



# ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

## Weekly Bulletin 2009-2010

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
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Movie Night at Pinewood Cinemas to see "The Backup Plan"			
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Members from SEAAC Multicultural Youth Services.	John Barnes	Jim Cochrane	Jean Cochrane
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Students feedback from MUNA	Jim Cochrane	Jean Cochrane	Dianne Day

### Club Projects / Involvements

#### SEAAC (Southern Ethnic Advisory and Advocacy Council)



## 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?"

"The attached photo features SEAAC Case management Supervisors and some of the 25 Sudanese students who recently attended a 3 day camp focussing upon "Youth Empowerment" also included is Bill Pontikis, President of the Clayton Traders who supplied the first lunch which our club sponsored and featuring Incoming Clayton Rotary President Bill Sides. The case Supervisors will be our guests on June 7th."

SEAAC is a community based organisation that seeks to enable young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds to be active, informed, and well skilled members of society. We explicitly seek to empower individuals and local communities to have a greater influence over the decisions that influence their lives

## Life & Times of Paul Harris

### His bonnie lassie

Harris met Jean Thomson, Scottish-born daughter of John and Ann Younson Thomson, during an outdoor excursion of what would later become the Prairie Club.

*One beautiful March Saturday in 1910 I joined my fellow Prairians on an Elgin and Aurora electric train bound west. I was a bachelor and quite open-minded on the matrimonial subject. That is to say, I had never closed my mind and heart to the possibilities of conjugal bliss ... Here is where she came in, blythe, bonny Jean.*

After a brief courtship, they wedded on 2 July 1910 in Chicago. In 1912, they purchased a two-year-old house on Longwood Drive in Morgan Park, which, at the time, was a suburb of Chicago. The nearby rail lines made it possible for businessmen like Harris to live in the south suburbs and commute to their offices in the city. The Harrises named their house Comely Bank after the street in Edinburgh where Jean had lived as a child. They entertained friends from Chicago and around the world, and hosted meetings and reunions of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Weather permitting, many gatherings took place outside, in what they referred to as their "Garden of Friendship" or "Friendship Garden."

The couple never had children, and Jean often joined Harris during his travels to Rotary clubs worldwide. After Harris died, Jean briefly continued to live at Comely Bank. She later sold the house and, in 1955, returned to her native Edinburgh, where she died in 1963.



## 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.

The photos above shows Paul and Jean Harris on a 1927 trip to Veracruz, Mexico and Jean Harris in 1926.

**Next week – Penned by Paul**

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## Last Week Meeting & Notes

### Last Meeting (27/05):

This week the club travelled to Noble Park and joined with the other clubs in our cluster including Huntingdale, Oakleigh, Springvale City & Noble Park. The evening was an opportunity to celebrate a year's co-operation and fellowship. The evening also allowed an opportunity to say thank you to Assistant Governor Keith Maxwell for 2 years of dedicated support to the clubs.

The guest speakers who were from very different fields were most interesting & inspirational. Trish Keilty outlined the growth of Avocare which among other projects gathers food from a large number of sources and distributes to organisations such as Rotary. Indeed this where Jim and Jean Cochrane receive food which our club donates to Dixon House. Avocare has received many awards including City of Greater Dandenong "Best Caring for People" and Springvale "Cooking for the Community" In 2009 17 Tonnes of food was distributed to community groups.

Guest Speaker Geraldine from Noble Park Special School explained about a project called "Second Skin" which in part is funded by the Rotary Club of Noble Park. The project features a special material fashioned into specific garments designed to support and help correct limb and torso misalignment caused through poor connection to the brain. The recipients are children and usually have the corrections "second skin" monitored and changed on an annual basis.

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### Meeting Notes:

- Ralph Zuccaro informed us that our meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May will be a Cinema Night at Pinewood. The cost is \$10 and supper is included. The movie on the night is "The Backup Plan". This will also be a partners and friends night. The minimum requirement on the night is 15 people.
- Bill Sides gave an update on the Club Changeover which is on the 28<sup>th</sup> June and will be held at the Mulgrave Country Club. Entertainment on the night will be Gus Downing, a gifted young lad who has just been awarded a grant to attend the famous "Fiddle Frenzy" in the Shetlands. Cost will be \$40 per person which includes a three course meal, Tea or Coffee. Drinks are at bar prices. Time is 7:00 pm. Book or leave message on 0429 055 120 or mail [bill@sides.com.au](mailto:bill@sides.com.au) by 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Apologies** = Dianne Day, Michael Ellinger, Glenys Pattison, Dianne Sides, John Goldspink & Reddy Kandadi.

