



DG's Weekly Message

FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

December marks what is officially designated as Family Month in the Rotary calendar. In our District we have referred to it more commonly as Family of Rotary Month. Both descriptions are relevant and appropriate.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year we are more conscious of a focus on family and family reunions. People of most faiths (or even no religious faith) celebrate on some level, commerce slows down and many families take their annual holidays. So December is indeed a time to reflect on family values and how Rotary shapes those values. In Rotary we see our life priorities as family, work and then Rotary. But ideally we should not isolate Rotary from our family life. In some clubs, children are not only welcome but an integral part of Rotary meetings.



Where it is difficult for the family to be involved on a regular basis with our Rotary activities there is a lot to be said for putting aside a day for some event that does involve all of the family. Some clubs have Christmas parties for the children (or perhaps in many cases,



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

grandchildren) and some clubs make one of their regular meetings a family Christmas function. In families where the children are adults, perhaps use this time of the year to invite them to a Rotary meeting to remind them, if nothing else, where the Rotarian disappears to on a regular basis.

Beyond the immediate family is the family of Rotary. This is a large family indeed. The members include the alumni of all the programs that Rotary supports directly and indirectly. There are the major programs such as Youth Exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, GSE, NYSEF, Ambassadorial, Peace and Global Grant Scholars and many others. Sadly we all too often lose contact with these family members after they complete their program. It is the responsibility of Rotarians to do our best to keep them within the family of Rotary. Sometimes, like close family, there is a breakdown in the relationship and we go our separate ways. Too often it is the Rotary club that fails to reach out and keep that relationship vibrant or at least ongoing.

Most of us individually have many names on our Christmas list for which the annual exchange of cards is the only regular contact. It costs nothing to send an annual email or Facebook message to our past program alumni each year, other than the effort to do so. Obviously the list will be difficult to maintain as

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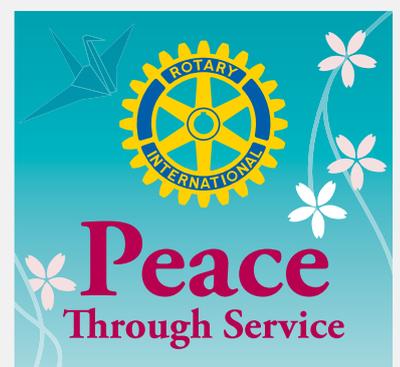
Clarice Caricare

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

Send Clarice an e-mail at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au



December is Family of Rotary Month



the years go by but if these family members feel that we care, they will make the effort to ensure that we know how to contact them.

We should ideally not just keep in contact annually. These alumni have been the beneficiaries of Rotary generosity and it is not unreasonable for us to ask them for assistance occasionally for some of our projects.

We should also ideally invite them to club functions from time to time. Many prominent Rotarians began their Rotary journey by participating in Rotary programs. How often do they have to wait for the invitation to be asked to become a Rotarian? It will not always be the right time for program participants to become Rotarians, especially our exchange students but if we keep track of them and they know we really care, that time may come sooner than we expect.



This week I had the pleasure of attending the annual RYLA camp. Many Rylarians stay on with the program for many years as facilitators and by the time they move on they have a better knowledge of Rotary and Rotary programs than do many Rotarians. These outstanding young people have all the attributes to make them valuable Rotarians. If some Rotary clubs can appear a bit confronting to a younger person they can join Rotaract or one the many clubs that have a much younger age demographic than the average Rotary club.

Even if they do not join Rotary I am certain that they will remain significant contributing members of the Rotary family and will certainly make themselves available to assist Rotary into the future but it is up to Rotary to make sure that we do not lose touch with them.

A core value of Rotary is diversity and just like a regular family, the family of Rotary shines when all of our programs and their participants are in the picture. Yes most families these days are nuclear families but the memorable family photographs are those with Mum, Dad, the kids, the grandkids and the grandparents, captured in those special moments when we are all together.

It does take an effort to keep the family together but why not allocate this task to Rotarians in a club who may not be able to do as much of the active hands on work as they used to do. What better job than to facilitate the ongoing connection.

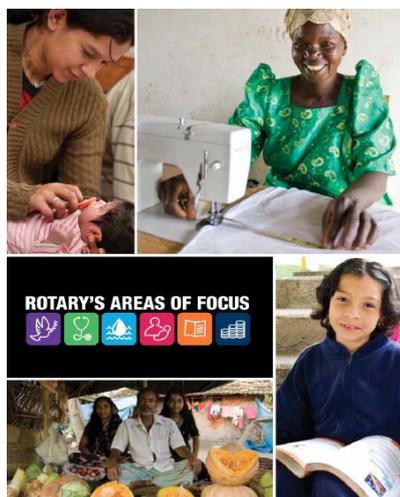
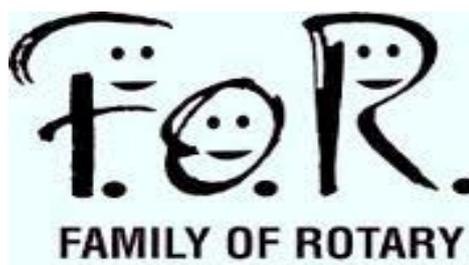
As a District we are making a concerted effort to reach back to our Foundation alumni, the past GSE team members, Ambassadorial Scholars and Peace Scholars and participants in other Foundation programs. The good news is that many of those alumni are Rotarians or have been Rotarians but sadly many have drifted away. But

it is not just a District responsibility to reconnect with alumni.



At the RYLA camp it was great to see so many representatives from clubs that had sponsored Rylarians and the same was true at the recent outgoing Youth Exchange orientation day. It would be great if clubs could make a New Year resolution to keep our family of Rotary connected, perhaps establishing a new committee for Club Alumni Liaison. This could be the start of a long term membership solution. Even if it is not, clubs will be rewarded by being part of the journey through life of these young people and the knowledge that your club had again made a difference. Rotary is amazing in so many ways but to know that we were fundamental in shaping the pathway of a life and providing future community leadership, well that would be really amazing.

Dennis Shore,
District Governor.





Tom Henderson and ShelterBox in Acrimonious Divorce

From District 1080 News

In a statement, issued on November 15th, that will have come as a shock to many Rotarians and supporters of the ShelterBox charity, it was announced that Tom Henderson, the former Chief Executive Officer and Founder of ShelterBox had been dismissed following an appeal against his original dismissal on 24 July.

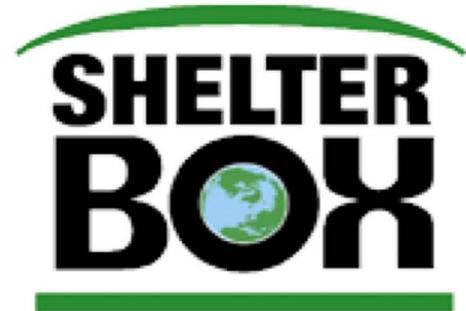
The statement said that “The ShelterBox Board undertook an investigation following an alleged breach of related party transaction policy by Tom Henderson and his failure to protect the charity’s intellectual property ownership. The outcome was that he was unwilling or unable to understand or adhere to critical procedures, designed to safeguard the charity. Alongside this was the necessity to report this to the Charity Commission – in addition to reporting the incident, evidence would be needed of how the trustees would be able to ensure that the charity was never exposed to such a risk again. The trustees were in full agreement that Tom Henderson was no longer able to fulfill the executive CEO role without posing a risk to the charity”.

It was made clear that the trustees had lost trust and confidence in Tom Henderson and that there had been protracted negotiations in which he had been offered the opportunity to step aside and assume a “founder-presidential role” but that it had become clear that, for Mr Henderson, it had become “CEO or nothing”.

