



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON Weekly Bulletin 14th.May 2007

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Tonight: Clayton RSL 6.15pm for 6.30pm

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

President: Glenda Rose
Secretary: Bill Sides

International Service Month

Upcoming Meetings

| Date | Speaker | Chairperson | Desk | Visitors |
|----------------------|--|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 14th May | T.B.A | Bob Millen | Ralph Zuccaro | John Barnes |
| 22nd May | Dixon House Community Expo BBQ. 4pm to 6pm Please note meeting changed from the 21 st of May | | | |
| 28 th May | TBA | | | |

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

Coming Events

Fellowship functions will occur around once every 6 weeks.

May- A Picture Night.

Rotaract Roster

| Date | Rotarian to Visit |
|--------|-------------------|
| 14 May | Bill Sides |

Previous meeting

Last Meeting: Clayton RSL

30 May 07 Notting Hill Hotel.

Apologies: Ralph Zuccaro, Richard Simmons, Tom Portelli.

Make Ups:

Guests: Rob McPherson, Dean Calder, Lewis, Bob & Jill Richards, Gaye Barnes, Heather Norling,, Zoe Rickard, Glenis Rickard, Jackie Rickard, Marlene McPherson, Dianne Sides, Justine Zuccaro, Heather Fricke, Nancy Guest, Maurmer Allison, Mary Goldspink, Margot Alchin, Harald & Beate Schmidt, Kathryn Shedden, Moira Fulton, Anne,, Ivemae Wright.

7th May 07

Apologies: Ralph & Lesley Zuccaro, Jim & Jean Cochrane, John Barnes, Ed Alchin, Bob Millen,

Make Ups: Jim & Jean Cochrane, John Barnes, Morwell Rotary Club Lesley Zuccaro Ed Alchin, Glen Waverley

Guests:

Birthdays: 15 May Heather Fricke, 22 May Glenis Rickard.
Wedding Anniversaries

General Business

- Last meeting the 7th of May, was a general Report on The Shine Awards, and various other items.
- Club received a cheque from some friends of Bob Minter in his passing.
- Report from the children from Indonesia. .

- The Rotary Club has Adopted Village from RAMS is (HURIS) – New Ireland.
- Poowong Dairy Farm day will now be around September.
- Board Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the Month.
- Dixon House requires some people to teach English Kathryn Shedden is running the program there. Also there is to be a Community Expo on the 22nd of May at Dixon House which requires a BBQ from the hours of 4pm to 6pm.
- Please return tickets as soon as possible to Warren for the Monash Community Raffle.
- Rotaract club of Clayton Needs help with numbers of people aged 18 to 30 years.

District Assembly 20th of May, A Morning session and the venue is Deakin University, 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Welcome - May 2007



"I see many unintentional influences which challenge our worldwide unity... With the evolution of new regionalism and nationalism...it would be easy for a world organisation to become fractured...Our destiny depends on...maintaining our international unity...Rotary must continue to think internationally, act internationally, truly be international"

RIPP Clifford L. Dochterman

RI Convention 1993 – Melbourne

May, has been traditionally the month when we recognise the "internationality" of Rotary and I am aware that many clubs have included into their program for this month, speakers addressing a variety of topics reflecting world issues. Just a few days ago, the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was held in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly at the State Parliament. Students from 26 schools, sponsored by 20 clubs, and District 9820 MUNA, and representing 33 nations, participated. MUNA 2007 was sensational, demonstrating the public speaking and debating skills of the young folk, and their willingness to give up their limited valuable free time to be part of a program designed to extend their knowledge and understanding of the operations of the United Nations. They showed an appreciation of the need for world peace and understanding. Congratulations to all participating Rotary Clubs, Rotarians (in particular our hard working District Committee led by PP Pat Lannan), parents, teachers and students on a wonderful weekend.

MUNA was not the only important Rotary event over the weekend of 5 and 6 May. On Sunday 6 May, several Rotarians from District 9810 attended the Shine On Awards in Morwell. Congratulations are in order to our seven District nominees who received certificates of commendation, and particularly to Melissa Noonan sponsored by the

Rotary Club of Box Hill and Shane Kelly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, both of whom received trophies.

