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APRIL IS ROTARY'S MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

DG Julie Mason's Message



April Area of Focus: Maternal and Child Health



The year you were born marks only your entry into the world. Other years where you prove your worth, they are the ones worth celebrating. [Jarod Kintz](#),

The Rotary Theme for 2015/16 asks us to be a **Gift to the World** and when visiting clubs, assisting with projects and meeting with Cluster groups, it is obvious to me that in District 9800 we have embraced this theme. We have so many local and international club projects and thanks to the initiative of Philip Archer Rotary had significant exposure at national level providing opportunities for people to help alleviate financial hardship to families in need. The instigation of the Western Emergency Relief Network and the ever increasing output generated by Donations in Kind has assisted so many in a very practical manner. What about the clubs in City of Boroondara who will be working hard on Sunday the 17th of April doing a spring clean in the three Servants Homes in their local area. Then we have a fabulous program Busy Feet that just seems to be gaining momentum and attracting interest from clubs all around our District.

So it seems appropriate that I share some opportunities for you to celebrate the wonderful work that you are doing in the name of Rotary. We know that every year the Rotary International President selects content for a Presidential Citation and that sometimes a particular section is difficult to achieve for many clubs. With this in mind Past District Governor Murray Verso and the DGEN at the time initiated a District Club Recognition, a **District Governor Citation** so to speak. I plan to continue this initiative and the team of Assistant Governors



will be charged with providing information as per a set of criteria linked to the District Strategic Plan.



DG Keith Ryall presenting Melbourne RC President Austin Burleigh with the "Best Website" Award in 2012

Then we have the District **Annual Club Recognition Program** where Clubs are encouraged to apply for recognition in categories such as Youth, Community, Vocational and International Service, Club Bulletin, Club Technology, Rotary Foundation Giving and importantly, Club Service Innovation which needs to be recommended by a member of the District Leadership Team. Success here is noted by a **District 9800 Recognition Logo** that is displayed on the **Club Web and Facebook** page. Please consider nominating for recognition that club members so richly deserve after a committed year of service. Applications forms can be downloaded from the District Web page or from Sue Bolton sbolton@globalidol.com



Two awards that I am able to give are a Club Builder Award and a Rotary Foundation District Service Award. To qualify for a **Club Builder Award** the person must not be a current Club President, nor an incoming or past District Governor. Successful recipients will have:

- Recruited at least 5 members who are active Rotarians
- Participated in Rotary training in their Club
- Participated in at least one vocational service project
- Attended at least two district meetings in the last three years

Now a candidate must be recommended by three past club presidents either of their own club or another where they had been a member.

With regards the **Rotary Foundation District Service Award** a recipient would need to have shown efforts to serve humanity and work towards world understanding and peace through Foundation Programs

I would encourage you to send nominations in a letter to our wonderful District Secretary for these two particular awards.

Now I know that we do not serve in Rotary for recognition, but let me tell you we all feel good when someone says.....Well done.....Good Job! So let's consider all those humble Rotarians going about making our District and our world a better place and choose some of these opportunities to recognise our friends and colleagues in Rotary.

As Dr Seuss says: **Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!**



DG Colin Muir presenting a Significant Achievement Award to Ruth Carlos-Martinez in 2010

Enjoy Rotary as you are..... a Gift to the World.

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason

District Governor

Little Club - Giant Donation

By Tony Thomas Networker Correspondent

Brunswick Rotary Club's only got about eight active members – but they're masters at fund-raising. On March 16 they handed over a cheque for \$60,000 to the Ballarat Specialist School.

"Land sakes!" gasped Networker to Brunswick president Andrew Horgan. "How did you raise all that?"

Andrew: "We raised \$45,000 and took \$15,000 from club reserves. We raffled ten bottles of Grange Hermitage, each from a consecutive vintage. We had 200 tickets at \$200 a ticket, and we sold 186 of them. We purchased the Grange from Treasury Wines, they were very helpful with insurance and even transported the wine to the winner. That raffle was the main thing, we did some minor raffles too and we took 90 people by two buses for lunch at the Ballarat school last week and charged the \$40 each, so that was another fund-raiser.