“There were numerous attempts at negotiation but due to a deterioration in the behaviour of the former CEO, posing further risk to the charity both legally and reputationally, on 23 July the trustees unanimously voted that Tom could no longer remain as CEO with immediate effect.”

The grounds for the dismissal were gross misconduct and the statement outlined various reasons including the need, on August 8th, to submit a serious incident report to the Charity Commission. “The Commission states that a charity must submit such a report if the charity is at risk or there is a potential risk, that will endanger or damage the business, assets, reputation or services of that charity”.

The statement concludes “ShelterBox has a vision to become the world leader in providing effective emergency shelter to those in desperate need. In any survival situation, the provision of shelter creates the will to survive and from that flows the restoration of dignity and first steps along the path to recovery. And that is what we do best and that is what we are going to do now – in working with Syrian refugees, and in Haiti, Nigeria, Guatemala and in any other country around the world where people need our help”.



Top - Dismissed CEO and ShelterBox Founder, Tom Henderson

Above - Ian Munday of the Board of Trustees, who issued the statement regarding the dismissal

Geneva Academy International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

By Romy Green, D9800 Global Grant Scholar

As I sit down to begin my studies for my first exam period - desk piled with books on conflict and human rights, stomach full of yummy Swiss cheese, and rugged up against the snow outside - I take a moment to think about the path which led me here. In particular, I consider how fortunate I am to be one of the first recipients of Rotary's new Global Grant under the branch of peace and conflict prevention and resolution. This scholarship has enabled me to participate in the LLM program at the ADH Geneva Academy, studying a Masters in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

Having spent the past few years working with various human rights organisations in Australia, Tanzania, Ghana and the UK, I was eager to ensure I had a solid theoretical foundation to support my work in the field. The ADH course is unique in the combination of subjects covered. Rather than focusing purely on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) or Human Rights, this course has a dual focus, incorporating a number of subjects that interest me such as refugee law and transitional justice. This particular program has a strong focus on the application of human rights law in times of armed conflict, highlighting aspects of conflict prevention and resolution.

The Rotary grant has, however, provided me with many benefits additional to the academic experience: the opportunity to live in Geneva, a hub of international of human rights; to utilise the extensive connections of the AHD with organisations and individuals who specialise in the field of the IHL and human rights; to take classes in French and improve my language skills; and to participate in professionalising activities at some of the most influential organisations in the field.

I am now nearly half way through, and this experience has more than exceeded my expectations. In addition to a heavy workload, the opportunities to learn outside the classroom and make valuable contacts are endless. I am inspired and engaged at every level of my day-to-day life. In the classroom I am taught by highly esteemed academics and experts, while outside the classroom I have the opportunity to attend conferences and briefings on every aspect of the industry.

In my first week in I attended an award ceremony for Human Rights Defenders where I met Luon Sovath, the Cambodian monk who won the 2012 award for his work documenting forced evictions. I have attended sessions of the (UN) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of which one of my professors is a member. I attended a briefing on the current draft of the Arms Trade Treaty which is currently being negotiated, as well as lectures by eminent professors of international law such as Georges Abi-Saab.



Being based in Geneva has allowed me to nurture relationships I have formed throughout my career and to attend professional events representing organisations I have previously been involved, with such as a conference held by the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) on unarmed civilian peacekeeping. Living and studying in Geneva, at the heart of the industry, has enabled me to broaden my understanding and have exposure to different aspects of it.



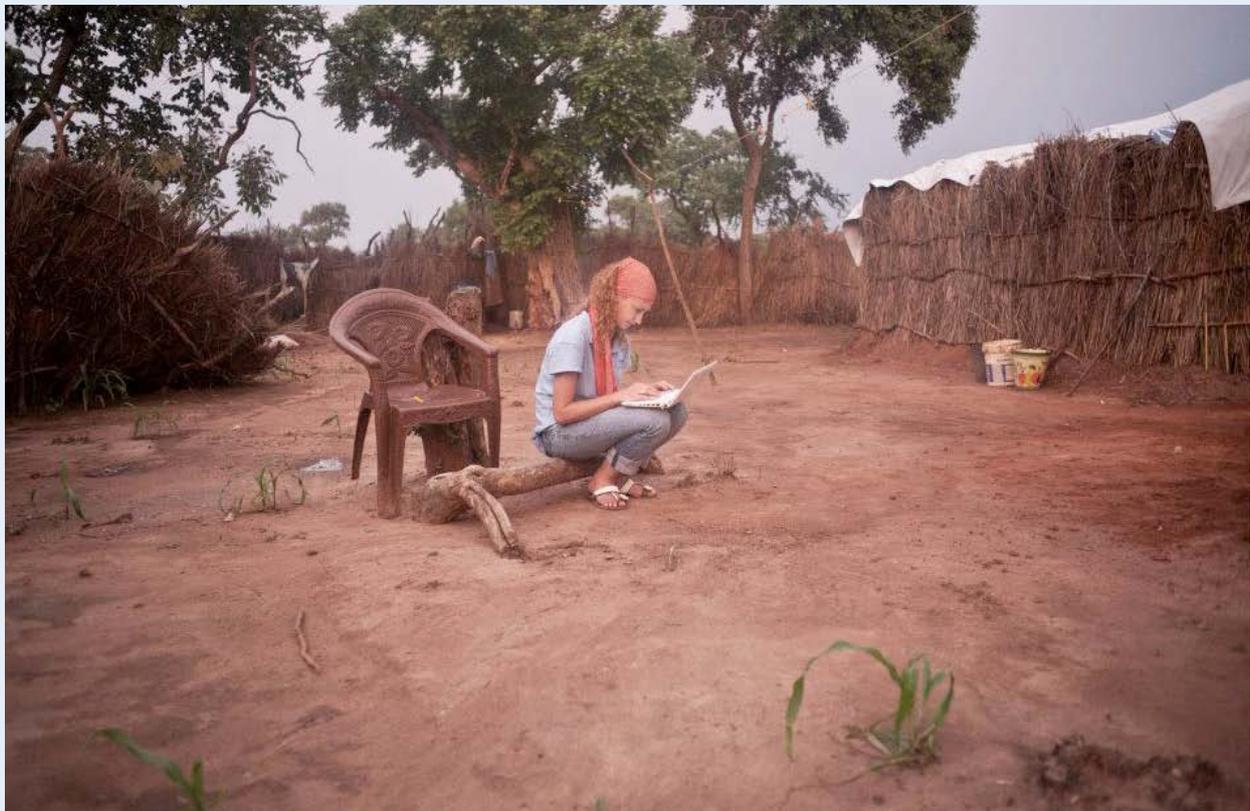


The support I have received from the Rotary community from my very first contact has had an incredible impact on my experience to date. I have been moved by the genuine enthusiasm and interest from every individual I have met. I could not have envisaged that I would have received so much support on a global scale. The assistance and guidance I received in the application process was my first real introduction to Rotary. Throughout this process I became involved with the activities of a number of the clubs and individuals in the 9800 District, where I came to understand the connection between my work and the values of Rotary. With each contact I felt that people really supported both my studies and, further, where this would lead me in my career. This support was evident when I had the opportunity to return to South Sudan to work in a refugee camp before commencing my

studies. Given the remote location of my work meant I would be out of communication for much of the time, I was concerned about the disruption this would cause to the application process. I was touched by the support I received during that period, which highlighted to me the true commitment of Rotary to peace and conflict resolution. The assistance I received from Rotary affirmed to me the goodwill of so many people, and further strengthened my resolve to do this sort of work. I was so honoured to receive the award; that I got the news whilst I was in the field was such a surreal affirmation of the values of Rotary and the individuals it comprises, for the effort they went to on my behalf.