Also on 6 May, a great number of Rotarians and the family of Rotary from several clubs, assisted with catering and parking arrangements at the public showing of the Eastlink interchange at Ringwood, raising not only significant funds but also providing an awareness of Rotary in the community and opening the door to future similar opportunities to work with Eastlink in the future. Well done to all concerned with this event.

Following the earthquake and tsunami in the western region of the Solomon Islands, the ShelterBox Trust has delivered 200 ShelterBoxes to the area and another 200 are being sent to Brisbane and Auckland where they will be held in reserve for future use in the Asia/ Pacific region.

I am reliably informed by ShelterBoxes Australia that our District has donated in excess of AUD\$60,000, and 50 ShelterBoxes were purchased. Some of these boxes have been sent to the Solomon Islands and others form part of the emergency reserve. Another way you have made a difference.

As you will be aware, PDG Brian Foley has recently represented District 9810 at the RI Council of Legislation. My spies tell me that when presenting the resolution initially proposed by the Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin (prompted by PDG Denis) and passed at our Adelaide Conference, relating to changes to the percentage of District Designated Funds we can use for District Simplified Grants, Brian spoke with enthusiasm, clarity and conviction, managing to convince the majority of delegates to vote for this proposed change (still to be confirmed by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation). Rumour has it that he was an outstanding performer and he represented our district with distinction.

A reminder that RYLA will be held in early July 2007. Please seek out and nominate worthy young potential leaders at attend. Details and nomination forms are available on the District website.

Remember that on 2 June we will have the opportunity to meet and listen to RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna at a Dinner being held at Moonlight Receptions in North Fitzroy. I trust we will have a great District 9810 turnout to greet RI President Bill and Lorna.

Before I close, a reminder to please continue the collect the Foreign coins and stamps.

Keep the FUN in Rotary

Bob Richards

Welcome message updated: 13 May 2007

Upcoming District events.

Next month...

20/5/2007 (Sun) [District Assembly](#)

26/5/2007 (Sat) [Superannuation Seminar](#)

Further down the track...

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

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

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

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?

Calendar - Event Details

District Assembly

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Date | Sunday 20 May 2007 |
| Event Type | Training |
| Organised by: | DGE Richard Garner |
| Details: | Venue and further details to be advised |
| Contact Info: | 95308805 richard_garner@optusnet.com.au Denis Hyland 97552005 denish@netspace.com.au |

Advance Australian Fair

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea:
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia fair,
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts and hands,
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands,
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share,
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Thought for the week.

"A creative mind looks and thinks beyond that which common sense does."

A thought for Mothers Day.

To the world you might just be one person,
but to one person you might just be the world

JOKE FOR THE WEEK

. In the back woods of Arkansas, Mr. Stewart's wife went into labor in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery. To keep the nervous father-to-be busy, the doctor handed him a lantern and said, "Here, you hold this high so I can see what I'm doing." Soon, a wee baby boy was brought into the world. "Whoa there Scotty!" said the doctor. "Don't be in a rush to put the lantern down... I think there's yet another wee one to come." Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered another little baby. "No, no, don't be in a great hurry to be putting down that lantern, young man... It seems there's yet another one besides!" cried the doctor. The new father scratched his head in bewilderment, and asked the doctor: "Do ya think it's the light that's attractin' them?"

Meeting Closed on the 7th of May at 7.35pm

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 46 2006-07

Week commencing: Monday 14 May 2007

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BILL BOYD AND LORNA to VISIT AUSTRALIA

RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna will be guests of honour at two functions in Australia in June.

In Melbourne, a dinner will be held at Moonlight Receptions, 622 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy on 2 June at a cost of \$60 per head.

A visit to a Centennial project involving 14 clubs, A River for Everyone, is being arranged along the Maribynong River. The project has the support of the Victorian Government.

On the previous night the Boyds will attend a special function in Sydney.

The Boyds will attend two functions in their native New Zealand before returning to Evanston Headquarters to prepare for the Salt Lake City RI Convention

(DG Bob - The Rotary Club of Altona City (D9800) is handling the bookings and I have emailed a copy of the dinner booking form to each club. Bookings should be lodged as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out.)



