District 9800 has a program or project that supports children and young people. I am aware of weekend camps that enable disadvantaged youth to have challenging and indeed life changing experiences. The programs that enable young people to have a voice through Public Speaking and those scholarships that are awarded to enable further education to occur are often the motivation to better education and a successful work life. The mentoring that occurs when Rotarians commit to sponsoring EarlyAct and Interact Clubs should never be underrated, and how wonderful it is to hear the Rotarians from Brighton North regularly go to school to listen to young people, who are often not supported at home, read, and share literacy enhancing conversations.

Then I remember the wonderful work that is done by our Rotarians and friends at the Donations in Kind store who gather, sort and send books, clothes and school resources to children in need all around the world. I am impressed by the Rotary Foundation funded projects that provide clean water and crops to villages, toilets for school children to use and opportunities for families to develop small businesses to create a better life.



When all is said and done our Rotary world is a small place and the importance of peace and understanding is a priority for now and for future generations. Two signature District Programs, **Youth Exchange** and the **Peace Fellows** provide the impetus for young people to gain a deep understanding of all that is needed for a future world free from conflict, where children from all cultural backgrounds really do live as one. As I say to my students regardless of the colour of our skin, our brains where we think and make decisions, and our hearts where we feel, are the same colour!



Fresh water in Cambodia

It is now acknowledged that Family Violence has a significant impact on children. Children exposed to family violence have difficulties controlling their emotions often develop depression, poor reading and language skills, and have difficulties making and maintaining friendships. Unfortunately I see this on a regular basis, and acknowledge that it will remain a societal problem for some time. I do know that thanks to Brighton Rotary, with the **Violence Free Family** initiative, as an organisation, Rotary in District 9800 is part of the solution. I do know that if every Rotary Club in our great District made a connection with a local school with a promise to provide assistance to children affected by family violence, then enhanced resources would ensure better educational opportunities. If you want to get an understanding of the impact that family violence has on a child, and you have a box of tissues handy, please got to **You Tube** and watch a video called **ReMoved**.

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOeQUwdAjE0



The Rotarian Action Group for Family Safety, in formation stage and supported by Clubs in District 9800 and overseas, is creating a resource bank to help Clubs address family violence issues in their communities. The idea is that you let her know the programs that your club is supporting. I commend this request to you and ask that you support Gladys Liu in her endeavours.

Please let Gladys Liu know whom to contact in your Club to follow up this initiative.

Please email: <u>gladysliu.au@gmail.com</u> cc <u>ragfamsafe@gmail.com</u>

May we in our Rotary work, continue to do whatever is necessary to support our young people to have a safe and happy life.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Enjoy Rotary as you are..... a Gift to the World. Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julíe Mason

**District Governor** 



A happy child at school in Cambodia



## The Art of Gratitude and Giving By Erik Vandenberg, RC Brighton

Unfortunately, some of our children think the world revolves around them, nagging for the latest game or pair of flash shoes. Meanwhile over 80% of the worlds population live on less than \$10 per day, many fellow humans remaining ultra poor, some even victims of war. In Cambodia, children still walk through fields littered with land mines and unexploded munitions.



Land mines in a field near a rural Cambodian school.

Teaching children the art of gratitude and giving actually helps them learn to become genuinely happy which helps their performance at school and with life in general. They will come to a realisation that they are extremely fortunate and that selflessness feels much better than selfishness!

So how to do this? One of the keys to teaching children is providing good role models, taking the opportunity to do volunteer work is a fantastic way of teaching the art of giving, if you can take your children along they'll share the experience and realise how lucky they really are.

I've done this personally and found this to be a rewarding and enriching learning experience that can't be had in any school or university. In Cambodia, my son has accompanied me to children's centres in the slums which take in and look after abandoned and abused children, we donated musical instruments and bicycles, among many other eye opening experiences.

As predicted, since our return, he's never nagged me once or complained about anything. He's developed increased compassion and noticeable increase in gratitude for his good fortune.

