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## Postscript

### WOMEN IN ROTARY

In this month's issue of *Rotary Down Under*, Managing Editor Bob Aitken, points out that this current Rotary year "includes a significant membership milestone. The year 2007 marks the 20th anniversary of the famous Rotary Club of Duarte victory in the USA Supreme Court that opened the way for female membership in clubs around the world."

Nevertheless he observes that, after 20 years, Rotary worldwide, has only 15% female members. Australia is only 17%.

As we meet this week to discuss our membership development program perhaps this is something on which we should ponder.

## Attendance

**Club Guests:** Kristian Pithie (Speaker)

**Visiting Rotarians:** David Stevenson (Seripee, Thailand and guest of Bruce Wyatt)

**Other Guests:** Maureen Booth, Jenny Fox, Helen Sahhar, Pat Schmidt, Julia Widdup

**Make-ups:** Nil

**Members present:** 26

**Percentage:** 73.3%

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<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/canberrawoden> > Click on 'Club bulletins'

## Rosters

	THIS WEEK - Wed 3 October	NEXT WEEK - Wed 10 October
<b>Program</b>	Club Assembly "Beyond 2000" & other matters.	Dr Marlene Kong Indigenous Doctors & Health Shukry Sahhar Des Henderson-Kelly Val Bland John Gray Peter Evans Robin Cromer
<b>Introduction</b>	N/A	
<b>Appreciation</b>	N/A	
<b>Fellowship</b>	John Gray Peter Evans Robin Cromer	Rex Hunt
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Bob Harvie 2 Oct, Nell Pain 4 Oct	Des Henderson-Kelly 10 Oct
<b>Birthdays</b>	nil	Ken & Denise Goard 11 Oct
<b>Anniversaries</b>		
<b>TRASH &amp; TREASURE</b>		
<b>7 Oct.</b>	Des H-Kelly-John Gray	<b>14 Oct.</b> Shukry Sahhar-Judy Skelton
<b>21 Oct</b>	Des H-Kelly-Peter Evans	<b>28 Oct.</b> Carlo Binutti-Judy Skelton

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October is **VOCATIONAL SERVICES** month

**David Stevenson**, the founder and driving force behind the "Children of the Golden Triangle", visited our club last week and spoke to us. David is a member of the Rotary Club of Seripee, Thailand.

In his brief talk he thanked the Club for its long and fruitful association with the Akha Children Refuge and Training Centre in Thailand. He advised that the centre currently had 470 children, nine dorms, two dining rooms, and three kitchens.



He said that the training of the Akha children was paying great dividends in their lives and those of their communities and that three children had recently obtained Thai passports – a great milestone for these stateless peoples. Current work includes the development of modular building for construction in the hill villages for use as schools and clinics and then the employment of graduates for the Centre in the villages.

We look forward to the visit of Akha lad Somchai for his operation under the Reaching Overseas with Medical Aid for Children program (ROMAC).

For more information on the Children of the Golden Triangle project see:  
[www.childrengoldentriangle.org](http://www.childrengoldentriangle.org).

## Agenda for Club Assembly

\* "Beyond 2000" membership development plan

\* Trash and Treasure – the future

\* Revised Club Constitution & By-laws

*Thanks to Raven reporter John Widdup and photographer Bruce Wyatt*

## Club News

**Rotary Wheel** – Last week's meeting was held in the Statesman Hotel, Curtin to allow members to determine if it would be suitable as a venue for future meetings. A fringe benefit of the meeting was a new metal Rotary Wheel which the manager unearthed in the hotel's storeroom.

**Racecourse parking** – Gary Scott reported that he had agreed with the Canberra racecourse for the club to undertake car parking on 6 November (Melbourne Cup day) and 16 December for an agreeable rate. Be prepared to assist if you can.

**Operation Cleft** – Neale Emanuel advised that 15 Club members are donating \$150 each to Operation Cleft; i.e., sufficient for 15 life changing cleft palate and cleft lip operations in Bangladesh. Additional offers are welcome. For more information see Raven No 13 Vol 40, 19 September 2007 or [www.operationcleft.org.au](http://www.operationcleft.org.au).

