

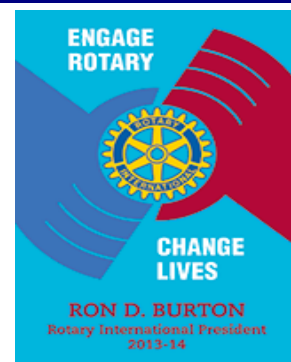


ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
26 th August	Membership – Glenys Pattison & Cheryl O'Toole	Tom Portelli	Lesley Zuccaro & Bronwen Lamond	All Members
2 nd September	RYLA Experience – Natalie Zheng	Bill Sides	Jim & Jean Cochrane	All Members
9 th September	The Longevity Revolution – Chia Taing	Glenys Pattison	Bill Sides & Cheryl O'Toole	All Members

To see upcoming guest speakers use this link - <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/program1.htm>

Presidents Report

Hello Members and Friends of Rotary,

Thank you members for participating so well at last Monday nights' Club Assembly. I felt sorry that the meeting had to be rushed to finish on time at 7.30pm, as so many items of interest were raised. I hope you will all agree with my desire to have Club Assembly meetings extended by 15 minutes, and I will arrange with L'Unico's catering staff to serve our meal at 7.45pm on those nights. Also we will dispense with the Sergeants session on Assembly nights.

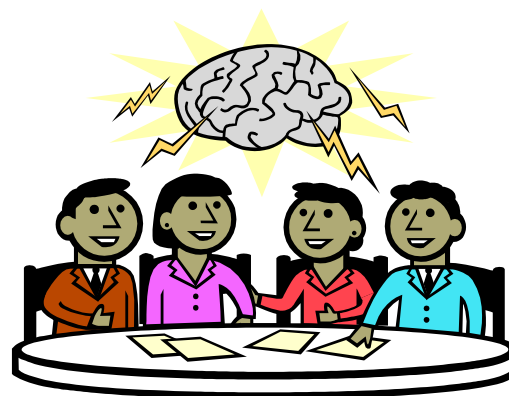
Many of the items raised on the night will be Agenda items at the Board Meeting on August 28th and I will report back to you at the following meeting.

I was delighted to see the effort that members had put into their proposals and also that everyone present participated in the discussions. It is very obvious that we have a great, involved membership supporting me as President this year. Once again, Thank You.

Have a great week!

Yours in Rotary,

Heather.



Rotary Four Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (19th August):

This week we held a club assembly where all members were given a chance to feedback on the ideas which were raised at our last club assembly on the 29th July.

Again everyone was fully involved and some of the ideas which were only raised a month earlier are already in progress and dates have already been set for these events. See the "Meeting Notes" for all the updates.

Meeting Notes:

- Heather Norling informed the club that she received a photo of the community bus from WEAC that the seven Monash Rotary clubs supported last financial year. As this project was during Lesley Zuccaro's year she will have her photo taken with the bus. (See photo of bus below).
- Glenys Pattison advised the club that the Fashion Parade committee has now been set up and a Fashion Parade will be held at the home of Jim & Jean Cochrane on the 26th October between 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The cost is still to be advised. Members have been asked if they can provide gifts for a raffle.
- Sha Rijal has offered her services for a buffet dinner with a Nepalese theme. Currently looking for a local hall to hold the dinner. Funds raised will go to an international charity project. More details will be advised.
- Bill Sides gave an update on the progress of the BBQ trailer which is currently being built and will be available before the end of September.
- Jim Cochrane informed the club that he is currently trying to contact Chris with regards to the club having an opportunity to perform the car parking at the Australian Ladies Open Golf if it will be local next year. John Barnes will provide support to Jim.
- Ralph Zuccaro gave an update on the photography meeting which was held. Malcolm Brownlee has offered the club \$75 for each person which signs up for the photography course and mentions Clayton Rotary (refer article in this week's bulletin). Ralph mentioned that the members can help by approaching the local travel agents in the area and handing out pamphlets and following them up. This will be a good fundraiser for the club.
- Dianne Sides has a great idea for a fundraiser in 2014. A presentation for the event was passed on for discussion and approval at the next board meeting.
- Lesley Zuccaro gave an update on the golf parking where she has been informed that members who put their name down for half days only are not required. Members can see Lesley if they wish to change their days.
- Lesley Zuccaro spoke about the North India flood appeal where we had a request from the RC of Noble Park president, Rama Vemula to support. This issue will be raised at the next board meeting.
- Ralph Zuccaro also informed the members that the annual fees of \$245 are now due and should be paid before the end of August.
- Tom Portelli is looking at the opportunity for the club to hold a fun run. This could be a combined project with the local cluster clubs. Tom will look into this and report back to the members.
- John Barnes advised the club that the Rotary Foundation Information Seminar will be held on Thursday 19th September. This stage we have four members who will attend on the night.
- John Barnes also informed the members on the opportunity to be come "centurions" for a donation of \$100. Currently we have 10 members in the club who are centurions and two major donors who are supporting. John is happy to talk to any members who are interested in joining.
- John Barnes reminded the club that he is still looking for helpers to support the board meetings for the John Monash Science School Interact Club. The dates are listed in this bulletin.
- Bill Sides gave an update on the districts "4 Way Test speech contest" where he has approached our two local schools, Westall Secondary & John Monash Science School for applicants. Bill has heard back from Westall who have two students

