



ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

Weekly Bulletin 2010-2011

Meets every Monday from 6:30pm at L'unico Restaurant
319 Clayton Road, Clayton (Melways 79C2)
(No meeting on public holidays)



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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
13 th December	Glen Vincent – Chairman of the Conference Committee	Tom Portelli	Dianne Sides	Richard Simmons
20 th December	Annual Christmas Party at the home of Bill & Dianne Sides	Dianne Sides	Richard Simmons	Rukshana Verzijl
10 th January	TBA	Richard Simmons	Rukshana Verzijl	Lesley Zuccaro

Presidents Report

Our club for many years has been presenting gift vouchers to several local primary schools, Warren did the leg work and on Tuesday I did one presentation which was at Clayton North Primary. Things have certainly changed a bit since I was at Primary School, the kids (year 6) could show us a few things about presentation, two gave speeches, not an er or um and all were perfectly behaved. A bonus was many parents arrived in National costume adding colour and interest to the spectacle. I stayed on simply because it was so good. Rukshana has much to be proud of. While there, I looked at the school bus she has just bought and had driven here from South Australia to use as a classroom. I discovered under it a full set of brand new 9.00 X 20 premium quality tyres and it has a very good Hino diesel and auto transmission and diff in it which I am sure are in fine shape.

Rukshana would dearly like to sell these items to recover some of her investment as this bus will never move again. Contact me if you can suggest anybody who may like to buy and remove these items.

On December 20th, our last meeting before Christmas will be at my home, 25 Mackintosh Road Wheelers Hill. It is an International Night and a chance to dress up (like the school's parents did) in an International costume or bring something along of International interest from your country or memento from a trip abroad, or do both! The last time we did this Tony Hilliard (an undertaker) appeared with a piece of wood from Napoleon's coffin, so, given the International mix we now have within our club almost anything could appear!

Website - <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/index.htm>

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?"

Begin thinking now about what you could bring or wear to this meeting.

Bill Sides

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (06/12):

This week our guest speaker was Stuart O'Brien. Stuart is the project manager for the KNM project which is based in Arusha, Tanzania in East Africa. Stuart has been living in Tanzania since April 2009 and began the KNM project in July 2009. He holds a Masters in Development Practice from the University of Queensland.

The project works with single and unemployed young mothers and vulnerable young girls. KNM stands for kundi la nguvu mamas, which translates to group of strong mothers. The project is based in the village of Engosengiu in Arusha



and is linked with the Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School. Currently there are 16 women supported by the KNM project. Life as a single, young mother in Tanzania is difficult. Many boyfriends and husbands will run away after finding that their girlfriend or wife is pregnant, shunning their responsibilities as a father and partner. The women are then left to support

themselves and their children on their own. They can only turn to their family or friends for help, which may or may not be forthcoming. Many families feel shame at having their daughter pregnant if she is not married which causes conflict in the family and affects the self confidence of the young mothers. The opportunities for these women and girls are limited. They are never again allowed to re enter government schooling after they have dropped out to deliver their child and private schooling is not a realistic financial alternative for most. Finding work which pays well enough and also gives enough time for the women to raise their child is practically impossible. Finally, there are little formal support services such as counselling for most women in Tanzania.

The KNM project aims to address all of the above issues with the women and girls involved in the project.

Support – the project gives the women a support network. They can meet and talk with other young mothers who are feeling the same feelings and have lived similar experiences and know that they are not alone.

Counselling – KNM is linked to counselling services through Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School and other social services around Arusha.

Education – The women and girls have the opportunity to continue or reenter schooling and tuition with assistance in sponsorship for school fees.

Vocational training – The women and girls in KNM learn skills such as tailoring and book keeping. The group produces skirts, shirts, pillows, toys and bags which are sold around Arusha to help support the project. These skills also give the women the opportunity to gain employment after they finish school.

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.

