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A publication for Rotarians and all community-minded people

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Going for a Big Finish

This week saw the formal handover of the District Board and District Leadership Team to the incoming officers for Rotary Year 2010-11. It was terrific to see the incoming team, led by DGE Iven Mackay, so enthusiastic and ready to get "out there" and do some serious building and bridging. It was a great pleasure to welcome the new Board and DLT members and also provided an opportunity to thank the outgoing team for the wonderful support they have provided this District and to me personally over the last 12 months.

When preparing for the formal handover, while filling in those very important reports for RI, signing the many certificates of appreciation, and doing all those things a DG must do before handover, I was reminded of the past year how quickly it has gone. This time provided me with the opportunity to reflect on the year and to look at our achievements, our successes and to those things we need to address further as we move into the new Rotary Year. The big question I asked was: Had we achieved those goals set way back in 2008?



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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On reflection I believe we have had a very good year with nearly all of the goals we set have been achieved namely:

- An overall increased in membership and the chartering a the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park and two Interact clubs.
- Increased our profile in the community,
- Maintained our annual giving to the Foundation, in spite of the Global Financial crisis.
- Supported the polio challenge,
- Were recognised for the quality of scholars we sponsor and support,
- Were involved in an outstanding GSE exchange with District 2203 Spain,
- Were innovative in our approach to New Generations; with the introduction new programs and activities,
- Focused on Clean Water and Sanitation and made Literacy a priority in our own community and internationally,
- Highlighted the need to put our "Vocation" back into our service ethos,
- Improved our administrative processes both at Club and District level,
- Improved our communications and message delivery systems,
- Revised the way our future leaders are trained,
- Presented the best District Conference ever, and
- Made the Rotary experience enjoyable for everyone.

It is mind blowing when trying to recall all the wonderful works completed by our 70 clubs over the past 50 weeks. I am delighted to report that all of the clubs in our District have really worked hard, to the best of their ability to achieve their goals for 2009-10. We continue to work in developing countries, to provide safe water, hygienic sanitation systems, improved nutrition, better health and literacy programs. At home, all of our clubs have engaged with their local communities in many and various ways with great success.

We have also generously supported our own global charity - The Rotary Foundation. The programs of our Foundation are wide, diverse and far reaching, all designed to foster peace and goodwill throughout the world.

However we cannot stop now, there is still more that you can do to make this year an even greater success. Clubs and individual members still have time to get those donations in to support the Foundation's program of Annual Giving.

Let's have a very big finish to this year, the year of focusing on OUR future by supporting OUR Foundation. Have a great Changeover Season and enjoy the friendship and fellowship as you celebrate the year past and welcome all those who have committed to ensure the success of our organisation.

The Future is now in Their Hands

Colin Muir District Governor 9800



GSE Team Returns

by Adam Booth Sales Manager - St Regis Bates Amcor Australasia



This exchange has been such an amazing experience that it is difficult for us to highlight only a few of the things we learnt about:

- * Spanish life,
- * how our vocations function here,
- * the community benefit provided by Rotary in Spain, and
- * what the Spanish families have shared with us.

The Spanish culture seems so balanced. They work hard, but also prioritise family and fun. Each one of us has developed a love for extended meals sampling wonderful Spanish food and enjoying the company of friends. Spain has shown us how to take time for the things that are important. Our vocational visits have been exceptional.

Rotary facilitated access to very influential people working in our fields. Some of our learning's include:

- * an appreciation of the advanced technology used in Spanish businesses,
- * the difference between our countries due to economic cycles and trading partners, and
- * similarities between Spain and Australia in terms of the challenges we face in protecting the environment and managing drought.

Most importantly, from the many Rotarians who welcomed us, hosted us during cultural and vocational visits, and shared their homes with us, we learnt about their sense of giving. So thank you to all.



Particularly:

- * Vicente (DG District 2203) and Franz (Spanish GSE coordinator), who did so much organising and supported us throughout the trip
- * Ken Vasquez (Australian GSE team leader), a fantastic team leader that did his all to ensure we got the most out of the trip
- * DG Colin Muir and Dennis Shore, for making this trip possible and selecting such a great location
- * Our family, friends & colleagues back home that supported all of us

If you would like to read know more about our fantastic exchange please visit <http://d9800gse.blogspot.com/>.



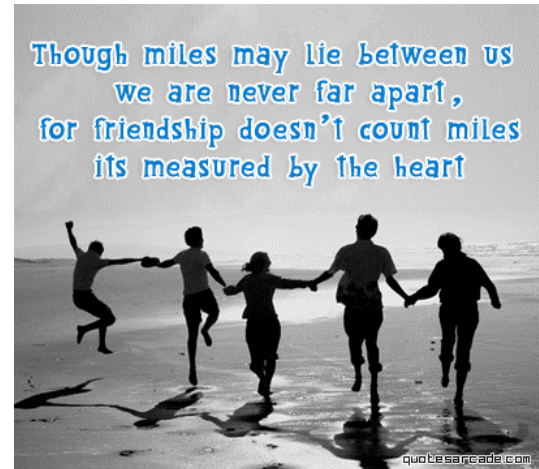
Rotary Friendship Exchange

By DG Colin Muir

One of the best supported fellowship programs in this District is the **Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)** program. This program gives Rotarians the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with

Rotarians from other countries and their families. The goal of the program is to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace through person-to-person contacts across national boundaries.

Exchanges incorporate a wide array of social events, local activities, Rotary gatherings and leisure time. Each itinerary is different, but the following experiences can all be part of an exchange:



Touring scenic area and historical sites, Visiting schools and colleges, civic institutions, banks, malls, markets, restaurants, zoos and businesses, exploring museums, galleries, visiting wineries, viewing and participating in sporting events, concerts or just meeting and conversing with other Rotarians at a BBQ or a bring a plate meal.

