



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

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Tonight: Rotarian's Home
Rotary Awareness Month.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
January Meeting Will be Held at Rotarians Residents	No guest Speakers (See Below for Itinerary)			

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

8th January, Warren Fricke.

15th January Michael Ellinger.

22nd January Bill & Dianne Sides Home.

29th January Golf Day (Spring Valley Golf Club)

Fellowship functions will occur around once every 6 weeks.

A Small program for fellowship this still to be confirmed.

January- Meetings at Rotarians houses (see next week for Rotarians houses).

February- A day at Safety Beach Jim & Jeans.

March – Shepparton conference

April- A Picture Night.

Rotaract Roster

Date

Rotarian to Visit

Previous meeting

Last Meeting: Clayton RSL

Apologies: Tony Hilliard

Make Ups:

Guests: Gaye Barnes, Mary Goldspink, Dianne Sides, Heather Norling, Elsa, Deb, Jeramie, Breanne Simmons, Margot Allchin, Glennis Rickard, Heather Fricke, Phuong, Charlotte, Kelilah, Eylssa Breisch.

Birthdays: 2nd Jan Ralph Zuccaro, 1st Jan Angela Portelli, 21st Margot Allchin.

Wedding Anniversaries 7 Jan Glenis & Neil Rickard, 6 Jan John & Mary Goldspink, 22nd Jan Richard & Deb Simmons.

General Business

Last meeting the 18th of Dec was a Christmas Round-up night which was enjoyed by young and old and a guest appearance of Santa happened. \$135 was raised for Wheel Chairs for Kids.

Ride to Conference this year (850Km) 24-29 March 2007, Are there any takers to sponsor Bill. International Rotary Convention Salt Lake City 14 June 2007.

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.

26 Jan BBQ at Ralph & Lesley Zuccaro's Winery in Monbulk. Address next week.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

Meets every Monday 6.15 for 6.30pm at Clayton RSL
163 Carinish Rd, Clayton (Mel 79 D3)

President: Glenda Rose
Secretary: Bill Sides

December 2006

INVITATION

Friends

Our Annual Charity Golf Day will be held again this year at Spring Valley Golf Club on Monday 29th January 2007

You are invited to join fellow Rotarians from Clubs throughout Victoria, guests and sponsors for a wonderful day of golf and fellowship.

We would be very pleased for your Club to field a team(s) of four to compete for the awards on the day.

Individual entries are welcome. The organizing committee will place these players in teams.

Would you please bring this invitation to the attention of members in your Club who may wish to participate.

- Cost \$70 per player, includes entry, lunch, after game snacks
- Lunch & Registration from 11.30am
- Shot Gun Hit-off at 1.00pm
- Presentations at 6.00pm

An entry form with details of the day is enclosed.

If further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me on phone/fax 9544 3489 (B) or 9836 1202 (H) or 0417 548 534 (M) or wfricke@bigpond.net.au (email) or c/- 282A Huntingdale Rd, Huntingdale 3166
Yours sincerely

Warren Fricke

Rotary Club of Clayton

Club Meeting

Partners and Family welcome

Monday 8th January 2007 at 7.00pm

“Under the Stars”

home of Warren & Heather Fricke
30 Highfield Rd, Canterbury (mel 46E12)

BYO DRINKS

(Please advise special dietary needs)

Cost \$10 each or \$20 family

All proceeds to NEW GENERATIONS programs

Under way at

7.00pm

Pre-dinner Dips & Nibbles
BBQ of Greek lamb skewers, Chicken skewers, sausages
Greek salad, Potato salad
Bread

8.00pm

Club Meeting
Sergeant and Raffle Draw

8.30pm

Pavlova
Fruit salad
Coffee & Tea

RSVP 9544 3489 (bus)
9544 3489 (fax)
9836 1202 (home)
0417 548 534 (mobile)
wfricke @ bigpond.net.au

Upcoming District events.

Next month...

Next year...

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

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

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

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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?

PR Items

Rotary in the News!

