



ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

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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
10 th January	Meeting at Village Green with RC of Glen Waverley & Wheelers Hill	N/A	N/A	N/A
17 th January	Fellowship Meeting at Bill & Dianne Sides Home	Richard Simmons	Rukshana Verzijl	Lesley Zuccaro
24 th January	Australia Day meeting back at Lunico's	Rukshana Verzijl	Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro

Presidents Report

I write this report in Dunedin NZ a city I found with a wonderful history very akin to Melbourne's. It likewise was founded on gold so has a wealth of grand old buildings and industrial history. Its early settlers were mainly Scottish and a large statue of the Scottish poet Robbie Burns takes pride of place in the city centre. Scottish names abound and also an abundance of schools and a university mostly founded by the Scots.

Education is now Dunedin's largest industry. Dianne and I have been enjoying almost non stop Scottish dancing here for 10 days but I found time to check out some old cars on the way and a steam museum here that has major Rotary support. Everywhere there is wonderful scenery and we danced in very pleasant conditions. All good things must come to an end so we will soon be leaving here and be back on deck on January 13th.

We will sadly miss the joint meeting Clayton has next Monday at the Village Green which is sounding like it will be a fun night. That meeting is our first for 2011 and marks the beginning of a solid six months of fund raising beginning with the women's golf parking and our own golf day follows soon after. We have a chance to develop both events further and I know work to that end has already been started. I have very good feelings about our country's present position in the world so am sure we will all personally have great New Year and our club will have further growth and will increase our service to others with each passing week.

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?"

Our last meeting for 2010 was a Christmas International dinner at my home, and marked the half way point in our Rotary year. I for one feel really happy about the state our club is in, I hoped for consolidation and growth and we have had that. The next half will contain major fund raisers. Fellowship as at the dinner has never been better. People were so happy chatting it was hard to quieten them enough for announcements. Our numbers increased by one with our sixth induction this Rotary year when we welcomed to membership John Drosis from Trikala in central Greece. He has recently emigrated but was a member of the Greek Trikala club where he was the Secretary had held the position of Treasurer prior so is an experienced Rotarian. He is young, single and lives an easy walking distance from L'Unico; how good is that! A visitor was M Patturajan from the Rotary Club of Madurai who was here on business but has a remarkable history from being a former Mayor of his city, President of the YMCA and worker for youth and local citizens with numerous awards for Service above Self. He is to visit our area every six months so we are likely to see him again. He spoke and it became very evident that Rotary in India is much like here. Reddy got on like a house on fire with him. A former member of Clayton, Don Ellis delivered in my opinion the most honest and correct Christmas message I have heard. He explained that what we celebrate today is a mixture of Pagan and Christian traditions and explained why. He said people worldwide now use the time, no matter really their religion, to have a good time, give gifts to friends and charity (aided no doubt by commercialism) and felt good about it but he reminded us that the central core of Christmas remains the celebration of the birth of Christ which he pointed out was not on December 25th but actually some months earlier! It was fantastic to see and chat with Don again and he was about the last to leave! It was also nice to see kids there, I think they all enjoyed themselves.

Part of the International flavour was trying foods from across the worlds which were wonderful in range, Indian, Scottish, Indonesian, Aussie, Greek, Italian and more. We had a surplus of food – fantastic and thanks to those who brought it along. Thanks also to the people who brought or wore objects from abroad, each interesting, John Barnes had a Masai object which I think was a crowd control device that looked like a microphone; it might be a good device for dud speakers. John Drosis brought along some superb photos of his home town of Trikala which looked like a good spot for a club visit! Richard Simmons brought some English collector items, a pair of wooden yachts with quite a story behind them. Padma proudly wore a wonderful Indian outfit while Reddy had an unintentional pair of cat furred trousers on while I wore what else, a Scottish kilt but its tartan has strong Australian connections while Michael fronted with a toy red back spider and poem involving the toilet seat, how Australian is that?

I am sure everybody enjoyed the food, what I had was fantastic and included Katherine's Stovies (Scottish) and Monica's Nasi Goreng (Indonesian) but I heard good things about the Italian pasta, the Indian curry and was told that everything there tasted great.

It is great to hear from Jim that the Ladies Golf car parking is on again with a chance of making a lot of money if we play our cards right and the weather behaves. John Barnes has already begun making up rosters for it, please assist when you can.

Be prepared around Robbie Burn's birthday (which is January 25th) as Scots are then liable to do anything. Word is out that Katherine and Craig Merson may serve Haggis at L'Unico. We remind you that we had Haggis at a prior International Night and not a person failed to go back for seconds, it is yummy. That Haggis was utterly demolished, so, if you have not tried it prior, don't be afraid, watch here for details.