This year District 9800 will be hosting for two weeks a group from **Stratford-on-Avon, England** from 17th Oct 2010. Also there will be a team from **New Mexico/Texas USA** on 15th–29th Oct 2011. Additionally there will be outgoing exchanges to **South Africa** and **Zambia** in April/May 2011 and **Alberta Canada** in Sept 2011. There is NO cost to the host club or District. The exchanges are funded entirely by the visiting team.

If you would like further information on **Rotary Friendship Exchange** please contact RFE Chair Jeanette Lynch on 0419568639 or email: Jeanette.michael@bigpond.com

A Stronger Australian Rotary

A conference open to all Australian Rotarians, aimed at strengthening Rotary, and especially Rotary clubs, will be held in Canberra on August 21 and 22. Rotary International President (2010-11) Ray Klingensmith has confirmed his intention to attend, to meet and to address Australian Rotarians.

This is an opportunity to share ideas and best practices on how we can make Rotary better. Particularly we hope to see District and Club leaders from all over Australia and our neighbouring countries within Zone 8.

A number of welcome dinners will be held on Friday evening hosted by clubs within District 9710. The conference proper starts on Saturday morning and will finish around lunchtime on Sunday. An affordable conference package is available including registration, morning and afternoon teas, Saturday lunch and dinner, all for \$100.

Venue will be the Hellenic Club in Woden, A.C.T. A number of hotels/motels in the Canberra area have offered discounted accommodation to Rotarians attending.

More information is now available at:
<http://rotarydownunder.com.au/australianrotaryconference/>





Future Vision's First District Grant

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary International News -- 4 June 2010



The Rotary Foundation has approved the first grant under the Future Vision pilot, set to begin on 1st July: District 3330 (Thailand) will be using the US\$39,500 district grant to fund a variety of local projects, including buying books, computers, and sports equipment for schools; providing clean water for students; and adding patient beds at a hospital.

One of the projects will create a computer room at a primary school in Samut Prakan Province, giving 755 students access to computers and the Internet. Eight Rotary clubs in the province; a club in Cambodia and a club in Korea are cooperating on the \$15,900 effort. Another project will add beds to the province's main public hospital so it can serve an increasing number of patients.

Our District 9800 is one of the one hundred districts who are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the new grant structure offered in the Foundation's Future Vision Plan.

Details of the Future Vision Pilot are available at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/runningadistrict/futurevisionpilotprogram/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

District Governor's Changeover Lunch

The Rotary Club of Toorak invites you to attend the DG Changeover Lunch at Crown Palladium 11.30am for Pre-Luncheon Drinks **Sunday 27 June 2010**
Entertainment by Singer/Songwriter Dianna Corcoran - Female Artist of the Year

FREE PARKING in multi level car park - Entrance off Kingsway and Clark Street, Airbridge to Crown. Take ticket to cloak room for validation.



Bookings by Friday 12th June

To Rotary Club of Toorak Inc. PO Box 397
Toorak Vic 3142
Phone: 0419 357 864 Fax: 03 9509 7935
Email: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com

Booking form available from:

http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/uploads/downloads/Members/2010_04_Message/District_9800_Changeover_flyer.pdf





Marketing Tip

Why Not Run a Membership Expo at Your Club?



Trade exhibitions are big business. AG for Stonnington Barbara Adams is the Manager Corporate Planning and MCCD Administration at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre – where Trade Expositions attract thousands of people a year! These events work for consumers because they can gather relevant information about products and services in one place, with access to comprehensive information and knowledgeable staff on hand.

For many organisations it is a great way to showcase what is new, share information and demonstrate product benefits that consumers don't know about. It is also an opportunity to ensure that their staff are up to date in their knowledge, and primed for quality interaction with an interested public.

A 'Rotary Club Exhibition' can work in similar ways. Why not plan a Membership Expo at your Club? Invite the local business, target office buildings in your area – and promote on-line through community notice boards, Council notice boards and businesses and organisations with connections to your Club. Tap into their email lists and websites.

On the day make sure you have the latest materials, downloaded videos, banners and examples of Club projects. Remember to contact the District Marketing team for assistance. Prepare your members to put their best foot forward. Have some training sessions and run some simulated interactions.

Consider timing your Membership Expo so that you have a hands-on project to invite your prospects within a couple of weeks.

Then make sure that you follow up and tap into the interests that your prospective members have shown in Rotary. Assign each prospective member a 'Rotary Mentor' to follow up, and make certain that you have an action plan and monitor your results. Your Membership Expo is certain to bring in new people and will help your whole Club to focus on one of our most important tasks: membership growth.

Rotary Paraphernalia



The Catalogue of Rotary Merchandise can be seen at <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/shop/>



Readers Letters

Dear Clarice,

We have an International Youth Mental Health Forum coming up at the Melbourne Convention Centre in July, part of which is a (free) Public Forum "A Conversation with Professor Patrick McGorry" (2010 Australian of the Year).

The Public Forum is on 29 July at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start to 9.30pm – I thought this may be of interest to your Rotarian audience and could be included in a future edition of Networker.

Details are as follows: <http://www.ilymhconference.com.au/publicforum/>

Barbara Adams

AG Stonnington Cluster; Manager Corporate Planning and MCCD Administration



Dear Clarice,

It was good to hear PP David Dippie so pleased with the new Club (Melbourne Park) being Chartered recently. I think it is wonderful to create a new Club with new ideas . We have at least one that I know of in the East called Boroondara This Club meets at 7pm for 7.30pm and is specifically set up for younger people It was founded some years ago and is very active – in 2009 they hosted the RYLA camp and dinner at Wonga Park.

