



# ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

## Weekly Bulletin 2011-2012

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
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Dr Sharyn Fitzgerald – ASPREE at Monash University	Lesley Zuccaro	Georges Ah-Tye	Ed Allchin
8 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA	Georges Ah-Tye	Ed Allchin	John Barnes
15 <sup>th</sup> August	TBA	Ed Allchin	John Barnes	Jean Cochrane

### Presidents Report

Many thanks for the Club for making the BBQ for Transpacific happen. It was a very good Open Day but lacking the number of people that I thought may attend. The BBQ was hosted by our club cooking experts and the tour which was put on by Transpacific was very interesting, especially on the volume of rubbish that goes through the transfer stations on a yearly basis. The power generation plant powers 10,000 house, just from the gasses produced by the land fills.

Coming up in August we will have the District Governor's visit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> where we have a chance to hear from the new DG, Juliet Riseley. Also the Trivia night, put on by the Rotaract club of Monash is on the 12th of August (see flier in Bulletin). Our Annual Golf Day is also coming up on the 5th of September at Spring Valley Golf course. For more details you can contact either Warren Fricke or Ralph Zuccaro.

It was great to see the enthusiasm of the John Monash Science School last week to start up a interact club and that the face-book page they have started already has 60 adolescence's showing interest in the forming of a club. What makes this most interesting is that all of this comes from their own initiative.

A quote to leave everybody with, *Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same.* Author unknown.

Jon Breisch

## 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?"

## Last Meeting & Notes

### Last Meeting (25/07):

This week we held an interest meeting which was run and presented by PP Bill Sides. Bill gave an excellent rundown on the History of Rotary for the visitors who attended and also spoke about the wonderful projects and events the Rotary Club of Clayton has been involved in over the years as well.

During the second part of the night Bill Sides spoke about Interact. Here is the report presented by Bill:-

#### **Interact Prospect.**

This week we met Sally Cheah-Johnson the Assistant principal of the brand new John Monash Science School and Natasha Madan, a student at the school.

Together they spoke to us and we discussed with them the concept of forming an Interact Club at the school. Sally is a past Rotary exchange student from Malaysia and the daughter of a Rotarian so no explanations were needed about Rotary and she together with Natasha seemed to be pressing every button to make Interact happen. With very minimal input from us, just an e-mail agreement that it was desirable, they went ahead and sought interest among the students and got 60 positive responses! The school is catering for high achievers so we can be pretty sure we are dealing with students who both think and perform so could make a big success of it. Sally pointed out such students also need hands on experience, not just classroom theory and Interact can provide that.

I have forwarded her sources of information and given her Rotary documentation and a draft we worked out with Westall Secondary staff of how we had planned to get one off the ground and interface it with studies there so a lot of thinking and leg work has already been done which we can use. If we are good enough to keep up with this vibrant school, I am sure we can make it happen. It would involve a considerable amount of time by members as we need to attend all meetings and we need a few members to volunteer to run with this initiative in my absence overseas then later on an ongoing basis if we get it off the ground. This means Rotarians attending meetings during school hours on a weekly or fortnightly basis which I know is difficult for many Rotarians.

Interact is big overseas but is really only getting established in Australia. It is aimed at students in year 10 and above and the idea is to teach them to manage people, run projects and to install the concept of service to others. There are now at least three Interact clubs in our district formed or provisional and, if we can get this one going, I believe there is a good chance it will trigger Westall to carry on from where we had got to last year and get a club in there too.

The John Monash Science School is on the Monash Uni Clayton campus just a little further along from where we hold the Farmer's Market between the car park and Wellington Road. Our club has a unique new school right on our doorstep with which we should be able to do wonderful things with in the future.

*Bill Sides*

## 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.

### Meeting Notes:

- Ralph Zuccaro informed the club that he has organised for two cards to be sent to Heather Norling and her daughter's family. Ralph also advised the club that Heather really appreciates the support she has been given by the members.
- Kate Cavanagh who is the current president from Monash Rotaract, spoke and informed the club that the Rotaract Club of Monash is holding their Annual Trivia Night on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. For more details see the flyer attached to this bulletin.
- Jon Breisch gave the club an update about the 30<sup>th</sup> July where we will be having a BBQ and cooking 200 sausages at Transpacific Waste Open day which is between 10:00am to 2:00pm. Four people will be required on the day to help and support. Jon, Rukshana, Bronwen & Craig have volunteered.

**Apologies** = John Goldspink, Glenys Pattison, Craig Merson, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane & Heather Norling.

**Make Ups** = Jim & Jean Cochrane (Foodbank), Craig Merson (Farmers Market).

**Leave of Absence** = None.

**Visitors** = Kate Cavanagh (President Monash Rotaract). Sally Cheah-Johnson (Assistant principal) & Natasha Madan (Student) from John Monash Science School.

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## Interact



Interact is a service club for youth ages 14-18. Clubs benefit from sponsorship by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance.