Since arriving in Geneva I have continued to benefit from and be supported by the Rotary community. My contact in Geneva put me at ease straight away and I appreciated the warmth of the hospitality and generosity shown to me. The ability to meet with like-minded people has made the transition much smoother. My involvement with Rotary also challenges me in new ways, for example making a presentation to the Rotary club in Geneva in French. I feel like Rotary has provided me with an extra family both in Geneva and at home who support my efforts to strengthen my ability to work in the field of peace and conflict resolution.

I would like to thank The Rotary Foundation, Camberwell, North Melbourne and Balwyn clubs for their support. In particular I would like to thank Don Jago, Justine Paragreen, Neville Page, Michael Hennessy, Ian Hill, David Gorman, John Davis, and Jim Studebaker. I am so grateful for all the assistance I continue to receive from you. My experience to date has been so valuable with every aspect of my daily life absorbed by issues of international conflict and humanitarian assistance and human rights. I have no doubt this will continue after my exams in January, when I will have the opportunity to complete an internship together with my studies, allowing me to make meaningful connections for my future career. Following this I will have time to write an extended paper on a subject of my choice, which I look forward to as an opportunity to draw from both my experiences in the field and the knowledge I have gained over this year.



Photos were taken in the refugee camp in Yeda, South Sudan, where Romy worked for UNHCR on her way to Geneva

ROTARY CLUB of OSAKA CELEBRATES its 90th ANNIVERSARY

By Robert Fisher, RC Melbourne

Osaka is a Sister Club of the RC of Melbourne, which of course celebrated its 90th last year. So we have age in common, and we are of similar size.

Earlier this month a delegation of eight Rotarians (including three spouses) travelled from Melbourne to Japan to participate in the festivities. It was a cultural experience on many levels:

History – new blends with old. Modern buildings of extraordinarily high quality sit alongside carefully preserved structures that may be ten or more centuries old; in crowded streets, ladies dressed in the traditional kimono sail past others in Western attire.

Style – even those of us who would not rate shopping among the most favourite pursuits would concede that everything is beautifully crafted and packaged in the thousands of retail outlets; food is amazingly healthy and impeccably prepared.

Pride – where in the world would you find taxi drivers in their pristine vehicles wearing bow ties and happily handing out complimentary packets of tissues to their passengers?

Respect – as one takes advantage of the subways and rail networks (bullet trains fly past suburban express trains), small courtesies are evident everywhere among fellow travellers.

Organisation – our hosts made extensive arrangements to ensure that we saw everything possible in the few days we had, both in Osaka and the surrounding region: towns like Kyoto, Nara and Hiroshima.

Efficiency – everything runs like clockwork. People all appear to be earnest in their endeavours, and if the hotel courtesy bus is scheduled to leave at 09h15, it leaves the concourse on the button of 09h15.

Fellowship – the anniversary itself was a perfect mix of formal and informal. There were over 70 attendees from twenty Japanese Rotary Clubs, 20 international visitors and over 230 from Osaka RC itself. There were speeches from the President and Past President of Osaka RC, the District Governor, the President Elect of Seoul RC and President Clive Weeks of Melbourne RC. There was beautiful music from the internationally renowned violinist Akiko Suwanai before the “Family Banquet” which included indigenous entertainment and songs from the magnificent Osaka RC “Glee Club”, a choir comprising members, partners and their children.

These are just a few of the indelible impressions that would certainly encourage this Rotarian to ensure that visitors coming our way are accorded a similar welcome.



Photos:

Top: The visiting Melbourne Rotarians at Osaka Castle.

Left: One of the many magnificent table settings at the 90th Anniversary Dinner.

A Compliment from Zimbabwe

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

It was an unforgettable experience when our District 9800 Friendship Exchange party crossed into Zimbabwe from Zambia last year.

One surprise was the warthog packs scampering along the footpaths of the town of Victoria Falls. Another was being offered a Zim\$100 trillion souvenir banknote for \$US1. The biggest surprise was that Rotary clubs in Zimbabwe had not merely survived the troubles there but were back in action giving support to stricken individuals and groups in that unlucky country.

I've just finished *"The Last Resort: A memoir of mischief and mayhem on a family farm in Africa"*, by Douglas Rogers, a fellow journo whose elderly parents' backpacker resort and game farm in Zimbabwe was beleaguered for years by Mugabe's "war veterans" and venal bureaucrats. All around, farmers (white and black) were being thrown off their land, bashed and murdered. I won't spoil the plot but want to mention a passage on page 116, which caused me to nearly fall off my chair:

"I was surprised to discover, however, that my parents had made black friends down at the camp now, people every bit as interesting to them as their formerly all-white clientele. Dad spoke in amazement of an electrician he had met named Brian Ndlovu, who stayed for a week while fixing the wiring in the lodge soon after Dawson [a sub-tenant] took over.

'He seemed like an ordinary bloke,' Dad told me. 'Matabele guy from Bulawayo, in his forties. Anyway, I go down to check on things one afternoon and I find him giving a lecture to the staff and a dozen guests by the pool. They're all sitting on the grass, listening to him talk. I'm thinking, What's this bloody bugger up to? [suspecting he might be an agitator from Mugabe's ZANU-PF party]. Turns out he's teaching them about HIV/AIDS – how it's killing so many people, how to prevent it, using protection, et cetera. I'm impressed. I thought he was just some cheapo electrician.

'When he's finished, I say, 'Brian, that was interesting, how do you know this stuff?' He tells me he's a member of Rotary! He did a course. He volunteers all over the country...

He goes to the dartboard and throws three triple twenties first go. Top score. I say, 'Bloody hell, Brian, that was good.' He says, 'Ja, thanks. I play in the big leagues...'

More about the book at www.douglasrogers.org



Author of "The Last Resort"
 Douglas Rogers

SECOND BITE

Formally established in 2005, SecondBite was the idea of Ian and Simone Carson who decided they could no longer watch good food go to waste whilst people went hungry. In its first year, SecondBite was run by just three volunteers in Victoria and moved just over 600kgs of food. Since then, the Melbourne hub has grown at an astounding rate with the generous support of volunteers, donors, and supporters alike.



Each week SecondBite deliver fresh produce to over 300 community food programs. These agencies are on the front line of food poverty, without them thousands of people would go without a daily meal.

SecondBite sources its fresh food from a wide variety of caterers, retailers, fresh food markets, supermarkets and growers, collecting excess produce and distributing it to food organisations like Fairshare and community groups such as St Mary's House of Welcome, who turn it into hampers, distributed meals and catering. Their 'fair go' policy ensures that large and small organisations alike have access to fresh food.

Victoria's Melbourne headquarters now operates with five vans, one truck, 23 staff and over 500 volunteers. In 2011 the Melbourne hub alone rescued over 800,000kgs of surplus food, and that figure doesn't include the Geelong hub or the award winning SecondBite Community Connect™ program.

Before SecondBite, agencies purchased much of their food with donated funds – often at retail prices. By saving money on their food bill, agencies can divert funds back into educational, social, recreational and outreach programs for their clients.

SecondBite simply would not exist without an amazing team of over 500 volunteers. If you would like to give something special back to your local community and have a positive impact on the environment, become an active part of the SecondBite Team and sign up as a volunteer. There are many ways to get involved:

- Join a team collecting surplus food from your local markets
- Assist in a warehouse, sorting food, preparing deliveries and cleaning
- Deliver food directly to a community food program in your own vehicle
- Share your admin skills in the office.
- Help with fundraising events and activities



Last week, SecondBite was announced the Winner of the Business 3000 Award in the Community Responsibility category at this years Annual Business 3000 Awards. The Business 3000 Awards promote the achievements and innovation of Melbourne businesses and their impact across the Melbourne City Council area.