Another way this can be done is by donating to a charity project that helps those less fortunate than

us, or giving your child a small weekly allowance to donate. It's undisputedly a great thing to get our children to think more about what they can do for others as opposed to what others can do for them.

One Rotary project which really highlights the plight of the less fortunate and gives an opportunity for such learnings is *Sustainable Communities Cambodia*.

For as little as \$20 your kids could experience the joy of giving by purchasing a solar light so that a child can do their homework at night, or for \$60 they can enable a family to drink clean water for the next 20+ years! What a great way to also help teach them the value of money!





Typical rural Cambodian family dwelling, and children lining up to drink from a dirty stream.

You can learn about this by following the link to their crowd funding page on Chuffed, at https://chuffed.org/project/clean-water-for-camb odia, you'll also see how only a very small amount of money donated can make a massive difference. Also there's some interesting info on the Facebook page at

https://www.facebook.com/Sustainable-Commun ities-Cambodia-1504600849811501/.

## Australian No-man's Land By David Dippie, RC Keilor

I am in the Donations In Kind Store surrounded by valuable medical equipment. I am looking at the latest batch of Dialysis Chairs and wondering where they will go. Will they go overseas as many have in the past?

What about the remote areas in Australia, where this sort of equipment appears to be needed? If we are going to use the equipment in Australia it can't be on an International Project. It would have to be a Community Project, but what do Clubs perceive as being their community? If it is limited to working in your own backyard helping in other parts of Australia is beyond our Clubs. Is there a "no man's land" between our backyard and overseas? This is not the Rotary way and we know that this is not how Rotarians feel, but is appears no RABS project are working on improving medical care.







The same support is available for local and oversea projects. Tax Deductibility (RABS), Technical Support (RAWCS) and Free Equipment (DIK) are available for local projects but few Club Community Committees appear to be aware of this.

We have a wonderful opportunity to use the medical equipment that is readily available to help the

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Australian Community. **Community Committees: be bold and think about how you can help the rest of Australia.** If it was a natural disaster support would pour in, but we appear to overlook the existing problem areas where we can make a major difference.

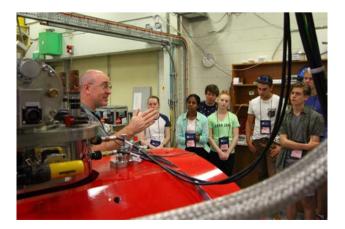
The next time you visit the DIK Store look around and think about how your Club can use the goods you see locally. Better still, get your Community Committee to make a special visit.

## National Youth Science Forum By Gabrielle Morgan, Youth Service Chair

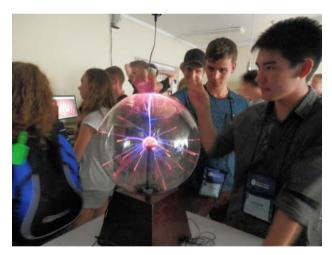
The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is held at Australia National University in Canberra over two sessions in January every year. The forum is for science students going into year 12 in the year of the forum intending to go on to study a science, engineering or technology based degree at university.



Rotary District 9800 was allocated 23 places out of approximately 500 last January. Clubs nominate students to district interviews which are held in August and last year 55 students were interviewed for these 23 places. Applications are now open on line for interviews this August and will close for students on 31<sup>st</sup> May and then clubs need to complete their nominations by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Here are some experts from the students who attended NYSF last January and it is through their own words that one can obtain a real insight to the extraordinary program for young people with a passion for STEM subjects that is the NYSF.



"Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 I had my perspective on my future, the scientific community, and myself completely reshaped and reformed by the NYSF and everyone who attended. Prior to the NYSF I believed I had a clear view of what I wanted to do after school and for the rest of my life however, after only a two week journey I have experienced more and grown more than I could have believed possible."...... "One of the purposes of the NYSF is to act as a medium for like-minded young people headed towards careers in science to network with each other, however, over those two weeks we did so much more than network, I have been wholly accepted into a huge group of past and present NYSFer and have made so many lifelong friendships. Everyone who attended session was so completely amazing and enthusiastic about life, science, and understanding that their passion will stay with me forever."