Recently, The Rotary Club of North Cyprus was recognized in the news for its presentation of a £20,000 ventilator for premature and very sick babies to the Nicosia State Hospital Baby Unit. "This

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ventilator will continue the very high standard of care, and it provides for the whole of the community of North Cyprus," said Linda Aldridge, project coordinator. Read the complete story at the link provided below.

<http://www.observercyprus.com/observer/NewsDetails.aspx?id=766>

Public Relations Grants

Thanks to the excellent promotional efforts by your District Governors and Public Image Resource Group members, we have received over 4,000 applications from 90 countries, a dramatic increase from the 170 applications received during last year's pilot program. We are very encouraged and truly touched by your enthusiasm in improving our organization's public image. At the same time, the large number of applications in various languages has created logistical challenges.

During the past week, all staff at the Public Relations Division has stopped our regular schedule to process the requests and continue to work during weekends. We want to review each application carefully and make sure your time and efforts are recognized.

Because of this large number of applications, there will be a delay in our response to you. Here is a tentative schedule:

Between now and the end of November - Submissions that have NOT met program requirements will receive their notification. There will be a detailed list of the reasons for denial. We encourage clubs to work with their Public Image Resource Group Zone Coordinators and make suggested changes so they may submit again for next year.

15 December – Begin to notify clubs that are eligible for funding. These first approved proposals have met all the requirements, with significant amount of club matching funds and donated media.

13 February – Begin to notify second round of approvals. These are good proposals with significant PR impact on their local communities, but they need to make minor modifications.

Once again, we apologize for the delay and we appreciate your understanding and patience. If you or the clubs have any questions, feel free to contact the Public Relations Division at prgrants@rotary.org.

2006 UN AIDS Day is December 1st

Is your club or district currently involved in AIDS education or a project to combat the AIDS epidemic? Share your efforts with your local media in time for UN AIDS Day. Please read more about the event at the link provided below.

<http://www.unaids.org>

2006 International Volunteer Day is December 5th

Calling all International Volunteers! The United Nations' International Volunteer Day (IVD) takes place on 5 December every year. Celebrate your outstanding volunteers or your club's contribution to society by alerting your local media or by sharing stories and photos at the link below. Please read more about this special day by clicking on the link below.

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

Plan your Holidays with Service Above Self

With the holidays just around the corner, your club may be busy planning a seasonal service project. If you have not done so already, consider partnering with another community organization to promote Rotary. The local media will also be looking for human interest stories in the next few

months and you can pitch your project and the good work of Rotary during the holidays. Please click on the link below to get some ideas of what others are doing in their own communities.

<http://www.redcross.org/more/commserv/holiday.html>

Promote Service Above Self on YouTube

YouTube is a Web site designed for people to share, comment on and view videos. YouTube was created as a personal video sharing service, and has grown into an entertainment destination with more than 70 million videos viewed daily. By uploading video on this site, your club can send video to your local media and also expose the international community to Rotary's efforts. Read about getting started at the link provided here: <http://www.youtube.com/t/about>

The latest Rotary public service announcements can be viewed on YouTube. Please click on the link below to watch Rotary PSAs.

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Rotary+International+Polio

Podcasting Polio Eradication Efforts

Many of you may have heard of podcasting, but never thought that it would be relevant to Rotarians. According to Wikipedia, "a podcast is a multimedia file distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds, for playback on mobile devices and personal computers." Learn how one Rotarian is utilizing this new technology to share his Rotary story. Please click on the link below to hear Rotarian George Minnix's experiences traveling on polio National Days of Immunization (NIDs) teams.

<http://rotarypoliopodcast.com/>

Lead your Pitch with a Literacy Project

Literacy empowers people. One of President Boyd's emphases, literacy is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and an essential component of poverty reduction, social inclusion, and economic development. Learn more about how one Rotarian was inspired by his daughter's response to a trip to India.

Consider pitching your club's literacy efforts to your local media. Please read the full story at the link provided below.