"Our project leader Greg Sewell is our champion for fund-raising. He's got a great network, he was a president of the Essendon Football Club in the 1980s and he ran an engineering forging business until retirement.

"He's had a long association with Brunswick Industries which is a commercial business that employs scores of people with a range of disabilities. Our club's backed them since the 1970s and through them we got to know about the Ballarat Specialist School, which has 450 kids from ages 5 to 18."

Horgan has his own network as he is manager, industry engagement for a State funded not-for-profit group Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network Group. It mobilizes wide community support to help at-risk youngsters find vocational training.

The principal of the Specialist School, Kim Yearwood, said she was 'blown away' by the big donation from a city club to the country school. "It will pay for fitting out our art room and trade and motor centres at our 9ha farm campus. We run 80 chickens, four pigs, sheep, alpacas, calves and a market garden there, plus a bakery and café for job training."



Ballarat Specialist School.



Many students don't star in normal classroom work but are great at practical work and job learning, she says.

Brunswick RC is 64 years old and has a philosophy of going for big-lick fundraisings and donations about each 3-4 years. It raised enough some years ago to help establish Brunswick Industries, and raised \$28,000 in partnership with Jeff Kennett's Beyond Blue group to support local organization in the fight against depression. Another recipient was the Bone Marrow Foundation which helped established the Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

Andrew says Brunswick is being transformed with an influx of young families into old streets, but they are difficult to recruit into a service club. Currently the club hopes to influence some Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) youngsters into becoming members.

Lower photo: Andrew Horgan, Brunswick RC President, former Ballarat Specialist School principal John Burt and current principal Kim Yearwood. repeat Yearwood.

Pic courtesy of Lachlan Bence, The Courier, Ballarat.

Use social media to your club's advantage

From Rotary Weekly

Australian Rotary member Evan Burrell explains why social media is a must for every club. Noting that more and more Baby Boomers are using Facebook, Burrell explains why he is convinced anyone can overcome an initial fear of social media and use it to their club's advantage to attract new members.

Did you know Baby Boomers are the fastest growing demographic on Facebook?

Social media provides a powerful and accessible tool for highlighting causes and acting on issues, and for this reason it's perfect for reaching potential members.

You can use social media to organize events, communicate with the public, and showcase your achievements as a club. You can quickly and painlessly make a wider audience aware of the good work your club is doing. Take Facebook for instance. Your page can advertise and coordinate club activities and fundraisers, and create awareness for Rotary's number one cause, eradicating polio.

Being able to adapt to new technologies is not just a nice skill to have. It is absolutely vital to sharing Rotary's story and reaching out to people who might make great members.

[Read Burrell's blog post](#)

[Discover tips for getting your event noticed on social media](#)



Caulfield Rotary Club cooks up sausages as part of "The World's Greatest Meal".

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Susanne Rea

Evan Burrell is a member of the Rotary Club of Turrumurra, New South Wales, Australia, and a former member of Rotaract. He has been involved with Rotary since he was 18. He currently manages social media for [Rotary Down Under](#), the Rotary regional magazine of Australia. Follow Evan on [Facebook](#).

Save the Mothers - and the Children!

A comprehensive approach to improve maternal and newborn health in Nigeria.

Almost 290,000 mothers die each year. For every woman who dies, approximately 20 more experience infection, disability, or injuries. There is a direct relationship between maternal death and infant and child survival. Three million babies die annually within the first month of life and another 2.6 million babies are stillborn. Poor maternal health affects the entire community: A mother's death lowers family income and productivity. Girl children are often pulled from school and required to fill their lost mother's roles.

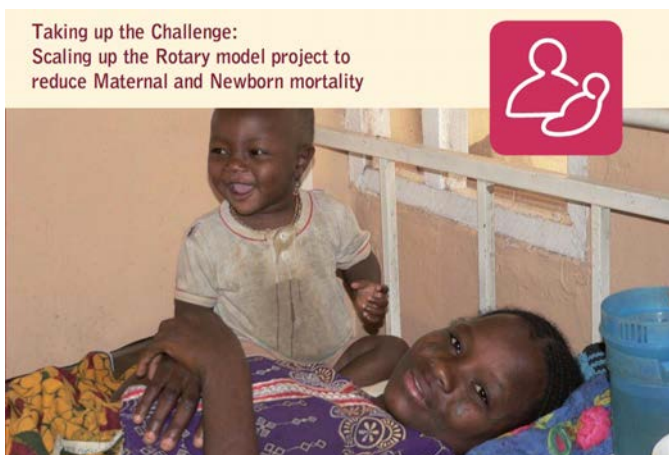
The major causes accounting for 80% of all maternal deaths are: severe bleeding, infections, high blood pressure, obstructed labor and unsafe abortions – these complications are all avoidable.