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

interested. Bill spent time with the two students this week and gave them coaching. Bill has also asked the students to provide a draft on what they will be talking about. Applications will be sent off this week.

- Bill Sides gave a report on his visit to the John Monash Science School Interact Club. He reported that the collar of office has been misplaced and they are currently looking for it and that he handed over 30 badges for them
- Bill Sides also gave an update on the open day for the Community Bank on the 17th August. Bill mentioned that the opening of the bank will be good for the Clayton Community. Bill Pontikis will be our guest speaker on the 14th October to talk to the club about the bank.
- Jon Breisch is currently investigating the opportunity of getting a slushy machine for the BBQ trailer which can be used as a fundraiser during the selling of our sausages.
- Lesley Zuccaro gave an update on the Glen Waverley Charity Auction Night. Money raised on the night will go towards the 5 nominated charities. The club has been requested to help with silent auction items and selling of the raffle tickets. The Charity Auction Night will held at the Novotel in Glen Waverley on the 4th October.

Apologies = Ed Allchin, John Goldspink, Richard Simmons, Warren Fricke & Bronwen Lamond.

Make Ups = Bronwen Lamond (Photography Meeting), Sha Rijal (Rotary in Nepal), Jim & Jean Cochrane (Foodbank).

Leave of Absence = Craig and Katherine Merson & Reddy Kandadi.

Visitors = None.



Think Foundation Thoughts

August: Membership and Extension Month

This week's Foundation Thought is about ...

Matching Grants. Even a small club can make a big difference when participating in a Matching Grant. While Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Marana in District 5500 were travelling in Zimbabwe, they found a man who was obviously hungry. These Rotarians worked with the Rotary Club of Victoria Falls and The Rotary Foundation to create a food garden that feeds an entire village and is self-sustaining for future generations. Rotarian Randy Brooks says: —It truly is amazing how our small club contributions translate into opportunity for those in need of help. It is hard to not be overly proud of Rotary, its members, and The Rotary Foundation.

Special Announcements

**27th August – Ed
Allchin Birthday.**

**8th September – Bill &
Dianne Sides Wedding
Anniversary.**

Important Club Dates

Wednesday 28/08/13 – Board Meeting at the home of Heather Norling. Unit 102/15 Fulham Road, Rowville.

Thursday 19/09/13 – Southern & Central Cluster Foundation Night.

Sunday 13/10/13 – BBQ at the Synchrotron Open Day.

Thursday 14/11/13 to Sunday 17/11/13 – Golf parking at the 2013 Masters at the Royal Melbourne Golf Course.

Thursday 21/11/13 to Sunday 24/11/13 – Golf parking at the World Cup at the Royal Melbourne Golf Course.



John Monash Science School Interact Club Update



John Barnes has advised the club that the John Monash Science School Interact Club Board Meetings are scheduled at lunch times (usually at 1:00pm) on the following days:-

September 3
October 8

A Rotarian from the sponsor Club has to be present at each of these Board meetings so if any of our members (only need one) are able to attend on these dates would they please advise John Barnes.

District 9810 News

ROTARY FOUNDATION INFORMATION SEMINAR

Dear Presidents, Secretaries and Assistant Governors of Southern and Central Clusters,

The Rotary Club of Beaumaris has been requested to organise the Cluster Rotary Foundation Information Seminar. This seminar should be a must for:

- Club Presidents
- Presidents Elect
- Foundation Committee Chairs and Committee Members
- Club International Committee Chairs and Committee Members
- Club Community Service Committee Chairs and Committee Members
- Any other Rotarians interested in the activities of the Rotary Foundation.