<http://secondbite.org> ph 1800 263 283

Back to School Specials

District 9800 Education and Literacy Projects

Club Project: Education
Cost: Minimal Effort: Minimal Time: Minimal

Education and Literacy is one of Rotary International's six areas of focus. This is a project that everyone can get involved in: Rotarians, Family and Friends.

The request is that when anyone finds a "special", they buy a few. "Find" is the challenge as the stores won't give advanced notice and some hide them hoping people will buy the dearer ones. If all else fails ask.

"Restricted amounts" may be an issue with some promotions, but when people understand it's for Rotary and we give them away for free, good things happen.

This project provides an easy way for others to help Rotary and to let them know about how we are helping young people in developing countries.

As the specials are generally on when Clubs are closed and people are on holidays we may be adventurous and let people know via Facebook and Twitter.

Generally \$1.00 will provide a year's supply exercise books for four students.

An opportunity for your Club to make a real difference



Early January each year Stores offer promotional items at very attractive prices. Often exercise books and pencils; the main requirement for all classrooms, are available for a few cents.



More Graduates from the Rotary Leadership Institute

Last Sunday (25th November) another group of Rotarians graduated from the Rotary Leadership Institute upon the successful completion of Part 3 of this program.

The RLI program continues to grow in stature and is fast becoming a "must do" for Rotarians who are keen to find out how Rotary really runs and operates. The program will kick off again in February with Part 1 scheduled for 24th February and 14th April. Part 2 is set for 5th May and Part 3 on 2nd June.

In 2012 we have had a total of 54 graduates, 43 in Melbourne and 11 regional. This makes a total of 199 graduates since the first Part 3 was held in September 2009.

Our photo shows the graduates with trainers David Bennett and PDG Ann White



Fighting AIDS through Rotary

By Marion Bunch, Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (formerly RFFA)



World AIDS Day 1 December holds special meaning to me. I lost my second born child, Jerry, to AIDS early in the American epidemic (1994). At that time, the disease was so stigmatizing, I felt quite lonely not being able to discuss Jerry's illness with anyone outside my family. I never thought I'd do anything about it until one day, three years after his death, I felt a tap on the shoulder and a voice in my ear said "mom, get up and get going, you haven't done anything, and it's been three years."

It was an epiphany of a moment that completely altered the course of my life.

In 1998, I was propelled into taking the first step to begin a project in my Rotary club. The fact that our club president said 'yes' to my idea made me a passionate Rotarian for life! From the start, I realized that finding partner organizations in the field of HIV/AIDS would be important because Rotarians are not AIDS experts. I created a partnership program with a local AIDS service organization whereby together, we provided AIDS education in the middle schools of Georgia. This sobering program has now been seen by 450,000 students!

Read about Marion's incredible journey at <http://blog.rotary>.



The latest insanity from the UK

1 Dec 2012 MyChoice Australia

If you're lucky enough to look about 18, there's a good chance you'll be asked to provide ID at the supermarket to buy alcohol, knives or glue. Now an addition has been made to that list of potentially hazardous items – chocolate pudding.

Robert Nemeti was amazed when he was asked for ID while buying a microwaveable pudding at Tesco.

Mr Nemeti, 24, was going through the self-service checkout when an on-screen warning announced that his purchase had to be 'approved'.

A member of staff at the store in Southampton hurried over and asked Mr Nemeti to produce identification.

When asked why, the female assistant told him that the Cadbury Hot Chocolate Pudding would get hot when cooked and may burn him...



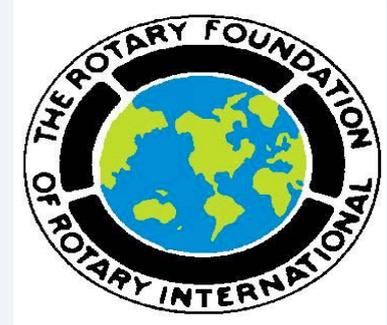


BRIMBANK CENTRAL FINALLY NUMBER 1

After finishing 3rd, then 2nd in the past few years for per capita Foundation Giving, the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central was presented with their "Number 1" banner this week by DG Keith Ryall. The Club achieved the remarkable figure of \$638.00 per capita to take the number one spot for District 9800 for 2011-12.

The effort was spearheaded by PP Howe Tan who when accepting the challenge of the role as Club Foundation Chair promised PP David Bennett that with a concerted effort by all that they could get there and they did.

Sincere thanks to all the members for their great support and contributions that helped make it happen.



Picture shows President Lou Gionfriddo, PP Howe Tan, PP David Bennett and DG Keith Ryall with the District Trophy and No1 Banner.



Win a Camera in Rotary's Contest

Rotary International News -- 26 November 2012

Do you have a great shot from a fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or a local club event? The Rotarian's 2013 photo contest is now underway. Enter up to three photos taken in 2012 or 2013 that illustrate the spirit of Rotary for a chance to win one of three cameras -- one Nikon digital SLR with lens or one of two Canon ultra-zoom point-and-shoots.



For inspiration, read an interview with award-winning photographer Harry Benson in the June 2012 issue and view a slideshow of top photos from last year's contest. You can also submit your photos:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071119_news_photocontestpromo.aspx

Top: Carlo Antonio Romero, a member of the Rotary Club of Cagayan do Oro City, Philippines, earned a spot in the pages of The Rotarian magazine with this shot, taken in Gitagum.

Right: Clarice took a photo for "Boroondara Cares" at Katunga, Victoria, but was too busy to submit it for the contest. Would she have won a prize?



Notices and Events

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

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

Footy Tipping for Xmas Presents

Rotary's premier footy tipping competition will start again soon.

No doubt those of you who participated in our inaugural Rotary Aussiefootytips competition last year can hardly wait to rejoin, and we urge you to do so now and beat the rush.

We will once again be running our Christmas Rotary Aussiefooty voucher which solves that difficult person to buy for dilemma.

Why not use \$25 Rotary Aussiefootytips vouchers as staff Christmas presents? Good idea!

Big prizes once again and we will continue to support Australian Childhood Foundation and The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. This year we hope to welcome the Australian Rotary Health fund as one of our principal Charity partners.

As we prepare for the 2013 competition we are seeking sponsorship and inviting you to forward the names of any companies or people you know who might be interested. All we need are the names and we will make contact.

Please forward suggestions to Noel Halford 0419018901 or noelhalford@gmail.com

Enter for tipping at <http://www.aussiefootytips.org/>



Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

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

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

This is your chance to stock up for Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted. Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or gpnnoonan@tpg.com.au.



Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

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

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

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



TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

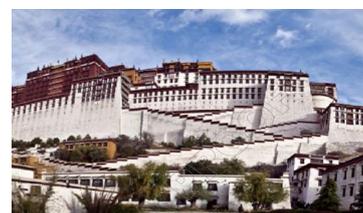
The 2013 Calendar showing some selected pictures from Tibet is a desk unit with it's own stand. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling.

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

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

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

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



Xmas Hams

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

PICKUP THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 7.00 to 9.00 am

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

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

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Phone: Richard Logan 9296 2100 Philip Stewart 0400 827 575





Notices and Events



- **Group: Official Rotary International Group**
- **Subject**
- **Announcement from Official Rotary International Group**

Your vote could help Rotary give airline miles for humanitarian projects -- and be first this year for United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway! Until 25 December, vote daily for Rotary on each of your devices such as laptop, smartphone, tablet, etc. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive. So forward the link <http://10millioncharitymiles.com/charity/39> to everyone you know. Last year, we took second in the contest, receiving 2.5 million charity miles. We're in fourth now and need your votes!

