

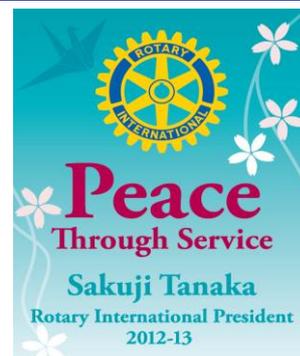


ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
2 nd July	Meeting Club Assembly Review Club & Trivia night planning	Lesley Zuccaro	Richard Simmons	Ralph Zuccaro
9 th July	"Schools a Gift" – Sabina Sopov & Sophie Coleman	Richard Simmons	Ralph Zuccaro	Ed Allchin
16 th July	"Child Wise" – Scott Jacobs	Ralph Zuccaro	Ed Allchin	Georges Ah- Tye

Presidents Report

Hi Members,

A huge thanks to all members who attended our changeover dinner last Monday.

I have had some good feedback during the week and I would like to especially thank Dianne Sides for the lovely table arrangements and the plants which made the room look so warm & pretty. Thanks to both Gus Downing and Mathew Robertson our wonderful musicians for coming along and entertaining us for the night. Also to Bill Sides for arranging our entertainment. To Glenys and Cheryl who welcomed our guests so warmly.

Congratulations to our very special guests who were made Paul Harris Fellows in recognition for their many years of dedication in their various fields, Bill Potikis, Norm Bury, David Catchpoole & Maggie Lynch. To Dianne & Bill Sides for introducing these amazing people to us and for their continued support of the Rotary Foundation. Also to Michael for preparing the end of year bulletin and for all his hard work throughout the year keeping us all informed and up to date.

Glenys and I attended the 1st Rotary Club of Huntingdale's "Community Support Forum" last Thursday. All the 8 clubs in our combined cluster group were represented and we heard speakers from 6 Community Support Organisations in our area who discussed their work in the community and their issues and where they can get help to improve their services to enable them to continue their good work. There will be a working group set up and other similar Community Support Groups in the area will also be invited to be included. Each Rotary Club will be required to have a representative attend as required, initially at meetings but later may only need email contact. It was such a worthwhile night and the Community Groups were most appreciative of the opportunity to share their information with each other and to discuss their problems and needs with all. All groups rely on volunteers whose time is required more and more and there are things we can do to help spread the load.

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?"

John & Gaye Barnes and Ralph and I attended the District Governors Changeover last night at the Box Hill Town Hall. It was a good night and an opportunity to catch up with many members from all other clubs. Outgoing DG Juliet Riseley spoke of her very successful year and handed out a number of Paul Harris awards and also many club awards which I will talk to you more about tonight. Juliet then handed the collar of office over to Brian Martin and he talked about the coming year with the emphasis on vocation and partnerships with businesses. Brian Martin & Sue along with David Bremner will visit our club on 20th August just after our Trivia Night.

Tonight I would like to form a committee for the upcoming Trivia Night on the 17th August. The hall has been booked and we are going with the theme "back to the 70's" (with Elvis in mind). The Rotaract Club of Monash have kindly agreed to be our quiz & games masters on the night and we hope to have Sarah Heathcote, member of RC Monash and District Rep join us tonight to discuss the night further.

Georgina from the hospital has advised of another more urgent item added to their wish list that I feel is more suited for us to raise funds for on the night. Monash Children's is in need of a respiratory humidifier for Ward 41N. This particular ward looks after children mainly 0-12yrs old and handles many respiratory cases. The cost for this is a little under \$4000. I feel this may be more achievable for the night so need to discuss this also.

Many thanks
Lesley

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (25/06):

This week we held our changeover. Attached are the reports given on the night from Outgoing President Jon Breisch which was presented by Vice-President Jean Cochrane and Incoming President Lesley Zuccaro.

Presidents report 2011-2012 on behalf of Jon Breisch

Projects

We ran a BBQ at the Monash Farmers Market each month, come rain hail or shine and rose over \$1,500 – thanks to Katherine & Craig Merson, Bill & Dianne Sides & all members who helped each month.

We cooked 200 sausages at Transpacific Waste Open Day raising \$1,100.