Facts & Figures

- Between 41 and 56 per cent of women in Tanzania have experienced violence by their partner.
- Over 50 per cent of women in Tanzania are beaten daily by their husbands.
- 60 per cent of women who are beaten in Tanzania never seek help.
- Studies have shown that children who witness violence may experience many of the same emotional and behavioural problems that physically abused children experience, such as depression, aggression, disobedience, nightmares, physical health complaints and poor school performance.
- 28 per cent of women in Tanzania report that their first sexual experience was not consensual.
- The World Bank estimates that rape and domestic abuse account for 5 percent of healthy years of life lost to women of reproductive age in developing countries.
- In a hospital study on abortion in Tanzania, nearly one third of adolescents receiving abortion were impregnated by men 45 years or older.
- The female literacy rate in Tanzania is 57 per cent compared to 80 per cent for boys.
- In 2007 one in five primary school students in Tanzania fell pregnant and did not finish school.
- Tanzania's population is 80 per cent rural and most parents cannot afford to send their daughters to school.
- One in six women are victims of female genital mutilation in Tanzania – Arusha region has the highest rate at 81 per cent and Dodoma second with 68 per cent.
- The minimum age for marriage in Tanzania is 15 years old for a woman, with allowances for marriages to 14 year olds in 'exceptional circumstances' and 18 years old for a man.
- Twenty-five percent of Tanzanian women under 18 are already mothers.
- In Tanzania, three-quarters of births take place at home without proper care and treatment.
- 25 per cent of girls in Tanzania between 15 and 19 years of age are married, divorced or widowed.
- Almost one quarter of Tanzanian women live in polygamous marriages.
- The majority of Tanzanians live in less than US\$2 a day, most of them women.
- Tanzania women, like women the world over, are more likely to be infected by HIV / AIDS.

Meeting Notes:

- Jim Cochrane gave an update on our opportunity to be involved in the car parking for the Australian Women's Open Golf next February. The date for the golf is from the 3rd to 6th February 2011. The car parking this time will be at the Mavis Hutter reserve in Oakleigh South. A roster will be put together closer to the event.
- Jim Cochrane also advised the club that he, Bob Millen and John Barnes will be doing a Christmas food bank pick up of 100 boxes in Toorak for Dixon House this week.

Special Announcements

19th December – Lesley Zuccaro Birthday.

19th December – Ed & Margot Allchin Wedding Anniversary.

28th December – Jon Breisch Birthday.



- Craig Merson has asked members of the club if they can bring along a can of food to our meeting on the 13th December so some hampers can be made up for a Community Christmas Dinner. An e-mail will be sent to all members during the week explaining this event.
- There will be no meeting at L'unico Restaurant on the 20th December, as we will be having our Christmas Break-up at the home Bill & Dianne Sides.
- There will be no meetings on the 27th December & 3rd January due to the Christmas & New Year break.

Apologies = John Goldspink, John Barnes, Lesley Zuccaro, Warren Fricke, Bill Sides, Dianne Sides, Heather Norling & Bronwen Lamond.

Make Ups = Michael Ellinger (Rotaract).

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = John Drosis (Rotary Club of Trikala), Stuart O'Brien (Guest Speaker).

Think Foundation Thoughts

December: Family Month

This week's Foundation Thought is about ...

3-H grants. In Nepal, infant mortality is most severe in remote Himalayan villages, areas that are also in short supply of family planning services and economic opportunities. To address these needs, Rotarians have created an extensive training program to bring much-needed prenatal and postnatal services to 10 remote regions. The program is training 52 young women as professional auxiliary nurse midwives. The project, collaboration between the Rotary clubs of Kathmandu Mid-Town and Darmstadt-Bergstrasse, Germany, is supported by a US\$283,725 Health, Hunger, and Humanity Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

Important Club Dates

Monday 20/12/10 – Christmas Break-up Meeting will be at the home of Bill & Dianne Sides. International Theme.

Saturday 22/01/11 – Monash Farmers Market. See Craig Merson for details.

Thursday 07/04/11 to Saturday 09/04/11 – 2011 District 9810 Conference.

District 9810 News



RI Convention 2011—New Orleans USA

Have you thought about going to the 2011 New Orleans Rotary International Convention?

Are you still thinking about attendance but putting off your decision? NEWS FLASH! "Early Bird" Registration closes Wednesday, 15 December—get in to save now while the Aussie Dollar hovers near parity with the US Greenback!

Check out the following websites for details of events and ticketing:

- Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/convention>
- Register for the convention and ticketed events.
- Reserve your hotel
- Purchase host event tickets
- Check the preliminary schedule to help plan your trip
- Download the 2011 RI Convention promotional brochure
- Host Organising Committee:
- <http://www.rotarycon2011.com> where you can find out all about the great HOC Events and Tours.
- New Orleans Convention Bureau <http://www.neworleanscvb.com/rotary> where you can find many more wonderful things to do in New Orleans.

IPDG David Forster has had a couple of enquires from potential attendees on what ticketed events are worth attending. This is largely a personal choice but he recommends considering the major entertainment events being organised by the Host Organising Committee. More detail on these events, including how many seats remain, are available at the link <http://www.rotarycon2011.com>

There are also a number of RI ticketed events available. You may care to consider attending either the President's Recognition Luncheon or the President- Elect's Leadership Luncheon. Both events are designed for current or future RI and Club Officers but are open to all to attend. It is essential that, if you intend to Register for the International Convention, you advise your intention to District 9810 „On to Convention“ Coordinator, David Forster at david.forster@ozemail.com.au.