**Make Ups** = Michael Ellinger, Reddy Kandadi & Glenys Pattison (District Assembly), Dianne Sides (RC of Mt Waverley).

**Leave of Absence** = None.

**Visitors** = None

## Special Announcements

**2<sup>nd</sup> June – Jean Cochrane Birthday.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June – Jim & Jean Cochrane Wedding Anniversary.**  
**6<sup>th</sup> June – Padma Kandadi Birthday**  
**9<sup>th</sup> June – Warren Fricke Birthday**

## Important Club Dates

**Monday 31/05/10** – Movie Night at Pinewood to see "The Backup Plan". Cost \$10 & supper provided (RSVP to Ralph Zuccaro).

**Thursday 03/06/10** – Monash Childrens Trivia Night & Silent Auction at the Clayton RSL. More details soon.

**Wednesday 16/06/10** – Joint Board Meeting starting at 6:00pm (Bill Sides Home).

**Monday 28/06/10** – Club Changeover at the Mulgrave Country Club.

**Saturday 03/07/10** – District Governor Changeover at Contessa Receptions.

## Rotary Classification's

If anybody knows someone suitable to be invited to join Rotary and they fall under the classification "**Banking Commercial**", can you please contact and inform Secretary Heather Norling.

## District 9810 News

### District Changeover

**District Governor David Forster & Jenny**

**together with**

**District Governor Elect David Alexander & Denise**

**Request the pleasure of the company of  
All District 9810 Rotarians, Partners & Friends  
at the**

**2010 District 9810 Changeover Dinner**

**on**

**Saturday 3 July 2010**

**at**

**7:00pm – 11:30 pm**

**to be held at**

**Contessa Receptions**

**440 Huntingdale Road, Mt Waverley**

**Melways 70 A3 – Website: [www.contessareceptions.com.au](http://www.contessareceptions.com.au)**

**David & Jenny and David & Denise would be delighted to have as many of you as possible to join them as the District Governor's baton is passed from David Forster to David Alexander as 2009/10 comes to a close and 2010/11 begins**

**Dress: Jacket & Tie for gentlemen, After Five for ladies**

**RSVP by 18 June 2010**

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## 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 Events:

- Non-Changeover Changeover will be held on Wednesday 21 July. (Details TBA)

### Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Jon Breisch
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Richard Simmons

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

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## Upcoming Events in Monash

### 2010 Winter Concert Series

#### June Winter Concert Victoria Police Show Band

**20 June, 2:00-4:00pm**

Come and join us for an afternoon delight listening to some of the best musicians Melbourne has to offer as the 25 piece Show Band performs its versatile repertoire from jazz, swing, contemporary pop and musicals and some light opera. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Clayton Hall**  
264 Clayton Road, Clayton

Bookings Essential, 14 - 18 June 9am - 5pm  
Phone 9518 3636 or until booked out

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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### Kingston Farmers Market

**Saturday, 5 June 2010**  
**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Picked on Friday. Sold on Saturday

Farm fresh fruit & vegies (including organics), breads, pasta, artisan cheeses,



free-range eggs, organic meat, gluten-free products, olive oils, home made condiments. And that's just the beginning!

BYO trolley or recycled bags.

**LOCATION:** Sir William Fry Reserve, Nepean Hwy Highett (Melway 77 G11)

**CONTACT NAME:** City of Kingston **PHONE:** 9581 4746

**EMAIL:** [info@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@kingston.vic.gov.au)

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## Where other Clubs Meet

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a "make-up" and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club.

Details for all District 9810 clubs can be obtained in the district directory or website [www.rotary9810.org](http://www.rotary9810.org). Details for clubs around the world are available in the RI Directory (held by the club secretary) and on the RI website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

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## Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Heather Norling** on **9544 4220 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](mailto: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**

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## Joke of the Week

A man and his wife were reflecting on 60 years of marriage. He asked her if she had ever been unfaithful and the demure reply was only three times.