RYLA is an exciting live-in Leadership Seminar for young adults aged from 18 years old up to 28. This year the seminar is being held from Sunday July 1st to the following Friday at Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrning (Approximately five minutes north of Bacchus Marsh). Cost \$500 per applicant, sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Applications can be downloaded from the District Website. It is still not too late for your club to participate since the deadline has been extended. For further information please contact PP Alan Wong on 0438 821022 or BH 9758 2943. Applications to: 4 Barmah Drive, Wantirna 3152.

REPORT on ROTARY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL on LEGISLATION

Rotary's parliament, the Council on Legislation, met in Chicago USA from 22 to 27 April 2007. The council meets at three-yearly intervals to consider and vote on proposals to change Rotary' constitution and bylaws as well as resolutions to the Rotary board and the Foundation Trustees to take particular courses of action.

Voting members of the Council comprise one elected delegate of each of the 530 Rotary districts around the world. The District 9810 delegate was PDG Brian Foley. Other participants included current and past RI past presidents and directors who could speak on any item but not exercise a vote.

Over the five days the council considered 336 agenda items submitted by districts worldwide as well as some items proposed by the RI board. In summary, 14 items were referred to the Board without a formal vote, 96 items were approved, 152 items were rejected and 74 were withdrawn by the proposers either before or during the council.

Some of the significant matters agreed included:

- Reduction in the minimum attendance requirement of members to attend 50% of club meetings per year.
- Fast tracking of Foundation alumni into Rotary membership
- Inclusion of the Four Avenues of service into the wording of the standard club constitution
- Provision that the RI Board may suspend or terminate a club that fails to address properly an allegation of violation of youth protection laws
- Provision that an existing club president shall continue to serve as president until a successor is appointed who has attended PETS and district assembly or alternative appropriate training
- Introduced a new membership qualification for a person "Being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement on community affairs a commitment to service and the object of Rotary". (This change was widely acclaimed as important for Rotary moving into the 21st century).
- Strengthening of the procedures relating to selection of the RI president, directors and other senior Rotary leaders.
- Per capita RI dues were approved for the next three years. There is no increase in 2007-08 and an increase of \$1(US) in each of the following three years.

The RI general secretary will be writing to each club in the near future detailing the changes which will take effect from 1 July 2007. A new Manual of Procedure will be available later in 2007 incorporating the changes.

District 9810 had one resolution on the agenda submitted by the Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin. This resolution asked the trustees of the Rotary Foundation to allow districts to access up to 30% of their District Designated Funds to be used as District Simplified Grants provided that the district has exceeded the "Every Rotarian every year" target (currently \$US100 per member) in the year of donation. After some spirited discussion, the resolution was passed by a clear majority and will now be forwarded to The Foundation for consideration.

Brian reports that there was a very heavy workload to get through the large agenda. However it was a great experience to be part of another exhibition of Rotary's internationality with delegates from throughout the world joining in spirited yet constructive debate on most items.

Anzac Day occurred during the week of the Council and was observed by all delegates from Australia, New Zealand and Turkey with a dawn commemoration service addressed by RI President Bill Boyd (New Zealand) and RI directors Ian Riseley (Australia) and Orscelik Balkan (Turkey). This event was most inspiring and highlighted Rotary's theme of international peace and understanding."

MESSAGE FROM RC OF MANNINGHAM – DROUGHT RELIEF INITIATIVE

Drought Relief Support for the Donald Friends & Neighbors Society

The RC Manningham has formed an association with the Donald Friends and Neighbors Society and specifically with local Uniting Church contacts Margaret Russell (Uniting Church Minister) and John Russell who are well respected leaders in the local community.

The RC Manningham initially provided a small emergency grant of \$3,500 to be used at the discretion of the Donald F&NS and followed up with members meeting with Uniting Church and F&NS to determine how the Club could best provide assistance to the community through short and longer term initiatives.

At the suggestion of the Donald community leaders, the following short term initiatives were conducted to raise the spirits of the community affected by three successive years of drought, and to show Rotary cares:

Easter Eggs for 460 primary and secondary students - in conjunction with Templestowe College and Templestowe Heights Primary School who raised funds to cover the purchase of the chocolate eggs and then delivered them to the Donald school children. (School to school friendship). Outcome - joy to the faces of many young children who had never seen the Easter Bunny (Templestowe School Chaplain Julie Ramsay who hired a costume for the occasion).