We were thrilled to be granted 2 BBQ's at Bunning's South Oakleigh. Total raised \$2,710

We ran the BBQ at the Police Academy Open Day with the Rotary Club of Monash. We received \$1,300 for our hard work, help & support.

We ran the car park at the Women's Australian Open Golf at Royal Melbourne with the Mentone Hockey Club and raised \$8,500 of which \$3,000 went to the Mentone Hockey Club to purchase equipment which will aid junior development.

We ran the BBQ & Car parking at the Synchrotron Open Day in November. This raised \$3,536 Funds from the day went towards Clayton Rotary's New Generations programs.

Jim & Jean Cochrane's Garage Sale was held in October. There was a good attendance, but the weather was bad. Money raised over \$1,891.15 which goes towards Interplast. A big thank you went to Jim & Jean and John & Gaye Barnes for support & help of the Garage Sale. It was also announced that this will be the last Garage Sale at Safety Beach.

Monash Community Raffle has just been run and the club will receive \$530.

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.

Donations

From the 2 Bunning's BBQs we were able to donate \$2710.00 to Mount View Primary for them to buy a Deaf & Hearing Impaired Sound System.

We filled a funding gap for a wheelchair through First Base Yooralla for \$884.00 so Susie could have a new wheelchair.

Food Bank - Jim & Jean Cochrane continued the great work with Food Bank for Dixon House. They managed to purchase the required food each month at such a low cost, a little over \$300 for the year.

We also donated the cost of a bus for Dixon House of \$130.

We received a request for help to purchase Seated Scales for Monash Heart Nicky & staff from Bunning's South Oakleigh raised the grand total of - \$1433.90 at a staff run BBQ and generously provided a cheque which was presented on the night of our clubs 47th Birthday to Monash Heart along with a balance cheque from our club of \$850.

Good Friday Appeal - Together with members from the Rotaract Club of Monash we collected for the Uncle Bobs Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital. We collected \$5000. It was a great day and a huge thanks to our members and to the members of the Rotaract Club of Monash.

We provided a Christmas tree and presents to the Monash Child and Adolescent Psychiatric unit. They also requested help with the replacement of some pots and the re-potting of vines. Many thanks to Warren Fricke for looking after this project.

Our Annual Golf Day in September raised \$5,000 for Ronald McDonald House.

In March for Literacy Month, we delivered 148 books (Ten Little Fingers & Ten Little Toes) to the patients at the Monash Medical Centre's Birthing Unit

We joined forces with the Rotary Clubs of Oakleigh & Huntingdale to donate funds for the desperately needed Blanket Warming Cabinet for the Birth Unit at Monash Medical Centre Clayton. The cost of the unit is \$4873. The Rotary Club of Oakleigh donated 50% and Huntingdale & Clayton 25% each. Together members of the 3 clubs presented their cheques to the hospital. The staff at the Birthing Unit was very grateful and we were so glad we were able to help.

We are currently helping to gather and deliver new clothing for the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service. This project is ongoing. We have donated to date, Childrens underwear and footwear and looking to also donate track suit tops and bottoms.

Donations Received

Frank Golotta Director of the Lunico Hotel donated \$1,000. This was used to fund the "Books for Babies" which were donated to the Monash Medical Birthing unit.

Bill Pontikis, President of the Clayton Traders Association presented a cheque for \$1,200 to the Rotary Club of Clayton on behalf of the Clayton Traders towards the Golf Day sponsorship.

Guest Speakers

Many thanks to Glenys for putting together a fabulous year of speakers and special events for the members and their family's and friends to enjoy.

New Generations

The Club continues to support our 3 local primary schools donating Book Vouchers for their end of year presentation nights

We sponsored a student from the John Monash Science School for \$500 so he could participate in the Physics Olympiad.

We continue to sponsor students in Indonesia as part of the RAWACS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) program.

Special Announcements

**4th July – Glenys
Pattison Birthday.**

**4th July – Reddy &
Padma Kandadi
Wedding Anniversary.**

**10th July – Ralph &
Lesley Zuccaro
Wedding Anniversary.**

**25th July – Richard
Simmons Birthday.**

**27th July – Dianne
Sides Birthday.**

The club sponsored 3 students from Kallester College in Springvale to attend RYPEN Camp Oasis in Mt Evelyn. The feedback from the camp is that again it was an outstanding success.

