



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON Weekly Bulletin

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Tonight: Clayton RSL Club 6:15pm for 6:30pm
November is Rotary Foundation Month

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
4 th Dec	AGM & Club Assembly	Jean Cochrane	Ralph Zuccaro	Michael Ellinger
11 Dec	Harald Schmidt (World Cup Adventures)	Bill Sides	Jon Breisch	Jim Cochrane
18 Dec	TBA			

Please organise a replacement if you are unable to attend on rostered days above.
APOLOGIES: Please phone apologies to John Barnes – 9544 2866 by Monday 4pm.

Coming Events

Fellowship functions will occur around once every 6 weeks.

A Small program for fellowship this still to be confirmed.

January- Meetings at Rotarians houses.

The Rotary Club of Clayton – Over 40 years of service in the community
Website - <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/index.htm>

February- A day at Safety Beach Jim & Jeans.

March – Shepparton conference

April- A Picture Night.

Rotaract Roster

Date	Rotarian to Visit
4 th December	Michael Ellinger
18 th December	Bill Sides

Previous meeting

Last Meeting: Clayton RSL

Apologies: Bob Minter, John Goldspink, John Barnes.

Make Ups: Warren Fricke-R.C Box Hill

Guests:

Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries

General Business

Last meeting the 27th Nov Graham Peck from the Leprosy Mission Aust, Give the members a talk on Leprosy, which is a disease of the poor, Leprosy is caused by a germ called Mycobacterium leprae. Last year 450,000 new cases were detected.

Ride to Conference this year (850Km) 24-29 March 2007, Are there any takers to sponsor Bill. Shepparton Conference if you require Registration Forms see John Barnes.

We also have 10 rooms booked for Rotary members and partners.

International Rotary Convention Salt Lake City 14 June 2007.

Rotary Plum Puddings (see Warren Fricke)

The Rotary Club has Adopted Village from RAMS is (HURIS) – New Ireland.

Poowong Dairy Farm day (See Dr Ed)

Forms for Working with Children check valid for 5 year. See Bill Sides

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the Month.

Rotaract club of Clayton Needs help with numbers of people aged 18 to 30 years.

Upcoming District events.

Next month...

9/12/2006 (Sat)

[62nd Annual Concert](#)

Next year...

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23/2/2007 (Fri) [24-hour Rotary Club meeting](#)

24/2/2007 (Sat) [24-hour Rotary club meeting](#)

29/3/2007 (Thu) [District Conference](#)

30/3/2007 (Fri) [District Conference](#)

31/3/2007 (Sat) [District Conference](#)

1/4/2007 (Sun) [District Conference](#)

9/6/2007 (Sat) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

10/6/2007 (Sun) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

11/6/2007 (Mon) [Chelsea Art Show](#)

Hi everyone,

In the lead up to tonight's District meeting @ Clayton RSL, I would love to take this opportunity to ask you to mark this date into your diaries....

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2007 - BLIND CRICKET MATCH
Rotary/Rotaract District 9810 vs Victorian Blind Cricket Association
To be held at Vision Australia's Cricket Ovals, Kooyong
10am-4pm

A great opportunity to bring your families and friends ... bring a picnic, make it a relaxing (and amusing!) day out.

More details to follow; watch this space!

Robyn Kensley :)

Rotaract Club of Clayton & DRR 2006-2007

The Four Way Test

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?

Hello All Members,

Just a quick reminder on the behalf of John Barnes to let you know that Conference registration forms are due back now (due date was 17/11/06). For those who have already brought them back please disregard this e-mail. For those who have not and wish to attend the conference, here are your two options:-

1. You can post them back to John Barnes at 5A York Street, Glen Waverley, 3150 as soon as possible.

Or

2. You can bring them along to our meeting on the 04/12/06, with either a cheque or credit card details.

Regards,

Michael Ellinger

The Rotary Club of Clayton.

Welcome - December 2006



Family of Rotary

“Rotary is an organisation of people who care – about their homes, their communities, and each other. And caring is what family is all about”

RI President William (Bill) Boyd
The Rotarian – December 2006

These words from our Rotary International President mean more to Jill and I today than ever before. Over the first 5 months of this Rotary year we have been so warmly welcomed at over 80 Rotary meetings and several Youth Exchange orientation days/camps. We welcomed 14 students from 9 countries and 14 young people from throughout our District are preparing to commence a life-changing journey. We have developed such a relationship with these young people that they seem just like our own children. They depart in January and I know you will join Jill and me in wishing them a successful exchange.