Australia seems to be looking towards having a good New Year. We at last have had rain almost nationwide, a buoyant economy, low unemployment and

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.

forecasts indicate it may remain that way for some time. The same cannot be said abroad with horrendous winters, massive unsustainable debts and retracting economies that will cause misery not seen for many generations in some developed countries. The ramifications for us can only be guessed at but I am forecasting that foreign aid to many developing countries will dry up and it will be increasingly up to Australia to support them. I also believe we will see increased migration from Europe. John Drosis told me he came because he feared for Greece's future. There must be millions like him that are thinking similarly. Rotary is likely to face a range of new challenges and opportunities in the near future and we must be prepared.

I see in the November DG newsletter that our club has got a special mention for being one of the top three clubs in the district for per capital foundation giving. It was announced at the recent inaugural Foundation dinner giving and a banner is apparently coming to us. I think it is to John Barnes' credit as our Foundation head that it happened but it really is great work by all and upholds our long tradition of being one of the top givers in the area! By year end maybe we will be top, time will tell.

2011 will be a good year.

Bill Sides

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (20/12):

This meeting we held our Annual Christmas Party at the home of Bill & Dianne Sides. For a full report on this meeting see Bill's President report.

Meeting Notes:

- Grace on the night was performed by Don Ellis from the Salvation Army and also a former member of the Rotary Club of Clayton. Don also gave the club an interesting Christmas message.
- Dianne Sides provided us with some history on the "Christmas Cracker" (Bon Bons). We also had to link our arms and pull the end of the crackers all at once.
- Jim Cochrane & John Barnes gave an update on our involvement in the car parking for the Australian Women's Open Golf at the Commonwealth Golf Club. 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. The cost for the car parking will be \$8 per car. The roster has been put together to cover the four days and this will be broken up into two shifts, 6:00 am – 10:00 am & 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Two people will be required at the Golf Course & five parking the cars. Golf Australia will provide ropes, porta loo & marquee. John passed the roster around after the meeting. If you did not get a chance to fill it in please see John ASAP.
- John Drosis was officially transferred from the RC of Trikala to the RC of Clayton and is now our newest member. This now makes our membership at 23 members.
- Glenys Pattison reported that our meeting on the 10th January will be at the Village Green with the Rotary Clubs of Glen Waverley & Wheelers Hill. The time will be 6:00 for 6:30 pm start and the cost will be \$22 per person, excluding drinks. If you wish to attend, can you please let Glenys know ASAP.

Special Announcements

22nd January – Richard & Deb Simmons Wedding Anniversary.

- There will be no meetings at L'unico Restaurant from the 20th December until the 24th January.

Apologies = Heather Norling, John Goldspink, Warren Fricke, Tom Portelli & Rukshana Verizjl.

Make Ups = Heather Norling (RC of Oakleigh & Monash Farmers Market).

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = Don Ellis (Salvation Army), Alan Fisher (Dianne's Dad), M Patturajan (RC of Madurai), John Drosis, Padma Kandadi, Margot Allchin, Ellinger Family, Breisch Family & Simmons Family.

Think Foundation Thoughts

January: Rotary Awareness Month

This week's Foundation Thought is about ...

Celebrating our Foundation. —Through Rotary, with the help of our Foundation, we can take on challenges that no one else has the ability or the inclination or the organizational resources to tackle. We in Rotary share what we have in a way that no one else does — with love, with kindness, and with simple generosity. — 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr.

Important Club Dates

Monday 10/01/11 – Meeting at Village Green with the Rotary Clubs of Glen Waverley & Wheelers Hill. The time will be 6:00 for 6:30 pm start and the cost will be \$22 per person, excluding drinks.

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

Thursday 03/02/11 to Saturday 06/02/11 – Car parking for the Australian Women's Open Golf. See John Barnes or Jim Cochrane for details.

Thursday 07/04/11 to Saturday 09/04/11 – 2011 District 9810 Conference. Our club is holding nine rooms at the Oaks Horizon at 104 North Terrace. The Oaks is immediately opposite the convention centre. Bill has asked that members requiring a room should contact the hotel directly. The phone number is 08 8210 8000. Once you have secured a room please let Bill Sides know. For more information visit this web page -

<http://www.oakshotelsresorts.com/oaks-horizons/>

District 9810 News

Group Study Exchange Welcome Back Dinner

You and your partners are invited to attend the D9810 Group Study Exchange Welcome Back Dinner on Thursday February 3rd 2011.