"Sitting at my NYSF orientation, only weeks before I'd embark on what turned out to be the 12 best days of my life, I listened to previous students excitedly exclaim that the NYSF program would change my character, my direction, and philosophy of life. I was beyond eager to start and experience Canberra, but I naively doubted that a mere 12 days could possibly have such a profound effect on me – I didn't know what I was in for."......"Looking forward into the future, I know my time at the NYSF will stay with me as a reminder of what set me on this path of opportunity. The world feels much smaller now in terms of accessibility and possibility – we can venture to any corner of this planet (or perhaps others!) if our minds are put to it, and if we work hard. The program helped immensely with solidifying my goal of enrolling in an Engineering and Commerce degree, and allowed me to finally narrow down my pathway of intent after exploring all of my science interests while on session. The program helped me develop my leadership skills as well – a trait that I value greatly. In addition, I developed my ability to work and explore within a team, an opportunity that will help me as



an Engineer. I now can clearly see the benefits of journeying outside of my comfort zone to a great degree, and harnessing my passion for learning. The NYSF has allowed me to realise my potential and I've never been more confident in not just myself, but the group as a whole, that we will shape the future of Australia, and the world. As a result, I couldn't be more proud or excited to be a part of it all. In the wondrous words of Theodore Roosevelt, 'Believe you can and you're halfway there'."

"It was this time last year when I started the long yet rewarding application process for the National Youth Science Forum 2016. I remember thinking nothing much of it, just another science achievement to add to my CV, just another camp full of nerdy teenagers with raging hormones, just another average two weeks of my life spent in a laboratory. Little did I realise how every single component, every second of the NYSF experience would affect...well, my life. The interview process itself was invaluable. By having the chance to speak out loud about why I wish to pursue science, how far I have come in my scientific journey thus far, in a



way, the interviews were more about me understanding myself rather than the panel understanding me."..... "The NYSF session can, at its core, be summed up in three words—Inspirational, Educational and Fun. I was inspired in a variety of ways throughout session, not only by the many guest speakers sharing their ongoing successes and achievements but also by the staffies and students on session. Two guest speakers in particular left a lasting impression, the first of whom was Oxford Rhode Scholar, Dr Subho Banerjee. Dr Banerjee handed us the keys to success, two of which resonated deeply with me. He taught us that Excellence and Kindness would pave the way to success, scholarly excellence in your own field is fundamental to achieving your goals and being on the cusp of making the unknown known, whilst Kindness should be shown to others, regardless of who they are. The second equally impactful guest speaker I encountered was Ms. Lucy Guest who shared with us the realities of life, her personal triumphs and showed us that being involved in science doesn't just mean sitting in a lab; we laughed and we cried with Lucy in the perfect closing ceremony. Through all of this, I was inspired to pave my own path in life, pursuing happiness and understanding rather than mere contentment and knowledge. "

## Maternal and Infant Mortality By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

The daily death toll in the developing world in 830 mothers and 16,000 children under 5. Half these children die in their first 28 days' life through birth problems and flow-on from malnutrition.

The bulk of these deaths are in sub-Saharan Africa, where under-5 mortality is 12 times the rate in the developed world. Appalling figures show that maternal mortality in South Sudan, Chad and Somalia per 100,000 live births were approx.. 2000 (at year 2006), 1000 and 1000 (at year 2010) respectively.

The good news is that infant mortality overall has halved since 1990, and since 2000 has been falling at 4% per annum.



A midwife in an urban clinic in Lae helps a mother with her twins.

Australia's nearest neighbours PNG and Timor Leste both have third-world rates of maternal/infant mortality. Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births in PNG fell in 2015 to 215, a drop of 54% on 1990. In Timor Leste the drop was even more pronounced, to 94 or down 73% on 1990. In contrast, Australia's maternal death rate is only 6, down from 8 in 1990.

