

A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people





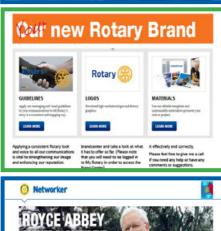














In this issue:

Issue 24 and it's already April, how'd your April Fools day go. Anyway the bumper edition to kick off the month is nineteen pages long to make yourself a coffee and get comfortable.

Coincidently April is magazine month and we're still doing it long handed. I think there is still a committed following reading the pdf version so we thankyou for you commitment but, as the DG says in his piece, we may need to get with the times eventually and go completely electronic.

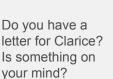
Have a look at Katrina Johns presentation to the Rypen students, inspirational stuff.

I've also copied in the Rotary New's piece on Royce Abbey, a great piece.

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April - Magazine Month

The Rotary world is moving ever so slowly towards the new world order of instant communications, of sharing our stories and educating our membership through a variety of mediums. At our recent District Conference I sat in on the Breakout Presentations on all three topics but specifically the sessions presented by our own Rotary Melbourne Park members and eClub Champion PDG Ian Yarker from Queensland both had a similar message around communication; 'Get with the times'.

Yes, it is extremely important to keep our existing members informed and engaged with what we are doing as Clubs and our various Bulletins and newsletters do that well in the main but these publications are now the windows to our Clubs, where outside people and organizations can access our information.

These publications can sell our Clubs and activities if done well. They can attract interest in what we do and interest in joining our Clubs as well. Well published Club magazines can be a wonderful advertisement for Rotary but equally a badly written and produced magazine can discourage interest in your Club by potential members, discourage engagement by your own members and the Club loses potential from both readerships.

There are many new publishing tools available to us as Clubs today to produce an exciting, powerful tool for creating interest in what we

are saying and what we are doing. Melbourne Park have merged their communications onto Yammer, a commercial and community Communication network described on their website as:

'The World Moves Fast. Move Faster With Yammer.

Yammer is a private social network that helps employees collaborate across departments, locations and business apps.'

Melbourne Park no longer sees a need for the traditional newsletter. I am sure they would be more than happy to discuss the pros and cons with your Club if interested, remember, we are trying to connect with the next generation. If you want more details please contact Club Secretary Mandi Wendt.

If you're not sure what is 'best practice' get some experienced advice, District has a wealth of experience in the publishing world and more than happy to provide guidance and suggestions around what a good newsletter should look like. Please contact our Director Public Image Chris Don for further advice and details.

I mentioned in my last Governor's Message that we have a unique opportunity to attend the Rotary International Convention in Sydney and this only occurs once every 10 to 15 years in Australia so I hope you can take advantage of this and attend with Annette and I and

discover the true internationality of Rotary. These events are special and we hope to see you in Sydney in June. We still have bookings available including seats on our District Dinner Cruise to kick off the Convention in style and details are available on the District website.

Best wishes to you all and a very LARGE THANK YOU for what you each do in the name of Rotary as you go forward and Engage Rotary Change Lives.

DG ROSS



District 9800 Governor Ross Butterworth and Annette

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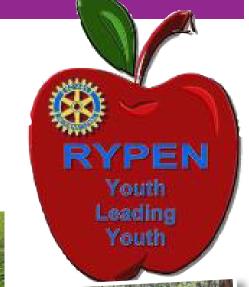


RYPEN Camp a great success

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment camp at Camp Weekaway, Lancefield, was a great success on March 21-23, according to RYPEN District Program Chair Neville John. Fifty-four students attended from all over Victoria. The camp leaders comprised 14 trained young people from Rotaract, RYLA, and Young Rotary.

were talking animatedly about his life and situation.

The bonding and fun process at Weekway seemed to start within minutes of the camp starting at 5pm on the Friday. One driver approached the camp car park and with the windows down, he could hear a racket of excited screams and yells from the gym 100m away. This





A car trip there and back was an example of the impact of the camp. On the way there, a driver tried unsuccessfully to get a conversation going, eventually ran out of questions, and the car-load made most of the trip in silence. On the return trip with Neville John, the same three students were animated and chattering the whole way. Moreover, Shirin Giesel, a youth exchange student from Germany being hosted by Southbank RC, began inquiring whether there were RYPEN camps in Germany. When Neville said, "Probably not", she said she would ask her Rotarian father to get RYPEN camps established there.

Also in the car was Rithy Lay, a Rotarian who is coordinator for the World Of Difference projects in Cambodia. He had been a guest speaker at the camp and told the kids just how difficult life was in that country. In the car the kids and Rithy excitement was over a series of fun icebreaker games where the students are allocated to one of six colour groups, where they remain as a team for the weekend.

The Saturday night Rotary meeting was hosted by Altona City RC. Since October last year, the self-catering by clubs ended and Weekaway took over the catering. The role of the host club is to now conduct the Rotary meeting on Saturday night, which includes setting up the dining room to look special, and to wait on tables over dinner. This requires approximately five volunteers from the host club.

Neville agrees that some clubs may have difficulty in sourcing 15 to 17 year old secondary school kids to go to RYPEN. He says that when a club goes to the extent of establishing a relationship with schools, and a bond with the school administration, teachers will assist in identifying



candidates.

Last year, for example, a camp leader, Katrina John, presented a young person's perspective on RYPEN to students at a north-suburban secondary college, who cooperated to produce five candidates that year and another two for this year. It would have found more except the camp clashed with preparations by a dozen or so senior students for an expedition to the Kokoda Track.

"RYPEN creates a real improvement in kids' confidence and socialisation," Neville says. "It's a rewarding project for clubs to get involved in."





Katrina's World of Difference

At the recent RYPEN camp 52 students attendign the camp got to hear first hand experience of volunteering in Cambodia. Some were even moved to tears by the experience.

BY KATRINA JOHN

I remember 2 years ago I said to my Life Coach at the time, a dream of mine is to volunteer in Cambodia. I don't know why and I don't know why Cambodia but something is driving me to go there.

OK – he said, make it happen!

At that time, I didn't believe I could do it. I thought - I don't have enough to offer, what can I do to make a difference and who would want to come with me?

I gave myself the stock standard excuses and made it difficult for myself to create my dream ... so I left it at that ... Call it chance or a set of coincidences but last year a lot of those came into my life and it all began to change.

I think I created the catalyst for this when I said to my dad – I really want to give back. Something within me says it is time to help others outside what I already do as a Nurse and devote to the wider community and population.

With such a broad statement, I didn't know where it would lead me. Funnily enough, it lead me here to Camp RYPEN exactly one year ago as a first time leader and I fell in love with everything that came with giving to serve others. Shortly after I became a Rotarian, went to the Rotary Global Peace Forum in Japan, did a second RYPEN Camp and have had a myriad of opportunities come about since.

At a Rotary dinner mid last year a lady was pointed out to me, a very special lady named Bronwyn



Rithy and Katrina inspired 52 District 9800 RYPEN'ers. now....this inspiration will translate into action. A schoolies alternative tour with fun while undertaking humanitarian volunteering and donating perhaps?



Stephens – I was told she runs WORLD OF DIFFERENCE tours in Cambodia. Immediately I went back 2 years to the time I was sharing with my Life Coach – I thought, oh my goodness ... is it time for me to pursue Cambodia?

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All I knew was that I had to meet her and follow my instincts!

I have saying at the end of my email – 'say yes then figure out the how'.

I seem to get myself into wonderful circumstances with this saying and after speaking with Bronwyn and sharing emails with her, I had no reason to say no and every reason to say yes to a be a participant in one of the WORLD OF DIFFERENCE tours.