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/programs/061109_literacy.html

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Calls for Applications for the July 2007 Program Session

Do you know a mid-career professional interested in conflict resolution, peace building, and mediation? Is this person ready to expand their skills and be better equipped to help prevent and resolve conflict worldwide?

They may be an ideal candidate for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program for professional development. Taught in English at the Rotary Center for peace and conflict studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, the RPCS Program trains up to 30 professionals through an intensive curriculum developed and taught by some of the leading specialist in the peace and conflict resolution fields. A portion of each approximately three month program session is dedicated to in-class study of the theoretical elements of conflict resolution while the remaining portion is spent in the field applying the theoretical knowledge. Please note: the application deadline for the July 2007 session is 1 December and individuals

wishing to apply to this session should contact Bangkok.PeaceStudies@rotary.org as soon as possible. Please click on the link to read about this opportunity and to download an application.

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/info.html>

Quote Corner

Quote Corner is a place for Rotarians to share inspirational quotes about Rotary service. Have you or any of your Rotary club members recently been quoted in the news? Has a beneficiary of a Rotary project recently helped to enforce Rotary's good image in your community? If so, please send the quote and who it's from, a brief description of the project or context, and where it was featured to pr@rotary.org. Explain why this quote is important to you and your club, and you may see it in a future issue.

"The benefits of the project will be to supply bread to orphans and staff and to the population of surrounding areas, making both savings at the orphanage and generating income from sales, all without any degradation of the environment as the oven either uses gas or sunlight," said David Paul, past president of the Rotary Club of Limbe, Malawi after donating a K2.1 million solar oven to a local orphanage in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Naperville, Ill., USA.

Rotary PR Tips, an international resource

Did you know that Rotary PR Tips reaches nearly 4,000 people in 115 countries from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe? It's a great opportunity to learn how media works and how other cultures promote their projects. What PR tip would you share with readers? Send it to pr@rotary.org

JOKES FOR THE WEEK

If a cow laughed real hard, would milk come out her nose?

If nothing ever sticks to TEFLON, how do they make TEFLON stick to the pan?

If you tied buttered toast to the back of a cat and dropped it from a height, what would happen?

If you're in a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?

You know how most packages say "Open here". What is the protocol if the package says, "Open somewhere else"?

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Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?

Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

Why isn't "palindrome" spelled the same way backwards?

Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo?

You know that little indestructible black box that is used on planes, why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?

Meeting Closed on the 18th December at 8:40pm

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 27 2006-07

Week commencing: Monday 01 January 2007



HAPPY NEW YEAR and BEST WISHES for 2007 from DG Bob and Jill

Shepparton Conference - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

I am thrilled to announce that Rotary International President Bill Boyd and Lorna have invited PDG Gulam Vahanvaty and his wife Haseena of District 3140 – India to be their Personal Representatives at our District Conference in Shepparton. . PDG Gulam was the Governor of 3140 in 2002-03 – in the year we were asked by PRIP Bhichai Rattakul to 'Sow the Seeds of Love'

A Rotarian since 1979, Gulam is a member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Downtown where he served as President in 1985-86.

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I am also pleased to advise that PDG John Glenn and Val have accepted my invitation to be Aides to PDG Gulam and Haseena during their time with District 9810, PDG John was Governor in the same year 2002-03.

If you have not already done so, register now for the Shepparton Conference and join your fellow Rotarians in a warm D9810 welcome to PDG Gulam and Haseena.

DROUGHT RELIEF

Please be aware that together with various Rotarians of District 9810 and my fellow District Governors with responsibility for rural regions suffering our severe drought and other organizations I am investigating how best our city based clubs may be able to assist. I am hopeful of being able to report in detail within a couple of weeks. In the meantime if you have thoughts on how we might assist please share them with me.