Crucial factors in reducing maternal mortality include ante-natal visits (preferably at least four). In Timor Leste the proportion of mothers getting such care is 55%, and in PNG, 29%. A second key factor is skilled help at birth, normally via trained midwives. The Timor figure is 29%, PNG 43%. These figures indicate deficiencies that if corrected, could have a powerful impact for lower death rates.

In terms of Under-5 mortality per 1000 live births, Timor Leste in 2013 had a rate of 55, down 68% on 1990, and PNG 61 (down 31%). Australia in 2013-4.

Availability of birth control is another key factor in improving maternal and child health. For Timor Leste, the availability is 22% and in PNG 32%. Bringing family planning services to all those wanting it, would cost a little over \$US4 billion, but generate enormous benefits.

These would include

- 54m fewer intended pregnancies
- 26m fewer abortions (of which 16m are currently unsafe and life-threatening)
- 21m fewer unplanned births
- 79,000 fewer maternal deaths and
- 1.1m fewer infant deaths.

Sources: WHO, UNFPA, CIA World Factbook.

## Hans Rosling: Religions and Babies

Hans Rosling had a question: Do some religions have a higher birth rate than others — and how does this affect global population growth? Speaking at the TEDxSummit in Doha, Qatar, he graphs data over time and across religions. With his trademark humor and sharp insight, Hans reaches a surprising conclusion on world fertility rates.

http://www.ted.com/talks/hans\_rosling\_religio ns\_and\_babies



## **Three Secrets of Rotaract** By Fernanda Luz Moraes, Rotaract Club of Cachoeirinha, Brazil

When I began participating in Rotaract in 2012, I viewed it as a way to spend my weekends doing something good in my community. But then I realized it is so much more than that.

I have met many other members of Rotaract who have a hard time explaining the passion that comes over them for doing volunteer work. The best way I can put it is this: We think globally, then act locally.

I want to change the world, and in order to make it happen, I know I need to develop my leadership skills and abilities. I need to connect to people from all over, from every culture and many different occupations, to gain new ideas and fresh perspectives. I also need to act in a way that inspires leadership in others. We take action and encourage other people to act to make things happen.

I have been cultivating love, enthusiasm, and happiness most of my life. Why shouldn't I make these things part of my Rotaract experience as well? We have a lot of work to do and many people to develop. We also have much we can learn from them and alongside them.

To me, those are the three secrets of Rotaract: love, enthusiasm, and happiness. Love, because love guides the world. Enthusiasm, because enthusiasm transforms problems into solutions and positive attitudes into tangible results. Happiness, because happiness blinds us to sadness and discouragement, and motivates us to keep making the world better.

Over the years, I have learned that Rotaract embodies all of these things. This is the way we can change our lives and change the world.



Rotaractor Fernanda Luz Moraes entertains a child during a club outing.

## **THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY**

Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute US\$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

This giving promotes peace, fights disease, provides clean water, saves mothers and children, supports education, and grows local economies.

Some Rotary Foundation projects currently

- Bring peace-building seminars to 200 teachers and 1,300 students in Uganda.
- Distribute insecticide-treated mosquito nets and medical services that help prevent malaria in Mali.
- Train teachers who are establishing an early-childhood education center in South Africa.
- Provide water filters, toilet blocks, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis in a community in India.
- Fund a scholarship for a medical professional to research ways to minimize mortality rates among premature babies in Italy.
- Protect children around the world from polio.

Currently there are 113 members of the Paul Harris Society of D9800. They invite you to join them at the annual PHS Dinner on  $6^{th}$  June.

To join the PHS, contact Chairman Gordon McKern: <u>mckernbendigo@ozemail.com.au</u> Any questions? See the FAQ <u>HERE</u>.



## **Connecting with Members** By Mark Stephens, District Secretary

This is the second of a series of articles on communicating /connecting with members. The previous article outlined Zoom (<u>www.zoom.us</u>) which enables video and audio streaming between two or more people from a computer (with a camera and microphone) or a tablet or smartphone.

