

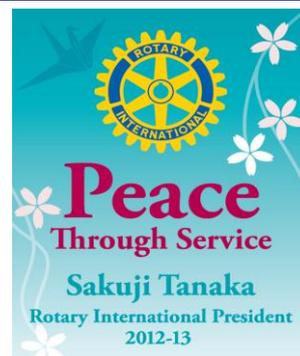


ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

Weekly Bulletin 2012-2013

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
18 th March	Feedback from Conference from various members.	Jim Cochrane	John Drosis	Warren Fricke
25 th March	Trip to India – Gaye Barnes	John Drosis	Warren Fricke	Reddy Kandadi
1 st April	No Meeting – Easter Monday			

Presidents Report

Hi Members,

Just arrived home from enjoying another wonderful District Conference. Wangaratta was a lovely area to hold the conference and we were lucky to have Heather Norling book great accommodation so close to the venue and next to a lovely park where Saturday night's dinner was held. The theme for this dinner was "A Touch Of Green" as the following day was St Patrick's Day. The weather was lovely for our walk to and from the main venue each day. We will give a full presentation to you all at our next meeting, Monday 25th.

I would like to announce that the next District Conference venue for 2014 will be held in Bendigo

and the theme for the Saturday night dinner will be "A Touch Of Gold". The date for next year's conference is 20th-23rd March 2014. Our accommodation has already been reserved, more details to follow later.

Please save this weekend.

Many thanks,

Lesley



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?"

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (4th March):

This week our guest speaker was Paul Isaac who spoke to the club about ROMAC. Paul is also a member of the Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill.

Paul explained that the mission statement for ROMAC is "To provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country."

ROMAC is now in its 20th year of operations. Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to run this Rotary program that encompasses all the Districts of Australia and New Zealand. ROMAC has three very high profile patrons which are Quentin Bryce - Patron in Chief, Max Walker - Australian Patron and Bill Boyd - New Zealand Patron



ROMAC is assisted by many eminent Australian surgeons who generously respond to requests for assistance, this humanitarian program has provided over 300 children from 20 countries with urgent medical treatment that has given them new hope. To date, children have been brought from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia, Russia, China, Tonga, Solomon Islands, The Philippines, Pakistan, Iran, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Nauru and Zimbabwe.



The children usually come from very remote areas and are brought to Australia, as medical treatment is simply not available in their home countries. These are children with herniated brains, deformed limbs, horrific burns, heart conditions and in the case of the Bosun (Siamese) twins, separation as they were joined face to face from the lower chest to the umbilicus.

Paul presented two videos showing two young children which have benefited from the wonderful work performed by ROMAC. They were Santa Madalena Rebelo from East Timor and Nelia Gusmao de Jesus Freitas also from East Timor. Paul also spoke about ROMAC's recent involvement with Failyne Terry (pictured) at the Monash Medical Centre.

For more information on ROMAC visit their web site. <http://www.romac.org.au/>

Meeting Notes:

- Lesley Zuccaro informed the club that we received a letter from President Alfred Lung of the Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill thanking us for attending the GSE welcome dinner.
- Lesley Zuccaro gave an update on the health of Heather Norling and informed us that she will be having her operation on Tuesday. The club wishes Heather all the best on her operation and a quick recovery.

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.