Toy Appeal - supported by RC Templestowe and Serpell's Primary School plus generous donations from all parts of the community, over 300 toys suitable for the 0 - 6 age groups are ready to be delivered to a newly renovated shop in the main street of Donald to establish a toy lending library for local families. Many Rotarian partners joined in the effort to sort and package the toys.

Mother's Day Gifts - Rotarian partners were again involved in a simple project to prepare 460 chocolate-filled, gift wrapped coffee mugs for school children to give to their mothers. The schools have not been able to run Mother's Day stalls for several years because of the drought.

The major longer term initiative is to use Rotarian professional skills to work with the Donald community leaders on a Community capacity building program centering on youth suggested by John Russell (Uniting Church), which would enhance their resilience to problems faced by adolescents in rural areas such as unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, and parental conflict and assist them to redefine their self identity in a positive and sustainable way. The project will also work in unison with families enhancing the parent child family relationships.

Probably the most significant and unexpected outcome which has been conveyed to the Manningham Rotary Club by the local Donald community is that our Club's involvement has re-energised local support groups to work even harder to overcome adversity. Having external support, effectively a little extra weight behind the wheel has given everyone involved renewed enthusiasm; and significant personal satisfaction to all Rotarians knowing that their efforts are greatly appreciated by our friends in the country.

John and Margaret Russell will be guest speakers at the RC Manningham meeting on Monday 21st May. Rotarians and visitors welcome. 6.30pm for 7pm at Casavini Restaurant, East Doncaster. Contact Daryl Knight to register your attendance.

(DG Bob: The Rotary Club of Manningham would welcome the opportunity to extend this program of "Adopting a Town" program, may I suggest clubs interested join Jill and I at their meeting or contact PP David Alexander of Manningham for further information)

MESSAGE from RC of OAKLEIGH – DROUGHT RELIEF INITIATIVE

The Rotary Club of Oakleigh – District 9810 – was so concerned at the traumatic effect that the drought and bushfires were having on rural communities in Victoria, the Club Board resolved to provide some small assistance to affected communities.

A budget of \$ 20,000.00 was allocated - \$ 10,000.00 to assist Country Fire Brigades, and \$10,000.00 for Drought Relief Projects. Four country Clubs in each category were selected, and each was offered \$ 2,500.00 for distribution as each saw fit, with no conditions placed on the Clubs. The Rotary Clubs of Alexandra, Bairnsdale, Maffra & Mansfield – District 9820 – were selected for CFA Funding, and the Rotary Clubs of Hamilton, Horsham, St. Arnaud & Swan Hill – District 9780 – for Drought Relief projects.

At the Rotary Club of Oakleigh we were overwhelmed at the messages of gratitude and appreciation received back from these Clubs – the consistent message was the gratefulness that someone in the city actually cared enough about what was happening in the country to offer assistance.

It is a stark reminder that in our urbanised environment most support services are situated in the cities, whereas most natural disasters occur in the country, leaving a great imbalance that governments are unwilling to address.

Having made this connection we are intending to continue next year to reinforce the city-country connection, and I would urge all urban clubs to consider such a project.

(**DG Bob:** I am also aware of other clubs communicating directly with rural communities and/or Rotary Clubs and I commend your initiatives. If you have a message to pass along please let me know)

MESSAGE from Carrol Farmer – STAMPS

URGENT- URGENT- URGENT

Please continue to collect the used stamps and get them to Carrol as a matter of Urgency, we have a long way to go to reach \$7,000.00.

District Assembly 2007 – MESSAGE from DGE DICK GARNER

IMPORTANT DISTRICT ASSEMBLY UPDATE

We have the District Assembly on Sunday morning 20th May at Deakin University, Burwood Campus. Registration 8.00-9.00am; Assembly 9.00am-1.00pm.

This is the prime training session and information-sharing event of the entire Rotary year. There will be lots of opportunities for people to gain more Rotary knowledge. The program will start with a combined District session and then, after morning tea, break-out session for 6 specialist workshops.

The Assembly will include the launch of the District 9810 Strategic Plan, which links together initiatives to significantly grow and improve our Clubs. DG Bob and DGE Dick would like to get as many people there as possible to hear the concepts first hand.

We have booked the new lecture theatre that will hold 600 people so we can take the numbers. Plus it is a very impressive and appropriate venue to launch our future important District plans.