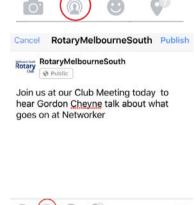


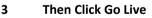
A game changer (in my opinion) released in the last few weeks is Facebook Live. Facebook Live allows you to easily connect to other members or the public via your Club Facebook page. Up to 30 minutes of video can be shown at any one time and the video will remain on your Facebook Page. Possibly a fantastic way for members who are away for whatever reason to keep in touch.

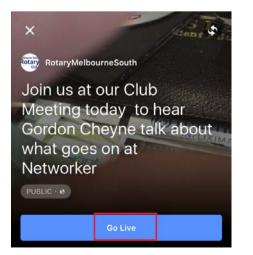
#### HOW DO I CONNECT (only available from IPhone or Ipad)

- 1 From your Club page click publish
- 2 Enter a description click the second button (bottom



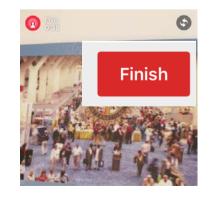




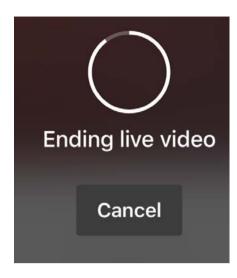


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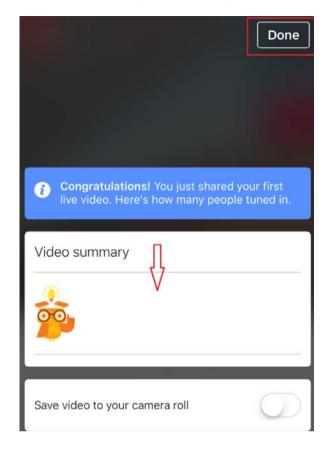
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#### 5 Message at end



#### 6 You can enter a summary and save to your device



7 The video will now be available on Your Club page



C @ ↑ \$ 39% ■ Finally, a reason for Rotarians to be on Facebook!

This is just a quick outline of what is possible

There are pitfalls especially in low light situations and a very important consideration with any video is the audio. There are relatively inexpensive ways to improve both the ease of recording the video and improving the quality of the audio

Let me know by email if you would like further information

Mark Stephens District Secretary 2015-16 accessmed33@gmail.com

## **Clarice's Comments**

I visited the DIK store in West Footscray last week: those volunteers do such incredible work, sorting clothes and medical equipment, repairing Computers for Kids, stacking school desks and chairs, loading containers. Luckily I wore a high-visibility vest, and kept clear of the fork lifts.

But they now have so much more storage space: all of Shed 40! Bob Glindemann told me they were offered the balance of the shed as the other tenant was leaving. The total shed rental offered was \$78,000 pa, which is just over half the going rate for space in the complex. Bob says it was an offer "too good to refuse"! That's a lot of rent to pay, but without the storage space, the overseas (or local) projects would be almost impossible.

What could be less sexy than paying the rent? Ten clubs give \$3,500 annually and help with the running of the store, and DIK gets a little support from the adjoining Districts who use the facility. If your club can help, give Bob Glindemann a call on 0418 102 702 or e-mail him at bob.glindemann@bigpond.com



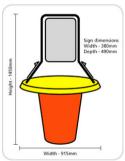


Top: Volunteers sorting out the surgical instruments: "Whatever do they do with this thing?" Below: "Where can we put it all?" - Ruth Carlos-Martinez asks Laurie Fisher. "There's plenty of space here now" - answers Peter Lugg.



**Missing in Action:** The RC of Bendigo Sandhurst supplied a MONEY SPINNER at our recent District Conference in Bendigo. It has gone missing and RCOBS would like to find it. If anyone knows of its whereabouts please contact John Cannon 0419 522 418 or <u>jcannon50@gmail.com</u>

How could it get lost? It's a metre wide and half as high again: keep your eyes peeled!