The first was when their business was going badly and it looked like the bank would foreclose on the home mortgage.

The wife went to see the banker and next day he extended a loan to get the business over the crisis.

The second time was when they did not have the money for his heart operation. The wife went to see the surgeon and next day he telephoned to say that he would operate without charge.

The husband was touched at the sacrifices made by his wife when they faced such trying times. He was most forgiving.

"And when was the third time?" he asked.

Came the reply: "Remember when you wanted to be president of the golf club and you needed 62 more votes?"

# Rotary International News

## Giving Ugandan children a second chance

Peter Schmidtke  
Rotary International News -- 26 May 2010

Mulambuzi Joshua is not likely to forget his fifth birthday. He spent the day recovering from heart surgery that will allow him to attend school again in his village outside of Kampala, Uganda.

Mulambuzi was 1 of 20 Ugandan children who received free heart surgeries through Gift of Life India. The program is among 65 throughout the world supported by Rotary clubs and established to arrange cardiac care for young children whose families cannot afford it.

The surgeries were funded by a US\$105,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest and District 3010 (India), and all 17 districts in Korea.



The children, between the ages of 11 months and 12 years, arrived in New Delhi over a three-month period starting in January. Doctors at the Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre and the National Heart Institute performed surgeries to correct their congenital heart defects. Several of the children needed immediate attention.

"Many of them were overdue," says Dr. A.C. Peter, a member of the Rotary Club of Delhi East End and Gift of Life India national coordinator. "After surgery, all these patients can lead healthy and productive lives like any other child."

District 7250 (New York, USA) established Gift of Life India in 2002. Since its inception, the program has treated more than 500 children from India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Sudan, with support from Rotary clubs and Matching Grant funds.

It also receives help -- including medical team coordination and prospective patient lists -- from [Gift of Life International](#), formed in 2003 to assist Gift of Life programs around the world.

### **Making connections**

January's Matching Grant project arose because of connections from a similar effort a year earlier, when the Indian program agreed to arrange two surgeries as part of Gift of Life International's Our Hearts Are in Uganda campaign. Sixty Ugandan children were treated in 13 countries.

Bret Halvorson, a member of the Rotary Club of Emerald City (Seattle), Washington, USA, and a native of Korea, escorted one of the children and her mother from the airport in Seoul to a local hospital. Wanting to help more Ugandan youth, Korean Past District Governor Sangkoo Yun and Youngsuk Yoon, then district governor-elect, suggested a follow-up project to Halvorson, a Gift of Life beneficiary himself.

The three met with Peter, Past RI Director Sushil Gupta, and Gift of Life International founder Robert Donno at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, where they worked through details of the January Matching Grant project.

"Everything came together nicely," says Halvorson. "I'm just happy that I can be a part of that -- to pay it forward to these children who are in the same position that I was."

Korean Rotarians pooled District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations. Grace Agwaru, a member of the Rotary Club of Soroti Central, Uganda, and the first Gift of Life beneficiary, worked with fellow Ugandan Rotarians to identify candidates for the program and help their families understand the surgery and make travel arrangements. Delhi East End club members met the children at the airport and visited them almost daily in the hospital.

"Raising DDF from all 17 districts in Korea was a major task, but we had the pronounced leadership of Yoon from District 3650," says Yun, who stressed the role of the Rotary network in completing international service projects.

Gift of Life India also recently received a pledge of \$110,000 from Rotarians in Taiwan for future surgeries.

**For more information:**

- Visit the [Gift of Life International website](#)
- Learn more about [Matching Grants](#)
- Read [Trustees restore Matching Grants World Fund budget](#)



J E N N I F E R L O P E Z



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON  
PRESENTS  
A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

**WHERE: PINWOOD CINEMA  
BLACKBURN ROAD  
MOUNT WAVERLEY**

**WHEN: MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

**TIME: MOVIE STARTS AT 6.40 PM**

**PRICE: \$10 PER HEAD (GREAT VALUE!!)**

**SUPPER PROVIDED AFTER THE MOVIE**

**RSVP: BY FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
RALPH 0408991741**