Interact has a membership of over 250,000 youth in more than 11,000 clubs worldwide. It's one of Rotary's fastest growing programs. Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be either school or community based.

Interact's name is a combination of the words international and action. With clubs in over 120 countries and geographical areas, Interact is truly an international phenomenon. Interact's global youth network is dedicated to community and international service. Every Interact club project, great or small, has a lasting impact on society worldwide.

Brazil, India, the Philippines, and the United States boast the highest number of Interact clubs.

### Where it all began

Since its earliest days, Rotary has been committed to helping children in need. But in 1960, the organization took a new approach to youth service.

Recognizing the untapped potential of young men and women, RI President Harold T. Thomas urged Rotary clubs around the world to find ways to encourage service among youth, foster their active interest in the community, and offer opportunities for them to develop as leaders.

## Special Announcements

**3<sup>rd</sup> August – Phuong Breisch Birthday.**

**24<sup>th</sup> August – Rukshana & Hans Verzijl Wedding Anniversary.**

**27<sup>th</sup> August – Ed Allchin Birthday.**

Two years later, 23 students at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, USA, came together to form the first Interact club. Now, Rotarians were not just helping youth but empowering them to serve locally and internationally with their Rotary club sponsors.

Ever since, thousands of communities around the world have benefited from the service of Interact clubs. Interactors have discovered a program that offers fun, meaningful service activities while providing a chance to develop leadership skills and meet new friends. In turn, sponsor Rotary clubs have gained increased support for projects and fresh ideas for service while helping to develop future Rotarians.

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## Transpacific Open Day



Cleanaway who have long been in Clayton and are well known have just developed a public relations centre in Clayton and it was open to the public on Saturday and we provided (as we seem to do so well) sausages. Sadly not many took the opportunity to travel through the tips but they definitely should have. We have an enormous industry in Clayton and few realise its scope and what they are actually doing to protect our environment.

They ran minibus tours right through the tip area and I took a ride which was fantastic, not just because I saw many of the old methane gas wells that I had drilled 20 years ago were still in use but because I saw new ones going in by the hundred and large power plants there that I had no idea existed using waste gas generated on site and generating enough power for 10,000 houses from that site alone! It looked like a major mine site only material went in and not out. I have never seen so many seagulls, the area was white with them.

There was no odour and the extent of work to control that has to be seen to be believed. They cover each site with soil for the night and remove it again each morning! There is very large plant on site. Around the perimeter there are sprays that can be used to control odours and a research programme determining the best methods possible. Water collection and leachate control is a major issue with rainfall and overflow currently goes into the nearby SE Trunk sewer to be treated downstream. Each pit is lined to prevent toxic materials escaping into the watertable.

I know personally from being the landlord of one of their opposition that an enormous amount of concern exists in the industry for the ecology and many of the staff are wholly devoted to protecting it. Even the rubbish trucks are to world's best standards and way better than most trucks on the road. We need a member from there for sure!

Bill Sides

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## Think Foundation Thoughts

**August: Membership and Extension Month**

*This week's Foundation Thought is about ...*

**Matching Grants.** Henning Sorknaes has no trouble remembering his proudest Rotary moment. It was taking part in a community service project supported by several Rotary clubs to help restore a hospital in Senta, Serbia. The hospital, which serves a population of about 150,000, mostly ethnic Hungarian Serbians, lacked modern technical equipment and was barely surviving on a mixture of public and private funds. The grant helped fund a US\$1.2 million project to equip and train staff to make the hospital's cardiology department fully operational.

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## Important Club Dates

**Friday 12/08/11** – Rotaract Club of Monash Trivia Night.

**Monday 22/08/11** – District Governors Visit to the club.

**Saturday 27/08/11** – Monash Farmers Market. See Craig or Katherine Merson for details and if you wish to be put on the roster.

**Monday 05/09/11** – Annual Golf Day at Spring Valley.

**Monday 05/09/11** – New generations District Seminar at Village Green Hotel. (More details to follow)

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## District 9810 News

### **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2011 - 2012**

In 2011-12, District 9810 will undertake a group study exchange with District 5790, Texas USA, lead by District Governor Sharron Miles. The Future Vision Focus of the exchange will be on Economic and Community Development.

The exchange will have emphasis on the vocational experience and the teams will participate in Rotary supported programs while in both Rotary districts. For example, they will focus on community projects that help and support the homeless, unemployed, retraining programs, disadvantaged, the health system and other programs, They will also cover economic development in a diverse range of manufacturing, agriculture, construction, real estate and the oil and gas industry.

District 5790 has 65 Rotary clubs and 3200 Rotarians. The exchange will be in the area near Fort Worth and the surrounding flat range lands in West Texas. Texas is the land of the oil and gas industry, land of the long horns and the cowboy, and the Texas rangers. It is a unique part of the USA.