Posted By Antoinette Tuscano

DECEMBER 2012

4-16th Dec PAINT IN THE PARK DAY

EXHIBITION Dec 4-16 ,
Rotary Club of Caulfield,
Glen Eira Artists' Society:
The results of the Paint
in the Park Day are now
available for all to see:
Glen Eira City Council
Gallery, cnr Glen Eira &
Hawthorn Roads
Gallery hours: Monday
to Friday 10am–
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8th Dec MURRUMBEENA COMMUNITY MARKET

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





8th Dec

TRIVIA NIGHT - RC Melbourne Park

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



10th Dec

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Paul Bateman, Director VICTORIAN MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

‘Managing Victoria’s Extraordinary Cultural Diversity’

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



11th Dec

Docklands and Southbank Rotary Christmas Party

Tuesday the 11th of December - that’s Level 89 of the Eureka Tower - Melbourne’s ultimate view.

Situated 300 metres above sea level, with floor to ceiling windows, Eureka89 (Eureka Tower, 7 Riverside Quay, Southbank) provides a breathtaking backdrop to celebrate our fellowship and achievements through Rotary. To ensure the festive cheer is in full swing, Jonathon Welch will be joining us to lead Christmas Carols and sing festive favourites to make for a special atmosphere. The event runs from 6:30pm until 9:30pm and tickets cost \$70, including delicious canapés and drinks.

Please RSVP to Narina Amvazas on 0430 189 622 or narina.amvazas@rotary.to by Friday 7th December to let us know you will be there.



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DG's Weekly Message

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Now just where did the year go?

All of 2012 seems to have gone by so quickly and the almost first half of the Rotary year seems to have happened in a heartbeat.

In this Rotary Family month, it is a time of course to focus on your immediate family as Christmas draws near. Whether this time of the year has a religious significance for you or not, it is a time to really be thankful for what we have, especially your family and all those near and dear to you.

Many Rotary clubs are having Christmas functions over the next week or so where the emphasis is on fellowship but it is also a time when clubs are recognising people or organisations in the community who put in something extra and in so doing have made a real contribution to helping someone, somewhere – perhaps in the local community or elsewhere in the world. Those who have been recognised by Rotary perhaps with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition or an Appreciation Award in the case of businesses have assisted Rotary in tangible and positive ways. This is Rotary's way of saying thank you and letting them know that their support has been appreciated.

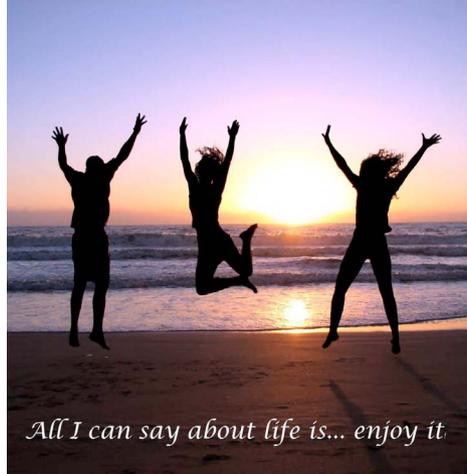
As we sit around the table and share what will be for most of us a sumptuous and enjoyable family meal at Christmas, perhaps we should also pause to reflect about what it is that we commit to as Rotarians.

There is currently one of those



District Governor Dennis Shore and Lynda

anonymous emails doing the rounds. You know the ones; with powerful images and haunting music but this is one that could have been created for Rotary. Let me quote a few words from that email. They are powerful even without the compelling images that accompany them.



"Enjoy your life how it is and how it comes. Some things are worse for others and much better for us."

"There are many things in your life that will catch your eye, but only a few will catch your heart."

"Observe around you and be thankful for all that you have in this transitory lifetime."

"We are fortunate we have much more than what we need to be content. Let us complain less and give more".

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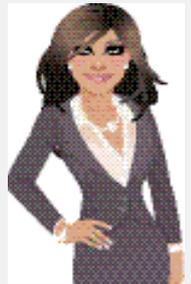
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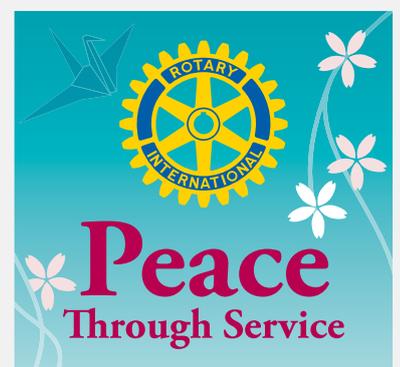
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December is Family of Rotary Month





This is the world that we see as Rotarians and defines pretty much how we act as Rotarians. We don't just acknowledge the world as it is but we set out to do something about it. Rotary won't necessarily be at the front of our focus over the Christmas period but often this quiet time is an opportunity to think about what it is we do or can do as Rotarians. It provides opportunities to stock take what we have done in this Rotary year and to think about how we can deliver Service above Self more effectively over the next six months of this Rotary year.

We have achieved a lot in Rotary this year. As I look back over the Rotary year since July the first, I am reminded of many things. As Governor it has been the opportunity to visit all the clubs, either as an "official" visit or for special occasions. We have had the pleasure of meeting so many Rotarians and friends of Rotary and what a great experience that has been. What I've seen are so many Rotarians in so many clubs doing amazing things. Our Conference theme of **"Rotary – it's amazing"** was an obvious choice to Tony Charlton, our Conference program Chair, who suggested the theme. But it is so obvious that it immediately clicked. Our clubs demonstrate this time after time. Every club that I visit has such an amazing array of programs that even the most hard-hearted of us could not fail to be impressed.

Beyond the direct programs of the clubs are those that we all share. I've been to the selection days for NYSF candidates, RYLA and Youth Exchange orientation. These programs are really important programs for Rotary. But there are all the selection interviews for Peace Scholars, Ambassadorial and Global Grant Scholars and Group Study Exchange Team members. Through all of these programs we are contributing to Rotary's goals and objectives. I've seen hands on projects and discussed the value of the work done overseas with those Rotarians who have donated their time and their expenses to participate in the myriad of overseas hands-on projects undertaken by Rotary. All of these things enrich not only the participants but other Rotarians who work tirelessly to make them happen.

These programs very much exemplify the third and fourth objects of Rotary. The third object is "The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life". The fourth

object is "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service". As Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka reminds us, "in Rotary, service is much more than a sideline or an occasional pursuit; it is a way of life".

When we do our work as Rotarians we are not necessarily thinking in terms of the objectives but we are doing what we know is right and what makes a difference.

Somewhere at the back of our minds as we focus on friends and family I would encourage us all to take a moment to think about what we have and what others do not. Think about how we can leverage the opportunity of service through the work of Rotary to make a difference to the life of someone we may never meet in a country we may never visit or to engage face to face in our local community with those that we do meet and through a program in which we can directly participate. It is all important and every bit helps.

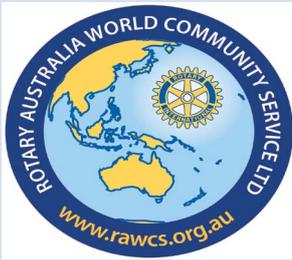
This edition of Networker will be the last for 2012 but it will be back in January sharing news about the activities in our Clubs and the District and providing information about the work of Rotary.

May I therefore take the opportunity of this edition of Networker to thank all Rotarians and the family of Rotary for their support and commitment to Rotary over in this year of Peace through Service? Lynda joins with me in wishing you all a peaceful and happy Christmas, one in which we reconnect and recommit to family, and we wish you a wonderful year ahead in 2013. Above all I hope that we all continue to appreciate our good fortune of having the privilege of living in Australia. It is far from perfect but we are blessed that we are able to enjoy what this country has to offer when there is so much tragedy and ill will in the world around us.