Women in sub-Saharan Africa face the highest lifetime risk of maternal death: 1 in 39. In Nigeria, this risk is even higher (1 in 23). Insufficient pre- and postnatal care for mothers has made Nigeria a country with one of the highest ratios in maternal and newborn mortality. Hospitals are lacking necessary equipment and well-trained health personnel as well as a steady supply of water and energy; poor hygienic conditions also negatively affect the chances of survival of mother and child.

Risk factors influencing maternal and newborn mortality:

- early marriages and pregnancies of girls often not older than 11 or 12 years;
- lack of information/education about sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- high rate of home deliveries; lack of access to education for girls.
- insufficient medical care in hospitals especially during labor; poor hygienic conditions and training standards of personnel in health clinics.
- insufficient medical infrastructure and poor equipment particularly in rural areas.

The risk of a mother dying during pregnancy or delivery is extremely high in Northern Nigeria – much higher than in most other parts of the world.



In order to address these problems, Rotarians from Austria, Germany and Nigeria, supported by the Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development, initiated the pilot project "Improvement of Maternal Health – Prevention and Treatment of Obstetric Fistula" – a comprehensive approach tackling the multiple factors of maternal mortality and morbidity as well as newborn mortality.

Results of the pilot project:

- Raised awareness at the grassroots level through radio serials and community dialogues.
- Introduction and anchoring of quality assurance in ten selected hospitals, achieved a reduction of maternal mortality in these hospitals by 60% and a reduction of newborn mortality by 15%.
- Establishment of two specialised fistula wards (one per state) including rehabilitation facilities and provision of needed hospital equipment.
- 50 doctors, 400 nurses and 400 health workers and Traditional Birth Attendants were trained.
- 1,500 fistula patients were successfully treated and rehabilitated; many of them also had vocational training and micro credits to built up their own small businesses.
- Hospitals lacking these facilities were provided with water and solar energy.
- 24,000 mosquito nets were provided to the selected hospitals and surrounding communities.
- Midwives and Traditional Birth Attendants were equipped with clean birth kits and anti-shock garments.
- Hospitals were provided with drugs for Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV.

The model project is a lighthouse project for Rotary's Area of Focus "Maternal and Child Health". Improving women's health and rights means empowering women. This is a pathway to achieving progress in all of Rotary's Areas of Focus, the Millennium Development Goals as well as a peaceful and sustainable development.

Full story: [HERE](#)

Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery

By Malcolm Baird, RC Brighton North

From part 1 of this article we learnt that there are approx 35.8 Million people across 167 countries in slavery, with an estimated 26% in Child Slavery, or M9.0 children under the age of 18yrs. The common view is that slavery flourishes where people cannot meet their own basic needs and lack economic opportunity, lack education, lack healthcare, are marginalised and unprotected. People forced to work without pay under the threat of violence. Children are easier to manage than adults.



What More Could Rotarians Do to help alleviate Child Slavery ?

1 Create Awareness in Rotarian Circles. The subject of Slavery needs to be better understood and this can be done with Rotarians learning more on the subject by having speakers from a variety of organizations at Rotary Club meetings, District Conferences and Rotary Conventions - Speakers covering, Child Slavery, Human Trafficking and Corporate Ethical Supply Chains. Having booths at Conferences and supporting RAWCS projects in this area.