#### Send me your news: <a href="mailto:clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au">clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au</a>

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time. *See you later - Clarice.* 

## **Notices and Events**

#### **MS Global Dinner**

May 18, 7 for 7.30pm Fredricks Restaurant 980 Mt Alexander Rd, Essendon \$50/per person 2 Course Dinner, Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival, Drinks at Bar prices Speakers: Dr Stan Mitew and Dr Laura Thomas " Progressive MS Research" and Dr Virginia Billson "Living with MS" RSVP May16, 2016 enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au barry@barrycoleman.com.au Martin Taurins, 0407564389 taurins3@vegas.com.au

## **RC Bendigo South Musical Soiree**

Two events- **21 & 22 May**, 5pm for 21/5 and 3pm for 22/5/16 39 Somerset Park Rd, Junortoun Featuring renowned soprano Merlyn Quaife AM and pianist Andrea Katz will entertain you with a delightful program of music from Baroque to Modern Purcell, Mozart, Strauss, Puccini anecdotes and a few surprises Enjoy refreshments with the Artists at the conclusion of the concert Event Cost: \$50-00 Limited to 20 places each soiree RSVP ASAP, only 20 places, Call Anne Peace on 0429801 342 to RSVP a spot. Website or link for more information: <u>bendigosouthrotary.org.au</u> Cheque made out to Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc Projects Account or EFT: BSB 633000 Account no: 140951740 Account name: Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc Projects Account with your name and Soiree in Reference box

#### Movie: "As it is in Heaven"

**17 May** 6.30pm Ulumbarra Theatre Park Road Bendigo \$30 for adults, \$25 for Students/pensioners **Contact Details:** <u>www.gotix.com.au</u> bookings essential Guest Speaker Rosie Batty: The event is a fundraiser for the survivors of Family Violence via the Annie North Refuges to purchase new furniture for people transition form emergency to permanent accommodation. . Finger food during intermission and drinks at Bar prices

## ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN FUNDRAISER

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Italian Sports Club Werribee, 601 Heaths Road 6.30pm for 6.45pm start \$40 pp 2 Course Meal with drinks at bar prices

BOOKINGS: rcwyndham1@gmail.com Ph. 0422 281 624

## Bringing the Light: the Movie of "Seven Women"

Seven Women began in 2007 as a grass roots development project to create change for seven women who were found operating out of a tin shed and enduring harsh discrimination as a result of being disabled. Seven Women founder Stephanie Woollard first met these women and invested in training in the hope that gaining a skill would give them a means to earn an income.

ACMI Cinema, Federation Square. 6.30pm, **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May** Tickets at <u>http://www.trybooking.com/KLFK</u> If you can't attend the documentary, catch the promotional video at: http://www.sevenwomen.org











## **Notices and Events**

## 2016 Rotary International Convention, Seoul

#### 28th May to 1st June. 2016

The countdown to the Rotary Convention is on! Join the more than 40,000 Rotarians who have already registered and experience the biggest event of the Rotary year, the convention in Korea. Come to Korea to get inspired to do more good and Be a Gift to the World. http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/registeroday!

#### Melbourne City Rotaract.

"Seven Women" second screening of the documentary at Cinema Nova on Lygon Street. Thursday June the 2nd, at 6:30pm. Cost \$25 Book at www.trybooking.com/KLFK Details of crowd funding campaign at http://www.pozible.com/project/204045

## Federal Budget in May: A Night with Phil Ruthven AM

This will be a night not to be missed, with an insight into the future of Australian Economy. A Question and Answer session will be held after Mr Ruthven's address. 8th of June and 6:30 for 7 pm start Cost: \$30.00 per person Fredricks Restaurant. 980 Mt Alexander road. Essendon. RSVP : Friday 3rd of June. barry@barrycoleman.com.au or 9379 3247 For more information: http://essendonnorthrotary.org.au/

## A Webinar with Noel Trevaskis

Rotarians from zones 7 and 8 are invited to join incoming RI Director Noel Trevaskis in our next webinar in the 'Strengthening Rotary' series.