Members

Rukshana Verzijl resigned in October
We were thrilled to welcome Cheryl O'Toole into our club in April

Interact Club

One of the highlights of the year was the Charter Night of the John Monash Science School Interact Club. It was chartered with 78 students from years 10 to 12. President Natasha presented the two community projects, one local and one overseas the club will be involved in. The local project will see the club being mentors for grade six students at a primary school and the overseas project is related to AIDS prevention at an orphanage. Many thanks to both John Barnes and Reddy Kandadi for all the many hours preparing for this wonderful event and the ongoing support of the Interact Club.

PR & Marketing

There have been a number of articles on our club projects in the Southern Health iNews, the local Clayton Trader's magazine "3168" and the Rotary District Newsletter.

Bulletin

Many thanks to Michael for again delivering, each week, an outstanding informative Bulletin.

Fun

Members had a great night at the Rotaract Club of Monash Annual Trivia Night which raised \$3,000 for Monash Heart.

A wonderful Christmas Break-up party at the home of Bill & Dianne Sides.

First January meeting was held at the Steam Centre in Scoresby

Movie Nights at Waverley Cinema, at Pinewood.

In April we celebrated the clubs 47th Birthday.

The 2 day District Conference at the Docklands was enjoyed by all

Rotary Foundation

The club received a prize for being the 2nd highest club in District 9810 for Foundation Donations.

There are more items which could be mentioned but time limits do not allow, we apologize for any thing missed. What a fabulous year it has been and a huge thanks to all who helped along the way.

Incoming-Presidents report 2012-2013

Thank you all for coming along tonight to help us celebrate the end of a very successful year of the Rotary Club of Clayton and the beginning of another. I have had some time to get a feel for the role of President as I have been the Stand In President since the end of April when President Jon Breisch headed off overseas with his family for 6 months. We look forward to their return on October.

I have been reflecting on my time with Rotary.

What is Rotary

Rotary International is a secular organization open to all persons regardless of race, colour, creed, gender, or political preference. Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization.

What is a Rotarian

Rotary International members form a global network of business, professional, and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

Why Rotary

Rotary seemed a perfect fit for us.

My husband Ralph's Optical Business is based in Clayton and he was introduced to Rotary by Jim Cochrane and he became a member of the club in 1986. 26 years ago.

Ralph and I both come from families who are community minded, they care about their friends, family and their community as Australians for many generations and as new migrants to the country. Our families offered support to their communities in good times and in bad.

I was born raised in Clayton attending the local primary school. My mother Thelma, who is with us tonight, is a great example of being community minded. With her role in many volunteer organizations including the Grange Reserve in South Clayton, Green Link and with All Saints Anglican Church in Clayton.

She had a spinal injury and through many months of hard work managed to walk again to some extent and now she mentors other spinal injury patients, she encourages others to think positively and makes a huge difference to their lives through her example.

I became a member of the Rotary Club of Clayton in 2001. Ken Smale was my proposer, he encouraged me to take the next step and become a member and here we are tonight in the same place I was inducted. 11 years ago. Ken and his wife Wilma are with us tonight. Through Rotary we have met and made the most wonderful friendships with so many people we would never normally have come in contact with.

We enjoy each others company, are generally like minded, work hard together to reach our goals and together enjoy seeing the positive effect this has on others. The link that joins us all together is our interest to serve.

The programs & projects I would like the club to work on through the year are divided into.

Local and International - For each project we need to consider the method of fundraising or grant applications.

I am a true believer in Partnerships. We Partner together to increase the likelihood of each achieving our mission and to amplify our reach.

Our first major project for the year is Partnering with the Rotaract Club of Monash. Both clubs have a strong desire to help Monash Medical Centre fill their wish list of urgently needed equipment to ensure they can provide the local community with the fully equipped hospital that we all need.

On Friday 17th August we will hold a back to the 70's Trivia Night and with the track record of previous successful trivia nights the Rotaract Club have run, I am sure this will be just fabulous so please save this date.