In the same breath I was saddened to hear PP David Dippie "knocking " established Clubs who sing the National Anthem and say the Grace . These Clubs contribute and have contributed the bulk of what Rotary does best -- offer service above self . They have managed to survive and flourish since 1905.

We at Glenferrie have had our debates on our own format over the years but these two items have never come under attack. After all we are still a predominately Christian country and National pride should be displayed in areas where ladies and gentlemen come together for the betterment of our own citizens as well as the global needy.

I have recently spent some time in Turkey and was " blown away " with their national pride and have never experienced the number of flags they proudly fly from every vantage point around the country . Some of these flags are just so big that they can cover six to eight floors of a city building . There are Rotary Clubs in Turkey – I saw their wheels every now and then . I did not attend any meetings but I would be most surprised if they did not sing their National Anthem and quote a word or two from the Koran.

I agree that some District 9800 Clubs could well look at " modernising " themselves in their meeting procedures and other ways to accommodate younger Members but please do not let us drop our standards to the lowest common denominator (EG : dress standards have been dramatically lowered over the years) just to attract these elusive younger people .

Well done Melbourne Park and the R.C. Glenferrie wishes you well for your future role in the world of Rotary International and may you share in all the rewards that Rotary has to offer.

Cheers,

David Sutherland

Foundation Chair

R.C. Glenferrie

Clarice Replies: How nice it is, that having a new Rotary Club can stimulate us all to have a fresh look at ourselves. Fresh ideas are always worth consideration, even if we don't all adopt everything new. And we can put forward our points of view in a friendly environment. Thanks to both Davids for their contribution.



Notices and Events

North Melbourne Rotary Club – Change of Venue

Please note that effective immediately the North Melbourne Rotary Club is changing the venue for its weekly Friday breakfast meetings (7.30am for 7.45am start) to the:

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If you can help with Pencils – black or coloured, erasers, rulers or anything else that they may need please drop them of at the DIK Store any Tuesday or Thursday.

400, Somerville Rd, West Footscray



Volunteers Urgently Needed

The Cancer Council Victoria urgently needs volunteers who have cared or supported someone with cancer, to join the **Family Cancer Connect Telephone Support Program**.

With 70 Victorians diagnosed with cancer every day, few Victorian families are not affected by cancer. This invaluable service offers one to one phone support to people affected by cancer from specially trained volunteers who have been through a similar experience.

- Full training is provided to volunteers (a minimum of 2 years post treatment or bereavement is required)
- Travel and accommodation expenses are covered for rural volunteers
- Out-of-pocket expenses to attend training will be reimbursed.

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a Family Connect volunteer, please contact

Trish Waters Cancer Services Coordinator 03 9635 5276 Email trish.waters@cancervic.org.au



GSE Team - Welcome back from Spain - Dinner

Italian Sports Club of Werribee, 601 Heaths Rd, Werribee

Wednesday 16th June 6:30pm for 7.00pm Cost: \$25 per person (drinks at bar prices) includes steak and seafood dinner.

Come and join in the celebration of a successful GSE team visit to Spain. Hear the exciting adventures of this extraordinary young team. Yes, we know it is changeover time but this will be your best chance to hear from one of the success stories of this rotary year. Support your foundation and come along.

Enquiries Contact: Gary Willson 0418 788 838 or garywillson@hotmail.com



Indonesian Night



Jointly held by Rotary Clubs of Glenferrie and Kew: Dinner and auction night fundraiser for next Sumba Eye Program

Wednesday, 16th June 6:30 to 9.30pm. Hawthorn Town Hall Burwood Rd
Mr Peter Stewart and Dr Mark Ellis will present - "The land, the people and delivery of eye care to West Sumba"

\$45 per head (Drinks at Bar prices) Authentic Indonesian cuisine and celebration of Indonesian culture. Enquiries: Helena Wimpole 9818 5231 or Bob Crozier 9509 7443

BOOKING is essential - RSVP and PREPAYMENT by 8th June

Please return booking form and payment to Geoff Wood, 13 Orrong

Crescent, Camberwell, 3124 or email mailto:kellwood@bigpond.net.au



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Wine Appreciation Fellowship Group

Help us celebrate the fact that June is Rotary Fellowship Month which means an opportunity for Rotarians who share a common interest .

We hope you will join us at Silverwing Wines. With over 60 different wine regions to choose from, they have concentrated on bringing top-rating varieties and blends from the most renowned regions .

7:00 pm on **Thursday, 17th June**

Silver Wings Winemaking, 28 Munster Tce, North Melbourne

Cheese and Biscuits will be served -R.S.V.P. 10th June by Contacting Leon Lewi on 0419 354 313 Fax 9331 5755 or email llewi@connexus.net.au



Rotary Club of St Kilda Changeover Dinner

21st June 6.30pm for 7pm start Cost \$55.00 Red Scooter 25 William Street, Balaclava
RSVP by 7th June to pr@stkildarotary.org.au

Interact Club of Aitken College – Charter Night

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine invites you to join them in the Charter of the Interact Club of Aitken College **Monday 21 June** 6:30 for 7:00pm at the Aitken College Chapel and Performing Arts Centre Melway map 178 K5

\$40 per person (includes finger food and soft drinks)

\$36 to Aitken students and parents who pay via College accounts

RSVP: Wednesday 16 June, to Barbara Wyatt 9333 1866



R.C.Werribee Changeover

will be conducting their Club Changeover at the Werribee Racing Club Function Rooms, Bulban Road, Werribee, **Tuesday 22nd June**, and also not at their usual meeting locality at Chilli Cheese Restaurant, Watton Street, Werribee.

