



# Networker

Rotary District 9800

A publication for  
Rotarians and  
all community  
minded people

## DG Weekly Message

**Firstly, Seasons Greetings to all Rotarians as we move into Summer and Family of Rotary Month.**

Family of Rotary Month is a great time to reflect on our support of the Family of Rotary who support us.

In the past few weeks, our District has played host to the opening of our newest Rotaract Club, The Rotaract Club of Melbourne University and the staging of the RYLA Camp at Mt Evelyn. These two events give us a clear indication that Rotary has a strong indication that the Rotary has a continued important role to play in the lives of young people who are part of our "Family of Rotary".

The RYLA program will skill young people to become leaders of their communities, equipping them with the leadership and social skills to lead with integrity, courage and a sense of self-efficacy and I congratulate all the attendees and the magnificent hosting team for their work in making it happen.

I also congratulate New Generations Chair Vanda Mullen and her Rotaract Chair Ros McMorrow for all the hard work they have put in to make the new Rotaract Club at the University of Melbourne happen. It was great to see a number of new Rotaractors from the University helping us volunteer at the City2Sea run recently and we welcome them to the Family of Rotary with welcome arms.

I have also been busy recently with the 2012 Zone Institute in Brisbane as well as the Future Leaders Seminar and Pre Institute Training. The theme of the 2012 Zone Institute this year was "The Magic of Rotary" and I can say with

assurance, that seeing us extend our Family of Rotary has been provided a certain magic spark which is great to see.

Seeing more people brought into Rotary and then seeing it change their lives (and the lives of others) for the better is really something special. I implore you all to think of who you know that you could invite to be part of our Family.

In the season of giving, sharing something positive and special with someone close to you is a gift that truly means something and is a gift that gives back to many.

I'd like to finish this message with a speech I picked up on the Internet: it is attributed to a former CEO of Coca Cola, Bryan Dyson:

*"Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling some 5 balls in the air. They are WORK, FAMILY, HEALTH, FRIENDS AND SPIRIT and you're keeping all of these in the air. You will soon understand that WORK as a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other balls, FAMILY, HEALTH, FRIENDS AND SPIRIT – are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for it."*

Look after your Family this Festive Season and know your Family will be there to look out for you.

Seasons Greetings from Gabrielle and I!

Yours in Rotary,  
**Keith Ryall**  
District 9800 Governor  
2011-2012



District Governor Keith Ryall and Gabrielle

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## December is Family of Rotary Month



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### Business Tips

## How to give and take feedback

Accepting feedback from employees, colleagues and managers can be daunting and humbling, but it is necessary to improve your own work and a business's operations. Equally important is knowing how to give feedback in a constructive and meaningful way. Read on for some helpful hints on how to handle the feedback loop.

While much has been written about how to offer constructive criticism to a colleague or employee, how should you receive it in return?

Tony Schwartz, CEO of The Energy Project, an American company that focuses on employee engagement and energising workforces, recently explored this subject for the Harvard Business Review, and argues that 'constructive criticism' is ill-defined in the first place.

Schwartz argues that 'constructive criticism' is a monologue, not a dialogue, and a "polarising" phrase. "We need to think of these interchanges instead as opportunities for honest inquiry and genuine learning," he writes.

Schwartz offers three tips for giving feedback, which

can also be extrapolated into effective ways to receive it:

Don't feel your own value is at risk when giving or receiving feedback.

Resist the "primal impulse" to defend yourself when giving or receiving feedback, otherwise it will only result in the two parties defending their own value. Don't deny responsibility for a mistake if confronted with one during the feedback process.

Treat everything that is said as "one interpretation of the facts". The feedback giver should never assume they are definitively correct on all matters. Instead, treat the feedback in a "spirit of humble exploration".

Other tips for receiving well-intended feedback, offered by US professional development firm Employee Development Systems Inc, include:

Take your time responding to feedback and don't

automatically say the first thing that comes to mind, especially if it's a negative reaction. If you don't agree with all the criticism, look for the elements of truth within it and identify how you can improve in those areas, before dealing with the rest of it.

VECCI also runs comprehensive training on the day-to-day management of staff, including undertaking the difficult conversations successfully.

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# THE RI CONVENTION IN BANGKOK COULD BE THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

By Peter J Milburn, Chairman District 9800 RI Convention Bangkok

**Value:** Thai government support allows RI to offer the lowest registration fee in years at US\$160 for Rotarians and guests. The cost of food and hotels in Thailand is very reasonable.

Register with RI online through member Access <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/HowtoRegister.aspx>

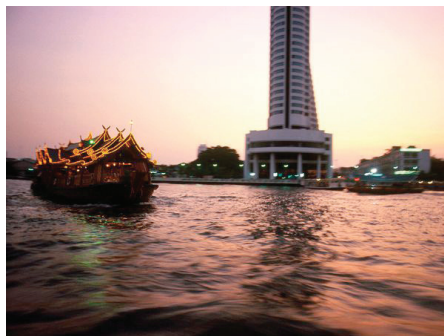
**Inspiration:** Exemplary speakers such as Noble Laureate DR. MUHAMMAD YUMUS, who is the founder of the Grameen Bank, a microcredit pioneer and social business innovator. Also our own Young Australian of the year, HUGH EVANS who is Co-founder of the Oaktree Foundation.

**Fellowship:** The Host organisation committee will create a garden of exotic flowers within the House of Friendship and will also feature computer cafes.

Also expect a very special host Hospitality KITCHEN OF THE WORLD, on Monday 7th. May. With 6000 seats, 285 international food stations, and 10,000 samples, this promises to be a night to be remembered in a land of a thousand smiles. Through the generous support of the Thailand Government tickets for this event are only US\$10 Check out the HOC ticket special offered through the HOC website -- Buy ten tickets and get one free. Then, take a look at other Host Events and tours!

**Entertainment!** Enjoy the multicultural entertainment planned for the plenaries including international acts from Thailand, India, Bulgaria, and the United Kingdom!