This will allow David to be able to facilitate delegates' ability to perhaps coordinate itineraries and meet up in New Orleans or elsewhere in their travels. David still has limited numbers of hard copies of the various forms, should you have difficulty in access in the links or downloading them. First in best dressed!

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:

- TBA.

Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
15 th December	Rukshana Verzijl
2 nd February	Georges Ah-Tye

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

Upcoming Events in Monash

Monash Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 19 December 2010
8pm - 10pm

Jells Park, Wheelers Hill, MEL: 71 K7
Kids Zone from 4pm - 7pm
Kids show at 7.15pm - "Bethany Fisher"
Fireworks* finale - 10pm

Featuring Performers:

- Gary Pinto, Katrina Free, Jordie Howell, Mark Casey
- National Children's Choir of Australia - Youth Chorale
- Carols by Candlelight Band under the musical direction of Michael Thompson
- MC - Channel 9's Pete Smith

Free Concert

- Bring a torch
- Food stalls
- Limited parking on site
- Drug and alcohol free event

After the success and a record breaking crowd at the 2009 Carols, we look forward to celebrating the 2010 Carols by Candlelight with more outstanding performances and spectacular fireworks to highlight the night.

* Please note, Fireworks are subject to weather conditions.

Information Line: 9518 3636 TTY: (hearing impaired): 9518 3655.

Upcoming Events in Kingston

Christmas Twilight Farmers' Market

Wednesday, 22 December 2010

4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Buy all your Christmas provisions directly from the producer. Stalls include fresh fruit and vegies, meats, cheeses, breads, pasta, dips, gourmet treats and much more.

LOCATION: Sir William Fry Reserve, Nepean Highway Highett

CONTACT NAME: Mandy Baigel PHONE: 9581 4746

EMAIL: mandy.baigel@kingston.vic.gov.au

WEB: <http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/link/farmersmarket>

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.rotary9810.org. 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

A woman went into a pharmacy and asked for some arsenic. The chemist said he could not sell a poison like that, but trying to be helpful he asked what she wanted to do.

The answer was that she wanted to kill her husband. "Goodness!" said the chemist. "Why do that?"

The reason was that he was having an affair and the woman produced a compromising photograph of her husband and the chemist's wife.

The chemist looked at the photograph for a moment and then said: "Why didn't you tell me you had a prescription."

Rotary International News

Rotarians share ideas on member retention

By Joseph Derr
Rotary International News -- 6 December 2010

Diana Wood Howard, president of the Rotary Club of Spring Valley (Columbia), South Carolina, USA, says membership has never been better since the club decided to move its meetings to a brand-new grand hall at a local church.

"We've inducted 20 new members in less than 18 months," Howard notes. "Don't be afraid to think outside the box for a new meeting venue" when it comes to membership development, she advises.

Recently, Rotarians discussed innovative approaches to recruiting and retaining members on [Rotary International's official Facebook page](#). Rotarians are encouraged to e-mail their creative strategies to leadership.training@rotary.org.

Howard says it's also important to get new members involved early. "Our 'newbies,' as we refer to them, organized a PolioPlus fundraiser this past July."

Elizabeth Penny, president of the Rotary Club of South Ukiah, California, says her club encourages members to bring their children to meetings. As a breakfast club, it meets early enough to allow members to get their children to school.

"We're a pretty informal club, and we wanted to be welcoming to younger parents," she says. "It has worked really well for us. The children have their own table and call themselves 'Rotary kids.' They even have their own project: collecting used towels and blankets from hotels and donating them to the humane society."

The Rotary clubs of Sebastopol and Sebastopol Sunrise, California, focus on fellowship. Every spring, Rotarians volunteer to host an evening meal at their homes for three members of their own club whom they're less familiar with.

"We match participants based on their *not* having significant relationships with each other," says David G. Mark-Raymond, of the Sebastopol Sunrise club. "The idea is to develop new relationships and be more inclusive."

John T. Capps, of the Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon, North Carolina, recommends that Rotarians "always keep a bright-colored 3 x 5 card in your shirt pocket, handbag, mode of transportation, or on your desk for a quick, efficient, effective way of remembering potential club members." Capps says the method works: He has proposed 92 members, 78 of whom are still Rotarians.



When it comes to recruiting and retaining members, creativity is the name of the game. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*