Other local programs we will continue supporting are in the area of New Generations Youth. In July we send Alexandria Scott, our candidate attending RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) to a week's camp and look forward to hearing from her when she returns.

We will continue supporting the Interact Club at the John Monash Science School. Many thanks to John Barnes and Reddy Kandadi for all the work with this wonderful inspiring group of young people in years 10-12.

The annual Golf Day here at Spring Valley on the 10th September will be the 3rd year of 3 year commitment where all funds raised go to Ronald McDonald House. Many thanks to Warren and his committees for the fabulous efforts and results achieved in past years and I am sure this year will be just a successful. Another date to save.

This year the Presidents of all 8 local Rotary Clubs have decided to meet together quarterly and I am sure we will have the opportunity to share projects with them. If we set our bar high we may require help to reach our goals. Sharing the load with others does 2 things, it lightens the load and it multiplies the end result.

I am honoured to be the President of the Rotary Club of Clayton 2012-2013

I am very secure in the knowledge that I will be helped and supported by our President Elect Heather Norling throughout this coming year and thank Heather for taking on this role. I would also like to thank PDG PP John Barnes for taking on the role of Vice President.

Thank you to all our members for your hard work and support of the club throughout the past year and thank you for taking on your new roles in this new Rotary year, I feel most encouraged and look forward to having a fabulous year as we have a great team of members.

Finally International. In October five members of our club will be travelling to Mauritius. We hope to share a project with one of the clubs there and our member Georges Ah-Tye is currently visiting Mauritius and laying the ground work for our trip later in the year. If anyone is interested in joining in the trip we can give all the required information.

Lesley Zuccaro

Also on the night we had District Governor Elect Brian's wife Sue Martin explain her project for the year which is the Cambodian Children's Fund. Sue showed the club a short video presentation and explained about the Cambodian Children's Fund. The club then presented a cheque for \$250 to start off the funds for this most worthwhile cause and Lesley announced that the Rotary Club of Clayton has decided to adopt this as one of our International projects for the year and will be directing all the funds raised through Sue.

As part of our foundation support we presented four Paul Harris Fellowships on the night to Maggie Lynch, Norm Bury, David Catchpoole and Bill Pontikis for their support in the local community. As a special surprise for the night PP Bill Sides was presented with a double ruby pin for his efforts and support towards the Rotary Foundation.

Meeting Notes:

- Lesley Zuccaro informed the members that on the Sunday 13th January 2013 we have the opportunity to do a BBQ at Bunning's. This time it will be at the Notting Hill Bunning's. If you are interested in helping out please contact Lesley.
- The Rotary Clubs of Oakleigh and Huntingdale are having their changeover nights on the same night Thursday 5th July. Ralph & Lesley will be attending Huntingdale's and Heather Norling will attend Oakleigh.
- Lesley Zuccaro informed the club that we will be having a joint Trivia Night at the Clayton Town Hall on the 17th August with the Monash Rotaract Club. Money raised on the night will go towards the aid of a wish list item for the Monash Medical Centre. More details to follow.

Apologies = Reddy Kandadi, Georges Ah-Tye, Tom Portelli & John Drosis.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = Jon Breisch.

Visitors = Aaron & Amanda Zuccaro, Justine Zuccaro, Thelma Spice, Bob Millen, Brian & Sue Martin (DGE & member of RC of Box Hill Central), David & Heather Bremner (AG & member RC of Forest Hill), Jenny & Roger Coburn (PDG & Past Presidents & Pres Elect RC of MASH), Maggie & Frank Lynch, David Catchpoole, Norm Bury, Bill Pontikis, Gus Downing, Mathew Robertson, Ken & Wilma Smale, Moira Fulton & Anne, Noela Foote, Margot Allchin, Cess Hodges (President of the RC of Huntingdale), Joan (partner of John Goldspink), Georgina Heaslip, Liz Cincotta, Rebecca Lovitt, Nicky Triantafillidis, Jack & Betty Davis (Member of the RC of Oakleigh), Doug Bowden (President Elect RC of Huntingdale), Morgan Roberts (Vice President Rotaract Club of Monash).