In the lead up to the tour we collected clothes, supplies and raised money to donate to WORLD OF DIFFERENCE where all





of the proceeds go straight into the communities, schools and orphanages. That's one of the greatest qualities about Rotary – we are all volunteers and no one is paid, all the money goes straight into the projects.

The money we donated turned into visible value where you could donate a certain amount that would buy the children and communities a certain amount of supplies - books, pencils, computers, bicycles, pigs, seeds for farming, medical supplies -

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The reason I

mention this is because when we went to villages, schools and orphanages, we could visually see what our money had provided these beautiful people. Such simplicity in our eyes is treasured gold to them. It was really very touching.

A group of 18 Australians spent two weeks in Cambodia guided by Bronwyn and Rithy. We ventured into remote villages where we spent time in the schools with children. We taught them English, painting, brainteaser exercises, painted their nails, played ball games – we basically did anything we could to bring light to their day.

The eagerness of these kids to learn astounded me and showed great respect for us and the opportunity to learn. What a contrast with our developed world in dreading school assembly and exams where these kids concentrate with their eyes and ears in full attention. It really made me think about the two worlds. One is us here where we have so much at hand and at the ready yet our appreciation for the small things in life seems like it's just a given. And conversely, these communities live in deep poverty of minimal food, no toilets, and no running water yet connect as a unified community and see almost anything as a treasured gift. It makes me wonder if we'll ever see a world that can balance between the two ...

Most days were spent volunteering in different villages and schools, seeing the differences of how people live, how far kids have to travel to school – some being two hours for a four hour school day. The teachers are paid minimal to nothing at all in these remote villages. Again, this is where Rithy and the help of WORLD OF DIFFERENCE and these tours make life easier for these kids to learn by building schools in communities and teach the people to sustain their lives through working on the land and selling their crops. With the end in sight, the dream is to give these people a chance at life through education and empowering them to not just survive but thrive with what they have to work with. Not an easy task when all they've known is poverty but again, this is where Rithy, WORLD OF DIFFERENCE and its tours can help!

Day 3 we were sitting as a group sharing what we may like to teach the children at the school the next day. Math's, English, creative arts, ball skills and dental hygiene were all decided. This little voice said aloud 'I can teach them to sing'. Oh my gosh, did I say that? Oh great Kat we haven't had anyone teach singing. We hired two guitars and created a trio and moved forward with plans

to teach through song. Nerves ran through me and I wished I hadn't said anything.

The next day we went to the school that was created by Rithy, built by the Japanese and fitted with supplies to fill the classrooms from WORLD OF DIFFERENCE. We turned up with donations and smiles ready to teach our skills - although I had nervous energy as I hadn't sang in years. Margaret was the schoolteacher and her son Tim who played the guitar and I taught the classroom English through singing. It never occurred to me how singing makes it vastly easier to connect with people and teach. We taught them the hokey poky; heads shoulders knees and toes, if you're happy and you know it and used playschool tunes to create sentences.

It was amazing to watch how quickly they picked this up. We had them up out of their desks and dancing in the aisles of the classroom. The room was filled with laughter and learning; the perfect equation to teaching I believe.

I had a special song I wanted to teach the kids. As a little girl myself I was in the Philippines visiting my grandparents. We went to church with all our cousins and we were taught the song 'This little light of mine'. Something about this song has always remained within my heart. With such simple words the meaning was so powerful and I saw every reason to teach these kids. When we left, the school walked us out to the gates to say goodbye and the kids stood there and sung 'this little light of mine' to all of us well, talk about pulling on the heart strings. My emotions overflowed and I watched in amazement - I really thought to myself, it doesn't get much better than this!

We spent 5 days in Siem Reap, the hometown of Rithy and his family. This area is remote but so very beautiful. The people were so lovely and welcoming. In total we went to three schools to teach and had some free time to see the temples and explore. We had two nights in Battambang for exploring and gaining further knowledge into the





history of Cambodia. Our last stop was Phnom Penh where we spent one week.

Phnom Penh is similar to Thailand or Bali – busy, congested and impoverished and street people were in mass and in your face. Rithy gave us insight into how to approach or turn away beggers. It was so very hard to not give them money but hearing how they purposefully burn the skin of their children or make them cry through pinching them in hope to get money was heart breaking. A real challenge to battle your own views and ethics.

We spent one full day delving deep into Cambodia's painful past when we visited The Killing Fields and S21. I won't go into this, as it was very emotional and disturbing. A wonderful woman who chose to take care of orphaned children after such a horrific time created Future Light Orphanage after the time of the mass killings. A beautiful home to approximately 300 orphans who have shelter, education, discipline and hope.

I met a gorgeous young girl there who ran up to me and squeezed my hand tight. 'Sister sister', she said, 'I love you'. Ahhh – my heart ripped as she took off her gold bracelet and gave it to me. 'For you sister'. I took off my ring and gave it to her and for the next 2 hours we were inseparable. We just walked and sat with our hands holding and smiling. Few words were shared but we knew we had a special connection. The kids walked us all to the bus and she said 'sister sister, come back for me'. I hugged her so tight, got on the bus and cried.

Oh, this place – it was certainly getting to me!

The second last day we went to Kampong Spur, a village where people were dying monthly due to having no food and eating leaves that poisoned them. Rithy discovered this village and could not ignore the desperate aid these people needed. Through WORLD OF DIFFERENCE helping with emergency supplies and Rithy supporting these people with food out of his own pocket, the village slowly began to change. Rithy has spent the last two years teaching them to work on the land to sustain themselves and through WOD, the village has a school built which is ready to open to teach in September 2014. It was this place where I saw with my eyes how a unified approach has made a monumental difference. This is where I had full faith that our donations and giving to Rotary and WORLD OF DIFFERENCE is 100% put into communities.

There is so much to share about this tour. Next year I will be leading the February 2015 tour with another participant Abbey and of course Rithy. What I gained from this is the insight to how communities can change through empowerment but also persistence. If we pour money into donating without educating and lifting the people to look after themselves, then we aren't changing the outlook for their lives or considering what it is they really need.

WORLD OF DIFFERENCE takes alternative schoolies tours, which I believe to be amazing! I know it's not cool or the thing to do but if any of

you have the urge to do it, my advice is don't wait two years like I did. If it burns within you now, find someone who will want to go with you – your mum, aunty, sister, cousin, dad. You don't have to wait for schoolies either – you just need a guardian to come with you!

If you do want to go for schoolies, get three of your besties together and you will be linked up with other students from different schools – much like this camp! This tour gave me great insight into life, people, and the way we live, simplicity in living and what truly makes us happy. You might be thinking you don't know what skills you have to give to these kids. I can tell you, you are enough – your time, energy, smile and positive attitude is simply enough!

There is a WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/photo. php?v=601732953228113&set=vb.2 20392921362120&type=2&theater

When these guys set you up with the RYPEN Facebook page I will attach the link. I am happy to be the stepping-stone for any of you if you want to write to me on Facebook with any questions to get involved. We are so amazingly privileged in this world. I know not all of us have easy lives and do it tough. I can tell you that seeing the world these people live in, it is like going back in time.

I believe we have so much to teach them, and they have so much to teach us. You never know ... maybe one day there will be Peace on Earth.

Thank you.





Lane Cove Muster

Rotary International Convention Sydney 2014 – Alternative Accommodation

The Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians (Aus) has booked out the Lane Cove National Park for the Convention period. Any Rotarians can book in and join with our activities. Details are available on our web site.