- Reddy Kandadi gave an excellent report on the job performed by his family and three Rotaractors from Monash Rotaract for Clean up Australia last Sunday. This all started when Reddy's son approached him asking for support and help. The team of eight worked together to clean up Fregon Reserve in Clayton and collected nine full bags of Rubbish. Well done on the great job.
- Lesley Zuccaro reported that Bunning's in Notting Hill are looking for BBQ dates to be filled in 2014. The days available are Friday, Saturday and Sundays.
- Lesley Zuccaro reported that the club has been asked again by the Uncle Bobs Club to collect for the Royal Children Hospital Good Friday Appeal on Friday 29th March. The location is the same as last year which was on the corner of Beaconsfield Parade and Kerford Road, St Kilda. The shift times will be 9:00am - 12.30pm & 12.30pm to 4pm. If you can help on the day, please let Lesley know.
- Jon Breisch will replace Warren at the Rotaract meeting this Wednesday and Warren will fill in at a later date.
- Warren Fricke reported that for the short term he will be the fill in Treasurer replacing Craig Merson who is busy with other commitments at the moment.
- Warren Fricke reported that the Monash Community Raffle for this year has been cancelled due to not enough interest to make it viable to run.
- John Barnes & Reddy Kandadi gave an update in the John Monash Science School Interact Club. Monash Rotaract has offered to lend support with the Interact Club. As there have been changes amongst the students in the Interact Club, John is waiting to hear back from the school on what direction to take with the Interact Club.
- Lesley Zuccaro informed the members that the club needs some good fundraising ideas and if the members know of any can they please bring them to the attention of the fundraising

Apologies = Heather Norling, Glenys Pattison, Tom Portelli, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane, Ed Allchin & John Goldspink.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = Paul Isaac (RC of Wheelers Hill).

Think Foundation Thoughts

March: Literacy Month

This week's Foundation Thought is about ...

Celebrating our Foundation. —The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most respected private foundations in the world. Through the Foundation, we as Rotarians have an unprecedented opportunity to use our global grassroots strength and international prominence to help solve major problems such as food and water security – if the Foundation's financial resources keep pace. The twin pillars of Foundation support – the Annual Programs Fund and the Permanent Fund – are crucial to meeting world needs. —
2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe

Important Club Dates

Friday 29/03/13 – Supporting the Uncle Bob's Club with the Good Friday Appeal at the corner of Beaconsfield Parade and Kerford Road, St Kilda.

Monday 01/04/13 – No Club Meeting (Easter Monday)

Special
Announcements

22nd March – Bill Sides
Birthday.

Conference Photos





District 9810 News

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

presents a

Gala Charity Concert

featuring

The Victoria Police Show band and Pipe band

Friday 22nd March at 7:30pm

At the Whitehorse Centre for Performing Arts, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Tickets are \$25

Bookings 9262 6555

All proceeds go to Eastern Emergency Relief Network and other Rotary Club service projects

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
20 th March 2013	Reddy Kandadi
3 rd April 2013	Warren Fricke

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

Upcoming Events in Monash

"What 150 years has done to our Native Habitat"

A "**Speakers's Forum**" presentation by the Friends of Scotchman's Creek and Valley Reserve.

Matt Ruchel, Executive Director of the Victorian National Parks Association, will be giving us an engaging and thought-provoking look at Victoria from European settlement through to today and revealing what 150 years has done to our **natural habitats**. He will be concentrating on Melbourne's urban fringes and waterways.

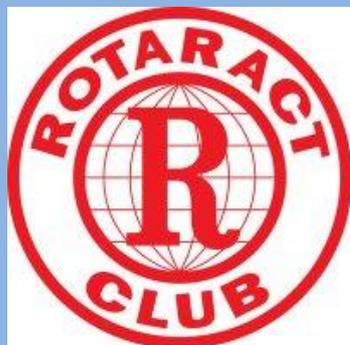
Matt has been Executive Director of the VNPA since 2007 and has a strong background in environmental policy. He has worked in the non-government environmental policy areas in the state, national and international arena for over 20 years.

When: Thursday, 21 March 2013

Where: Alvie Hall, Mount Waverley - cnr. Alvie and High Street Roads – Melways

Ref: 61:D11

Time: 7:30 pm



Upcoming Events in Kingston

Kingston Concert Series 2013: Melbourne Welsh Male Choir

Saturday, 23 March 2013
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Since its inception in 1984, the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir quickly established itself as a leading male choir and became known for its special sound as well as the boldness and ambition of its concert productions. The Choir is steeped in the Welsh Choral tradition but is still proudly Australian and continues to prosper through the excellence of its performances and recordings, and the support of its audiences.