Shrek Film Night

The Rotary Club of Yarraville invites you a night at the movies to see “Shrek Forever After”.

Come and enjoy a night at the movies at the charming art deco Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat St. Yarraville.

Ticket includes nibbles before movie and drinks at bar prices and 3D glasses

When: Tuesday 22nd June -6.15pm :drinks & nibbles 7.00pm :Movie Starts

Tickets: Adults:\$20, Children \$18 (14yrs or less)

For bookings and information, contact Gerard White 0438 072 153 or email king67@optusnet.com.au



Rotaract Club of Tullamarine Change-Over

Come and celebrate the beginning of our second year with a new board, new projects and a chance to acknowledge the achievements of our first year.

Tabcorp Park at Melton Racecourse, Friday, **July 2nd** at 6.30 for 7.00 to 11.00pm.

Cost \$75 per person, with 3-course meal, beer, wine, soft drinks, great fellowship and amazing entertainment including harness racing.

Payment by cheque to PO Box 2042, Greenvale 3095

More details from tullamarinerotaract@rotarydistrict9800.org



Know someone who would make a
great Rotarian?



Bring them along to your next meeting.





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The Year in Review



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At the District Leadership Team Meeting last week, DG Colin Muir and DGE Iven Mackay were clearly up to something: planning for the Rotary Year ahead. Meanwhile enjoy this pictorial review of the year.





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Richmond RC Timor Leste Project

Annie Wysham – Richmond RC Public Relations Chair

Barbara Woodberry is the Richmond Rotary Club's International Chair and enthusiastically drives the Club's international project, the Kindy Box Project, which supplies desperately needed resources to kindergarten teachers as they undertake professional development in Dili. They teach at over 12 different kindergartens and between them are teaching more than 1200 children. These resources go back to their villages with them, enhancing the educational experience of the village children. Barbara recently updated the Club on her latest East Timor visit and the project, describing the success of the initial project and how other initiatives have evolved which are contributing to the betterment of kindergarten education in Timor. 7 sets of teacher-resource boxes are now in place since the project commenced in 2008 -



Another project dream is coming true – the existing kindergartens are acting as 'satellites', bringing in people from surrounding villages to pass on the skills of kindergarten teaching so that more kindergartens can open. The Kindy Box Project is moving to the next stage - supporting a *second* tier of Timor kindergartens! In May 2009 the kindergarten

directors were invited to meet during a Club visit to Timor. At this gathering they agreed to explore a more formal relationship. As a result TaLiHa was born - a network of Timorese Early Childhood Learning Centres. TaLiHa stands for 'Tau Liman Hamutuk', which loosely translates to 'put hands together'. The aims of the group are to speak with one strong voice; to support individual Directors; to offer accredited training to their teachers and to ensure ongoing employment for their teachers. Teacher training commenced last September with 30 Senior TaLiHa teachers embarking on a program of teacher education.

Barbara flew to Timor in April 2010 with Anne Fisher, a New Zealand volunteer, and they did the first 2 weeks of hands-on training. They taught 30 senior and 30 junior teachers in 2 groups. On the last night of training there was an Award Ceremony to present certificates. The Australian Ambassador and his wife, the Director General of Education and other members of the Ministry, plus Daryl Mills, the Rotary Liaison Officer, were all in attendance. It was a highly successful evening and all present were very impressed with the caliber of those senior teachers. Barbara gave a power-point presentation highlighting the work done by Rotary and others in Melbourne, emphasising the number of people involved in this evolving and outstanding Richmond Rotary international project. The Timorese Director General of



Education spoke at length at the ceremony, thanking the Rotary Club of Richmond for their work. He praised what had been done to resource the schools and also spoke highly of the training and the results that he witnessed on the evening. This had a great impact on the teachers, raising their confidence and motivation.

Kindy Boxes: <http://www.kindyboxes.com/>

TaLiHa: http://taliha.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=2



Every Contest has a Winner

The Rotarian's 2010 photo contest had more than 500 entries

The winner was Peter Vogelaar Rotary Club of Utica, N.Y., USA *Woman fetching water in the Irrawaddy Delta, Myanmar*

This image, with its wonderful warm tones, gives the viewer cultural insight and speaks to the issue of clean water. The graphic elements work in balance with each other: The two pumps mirror the two buckets the woman is carrying. The trees balance the frame. Light coming directionally through the haze reflects off the drops dripping off the buckets, adding an extra dimension to the image. This is a lovely, elegant photo that speaks to the lives of the people who live in the Irrawaddy Delta.



Honorable mention went to: *Waiting for lunch at school in the Mukuru slum, Nairobi, Kenya* by Janice Hinkle, *Akshara book distribution project in Manchenahalli, India* by Prafulla Thumati, and *National Immunization Days in Kaduna, Nigeria* by *Dino Marzaro*

Best of the rest was *Fisherman heads out to feed his family in Uganda* by Carol Grant Stevens



See all the photos at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/photocontest1006.aspx>



Student Runs to a Big Donation

JACKSON SAUNDERS - Bendigo Advertiser

Rotary exchange student Gusten Danielson, 17, on Sunday completed a non-stop run from Tullamarine to Castlemaine in support of the McGrath Foundation.

Gusten started running in cold and wet conditions. He took to the road at 3.30am and finished at 3.30pm outside the Castlemaine Town Hall.

"It was very, very painful - the last 30 to 40 kilometres was incredibly painful," he said. "I realised how far 100 kilometres is, and that 12 hours is a very long time."

Gusten kept going by eating bananas, jam sandwiches, chips and lollies throughout the day, and he raised more than \$6000 for the McGrath Foundation. He is seen here with Castlemaine RC President Robert Cordy.