**Information!** Download the tentative breakout session schedule. Register for the convention and reserve your hotel online or by submitting forms by fax or mail. The hotel form includes an updated map and newly added hotels.



**Please note:** Bangkok flooding is restricted to some areas of Bangkok near the Chao Praya River (I was in Bangkok just 3 weeks ago). RI tell us the worst of the crisis is over, and they will continue to monitor the situation.

DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS 1st December 2011

If you register early you should be assured a seat at the FIRST opening ceremony. The advantage of attending the first is that some VIP's such as the Prime Minister will speak live. At the second opening ceremony some speeches will be on video replay.

Whether planning an exotic adventure or returning to a favorite destination, you can be sure that your trip to Bangkok will be special this year — because of the warm reception you'll receive at the RI Convention, 6-9 May 2012.

## >> For More Information

A Rotarian travel agent from our Malvern club, Penny Bromme has prepared some attractive group travel options. Ph: 03-9500-0288 or email at: [penny@armadaetravel.com.au](mailto:penny@armadaetravel.com.au)

Any enquirers please come back to me via email or phone 9 801 6180 or visit: <http://www.rotaryconvention2012.com/index.php>



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Exotic Hill Tribes and Beautiful Culture



>> Download Letter  
from Kalyan Banerjee





# December is Family of Rotary Month



Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world. Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.

## Who belongs to our Rotary Family?

- Fellow club members
- Spouses and spouse groups (e.g. Inner Wheel)
- Children, parents and other relatives
- Families of deceased Rotarians
- Youth Exchange students and their families
- Interactors, Rotaractors and RYLarians
- GSE team members, Ambassadorial

- Scholars and alumni
- Global Networking Groups
- Friends of Rotary

## Why is the Family of Rotary important?

- Allows us to build lifelong friendships
- Enhances our personal families' relationships
- Builds world understanding and peace
- Improves international solidarity and tolerance
- Contributes to membership growth
- Contributes to diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion and profession
- Improves Rotary's public image
- Strengthens clubs and their commitment to service

## How do we care for fellow Rotarians like family?

- Remember birthdays and anniversaries
- Assist when they are sick, lonely, or having difficulties
- Share their grief during and after a

death in the family

- Celebrate at births, weddings, etc

## How do we involve our own families in Rotary?

- At special family oriented social events
- At club meetings for special programs
- Assistance at fundraisers
- In community service projects
- Hosting Youth Exchange and GSE teams

## >> For More Information

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/networker\\_022\\_december\\_is\\_family\\_of\\_rotary\\_](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/networker_022_december_is_family_of_rotary_month)  
month





# Grand Opening of Camp Getaway Mini-golf Course

By Paul Kirkpatrick, Chair - Camp Getaway



A large crowd gathered to see the fruits of the labours of the Rotary Club of Keilor, as PDG Colin Gibbons officially opened the nine hole mini-golf course. Brainchild of PP Russell Atkins and PP David Dippie, the course was designed with input from students at the Keilor Primary School. Alluding to the three and a half year construction phase, PP Russell quipped that he thought he ought to set an opening date for the project before the primary school students started university!

The date certainly galvanized the completion phase of the project, with tireless input from the Rotary Club of Keilor, assisted with civil works from members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst, and landscaping works from the Rotary Club of Keilor East; plus numerous other club and community contributions.

A feature of the nine hole mini-golf course is its ready access for camp users who are in wheelchairs, or who have some mobility disability. All features of Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800), are focused on access by people of all abilities.

To mark the opening, Master of ceremonies, PP Russell, assisted by PDG Colin presented a ceremonial putter to Chair of the Camp Getaway (Rotary D9800) District Committee, PP Paul Kirkpatrick.

The nine hole mini-golf course is certainly an asset that the Rotary Club of Keilor and Camp Getaway can be very proud of.



## Five Snow-Children's Aged Care Centre

By Don Cullen, RC Brighton North



In the ears of distant dwellers, Yushu is famous for being the cultural centre of Kham and the mother source of the great rivers; the beauty of the landscapes, the echoes of Tibetan mastiffs and the richness of caterpillar fungus were often heard about and talked of. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake that hit Jiegu Town in 2010 destroyed a huge amount of wealth and took the precious lives of thousands.

We were told not to worry, but to look forward and a better Yushu would be built. Promises were made and broadcast far and wide. If an eyewitness dared tell the facts about Yushu's present condition, hardly anyone who hasn't seen Yushu would believe them.

If truth were told, the people of Yushu have been living with incredible pain, depression, anger and worry; the future of Yushu seems doomed. Nothing could possibly replace the old Yushu and nothing can compensate for the beloved lives lost amidst the disaster. Obviously, there is a richness of wealth in Yushu, but that richness lay in the hands of a few individuals. The majority of common people in Yushu are far too poor. The worst damage done by the disaster in Yushu is that it left behind many innocent children without parents to care for them, love and nurture them. It ripped



sons and daughters from aging parents and grandparents, husbands from wives and vice versa. Those who lost are now facing tremendous hardships as they struggle to live by themselves.

The Five Snow Senior Care Centre was started by a group of local Tibetans right after Yushu earthquake as there were seniors who lost families and had no one to take care of them. It is an ultimate oath taken by the Five Snow-Children to devote all our ability, love, compassion and services to the helpless elderly people who have no one to take care of them also to be their sons and daughters as long as they live. They would like to look into having a permanent home after the government finishes rebuilding Yushu, a situation that is too unpredictable at the moment.

Having been a witness and been strongly touched by the sight of the few elderly people left behind with no one to rely upon, the Five Snow-Children started visiting every corner of Jiegu Town 4 days after the earthquake to examine how many of such people there were in the town. Finally on the 20th of May 2010, seniors were received at the Five Snow Senior Care Centre, and were provided with much needed medication, food, clothes and shelter. Until now, all of the expenditures have been borne by the family of Five Snow-



Children as well as a few sympathetic individual donors. Since there is no place to go and no one to depend upon, we are seeking funds and aim to open a small tailoring factory for the financial sustainability of the Senior Care Centre.

