

One year after the devastating tsunami killed an estimated 300,000 people in nearly a dozen countries bordering the Indian Ocean, Rotary clubs worldwide have continued to donate money and muscle to help in relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Rotary clubs so far have raised US\$20 million to assist communities affected by the disaster. The Rotary Foundation also collected \$5 million through its Solidarity in South Asia Fund. Rotary club leaders in the affected countries, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand, are coordinating distribution of the fund's money to rebuild schools, hospitals, and homes.

The Rotary Foundation has also allotted thousands of dollars in matching grants to support the efforts of local clubs.

Examples of Rotary's tsunami relief efforts include:

- * Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka are coordinating a \$10 million project to rebuild and furnish 25 schools destroyed in the disaster. Five of the school projects are being sponsored by clubs in Denmark, which have donated \$550,000. The Rotary Club of Brockton, Mass., also raised \$77,500 for one of the schools.
- * Rotary clubs in Indonesia are supporting the rehabilitation of the badly damaged coastal community of Southwest Aceh.
- * Rotary clubs in Chennai, India, are rebuilding six primary schools on nearby Pulikat Island, as well as schools, community centers and public health facilities in six villages along the coastal mainland.
- * Rotary clubs in Thailand are providing new fishing boats and equipment to restore the economy of the Kamala Beach community near Phuket.
- * Also in Thailand, U.S. Rotary clubs in the San Francisco area have raised \$150,000 to provide water purification systems and 75 tons of rice for displaced families near Phuket.
- * Rotary Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland raised over \$12 million for relief and recovery.

Roster:

	This week	Next Week
Program	National Youth Science Forum at Univ of Canberra	Jessica Walker CARE Australia
Introduction	Home hosting Sunday 22nd	Keith Avent
Appreciation		Peter Evans
Sergeant		David Fox
Fellowship		Bruce Wyatt
		Des Pain
Raven Recorder	Phil Ibbotson	John Gray
Birthdays	Pat Davies 19th Val Excell 22nd Louise Ibbotson 24th Dylis Hunt 24th	Nil
Anniversaries	Rex and Dylis Hunt 20th	David and Jenny Fox 31st Jan
Trash & Treasure	22nd Carlo Binutti-Ken Goard 29th Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell	5th Feb Des H-Kelly-Pamela Best 12th Feb Robin Cromer-Ajit Banerjee

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Tonight:

National Youth Science Forum at Canberra University 6.20pm for 6.50pm

PLEASE ADVISE ROS IF YOU INTEND ATTENDING OR NOT - BY NOON MONDAY.

The National Youth Science Forum is a two-week programme for students who have just completed year 11, and who are thinking about a career in science, engineering and technology.

Club Members are invited to assist with **Home hospitality on Sunday 22 January**. Collection at 10.00 am and return between 8 and 8.30 the same night. Place: Arscott House, Aikman Drive, Belconnen next to Lake Ginninderra College. Yellow pages Map reference B/15 Map 38.

Home Hospitality will be for two or more students and is aimed at Rotarians and students meeting each other and for students to do their washing, catch up on some much needed rest and enjoy some home cooking etc. They will have seen lots of Canberra and do not need extensive tours of the city.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



Lab visits to meet scientists



Meeting other top students



Working together

A Thought for the Week:

The ability to concentrate and to use time well is everything. Lee Iococca



SERVICE Above Self

Last Week: We were all indebted to John and Julia Widdup for allowing us to enjoy our first meeting of the New Year at their place. The following photos tell the story which a thousand words cannot. Thanks John and Julia. Thanks also to Ros Osbourne for her part in organising the function.



Peter and Bruce at the Barbeque



Tom, Val and Helen enjoy a chat



Rex, Val, Des and Ajit tempting their taste buds

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