Full story at <http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/news/local/news/general/student-runs-to-a-big-donation/1852836.aspx>

Welcome New Members



New Castlemaine RC Members: Max Billman (specialist foundry services), Judy Kinnersley (dentistry), President Robert Cordy and Phillip Hallam (tertiary education)

Marketing Tip

New Member? Shout It Out!

Nothing Draws a Crowd like a Crowd Itself

Promoting your Club's new members is a fantastic way to attract further new members. It allows prospective members to see that Rotary members don't belong to a secret society, but indeed are people just like them with similar ideals.

Get the message out there!

By now we know all about the What's In It For Me? (WIIFM) principle, we know the audience we're trying to reach, we know the message we're trying to impart, we've got a good story, and we've even got a great front person (the new recruit) who can provide legitimate expert testimony on the worth of joining Rotary. The only thing left to do is make sure you convey all this in a way that piques the interest of others.

Tell the world you have a new member and how mutually beneficial the arrangement will be!





Tributes and Obituaries

A Tribute to Hawthorn RC's Jim Braden who died recently. (edited from a 2001, 90th birthday tribute)

William James Braden passed away peacefully on May 25, 2010 aged 99 years. Primary education was Jim Braden's life work. Accepted into the teaching service at the amazing age of 16 years after undertaking his primary and secondary education in Ballarat, Jim started his classroom duties in that same town and went on to a career in a variety of locations. In 1961 he was transferred to metropolitan Melbourne before being appointed as the assistant director of Primary Education, the last phase of his 46 years in education.



During his years in the Latrobe Valley, Jim had joined the Rotary Club of Moe in 1955. Returning to the city in 1961 saw a transfer to RC Northcote and his accession to the presidency of that club in 1964-65.

Jim has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer at three separate clubs and been bulletin editor at four. His hobbies of reading, history and sport are evidenced by his long membership of the Naval Historical Society and the Melbourne Cricket Club.

Readers Letters

Dear Clarice,

At the District Assembly in May I stumbled on the session describing the "District 9800 Online Community Collaboration Portal" as a worthwhile Rotary initiative. The first example at <http://www.southbank.org.au> is a community website with a strong Rotary component rather than the more conventional Rotary club site.

The "Online Community Collaboration Portal" refers to a website platform to be made available to Rotary clubs from 1st July at a cost of \$400 setup and \$360 per year.

This prompted me to write of my own experience of website building, as good results (though perhaps not with all the functionality such as member logins) can be achieved at much less expense. I built a new site for our club, the old one being five years out of date. The result was <http://www.rotarywoodend.org.au>



Then came the thought, prompted by the session at the District Assembly, that I should let others in Rotary know how I'd gone about it, as I'd found the process not only quick and simple but also virtually cost-free to achieve sites with no advertising distractions. In fact the only cost for each of those sites was \$13.95 for the domain name for two years!

For those who might like to follow my lead, please note that I've now put up three sites in six weeks for virtually no cost, starting with no website building experience (though I must admit to plenty of more general computer experience over the years).

easy-build tools. Anyone interested in more details can contact me via freasywebsites@gmail.com

The secret? Finding www.yola.com as a free web host with

Peter Hall,
Rotary Club of Woodend

Clarice replies: This sounds a great idea for smaller clubs, or those who do not require the functionality which will be available with the District's new online portal.

Peter has posted the details on what he did at <http://www.freeandeasywebsites.yolasite.com>



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Wine Appreciation Fellowship Group

Help us celebrate the fact that June is Rotary Fellowship Month which means an opportunity for Rotarians who share a common interest.

We hope you will join us at Silverwing Wines. With over 60 different wine regions to choose from, they have concentrated on bringing top-rating varieties and blends from the most renowned regions.

7:00 pm on **Thursday, 17th June**

Silver Wings Winemaking, 28 Munster Tce, North Melbourne

Cheese and Biscuits will be served -R.S.V.P. 10th June by Contacting Leon Lewi on 0419 354 313 Fax 9331 5755 or email llewi@connexus.net.au





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Rotary Club of St Kilda Changeover Dinner

21st June 6.30pm for 7pm start Cost \$55.00 Red Scooter 25 William Street, Balaclava
RSVP by 7th June to pr@stkildarotary.org.au

Interact Club of Aitken College – Charter Night

The Rotary Club of Tullamarine invites you to join them in the Charter of the Interact Club of Aitken College **Monday 21 June** 6:30 for 7:00pm at the Aitken College Chapel and Performing Arts Centre Melway map 178 K5
\$40 per person (includes finger food and soft drinks)
\$36 to Aitken students and parents who pay via College accounts
RSVP: Wednesday 16 June, to Barbara Wyatt 9333 1866



R.C.Werribee Changeover

will be conducting their Club Changeover at the Werribee Racing Club Function Rooms, Bulban Road, Werribee, **Tuesday 22nd June**, and also not at their usual meeting locality at Chilli Cheese Restaurant, Watton Street, Werribee.

Shrek Film Night

The Rotary Club of Yarraville invites you a night at the movies to see "Shrek Forever After".

Come and enjoy a night at the movies at the charming art deco Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat St. Yarraville.

Ticket includes nibbles before movie and drinks at bar prices and 3D glasses

When: Tuesday 22nd June -6.15pm :drinks & nibbles 7.00pm :Movie Starts

Tickets: Adults:\$20, Children \$18 (14yrs or less)

For bookings and information, contact Gerard White 0438 072 153 or email king67@optusnet.com.au



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As I prepare for the District Governor's handover this coming Sunday I am reminded of what a wonderful year this has been for the District, our Clubs but especially for Pauline and myself.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve our great organisation, Rotary International, as the District Governor of the biggest and best District in Australia.