A temporary house of 40 square-metres shall be build to set up a Tailoring factory. Completed with basic facilities and equipment, the tailoring factory shall be officially opened two months after the project is commenced. Eight to ten unemployed and uneducated girls shall be given some pocket money and trained by a hired professional, master tailor: this project will also create job opportunities.

### >> For More Information

Read the full Yushu Report at:  
<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.com.au/site/1164/YushuSeniorCareProject.pdf>

or visit the  
 Tibetan Village Project website at:  
<http://www.tibetanvillageproject.org/>

# The Seeker's Story

By Robert Botwood, Rotary Club Gisborne

On 21st November, Athol Guy and the Rotary Club of Gisborne presented "The Seeker's Story" an evening of nostalgia.

The function, organised by Past President Dr. Caroline Lee-Kean, was attended by 130 people, including five Rotary Clubs and two community Clubs. A sum of \$3,600 was raised which will allow for two sets of ten teachers to be trained in youth mental health recognition.

Athol Guy took us all back to his start in the music business with a number of groups up to the time of The Seekers. It was only by chance that Athol and the others heard Tom Springfield's (Dusty's brother) "I'll Never Find Another You" and thought it had promise. With that record they hit the charts and never looked back. Athol recalled all the greats of the time, such as the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Freddy and the Dreamers and, of course, Dusty Springfield.

It is little is known that The Seekers were voted the best group, beating all the previous mentioned icons!

It was a very successful evening.

## About The Seekers (from Wikipedia)

The Seekers were the first Australian popular music group to achieve major chart and sales success in the United Kingdom and the United States. They were a highly popular band during the 1960s with Judith Durham on vocals, piano and tambourine; Athol Guy on double bass and vocals; Keith Potger on twelve-string guitar, banjo and vocals; and Bruce Woodley on guitar, mandolin, banjo and vocals.



**Above:** Dr. Caroline Lee-Kean, Athol Guy, and President Robert Botwood.

**Below:** The Seekers, performing in the Melbourne Town Hall after receiving their awards as Australians of the Year for 1967. L to R: Keith Potger, Bruce Woodley, Judith Durham and Athol Guy.

The group had top 10 hits in the 1960s with "I'll Never Find Another You", "A World of Our Own", "Morningtown Ride", "The Carnival Is Over" "Someday One Day", and "Georgy Girl" (the title song of the film of the same name). Their style is described as "concentrated on a bright, uptempo sound, although they were too pop to be considered strictly folk and too folk to be rock."

In 1968, they were named as joint Australians of the Year – they are the only group to do so. In July of that year, Durham left to pursue a solo career and the group disbanded. The band reformed periodically and, in 1995, they were inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame.

Woodley's and Dobe Newton's song "I Am Australian", which was



recorded by The Seekers and others, has become an unofficial Australian anthem. The Seekers have sold over 50 million records.

## >> Watch Them

"The Carnival is Over" at:

[http://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/melbourne\\_details.php?id=17808](http://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/melbourne_details.php?id=17808)

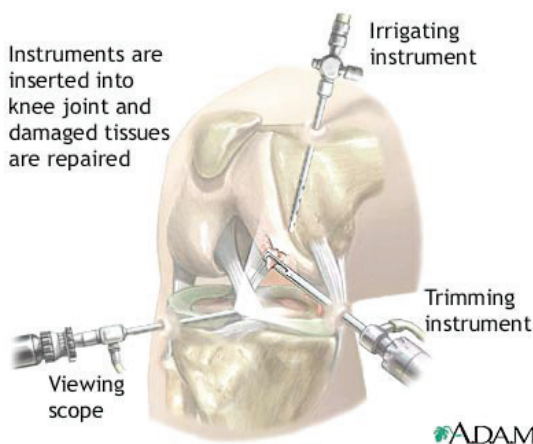




## Arthroscopy

Arthroscopy is the examination of the inside of a joint, using a special illuminating instrument inserted through a small incision or 'portal'. The incisions are usually less than one centimetre in length.

The arthroscope is slender (less than five millimetres in diameter) and has a fibre-optic light source and a magnifying lens attached. Tiny instruments that are capable of cutting or shaving material from within the joint may be inserted through other small incisions, if necessary. A tiny camera mounted within the arthroscope transmits the images of the joint interior to a television



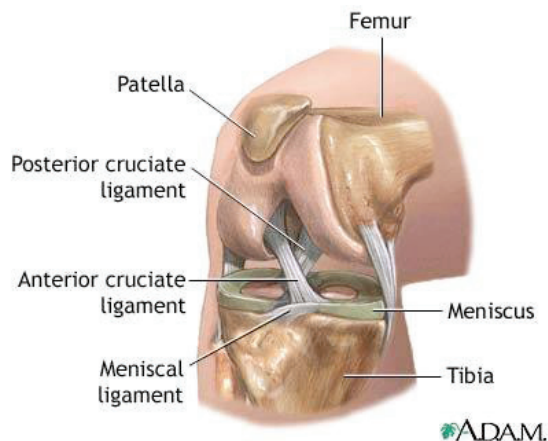
monitor.

Diagnosis by arthroscope  
A common use of the arthroscope is the examination and surgical repair of the knee joint. Other joints that may be examined with the arthroscope include the shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip and ankle.

Some of the conditions that may be diagnosed or treated by arthroscope include:

- Torn cartilage
- Damaged joint lining
- Torn ligament
- Damage to the knee cap (patella)
- Arthritis.

Before the procedure, you need to discuss a range of issues with



Arthroscopy allows for the visualization of the interior of a joint through the use of optic instruments. Surgery can now be performed on larger joints using direct visualization and miniaturized techniques. After this procedure, the person can often go home the same day.

your doctor, including:

Medical history – including any allergic reactions to drugs  
The procedure – including benefits, risks and possible complications

If you are having a general anaesthetic, assessment by your anaesthetist to make sure you are fit for the medication.