It is in your Club's interest to get as many people along as possible, including all new members, especially as your Club has paid in advance for everyone to attend.

We can guarantee that you will never have attended a District Assembly in such a great venue - or will hear a message so significant to the future of your Rotary Club.

Looking forward to seeing you all there on the 20th.

For further information contact:

DGE Dick Garner - email: richard_garner@optusnet.com.au, Tel: 9530 8805

INVITATION FROM ROTARY CLUB OF HAMPTON

Rotary Club of Hampton invites you to dinner with Gavan Ryan,
Detective Inspector and former head of Purana Task Force to hear his address

The Challenges and Successes of the Purana Task Force

7.00 for 7.15pm, Tuesday 5th June 2007
Sandringham Yacht Club
Jetty Road Sandringham – Mel 76 F8

\$40 per person / Tables of 10 available
Two Course Dinner and Coffee, with drinks at club member prices
... Proceeds will support Rotary Club of Hampton Projects ...

Bookings and further information:
Christine Prendergast,
Telephone: 03 9902 7109 BH; Mobile: 0418 574 446
Email: prendergast@smartchat.net.au
Payments by cheque or money order to:
Treasurer, Rotary Club of Hampton, PO Box 1084, Hampton North 3188.

District Governors Newsletter

If you would like to include an item in the District Governors Newsletter, please forward copy to our Editor, PP Glenda Sherwin-Lane (RC o Waverley), by the 3rd of each month. Glenda's email address is: gsl-mail@bigpond.net.au or newsletter@9810.rotary.org.au

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:

Have I missed someone???

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:

Brian Lowe – RC of Aspendale (transferred from RC of Chelsea),
Dennis Heslin – RC of Aspendale (transferred from RC of Chelsea),
Gerald Keleher – RC of Aspendale

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Roger Sever – RC of Sandringham
Bob Minter – RC of Clayton
Marie Ranger – RC of Emerald & District

MESSAGE from RC of BOX HILL CENTRAL

Are you a SUPER HERO?

Run, or thinking of starting, your own INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO, SUPERANNUATION or ALLOCATED PENSION FUND?

If so, why not come to our **Saturday 26th May 2007 (11am-1pm)** seminar at state-of-the-art **Rusden Lecture Theatre, Deakin University, Burwood** to hear investment trends of interest to **DIY Share Investors** (without product sales) in a lively and informative manner from their favourite Melbourne investment commentators: **Alan Kohler, Kevin Bailey, Helen Breier** and hosted by **Dominic Alafaci**.

For more information and/or to book a seat to this unique Rotary fundraiser, go to:
www.diysuperseminar.com

See www.rotary.org – 1.2M+ active Rotarians worldwide. 50% of Seminar proceeds to Drought Relief, balance to Rotary projects.
Enquiries: **Ken Rice** (Rotary Club of Box Hill Central) on **9416 1441, 0419 319 619**, fax **9416 4830**, email kenrice@kandl.com.au
To ensure a seat please pre-book – \$29 single, and \$49 per couple. The cost of door tickets on the day of the Seminar will be \$35 single, and \$59 per couple.



A fundraising project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

MESSAGE from CLUSTER GROUP 7 CLUBS – Function 18th May 2007

“ROTARYS BIG NIGHT OUT”

Wine/dine/dance to the Mordialloc Big Band

Friday 18th May 2007, Kingston City Hall - Cnr Nepean Highway & South Rd, Moorabbin
7.30 PM till Midnight - Tickets \$40.00 each (Tables of 10)
3 Course Dinner - BYO Drinks

A Joint Project by the Rotary Clubs of Braeside, Beaumaris, Bentleigh/Moorabbin-Central, Cheltenham, Moorleigh Moorabbin & Mordialloc

All Profits to Literacy - Reading Recovery Program in Local State Primary Schools

Further details to follow: Enquiries Pres Ken Greenberg – RC of Braeside – 0408 991 181
Email: meldec-interiors@hotmail.com

MESSAGE from NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) –2008

The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra will be dispatching the following information pack to Rotary Clubs in the next week, the packs contain;

1 Guide
6 Flyers
10 Selection Process Forms
1 Rotary Club Procedures
1 Poster
1 Letter from the Minister
1 DVD
1 Letter from the NYSF (extended closing date advised in letter and has now been updated on our website)

The closing date for students to register on-line has been extended to 31st May 2007; and for Clubs to nominate at District level by 30th June. The changes are due to unforeseen delays in getting the information to all Clubs and Schools

The schools will get also get their packs within the next few days.