## Board Bytes - Keith Avent

Items discussed at last week's Board meeting included:

- \* President David and Neale Emanuel will attend the District Conference on 16-19 November. The District AGM will be held during the Conference;
- \* Bernadette Cappello reported good feedback from Rotary Adventure in Citizenship participants;
- \* Neale Emanuel will lead the RAIC project next year;
- \* We were unsuccessful in obtaining young people for the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment weekend this year;
- \* However, we gave 50% funding support to four young people to attend the Siemens Science workshop;
- \* The George Paulus Vocational Service Award will be presented to Bishop Pat Power at our meeting on 24 October;
- \* The Club's AGM will be held on 14 November;
- \* Our Xmas Party will be held at the Embassy Motel on 28 November;
- \* President David will attend the Canberra College graduation ceremony on 20 December to present the Stuart Garnsey and Arthur Holder awards; and
- \* Neale reported that he had now received 16 offers of donations for Operation Cleft, well exceeding the target of 10 suggested by Colin Macfarlane on his recent visit.

## Rotary Western Desert Project – Ros Osbourne

Present at the committee meeting on 17 September were: David Fox, John Widdup, Neale Emanuel, Jenny Fox, Piers Booth, Ros Osbourne, Val Bland and Gary Scott, with apologies from Shukry Sahhar and Ian Excell. Items discussed included:

- \* **Visit to Kintore** – planned for 29 September to 1 October. John Widdup, Shukry Sahhar and President David will fly to Alice Springs and travel on to Kintore possibly in the four wheel drive bus. David is awaiting confirmation from Sarah Brown;
- \* **FAIM Project and RAWCS** – Neale Emanuel has the forms which President David will submit through District Governor Bernie Rodgers;

- \* **Des Henderson-Kelly** – has the documents needed by the Blue Building team. A social risk management review is being prepared by him;
- \* **Support & assistance** – President David has visited other Clubs and now has expressions of support from a number including Hall and Canberra Clubs. Assistance has been offered by a builder with practical skills and knowledge;
- \* **Publicity** – Bernadette Cappello is no longer available for this task and the Club requires another person for this role. Perhaps the District Publicity Officer could be involved. The District Governor Nominee, Michael Pedler, will assist by passing on the information to every DG in the country for consideration; and
- \* **Paintings** – Ros Osbourne presented a paper regarding present display of the paintings which was accepted. A report on this was in last week's Raven.

## Last week's guest speaker – Kristian Pithie

Our Guest Speaker **Kristian Pithie**, Director of the Chapman Gallery in Manuka, was introduced by Ros Osbourne. He is relatively new to Canberra and comes from a background in TV acting (mainly in soaps) and production.



Kristian said that the Gallery, established in 1976, exhibits some of Australia's most influential indigenous and non-indigenous artists and aims to promote quality art which will endure. In particular it represents "indigenous community based art centres" so that the art they offer for sale is genuine and proceeds from sales go back to the communities.

Kristian discussed, with the assistance of some aboriginal art from the Kintore area, the history, significance, and meaning of Australian indigenous art in the commercial arena. This art is part of a contemporary aboriginal art movement unique to Australia and as such much of the art is selling well for respectable prices. The iconography in the paintings is an abstract reference to the deeper story or dreaming and sacred symbols and meanings that are not visible, and will not be fully explained, to non-initiated aboriginal members of the painter's tribe and/or totem. So what we westerners see is only a fraction of the story in the painting. Kristian explained that currently the art centres in aboriginal communities, such as Kintore, are or are becoming culture centres and hubs of the communities and a source of local employment and income.

Carlo Binutti, in thanking Kristian, remarked that with his own Italian background, aboriginal art was unfamiliar to him. He thanked Kristian for his informative and colourful presentation and promised to have a gift pen delivered as an appreciation of the Club's gratitude.