Download the pdf - click here.

There are cabins and powered sites still available. Contact Lane Cove National Park 02 9888 9133 and say you are with the Rotary Group

Our fellowship consists of about 400 members mostly in QLD, Vic and NSW who all love travelling and camping in Australia. We have several musters each year and have good fellowship and fun

There will be shuttle buses to and from the Convention Centre. We will have a marquee for in-house fellowship. We are hosting about 20 couples for Hosting Hospitality on the 3rd June at the Camp grounds.

We are also organising a harbour cruise on the Friday night [May 30, 2014] before the Convention, for dinner and to take in the Vivid Light display.

For further enquiries contact John Spath at secretary@rvfr-aus.org.au







Looking For A Cheap, Easy And Practical International Project?

Ten years ago East Timor had no schools, one of the country's top priorities was to build schools and Rotary Clubs have been very active in this area. Through Donations In Kind, Clubs have also helped equip hundreds of schools. The industrious team at Computers 4 Kids have 100 computer systems ready for immediate delivery and eighteen groups are looking for our support.

Your Club can make the difference; your Clubs name can be on the door

You can send one computer for \$60.00 or

Sponsor a Computer Training Centre; computers, desk and chairs, the lot for around \$1000.



For more information contact David at dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com





HOW DID INDIA END POLIO?

India marked three years since its last case of wild polio on 13 January 2014, a landmark achievement for global public health and the worldwide effort to eradicate polio.

Experts once considered India the most technically difficult place to end polio. As recently as 2009, India was home to nearly half the world's polio cases. High population density, migrant populations and poor sanitation presented exceptional challenges to eliminating this crippling disease.

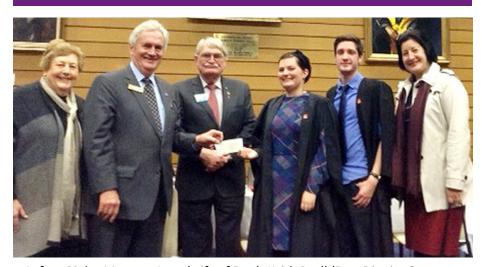
With commitment from Rotary, the Indian government, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, other donor governments, and the global community, India launched a comprehensive polio eradication effort and built a robust health infrastructure to eliminate the disease. An army of 2.3 million vaccinators worked to reach 175 million children with the polio vaccine during national immunization days.

India's success against polio is a significant achievement in public health and proves that the disease can be eliminated in even the most challenging of circumstances.

The photos in this gallery capture the people and resources that were necessary for India to end polio.

We have a unique window of opportunity to make history and end polio now. Share this gallery through your social networks to encourage others to help make the world polio-free.

Cafe International set to End Polio Now



Left to Right; Margery Jago (wife of Don), Keith Ryall (Past District Governor D9800 and member of RC of Carlton), PDG D9800 Don Jago (RC of Camberwell), Emily Vering and Alex Guerin and Keith Ryall's wife, Gabrielle Butler.

by Zoe Moorman

In May 2013, the 300-strong student body at International House College performed their annual Café International, a showcase of student talents in order to raise funds for End Polio Now and the refurbishment of student common areas. The students invited Rotarians, alumni, and distinguished guests to enjoy an evening of entertainment to the theme of La Nuit des Musées.

International House is proud to announce that, thanks to an amazing turn out, \$2982 was donated to End Polio Now as a result of their event. Special thanks are to go to the Rotarians who attended the event and showed their support for such a great cause. The clubs represented, to whom the students give many thanks, include Melbourne, Carlton, Hawthorn, Albert Park, Chadstone, Keilor East, North Balwyn and Central Melbourne Sunrise.

In recognition of Rotary's ongoing support for International House Melbourne, they invited former 9800 district governors Keith Ryall (Rotary Club of Carlton) and Don Jago (Rotary Club of Camberwell), along with their wives Gabrielle Butler and

Margery Jago, to a formal dinner. During the dinner, both men openly discussed the important work done by End Polio Now in the distribution of the polio vaccine from 1988, when there were 125 polio endemic countries worldwide, to their work today in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan – the final frontier in the fight against polio.

Heartened by the extraordinary amount of money raised for End Polio Now last year, International House are seeking to better their achievements in Café International 2014, this year to the theme of The Orient Express. Aboard a luxurious train stopping to experience the delights of Europe and Asia, International House hopes to again donate 30% of the night's profits to help End Polio Now in the fight against one of the world's most easily preventable diseases.

Should you like to book a table at this year's event, please email the organisers at ihouse2014cafe@gmail.com or contact our booking manager, Frank Hofheins, on (03) 9345 7576.





South-East Asia region declared polio-free

By Rotary staff Posted March 27 on RI website

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) today will declare the South-East Asia region of the World Health Organization as polio-free, an important milestone in the worldwide effort to eradicate polio. The 11 countries in the region — Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste — are home to 1.8 billion people and represent the fourth of six regions worldwide to be officially certified polio-free

This landmark didn't just happen on its own, but embodies a lot of hard work by many dedicated volunteers. We recently contacted chairs of National PolioPlus Committees in the region to learn how their countries became polio-free and how Rotary took part in the process. The results were enlightening.

Sri Lanka

In Sri Lanka, N. R. Gajendran shared how a cease fire was negotiated in the Sri Lankan Civil War, called "the days of tranquility," so that immunizations could be carried out across the country. The government had planned to do a National Immunization Day (NID) only in areas not impacted by the war, which meant about a third of the country's children would not be vaccinated.

But after consulting with UNICEF, Rotary leaders and UNICEF established contact with the rebel party, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who still controlled some areas of the country, to pursue a cease fire. The rebel leader responded that if Rotary and UNICEF could persuade the government to stop the war for two days, they would be willing to lay down their guns too. "Our war is not with the children," a letter from the rebel leader stated. Consequently, the immunization efforts reached approximately 95 percent of the country, and were conducted in about 5,000 midwife areas and 10,000 centers.

Subsequent NIDs became days of tranquility. Colombo proved to be the most challenging area, but with Rotary's support, children typically not accessible to government care workers were reached. The last confirmed case of polio in Sri Lanka was in 1993.

Bangladesh

Salim Reza, who had been on the Bangladesh Rotary Polio Committee for 20 years, said the biggest challenge



to his country becoming polio-free was ignorance, a lack of education, and poverty. Awareness programs supported by Rotary, WHO, and UNICEF led to a greater awareness of polio eradication and a much increased participation in National Immunization Days. The most recent immunization day had a 99 percent rate of coverage.

Most Rotarians actively participate in the Immunization Days, and the national committee has worked together with the government since the start of the program, along with WHO and UNICEF. Through TV and radio, efforts are made to reach out to children who need to be immunized. Seminars are also arranged in different parts of Bangladesh.

Nepal

Ratna Man Sakya shared how in Nepal, mobilizing health workers, securing commitments from political leaders, and organizing volunteers all over the country helped combat significant challenges. These included the rugged geographic terrain, a shortage of manpower, and a large reservoir of wild polio virus across the border in India. Nepal held its first National Immunization Days in 1996. The last indigenous case of wild polio virus was detected in 2000. Sakya noted the biggest success story is how Rotary, the Government of Nepal, WHO, UNICEF and other supporting agencies have been working hand in hand to eradicate polio in the country and keep it poliofree.

Click here to see this and other stories on the RI website.





Women in Rota do it in style

Women In Rotary's International Women's Day Breakfast was celebrated at Crown Palladium on Southbank, on Tuesday, 4 March. With over 1270 men and women attending the event kicked off at 7 am and lasted to 9 am.