We have experienced the enthusiasm of Rotarians and their family of Rotary; we have shared the excitement of celebrations by several clubs as they reach important milestones (with special mention of the Rotary Club of Box Hill on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary). Furthermore we have been thrilled to be part of the induction of many new members and the recognition of Rotarians and/or the Family of Rotary for their contributions to the community.

Our District Committees have conducted successful Seminars (Foundation, Membership and Public Image, and Australian Rotary Health Research Fund) and we have added to our Family of Rotary by selecting a great Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to Lead the Way to District 2410 Sweden – Latvia. Jill and I have met with our 2006-07 Presidents on a number of occasions and we launched our District Conference to be held 29th March to 1st April 2007. We are presently putting the final touches to our "World First" a 24 Hour Rotary Public Awareness Meeting to be held 23/24 February 2007. Remember this is our attempt to be 'daring' and we invite the whole family of Rotary to share the experience. A family that includes our Youth Exchange Students, Rotaractors, GSE Alumni, and Rotarians, past present and future.

To top off a great start to this Rotary year we welcomed Rotary International President Elect Wilf Wilkinson and Joan to Melbourne and over 350 Rotarians and partners from 9810 enjoyed the experience of meeting these two delightful people. We were also thrilled to welcome The Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn Jones to our District.

December is the Family of Rotary month, an ideal time to enjoy the company of your immediate family and others who have help make a difference to your club and the community. Continue to enjoy the Rotary experience and have FUN.

Jill and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2007.

Friends in Rotary

DG Bob Richards

JOKES FOR THE WEEK

Tips to improve your writing

- 1. Avoid alliteration. Always.**
- 2. Never use a long word when a diminutive one will do.**
- 3. Employ the vernacular.**
- 4. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.**
- 5. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.**
- 6. Remember to never split an infinitive.**
- 7. Contractions aren't necessary.**
- 8. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.**

9. One should never generalize.
10. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
11. Comparisons are as bad as clichés.
12. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
13. Be more or less specific.
14. Understatement is always best.
15. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
16. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
17. The passive voice is to be avoided.
18. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
19. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
20. Who needs rhetorical questions?
21. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
22. Don't never use a double negation.
23. capitalize every sentence and remember always end it with point
24. Do not put statements in the negative form.
25. Verbs have to agree with their subjects.
26. Proofread carefully to see if you words out.
27. If you reread your work, you can find on rereading a great deal of repetition can be avoided by rereading and editing.
28. A writer must not shift your point of view.
29. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction. (Remember, too, a preposition is a terrible word to end a sentence with.)
30. Don't overuse exclamation marks!!
31. Place pronouns as close as possible, especially in long sentences, as of 10 or more words, to the irantecedents.
32. Writing carefully, dangling participles must be avoided.
33. If any word is improper at the end of a sentence, a linking verb is.
34. Take the bull by the hand and avoid mixing metaphors.
35. Avoid trendy locutions that sound flaky.
36. Everyone should be careful to use a singular pronoun with singular nouns in their writing.

37. Always pick on the correct idiom.

38. The adverb always follows the verb.

39. Last but not least, avoid clichés like the plague; they're old hat; seek viable alternatives.

Meeting Closed on the 27th November at 7:45pm

Relevant Rotary Web sites.

<http://www.rotary.org/>

<http://www.9810.rotary.org.au/>

www.rotarnet.com.au

Other club websites of interest.

<http://www.rotary-belleville.org/index.htm>

<http://www.rotaryclubofbrisbanemidcity.org/contents/home.asp?>

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/rotaryworld/index.html>

Ra Ra's Ramblings – Week 22 2006-07

Week commencing: Monday 27 November 2006

RI President Elect Wilf Wilkinson and Joan

Last Monday and Tuesday Rotarians and Rotary Friends of District 9810 had two opportunities to meet RIPE Wilf and Joan. Thank you for your fantastic support, more than 300 from D9810, joined a similar number from other Victorian districts over the two nights. RIPE Wilf and Joan were a delight and I am sure they will take home fond memories of their visit to Melbourne. My thanks to PDG Jenny and Roger for agreeing at short notice to attend as Aides to RIPE Wilf and Joan, and to Kim Visek-Johnson and the RC of Hampton, and PP Rob Verity (Wantirna) for their tremendous support and assistance with the Dinner at the MCG Members Dining Room. Over 390 attended from in excess of 65 clubs over the 5 districts of Victoria. Thanks also to President Garry Quinton (Sandringham) and President John Fowler (Mordialloc) for hosting a visit by RIPE Wilf and Joan to find out more of water projects at the Black Rock and Parkdale Primary Schools respectively. RIPE Wilf and Joan also visited D9790 and D9800 projects during their stay.