This District once again has achieved outstanding results in all Avenues of Service, Foundation and in the management and administration of our organisation.



DG Colin Muir and Pauline

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We have increased our members, improved the image of Rotary and Rotarians in our community. We have met the goals set by our world President John Kenny when asked us for support of Water and Sanitation, Health and Hunger and Literacy - It certainly has been a great year.

To my Board of Directors and the members of District Leadership Team, thank you for all your efforts in providing outstanding support to our clubs and also providing the necessary assistance and guidance to our committees throughout the year.

To the Presidents, the Clan of 2009-10, I thank you for your leadership and the stewardship of your Clubs over the last 12 months. You can look back with pride at the achievements of your club in your Presidential year. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know you all personally.

To the Rotarians, Partners and Families of District 9800 a very big thanks for your work throughout 2009-10, without you we could never achieve our aim of Doing Good In the World. Without committed members there would be no future.

To the incoming Leadership Team and the Club Officers of the 70 clubs in our District congratulations and welcome. Your commitment to **Building Communities and Bridging Continents** is appreciated.

Now as the 2009-10 year ends and we prepare to hand over to the incoming team could I once again remind you all that no matter what happens:

The Future of Rotary Will Remain In Your Hands.

Colin Muir

District Governor





Wine Appreciation Fellowship Group

DG Colin Muir has recently described various Rotary Fellowship and Action Groups, and June of course is Rotary Fellowship Month. The most active group in our district seems to be Leon Lewi's Wine Appreciation Fellowship Group, which met last week at Silver Wings Winemaking, in a restored Art Deco warehouse at Munster Terrace, North Melbourne.

Winemaker/Director Keith Brien presented some rare and interesting wines from his personal and private collections, which the group savoured and discussed before ending up for dinner at the Metropole Hotel.



Our photos show some of the aficionados, and Keith Brien with Leon Lewi mulling over the choice of wines.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Institute

Editor: Cheyne, Dr Gordon

It is little known that Bill and Melinda Gates support many health issues, other than Polio Plus.



A collaborative effort to launch a project to revitalize the family planning and reproductive health global agenda was announced in Kampala by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The goal of the three-year project is to empower developing countries to advocate for universal access to reproductive health as a critical component in achieving the Millennium Development Goals in health through increased funding, an improved policy environment, and increased visibility for family planning at the local, national, and global levels.

Supported by both the Bill & Melinda Gates and the David and Lucile Packard Foundations with combined grants totaling \$12 million, the project will reach governments, international donors, and multilateral agencies about the urgent need to invest in family planning to reach the 200 million women who wish to delay or end childbearing, but do not have access to family planning services and supplies.

The project will build on past investments in family planning and ongoing activities in reproductive health advocacy, leadership development, knowledge generation, and innovative service delivery projects. The project's momentum will be fueled by the re-emergence of the United States and the continuing and growing interest of European donors in the issue of family planning.

Find out more at <http://www.jhsph.edu/gatesinstitute>



Future Focus in Creative Send-off

By Jill Weeks RC Hawthorn

Boroondara students are sending a message through their art to South Africa. Grade 6 students from Boroondara primary schools shared their creativity with Hawthorn Rotary Club last week.

Using a range of mediums to portray Rotary International's theme, *The Future is in Your Hands*, students produced artworks for the club's Grade 6 Student Art Show Exhibition. Rotary club director Ian Warren said more than 100 students submitted their work to be in the running for a prize and have their work exhibited in South Africa's Ekuthuleni School.

"There was a real variety this year," Mr Warren said. "There was a range of flat work from crayon art, paintings drawings and we also had a few sculptures." A student from St Bede's Primary School in Balwyn North won a \$150 book voucher and is preparing to send his masterpiece to South Africa. –

Mr Warren said the art exchange program, running for five years, was growing in popularity. "Students are thrilled to have their work exhibited in a professional art expo," he said. "It's a great opportunity for students who are interested in art at an early age."



Southbank Business Speakers

Guest speaker at Southbank RC on 17th June was Professor Richard Wassersug, Professor of Anatomy & Neurobiology at the Medical School at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia,. He is a Visiting Professor at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, at LaTrobe University and is seen below with Southbank RC President Philip Archer.

Professor Wassersug's research focuses on developing ways to help patients recognize and overcome the side effects of prostate cancer treatments. His primary attention is on androgen deprivation therapy, the common treatment for advanced prostate cancer in both Canada and Australia.

Androgen deprivation therapy has been increasingly shown to have not only debilitating physical side effects, but also psychosocial consequences. It causes both erectile dysfunction and reduced libido in Prostatic Cancer patients, which can alter the dynamics between patients and their partners. As such, ADT can distress partners even more than the patients themselves. Professor Wassersug described various treatments and ways to help those couples maintain both sexual and non-sexual intimacy.



Professor Wassersug's address was enjoyed by Rotarians, health workers and members of the Prostatic Cancer Foundation. His recent publications include:



- Wassersug, R. 2010 On the invisibility of the emasculated, *Anthropology Today*. 26
- Wassersug, R. 2009 Mastering emasculation. *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 27:634-636.
- Wassersug R. & Oliffe, J. 2009 The social context for psychological distress from iatrogenic gynecomastia with suggestions for its management. *Journal of Sexual Medicine* 6:989-1000.



Polio Eradication Gala Function

By Cherrie Osborn – Easy Keilor RC

Keilor East Rotary Club had the greatest pleasure to present to Foundation Director, Chris Don a cheque for \$11,500 plus, to go towards the fight against Polio Worldwide. Chris gave the Club great thanks and congratulations in achieving such a result.