Whilst showcasing Rotary to over 1000 corporate people the room also included over 100 VCE Students.

The room was filled, with song, laughter, food delicacies, vibrant panel discussion and lots of discussion around Rotary and it's projects, both locally, nationally and internationaly.

MC for the day was none other than Jean Kittson and Fabian Dattner acted as moderator over our panel as they argued the question: 'Is Having a Baby only a Woman's Affair'.

Special guests for this years annual event inlouded
Presentor and Author Libbi Gorr; Helen Kapalos Media
Presenter; Professor Christine Kilpatrick, CEO Royal
Children's Hospital; Justice Lex Lasry, Supreme Court Judge;
Bernard Salt, Demographer; and William McInness, Actor/Author.

After all the dust settled and both sides of the panel considered their positions the success of the morning was evident by what had been achieved.

Just getting over over 1270 busy men and women to support the event very pleasing. Exposing 100 VCE Students to what can be, and is being, achieved by Rotarian all over the world was a big plus.

The event raised over \$50,000 for Violence Free Families, a Rotary initiative the educates Australian families challenged by aggressive and violent behaviour.

Other beneficiaries included Kids Foundation, Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation and Rotary Club of Albert Park.

Special mention here to the 30 Real Estate Boards scattered around Melbourne promoting the vent and showcasing that Rotary takes gender diversity seriously.

On completion we have received over 40 enquiries about Rotary and they are still coming. We are directing them to the appropriate Clubs.

With all states except Perth hosting an event we can justifiably be proud that over 2,000 people experienced the opportunity to witness the showcasing of Rotary and countries around the world also held events, further maximizing the opportunity to showcase Rotary











Our new Rotary Brand

Applying a consistent Rotary look and voice to all our communications is vital to strengthening our image and enhancing our reputation.

In the past, our members have had difficulty knowing where to find resources such as logos, images, and custom templates to help them tell Rotary's story effectively.

Last month the Rotary Brand Center was launched, where members can access logos, guidelines, images, videos, advertisements, and other resources to assist them to more effectively tell the Rotary story.

Can I encourage you to take a few moments to visit www.rotary.org/

brandcenter and take a look at what it has to offer so far. (Please note that you will need to be logged in to My Rotary in order to access the Brand Center).

The Brand Center will help all of us take action to improve the way we deliver our Rotary Story to the public, our members and our partners, both in our own communities and around the world.

You are encouraged as current Club Presidents and Presidents Elects to embrace this positive change within your Club. Your support is paramount in ensuring that we adopt the new Rotary Logo and use it effectively and correctly.

Please feel free to give me a call if you need any help or have any comments or suggestions.

Could you please pass this information to your Club Secretary, Marketing Team, Webmaster and Bulletin Editor. It is most important that all Club members involved in both internal and external communications are made aware of this key resource.

Chris Don, District 9800 Director of Public Image and Communications Mobile: 0413435503 Email: chrisd9@bigpond.com

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Learn more in Rotary Leader.





<u> 2013 2014 ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE COURSE REORGANISATION – D9800</u>

	8.30 – 9.00 am Regist	am Registration and Networking	
	Introduction and	Introduction and Housekeeping	
RI Priorities	Part	Part 2	Part 3
Sessions 1 and 2	Analysing our Clubs	Membership Recruitment	Understanding Leadership
Grow and Strengthen Clubs	Goal Setting & Planning (include Strategic Plans & Club Visioning)	Membership Retention	Leadership & Team Building
	Morni	Morning Tea	
Sessions 3 and 4	Community Service Projects	Introduction to The Rotary Foundation	Youth Service
Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service	International Service	Learning more about The Rotary Foundation	Vocational Service and Ethics
	Lur	Lunch	
Sessions 5 and 6	Beyond the Rotary Club – use of media, websites etc.	Promoting What We Do – The Programs of Rotary	Public Speaking
Enhance Public Image and Awareness	Public Relations	The Future of Rotary — E-clubs, Next Generation and Satellite Clubs	Sharing Rotary Stories and Experiences
	Evaluations and	Evaluations and Closing Remarks	

Succession planning

Succession planning has not, traditionally, been something that we have been good at in Rotary.

Now that District has put in place two new educational learning opportunities in the New Member and Future Leaders Seminars, we are looking forward to seeing more clubs participate.

The Rotary
Leadership Institute
remains a great
opportunity for
Rotarians to learn
about the "nuts and
bolts" of Rotary.

This note is to remind you that we have an RLI Part 1 program on

Sunday 13th April

in South Melbourne for which places are still available.

We can assure you that the "new" RLI which has been totally revamped and re-written will provide an excellent day of education about how Rotary works.

FYI - A nomination form can be found at: http:// rotarydistrict9800. org.au/news/6006





District 9800		Atte	Attendance		Membership					
		Feb	February-14		July 1 February-14					
Club	Cluster	No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End	gain /loss	%		
Melbourne Park	Heritage	Migs		27		33	6	22.2%		
Kew	Yarra	4	82%	37	42	45	8	21.6%		
Kangaroo Flat	Goldfields	4	63%	24	28	28	4	16.7%		
Castlemaine	Calder	4	52%	32	37	37	5	15.6%		
Canterbury	Eastside	4	71%	42	42	48	6	14.3%		
Rochester	Goldfields	4	94%	8	8	9	1	12.5%		
Flemington	Hobsons Bay	4	76%	26	29	29	3	11.5%		
Gisborne	Calder	4	78%	26	29	29	3	11.5%		
Eaglehawk	Goldfields	4	79%	36	40	40	4	11.1%		
Echuca-Moama	Goldfields			18		20	2	11.1%		
Kew-on-Yarra	Yarra	4	91%	18	20	20	2	11.1%		
Bendigo South	Goldfields	4	68%	30	33	33	3	10.0%		
Toorak	Stonnington	4	70%	22	24	24	2	9.1%		
St Kilda	Stonnington	4	50%	14	15	15	1	7.1%		
Collingwood	Heritage			15		16	1	6.7%		
Port Melbourne	Batman	4	70%	15	16	16	1	6.7%		
Glen Eira	Beachside	4	73%	16	17	17	1	6.3%		
Werribee	Port Phillip	4	77%	38	40	40	2	5.3%		
Keilor East	Gateway	4	78%	39	41	41	2	5.1%		
Altona City	Port Phillip	3	65%	22	23	23	1	4.5%		
E-Club of Melbourne	Batman	4	36%	24	25	25	1	4.2%		
Essendon North	Gateway	4	97%	24	25	25	1	4.2%		
Altona	Port Phillip	4	72%	25	26	26	1	4.0%		
Brunswick	Heritage			25		26	1	4.0%		
Melton	Westside	4	52%	29	30	30	1	3.4%		
Balwyn	Eastside	4	69%	69	71	71	2	2.9%		
Kyneton	Calder	4	56%	41	42	42	1	2.4%		
Brighton	Beachside			106		107	1	0.9%		
Melbourne	Batman	4	68%	233	232	234	1	0.4%		
Bendigo Sandhurst	Goldfields	4	57%	57	57	57	0	0.0%		
Boroondara	Eastside	4	50%	15	15	15	0	0.0%		
Central Melb. Sunrise	Batman	4	66%	47	46	47	0	0.0%		
Docklands	Batman			4		4	0	0.0%		
Hawthorn	Yarra	4	81%	47	47	47	0	0.0%		
Keilor	Gateway	4	75%	39	39	39	0	0.0%		
Melton Valley	Westside	4	91%	17	17	17	0	0.0%		
North Melbourne	Heritage	3	62%	23	23	23	0	0.0%		
Richmond	Heritage	4	58%	35	35	35	0	0.0%		
Southbank	Batman	4	46%	24	24	24	0	0.0%		
Sunshine	Westside	4	71%	17	17	17	0	0.0%		