If Clubs have any questions and/or would like one of the District NYSF committee to come and talk to their Club about the NYSF please contact PP Paul Taranto via email at paul.taranto@qenos.com.

If there are any Rotarians that have a science/engineering background and would like to join the District committee and assist in providing the NYSF opportunity to the youth in District 9810 please contact PP Paul Taranto at the above email address.

Paul Taranto
Ph 61-3-9258-7526
Fax 61-3-93694819
Email paul.taranto@qenos.com

MESSAGE from RC OF MONT ALBERT AND SURREY HILLS – Book Fair

Date: 3rd June
Event RC MASH - BOOK A RAMA
Venue: Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill
Time: 9 am to 10 am EARLY BIRD SALES \$10 per person entry
From 10 am to 4 pm - Gold Coin Donation

MASSES OF BOOKS FOR SALE, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.
Book donations and enquiries welcome - contact Jenny or Roger on 9830 7711 or 0407 689 777

MESSAGE from THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN –Luis Giay

Former Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow, Global Investor and Philanthropist, Sir John Marks Templeton, once said, "The greatest charity is to help a person change from being a receiver to being a giver." I share his words to ask you to ask all the Paul Harris Fellows in

your club to make an annual gift to the Annual Programs Fund before 30 June 2007. Over the years, we have learned that many Rotarians, once they receive their Paul Harris Fellows, stop giving to our Rotary Foundation. When asked, those same Rotarians will tell you they stopped giving because they thought they had fulfilled their obligation to the Foundation and no one had ever asked them to continue contributing! In May 2006, our Foundation named its One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow, a significant milestone that represented US\$1,000,000,000 contributed to our Foundation through the program. Think of all the good that came from those one million Paul Harris Fellow contributions: we are nearing the eradication of polio in the world; millions of children no longer die from drinking contaminated water; and, thousands of young scholars have gone on to make a difference in the world. An even greater good will come from the contributions we make to our Foundation today. Please ask all Rotarians who received a Paul Harris Fellow to give to the Annual Programs Fund by 30 June 2007 and help make our Rotary Foundation the greatest charity in the world. Thank you

In sincere gratitude, your friend, **Luis Giay, 2006-07 Trustee Chairman, The Rotary Foundation.**

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

DATA BASE UPDATE

PP Ken Rice, our hard working Database Administrator is about to send to each club an A3 Sheet setting the details currently held on file. When this is received please circulate the list to all members for checking, and to be signed off by the Club Members where possible, as only individuals know 100% of their correct current / preferred details and any impending changes to these details.

DISTRICT SPONSORS

From time to time I will include reference to our valued sponsors who provide much needed support to the District. I encourage Rotarians to make use of the goods and services offered by the sponsors



Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 15th May 2007-Final Applications for Club sponsored students for 2008 Outbound Group to be submitted to the District YEP Committee.

Friday 18th May 2007- “Big Night Out” Kingston City Hall - Cnr Nepean Highway & South Rd, Moorabbin

7.30 PM till Midnight - Tickets \$40.00 each (Tables of 10) 3 Course Dinner - BYO Drinks

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Sunday 20th May 2007 – District 9810 Assembly – Deakin University – Burwood Campus

Saturday 26th May 2007 - 11am-1pm DIY Super Investment Seminar at Rusden Lecture Theatre, Deakin Uni, Burwood featuring Alan Kohler; Kevin Bailey; Helen Breier; MC – Dominic Alafaci. Further details Ken Rice, RC Box Hill Central 0419 319 619,

kenrice@kandl.com.au or soon at www.diysuperseminar.com.

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th May 2007. District YEP Committee Assessment Weekend for January 2008 Outbound Students.

Sunday 3rd June 2007 – RC of MASH – Book fair Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill - 9 am to 10 am EARLY BIRD SALES \$10 per person entry - From 10 am to 4 pm - Gold Coin Donation

Saturday 30th June 2007 – District Governors Changeover – Caulfield Racecourse – further details shortly.

Yours in Rotary

DG Bob Richards