The second opportunity was a great experience for Jill and me, to be present together with RIPE Wilf and Joan, and the Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn Jones, when President Colin Johnson and the members of the Rotary Club of Box Hill celebrated the club's 50th anniversary. It was a great night with an attendance of around 250 from 28 clubs including President Chris Wang and members of the RC of Melbourne that sponsored Box Hill 50 years ago. It was a thrill also to be there for the presentation of a PHF Sapphire to PPJohn Booth and a PHF Ruby to PDG Bruce McKenzie, two great Rotarians who have provided Service Above Self for 50 years, as Charter Members of the RC of Box Hill. I was pleased to note that Joy Gillett the CEO of ARHRF was also in attendance particularly given PDG Bruce's dedication to ARHRF.

Yes, District 9810 is Leading the Way

LITERACY BRAIN STORMING

Our District Literacy Chairman, Juliet Riseley will Chair a meeting of all interested "Literacy" minded Rotarians on Friday 8 December 2006. Juliet has suggested we invite all the "bright ideas" people of the District to develop a detailed plan to meet RIP Bill Boyd's emphasis on Literacy. The meeting will be held at SCOPE, 750 Boronia Road, Wantirna commencing at 7:00PM. Please put on your thinking caps and encourage the "bright ideas" people to come along.

Serious Christmas Shoppers Wanted!

Don't leave it to the last minute, start now! Come shopping with Bayside Rotary!

When: Wednesday 6th December 06
Where: Seriously Christmas Shop
1395 Toorak Rd, Camberwell
Time: doors open @ 7.30pm

\$10 entry gets you a glass of Champagne and nibbles, a great door prize and a decorating demonstration.

Only 20 lucky people will have the shop to themselves. So please book your spot now! Don't miss out on the FUN. Funds raised on the night will go towards our annual backpack project

Contact Claire to book your spot for this great shopping experience!

Email: claireparsons@optusnet.com.au Phone: **95970441**

SITUATION VACANT:

ROMAC Committee Member

District 9810 ROMAC Committee needs more members.

If you:

Want a rewarding role in Rotary

Care about sick kids

Are available to attend 6-9 committee meetings a year

Can visit 5-6 clubs per year to spread the word of ROMAC

We would like to hear from you.

Ron Dickson, Secretary
D9810 ROMAC Committee
H: 9729 7297 M: 0408 452 422
E: ronboy2@bigpond.com

New District 9810 Water Project Initiative

District 9810 Clubs have in the past joined together to fund an International water project often linked to a matching grant. Lance Blackley our District Environmental Water Management officer has come up with an interesting concept that was presented at last weeks Presidents meeting.

Clubs would contribute say \$500 each into a fund that would be used for a water project here in our District. Government would be approached to match the fund amount and the total would be used for a local water project. There would be a draw of the participating Clubs and the winner would choose the project to which the funds would be allocated with all clubs assisting with the implementation.

*For more information contact Lance Blackley Tel: 9583 9500
Email: lance.blackley@irwinconsult.com.au*

MESSAGE from RC of WANTIRNA

The RC of Wantirna in conjunction with the Bayswater Church of Christ is holding a Carols by Candlelight Service at the Templeton Reserve, Templeton Street, Wantirna on Sunday 17th December at 8:00pm following a Sausage Sizzle at 7:00pm.

All welcome

IMPORTANT MESSAGE From Carrol Farmer

PLEASE-PLEASE-PLEASE- PLEASE

*Save the STAMPS from OVERSEAS!!
When Christmas Cards are sent to you
I hope you know just what to do -----*

*SAVE the stamps from foreign parts
So joy can fill the little hearts
Of crippled children far and wide
Who need the chairs that we provide.*

*ALL stamps of ANY VALUE or COUNTRY are needed to support
The District Stamp Fund supporting the Wheelchair program.
Any queries to Carrol Farmer on - efarmer@ozemail.com.au*

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MESSAGE from Andrew Forgas – Vocational Service Awards

Shine On Awards

Unfortunately the Shine On awards web page was invaded by a U.S.A. retail company and is no longer operational. Until a new web page is set up it will not be possible to download Guidelines or Nomination forms for the 2006 / 7 Rotary year.