Think Foundation Thoughts

July

This week's Foundation Thought is about ...

Our mission. —Doing Good in the World is more than a motto. It is our goal, our mission, and our reminder. It expresses in the clearest terms why we have a Foundation, and it challenges us to reach as far as we can to do the most good possible with everything we have. Our Foundation exists to support the good that we can do through Rotary. It expands our reach, increases our strength, and makes our service more powerful and more effective. Because of our Foundation we can, very simply, do more of our Rotary work. —
2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr.

Important Club Dates

Monday 23/07/12 – Movie Night at Pinewood to see “The Way”. Cost is \$13 per person.

Friday 17/08/12 – **Joint** Trivia Night with Monash Rotaract at Clayton Town Hall. The theme is “Back to the 70’s”.

Monday 10/09/12 – 46th Annual Golf Day at Spring Valley Golf Club.

Community Support Forum

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Huntingdale thank you all for attending on Thursday night. Like us I trust that you were enlightened and motivated by the presentations from the 6 community service groups.

Key facts that came out of the evening were:

- The difficulty groups have in knowing what each other provides and hence where to refer people
- Financial support - on average less than 40% funding comes from Govt sources, the balance comes from the community and fund raising
- Hands on support – there are many activities where extra support is needed
- Volunteers – all organisations are staffed by volunteers who are being asked to do more and more, extra assistance is needed
- Co-ordination of various supplies and food
- Transfer of knowledge on such things as how to source funding
- Assistance with corporate connections
- Publicity
- Ongoing maintenance of property
- Office equipment

And the list goes on

The outcome of the meeting was to develop a working group made up of representatives from each of the Rotary Clubs of Monash and from each of the initial 6 community support groups to tackle all of the issues and to determine in what way Rotary can assist. This will help in many ways such as:

- identify resources available from the wider Rotary network
- Provide links into local business and corporations
- As a collective enable greater bargaining power when and where required
- Avoid duplication of effort
- Prioritise needs and avoid duplication of requests and support
- Enable networking for exchange of ideas and knowledge

From the meeting I gathered that you were all enthusiastic about this approach. Shortly I will be sending out details concerning the initial kick of meeting and will ask that when you

receive that notification you respond with the names and contact details of the "Volunteer/s" from your Club who will be attending.

I expect that this working group will operate semi autonomously, choose their own chairperson etc but that each of the Rotary representatives bring the outcomes back to the clubs who can then determine how best we support. This can be achieved by emails, phone calls, discussions at our clutter groups etc.

I am excited about this opportunity and the chance it gives us to provide real and direct support to our local community – I trust that you are as well

Regards
Doug Bowden
Rotary Club of Huntingdale

District 9810 News

Rotary Success Conference

21st-22nd July 2012 in Canberra

*Article by PDG Noel Trevaskis
Rotary Coordinator*

RI Director Stuart Heal and RI Director Elect John Boag are the Convenors of the Rotary Success Conference to be held in Canberra on the weekend of July 21st-22nd. Noel Trevaskis is the Coordinator for the conference and Bob Greeney is Chairman of the organising committee.

The Rotary Success conference will be about helping Rotary Clubs to be bigger, bolder, strong successful clubs. Some of the topics that will be discussed are membership recruitment, membership retention, PR & Media, membership diversity, leadership, Club visioning, Rotary Foundation Future Vision. It will be a conference where all Rotarians will gain knowledge and ideas from the weekend; it will be about "Rotary Success".

The format of this conference will be different to the two previous conferences as there will be less plenary sessions and more breakout groups and more opportunities for all attendees to be involved in issues that really interest them. For those people wanting to organise travel plans to travel to Canberra for the conference it will start at 8.30am on the Saturday and will conclude at 12.15pm on the Sunday.

We have been able to keep the cost of the conference at \$100 per person which includes morning teas, afternoon teas and the dinner on Saturday night. On Friday night people will be able to attend "Friendship Dinners" hosted by Rotary Clubs in Canberra and Queanbeyan; payment for these dinners will be independent of the conference and attendees will need to pay the host club on the Friday night. Numbers for the "Friendship Dinners" are limited, if you want to attend one of the Friendship Dinners register early. The dinners give everyone an opportunity to talk to other Rotarians from across Australia and New Zealand and develop friendships.