Funds were raised at a Gala Night Fundraising Auction in March this year. It was supported by many from the Cluster Group of Gateway, and our neighbours, club members, partners and friends aided and abetted the evening, as they always do.



A 'Service Item' auction was incorporated, including such things as weeding, ironing and chauffeuring of a wine tour. There was wonderful entertainment: President Joe and son Luke Albioli were the fabulous auctioneers. It was a lot of fun!

Friends of Rotary

By Heather Welsh PP Rotary Club of Caulfield

The Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc is one of the smallest Clubs, numbering only 5 at one stage in 2009, but increasing to 11 in 2010. But what it lacks in numbers of formal members it makes up for in the Friends which it has quietly accumulated.

These now number around 150 and are people who support the Club and will pitch in to help bring the Club's Projects to fruition. The "Friends" are an informal group of full time employees or proprietors of small businesses who cannot commit to the requirements of Rotary, but are very loyal to the Club. A lot of effort has gone into building these relationships, well beyond a mere exchange of business cards.

A recent example was the 2010 Dance Expo when the Club was able to call on over 130 performers and some 50 volunteers to assist with various aspects of the Expo.



Not one person requested payment for their time or work undertaken. Attached is a photo of two Club stalwarts amongst the Club's Friends: Lighting Tekkies, David and Fulvio.



Welcome New Members

New members as reported in the May '10 Attendance/Membership reports etc.

R.C. of Bendigo - Noel Whitfield

R.C. of Carlton - Professor Tony Jorm

Kelly O'Dwyer, (right) Federal Member for Higgins, was inducted as an Honorary Member of the RC of Toorak.



Marketing Tip – Promotion in Print

Ten things to keep in mind when producing expensive brochures, leaflets and flyers

Producing four colour brochures, leaflets, flyers etc for projects is very expensive. It is important therefore to get them right to ensure maximum usage and longevity of life.



1. Make sure that your message doesn't read as if the project you are promoting is the only one in which Rotary is involved.
2. Always write with the audience in mind.
3. Clearly articulate the features and benefits of your project.
4. Ensure you gain permission from the people you quote.
5. Make sure any facts or statistics quoted are substantiated with a reference to where the information has been gleaned. This will give credibility to the information.
6. Give longevity to your brochure by making sure everything in it will be relevant in 1, 2 and 3 years time.
7. Have someone with spelling and grammatical skills check your document carefully before it is published.
8. Check your document for consistency e.g. language, font style, layout, images, etc.
9. Ensure compliance with Rotary International's requirements around logo use, style etc.
10. Personalise a point of contact, i.e. name and phone number included instead of just an e-mail

Readers Letters



Dear Clarice,

I have something funny to share with you. Remember the laundry balls which Caulfield Rotary Club sells as a fundraiser and was sending to Samoa via the Rotary Club of Bendigo? This week the supplier received a call from a heavily accented lady living in Frankston to buy some of the balls directly from her. As always she asked how they had heard about the product. The buyer's aunt who lives in Samoa is using them and recommended them to her relatives here. Now that is a marketing difference! Send the product to Samoa to assist sales in Melbourne.



Regrads
Heather Welsh RC Caulfield

Clarice Replies: I was hoping you were going to say that she read about them in "The Networker"



Notices and Events

North Melbourne Rotary Club – Change of Venue

Please note that effective immediately the North Melbourne Rotary Club is changing the venue for its weekly Friday breakfast meetings (7.30am for 7.45am start) to the:

Radisson Hotel 380 William Street Melbourne Conference Room, Level 1

For those who have not been to the Radisson it is opposite the Flagstaff Gardens on the corner of William Street and A'Beckett Streets, Melbourne

There is parking at the Victoria Market car park which is directly adjacent and costs \$5 for 2 hours or 2 hour and 4 hour parking meters in the streets surrounding which are \$4/hr.

RC.WERRIBEE-Change of Venue

The Rotary Club of Werribee will be conducting their weekly Club Meeting on **Tuesday 29th June** 2010, at the Italian Sports Club of Werribee, 601 Heaths Road, Werribee, 6:30pm for 6:45pm Start.

Barry is Sad, but you can make him Happy!

Barry is very sad. He packs the education kits at DIK that we send to students overseas. We have just received another fantastic donation, a 40 foot container of exercise books, but we have no pencils, erasers, rulers or the other things that students need to make the kits. Please make Barry and a lot of school children overseas very happy.

If you can help with Pencils – black or coloured, erasers, rulers or anything else that they may need please drop them off at the DIK Store any Tuesday or Thursday.

400, Somerville Rd, West Footscray



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Rotary Club of Altona Changeover Dinner

Friday **9th July**, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Grand Star Receptions, Corner Grieve Parade & Doherty's Road, Altona North, 3025

Cost \$50 per person (Includes pre-dinner drinks, 4 course meal, beer, wine & soft drink.)

RSVP: 1st July 2010 with payment to: Rotary Club of Altona, PO Box 138, Altona, 3018

Enquires to Peter Shephard – 9369 8358 Or Therese – 9391 8504 (w) or 0412 315 450



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RAWCS Mini Conference

2010-11 President Elects, International Directors and New Members lend me your ears!

Changeover time is always a challenge and we want to make sure that you are aware of the RAWCS Mini Conference and that you are very welcome to attend. We want to borrow your Ears and Eyes for three hours and hope that your voice will also participate.

The focus of the Conference is to let you know about the many ways the Rotary Australia World Community Service can help your club with your projects.

You will also have the chance to meet with many people who are showcasing their projects and learn practical tips for people who have "been there and done that".

While it will be of obvious interest to the New International Directors, it is a great way for Presidents Elect and New Members to learn about this aspect of Rotary.