**Dennis Shore,
District Governor.**



New Chairman of RAWCS



Rowan McClean is the new Chairman of RAWCS for District 9800. He commenced his career in a Melbourne Chartered Accounting and then with a leading international management consultancy. He has been involved in international projects for more than 40 years.



Rowan worked and lived in Papua New Guinea (Senior Business Development Officer), in Canada (with Indian and Inuit enterprises), in Indonesia (Trade Commissioner for projects and industrial areas, then as CEO of an international management consultancy), and in Japan (recruiting senior Japanese managers for international companies). Assignments took him to many other countries.

From 2007 to 2011 Rowan consulted to the United Nations (WTO/UNCTAD) strengthening service industries in Pakistan, The Philippines, Vietnam and China.

He was Chairman of Professional Solutions Australia, a network of internationally experienced professionals seeking overseas projects, and has been a CEO and Director of a number of organisations, including Dench McClean Carlson which he co-founded in 1990 and which remains an active management consulting practice in Melbourne's CBD.

Having joined Rotary in the 1990's, Rowan's overseas commitments made Rotary membership impractical and he rejoined four years ago. In 2008, he commenced Overseas Kids Foundation, which is active in Vietnam and in Indonesia supporting education, health and community projects. Rotary is not officially in Vietnam, so OKF is a very useful partner at this time.



Rowan McClean is currently Director of Community Service (incorporating International) for the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. He has an accounting qualification and an MBA (Ivey Business School, Canada), and is a Certified Management Consultant, a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants and a Paul Harris Fellow. He is committed to international service and to supporting people who wish to help those living less fortunate lives.

HELP ROTARY WIN MORE MILES

United Airlines is once again giving away 10 million miles to its charity miles partners as part of a year-end gift. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive through 25 December. Your vote could help Rotary win a greater share of miles.

- [Vote for Rotary](#)

Charity Miles provide transportation for Rotary International's Gift of Life surgical teams. Last year, these teams traveled to Haiti and El Salvador, where volunteer doctors and nurses from the United States performed life-saving heart surgery on many children and provided important training for local doctors. Charity Miles also help Rotary International transport Iraqi children with birth defects to U.S. hospitals for treatments they cannot receive at home.

Charity Miles are also used to send volunteers to help immunize children during National Immunization Days. And, Charity Miles provide airfare for financially disadvantaged Rotary youth exchange students so they may live and study overseas for one school year, enabling 8,000 secondary school students to study abroad in 80 countries around the world



PRIP Frank Devlyn writes:

Hola Amigos:

Hope you are voting everyday for Rotary International at the United Airlines Contest to help win part of the 10 million charity miles we use for volunteers and for persons needing help. All you have to do is click on everyday until Dec.26th.

<http://10millioncharitymiles.com/charity/39>

Hope you get all your contacts to also vote and you ask them to do this EVERYDAY...

Your Amigo in Mexico City,

*Frank Devlyn
Past President of Rotary International
www.FrankDevlyn.org*

GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

By Anne Scott, OAM, Former President of the Olave Baden-Powell Society

HRH Princess Azizah of Malaysia came to Sydney in September for the first meeting of the Australian Friends of the Asia Pacific WAGGGS of which she is patron. She had just been to a meeting of the committee in Hong Kong where the membership levels were discussed and a corporate membership introduced – previously all donations had come from individuals. She mentioned that she was coming to Melbourne to visit her aunt and could we have a lunch so she could meet donors and promote the leadership training and international opportunities being carried out in the Region for girls and young women.

Over the same time the Rotary Club of Hawthorn was looking for helpers for the Garden Design Fest and I was asked if the guides in Boroondara would help. Instead of receiving some funds from the club for their contribution as indicated I asked if the club would become a corporate member – the first in Australia - as it fitted into the Rotary mission. It also gave the guides who helped at the garden as their service project the knowledge that they were indirectly helping other guides.

At the lunch there were several people from different organisations who were learning of the enormous work needed to improve the lives of millions of girls across the Region and what the Guides are endeavouring to do to make a difference. Thank you Hawthorn Rotary for leading the way.



Photos: Princess Azizah shares a joke with Anne Scott OAM and Danish Girl Guide and Exchange Student Anemone Kirk
 Hawthorn Rotarians with Princess Azizah and Exchange Student Anemone Kirk

Princess Azizah has been an active member of Girl Guides Malaysia since she was a girl. She is a member of the Olave Baden Powell Society, and a member of Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS. As well she is an Ambassador for OB-PS and Chairman of FAPW, Malaysia.

In May this year Princess Azizah was awarded the Global Empowerment Award 2012. This award honours individuals who inspire economic and social progress across the world. A recipient of this award makes an extraordinary impact on every cause to which she commits herself. Princess Azizah has numerous roles. To each she shows passion energy and strategic thinking.

A very special project of hers has been the establishment of the Princess Azizah Fertility Foundation which enables poor and needy childless couples to realise their dreams of having a family. Through this program over the past 6-7 years almost 100 babies have brought indescribable joy to families who would otherwise have been denied that opportunity. This is direct personal intervention that changes lives.

In addition to all the other community projects she has either started or is involved with, Princess Azizah is very actively involved in the Associated Country Women of the World, particularly in the Asia Pacific area.

Royal Blessing for DIK Containers

By Rachel Smith, Lasallian Foundation

An update on the three containers recently dispatched to PNG with DIK's help. Every thing was without incident although containers were kept on port side for over ten days awaiting clearance. But all is well. All goods arrived unscathed and distribution is well under way. The demountable 9x9 meter classroom shifted courtesy of Seacom is being assembled in the hinterland some three hours out from Port Moresby. It will serve as a pre school for the children of the immediate locale and of the teaching staff . A wonderful adjunct.

The clothing, books, furniture , 300 chairs, computers, Karcher high pressure cleaning tools, toys, medical aids such as wheel chairs and mattresses have brought great happiness and relief. The thanks have been profuse and I happily pass them on to you. The children living in the settlements around Port Moresby will be greatly enriched with the clothing and educational aids.

Our Center for school dropouts or those for whom there was no place for them to attend, Hohola Youth Development Center, was visited by Prince Charles and Lady Camilla, the only school to be so chosen in PNG. The containers were on site and royally blessed. So many people contributed to this successful intervention and I thank you all. A wonderful Christmas gift to this impoverished region in our back yard. Be content knowing you have brought about so much joy. I wish all a very happy Christmas. I am hoping we can the do same again later in 2013.



Register by 15 December for Best Price on Lisbon Convention

Register for the 2013 RI Convention by 15 December to save up to \$100 off the onsite registration fee. Why attend? Deborah Bowen, of the Rotary Club of Top of the Lake-Mooresville, shares her reasons. Bowen attended her first convention in Chicago in 2005 as a centennial club president. "When I saw the flags from all the Rotary countries, I felt a lump in my throat. You had me at the flag ceremony!"



- Register by 15 December and save
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/Register/Pages/RegistrationFees.aspx>
- Learn more about why you should attend
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/whyattend/Pages/ridefault.aspx>
- Learn about Lisbon's attractions and nightlife
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/PlanYourVisit/VivaLisbon/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

KINDERBOXES ON THE PALLET, LITTLE BOXES PACKED WITH NIC-NACKIES . . .

By Annie Wysham, RC Richmond Marketing Chair

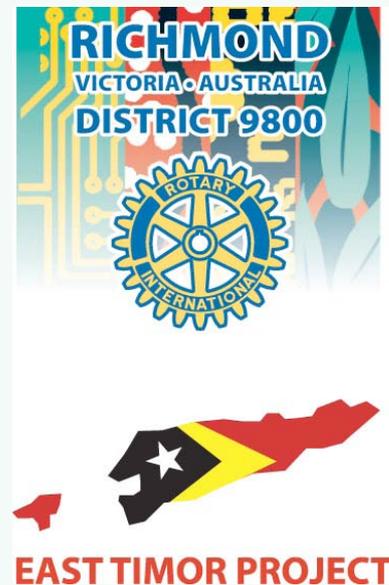
Boxes ain't just boxes folks!