District 9800		Attendance		Membership					
		February-14		July 1 February-14					
Club	Cluster	No. of Mtgs	Month %		Start	End	gain /loss	%	
West Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	66%	23	23	23	0	0.0%	
Wyndham	Port Phillip	4	100%	27	27	27	0	0.0%	
North Balwyn	Eastside	4	83%	76	74	75	-1	-1.3%	
Bendigo	Goldfields	3	66%	68	67	67	-1	-1.5%	
Brighton North	Beachside	4	76%	51	50	50	-1	-2.0%	
Chadstone / East Malvern	Stonnington	4	65%	49	48	48	-1	-2.0%	
Carlton	Heritage	1	91%	38	37	37	-1	-2.6%	
Malvern	Stonnington	4	63%	34	33	33	-1	-2.9%	
Brimbank Central	Gateway	4	71%	32	31	31	-1	-3.1%	
Point Gellibrand	Hobsons Bay	4	73%	31	30	30	-1	-3.2%	
Albert Park	Batman	4	64%	54	51	52	-2	-3.7%	
Fitzroy	Heritage	4	55%	25	24	24	-1	-4.0%	
Camberwell	Eastside	4	81%	77	73	73	-4	-5.2%	
Footscray	Hobsons Bay	4	54%	54	52	51	-3	-5.6%	
Bacchus Marsh	Westside	4	58%	38	35	35	-3	-7.9%	
Brighton Beach	Beachside	4	64%	23	22	21	-2	-8.7%	
Melbourne South	Batman	4	0K	23	22	21	-2	-8.7%	
Caulfield	Beachside	4	73%	11	10	10	-1	-9.1%	
Yarraville	Hobsons Bay	4	64%	22	20	20	-2	-9.1%	
Hoppers Crossing	Port Phillip	4	79%	21	19	19	-2	-9.5%	
Glenferrie	Yarra	4	78%	47	44	42	-5	-10.6%	
Bendigo Next Generation	Goldfields	3	76%	24	21	21	-3	-12.5%	
Prahran	Stonnington			24		21	-3	-12.5%	
Williamstown	Hobsons Bay	4	64%	30	26	26	-4	-13.3%	
Laverton Point Cook	Port Phillip	4	61%	29	25	25	-4	-13.8%	
Essendon	Gateway	4	58%	72	64	62	-10	-13.9%	
Bendigo-Strathdale	Goldfields	4	67%	26	26	22	-4	-15.4%	
Moonee Valley	Gateway	4	52%	13	11	11	-2	-15.4%	
Daylesford	Calder			32		27	-5	-15.6%	
Tullamarine	Gateway	4	52%	16	12	12	-4	-25.0%	
Woodend	Calder	4	71%	24	20	18	-6	-25.0%	
No. of Clubs Reporting			63		63				
No. of Members				2520		2508	-12	-0.5%	
% Average of Those Reported			67.8%						
% of Clubs Reporting Attendance			89%						
% of Clubs Reporting Membership						89%			

^{*} a blank in the "Start" column indicates no numbers supplied and the End number is based on the last reported number.



NOTICES AND EVENTS

April 3 Rotary Club of North Melbourne invite you to **Dinner with**

Denis Pagan

Currently coach of Northern Knights in TAC Cup and Principal @ Stockdale & Leggo - Essendon.

Thursday, April 3

MERCUR HOTEL. CORNER OF FLEMINGTON ROAD AND HARKER ST, NORTH MELBOURNE

6.30 FOR 7 PM START

\$30 PER HEAD, DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

Bookings essential, contact Maggie Goodge at maggie@ maggiegproperty.com.au or 0419 116 471.

April 5 **Rotary Club of Brimbank Central**

Community Fun Day

Saturday, 5 April - 11 am to 9 pm. STATION ROAD, DEER PARK

(Next to Brimbank Shopping Centre)

- Show rides for all ages Animal Farm
- Food and market stalls Car Display
- Non-stop Entertainment on two stages









April 5 **Rotary Club of Richmond**

Ladies Designer Samples \$10-\$20

534 Bridge Road Richmond 10 am to 4 pm

SATURDAY, 5 APRIL

ALL PROCEEDS TO ROTARY COMMUNITY PROJECTS www.rotaryrichmond.org.au







NOTICES AND EVEN

April

ROTARY CLUB OF TOORAK

BOOK SALES

Toorak/South Yarra Library 340 Toorak Road, South Yarra (Access via Cromwell Road) Melway Ref: Map 58, F3



Children's Books .50 cents, Soft covers \$1 and Hard covers \$2.

Between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the Saturday of our Book Sales, we pack the books into boxes (up to 60 boxes at a time) and the Library requires us to distribute them to charities or within the Rotary Network.





GMHBA Wyndham Rotary

FUN RUN/WALK

Sunday, 2nd March Chirnside Park, Werribbee

Raise funds for GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL and other local charities.









10km/5km RUNs 8km/4km WALKs





GATEWAY ROTARACT CLUB

Amazing Race

THE 2014 RACE ON SUNDAY, 13 APRIL

9 am for 10 am start.

Tickets \$20 per person

Join us at Federation Square for a fun filled day of twists and turns as you navigate your way through the city in teams of two.

GREAT PRIZES - FUN BAGS - DRESS TO IMPRESS

All proceeds raised will go to the Neuroblastomer Foundation REGISTER ONLINE AT www.rotaract9800.org.au/amazing-race

Email: gateway@rotarace9800.org.au



NOTICES AND EVENTS



ROTARY EASTSIDE CLUSTER SPECIAL PARTNERS' EVENT

Dr Ross Bastiann

Wednesday, 16 April - 6.30 for 7 pm **Greenacres Golf Club, Kew East**

Cost \$35 p/p for a two course meal.

Main & Cheese Platter - Drinks at bar prices

Dr Ross Bastiaan AM will talk about Commemorative Information Bronze Military History Plaques around the world.

EMAIL YOUR BOOKING admin@camberwellrotary org.au with full details and we'll be in touch. BOOKINGS CLOSE: 7TH APRIL

In 1995, Dr Ross designed the Weary Dunlop Memorial in St Kilda Rd. Melbourne. Dr Ross will leave for Gallipoli on 19th April to be present when one of his bronze sculptures will be unveiled at the Turkish Naval Museum by the Chief of Defence Force.

Come play with the kids

Volunteer for Nepal

APRIL 2014

Dates to be finalised.

Join a small group (max. 8) to participate in teacher training and deliver a children's holiday program in a remote village in Western Nepal.

Unique opportunity to participate in village life. Must be prepared to trek in and live village style.

See www.nepalaid.org.au.

Photo: Happy volunteers in 2012.

Enquiries: Peter Hall, RC Kyneton info@nepalaid.org.au 03 5424 1453



Rotary Club of Rochester

Pie and Port Night Saturday, 3 May - 6.30 for 7 pm.

Rochester Fire Brigade Function Room

This annual event promises a night filled with Fellowship, straight from the oven country fresh bakery, along with ample refreshment of all variety to suit attendees.

Rotarians and partners from all Rotary Clubs are invited to come and spend a weekend or night in the northern part of the District, relax, see the sights and attend the legendary Pie and Port night in the Rochester Fire Brigade Function Room.