All Presidents and Vocational Service directors were posted these forms in September. If you require more please contact District Awards Chairman Andrew Forgas on 9807 2607 or email ajforgas@ozemail.com.au or email direct to dawnwatson@yahoo.com.

Perhaps this is an opportune time to remind all Clubs that the closing deadline for this excellent project is February 25th 2007. Late entries cannot be considered.

This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of people with disabilities, who by their actions serve as "SHINING EXAMPLES" to the community. There is no cost to the Rotary Club only the satisfaction of knowing that a committed disabled member of the community has been recognised and rewarded.

4 WAY TEST PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

After a successful inaugural year for the Rotary Four-way Test Speaking Competition, District is keen to see the program grow in 2006-7. An Excellent standard of participants was achieved last year, culminating in the finals at the Adelaide conference. Candidates for the next competition must be in Year 10 in 2007.

Clubs are advised to contact schools as soon as possible to interest them in participating. Candidates (Year 9) should be selected during Term 4 this year. This will enable them to prepare for the competition during February. Candidates must be prepared to travel to conference at Shepparton in the event they make the grand final.

For information on the program please refer to the District website. For queries and application forms please contact PP Kevin O'Donnell.

SHEPPARTON 2007 Conference

When speaking to Presidents last Friday I heard that many clubs have not yet received confirmation of their accommodation and for this reason their Conference registration forms have not been submitted, especially as the registration form requires this detail. May I recommend that the registration forms be completed with a mobile contact number (my suggestion being the contact number of your club On to Conference Chairman) in the area where the accommodation detail is requested: meanwhile I have taken aboard your concerns regarding the accommodation confirmation and I will make it my business to follow up and ensure all clubs who have contacted the Information Centre of the City of Greater Shepparton have a response as a matter of urgency.

The Shepparton Conference will provide an opportunity to improve your Rotary knowledge, ideal for newer Rotarians, and to meet long time Rotary friends and to make new friends. Entertainment will be fabulous and we will achieve our aim to put more Rotary into Rotarians. Jill and I look forward to welcoming you to Shepparton

House of Friendship

Please note that all spaces for the House of Friendship at Shepparton Conference have been allocated. Thanks for your overwhelming support.

Remember the challenge

Rtn Les Frampton (Boronia) on behalf of Hagemeyer Brands Corporate startled even DG Bob Richards when in addition to his already generous sponsorship threw out a challenge to all clubs. The Hagemeyer offer is, if 35% of your active Rotary members attend the Shepparton Conference, Hagemeyer will donate to your CLUB a Watch to the retail value of \$199.00 to be raffled or auctioned at your club for charitable funds. How good is that?

This is yet another good reason to support Hagemeyer. Also I reckon Les would make a great guest speaker for your club.

Sponsors

Whilst Mitre 10 are our principal Conference Sponsor others provided tremendous support are Michaels Camera and Video, Steamatic, Johns Lyng Builders, the Retzos Group (KFC) and Leader Newspapers.

Our valued sponsors provide much needed support to the District. I encourage all Rotarians and the family of Rotary to make use of the goods and services offered by them.

MESSAGE FROM PDG PHILIP HEDLEY

RI International Convention - Salt Lake City

I have received a supply of application forms and other details on the International Convention in Salt Lake City from the 17th to 20th June, 2007. If any Rotarians would like this information to be sent to them, please advise. Early bird discounted registration available until 1 December 2006.

PDG Philip

PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION:

Please could you advise me of any recognition so that they can be included in the DG's Newsletter. Clubs should also advise RDU direct if they would like recognition in Rotary Down Under.

Please also advise the presentation of Paul Harris Sapphires.

Congratulations:

**PP John Booth – PHF Sapphire - RC of Box Hill (50 years of Service)
PDG Bruce McKenzie – PHF Ruby – RC of Box Hill (50 years of Service)**

NEW MEMBERS

Please advise me of the full name of new members, as soon as possible after their induction, for inclusion in Ramblings and the DG Newsletter.