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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Rotary PUBLIC IMAGE 24 Hour Meeting – 23/24 February 2007

WHY? I have been asked WHY a 24 hour meeting, the answer is simple we have so many projects, programs and activities in District 9810 that we will need at least 24 Hours to showcase them to the public and to the media. The 24 hours is about **“SELLING the Rotary Brand”** it is about **“THE ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE”** and it is about having **FUN** telling our community about Rotary and why we are Rotarians.

We enjoy the Rotary Experience and so should others.

In brief the aim is to showcase the activities of District 9810 to all Rotarians and their family of Rotary, many of whom have never been to a conference (less than 45% of our Rotarians attend conference) and therefore perhaps have little perception of what others are undertaking, and to bring Rotary to the public and media, the later will be peppered with Press Releases during February.

Invitations to the opening dinner have been mailed to the Mayors and CEOs of all municipalities of our District and we are working on the additional 'A-List' invitees. A flyer with an invitation to Rotarians and partners to attend the dinner was emailed to clubs prior to

Christmas together with a flyer inviting District Committees and Clubs to set up displays at the 24 Meeting. The Governor of Victoria, Prof. David de Kretzer and Mrs de Kretzer will be special guests at the dinner and we anticipate Tony Robinson MLA - Cabinet Secretary and Hon. Jeff Kennett – AC will also join us at the dinner. Jeff Kennett will address the gathering on behalf of Beyond blue immediately after dinner and Tony Robinson has agreed to close the meeting on Saturday afternoon.

The 24 Hour Meeting Program is in the final stages of preparation but in the meantime the program in its present form has been issued to each Club President.

Preparation of Media Releases and flyers is well advanced, and will be widely distributed throughout the District. We will be asking the support of every Rotarian to ensure a saturation distribution throughout our District and beyond.

I am thrilled with the response from 9810 and in particular the Clubs that have drawn the short straw, the midnight to dawn sessions.

The committee and I have listened to the feedback and we have decided to remove the \$5 entrance fee replacing it with a request for a "Donation" as entry, coffee/tea and other catering will be available at a modest cost. Providing the catering on this basis will add to the logistics of the 24 Hour meeting, requiring Rotarians to man catering points rather than just having 'Service Stations' but we will face this hurdle as necessary as the event approaches.

All PROCEEDS from the 24 Hour Meeting will support our Rotary Programs in particular the Rotary Foundation.

2006 07 GSE INBOUND TEAM from DISTRICT 2410 – SWEDEN/LATVIA

We have been advised by District 2410 that **Adis Murtic**, the 27 year from Sweden has withdrawn from their GSE Team as he has been offered by his employer to go to the USA during the time of the Exchange. Adis has been replaced by **Markus Nord, 27 years old, documentary and wildlife film maker with underwater filming as specialty. Markus from Vastervik in Sweden is also educated in graphic design and has been an officer in the Swedish Armed Forces.**

If you can assist with Vocational days for Markus please contact Michael Jacobs or Tony McKenna as below.

GSE - ASSISTANCE with VOCATIONAL DAYS for INBOUND TEAM from D2410

The GSE Committee is seeking your assistance in arranging Vocational Days for the Team arriving from D2410 Sweden/Latvia in early March 2007.

As outlined above the team comprises members with Vocational interests in the following areas:

1. *Meldra - Personal Human Resources, Publishing Houses*
2. *Verners - IT and telecommunication sphere, meet local IT & T experts*
3. *Charlotte - Newspapers in Sweden are going through a very rapid change. The focus has shifted from making of newspapers, for a certain group of readers, to a broader view of communication and information use for a partly new audience. This includes fast and updated news on web sites and also making of TV/radio-productions. Charlotte wants to understand, compare and exchange ideas concerning the development in Australia, where conditions and media structure might be very different. She also wants to visit small town newspaper.*
4. *Markus - documentary and wildlife film maker with underwater filming as specialty.*

If you can assist please contact either Michael Jacobs on (h) 9759 5141, (w) 9764 8081 or email: mjacobs@mjhi.com.au or Tony McKenna on (h) 9579 3272, (w) 9552 9777 or email: tony@grandcell.com.au

GSE - ASSISTANCE with Club and Home Hosts for INBOUND TEAM from D2410

PP Jenny Fox (RC of Hampton) and PP Brian McDaid (RC of Croydon) are seeking your assistance with setting the club programs and the home hosting respectively for the inbound team from D2410 Sweden/Latvia. If you can assist please contact Jenny and Brian as a matter of urgency.

