

2nd June 2006:

With more than 6,000 people killed and 30,000 injured by Saturday's 5.9-magnitude earthquake on Indonesia's Java island, relief is in great need. Rotarians are busy providing grassroots aid for hungry villagers, whom news outlets are reporting to be pleading for food.

"At this time of crisis, one thing appreciated in the Rotary organization is the benefit of the communications systems in place," says Rodolfo Balmater, district governor of District 3400. "This assurance provides hope to many local Rotarians that they are not alone in undertaking humanitarian works for the less privileged members of the community."

Rotarians in the neighboring cities of Solo City, Semarang City, Purwokerto, and Cirebon have donated necessities such as food, blankets, and medicine. And large-scale relief efforts are already taking place.

"As I see it, the inner strength of the Rotary organization is the value of the networking," Balmater says. "Our fellow Rotarians from Europe, USA, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, and other parts of the world quickly assured Rotarians in Indonesia that they will help during the emergencies and also the forthcoming rehabilitation and reconstruction."

An estimated 130,000 homes – including Balmater's – were destroyed or damaged by the quake.

In response, London Rotarians quickly flew about 400 Shelterboxes – containing tents and necessary equipment – to the stricken region. The ShelterBox project began in England but has since spread to Australia, Canada, and the United States. The Rotarian-sponsored groups ship units globally to areas in need.

Roster:

	This week	Next Week
Program	Eric Kenning Film and TV in Canberra	PDG Ian Sayers Malaria
Introduction	David Fox	Tom Davies
Appreciation	Peter Evans	Piers Booth
Sergeant	Neale Emanuel	Neale Emanuel
Fellowship	Ken Goard Des Henderson Kelly	Bob Harvie Shukry Sahhar
Raven Recorder	John Gray	Keith Avent
Birthdays	Phil Ibbotson 9th June Jenny Fox 12th June	nil
Anniversaries	John and Pixie Gray 13th June	nil
Trash & Treasure	11th June Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell 25th June Tom Davies-Bob Harvie	18th June Ray Newcombe-Ros Osbourne(?) 2nd July ? ?

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This Week:

Eric Kenning
on

Film and TV in Canberra

Eric Kenning ACS is a leading Canberra documentary film director and multimedia producer with extensive experience in production for the web and corporate videos.

He has made a specialty of incorporating video and audio media in PowerPoint and offers a service to enhance and improve standard presentations, advise and assist in developing new presentations and providing training in the program's capabilities.

Eric also lectures in film and television production, is an accredited member of the Australian Cinematographers Society (ACS) and a Board member of the ACT Film and Television Council.

Last Week:

President John welcomed PP John and PP Janet Lawrence who have been visiting Canberra. Janet carried out some work on behalf of her previous Commonwealth Department employer. John said that the Chang Mai project has received widespread publicity (via video tape) covering the project and this has resulted in substantial interest in participating in such projects. President John also welcomed Kerry Jones - a club guest who has expressed interest in Rotary.

In recognition of the club's past contribution, the Fred Hollow's Foundation sent the club a pictorial volume of Fred Hollow's work in a number of locations and cultures. The book is being circulated among members.



SERVICE Above Self

Donations: Acknowledgement of a donation to the Pegasus Riding School was received with an invitation to visit. Acknowledgements were also received from TADACT (Technical Aid to the Disabled, ACT) and St John Ambulance.

Trash and Treasure: Two full loads of waste were collected. Some Stallholders dropped their loads and left well before normal closure.

Driver Reviver: To commence this coming long weekend. Tip Top Bakeries withdrew their donation but offered bread at a discount.

Guest Speaker. Des Pain introduced Dr Sinclair Dinnen who has worked in the Pacific region to the North for 20 years accumulating wide experience. Dr Dinnen is an adviser to PNG and the Solomon Islands. His specializes in the 'peace process' and in studying the nature of conflict in these areas.



Dr. Dinnen said he would extend his talk beyond the Solomon Islands to the region where he said an arc of instability existed and featured great complexity. These complexities were not understood by inexperienced analysts and commentators who did not comprehend the diversity of cultures and histories. For example, Fiji was wracked by political instability born out of a colonial legacy. Bougainville's instability since the 1980s is from the exploitation of mineral resources. PNG'S inability to generate revenues since independence bringing about an uprising. Thankfully a peace process is now in progress.

In the Solomon Islands a militia group took over until in 2003 a mission commenced to resolve issues and is now undergoing a recovery. Vanuatu is also undergoing a similar process. PNG with its over 800 languages is challenging with 85 percent of its population in rural areas and do not formally identified as a nation.

One great difficulty is the approach to resolve matters in too short a time. Another is that Peacekeepers do not have sufficient knowledge of local conditions.

Dr Dinnen fielded questions concerning importing to the region our concepts of de-

mocracy to their cultures. Mentoring is seen as a positive. This enables people to own the process and to assist in the sustainability of all the solutions.....Gary Scott thanked the Speaker. *Thanks to recorder Des Henderson Kelly*

Gift of Spenco Mattresses: Keith Avent, President John and Treasurer Noel visited Ward 8B, the renal and dialysis ward at the Canberra Hospital last Thursday to see the Spenco mattresses that the Club has funded from the Hospital Wishing Well collections. Pat Tozer, the nurse in charge of the ward, told them that these soft mattresses – rather like lying on jelly – are very helpful for reducing pain from pressure points for patients who must spend a lot of time in bed. They are comparatively cheap. Flasher mattresses for this purpose can cost some \$5000 each, while these were only \$520 each. Keith attests to their comfort – see the photo of his trial run!



Keith hard at work for your Rotary club testing a "Spanco" Mattress



Wishing Well plaque

Attendance matter: Club Guests: Dr Sinclair Dinnen, Kerry Jones. Visiting Rotarians: John Lawrence (Brisbane), Janet Lawrence (Planetarium). Make-ups: Ros Osbourne, Jim Grainger. Number of members present: 22. Percentage &75.86%

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