### >> For More Information

Read more about the Operation procedure at:

<http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Arthroscopy?open>

# Notices & Upcoming Events

## December

- 03** **MURRUMBEENA FESTIVE SEASON COMMUNITY MARKET**  
Rotary Club of Caulfield
- 04** **SUSSAN WOMENS FUN RUN**
- 11** **GATORADE TRIATHLON SERIES**
- 13** **NOEL TENNISON**  
Rotary Club Gisborne
- 28** **INTERNATIONAL RYLA**  
RYLA in India

## January

- 11** **GSE TEAM TO INDIA FAREWELL DINNER**  
Starlight Reception Centre  
Taylors Lakes

## February

- 23** **WHISKY TASTING**  
Rotary Club of Glen Eira
- 26** **2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM**  
Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand

## Notices

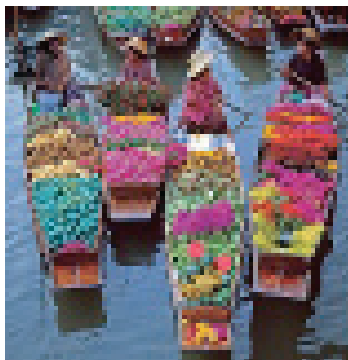
### SITUATIONS VACANT

Dedicated and experienced Rotarians are needed to assist in the management of the District affairs for 2013–2014.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:  
[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices\\_and\\_events](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events)

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**2012 Rotary World Peace Symposium and Rotary Alumni Celebration Preconvention Meeting**  
Bangkok, Thailand  
3-5 May





# The Rotary Foundation Breakfast



**7am for 7:15am Start, Saturday, 10 March  
@ The Melbourne Convention Centre**



**The Foundation Breakfast** at the Conference over the last few years has grown in stature to now be one of the many highlights of the District 9800 Conference.

The Foundation Breakfast provides an opportunity at our District Conference to reflect on the great work of the Rotary Foundation and see the tangible outcomes of our work. Previously we

have heard from Seattle TV Anchor Penny LeGate on the terrific work Rotary is doing to end Polio and this year we will hear all the latest on our fight of fights from our very own Australian Rotarian and nurse on the front line of Polio prevention, **Jenny Horton**.

Jenny will be joined by others representing the Rotary Foundation's terrific work, including our **Peace and Ambassadorial Scholars** and our **Group Study Exchange teams** from India and America. Our own D9800 GSE teams will be there as well, with the team returning from District 3030 in India under the leadership of Murray Verso having plenty of stories to tell and PDG Greg Ross' team to District 5230 about to embark on their journey in April 2012. If you haven't met our scholars or GSE teams, the breakfast is an ideal place to get to know them.



Part of the 80th Annual District 9800 Conference, Melbourne.

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## Why Supporting The Rotary Foundation Counts...

As "Our Charity", The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle of our Rotary Clubs to invest in lasting change in the world. The funds raised by Rotarians are invested for 3 years, and at the end of those 3 years, half of the funds raised 3 years prior are available to our District for use in our District, while the remaining half is kept in the World Fund to be used to fund Global Grants, Peace scholars and other approved projects of the Rotary Foundation undertaken by our District and our member clubs.

### **This year District Grants have been provided to clubs for projects including:**

- providing water and sanitation systems to developing countries;
- investigatory visits to finalize proposed international projects;
- ambulances in rural India to collect blood and improve public health;
- bringing teachers from PNG to learn new literacy programs to be taught in PNG schools; and
- providing literacy programs via books to local kindergartens.



With these projects carried out under the management and stewardship of Rotary volunteers, The Rotary Foundation represents one of the most effective ways to bring peace, understanding, education, good health and community betterment to our world.

**I invite you to join us for a sumptuous breakfast and an inspirational way to start the first morning of our District Conference at the Foundation Breakfast!**



**PDG John Davis**

Chairman

Rotary District 9800

Rotary Foundation Committee



## To Book Your Place:

Simply indicate your attendance when completing the [Conference Booking Form](#) or contact Victor Sullivan on 0409 437 009 to reserve your place!



## Reader's Letters

Dear Clarice,

*Thank-you so much for following through with connecting KIDS Foundation to Rotary through the District Newsletter.*

*Rotary is an important and much valued member of the communities in which KIDS Foundation works. A practical demonstration of this is the fact I have this morning confirmed a tentative speaking engagement at Rotary Club of Highton in early 2012, and I'm speaking tonight at Ballarat South.*

*I look forward to better connection with District 9800. I actually enjoyed reading the 9800 "Networker". Living up to the name- I noticed the new inductee at Albert Park as my former University of Melbourne Halls of Residence mate Neil Cole. WOW that was a lifetime ago!*

*And "Networker" spurred me on to give my daughter a text about joining Melbourne City Rotaract- she is new to Melbourne and has just secured a CBD located position. It could be a great way for her to 'give back' and make friendships. So the "Networker" may be responsible in part for that!*

*I look forward to catching you again*

Kind Regards

**Gerrie Carr-MacFie**

CEO, KIDS Foundation, incorporating Burns Survivors' Network

Hello Clarice,

*The Rotary Club of Melbourne South / Eyes Wide Open Schoolies Trip to Cambodia is underway.*

*This is a unique tour designed to show Year 11/12 students a different way to enjoy Schoolies. Eyes Wide Open trips provide a meaningful way to see new destinations, experience new cultures and to help communities in need. The students may come to understand the plight of people whose daily struggle is survival.*

*The details of the trip are updated daily on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Echuca-Schoolies-Eyes-Wide-Open-Cambodia-Tour/306716019347710>*

*What a way to show the power of Facebook to Rotarians!*

**Mark Stephens,**

PE South Melbourne RC.

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## DG Weekly Message

During our Family of Rotary Awareness Month in December, it's a great time to celebrate all things related to our extended family and Rotary's impact on families around the world.