MESSAGE from RC of NUNAWADING

Prior to the Christmas break I asked Pres Len Brear of Nunawading for an update on the sales of tickets to Barry Humphries show "Back with a Vengeance" and I was advised of the following.

After making all the arrangements and in the week before Xmas the producers cancelled the 6th Feb 2007 show! So within a day or so Len Brear had arranged for all who had previously bought tickets for the 6th February show to be accommodated on 31st Jan and 1st Feb, (selling a few extra tickets) and with better seats close to the front (rows C to F). All tickets have been distributed.

Len advises however, that he can still get good seats in January during the last two weeks and on weekdays (except Fridays). He is willing to try for the last two weeks of Jan if anyone is interested,

If your club is interested please urgently contact Pres Len Brear of the RC of Nunawading on the 5th, 8th, 9th or 10th January at work 9871 4414 (or otherwise on 59843680.)

Price \$66 plus suggested donation of \$20 per ticket to go to ROMAC.

MESSAGE from RCs of NUNAWADING and Monash

A reminder that places are available in their January Photographic Course, especially for those Rotarians and Family of Rotary who were fortunate enough to receive a digital camera from SANTA.

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

ARHRF Ride to Conference

A reminder to all Rotarians, Youth Exchange Students, family of Rotary and Rotaractors that the ARHRF Ride for Research Dollars Coordinators are calling for riders, support crews and sponsors. Further details were emailed to Club Secretaries on Monday 1st January 2007.

DG Bob will again ride the first leg Healesville to Kilmore, approx 100 Kilometres. If you have no one else to sponsor and you reckon DG Bob needs some incentive perhaps considering sponsoring him the first day of the ride. Donations to support DG Bob can be sent to the Ride Coordinator PP Rob Henry 3 Eugenia Crt, Boronia 3155. Cheques payable to "District 9810 Bike Ride"

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT from DGE Dick Garner GSE 2007-08 to London

The Group Study Exchange in 2007-08 will be held with District 1130 which covers the Central London area of England. Team Leader applications are now open.

Key dates for the GSE team selection process and exchange visits are set out below:

Inbound exchange dates

District 1130 team arrives in Melbourne on 9 February 2008

District 1130 team leaves Melbourne on 11 March 2008

Outbound Team Dates

District 9810 arrives in London 21 September 2007

District 9810 Team leaves London 22 October 2007

Outbound Team Selection Dates

- **Team Leader applications called for 4th December 2006**
 - **Application form on District 9810 & Rotary Foundation Website**
 - **Selection criteria on District web-site**
- **Team Leader applications close Friday February 9th 2007**
- **Team Leader Interviews Saturday February 17th**
- **Information Evening – Wednesday February 28th – Scope – Wantirna**
- **Team Member applications close Thursday April 5th**
 - **Application form on District 9810 & Rotary Foundation Website**
 - **Selection criteria on District web-site**

- **Team Member round 1 selection – all day Saturday April 21st – Scope**
- **Team Member – round 2 selection – Sunday April 29th - Boronia**

NOMINATIONS for District Governor Nominating Committee and DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2009-10

PDG Philip Hedley, in his role as Secretary, District 9810 Nominating Committee, DG 2009/10, has today mailed to all clubs a call for Nominations for the DG Nominating Committee and for District Governor 2009-10. Pertinent details are as follows:

The Nominating Committee (refer clause 6 of District Bylaws 2005).

The committee comprises four representatives from Clubs who must be either a Past President or current Club President. (The other members of the Committee are District Governor, District Governor Elect, District Governor Nominee and Immediate Past District Governor).