Welcome to:

Ken Henry – RC of Templestowe

Attendance Report

Please note that Margaret Riseborough continues as the District attendance officer and your club attendance records should be provided to Margaret by the 15th of Each Month. Margaret's email address is: mrisebor@bigpond.net.au

NB: Margaret's postal address has changed and is now – Unit 18, 18-26 Marlesford Cres, Berwick 3806 – the telephone number is unchanged – 9702 0649

District Governors Newsletter

If you would like to include an item in the District Governors Newsletter, please forward copy to PP Roger Sever, of the RC of Sandringham by 3rd of each month. Roger's email address is: sales@reprotech.com.au or newsletter@9810.rotary.org.au

MESSAGE from RCs of Monash and Nunawading

"An Introduction to Photography and Digital Imagery".

The advent of digital photography has sparked a 'new' interest in photography and the need for effective instruction in the use of digital imagery.

We are privileged to have Rotarian Malcolm Brownlee PHF (Paul Harris Fellow) as the instructor. He is a professional photographer who provides his time free of charge, and so also do all other volunteers, mentors and assistants. This is the 3rd year venture with 14 successful courses completed.

The Photography Course consists of five, two-hour weekly workshops (including an evening field trip) and the Retouching Course, has six, two-hour weekly sessions. Mentors are appointed to assist small groups. It is conducted at the Victoria Police Academy in Glen Waverley, where Malcolm has his studio. Currently, the courses are on Tuesday nights between 7 and 9pm.

The next course will commence on the 14 November 2006 and there a few vacancies and four Photography courses are set for 2007 commencing on the 23rd Jan, 20th March, 29th May, 7th August and a 'Retouching Course' commences on the 2nd October.

Attached is a brochure containing information about the course, together with a special "Rotary" Registration form. The cost of the photography course is \$250 per person, and the

retouching course \$300, which covers all course materials and costs. Yep! There is homework!

All 'profits' fund Rotary community projects.

Please take advantage of this terrific opportunity and advertise it amongst your, friends and relatives. Send the special registration form, with your Clubs' details together with payment to the address indicated on the form. Please make additional copies of the registration form as necessary.

Details of course dates, further details and additional copies of the brochure and registration form can be obtained from Bruce Fullard on 0418 316 504 or email rotaryphotography@a1.com.au

What a great Christmas or Birthday present!

Please support this excellent and innovative program and tell others about it

Thanks – President Len Brear – RC of Nunawading

MESSAGE from RC of Warrandyte

On March 11th next year, the Mental Health Foundation of Australia is conducting their annual picnic day fund raiser in association with Alzheimer's Australia and the Sovereign Order of St John.

This will be the third year of the event in the beautiful grounds of Cruden Farm at Langwarren, the home of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE. Dame Elisabeth only opens her property to selected groups five times per year and they are privileged to have the opportunity for access to this unique property to raise funds for their three important charities.

This year the Mental Health Foundation of Australia is extending the entertainment to include a Classic Car display and a demonstration and display of horse drawn carriages by the Australian Carriage Driving Society.

At Warrandyte, President Alan feels this would be a great fellowship day for our Club and this could extend to the District. As Langwarren is in District 9820, an invitation will be ecare them also. This would be a great combined fellowship day for Rotarians from both Districts with no work for Rotarians. We are can provide a "Rotary Rotunda", a central place where Rotarians can meet for fellowship at the event.

This would also give visibility to Rotary and serve as a membership canvassing opportunity as we could offer a Rotary Information table in the Rotunda and Rotary could provide some Rotary signage and hand out Rotary information.

Rotary support for this special event by way of attendance of as many Rotarians as possible would be fantastic. I am happy to discuss more detail if needed and look forward to hearing back from you

Graeme Redman PP, PHF –

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 30th November – RC of Chelsea Golf Day – Rossdale Golf Club, First Avenue, Aspendale. Shot Gun Start @ 12:30pm Sharp, Enquiries PP Kevin Harrison Telephone 9772 2233 Email: kellyh@harrisonholden.com.au

Friday 8th December – Literacy Brainstorming night at Scope – commencing 7:00pm

Sunday 17th December – **RC of Wantirna, Carols by Candlelight – Templeton Reserve Templeton Street, Wantirna, 8:00pm following a Sausage Sizzle at 7:00pm**

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February 2007 – 24 hour Rotary Club Meeting

Monday 19th March to Friday 23rd March 2007 – Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians – Annual Tournament - Warrnabool and Port Fairy. Entries close 18 January 2007 Contact David Richards: (03) 5561 1840 E: david.richards@westnet.com.au

Thursday 29th March to Sunday 1st April 2007 – District Conference at Shepparton –

**Yours in Rotary
DG Bob Richards**