I would encourage you to register as early as possible. The conference will be in the same venue as the two previous conferences the Hellenic Club in Woden.

Registrations will be available through the Rotary Down Under website from mid February.

There is a wide variety of accommodation available in Canberra; many suitable hotels and motels listed on the web can be found by using Google to search for "Canberra Accommodation". Conference attendees are encouraged to book their accommodation as early as possible as Canberra accommodation can be busy in July. There will be regular information on the Rotary Success Conference in Rotary on the Move over the next few months.

For more information email the Chairman of the organising committee Bob Greeney;
greeneyb@iimetro.com.au



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:

Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
4 th July	Warren Fricke
18 th July	Reddy Kandadi

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



Upcoming Events in Monash

NAIDOC WEEK 2012

1 - 8 July

The City of Monash will be celebrating National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week with 'Kooriemanina' Exhibition and a range of activities during the first week of July.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to join together to recognise the valuable contribution Indigenous people make to Australia's national identity.

Upcoming Events in Kingston

Charcoal Lane: Cooking Demonstration and Luncheon

Wednesday, 4 July 2012
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

As a high quality restaurant, Charcoal Lane provides work experience, hospitality training and a supportive environment to enable Aboriginal and disengaged young people to transition to mainstream employment. Through contemporary Aboriginal art, Aboriginal stories entwined within the restaurant and aboriginal flavours fused into modern cuisine, customers are invited to experience and engage with contemporary Aboriginal cultures.

LOCATION: Kingston Arts Centre Chamber
CONTACT NAME: Box Office **PHONE:** 9556 4440
EMAIL: arts@kingston.vic.gov.au
WEB: <http://www.kingstonarts.com.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.9810rotary.org.au Details for clubs around the world are available in the RI Directory (held by the club secretary) and on the RI website (www.rotary.org)

Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Bronwen Lamond** on **0439 339 645** 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

An elderly couple was celebrating their 60th anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money – \$50,000! Andy said, "We've got to give it back." Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?" Sally said, "No". Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic." Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning." Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday ..."

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"



Rotary International News

Medical mission delivers care to Rwanda

By Shaju Peter, past governor of District 3080 (India)

In April, a team of 16 medical specialists and 11 Rotary volunteers from District 3080 left India on a medical mission to Rwanda.

During a 12-day period, our team performed 210 procedures on patients selected in advance by doctors at the hospital in Kigali, the nation's capital. The team of surgeons removed a gallbladder tumor, performed hip replacements, worked to repair throat and nasal passages, treated gallstones, and even performed facial surgery on a survivor of the 1994 genocide who had been struck by a machete.

As we arrived at the airport, we were greeted by a large number of journalists, who wanted to know the value of the medical services we would be providing. Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo put it best, noting — how do you put a dollar value on the time these distinguished professionals, experts in their field, agree to forgo from their private practices to serve under the Rotary banner? How do you measure the value of the time donated by the business leaders, who also pay their own way in airfare and lodging to provide support and make the mission a success?

The best description: it was the quintessential Service Above Self.

Mission Rwanda: Reach Out to Africa was an extension of Saboo's idea of sending teams of medical specialists to various countries, which have in the past included Ethiopia, Nigeria, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Madagascar, the Republic of Congo, and Zambia with the help of grants from The Rotary Foundation.

District Governor Manpreet Singh Gandhoke and Past Governor Rajindar Singh Parmar led the team. They built upon several months of preparation by project coordinator Ranjit K. Bhatia, a past governor; Fred ne Tiabu Tatukila, governor of District 9150 (Rwanda); and Dr. Theobald Hategekimana, director general of the teaching hospital at Kigali.

During the medical mission, the team also took time to visit the memorial to the 1994 genocide. It was a moving experience, and a reminder of the need to work for peace. While in Rwanda, our team found a forward-looking nation of friendly people and clean roads. They have moved on from the tragic events in their past to work on a better future.



Part of the surgical team operates during the medical mission to Rwanda. Photo courtesy of District 3080



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