I just had a great email from John Benger, our Southern Regional Director of ROMAC, who had some heart warming news in time for the Family of Rotary month and the festive season.

The email regarded a mother, Maria, who gave birth to her baby daughter Nelia in Timor Leste (East Timor) on the 28th of November. Two days later on the 30th it was evident that baby Nelia had serious intestinal problems.

Through the assistance of ROMAC, in under 5 days passports, visas, hospital clinical approval, hospital financial approval, an agreement no Australian child would be disadvantaged by an express surgery, flights, Darwin transit, a paediatrician to accompany baby Nelia on the on the flight, accommodation, an interpreter, an ambulance and a doctor to meet flight were all arranged to bring 8-day old baby Nelia to the Monash Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Melbourne.



District Governor Keith Ryall  
and Gabrielle

Children hold a special place at Christmas, and I think Australia, Monash and Rotary can have a small glow of satisfaction as hopefully this baby will have her first Christmas and enjoy many more in the future. Without treatment Nelia had around a week to live.

For all of you who have supported ROMAC, you deserve to feel a touch proud for having helped make something so special happen. I have included a little more about ROMAC below.

The words of our Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee also resonate strongly during Family of Rotary Awareness Month. Kalyan recently issued the following words:

*"...the first of our emphases in this year is the family, because the family is where everything begins. It is where life begins, it is where our day begins, and it is where our Rotary service must begin. Because it is the family, and not the individual, that is the building block of the community – and of*

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Rotary.

*It is one of my great priorities to encourage the involvement of families in Rotary service. I feel incredibly strongly that Rotary should never, ever come between the Rotarian and the family. Rotary service should be something that brings the family closer together. For myself, if I cannot bring Binota with me to a Rotary event, it's simple – I don't go! Rotary is not just for me; it is for both of us."*

In next week's Networker, we'll be sharing a special announcement about our Conference regarding the Family of Rotary – I look forward to bringing you some great news in the spirit of Christmas.

Yours in the spirit of the Family of Rotary,

**Keith Ryall**

District 9800 Governor  
2011-2012

ROMAC is now in its 20th year of operations. Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to run this Rotary program that encompasses all the Districts of Australia and New Zealand. Assisted by many eminent Australian surgeons who generously donate their time free for the treatment of our patients, this humanitarian program has provided over 300 children from 20 developing countries with urgent medical treatment that has given them new hope.

**>> For More Information**

Visit the ROMAC website: <http://www.romac.org.au/>

[Read the latest ROMAC Newsletter](#)

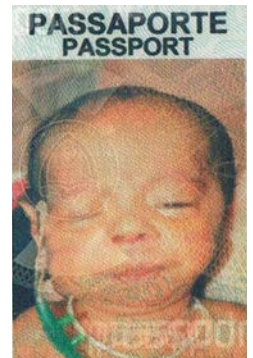


10 day old, 2 kg, Nelia being disconnected from the crib used to transport her. Two neo-natal ICU nurses are in the background, ready to put in all the tubes and attach monitors.



East Timor interpreter showing Mum the art of cooking with gas.

A rather cute passport:  
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## Business Tips

# Top Kris Kringle gift ideas - and what to avoid

The office Kris Kringle can turn from festive to frustrating when you draw the name of a colleague you don't know well or if you're on the receiving end of a tasteless or tacky gift you've been forced to unwrap in public. Here's a handy gift guide to help take the stress out of Secret Santa.

### A new mug or reusable cup

Pick a bright colour or pattern, include a small box of good quality tea or coffee (or fill with lollies), and you've got a simple, satisfying and stress-free gift.

### Swanky stationery

Help make the 2012 work year a little brighter for your colleague with a new diary, pens, notebooks or writing paper in fun colours and prints.

### Sporting gear or merchandise

A gift with their team's logo or colours will always be appreciated by the sports fans in the office, while practical gear like golf tees is also an option.

### Something sweet

Who doesn't want to indulge during the festive season? Shortbread, mince pies and gingerbread are hard to go past, and if you've got a talent for baking (and a bit of spare time) you could even make the gift yourself.

### Desk decoration

If your workplace allows you to personalise your desk, consider giving a small picture frame or easy-to-maintain potted plant.

### Movie tickets

If the price parameters of your Kris Kringle allows, movie tickets can be a no-fuss, satisfaction guaranteed gift option.

### Cookbook

Recipe books don't have to be big and expensive – there are many mini versions on offer that are cheap, cheerful and sure to please the office master chef.

## WHAT TO AVOID:

### Anything 'adult' or offensive

These items have no place in the office and could land you in hot water.

### Anything too personal or expensive

You don't want the gift recipient to feel uncomfortable either because of the gift or how much you paid for it.

### Anything humiliating

Never buy a gift for a colleague that could be considered a personal attack (such as odour-related products).

### Alcohol

This is where the boundaries blur slightly, depending on how well you know the colleague, but as a rule of thumb, it's best to avoid giving alcohol as gifts.

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For further information, please click here: [http://www.vecci.org.au/news/Pages/Business\\_tips\\_Top\\_Kris\\_Kringle\\_gift.aspx](http://www.vecci.org.au/news/Pages/Business_tips_Top_Kris_Kringle_gift.aspx)

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## Group Study Exchange to the USA

*By Anne Peace, Chair of Group Study Exchange 2011-2012*

**D**istrict Governor, Keith Ryall and Foundation Chair, PDG John Davis congratulate the newest team members in the District 9800 Group Study Exchange program for this year.

Team member selection took place on Sunday, December 4 at International House.

Candidates from the Rotary Clubs of Central Melbourne Sunrise, Bendigo, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Daylesford, Chadstone/East Malvern, Camberwell, Keilor East, Footscray and Melton. We would sincerely thank those clubs for nominating and mentoring their candidates.