For further details contact via Club email link, or direct to Rotarian Heather, 03 54841147





NOTICES AND EVENTS

May 10 **INTERNATIONAL HOUSE - THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

The Orient Express

Cafe International will be held on SATURDAY, MAY 10

at International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville. Dress to impress, cultural clothing encouraged. TICKETS \$82 PER PERSON

Doors open at 6:30pm for pre-dinner drinks and light refreshments. Dinner and show will commence at 7:15 pm

Please contact us at: ihouse2014cafe@gmail.com or call our Cafž Communications Officers, James Labrum at 0434-301-205 or Monica Mui at 0403-140-586.





Do you have a letter for Clarice?

Contact the Editor

Do you have a letter for Clarice? Is something on on your mind? Send your thoughts to her email address at clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 - Events Calendar

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

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

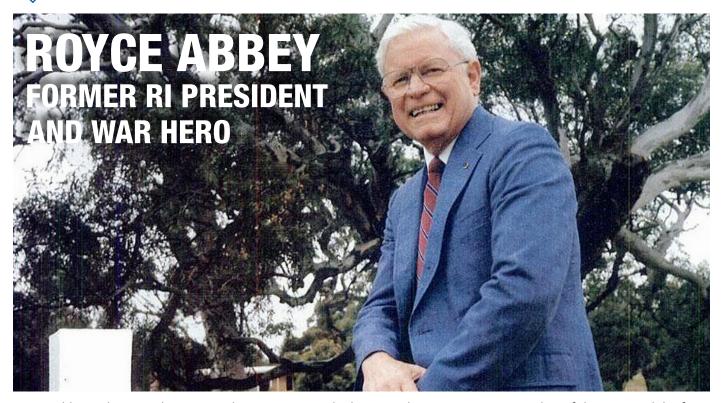
To submit Notices & Events, please send Clarice all the details at:

clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au









Royce Abbey, who served as RI president in 1988-89, died on 20 February. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Essendon, Victoria, Australia. Photo Credit: The Rotarian

A.H. Royce Abbey, a former RI president and World War II hero who championed the inclusion of women members in Rotary clubs, died on 20 February. He was 91.

In addition to his term as RI president in 1988-89, he served as RI vice president and director, Foundation trustee chair, committee member and chair, International Assembly moderator, and district governor. Abbey, who joined Rotary in 1954, was a member of the Rotary Club of Essendon, Victoria, Australia.

"I will always remember Royce for his enthusiasm, his relentless energy, and 'can do' attitude," says Clem Renouf, a fellow Australian Rotary member, who served as RI president in 1978-79. "He always said, 'Rotary takes ordinary men and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they had ever dreamed possible."

During his term as RI president, one of the most dramatic changes in Rotary's history occurred when the Council of Legislation changed the constitutional documents to allow women membership to Rotary clubs.

Past RI President Charles Keller, who

served with Abbey on the RI Board in 1975-76, remembers how Abbey embraced the landmark decision.

"Royce championed that decision," says Keller. "He knew this would strengthen Rotary's effectiveness worldwide. He was the perfect president for Rotary at the time. Rotary prospered during his term."

Abbey was a recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award.

The presidential theme during Abbey's term, Put Life Into Rotary – Your Life, urged Rotary members to make a personal commitment to their community and Rotary. "Royce lived his motto. He put his life into Rotary's present and future and the organization thrived because of it," says Keller.

ROYAL HONORS

Abbey's commitment to community service was recognized by Queen Elizabeth II, who, on Australia Day in 1988, made him a Member of the Order of Australia. The next year he was chosen Victorian of the Year by the State of Victoria.

Additionally, while serving in World War II, Abbey was awarded one of Australia's highest military honors, the Distinguished Conduct Medal for an act of heroism and leadership.

Abbey was active in his church, enjoyed playing the guitar and table tennis, and became a YMCA leader. He was a life governor of the National Council of YMCAs of Australia, and a Patron of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. He was also a board member of the Greenvale Centre of the Aged. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and his children Susan, David, Robyn, and Leigh. A donation may be made in memory of Royce to The Rotary Foundation. Condolences can be sent to the Rotary Club of Essendon, P.O. Box 161, Essendon 3040, Australia.

Memorial services were held on Friday, 28 February, at the Melbourne Town Hall, cnr Collins Street, Melbourne.

By Ryan Hyland Rotary News, 26-FEB-2014

ROTARY IN THE NEWS



A publication for Rotarians and all community minded people















In this issue:

Just a quickie to catch up after the big issue last week. Check out the pics from the Paul Harris Society's special lunch held recently.

Did you know that DIK has shipped 300 containers this century and you've raised over \$1 million dollars to get them on the boat. See page 2.

And if you're up for a job there's work to be done as a radio announce for the Community Radio 96.5 FM, voluntary of course.

As we get more involved with the Scouts and Guides associations we can raise some funds by selling tickets tot he 62nd Melbourne Gang Show.

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Port Phillip Cluster

Port Phillip Cluster consists of: Altona, Altona City, Hoppers Crossing, Laverton Point Cook, Werribee and Wyndham.

The Cluster has, and during my term as AG, presented as a remarkably strong and connected cluster. This year will be the last time that all 6 Clubs will be together as Altona and Altona City will be joining Hobsons Bay. I would like to add at this stage, that following a meeting of the Clusters involved with the redistribution, and a Cluster Group meeting of the 6 Clubs involved, all gave the thumbs up to PDG Dennis and DGE Murray for the upcoming changes and were very positive in their outlook. The Cluster will also have a new name!

Every month I send in, (well, I missed one!), a report giving the update or temperature of the Cluster to DG Ross and the DLT, of what is happening with each Club, what is maybe a concern, or not, what are highlights and any changes in the Membership. I feel that it would be repeating myself to go along those lines now, so I would like to give a short overview, as I see it, of my time as an AG, (this being my second year), with this remarkable Cluster.

The first thing I felt was the necessity, given my strong view that Rotary is personal, that I introduce myself to ALL the Club members of each of the Clubs, so that I would be familiar to them and approachable. Scary stuff as the only ones I had met were the Presidents! However, it has set a trend for me to 'gate-crash' once or twice a month to each Club, which has been my MO ever since! Although I would not have dreamt do this with main events, unless invited. This was to make every Member feel that they could ask my advice, or help, in sourcing information, or any concerns or ideas they might have in their own Committees or any field, for that matter. Every Club welcomed me enormously, and before long were inviting me to be

part of events they were running - for instance, Werribee with their 'Whacky Weekend' (which I have been invited to again this year), Altona's Art Show, Laverton Point Cooks 'Walk for the Cancer Council', Altona City's Sydney to Melbourne Bike ride, (which I hope to be part of the support team this year), Australia Day celebrations with Wyndham, Hopper's Crossing fellowship events, presenting Paul Harris Recognitions, and so on.

However there were very few points of concern that any of them had for me, that they didn't feel they could handle themselves.

I had thought that I would be needed for helping with problems within the Clubs, but that has been very rare. Mainly it was the role of finding out or passing on information from District, making suggestions, or acting as a reminder for upcoming things for consideration or action, and to encourage them in their endeavours. They took on board many suggestions and ideas from me, representing District, and from each other, in all the avenues of service.

All the Clubs are very individual and have their own culture, even though they are in the same part of the world, with many common Community issues. However, they HAVE joined together for things such as the Cluster Muster, (happening for the 4th year, this month), sharing human resources, such as people to help with parking commitments and so on, City to Surf, financial aid for Projects, such as Youth Exchange, finance for the Uganda Water Project, and shared top speakers, such as the meeting at Altona City for 2 eminent surgeons, and many more instances.