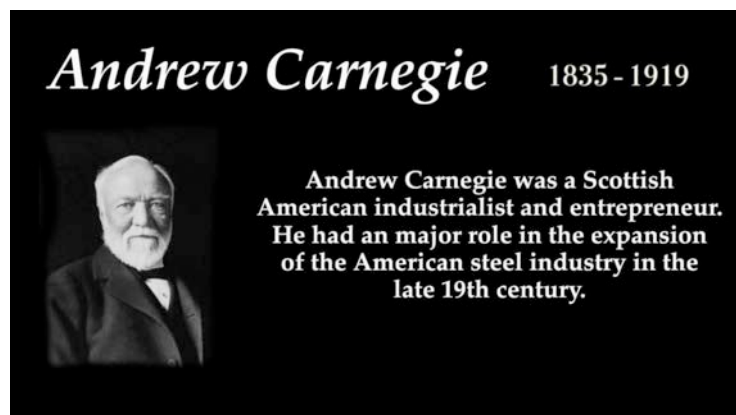
2 Enhance “ Supporting Education “ to be a priority . R I has 6 Areas of Focus and one of those is “Supporting Education”, and a common belief is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and the vulnerability to slavery is education. One of the world’s biggest challenges – maybe the biggest humanitarian challenge is the extent of poverty and inequality across the globe and certainly within many developing and 3rd world countries.

It would be highly desirable that every child has the opportunity of some education, to be able to read and write, have skills to solve problems, understand health and hygiene, have ethics and become self sufficient with skills for employment so as to contribute in the local community. Education for children can assist to lead a family out of poverty. Education facilities would provide children, families and communities in poverty with hope and opportunity. Through education the cycle of poverty and the vulnerability to slavery and human trafficking can also be broken.

Let’s do more Rotary Education focussed projects and bring about change to those communities in poverty – let Rotary projects break that poverty cycle. Applications from Rotary Clubs in India, Pakistan, Cambodia, African and South American countries to be encouraged and supported by R I and matched for support with Rotary Districts in the US, UK, Europe or Australia etc. **Continued over:**

Rotarians Against Child Slavery - continued:

But let's go further and consider an **example from history** – it would be from the year 1900 when the richest man in the world – Andrew Carnegie who owned the largest steel making company in the US, sold it and pursued philanthropy in his later life. From his donations and financial support, approx 2500 libraries were built and opened over 30yrs across the world, with approx 1750 in the US and Canada, 660 in the UK, and the rest approx 100, spread across Africa, New Zealand, Serbia, the Caribbean, Australia, Malaysia, and Fiji. Local communities with projects could make application and would commit to operational requirements and a local community contribution to secure a library building. They would commit to ongoing resourcing, managing and purchasing of books, being a free public library so as to gain funding support for their new building.



That is 2500 public libraries over 30yrs, many still standing, a remarkable story and a worthy project example of funding with criteria applied for communities to gain a hand up. This philanthropic Library example and the School of St Jude or other Rotary Schools examples could be a starting point for Rotary clubs, for Rotary Districts and the Foundation to support communities in poverty, via a Rotary "Education and School Infrastructure Resourcing" strategy and focus program.



I can understand sceptics for such a Strategy with that size of challenge ahead, which does require Vision and Leadership – maybe like the RI visionaries in 1985 in elevating and committing to Polio Eradication as a priority. Rotarians do have the manpower, width of skills, tenacity and ethics to deliver.

My optimistic outlook has the RI Foundation providing enhanced focus, priority, attention, resources and funding to Rotary Clubs, to Districts with "Education and School Infrastructure Resourcing" projects, in the poverty regions of developing and 3rd world countries. RI to lead and encourage in this direction.

I can envisage many non Rotarians, individual philanthropists and many international education foundation organizations supporting and financially contributing to such a Rotary International Strategy – tackling poverty and slavery through education. The Strategy would demonstrate and enhance the reality of what Rotary International stands for, by changing opportunity in communities in greatest need. Rotary International would truly be revitalised, enhance and retain its reputation from its Actions of being the Leading Humanitarian Organization in the world.

If people do nothing, if we Rotarians do nothing, there will be no change and Child Slavery will live on.

Thanks for letting me share something that continues to bother me along with some practical thoughts for implementing change and making a difference.

Malcolm Baird led the Breakout Session on Child Slavery at the recent D9800 Conference in Bendigo. He continues his theme in our next edition with "What More Can Rotarians Do ?"