### The Team to D5230, led by PDG Greg Ross is:

**Andrew Wood** – Metropolitan Fire Brigade nominated by RC Hawthorn

**Jacinta Lean** – Clinical nurse specialist in the Haematology and Stem Cell Transplant Unit at Peter McCallum Cancer Centre nominated by RC Bendigo

**Briana Trimble** – Customer Service Manager with Telstra Countrywide nominated by RC Bendigo

**Adam Mckie** – Efficiency consultant nominated by RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

We look forward to sharing the presence of the outstanding young professionals of both GSE teams in our clubs and District.

### Events for this team are as follows:

Team leaves on April 22

**Farewell** to be hosted by Hobsons Bay Cluster at afternoon tea at Werribee Park Mansion on Sunday, April 15

Team arrives home on May 22

**Welcome Home** to be hosted by RC Williamstown with details to be confirmed.

The GSE committee sincerely thanks the members of the selection panel DG Keith, Foundation Chair John Davis, DGN Ross Butterworth, AG Mark Schirmer, Rotarian and Alumni Koren Harvey and her team.

Thank you to all who are supporting this program which holds all that Rotary aspires to in the aims and ideals.

## Family of Rotary

During December, the Family of Rotary Month, consider establishing and chartering a Rotaract club or an Interact club within your cluster.

These keen and enthusiastic young volunteers, part of our Family of Rotary, learn about Rotary Service and may one day decide to join your club as Rotarians.

The Rotaract Club of Melbourne University was recently chartered at Graduate House. The club was proudly sponsored and supported by the RC of North Melbourne.

Pictured from left to right, DG Keith, AG John McMorro, newly inducted Melbourne University Rotaractors, President George Zindilis (RC North Melbourne) and DRR (District Rotaract Representative) Grant Godino.



PDG Greg Ross rounds the team up.



Melbourne Uni Rotaract Club



# The Spirit of Sharing

Since 2000, The Spirit Of Sharing children's charity has sent over \$1 million dollars worth of donated new and second hand sporting equipment to over 300 Fijian schools, and into the hands of delighted underprivileged children.

The charity relies on public support for money and donations of new or good condition second-hand sports equipment from schools, organisations or individuals.

Peter Cole, Spirit of Sharing founder, writes:

*"During my stay in Fiji in 2000, I visited some schools around Suva, where I saw kids using coconuts to play rugby, and kicking an empty bottle around instead of a soccer ball. I could not believe that, in this day and age, these kids did not have adequate sports equipment. It dawned on me that I could help."*

The 27-year-old founded Spirit of Sharing in 2001. Since then he has delivered more than \$1 million in sporting, educational and medical supplies to children in Fiji.

In 2010, The Spirit of Sharing continued its traditional work of buying and distributing sporting equipment for under-resourced school communities, and gathering medical equipment, again for identified schools and hospitals.



This year's activities actually got underway in mid 2009 when Peter Cole was asked if he could take on a major project that was in urgent need: to fund a 40 bed dormitory at a secondary college on Fiji's garden island, Taveuni. The foundations had been poured and a team will complete the final touches in October. Another \$10,000 is needed to complete the project. Donations are tax deductible., and readers can call Peter Cole on 0439 997 583 to help.

Peter also agreed to take on the second most important task: the purchase of five 5000 Litre water tanks for Naselesele Primary school, also on Taveuni. This particular project was to help avoid another typhoid outbreak within the school, as last year more than forty children contracted the disease.



Peter is now a member of the Rotary Club of Knox, and Spirit of Sharing has joined forces to work with District 9810, the Rotary Foundation and the Fiji Government.

Peter Cole has received much recognition and community acknowledgement of his work for the Spirit of Sharing. In 2010 he was presented with the prestigious Order of Australia award from the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, A.C. "For service to the international community through the Spirit of Sharing mission."



**Left:** Unloading sports gear in Fiji. **Right:** Peter Cole with happy school boy.

## >> For More Information

Read more about The Spirit of Sharing at:  
<http://www.spiritofsharing.com.au/index.html>



## Murrumbeena Community Market



Several Rotarians were spotted at Murrumbeena Community Market last week.

Entry was via the “money-spinner”, and customers enjoyed the tea-shop with musical entertainment, books, face-painting and a variety of stalls. Perfect for a bit of Xmas shopping!

Caulfield RC were represented in the tea-shop and book store, where their famous eco-friendly products were available, and Chadstone/ East Malvern were found selling lovely fruit preserves. Not only did they raise some money for their projects, but helped raise community awareness of Rotary.

### >> For More Information

More about the market at:

<http://www.mymarketsvic.com.au/directory/murrumbeena-community-market-459.html>

## Brighton North Rotarians bring an old building back to life

By Sue Jones, Rotary Club of Brighton North

St. Stephens Church in North Rd Brighton is home to a grand old Church Hall, with the usual kitchen, meeting rooms and store rooms attached, and plenty of stories to tell in its cream weatherboard walls. The problem was, the paint on the walls was very tired, and the congregation mainly elderly and unable to breathe life into those walls with a new paint job.

So Brighton North Rotary Club has done just that - applied two coats of paint to over 90 square metres of walls, umpteen windows and doors, as well as a cute little Rotunda in the garden next to the hall. Colours have been applied which reflect the age of the building - cream walls and russet red doors and windows.

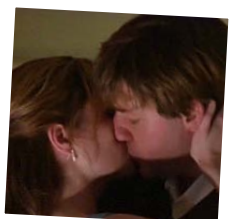


Hundreds of hours of work by many of our members have brought this significant, local building back to its former glory, amid the heartfelt thanks of the St. Stephens parishioners.

## Festive season office party kiss

You find yourself in the midst of a classic office party ethical dilemma, having had too much to drink and ending up in a passionate kiss with a colleague.

You and your colleague discussed the issue the next day and have agreed it was a mistake, meant nothing and is best forgotten.



However, you have always prided yourself on being completely honest in your relationship with your partner. He/she is having a difficult time at present as there has recently been a death in the family. The two of you are also currently planning your wedding, which will take place within the next year.