All the Clubs are individually strong, even though, mainly, not having a great number of Members. The changing of the Presidents did change the outlook to a degree, but not the culture. Werribee is very

much a stand -alone Club, wanting to do their own thing, questioning the importance of having an AG, but were the first to find a venue and time for the Cluster Group to meet! Hoppers Crossing had issues with the loss of a large quantity of Members in 2011 - 12. This was mainly because of 'cliques' that had formed, I understand. Some of those that have left, I've been told, may well be considering returning! Laverton Point Cook are very committed to youth, but this year are turning a lot of their attention to the community needs as well. All, except perhaps Werribee and Wyndham, feel they have a problem with an aging membership, but still do an amazing amount for the community both locally and abroad!

Wyndham, very like a large family, does huge quantities of fundraising, and sometimes find they need to ask the rest of the Cluster for a little help. Having so said they all have very similar focuses, especially on youth, and youth homelessness, and all have a great sense of fellowship and fun.

Altona has seen the need to have an evening meeting, instead of a lunchtime one, at least once a month, which is working well, especially from the Fellowship side of things, and hopefully encouraging new members.

Altona City, on the other hand, is looking to have a Breakfast meeting sometimes, in between the evening ones, to see what that will do to help encourage a different interest group. The Cluster meetings have not been as regular this year, as they were last. Not for want of trying, but because of work commitments, with 2 or 3 of the Presidents. We have been meeting for breakfast instead of in the evening, which, sadly precludes having partners present. (I've got a lot of time for partners!) The first one with EVERYONE was this month, and included DG Ross and DGE Murray, and all the wives or





MELBOURNE GANG SHOW

Dear Rotarian,

As part of our developing relationship with Scouts and Guides in Victoria, I have an offer which will give you the opportunity to see the premier Scout and Guide show in Australia - Melbourne Gang Show.

Gang Show is a near-professional show (think Schools Spectacular) which is staged annually. In June this year, Melbourne Gang Show will stage its 62nd annual production, making it one of the longest continuous running productions in Australia. It is a high quality, original, music and variety show with an orchestra of 20 and a cast of over 120 Scouts and Guides on stage.

There are 8 performances between June 20th and 28th at the Besen Centre at Mt Scopus College in Station Street, Burwood. Tickets are normally \$26 for adults.

However Melbourne Gang Show has 2000 or so seats they would like to offer in an effort to recruit new audiences and give Rotary and its beneficiaries the opportunity to raise some funds. Seats are offered in blocks of 10 for just \$100 each block. You are asked to sell the seats on for a minimum of \$20 each, or up to the normal price, raising some much need funds for Rotary, or any of the charities you support.

The show is ideal for children of any age (up to 90) and would make an excellent social night for your club; a great night or day out for the grandchildren; and an ideal way to help raise funds for

your school or new generations projects.

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performances are: At the Besen Centre, 87-89 Station Street, Burwood, Friday 20th June at 7.30 pm, Saturday 21st June at 2.00 pm, Saturday 21st June at 7.30 pm, Sunday 22nd June at 2.00 pm, Wednesday 25th June at 7.30 pm, Thursday 26th June at 7.30 pm, Friday 27th June at 7.30 pm, Saturday 28th June at 2.00 pm and Saturday 28th June at 7.30 pm.

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To obtain a block or blocks of tickets, select your performance, and phone the Melbourne Gang Show Booking Hotline - (03) 9440 9460. Mention that you are booking as a result of the Rotary deal and quote your Rotary Club, or the Rotary Club which referred this offer to you.

Tickets should be paid for by credit card when you book, and the tickets will be emailed to you.

Contact Bill Oakley (Rotary Club of North Balwyn) on billoakley1@ bigpond.com and leave a mailing address to receive a small package of material about Melbourne Gang Show and this offer.

Port Phillip Cluster

husbands bar one! The next one will not be until April. These meetings are more to allow the Presidents, and as of April, the PEs, a chance to connect and share ideas and experiences, as well as looking at any problems that any of them may have, which I have found to be very few. Inviting the PEs to join the meeting, I believe, makes for a smoother and happier transition from one year to the next.

In conclusion, I have to thank PDG Dennis and DG Ross for inviting me to take on the role of AG as their representative. Although my Clubs do not seem to have had huge difficulties, or problems last year or this, I have felt that I was there to be able to make a difference and to close the gap between District and the Clubs, that can sometimes exist. I thought being President of my Club was the best, but I think being the AG for Port Phillip has been the most wonderful experience of all. As DG Ross said to me once.....I can never give as much to these wonderful Clubs as they have given to me! In the end, Rotary is like a large and mighty oak tree, but without the roots it will not grow. Equally, the nurturing from above is just as important!

THANK YOU

Yes! I read the Networker.

Francis Kimera, PHF Secretary 2013-14 Rotary Club of Jinja

Club No.: 0017286 P.O. Box 1323, Jinja, Uganda



Who else is reading the Networker?





Is there a better example of Rotarians at Work?



This week we shipped the 300th container of goods to Timor Leste this century.

70,000 volunteer hours were devoted over the 14 years to make this happen and hundreds of Rotarians have been involved.

People give their time freely each week and again we will exceed 10,000 volunteers hours worked this year. Goods worth \$30 million have been shipped in these containers, thousands of people have helped and the assistance provided for health and education has been fantastic.

\$1.8 million has been raised to pay the freight.

Every Club in our District has been involved in some way and this is something we should be very proud of. If you are looking for a project to promote your Club this is an exciting newsworthy story.

But wait there's more!!!

So far the containers we have shipped smashed our target of 2000 desks and 5000 chairs. Our current total is 2420 Desks and 5563 Chairs and we still have eleven weeks to go.

To put this achievement in context last year we shipped 622 desks and 1474 chairs. We had to ship the school furniture because we have no

room in the Store and we have 30 schools still waiting for goods to be collected.

The Victorian Government has recommended that schools should



donate their reusable goods to Rotary; another thing we should be proud of.

We have plenty of furniture in stock and schools that need them - for as little as \$5.00 you can ship a chair. If you are looking for a project to show the world how great your Club is, make a donation to help pay for the freight.

"Our Club helped 5000 Students in Timor Leste" is a great headline for your press release.

But wait there is even more!!!!

Later this month we will ship our 400th container since 1/1/2000. They have gone to 23 countries which highlights how wide the spread of our support is.

Contact the Store rotarydik@gmail. com if you want to be involved in this shipment.

This is your story and it would be a pity if you miss the opportunity to tell it. Full details and a press



release is available; contact David Dippie solatube@bigpond.com for details.

PS: We have a month to tell our stories and we are not limited to promoting one project.







PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



Chairman of the District TRF committee John; and, from RI Parramatta, Mark Anderson.

To be a member of the Paul Harris Society, you are required to contribute a minimum of US1000 per year to the Rotary Foundation. There are now 57 PHS members in our District, including 17 who have joined this year.

It is worth noting that of all the contributors to the Foundation world-wide, only 3% are PHS members, however they contribute 35% of the total annual receipts.



further information on the Paul Harris Society, or for those who wish to join, please contact PDG Gordon McKern, on 0408 509084, email mckernbendigo@ ozemail.com.

au., or PP Roger Thornton, on 0400 999203, email proton@ connexus.net. au.































Community Radio Rotary announcer

"Rotary in Action" is a one hour magazine style program broadcast on 96.5 InnerFM Community Radio.