He can be contacted for Club Presentations at 03 95910807 or brembaird@bigpond.com

The Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery is at <http://racsrag.org>

Rotary Post-Graduate Scholarship

Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding - Albert Einstein

It seems that in the world today the role of Rotary to take a position of facilitation for peace is just so important. But how will this happen? Several District and club signature programs could in fact be seen as precursors for world peace.

Our District has an unbroken record of providing participants in the Rotary World Peace Fellows Program. At this time Peace Scholar Ellen Maynes is currently in Thailand and is participating in classes at the Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University.



Colette Mintz has been selected as the Rotary District 9800 Post Graduate Scholar for study in the Rotary year 2016-17.



The scholarship is for the amount of US\$60,000 to undertake a post-graduate LLM at Columbia University in the USA with study commencing August 2016. The scholarship is an annual award by Rotary District 9800 and funded jointly by Rotary District 9800 and The Rotary Foundation and is for a one year study period.

Colette writes: *"I am very grateful for the support I have received already from Rotary Hawthorn, which was extremely important in my success in the interview last night."*

Colette is a Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Laws (with First Class Honours) and has a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice. She worked closely with human rights barrister Julian Burnside AO QC (who led the litigation in relation to the 'Tampa affair') building cases for strategic litigation relating to the treatment of asylum seekers.

Apart from her pro bono legal work and volunteering, she has several International debating achievements, including:

- reaching the finals of the World Championship and Grand Final of the Australasian Championship;
- twice being a finalist and top-10 speaker at the Australasian Women's Debating Championship;
- being a finalist at the Cambridge Inter-varsity Debating Tournament;
- being a finalist and 4th best speaker at the World University Peace Invitational Debate; and
- winning the Red Sea Open (an international debating tournament held in Eilat, Israel).

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship arising from this scholarship, and we wish Colette every success in her studies and believe that she will be a credit to Australia, Rotary International and our Rotary District .



Photos

Top: Colette Mintz

Lower: Rotary Peace Fellows are helping refugees start over.

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A Mother's Point of View

By PDG Dr Rekha Shetty

Mothers love their children in ways that are emotional and sometimes unreasonable. A tame mother cat can turn into a projectile of dangerous fur when her kittens are threatened. Mothers are often forced to make unnatural decisions concerning their children.

Here are few examples:

- **Which of my six children will eat today?:** Most often, it will be the girl child and the mother who go hungry.

- **Which of my children will live?** Female foeticide has become epidemic in parts of the world, since the magic of ultrasound now allows us to probe the secrets of the most personal of all spaces – the womb – home to the growing foetus.

- **Which of my children will be sold into labor slavery?** A recent front page story in India told about a group of seven to ten year old boys sold for racing camels in Middle East. The cost of a boy sold into this life of intolerable living conditions and stunting, mind-numbing work: US\$70

- **Which of my children will be sold into sexual slavery?** There is a mountain kingdom in the Himalayas where girls between the ages of 10 and 15 are sold for abuse in brothels. In poor countries, raw hunger forces many mothers to sell their daughters. Cost of a young female body, mind and soul for life: US \$50/-. The cost of a buffalo will be more than US\$300/-



The Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development works on the problems which mothers face every day.

We need to address the concerns of poor families. Parents love their children. If they are forced to behave otherwise, it is because they have more children than they can care for. "Over population" is the enemy of happy families.

Like a mother drained of life by a dozen hungry children, Mother Earth is also a victim of population imbalance. The Earth is losing its capacity to nurture us, her children. There are too many people competing for too few resources. Razing forests has exacerbated the monsoons. Rivers are drying up and water from bore wells are turning salty from drought. A third of all children below the age of five in developing countries die unnecessarily, because they do not have clean water to drink. Some say the next global war will be fought over water.

Rotary is a century-old organization whose members represent excellence in their professions, over 1.2 million brilliant men and women, in 200 countries and geographical regions in 32,000 Rotary clubs. Maternal and child health is one of the Rotary's six areas of focus. We have the power to influence nations and to change values. Rotary is the perfect organization to handle this root cause that now threatens life, and the earth. Hundreds of successful Rotary population projects have been completed since 1993. Everyone in the world wants happy families. Happy families prevent conflict, deter terrorism and prevent war.