Do you tell your partner about your indiscretion?

What if someone else in your office saw what happened?

### Ethical questions:

- What are the issues?
- Who are the stakeholders?
- What should you do?
- What would you do?

Similar ethical problems were discussed at the recent Vocational Forum.

Send us your solutions, please.

### >> For More Information

This question was derived from the St James Ethics Centre at:

<http://www.ethics.org.au/content/ethical-dilemmas>





## Notices & Upcoming Events

### December

- 11 GATORADE TRIATHLON SERIES**
- 11 TRY SAILING AT DOCKLANDS**  
Rotary Club of Docklands
- 13 NOEL TENNISON**  
Rotary Club of Gisborne
- 28 INTERNATIONAL RYLA**  
RYLA in India

### January

- 11 GSE TEAM TO INDIA FAREWELL DINNER**

### February

- 23 WHISKY TASTING**  
Rotary Club of Glen Eira
- 26 2012 JALNA BIG BAY SWIM**  
Rotary Club of Point Gellibrand

### Notices

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

Dedicated and experienced Rotarians are needed to assist in the management of the District affairs for 2013-2014.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 Events Calendar

For a full Notices & Events calendar, visit the following link:  
[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices\\_and\\_events](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/notices_and_events)

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

## Reader's Letters

### *Yes Clarice there is a Rotary Father Christmas*

*When the people at the Bairo Pite Clinic a small private clinic in Dili sent their Christmas List to Santa, electric hospital beds were at the top. Rotary Elves come in many types including tattooed Collingwood barrackers like Daryl Mills our Rotary Liaison Officer in East Timor, who knew that they had been goods girls and boys and asked the Grumpy Head Elf at our DIK Store Laurie Fisher if we could help. Rotary Christmas magic is very strong and it was not a complete surprise that the following week The Rotary Club of Melbourne was asked by St Vincent's Hospital if we needed any beds. A team of Rotary Elves will collect the beds on 29th and 30th December at the hospital and would welcome additional help.*

*As we have just missed Santa's sleigh the beds have to go by ship and President Stephen Roe and the Essendon RC Elves checked their Wishing Well and found some of the money for freight. We are confident that the spirit of Christmas will encourage other Rotary Elves to donate some money from their Pot of Gold (\$150/bed) to allow the beds to be shipped in January.*

*The Spirit of Christmas is evident in Rotary throughout the year and we wish to thank all of the Rotary Elves for their support this year and wish them a very merry Christmas.*

### *The Donations In Kind Team*

*If other Rotary Elves can assist with a donation or the collection of the beds please contact **Laurie Fisher** on 0428 550 574 and by email at [dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com) or **Bob Glindemann** on 0418 102 702.*

## Do you have a letter for Clarice?

### Contact the Editor

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

Send your thoughts to her email address at: [clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au](mailto:clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au)



### 2012 Rotary World Peace Symposium and Rotary Alumni Celebration Preconvention Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand  
3-5 May







# IT'S ON AGAIN WITH A NEW LOAD OF BARGAINS ROTARY+ FRIENDS STANLEY TOOL AUCTION 1 DAY ONLY

INVITE YOUR  
FRIENDS!  
INVITE YOUR  
FAMILY!  
INVITE YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
TRADIE!!!  
GOURMET  
BBQ! ON SITE!

Come down and the great work  
being done by the RAWCS team  
at the DIK Storage Centre and  
learn how DIK is working to  
help those in need via the  
donation of surplus stock and  
equipment.

**FIRST AUCTION BEGINS 10AM SHARP!**

# SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 9:30AM-1PM

**PICK UP THE BARGAIN OF A LIFETIME!**

Our great friends at **Stanley Black & Decker Tools** have provided the Rotary Club of Southbank with a donation of another 23 pallettes of quality hardware tools and equipment and accessories to auction off on one day only – Saturday Dec 17. Come down and bid on the huge range!

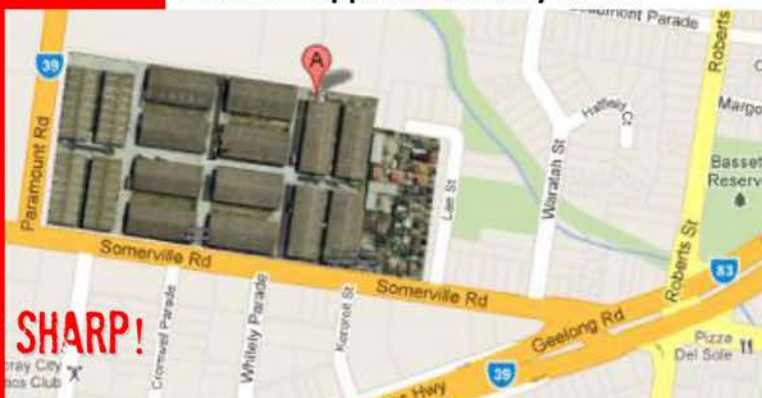
**TOOL CHESTS PLIERS BRAD GUNS SOCKET SETS\* CARRY CASES  
SAWS PLUG SOCKETS WRENCHES\* CABINET CASES SCREWDRIVERS**



**POWER TOOLS AIR COMPRESSORS CORDLESS DRILLS\* WORK  
BENCHES \*MEASURING TAPES STICK FRAMING MAILERS STAPLES**

## DONATIONS IN KIND (DIK)

Rear of Shed 40 @ 400. Sommerville Rd,  
West Footscray, Melway 41 E7. Enter  
GATE # 1 opposite Whitely Street







**2012 International Women's Day Breakfast  
Sponsored by Women in Rotary**



**MARTIANS & VENUSIANS**



# IN THE WORKPLACE

*Are we really from different planets or can we work together effectively?*

*Come & hear some of Melbourne's most distinguished men and women as they try to decipher whether men and women can ever truly work together in harmony...*