LOCATION: Kingston City Hall, Nepean Highway, Moorabbin
WEB: <http://www.kingstonarts.com.au/performing-arts>

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 18 year old Italian girl tells her Mum that she fears she may be pregnant. Very worried, the mother goes to the drugstore and buys a pregnancy kit.

The test result shows that the girl is pregnant. Shouting, cursing, crying, the mother says, "Who was the pig that did this to you? I want to know!" The girl picks up the phone and makes a call. Half an hour later, a Ferrari stops in front of their house. A mature and distinguished man with grey hair and impeccably dressed in an Armani suit steps out of a Ferrari and enters the house. He sits in the living room with the father, mother and the girl and says, "Good morning, your daughter has informed me of the problem. I can't marry her because of my personal family situation but I'll take charge. I will pay all costs and provide for your daughter for the rest of her life.

"Additionally, if a girl is born, I will bequeath a Ferrari, two retail stores, a townhouse, a beachfront villa, and a \$2,000,000 bank account. If a boy is born, my legacy will be a couple of factories and a \$4,000,000 bank account. If twins, they will receive a factory and \$2,000,000 each. However, if there is a miscarriage, what do you suggest I do?"

The father, who had remained silent holding a shotgun, places a hand firmly on the man's shoulder, looks him directly in the eyes and tells him, "You a gonna try again!"

Rotary International News

British ophthalmologist, U.S. association to receive top Foundation alumni awards

By Dan Nixon
Rotary News -- 12 March 2013

Dr. Harminder Singh Dua, an ophthalmologist in Nottingham, England, has been chosen by The Rotary Foundation Trustees as the recipient of the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nagpur South in Maharashtra, India (District 3030), Dua traveled as a member of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to Pennsylvania, USA (District 7300), in 1981. He will receive the award on 25 June at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal.

Dua, who is chair and professor of ophthalmology at the University of Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre, has treated patients in the United Kingdom, India, and the United States and has shared his skills with students and colleagues around the world. He is renowned as an authority on corneal disorders and performs advanced surgeries. While living in India, Dua conducted numerous free diagnostic eye clinics through Rotary and other nongovernmental organizations, performing thousands of free operations on poor patients who had cataracts and glaucoma.

"The poverty and simple lives of the villagers and the huge difference [the] operations made to them and to the lives of children who had to spend time away from school to guide the people around was plain to see," says Dua. "There was no escaping the enormity of their need and our [medical team's] ability to fulfill some part of it."

Dua says he is thankful for the opportunity The Rotary Foundation provided him through GSE and its impact on his career.

"If I were to point to the one life-changing event, the one turning point that brought me to where I am today, it was [my] selection as a GSE team member," he says. "This was my first visit outside India, my window to the rest of the world."

U.S. alumni group recognized

The Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of District 6560 (Indiana, USA) has been selected to receive the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of the Year Award. Chartered in 2007, the association focuses on connecting alumni with Rotary clubs. The group holds annual alumni gatherings; attends Rotary district conferences, RI conventions, and other events; and helps provide orientations for current program participants and alumni.

Members of the association participate in a project called Water Is Life, including by raising funds. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fishers, Indiana, the effort has established more than 80 wells serving over 80,000 people in Sierra Leone. The association has also supported PolioPlus, and new members are invited to contribute during their orientation.

Susan Meskis, president of the association and a member of the Fishers club, will be leading a vocational training team to Tanzania in April to share their expertise in nursing education with the faculty of Aga Khan University's Advanced Nursing Program. The effort will be funded by a Rotary Foundation packaged grant.

"This rare and extraordinary opportunity is a collaboration between The Rotary Foundation, Aga Khan University, and District 6560 and anticipates building lasting relationships between all partners to [expand] capacity in education and nursing professionals in developing nations," says Meskis.



Top: Dr. Harminder Singh Dua, recipient of the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award
Photo courtesy of Dr. Harminder Singh Dua Bottom: Members of The Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of District 6560, recipient of the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of the Year Award. *Photo courtesy of Susan Meskis*