To know more, go to Website: www.rifpd.org or www.maternal-health.org

PDG Dr Rekha Shetty is a member of the Rotary club of Madras Temple city, India and was one of the first lady Rotary Governors from Asia in 1999-2000. She was chairman of RFPD, during 2012-2015, and a Director of WASRAG during the same period. She has championed the needs of families everywhere.

2016 Council on Legislation

By PDG Dennis Shore

Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed legislation. The Council gives us a voice in how our organization is governed.

Many of you will be reading the regular newsfeed from the Council so you will know that decisions that are revolutionary for Rotary were adopted and by a significant margin. These include provisions that will allow clubs to adopt bylaws that are not in accordance with the Standard Club Constitution, except that by amendment it was decided that clubs would have to meet at least twice per month. Other than that clubs will be able to adopt bylaws for their clubs that are significantly different to what is supposed to apply now. It's important to stress that those clubs who like Rotary just the way it has been can happily continue to do so.



In the same way clubs will be able to adopt rules relating to membership that are not in accordance with the Standard Club Constitution. An amendment withdrew the original motion to provide for clubs to adopt changes with regard to classification requirements.

Both the above enactments were proposed by the RI Board with the knowledge that these changes were validating what was already happening in many clubs. The Board stressed that clubs will still be meeting the Object of Rotary and consistent with the Rotary's core values and ethical standards.

After June 30 Clubs will essentially have 3 choices:

- Stay as they are,
- Become more specific in compliance with Current rules, or
- Adjust their operations to suit the "market place".



Surprisingly a motion was narrowly passed to abolish admission fees for the purpose of making Rotary more affordable. In my view this has not been thought through and inevitably membership fees may have to increase to offset this loss of revenue.

Keep up with Rotary District 9800's Facebook Discussion Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5501223849/>

Williamstown Rotary sponsors future leaders

By PDG Dr Murray Verso

District 9800 has a new EarlyAct Club. The Rotary Club of Williamstown is the sponsor club for the EarlyAct Club at the Sandridge School in Williamstown.

District Governor Julie Mason and Club President Kathy Roberts were thrilled to launch the service club for primary school students at a special event held at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria last month.

Sandridge is a new independent school. It opened in the old Customs House building in Williamstown in February of this year with 80 students. The school is committed to ensuring that the students are engaged with their local community and develop an understanding of service at a young age. To this end, one of their teachers, Daryl Moran, a Rotarian from the Rowville-Lysterfield Club in District 9810, approached the Williamstown Club to sponsor the new EarlyAct Club. The local Rotarians jumped at the opportunity.

For students aged five to 13, EarlyAct encourages them to be caring and helpful. By teaching them about committed citizenship and effective leadership they discover ways they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities



For their first fundraising project, the EarlyActers chose to buy a shelter box kit to send to Fiji to help the people there who had lost their homes in the recent cyclone. They had already raised around \$250, but on the day of the launch of their club, they managed to crowd raise another \$1100, an amazing effort.

School Principal Dr Jeanne Shaw said she was in awe of what the year 5 class had achieved. "It's hard to express our delight, pride, appreciation and

inspiration that have defined the Rotary Launch today. What a wonderful statement has been made about working together to achieve great things," Dr Shaw said. "Our school community will be all the richer because this is citizenship learning in action."



There are also Early Act Clubs at Baden Powell College (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wyndham) and at Balwyn North Primary School (Rotary Club of North Balwyn).

If your club would like to sponsor an EarlyAct Club at your local primary school, please contact DG Julie Mason for more information.

See more at:

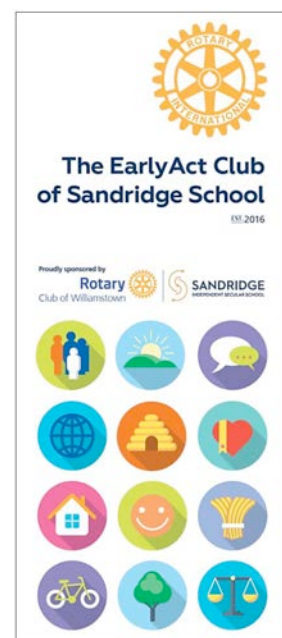
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/3836/earlyact/?type_fr=45#sthash.V3YBirLI.dpuf

Photos:

Left: Ice creams for the students with their first project: a Shelterbox

Above: Some Earlyacters with their charter certificates

Right: The Club Banner



Clarice's Comments

April's Rotary Focus is on Maternal and Child Health. Have you focussed?