**Celebrating International Women's Day on Thursday, March 8, 2012**, some of Melbourne's eminent men and women will join together on a panel gathered by Women in Rotary to thrash out – *Can men and women ever truly work together effectively and in harmony?*

Debating the subject "**Martians & Venusians: Are we really from different planets or can we work together effectively?**" will be leaders from across the spectrum of sport, academia, business and women's advocacy. The panel will include:



**Andrew Demetriou**  
AFL CEO



**Mary Crooks**  
Executive Director,  
Victorian Women's  
Trust



**Harold Mitchell AC**  
Executive  
Chairman Aegis  
Pacific



**Fabian Dattner**  
Leadership  
Commentator &  
Author



**Neil Cole**  
Associate Professor  
University of  
Melbourne



**Tracy Bartram**  
Comedian, Radio  
Personality & Author

**Special guest  
Moderator:**

**Special guest  
MC:**

While business studies<sup>1</sup> have witnessed a 35% improvement in net return on investment when their top management teams show a greater balance of men and women working together, there remains a gender gap at the upper echelons of industry. Why is this so? Does gender balance matter?

Hosted by our MC, Australian comedian, radio personality, jazz singer and author **Tracy Bartram** and moderated by mental health activist, playwright, author, lawyer and former state MP **Neil Cole**.

'**Violence Free Families**' will be a major beneficiary. One in four Australian children sees violence at home. They are witnesses and victims traumatised by what they see, and at risk of repeating the behavioural cycle of this violence in their adult lives.

The International Women's Day Breakfast will be held on Thursday, 8 March, 2012, at: The Palladium, Crown Melbourne, Southbank, 7.00am for 7.15am-9.00am. Cost: \$55 p.p. / \$520 per table of 10. Corporate Tables available at \$620 per table of 10.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRES, BOOKINGS OR OFFERS OF SUPPORT/SPONSORSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT: ROTARIAN KERRY KORNHAUSER M: 0411 597 690 E: [kerry@travelinn.net.au](mailto:kerry@travelinn.net.au)

Reference:

1. Catalyst, The Bottom Line: Connecting Corporate Performance and Gender Diversity, , 2004.





## To Book

Please contact Rotarian Richard Goss on [rtgoss@msn.com.au](mailto:rtgoss@msn.com.au) or phone Richard on **0418 356 527**. You can make your payment of **\$55 p.p. / \$520 per table** or **\$620 per corporate table** for the breakfast via bank transfer to:

BSB: 033305  
Account No.: 335929  
Account Name: Rotary Club of Albert Park

Or contact Rotarian Kerry Kornhauser for further enquiries

## About Us



**Violence Free Families** was created in 2009 as part of the community service outreach of the Rotary Club of Brighton, Victoria, and is now supported by a number of committed Rotary Clubs. We invite you to share in the vision - a vision of "violence free families" - by supporting the International Women's Day Breakfast.



**The 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of International Women's Day** is March 8th, 2012, a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.



**Women In Rotary** is an initiative to promote and encourage community-minded women to become part of Rotary International. There are currently 5,700 women in Rotary in Australia who volunteer their time to help communities at home and abroad, as well as enjoying the benefits of networking, mentoring, developing their leadership skills and meeting a diverse array of others with similar community-oriented values. As leaders in business and community in their own right, Women in Rotary is taking a leading hand in redressing the balance of gender in Rotary Club membership, community leadership and the boardroom – we welcome women who aspire to make a difference to come and make that difference together with us!

An initiative of:







# The Rotary Foundation Breakfast



7am for 7:15am Start, Saturday, 10 March  
@ The Melbourne Convention Centre



**The Foundation Breakfast** at the Conference over the last few years has grown in stature to now be one of the many highlights of the District 9800 Conference.

The Foundation Breakfast provides an opportunity at our District Conference to reflect on the great work of the Rotary Foundation and see the tangible outcomes of our work. Previously we

have heard from Seattle TV Anchor Penny LeGate on the terrific work Rotary is doing to end Polio and this year we will hear all the latest on our fight of fights from our very own Australian Rotarian and nurse on the front line of Polio prevention, **Jenny Horton**.

Jenny will be joined by others representing the Rotary Foundation's terrific work, including our **Peace and Ambassadorial Scholars** and our **Group Study Exchange teams** from India and America. Our own D9800 GSE teams will be there as well, with the team returning from District 3030 in India under the leadership of Murray Verso having plenty of stories to tell and PDG Greg Ross' team to District 5230 about to embark on their journey in April 2012. If you haven't met our scholars or GSE teams, the breakfast is an ideal place to get to know them.



Part of the 80th Annual District 9800 Conference, Melbourne.

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Rotary District 9800



## Why Supporting The Rotary Foundation Counts...

As "Our Charity", The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle of our Rotary Clubs to invest in lasting change in the world. The funds raised by Rotarians are invested for 3 years, and at the end of those 3 years, half of the funds raised 3 years prior are available to our District for use in our District, while the remaining half is kept in the World Fund to be used to fund Global Grants, Peace scholars and other approved projects of the Rotary Foundation undertaken by our District and our member clubs.

### **This year District Grants have been provided to clubs for projects including:**

- providing water and sanitation systems to developing countries;
- investigatory visits to finalize proposed international projects;
- ambulances in rural India to collect blood and improve public health;
- bringing teachers from PNG to learn new literacy programs to be taught in PNG schools; and
- providing literacy programs via books to local kindergartens.



With these projects carried out under the management and stewardship of Rotary volunteers, The Rotary Foundation represents one of the most effective ways to bring peace, understanding, education, good health and community betterment to our world.

**I invite you to join us for a sumptuous breakfast and an inspirational way to start the first morning of our District Conference at the Foundation Breakfast!**



**PDG John Davis**

Chairman

Rotary District 9800

Rotary Foundation Committee



## To Book Your Place:

Simply indicate your attendance when completing the [Conference Booking Form](#) or contact Victor Sullivan on 0409 437 009 to reserve your place!