These boxes (pictured) are full of valued treasures for the Rotary Club of Richmond's Timor-Leste Kindergarten Project. They are packed with picture story books, paper, folders, stick tape dispensers and a great variety of donated items.

Includes some brand new items from OfficeMax, a DIK supporter where a lot of brand new office supplies come from for the Timor-Leste Kindergarten Project. A second pallet has also been prepared to be sent by DIK in a shipment to East Timor.

The Timor-Leste Kindergarten Project is a Rotary Club of Richmond project, instigated in 2008 and driven by Barbara Woodberry.

No, boxes ain't just boxes – they also represent the great work that the DIK volunteers do, plus demonstrate their excellent support for this project. Bronwyn Stephens, RC South Melbourne, a DIK volunteer, packed the pallet pictured. [Thank you – great work Bronwyn!]



"DIK go about their business quietly - the doers of this world. Exemplars of what I think Rotary is about." Barbara Woodberry stated. "... [DIK] help me a lot by doing the physical work for me."

There is an ongoing need for activity-based learning resources and the Club is now sourcing second-hand items of general educational value to be shipped across to the new Timor-Leste kindergartens/schools.

Contact is Trevor Pang, RC Richmond International Chair - E: tpang@premiertrading.com.au
M: 0413 618 883

Timor-Leste Kindergarten Kindy Box Project "From little things big things grow" [http://rotaryrichmond.org.au/Newsletter%202012_2%20\(Repaired\).pdf](http://rotaryrichmond.org.au/Newsletter%202012_2%20(Repaired).pdf)

Santa in Dili

By Daryl Mills, Rotary Liason Officer, Timor

It's always a momentous occasion, and last Sunday was no exception. 800 to 1000 orphans and disadvantaged kids rocked up at the World Bank gardens. They got fed, played games and received a gift from Santa.



The kids arrived in droves.....
The queue just went on and on and on and on and on and on and on.....

Santa, dressed in a thick velvet suit designed for a COLD Christmas, gave out gifts for almost three hours in blistering temperatures of around 35C+!!
Many of the gifts came from three primary schools in

Noosa, QLD, Australia, shipped out to Dili by Rotary. Shoe boxes filled with gifts, letters and pictures then wrapped and decorated by the kids and their families, so every gift was individual and special.



Kids stuff chosen by kids for kids.....

And everyone went home smiling.....

Merry Christmas to one and all XXX



Rotarians call for “Peace Without Borders”

By Insa Feye and Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary News -- 5 December 2012

More than 1,800 Rotarians, community leaders, and students and alumni of the Rotary Peace Centers program gathered in Berlin 30 November through 2 December to promote peace during the first of three Rotary Global Peace Forums.

“Peace is like bread. You have to bake it fresh every day,” said Luis Vicente Giay, past RI president, in convening the forum.

Two upcoming forums will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, 25-27 January, and in Hiroshima, Japan, 17-18 May. Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Member of Parliament Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar will be the keynote speaker in Hawaii.

The three-day Berlin forum was the largest Rotary event in Germany since the RI Convention in Munich 25 years ago. The audience was as diverse as the nationalities of the participants, with Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, exchange students, and guests joining Rotarians and community leaders. More than 100 participants from District 1940’s Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) seminar involving 12 countries also took part in the forum.



Photo: Former Rotary Peace Fellows Anne Kjaer Riechert, Wendi Boxx, and Sallie Lacy speak during a panel.

SERVANTS COMMUNITY HOUSING

By Tony Wells, RC North Balwyn

Earlier this year the President of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn, Terry Gretton connected the local member of Federal Parliament for the Kooyong electorate, Josh Frydenberg with Servants Community Housing in Boroondara and this has resulted in a goodwill program for this Christmas.

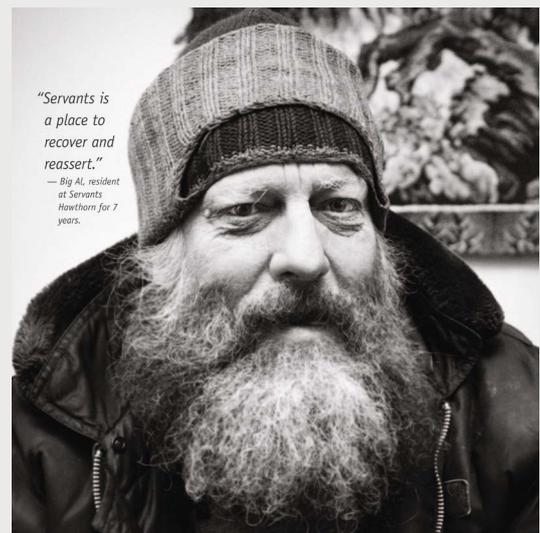
Servants Community Housing has been operating affordable accommodation and safe housing for those on low incomes for over a quarter of a century in Hawthorn, and more recently in Kew.

The passion of Servants is built around offering a structure in which vulnerable individuals—many of whom suffer from long-term mental illnesses—can live in relative comfort. This is a community housing program with the basic principle of respect, dignity and hope.

Mr Frydenberg has launched what he is calling the inaugural 2012 Kooyong Christmas Giving Tree in the hope that as a community we can provide opportunities for disadvantaged Australians to participate fully in our society and ensure that Christmas is a time when all Australians belong.

The initiative is the result of Rotary introducing Mr Frydenberg to Servants and is an example of Rotary seeking Peace Through Service.

Tony Wells has more about Servants Community Housing at <http://www.servants.org.au/>



“Servants is a place to recover and reassert.”

— Big Al, resident at Servants Hawthorn for 7 years.

Call to End Female Genital Mutilation

UNITED NATIONS -- The Third Committee of the General Assembly this week adopted a resolution calling for intensified global efforts to eliminate female genital mutilation and cutting. (30 November 2012)

The resolution calls on the international community to support a four-year extension for the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting, 'Accelerating Change'. It also gives the General Assembly's endorsement to an International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, which is observed on 6 February.

"This is a victory for women and girls around the world," said Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director (Programme) of UNFPA. "Because this vital resolution was adopted by consensus, we can all talk about there being broad and diverse support across the global community for bringing an end to this human rights violation."

"This affirmation is a critical tool for us as we continue to raise awareness about, and step up our resource mobilization efforts in support of, this work," she added. "We should all commend the ground breaking leadership of the Group of African states who worked so well with UNFPA and UNICEF as the resolution was developed."

The Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting aims to see communities everywhere abandon the practice in a generation. Key to their success is using a human rights-based approach to encourage communities to act collectively to abandon the practice, so that girls or their families who opt out do not jeopardize marriage prospects or become social outcasts. This approach has led some 8,000 communities across Africa to abandon the practice, often through some form of public declaration.

Still, much work remains to be done. Some 3 million girls worldwide face FGM/C each year, and 140 million have already undergone the practice. The Joint Programme works on many levels - from advocacy to influencing legislation - to accelerate change. It also protects women and girls who suffer from having been cut.



Community discussions focusing on human rights are integral to collective decisions to abandon FGM in Senegal, one of the countries in the Joint Programme. Photo: UNFPA



Glenferrie Rotary Takes a Walk

By David Sutherland, R.C.Glenferrie

Glenferrie Rotarian Terry Rolleston has been recognized by this Club with THREE sapphires to his original PHF. This demonstrates the caliber of the man.

Terry was diagnosed in 2005 with Parkinson’s Disease and decided that he would initiate support for this group in some way. He suggested to the Board that the Club support the Parkinson’s “Walk in the Park” fundraising event, and each year since the Club has fielded a team of walkers AND run a sausage sizzle for all walkers and supporters.