I was really impressed by Malcolm Baird's Breakout Session on Child Slavery at the District Conference. It was a real eye-opener for me. Kerry Kornhauser's Women's Day Breakfast was inspirational, and I add my congratulations to human rights lawyer Colette Mintz, who has been selected as the Rotary District 9800 Post Graduate Scholar for study at Columbia University.

Empowerment of women? Education, family planning and micro-credit would all go a long way towards the elimination of poverty, by allowing women to contribute to the family economy. If every child were wanted, it would cut the supply chain for child slavery. As they say, every journey starts with a single step.

I'm so looking forward to Peace Scholar Stephanie Woolard's movie about Seven Women: "Bringing the Light" on 28th May. I caught up with Stephanie at the District Conference in Bendigo, where she was the speaker at the Rotary Foundation Breakfast. You can see some details and how to book for the movie in "Notices and Events".

Meanwhile, here's Stephanie and a couple of friends celebrating their Graduation in Uppsala.

How's that for empowering women?



Send me your news: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

See you later - Clarice.

John Germ on Membership

Excerpts from an article by John Rezek, The Rotarian

When John Germ takes office as Rotary International's president in July, it will mark his 40th year in Rotary. He became a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1976. "I wasn't involved, other than going to meetings, until 1983 when I was asked to be club secretary," he says. "Then I was asked to participate as district co-chair for the polio fundraising campaign." After that, he was hooked. "The more active I became, and the more good that I saw being done, the more I wanted to do," he says.



The Rotarian: What are Rotary's most existential challenges? What can individual Rotarians do to meet them?

GERM: Rotary's biggest challenge is membership. We need to expand our membership so we can do more work. We need to attract younger people, like Rotary youth program alumni. Recently retired individuals are another group to engage. We are an organization with high ethical standards and a classification system. These standards should be maintained and our current members educated on why each one of them should be sponsoring other qualified individuals to become Rotarians.

The Rotarian: Why is it so hard for the public to understand what Rotary is and does? How would you remedy that?

GERM: For many years, Rotarians worked both locally and globally without seeking publicity or recognition. When a survey was conducted a few years ago, it was no surprise to me that the general public was unaware of Rotary and the work we do. We need to wear our Rotary pin with pride. We need to enhance Rotary's public image by successfully and enthusiastically marketing who we are and the amazing things we are doing and have done locally and globally. No one should ever have to ask, "What is Rotary?"

Notices and Events

Glen Eira Artists Society

Exhibition "Hidden Treasures" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Caulfield.

Venue-Glen Eira Gallery cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Opening Night-Wednesday 13th April 6-8pm

Duration of Exhibition-**14th April to 1 May**

Free Floor Talk by Michelle Zuccolo-Sunday 17th April at 2pm to discuss the works on Exhibition

Vote in the People's Choice Awards for the chance to win a prize in the random voter's draw!



Keilor Rotary Car & Vintage Bike Show

7.30am - 1.30pm **Sunday 1 May**

Grounds of the Keilor Hotel, Old Calder Hwy, Keilor (Melways Map 16, J6)

Cost: Exhibitor Cars - \$20, Exhibitor Bikes - \$10, Spectators - \$5pp (Under 16 Free)

more information: <http://www.rotarykeilor.org.au/node/597>

Coffee, food, live band & kids entertainment



Pop-up Shop

Rotary Club of Melbourne South are having Shoe Sale with new shoes donated by several suppliers including Italian leather imports. The sale runs from the **16th - 30th April** at 67 Glenhuntly Road Elwood. The shop times are 9.30am - 3.30pm (everyday except for ANZAC Day)



Notices and Events

Rotary Albert Park Annual Charity Golf Day

Wednesday, 20th April, 11:00 am Registration

Koorringal Golf Club Altona

Event Cost: Individual Player \$125, Dinner Only \$50.