Details of the event are:

Thursday September 19th
Commencing at 6.30pm for 7pm
Concluding at 9pm
Venue: Victoria Golf Club
Park Road, Cheltenham (Mel: 86 F2)
Cost \$35 – drinks at bar prices

Bookings need to be made and paid for by Wednesday September 11th. No refunds or additional bookings can be made after this date.

There WILL NOT be a cash desk at the function. Please direct all enquiries to me. We all look forward to seeing you all on September 19th.

Martin Fothergill
Director Foundation
Rotary Club of Beaumaris
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M: 0409 969 268

Rotary Digital Camera Courses

Dear Members and friends of Rotary,

GREAT FATHERS DAY GIFT. Your father can enjoy your gift (and the skills it brings) all year round, and create great images like this, all the time... The Rotary Clubs of Nunawading and Monash have been involved in the running of digital camera courses, with tremendous success, for the past 13 years. Our course can show you how to get the best out of your digital camera, and consistently create great images like the sample, which was taken by a student on our last course.

For more information, go to our website at www.learnphotography.org.au, or telephone Malcolm Brownlee on 1300 192060.

Members please note: when they are booking the course ask them to mention the "Rotary Club of Clayton" and the father will receive a framed enlarged print of one of his photos (Valued at \$120 free of charge)"

Could all members please forward this email to all your family and friends because it could make an ideal Fathers Day Gift.

I am personally doing the course and highly recommend it. This is a Rotary Club of Clayton Project.

Many thanks
Ralph





Rotaract Club of Monash

Club Meeting Details:

The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30pm
Mulgrave Neighbourhood House
36 – 42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave
(Melways 80C3)

Upcoming Rotaract Events:

- September 18-Raid on Peninsula Rotaract Club (Please note we will not be meeting at Mulgrave Neighbourhood House)

Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
4 th September	John Barnes
2 nd October	Sha Rijal

If you cannot attend on the night you are rostered, please organise a replacement to take your place.

Upcoming Events in Monash

bestchance Multicultural Food Festival 2013

Cultural acts and cuisines are set to light up Glen Waverley on **Sunday 13 October** for the bestchance Multicultural Food Festival.

The annual event held at **583 Ferntree Gully Road** is open to everyone and aims to provide an opportunity to share and experience the richness of different cultures in Monash by experiencing new food and performances.

Highlights will include a **'Welcome to Country' opening ceremony** by a Wurundjeri Tribe Elder, delicious food from Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African and Australian cuisines and live stage performances such as Polynesian Dance, Chinese Drumming, Bollywood Dancing and the 2000-year-old dance style of Bharatha Natyam.

The family fun day will also have unlimited entertainment for the kids with a petting farm, fairy floss, jumping castle, kids activity tent and face painting.

The Festival is proudly supported by the Besan Family Foundation, the City of Monash and Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship. The Festival will be officially opened by the Mayor of City of Monash Micaela Drieberg and Neil Angus MP will be representing the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship at the opening.

bestchance is an independent, not-for-profit, community organisation providing specialist, educational and welfare services to children and families in Monash.

For more information please visit www.bestchance.org.au - a full programme of activities will be available closer to the event.



Upcoming Events in Kingston

Free Volunteer Training

Are you a volunteer wanting to improve your skills? Or would you like to help others but don't quite know where to start? Kingston Council, in partnership with the Monash Volunteer Resource Centre, is providing free volunteer training to help everyone interested in this rewarding field. Come along and find out what volunteering is about or to improve your knowledge about how to help others in our community.

There are two courses available in September.

"Communication and Good Governance" will be run over two sessions on 11 and 18 September at the Melaleuca Hub. Participants will learn about verbal and non-verbal communication, active listening, positive planning and how to avoid pitfalls. On 11 September, a course focusing on recruiting club members will provide valuable marketing and advertising tips. This course will be held from 10am-12pm at the Clarinda Community Centre's Small Hall.

For more information or to book call 9581 4629 or email debra.webb@kingston.vic.gov.au.

There are many places to lend a hand as a volunteer in Kingston. For ideas on Council related volunteering opportunities, go to the "Get Involved" section of kingston.vic.gov.au. The list of ways to help is as big as your imagination -- Meals on Wheels and the home library service, Council advisory committees, friends groups which help the environment, festivals and youth services all appreciate the assistance of enthusiastic volunteers.