This Victorian Club now supports the Parkinson’s “Walk in the Park” which this year (2012) raised a whopping \$190,897 for research. The Walk is a 4klm. stroll around Melbourne – from/to Federation Square.

In 2010 the Club had the largest team in the event with 58 participants. In 2011 the BBQ raised \$1835 - when we added the fees paid and other donations this Club alone had raised in excess of \$3000 for that year’s Walk. Since it’s involvement the R.C.Glenferrie has raised and donated over \$10,000 for research into this debilitating affliction.

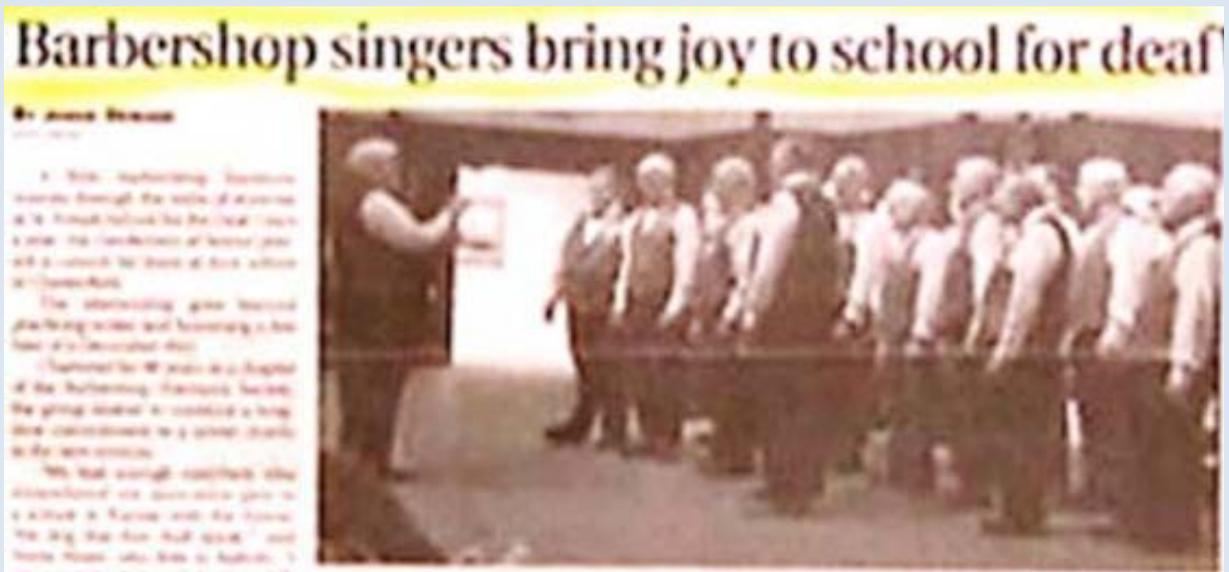
The 2013 Walk in the Park will be held on Sunday 25th August –starting in Federation Square – for details go to – www.parkinsonsvic.org.au

Terry urges (indeed challenges) other Rotary Clubs to become involved in this annual Walk in the Park and add their support to raising research money for this great cause .

Photo: The Glenferrie team manning the BBQ at the “Walk”



Rotary’s got Talent



We know there are Rotarians out there, practising for the “Rotary’s got Talent” contest at District Conference. But can they compete against this lot?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Clarice,

People often ask what happens to the goods we donate.

To everyone who helped Donations In Kind this year: we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

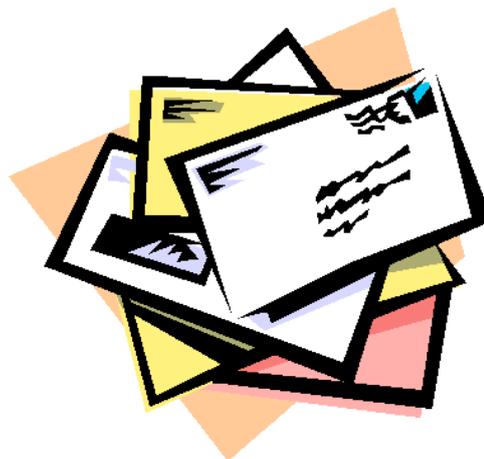
We had a reminder from Santa that there are many good Boys and Girls who would love some of the presents at the DIK Store and there is still time to make a donation.

The DIK Team: dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com

Dear Clarice,

Thank you for the great read!

Des Malcolm, President, Rotary Club of Tullamarine



Dear Clarice

In defence of the poor apostrophe!!!

1. Should there be an apostrophe in your's (yours)?

2. There definitely SHOULD be an apostrophe in Victorias (Victoria's) – possessive NOT plural.

Well at least somebody is reading Networker!!

Regards

Cheryl Pisterman, RC Glenferrie

Hello Clarice

*The final Networker for the year - well done to you and your team for all the publications pumped out this year. Big commitment - big task - and you do it all so well!
I read them each week!*

Annie Wysham, Rotary Club of Richmond

Clarice Replies:

How lovely to hear from our regular readers and contributors. Without you, we wouldn't have a "Networker". Even our hard-pressed proof-readers would be out of a job!

But thanks sincerely for all your support and encouragement. We wish you and yours everything nice for the Christmas break: be sure to return safe and refreshed.

Notices and Events

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

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

Footy Tipping for Xmas Presents

Rotary's premier footy tipping competition will start again soon.

No doubt those of you who participated in our inaugural Rotary Aussiefootytips competition last year can hardly wait to rejoin, and we urge you to do so now and beat the rush.

We will once again be running our Christmas Rotary Aussiefooty voucher which solves that difficult person to buy for dilemma.

Why not use \$25 Rotary Aussiefootytips vouchers as staff Christmas presents? Good idea!

Big prizes once again and we will continue to support Australian Childhood Foundation and The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. This year we hope to welcome the Australian Rotary Health fund as one of our principal Charity partners.

As we prepare for the 2013 competition we are seeking sponsorship and inviting you to forward the names of any companies or people you know who might be interested. All we need are the names and we will make contact.

Please forward suggestions to Noel Halford 0419018901 or noelhalford@gmail.com

Enter for tipping at <http://www.aussiefootytips.org/>



Shiraz, Shiraz and More Shiraz!!

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

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

This is your chance to stock up for Christmas – to drink yourself or perhaps to give as a present to a friend. Credit card payments accepted. Enquiries to Greg Noonan, Rotary Club of Bendigo South 0419546739 or gpnnoonan@tpg.com.au.



Caulfield Park Community School-Year 10 Gardening Project

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

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

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



TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT - Calendar

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

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

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

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

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



Xmas Hams

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

PICKUP THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 7.00 to 9.00 am

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

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Notices and Events



- **Group: Official Rotary International Group**
- **Subject**
- **Announcement from Official Rotary International Group**

Your vote could help Rotary give airline miles for humanitarian projects -- and be first this year for United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway! Until 25 December, vote daily for Rotary on each of your devices such as laptop, smartphone, tablet, etc. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive. So forward the link <http://10millioncharitymiles.com/charity/39> to everyone you know. Last year, we took second in the contest, receiving 2.5 million charity miles. We're in fourth now and need your votes!

Posted By Antoinette Tuscano

Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

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

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



PAINT IN THE PARK DAY

EXHIBITION Dec 4-16 , Rotary Club of Caulfield, Glen Eira Artists' Society:
 The results of the Paint in the Park Day are now available for all to see:
 Glen Eira City Council Gallery, cnr Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads
 Gallery hours: Monday to Friday 10am–5pm,Weekends and public holidays 1pm–5pm, Admission is free



ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

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

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