Dinner Guest Speaker: Wilbur Wilde

Team and Corporate Rates available.

RSVP ianhenry@financialservices.net.au For more information:

<http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000004551/en-au/files/homepage/golf-day-2016/rotary-albert-park-golf-day-invitation-2016.pdf>



Moonee Valley Art Exhibition & Sales

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April

North Park Mansion, 69 Woodland Street, Essendon.

Also taking place in the gardens: craft market, live music, food and beverages, Devonshire Tea and kids' activities.

Gala Opening tickets available from www.mooneevalleyartshow.com.au

Exhibition tickets available at the door Call 0412 165 912 for more information.

Entry; \$5 students and concession, \$10 adults, \$20 families. Free entry for anyone aged under 12.

Gala Opening Preview Evening Friday 15th April



Masked Ball - The Rotary Club of Gisborne

MC: David Mann – best known as 'Mann About Town'

Saturday 30th April Roomba's @ Mt Aitken, 33 Cadana Road Gisborne South

7.00pm drinks & canapés – midnight Dress: Black Tie & Mask

Tickets: \$140 per person (Includes 3 course meal and beverages)

Over the past 38 years, the Rotary Club of Gisborne has assisted the Macedon Ranges Community in so many ways. All proceeds will be distributed to MS Research and local community projects.

RSVP & payment required by: Friday 15th April 2016

BSB: 633 108 Acct No: 1408 58770 Name: Rotary Club of Gisborne Inc

Please type in your surname then RCGC.

Further information, please contact Ann Hudson 0409 901 899



Rotary Club of Rochester - Pie & Port Night

Saturday 7th May: at 7.30pm

The Court House, 25 Moore St. Rochester

Cost: \$35.00 RSVP: Friday, 29th April

d9800rochester@gmail.com

Direct deposit: BSB: 633108 Ac No: 132185521

Your name as reference.



A Night on Broadway

International House presents Café International

Theme for 2016 – **A night on Broadway**

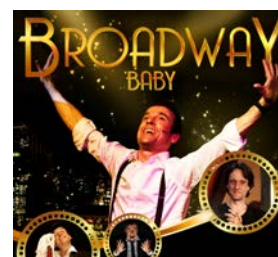
Saturday 7th May 6.30pm for a 7pm start

International House, 241 Royal Parade Parkville 3052

\$85 plus booking fee

RSVP 29th April – contact ihcafe2016@gmail.com or contact 93476655

For more information: <https://chook.as/ih/cafe-international-16>



ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN FUNDRAISER

Wednesday 18th May

Italian Sports Club Werribee, 601
Heaths Road 6.30pm for 6.45pm
start \$40 pp

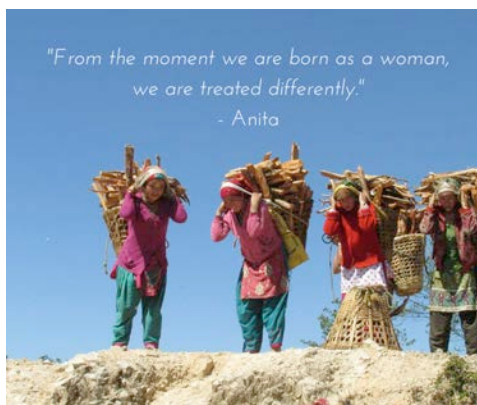
2 Course Meal with drinks at bar
prices

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 28th May**
Tickets at <http://www.trybooking.com/KLFF>
If you can't attend the documentary, catch the promotional video at: <http://www.sevenwomen.org>



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.

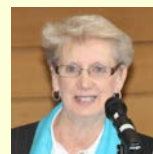


<http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/registeroday!>

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Our Contributors



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



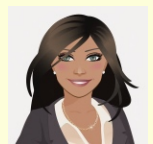
Tony Thomas writes lots of amusing and informative material for us and for "Quadrant.org.au"



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



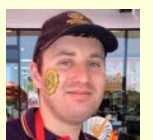
Malcolm Baird of RC Brighton North is passionate about the abolition of Child Slavery.



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 has a new image. Check out the new set of specs he got for Christmas.



Evan Burrell manages social media for "Rotary Down Under", our Rotary regional magazine.