Where other Clubs Meet

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a "make-up" and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club.

Details for all District 9810 clubs can be obtained in the district directory or website www.9810rotary.org.au Details for clubs around the world are available in the RI Directory (held by the club secretary) and on the RI website (www.rotary.org)

Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Ralph Zuccaro** on **0408 991 741 by 4 pm** on the **day of the meeting**, if you are not going to be present.

Contributions for inclusion into the Bulletin should be passed to michaele@netspace.net.au by Thursday evening of each week.

Please remember if you cannot perform your rostered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place.

Joke of the Week

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Adelaide, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars.

At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, 'Well, I've tried to treat her nice, spenda da money on her, but best of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'

The priest responded, 'Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?'

Giuseppe proudly replied, " I gonna go pick her up."



Rotary International News

Responding to disaster comes naturally for New York Rotarian

by Stephen Yafa
The Rotarian -- July 2013

As Jim Kushner sees it, there's no choice, not for him. Others may dither when a tsunami hits Japan, an earthquake levels parts of Haiti, or a hurricane like Irene or Sandy demolishes a vast swath of homes and businesses along the U.S. northeast coast. For Kushner, past president of the Rotary Club of Inwood, Manhattan, in the borough's northernmost neighborhood, natural disasters present no options: They demand and deserve immediate and effective action. How could anyone *not* drop everything and respond? he wonders.

Trained in emergency relief, and resourceful and unimpeded by the ties that bind, Kushner is typically out the door, equipped with supplies, and on his way to a disaster area before you and I have even begun to fathom the extent of the devastation.

Within a couple of days after Hurricane Sandy tore through the Rockaway Peninsula last October, he'd rented a truck and loaded it up with 55-gallon plastic drums. He'd planned to fill them with gas but there was none to be had in the city, where power outages had rendered the pumps inoperable. No problem. Driving up to Mamaroneck in Westchester County, he called in a favor from a former state assemblyman, who got him right to the front of a long line at an open station. Kushner knew from experience that with no electricity available in the stricken areas, generators were the only way to keep hospitals and relief centers functioning. He also knew that generators need to be continually refuelled, and that gas would not be easy to find.

In times of need

Making his way down flooded streets and around trees uprooted by furious wind gusts, he arrived two hours later at St. Francis de Sales Church in Belle Harbor, New York. FEMA and Red Cross workers had set up an emergency center in the area. Kushner recognized two volunteers who had also arrived to help, both of whom he'd worked with in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. Like Kushner, they seemed to materialize on the spot in times of dire need, no explanations required. All three immediately began to address critical tasks, such as transferring the gas to jerrycans.

Kushner also worked with teams of local volunteers. "You learn to trust the locals. They're the ones who own the shovels," he says. They'd have a quick meeting each morning, then be off. Kushner also got in touch with past and present Rotary district governors and filled them in on the needs of the day. "The people from the afflicted neighborhoods were the ones who were sustaining this relief effort," he says. "Meanwhile Rotary clubs and other groups from all over were arriving every hour, it seemed, with clothes, food, blankets, the works. All good, but the size of the operation alone could've overwhelmed anyone. We were lucky, though; we'd seen it before. I was on the ground after Katrina for six weeks. I think this was worse, the sheer destruction."

Kushner's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training kicked in. So, too, did something less tangible: his instinct to stay focused and calm, no matter what. "I block out my feelings, I turn them off to do the work that needs to be done," he says. "Otherwise it's too much." And afterward? "I try to keep it out of my conscious mind, but I have nightmares, every night."

Now 64 and a Rotarian for more than 30 years, Kushner has made a practice of showing up in disaster areas and trouble zones around the world for over a decade – skirting danger, bucking bureaucracies, and shrewdly assessing priorities in his quest to provide meaningful aid. A Rotarian version of Zelig, Woody Allen's famous "human chameleon," Kushner has somehow gotten himself to Pakistan just after a massive earthquake, to Haiti, Japan, and Tanzania to lend a practiced hand after natural calamities, terrorist attacks, and kidnappings by pirates. When tectonic plates suddenly shift, where tsunamis gather lethal force or tropical storms morph into devastating hurricanes that target urban centers, Kushner will likely be on the scene, ready to spring into action. It helps that he is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, an ex-Marine who works closely with the 82nd Airborne, and a translator fluent in French who has worked with U.S. embassy staff members in former French African colonies. He knows who to call if he needs to jump on a C-130 military cargo plane or Coast Guard cutter, but even if he didn't, you get the feeling he'd strap himself to the wing of an osprey or grab hold of a bottleneck dolphin's dorsal fin to hitch a ride to quake-ravaged Port-au-Prince or tsunami-flattened Ishinomaki. Whatever it takes.

