



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON Weekly Bulletin



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Tonight: Clayton RSL Club 6:15pm for 6:30pm
November is Rotary Foundation Month

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker	Chairperson	Desk	Visitors
27 th Nov	Graham Peck speaking on Leprosy Mission.	Richard Simmons	Warren Fricke	Lesley Zuccaro
4 th Dec	AGM & Club Assembly	Jean Cochrane	Ralph Zuccaro	Michael Ellinger
11 Dec	Harald Schmidt (World Cup Adventures)	Bill Sides	Jon Breisch	Jim Cochrane
18 Dec	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.

A Small program for fellowship this still to be confirmed.

The Rotary Club of Clayton – Over 40 years of service in the community
Website - <http://rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/index.htm>

December- Christmas Function.

January- Meetings at Rotarians houses.

February- A day at Safety Beach Jim & Jeans.

March – Shepparton conference

April- A Picture Night.

Rotaract Roster

Date	Rotarian to Visit
4 th December	Michael Ellinger
18 th December	Bill Sides

Previous meeting

Last Meeting: 20th of November at Village Green Hotel.

Apologies: Bob Minter, John Goldspink.

Make Ups:

Guests:

Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries

General Business

Last meeting the 20th of November a joint meeting with the Rotary clubs of Waverly, Geraldine Cox from Sunrise Children's Homes give a great speech on her personal project of the Sunrise homes in Cambodia and her new ones which give the children under her care hope for the future.

Ride to Conference this year (850Km) 24-29 March 2007, Are there any takers to sponsor Bill. Shepparton Conference if you require Registration Forms see John Barnes.

We also have 10 rooms booked for Rotary members and partners.

International Rotary Convention Salt Lake City 14 June 2007.

Rotary Plum Puddings (see Warren Fricke

The Rotary Club has Adopted Village from RAMS is (HURIS) – New Ireland.

Poowong Dairy Farm day (See Dr Ed)

3rd of Dec is the Christmas Function at Pelican Pantry at Dromana for 12.30 pm for a 1pm o'clock start. Jim has booked for about 20 people.

Forms for Working with Children check valid for 5 year. See Bill Sides

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the Month.

Rotaract club of Clayton Needs help with numbers of people aged 18 to 30 years.

Upcoming District events.

Next month...

9/12/2006 (Sat) [62nd Annual Concert](#)

Next year...

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

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

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

30/3/2007 (Fri) [District Conference](#)

31/3/2007 (Sat) [District Conference](#)

1/4/2007 (Sun) [District Conference](#)

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

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

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

Hi everyone,

In the lead up to tonight's District meeting @ Clayton RSL, I would love to take this opportunity to ask you to mark this date into your diaries....

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2007 - BLIND CRICKET MATCH
Rotary/Rotaract District 9810 vs Victorian Blind Cricket Association
To be held at Vision Australia's Cricket Ovals, Kooyong
10am-4pm

A great opportunity to bring your families and friends ... bring a picnic, make it a relaxing (and amusing!) day out.

More details to follow; watch this space!

Robyn Kensley :)
Rotaract Club of Clayton & DRR 2006-2007

Just a quick reminder on the behalf of John Barnes to let you know that Conference registration forms are due back now (due date was 17/11/06). For those who have already brought them back please disregard this e-mail. For those who have not and wish to attend the conference, here are your two options:-

1. You can post them back to John Barnes at 5A York Street, Glen Waverley, 3150 as soon as possible.

Or

2. You can bring them along to our meeting on the 04/12/06, with either a cheque or credit card details

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?

You might think leprosy is one of those diseases confined to history.

It's certainly rare in Australia, with only 16 cases diagnosed here last year (two were in the indigenous community, while 14 were people emigrating from overseas who already had the disease on their arrival). But overseas, it's another story.

"Leprosy is a reportable disease with the World Health Organisation," says Graham Peck, Chief Executive of Leprosy Mission Australia.

"There were 700,000 cases diagnosed last year world wide. More than half a million of those were in one country - India. It's still out there.

"One of the difficulties with the disease is, it's not the disease that's the issue, it's the stigma that's associated with the disease, the way that people are ostracised from their family and friends and village and community. That's the real sadness of the disease of leprosy."

Leprosy is caused by a bacillus which was first identified in the 1870s. However, treatment did not become available until the 1940s.

"I was at a seminar recently with the World Health Organisation, where they put up their statistical modelling and said that, at the current rate, it'll be around for another 60 years," Graham says.

"The biggest challenge is not providing the cure; the biggest challenge is overcoming cultural and spiritual beliefs that many people have as to what the disease of leprosy is. They see it as a punishment for wrongdoing. To do that, there's got to be a lot of education going on, so people see it as an infectious disease and can be cured."