Nominations must be submitted on the attached form and include a short CV of your Rotary experience. This will be included in any ballot correspondence if more than four Rotarians are nominated.

District Governor 2009/10

If a member of your Club is interested in considering this opportunity to serve Rotary, please encourage the applicant to speak with any member of the College of Governors as to the requirements of the role.

As a minimum, all applicants must:

- Be in good standing in their Club (i.e. financial).
- Have served as President of a Club for a full term or as specified in the Manual of Procedure, and
- At the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership with one or more Rotary Club.

Nominations open Monday 19th December and close at 5:00pm Thursday 25th January 2007

Interviews will be held on Sunday, **18th February, 2007** and applicants and their partners, if applicable, are required to be available on that date.

Application forms are available from PDG Philip, DG Bob or can be downloaded from the District website. Reference to the detailed requirements as shown in the Manual of Procedure 2004, on the role and responsibilities of the District Governor should be made.

SHEPPARTON 2007 Conference

With the 2007 District Conference in Shepparton about 3 months away Conference Chairman Margaret Riseborough reflects upon the message regarding the Conference received from "RI President Bill and Lorna who "send their warmest greetings to everyone and they ask you come to the conference to enjoy the comprehensive Rotary information, fun and fellowship. Also to take this opportunity for fellowship, broadening your Rotary horizons and reaffirming your commitment to Rotary and to the principle of Service Above Self as you Lead the Way in your communities and in the global village."

Jill and I look forward to extending our welcome to you and your family of Rotary as we have fun putting Rotary into Rotarians.

Remember the dates 29th March to 1st April 2007 at Shepparton.

Sponsors

Whilst Mitre 10 are our principal Conference Sponsor others providing tremendous support are Hagemeyer, 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Presently 16 clubs have achieved a net increase in membership since 1 July 2006, 29 clubs have remained constant and 6 have suffered a decline in membership. As my goal is 100% of our clubs achieving a Presidential Citation, the pressure is now on. Watch out for new ideas, and remember the 24 Hour meeting will be a great opportunity to showcase Rotary to new comers.

Our District Membership Committee chaired by PP John Mudgway is happy to come along to provide input to your membership growth programs.

As the single Mandatory requirement for a Presidential Citation is a net increase in membership by 1 April 2007 you may be interested in the following message from PDG Jenny Coburn.

MESSAGE from PDG Jenny Coburn – RI Regional Membership Coordinator

101 Strategies for Membership

Copies of this tremendous publication produced by District 9780 at a cost of \$5 each are available from PDG Jenny Coburn. Please contact Jenny on 0407 689 777 if you have any enquiries.

PHOTOGRAPHS

DG Bob had received a offer from PP James Cunningham of the RC of Templestowe to prepare a slide show of District/club photographs for the District Conference (to be shown during the plenary session breaks, together with Conference photos) and possibly also at the 24 Hour Meeting.

If you have any photographs of special club events, district events including the special events attended by RIPE Wilf and Joan and Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn Jones, or of DG Bob and Jill's visit to your club could you please either email copies to DG Bob via Jill's email address <jillmr@bigpond.net.au> or copy them on a CD and mail it to DG Bob Richards at 98 Bay Road, Sandringham, 3191

DG Bob may even choose a couple of photos for special prizes.

RC of SANDRINGHAM Point to Point Swim – Sponsored by BUXTON REAL ESTATE

At 11.00AM on Saturday 3rd March, the Rotary Club of Sandringham, in conjunction with the Hampton Life Saving Club will be conducting the fourth Point to Point Swim. The swim is for a distance of 1600 metres and parallels the beach from Green Point to Hampton LSC. The swim has grown in popularity and would have had well in excess of 300 swimmers last year had the weather conditions been similar to the previous years. Family members can watch the start and then follow competitors along the beach to the finish. Entry to the event at a cost of \$35 can be made on line by visiting the web site of the Hampton LSC. Cash prizes can be won for the top three swimmers in each category as well as generous spot prizes.