As Noel prepares to take up his new position on the board of Rotary International, he will share his hopes and plans for Rotary in our region. Noel's presentation will cover topics at the heart of many Rotarians, including membership, Rotary Foundation grants, public image, and of particular interest recent changes approved by the Council on

Legislation. Noel will also share some of his recent experiences preparing for his new role as Director. There are two opportunities to join this forty minute webinar with Noel: Monday 6 June 2016 at 5.00 pm (AEST) -Friday 10 June 2016 at 8.00 am (AEST) To register for the webinar click <u>HERE</u> and choose your preferred day. Alternatively, contact Jessie Harman at i.harman@federation.edu.au

## Paul Harris Society Dinner

Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street Carlton. Monday, 6 June. 6:00pm for 6:30pm \$47.50, for a 2 course meal; including a welcome drink. For reservations, and details of any special dietary requirements, please contact Roger Thornton: piroton@connexus.net.au 0400 999 203 RSVP by Wednesday, 1 June

Payment by Direct Debit: Account Name: R.C.N. Thornton Acc. No. 25401050 Be sure to include BSB No. 802-254

your details . Or Cheques payable to: Roger Thornton 21 Carson Street Kew, Vic 3101 Read the Paul Harris Society Newsletter HERE:

#### **Belle Nuit, Nuit D'Amour**

Rotary Club Caulfield present a Musical Event at St. John's Uniting Church, 567 Glenhuntly Rd. Elsternwick

A concert with Alan Kogosowski (International Pianist and Emily Xiao Wang (Soprano) and Galit Klas (Soprano). This will be a fun afternoon of music with piano, and two very different style Soloists.

This is to take place in a wonderful old church with great acoustics. SUNDAY 19th JUNE 3pm Tickets \$25,\$20(Concession), Booking 95701954 or 95327593

We will have a panel discussion, moderated by DG Julie Mason, entitled "Our Foundation at Work - Doing Good in the World" Other panellists will include PDG John Wigley, AG Maria Silber, Bill Oakley, RC North Balwyn, and TRF Alumna Stephanie Woollard









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## **District Governor Changeover**

District Governor Julie Mason and Governor Elect Neville John and Rebecca have great pleasure in inviting you and your partner to join them in an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment at the 2016-2017 District 9800 Governor Changeover lunch, which will be held at the RACV City Club on **Sunday 26 June**. This function is kindly being hosted by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise, and is sponsored/supported by DESA Australia Pty Limited and the RACV City Club. You can book using Try



Bookings <u>www.trybooking.com/198918</u>, or for manual registration, by completing the booking form <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions please contact Bernie or Marjorie Gerlinger on email <u>marbern@bigpond.net.au</u>.

We look forward to you joining Julie, Neville and Rebecca for a reflection on the year of 'Being a Gift to the World' and handing over to a year of 'Rotary Serving Humanity'.

## **Camberwell Rotary Art Show**

Swinburne University, from 9 to 17 July. Over 1,500 paintings and all of them will be offered for sale.

A package for clubs to hold a regular meeting at the show is available. It includes Admission to the Show, Lunch or dinner including a glass of wine, and a free tour of the Show with an art expert. Cost \$25 per person for a minimum of 20 people. Call Geoff Angus, 0408 348 212 or email to geoffangus@bigpond.com.



**Final Report and Farewell Visit by Daryl Mills Rotary Liaison Office Timor Leste 26th July.** The Rotary Club of Balwyn 6.15 for 6.45pm at Green Acres Golf Club 51 Elm Street, Kew

Cost: \$30.00 for two course meal – drinks at bar prices

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

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

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

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## **Our Contributors**



District Governor Julie Mason of Wyndham RC always writes a lovely column for "The Networker"



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



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



District Secretary Mark Stephens is always sending us interesting and useful stuff to print.



Our Girl Friday Clarice was asked why she writes a column in "Networker". "Well, why not?" was her reply.



Dennis Shore of Hawthorn Rotary was District Governor of D9800 in 2012-2013



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



District Image Guru, Adrian Nelson, tells us about some famous people he has met through Rotary.



K.R. Ravindran is President of Rotary International for the year 2015-2016