It's been going to air every Tuesday at 4pm since July 4, 1995. With at least 22 Rotary Clubs in our listening catchment spread over the three Districts.

Rotarian Don Bowden of North Balwyn has recently retired as an announcer for District 9800, after 11 years in the role and is looking for someone to replace him.

Interested??

What is required:

It's important to have a somone from 9800 replace Don and our 9800 slot is the First Tuesday of every month.

The program should consist of 4-5 music tracks with announcements of Rotary events and projects across the Cities of Manningham, Banyule and Darebin.

With special guests from District 9800 each month to talk about any aspect of Rotary this is a magazine style program – not a music program run by a Rotarian.

What we need from a potential announcer:

One or two Rotarians who are prepared to commit to the First Tuesday of each month.

It will require some preparation before the program and the announcer should arrive at 96.5 InnerFM at least 30 minutes before going on air.

The announcer will need to be trained by the Station in the operation of the Studio (2-3 training sessions followed by a test).

He/she will need to be a member of the Station and, in addition pay an annual licence fee (total under \$100).



She/he will need to work with the team of other presenters to maintain a continuity of program.

The Rotarian/s should have a passion for communication and be able to ask questions and continue conversations.

As a Committee Member of 96.5 InnerFM it is my responsibility to maintain the integrity of the "Rotary in Action" program.

Therefore, the training will be conducted by me.

However, the licence testing will be conducted by a member of the Station's senior executive.

There is no reason why two Rotarians could not share the 12 programs slotted during a calendar year.

Please call Greg King on 9846 3966 if you require further information.

Yours in Rotary – and in Radio GREG KING Presenter & Committee Member

Club plans Iftar Dinner in July

Central Melbourne-Sunrise Past President Alan Seale made the point that whilst Rotary is an international organisation, you wouldn't know it if you visited many of the clubs in the metropolitan area.

Our membership tends not to reflect the rich cultural diversity of our community and Alan believes this to be a lost opportunity from both a membership and community service perspective. A close friend challenged Alan to do something about this and made the suggestion that the club host an Iftar Dinner.

An Iftar is served at the end of the day during Ramadan, to break the day's fast. Iftar is a religious observance of Ramadan often done as a community, with people gathering to break their fast together. Many Muslims believe feeding someone iftar as a form of charity is very rewarding.

Several Iftars are held in Melbourne during Ramadan often hosted by secular organisations such as Victoria Police, universities, etc. Unsurprisingly Rotary Clubs in the Middle East do the same. like this one in Nazareth;



Central Melbourne-Sunrise will host an Iftar dinner with the generous support of the Australian Intercultural Society, on July 15 at AIS offices. The evening will provide an opportunity for Rotary to introduce itself to a non-traditional audience and for Rotarians to learn something more about Islam and other religions.



NOTICES AND EVENTS



ROTARY EASTSIDE CLUSTER SPECIAL PARTNERS' EVENT

Dr Ross Bastiann

Wednesday, 16 April - 6.30 for 7 pm **Greenacres Golf Club, Kew East**

Cost \$35 p/p for a two course meal.

Main & Cheese Platter - Drinks at bar prices

Dr Ross Bastiaan AM will talk about Commemorative Information Bronze Military History Plaques around the world.

EMAIL YOUR BOOKING admin@camberwellrotary org.au with full details and we'll be in touch. BOOKINGS CLOSE: 7TH APRIL

In 1995, Dr Ross designed the Weary Dunlop Memorial in St Kilda Rd. Melbourne. Dr Ross will leave for Gallipoli on 19th April to be present when one of his bronze sculptures will be unveiled at the Turkish Naval Museum by the Chief of Defence Force.

Come play with the kids

Volunteer for Nepal

APRIL 2014

Dates to be finalised.

Join a small group (max. 8) to participate in teacher training and deliver a children's holiday program in a remote village in Western Nepal.

Unique opportunity to participate in village life. Must be prepared to trek in and live village style.

See www.nepalaid.org.au.

Photo: Happy volunteers in 2012.

Enquiries: Peter Hall, RC Kyneton info@nepalaid.org.au 03 5424 1453



Rotary Club of Rochester

Pie and Port Night Saturday, 3 May - 6.30 for 7 pm.

Rochester Fire Brigade Function Room

This annual event promises a night filled with Fellowship, straight from the oven country fresh bakery, along with ample refreshment of all variety to suit attendees.

Rotarians and partners from all Rotary Clubs are invited to come and spend a weekend or night in the northern part of the District, relax, see the sights and attend the legendary Pie and Port night in the Rochester Fire Brigade Function Room.

For further details contact via Club email link, or direct to Rotarian Heather, 03 54841147







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Rotary Club of Albert Park

May 4 Benefit Concert **Master Musicians**

TONIE FIELD, MICHAEL MACMANUS, THE EAMON AND DUDI PROJECT, ZAM DUO

To raise funds for Poverty Stricken Families near Cape Town South Africa.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 - Wyselaskie Auditorium 29 College Crescent Parkville 2.30 for 3 to 5 pm.

www.ticketbookings.com.au/book/classicalquitar/capetown/392

May 10

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE - THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The Orient Express

Cafe International will be held on

SATURDAY, MAY 10

at International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville.

Dress to impress, cultural clothing encouraged.

TICKETS \$82 PER PERSON

Doors open at 6:30pm for pre-dinner drinks and light refreshments. Dinner and show will commence at 7:15 pm

Please contact us at: ihouse2014cafe@gmail.com or call our CafŽ Communications Officers, James Labrum at 0434-301-205 or Monica Mui at 0403-140-586.

May

Rotary Action Group of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness

2014 Global **MS Dinner**

KISS MS GOODBYE - WEAR SOMETHING RED

Guest speakers and entertainment.

Wednesday, May 21 - 7 for 7.30 pm

Fredricks 980 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon

TICKETS \$45 PP - 2 course dinner and champagne on arrival. Drinks at bar prices, Door prize and raffle

RSVP: May 16 to Barry Coleman, bdgcoleman@optusnet.com.au 0427 852 062 or enquiries@fredricksrestaurant.com.au 9379 3247.







2014 Global MS Dinner

Date: Wednesday May 21, 2014 Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm start

Place: Fredricks 980 Mt Alexander Rd Essendon North \$45pp includes 2 Course Dinner. Tea or Coffee

Drinks at Bar Prices
(Any special Dietary requirements please notify when booking)
Complimentary Glass of Champagne on arrival

Fabulous Wednesday evening, speakers, entertainment, auction "Door Prize" and raffle .

"Kiss MS Goodbye"

Wear Something Red

Guest speakers: ward Florey Institute - Speaker MS Ambassador -Speaker Entertainment:

Funds raised go to MSA projects, MSRA and MSIF

RSVP May 16th, 2014 to Barry Coleman, bgdcoleman@optusnet.com.au

Barry Coleman 0427852062

Or sequiries@fredricksrestourant.com.au 0393793247

Any Auction or Raffle Items would be appreciated





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May 30 ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHTON

The Brighton Lunch

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUR AFL WEEK WITH LEADERS OF INDUSTRY AND FOOTBALL

Susan Alberti, Beverly Knight, Brian Ward, Keving Sheedy

with Cathy Freeman and James Reyne

Friday, May 30
Brighton International, 12 Noon for 12.30
TICKETS \$130

Bookings: Email gbentley@trident.com.au RSVP: Geoff Bently Phone 0408 991 641 www.rotarybrighton.com.au/events





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

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