Sunday 11th July Registration 9.00 am – 9.30 am Seminar concludes at 12.30 pm

International House, 241 Royal Parade PARKVILLE.

I look forward to meeting you and hope you will be able to attend.

Bob Glindemann - D9800 RAWCS Committee Chairman

To reserve your seat, please contact Murray Campbell at murrbell@bigpond.net.au



Antique & Collectable Fair

July 16th – 18th Williamstown Town Hall

The Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing is holding its 18th Annual Antique & Collectables Fair at Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown. This fair features many of our most respected dealers presenting a wide range of antiques and collectables priced to sell.

Friday **16th July** – 6pm – 9pm Saturday **17th July** – 10am – 5 pm

Sunday **18th July** – 10am – 5 pm Admission \$9.00 with children free

Enquiries: Trevor Jago PH: (03) 9748 6437, Mob: 0408 486 432



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How Does Your Club Fare?

District 9800		Attendance		Membership				
2009/2010		May-10		At July 1	May-10			
Club	Cluster	No. of	Month		Start	End	Net gain /loss	% Change
		Mtgs	%					
Melbourne Park	Batman	1	100%	0	0	27	27	#DIV/0!
Caulfield	Beachside	4	80%	6	11	11	5	83.3%
Brunswick	Heritage	4	41%	29	36	38	9	31.0%
Williamstown	Hobsons B	4	51%	30	37	38	8	26.7%
Melton Valley	Westside	4	74%	17	21	21	4	23.5%
Malvern	Stonnington	4	78%	42	46	50	8	19.0%
Elsternwick	Beachside	4	46%	11	13	13	2	18.2%
Southbank	Batman	4	64%	29	34	34	5	17.2%
Cent Mel S'rise	Batman	4	58%	55	62	63	8	14.5%
Collingwood	Heritage	4	70%	18	19	20	2	11.1%
Rochester	Goldfields	?	78%	9	10	10	1	11.1%
Woodend	Calder	4	54%	18	19	20	2	11.1%
St Kilda	Stonnington			12		13	1	8.3%
Camberwell	Eastside	3	77%	61	66	66	5	8.2%
Melbourne	Batman	4	43%	258	275	278	20	7.8%
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	66%	27	29	29	2	7.4%
N Melbourne	Gateway	4	60%	28	31	30	2	7.1%
Brighton	Beachside	4	60%	126	133	133	7	5.6%
Kyneton	Calder	5	77%	37	39	39	2	5.4%
Essendon	Gateway	4	64%	76	77	80	4	5.3%
Carlton	Heritage	2	97%	39	40	41	2	5.1%
M Valley	Gateway			20		21	1	5.0%
B'ton Beach	Beachside	3	63%	23	24	24	1	4.3%
Gisborne	Calder	4	74%	24	25	25	1	4.2%
Brighton North	Beachside	4	75%	51	53	53	2	3.9%
Footscray	Hobsons B	4	58%	53	55	55	2	3.8%
Bendigo	Goldfields	4	57%	84	85	87	3	3.6%
Bendigo S'dale	Goldfields	4	55%	32	33	33	1	3.1%
Kew	Yarra			44		45	1	2.3%
Albert Park	Batman	4	53%	62	63	63	1	1.6%
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	51%	65	65	66	1	1.5%
Altona	Port Phillip			25		25	0	0.0%
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	64%	40	38	40	0	0.0%
Boroondara	Eastside	4	54%	18	18	18	0	0.0%



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Castlemaine	Calder	4	66%	41	42	41	0	0.0%
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	83%	39	39	39	0	0.0%
Fitzroy	Heritage	5	74%	27	26	27	0	0.0%
Hoppers Cross	Port Phillip	4	85%	31	32	31	0	0.0%
Keilor	Gateway	4	78%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Richmond	Heritage	5	92%	38	38	38	0	0.0%
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	88%	20	20	20	0	0.0%
Canterbury	Eastside	3	69%	45	49	44	-1	-2.2%
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	85%	87	83	85	-2	-2.3%
C'ne / East Malv	Stonnington	4	60%	41	40	40	-1	-2.4%
Keilor East	Gateway	5	61%	41	41	40	-1	-2.4%
Brimbank Central	Westside	4	66%	31	31	30	-1	-3.2%
Prahran	Stonnington	5	73%	30	29	29	-1	-3.3%
Essendon North	Gateway	4	71%	28	27	27	-1	-3.6%
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	5	62%	27	27	26	-1	-3.7%
West Footscray	Hobsons B	4	62%	27	26	26	-1	-3.7%
Sunshine	Westside	4	65%	21	20	20	-1	-4.8%
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	72%	40	38	38	-2	-5.0%
Laverton Pt Cook	Port Phillip	4	86%	19	18	18	-1	-5.3%
Toorak	Stonnington	?	68%	35	35	33	-2	-5.7%
Balwyn	Eastside	4	67%	87	82	82	-5	-5.7%
B'o Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	79%	49	47	46	-3	-6.1%
Melton	Westside	4	79%	32	30	29	-3	-9.4%
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	58%	47	43	42	-5	-10.6%
Pt Gellibrand	Hobsons B	3	68%	34	32	30	-4	-11.8%
Daylesford	Calder	4	63%	25	25	22	-3	-12.0%
Altona City	Port Phillip	?	71%	33	33	29	-4	-12.1%
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Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	64%	23	20	20	-3	-13.0%
Yarraville	Hobsons B	3	61%	22	21	19	-3	-13.6%
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields	4	65%	27	24	23	-4	-14.8%
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	67%	45	38	38	-7	-15.6%
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No. of Clubs Reporting			66		66			
No. of Members				2730		2782	52	1.9%
% Average of Those Reported			68.1%					
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			94%					
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						94%		