The Rotary Club of Sandringham is responsible for organising all swim promotion, registrations and coordinating the event on the day with the exception of water activities and the safety of the swimmers. In addition to the swim there will be beach activities for the kiddies with sand building competition and beach races.

We would like to think with such a perfect stretch of beach and water that in future years the event will rate with the world class swims of Lorne and Portsea.

Every club in the District 9810 has in their families at least one or two serious swimmers. It would be great to have them participate in the race. They may well finish in a top place, but to all the others there is tremendous feeling of achievement in being able to complete the course.

A "Hole in One" golf driving competition which had previously been conducted on the beach on this day will be transferred to the Sandringham Driving Range for four Saturdays in April with a final play off on the first Saturday in May. More details will be announced about this event closer to the time.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WORLD DIRECTORY 2007-08

In recent weeks you would have received a request from RI to provide details of your President and Secretary for 2007-08 and your meeting time and place for inclusion in the RI World Directory. Can I please ask that as soon as you have confirmed your office bearers for 2007-08 you complete and return the form to RI Parramatta. Failure to provide the data in a timely manner will mean the data for your club will be incorrect in the World Directory. As I have only received copies of the form from 12 clubs am I correct in assuming 39 Clubs have don't want to

see their 2007-08 details in the RI World Directory or is it simply that have you forgotten to send a copy to DGE Dick Garner and me.

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:

Jane Jones – Family of Rotary – Doncaster
Max Jorgensen – RC of Emerald and District
Pres Andrew Brownlie – RC of Ringwood
Trevor Madsen – RC of Sandringham
Peter Mitchell – Family of Rotary – RC of Sandringham

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:

Ross Tefer – RC of Moorleigh Bentleigh-East
Rachel Spitz – RC of Oakleigh

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

Please note that because of business commitments PP Roger Sever is no longer in a position to assist with the production of the DG Newsletter, he will however continue to print and distribute the hard copies required by some clubs. I extend my sincere thanks to Roger for his contribution to the first six editions of my newsletter.

I am pleased to advise that PP Glenda Sherwin-Lane of the Rotary Club of Waverley has joined my District Team as Newsletter Editor. If you would like to include an item in the District Governors Newsletter, please forward copy to PP Glenda, by the 3rd of each month. Glenda's email address is: gsl-mail@bigpond.net.au or newsletter@9810.rotary.org.au

Forthcoming Events

Monday 4th December – Team Leader applications called for GSE Team to D1130-
London

Thursday 25th January 2007 – Nominations close at 5:00pm for District Governor 2009-
2010

Friday 9th February 2007 – Applications close for Leader of the GSE Team to D1130-
London

Saturday 17th February, 2007 –Selection Interviews for Team Leader of the GSE Team to
District 1130 – London.

Sunday 18th February 2007 - Selection Interviews for District Governor 2009-2010.

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February 2007 – 24 hour Rotary Club Meeting at City of
Whitehorse Town Hall

Wednesday 28th February 2007 – Information evening at SCOPE Wantirna for GSE team
to District 1130 – London

Saturday 3rd March 2007 – RC of Sandringham Point to Point Swim

Sunday 4th March 2007 – Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) – Deakin University –
Burwood Campus

Saturday 17th March 2007 – Rotaract International Dinner – Karralyka Centre, Mines
Road, Ringwood East. Cost \$45.00 per head includes 3 course meal – drinks at bar
prices. Further details contact Lee-Anne Green 0411 952 800

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

Thursday 5th April 2007 – Applications close for members of the GSE Team to D1130-
London

Saturday 21st April 2007 – GSE Team Member to D1130- London, round 1 selection – all
day Saturday April 21st – Scope

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April 2007 – RC of Doncaster Sunrise – Walk the Torque
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Sunday 29th April 2007 – GSE Team Member to D1130- London, round 2 selection-
Boronia

Sunday 20th May 2007 – District 9810 Assembly – Venue to be advised

Yours in Rotary
DG Bob Richards