That's been Kushner's mantra from a young age. He embodies Albert Einstein's belief that you never fail until you stop trying. When Kushner discovered that his own community, Inwood, didn't have a Rotary club, he started one himself and became its first president. When a man with disabilities and his wife, both HIV positive, had no place to live after their basement Rockaway apartment was flooded to the ceiling, Kushner helped them move into a small condo he owns for three months, rent free. "You do what you gotta," he says.

Kushner received the RI Service Above Self Award, but perhaps it should be changed to Service Way Above Self. Even then it would fail to capture his compassionate compulsion to do good. "The world is such an insane place," he says. "I can't just sit around and watch."

Born and raised in New York City, Kushner joined the Marines at age 18 and was assigned to Administrative Intelligence – "pencil-pushing," as he calls it. He contracted a severe case of pneumonia at Parris Island in South Carolina. It recurred throughout his three years in the service and led to his discharge with a lifetime disability. He decided to continue his education and won a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at University College in London, an opportunity that forged his bond with Rotary.

If you're in Kushner's company long enough, you'll find that narrative cohesion may elude him, but a thematic unity will take shape. A moment after delving into the earlier phases of his life, Kushner leaps to a lengthy anecdote about rescuing dogs with a Zodiac boat crew in flooded New Orleans, post Katrina. Then, just as abruptly, he's in a makeshift hospital in Pakistan. A minute later, he's flying doctors into Haiti. He's proved himself repeatedly as a first responder who values systemic organization and the logical deployment of resources, so you're inclined to cut him some slack if his anecdotal thought processes don't follow a similar path. You begin to trust that he will make landfall within reach of where he took flight.

Dropping everything to help

In time, Kushner's reminiscences lead to a clearer understanding of his current status as a Rotarian with the will and wherewithal to drop everything and go where he's needed. In 1991, he and two other ex-military men wrote a state law to help veterans with disabilities to work as New York street vendors; his friend Joseph Kaswan had discovered an obscure 19th-century version written to support Civil War veterans. Together they updated it and lobbied the state legislature to get the new law passed, against fierce resistance from politicians defending brick-and-mortar retailers. The process took 10 years. By then Kushner had assembled a group of disabled vets – a committee, in his words – who, along with him, sold high-end jewellery on the street for bargain-basement prices. "I made a deal with the main importer for Macy's, Bloomingdale's, those places, to buy end-of-season overstock, stuff they have to move out, for pennies on the dollar," he says.

This enterprise provides Kushner with a living and a flexible schedule. "We're the only stands that make money," he announces with pride as you stroll with him across a Midtown hotel lobby. He stops you in front of the hotel gift shop and points to a row of bracelets encrusted with semiprecious jewels in the display window. "Those, there, \$50 each? We sell exactly the same ones for \$5."

Kushner's street savvy carries over to every aspect of his volunteer work. He's quick to offer well-meaning clubs advice based on his experiences around the world: "Before you write a check, you gotta know where that money ends up. Send somebody down there to see who's who, what's what, where the money's really going. It costs a little, but it can save a lot. You want to help out an orphanage in the Dominican Republic? All well and good, but do the due diligence."

They're words of wisdom from a Rotarian who's seen some donations disappear into the pockets of corrupt individuals while other contributions reach their intended recipients. The hard-won knowledge of a weathered veteran who's battled floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, and tornadoes with a single purpose in mind: to leave things in better shape than he found them. Right now, at this very moment, you can be sure that whatever Jim Kushner is up to, he's also preparing for the next calamity.

What's on this Father's Day

Major Events & Activities

Dad and Kid's Billycart D.I.Y. Workshop

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th August 11am

Learn hints and tips from our D.I.Y. presenter that will help you build a great billycart.

Bookings recommended - For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au

Father's Day Family Night

Thursday 28th August 6pm - 9pm

- Join us for a great night of fun for the whole family!
- Kids D.I.Y. workshops where you can make a great gift for dad.
- Enter our in-store competition for dads and kids to win some fantastic prizes.
- Light refreshments provided.



Activities

Hands on reptile show, face painting, balloon art, jumping castle, fairy floss, surprise competition and prizes.

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