In Australia, the Leprosy Mission's role is promotional work about its own work overseas and about the disease; overseas, the organisation's role is far more serious.

"Up until [the cure was discovered] our work was to provide places of refuge for people affected by leprosy - in other words, leprosy colonies. These days, it's to provide the cure, the medication; it's to provide reconstruction

and cosmetic surgery to help people overcome the disabilities; it's to help people integrate back into communities. So we have vocational training centres, micro-credit loans, we have all sorts of rehabilitation programs to help people integrate back into communities, to live with dignity."

The micro-credit loans are 'absolutely imperative', Graham says.

"If you've had people who've been living with disabilities and living in poverty and living by begging, and we want to integrate these people back into the community to live with dignity - you can't live with dignity unless you've got an income, so the micro-credit loans are very, very important.

"A bicycle rickshaw, the cost of that is \$150 Australian. We don't give them the money, we give them the rickshaw and they go into an agreement. The loan repayment on a rickshaw is two years; the average life of a loan is one year and two months.

"Why do they pay them back so quickly? They are so grateful - and they want to pay the money back so that somebody else can be helped."

JOKES FOR THE WEEK

Spelling checker

Eye Halve a Spelling Chequer

**Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.**

**Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.**

**As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite**

Its rarely ever wrong.

**Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect in it's weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.**

-- Sauce unknown

Meeting Closed on the 20th November at 9:05pm

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 21 2006-07

Week commencing: Monday 20 November 2006

PRESIDENTS MEETING 24th November 2006

A reminder that the next Presidents' meeting is Friday 24th November 2006 at 7:00PM and the venue is Scope at 750 Boronia Road, Wantirna.

LITERACY BRAIN STORMING

Our District Literacy Chairman, Juliet Riseley will Chair a meeting of all interested "Literacy" minded Rotarians on Friday 8 December 2006. Juliet has suggested we invite all the "bright ideas" people of the District to develop a detailed plan to meet RIP Bill Boyd's emphasis on Literacy. The meeting will be held at SCOPE, 750 Boronia Road, Wantirna commencing at 7:00PM. Please put on your thinking caps and encourage the "bright ideas" people to come along.

MESSAGE from RC of WANTIRNA

The RC of Wantirna in conjunction with the Bayswater Church of Christ is holding a Carols by Candlelight Service at the Templeton Reserve, Templeton Street, Wantirna on Sunday 17th December at 8:00pm following a Sausage Sizzle at 7:00pm.

All welcome

IMPORTANT MESSAGE From Carrol Farmer

PLEASE-PLEASE-PLEASE- PLEASE

Save the STAMPS from OVERSEAS!!
When Christmas Cards are sent to you
I hope you know just what to do -----

SAVE the stamps from foreign parts
So joy can fill the little hearts
Of crippled children far and wide
Who need the chairs that we provide.

ALL stamps of ANY VALUE or COUNTRY are needed to support
The District Stamp Fund supporting the Wheelchair program.
Any queries to Carrol Farmer on - efarmer@ozemail.com.au

MESSAGE from DGE Dick Garner

Wanted District 9810 Rotarians Interested in Working on District Committees
Rotary Year 2007 – 2008

DG Elect Dick Garner is starting to put together the District Committees for his Rotary year.
If you are interested in working at a District Committee level please contact Dick with details of your area of interest. Dick's contact details are:

Email: richard_garner@optusnet.com.au

Tel: 9530 8805

Fax: 9530 8806

Name	Club	Area of Interest	Tel; Number

MESSAGE from MASH

Season Greetings to the Club Presidents of Rotary District 9810.

**ROTARY CLUB OF MONT ALBERT & SURREY HILLS
CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES.**

We are again approaching that time of year when your Club Members purchases of the best Christmas Mince Pies in Melbourne, can earn your Club a donation to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund at the rate of \$3-00 per dozen mince pies purchased. The price per dozen mince pies this year is \$ 14-00 [with \$3-00 going to ARHRF in your club's name]. Orders are restricted to a minimum of one dozen lots. It would be appreciated if clubs could submit one order for the whole club with one cheque/payment for the total.

Orders will close on 28 November 2006 with delivery to commence the week beginning of 11 December 2006.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your club all the best for the Festive Season and look forward to receiving your club orders in due course.

President Ern Hermeler

SPECIAL MESSAGE from PDG Philip and Carol

Draw a Child's Smile

We would like to thank members of D9810 for their wonderful support of this project - supplying pencils, crayons and chalk for the children of Zimbabwe.

We would be very grateful if all items collected could be given to us by the end of November, so that we can finalise the project and arrange delivery to Zimbabwe.

Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped to Draw a Child's Smile.

Philip and Carol Hedley

MESSAGE from Andrew Forgas – Vocational Service Awards

Shine On Awards

Unfortunately the Shine On awards web page was invaded by a U.S.A. retail company and is no longer operational. Until a new web page is set up it will not be possible to download Guidelines or Nomination forms for the 2006 / 7 Rotary year.

All Presidents and Vocational Service directors were posted these forms in September. If you require more please contact District Awards Chairman Andrew Forgas on 9807 2607 or email ajforgas@ozemail.com.au or email direct to dawnwatson@yahoo.com.

Perhaps this is an opportune time to remind all Clubs that the closing deadline for this excellent project is February 25th 2007. Late entries cannot be considered.

This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of people with disabilities, who by their actions serve as "SHINING EXAMPLES" to the community. There is no cost to the Rotary Club only the satisfaction of knowing that a committed disabled member of the community has been recognised and rewarded.

4 WAY TEST PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

After a successful inaugural year for the Rotary Four-way Test Speaking Competition, District is keen to see the program grow in 2006-7. An Excellent standard of participants was achieved last year, culminating in the finals at the Adelaide conference. Candidates for the next competition must be in Year 10 in 2007.

Clubs are advised to contact schools as soon as possible to interest them in participating. Candidates (Year 9) should be selected during Term 4 this year. This will enable them to prepare for the competition during February. Candidates must be prepared to travel to conference at Shepparton in the event they make the grand final.

For information on the program please refer to the District website. For queries and application forms please contact PP Kevin O'Donnell.

SHEPPARTON 2007 Conference

The Shepparton Conference will provide an opportunity to improve your Rotary knowledge, ideal for newer Rotarians, and to meet long time Rotary friends and to make new friends. Entertainment will be fabulous and we will achieve our aim to put more Rotary into Rotarians. Jill and I look forward to welcoming you to Shepparton

House of Friendship

Please note that all spaces for the House of Friendship at Shepparton Conference have been allocated. Thanks for your overwhelming support.

Remember the challenge

Rtn Les Frampton (Boronia) on behalf of Hagemeyer Brands Corporate startled even DG Bob Richards when in addition to his already generous sponsorship threw out a challenge to all clubs. The Hagemeyer offer is, if 35% of your active Rotary members attend the Shepparton Conference, Hagemeyer will donate to your CLUB a Watch to the retail value of \$199.00 to be raffled or auctioned at your club for charitable funds. How good is that?

This is yet another good reason to support Hagemeyer. Also I reckon Les would make a great guest speaker for your club.

Additional Sponsor

Leader Newspapers have joined our list of valued sponsors and we welcome their support. Chris Retzos of the Retzos Group who operate KFC outlets throughout the western suburbs, Shepparton and in Wantirna has joined our list of generous sponsors

Other kind sponsors are Michaels Camera and Video, Steamatic, Johns Lyng Builders and the Retzos Group (KFC) and of course Mitre 10 as our principal sponsor.

Our valued sponsors provide much needed support to the District. I encourage all Rotarians and the family of Rotary to make use of the goods and services offered by them.

MESSAGE FROM PDG PHILIP HEDLEY

RI International Convention - Salt Lake City

I have received a supply of application forms and other details on the International Convention in Salt Lake City from the 17th to 20th June, 2007. If any Rotarians would like this information to be sent to them, please advise. Early bird discounted registration available until 1 December 2006.

PDG Philip

MESSAGE from Youth Exchange Committee

YEP Host Family Bank.

All Rotarians will have received a letter recently from the District Youth Exchange Committee with respect to the establishment of a Host Family Bank. Please consider this request not only from your own perspective but also from family and colleagues and others who may be able to become involved. The RI Accreditation procedures are now such that we can have as high a degree of confidence in non-Rotarian host families as we have had for Rotarian families in the past. This is an opportunity to engage the wider community in supporting a great Rotary Program. Please reconsider the request if necessary. Additional copies of the letter and Host Family brochures can be obtained from Committee Secretary Teena Griffiths at teenagrif@hotmail.com or 0439 038 704.

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:

Carolyn Brown – Family of Rotary – Moorleigh Bentleigh-East

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:

Phil Leck – RC of Boronia

Faye Korbatiéh – RC of Doncaster

David Brown – RC of Moorleigh Bentleigh-East

Database Changes

Within the District, and there will be detailed instructions on this in the new District Directory, you should inform dg@9810.rotary.org.au, newsletter@9810.rotary.org.au, database@9810.rotary.org.au and last but not least webmaster@9810.rotary.org.au. By using the generic email addresses, your email will always get to the current holder of that office.