The California Group Study Exchange with D5240 commenced on Friday 1 October in Santa Barbara, and concluded in Las Vegas on Sunday 31 October 2010.

The Special Focus Team on **Water and Wildfire** was led by Rotarian Tony Haining, who, together with team members Bryony Grice (Manager Sustainable Irrigation), Karen Mead (Trauma Physiologist) Kenn Beer (Road Safety

Engineer) and Andrew Leitch (Wine Maker) had a very successful month in California.

The enthusiastic team members are eager to speak of their experiences with their Host Families, their Club days, and most importantly, of their Vocational days.

WHEN: Thursday 3 February 2011
At 7:00 pm for 7:30 start

WHERE: Wheelers Hill International Motor Inn
Jells Road, Wheelers Hill
Melways Reference: Map 71 - J1

COST: \$36.00 per person for a 2 course dinner. Drinks at bar prices.

Bookings to be made by 28 January 2011

CONTACT: Kay Gordon on 9584 3466 or 0417 511 745

Conference Sponsor Recognition

Flight Centre Group Travel (FCGT) takes on Bronze Sponsorship for Rotary District D9810 Adelaide Conference.

It is with great pleasure that D9810 announces Flight Centre Group Travel will be bronze sponsors of the District 9810 Conference in Adelaide from 7-9 April 2011. As Flight Centre's Group Travel Specialists, they provide specialised conference travel services and incentive travel programmes.

"We manage corporate, educational institutes, sporting, special interest groups and not-for-profit organisations. We are delighted to align ourselves with an international organisation such as Rotary and look forward to managing the group travel component of their 2011 Adelaide conference and beyond." said Carly Adler, Marketing and Development Manager for FCGT.

As a sponsor, FCGT will be the official travel management company for the conference and for domestic or international travel to any other Rotary events in 2010/11. Group travel is a specialised area of travel management and FCGT have extensive experience managing every aspect of group travel for groups of ten (10) or more people. They arrange everything from tour design, flights, accommodation, transfers, guest speakers, travel insurance, visas and much more, taking the stress out of travelling. FCGT have some fantastic opportunities for those wishing to take advantage of group travel discounts to attend the 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans from 21-25 May.

If you are interested in organising group travel to the 2011 conference, please contact Sally Davies via email at sally.davies@flightcentre.com.au or call +61 3 9865 4240 to find out more.

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
2 nd February	Georges Ah-Tye
16 th February	John Barnes

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

Upcoming Events in Monash

Australia Day 2011

Wednesday, 26 January 2011

Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley

Monash will come alive this Australia Day. A flag raising ceremony and breakfast will be held at Monash Civic Centre from 8.45am to 11am and will include speeches from dignitaries and Australia Day ambassador Wesa Chau. Past events have included: Open Days, Bush Walks, Sausage Sizzles, Demonstrations and Dance Classes! For more information please contact the Events Officer on 9518 3547, or email events@monash.vic.gov.au.

Upcoming Events in Kingston

Author Talk: Kate Holden

Wednesday, 19 January 2011

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

"The Romantic: Italian nights and days", Kate Holden's spellbinding sequel to "In My Skin", describes her journey from Melbourne to Rome and Naples, from romance and sex to love, from loss to understanding—and back again.

Book by phoning 1300 135 668 or at any library branch.

Book sales courtesy Dymocks Southland.

LOCATION: Cheltenham Library, 12 Stanley Ave Cheltenham

WEB: <http://library.kingston.vic.gov.au>

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

Two magistrates were rolling home from a reunion when they realised they were drunk and singing loudly in the street.

They decided that according to the law they would have to be charged with being drunk and disorderly.

They would have to appear in court next day.

The first appeared before his friend, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50. They swapped places and the fine was \$100.

"Hey," protested the magistrate standing in the dock. "You were only fined \$50."
"Yes," said the magistrate on the bench. "But this offence is becoming too prevalent. You are the second rowdy drunk to appear before this court this morning."

Rotary International News

Top 10 Rotary stories of 2010

By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News -- 28 December 2010

From a massive earthquake in Haiti to the launch of the Future Vision pilot, 2010 was an eventful year for Rotary International and Rotarians. As the new year dawns, we look back over memorable moments from the last 12 months with our top 10 list of Rotary news events.

1. Earthquake in Haiti

Rotarians in Haiti began laying the groundwork for recovery after a powerful earthquake shattered the capital of Port-au-Prince on 12 January, leaving 200,000 dead and millions more homeless.