District Governors Newsletter

If you would like to include an item in the District Governors Newsletter, please forward copy to PP Roger Sever, of the RC of Sandringham by 3rd of each month. Roger's email address is: sales@reprotech.com.au or newsletter@9810.rotary.org.au

MESSAGE from RCs of Monash and Nunawading

"An Introduction to Photography and Digital Imagery".

The advent of digital photography has sparked a 'new' interest in photography and the need for effective instruction in the use of digital imagery.

We are privileged to have Rotarian Malcolm Brownlee PHF (Paul Harris Fellow) as the instructor. He is a professional photographer who provides his time free of charge, and so also do all other volunteers, mentors and assistants. This is the 3rd year venture with 14 successful courses completed.

The Photography Course consists of five, two-hour weekly workshops (including an evening field trip) and the Retouching Course, has six, two-hour weekly sessions. Mentors are appointed to assist small groups. It is conducted at the Victoria Police Academy in Glen Waverley, where Malcolm has his studio. Currently, the courses are on Tuesday nights between 7 and 9pm.

The next course will commence on the 14 November 2006 and there a few vacancies and four Photography courses are set for 2007 commencing on the 23rd Jan, 20th March, 29th May, 7th August and a 'Retouching Course' commences on the 2nd October.

Attached is a brochure containing information about the course, together with a special "Rotary" Registration form. The cost of the photography course is \$250 per person, and the retouching course \$300, which covers all course materials and costs. Yep! There is homework!

All 'profits' fund Rotary community projects.

Please take advantage of this terrific opportunity and advertise it amongst your, friends and relatives. Send the special registration form, with your Clubs' details together with payment to the address indicated on the form. Please make additional copies of the registration form as necessary.

Details of course dates, further details and additional copies of the brochure and registration form can be obtained from Bruce Fullard on 0418 316 504 or email rotaryphotography@a1.com.au

What a great Christmas or Birthday present!

Please support this excellent and innovative program and tell others about it

Thanks – President Len Brear – RC of Nunawading

MESSAGE from RC of Warrandyte

On March 11th next year, the Mental Health Foundation of Australia is conducting their annual picnic day fund raiser in association with Alzheimer's Australia and the Sovereign Order of St John.

This will be the third year of the event in the beautiful grounds of Cruden Farm at Langwarren, the home of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE. Dame Elisabeth only opens her property to selected groups five times per year and they are privileged to have the opportunity for access to this unique property to raise funds for their three important charities.

This year the Mental Health Foundation of Australia is extending the entertainment to include a Classic Car display and a demonstration and display of horse drawn carriages by the Australian Carriage Driving Society.

At Warrandyte, President Alan feels this would be a great fellowship day for our Club and this could extend to the District. As Langwarren is in District 9820, an invitation will be ecare them also. This would be a great combined fellowship day for Rotarians from both Districts with no work for Rotarians. We are can provide a "Rotary Rotunda", a central place where Rotarians can meet for fellowship at the event.

This would also give visibility to Rotary and serve as a membership canvassing opportunity as we could offer a Rotary Information table in the Rotunda and Rotary could provide some Rotary signage and hand out Rotary information.

Rotary support for this special event by way of attendance of as many Rotarians as possible would be fantastic. I am happy to discuss more detail if needed and look forward to hearing back from you

***Graeme Redman PP, PHF –
Rotary Club of Warrandyte- Director Mental Health Foundation of Australia- Ph 9722 1252***

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 23th November - RC of Waverley -President's Charity Auction – Thursday 23 November 2006 at the Riversdale Golf Club, Huntingdale Road, Mount Waverley at 7:00PM Cost \$35.00 ticket inclusive of a two course dinner, complimentary pre-dinner drink and entertainment. Drinks at Bar Prices. To book tickets please contact Del Gilder on 9561 1932 or Robyn Williams on 9561 2742

Friday 24th November – Presidents meeting at Scope commencing 7:00pm

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Thursday 30th November – RC of Chelsea Golf Day – Rossdale Golf Club, First Avenue, Aspendale. Shot Gun Start @ 12:30pm Sharp, Enquiries PP Kevin Harrison Telephone 9772 2233 Email: kellyh@harrisonholden.com.au

Friday 8th December – Literacy Brainstorming night at Scope

Sunday 17th December – **RC of Wantirna, Carols by Candlelight – Templeton Reserve Templeton Street, Wantirna, 8:00pm following a Sausage Sizzle at 7:00pm**

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February 2007 – 24 hour Rotary Club Meeting

Thursday 29th March to Sunday 1st April 2007 – District Conference at Shepparton –

**Yours in Rotary
DG Bob Richards**