The Rotary Foundation established the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#), a donor advised fund, which raised more than US\$1.3 million by April toward long-term recovery. A task force set up two years earlier by District 7020, which includes Haiti, to administer all financial aid to the nation worked with local clubs to



Top: John Kenny, 2009-10 RI President visited Haiti in late February, surveying the damage with Past RI Vice President Roberto Valentín. *Photo courtesy of District 4060.* Bottom: RI President Ray Klinginsmith unveils the 2010-11 theme during the International Assembly in January.

deliver aid where needed.

In late February, 2009-10 RI President John Kenny visited the country "to show that Rotarians worldwide care about the plight of their fellow human beings, many of whom have lost everything."

2. RI theme

Incoming RI President Ray Klinginsmith unveiled the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*, during the International Assembly in January. He described how his 50 years of Rotary experience contributed to his focus on communities at home and abroad.

Look for upcoming coverage on next year's RI theme, which RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee will announce at the 2011 International Assembly, 16-22 January.

3. Fight against polio

The bivalent oral polio vaccine is proving to be a potent weapon in the arsenal of Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). Developed to stop transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously, the vaccine was introduced in all four polio-endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- in late 2009 and early 2010, and has helped reduce the incidence of polio dramatically in both India and Nigeria.

Meanwhile, a study published in the *Vaccine* journal, "[Economic Analysis of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#)," estimated that the initiative could prevent more than eight million cases of paralytic polio and save US\$40 billion to \$50 billion, if the wild poliovirus is eradicated in 2012 or shortly thereafter.

But the news was not all positive. Rotary provided \$500,000 in emergency grants to UNICEF and WHO for immediate polio immunization efforts in Tajikistan in April and another \$500,000 in November for immunization efforts in the Republic of the Congo, following outbreaks of the wild poliovirus in those countries. Such outbreaks illustrate that all countries remain at risk for the importation of the poliovirus and show the urgent need to End Polio Now.

4. Progress on the challenge

Rotarians held a variety of creative and successful polio fundraisers throughout the year, helping to reach the US\$155 million mark in Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Club members cycled, swam, danced, and sold everything from hot dogs to flower bulbs in support of the global effort to eradicate the disease.

In the months leading up to the FIFA World Cup in June, a football signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and dignitaries from more than 20 African nations traveled throughout the continent in the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign. The ball ended its journey onstage at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Also, the "This Close" public service announcement campaign rolled out to help clubs and districts spread the polio eradication message.

5. 2010 Council on Legislation

Representatives to the 2010 Council on Legislation enacted a number of monumental measures that made e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International, created the Avenue of New Generations Service, increased the

annual per capita dues that clubs pay to RI by US\$1, and gave Rotarians the option of receiving *The Rotarian* magazine electronically.

6. 2010 RI Convention

More than 18,000 Rotarians from 154 countries and geographical areas converged on Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June for the 2010 RI Convention. During four packed days of plenary and breakout sessions, attendees heard from an impressive lineup of speakers, including Queen Noor of Jordan; Jo Luck, president of Heifer International; Greg Mortenson, best-selling author and cofounder of the Central Asia Institute; Bob Mazzuca, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America; and country music singer and philanthropist Dolly Parton.

7. Future Vision

A three-year pilot to test the new, streamlined grant structure under The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan got underway 1 July. One hundred districts are participating in the pilot; all districts will take part in the new grant structure starting in July 2013.

The Foundation approved the first global grant in June for a project to combat the spread of dengue fever in Indonesia. District 3330 (Thailand) received the first district grant and will use the US\$39,500 to buy books, computers, and sports equipment for schools; provide clean water for students; and add patient beds at a hospital.

8. End Polio Now lightings

In celebration of Rotary's 105th anniversary, 23 February, the End Polio Now message was projected onto a number of iconic landmarks, including the Pyramid of Khafre in Egypt; the Taipei Arena in Taiwan; the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain; the Old Port Captain's Office on the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa; the Obelisk of Buenos Aires, Argentina; and the Royal Palace at Caserta in Italy.

9. Palestinian club charter

More than 150 Rotarians and guests, including 2009-10 RI President John Kenny and RI Director Phil Silvers, gathered on 30 May to celebrate the charter of the Rotary Club of Ramallah, the first club in Palestine in three decades.

10. RI Strategic Plan

A revised RI Strategic Plan went into effect in July. The plan comprises three priorities, all of equal importance to Rotary's future: support and strengthen clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance public image and awareness. In November, the Board approved several recommendations and actions that reinforce the priorities and goals of the plan.