The team will consist of a Rotarian Team Leader and four Team Members. The District 9810 team will depart Melbourne after our district conference on 23 or 24 April 2012 and will be in Texas for 4 or 5 weeks. The District 5790 team will be in District 9810 from around 21 March 21 to 23 April 2012.

TEAM LEADER: Although it is not a pre-requisite, it may be an advantage for a Team Leader applicant to work in the economic or community development areas.

**Team Leader Applications close on Friday 19 August 2011.**

**Team Leader Interviews will be held on Saturday 27 August 2011.**

TEAM MEMBERS: Team members must be aged between 25 and 40 years of age and either work or live within the boundaries of District 9810. Applicants should be involved in community development areas, local council programs, work with the advantaged, homeless or unemployed or in the economic planning area. Other relevant occupations include engineers, bankers, construction personnel, planners, real estate agents, administrators, manufacturing and the gas and oil industry. There will be an information evening for prospective team member applicants on 8 September.

**Team member applications close on Friday 23 September 2011.**

**Team member selection interviews will be held on Saturday 8 October 2011 with final interviews on Sunday 16 October.**

Further information and application forms are available from the Foundation – GSE page of the Rotary International website or from Kay Gordon, District GSE Chairman.

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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 Rotaract Events:

- Trivia night on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August at Clayton Hall, Clayton. Full details in flyer attached to this bulletin.

### Rotaract Roster:

Date	Rotarian to Visit
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Richard Simmons
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Rukshana Verzijl

***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

### Winter Concert Series presents:

#### Divas

**7 August 2011, 2:00pm-4:00pm**

**Bookings Essential:** 1-5 August, 9:00am-5:00pm

Light refreshments will be provided.

Go back in time with the soulful sounds of the Divas from the 60's. Gina Hogan transforms herself to this era with fabulous costumes that will bring you back to a time of unforgettable memories. Not to be missed.

Clayton Hall

264 Clayton Road, Clayton

Phone: 9518 3636

TTY: 9518 3655 (hearing impaired)



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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### Medicine and YOU!

**Tuesday, 9 August 2011**  
**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

This is an information session for everyone to inform you how to use your medicines wisely for optimal health benefits - Be Medicinewise ( as seen on TV )The session will be run by Ruth Skewes from COTA (Council for the AGING) Everybody welcome Cost \$2. Phone 9580 3675

**LOCATION:** Mordialloc Community Centre, 115 Warren Rd Mordialloc  
**CONTACT NAME:** Norma Gibson **PHONE:** 9580 3675  
**EMAIL:** [norma.gibson@mordicc.org.au](mailto:norma.gibson@mordicc.org.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 **Ralph Zuccaro** on **0408 991 741 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

John was from Queensland and a devout Baptist. He loved to sneak away to the race track. One day he was there betting on the ponies and losing his shirt when he noticed a priest step out on to the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the fourth race. Lo and behold, this horse – a real longshot – won the race.

John was most interested to see what the priest did for the next race. Sure enough, he watched the priest step on to the track as the horses for the fifth lined up, and placed a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses. John made a beeline for the window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was a longshot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race. John collected his winnings and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest bestowed his blessing on for the sixth race. As the day went on, the priest continued blessing one of the horses and it duly won and John was pulling in some serious money.

Before the last race he went to the ATM and withdrew all his money and waited for the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on. True to his pattern, the priest stepped on to the track before the last race and blessed the forehead, eyes, ears and hooves of one of the horses. John bet every cent and watched the horse come dead last. He was distraught and angry and made his way to the track to find the priest.

"What happened, Father?" John demanded. "All day you blessed horses and they won. The last race, you blessed a horse and it came last. Now I've lost all my savings, thanks to you."

"That's the problem with you Protestants," the priest replied. "You can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and the last rites."

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## Rotary International News

### Foundation alumni empower communities in South Africa, India

By Megan Ferringer  
Rotary International News -- 19 July 2011

From developing a music program for at-risk children to generating employment opportunities for women in India, former [Rotary Peace Fellows](#) and [Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars](#) are promoting economic development in regions that need it most.

Yashar Keramati, a 2009-10 Ambassadorial Scholar from Canada, recently returned to Fisantekraal, South Africa, to launch his [Peace & Love International](#) initiative. "If it were not for the Foundation, I would not be able to have come here to do what I have been doing," he says.

With violence and drugs dominating the streets of Fisantekraal, Keramati says that young people have little opportunity for education and positive personal growth. [Peace & Love International](#) aims to create such opportunities through music.

Workshops, held at least four times a week, offer dance practice and songwriting sessions. Through the songs, Keramati concentrates on important issues like drug awareness and respect for those of other genders and religions.

"The goal of this initiative is to create a musical haven and nonthreatening space for the community's youth, which they have been denied," he says. "A highlight was one of our outings where we were invited to Cape Town's biggest radio station to have our kids perform live on the air."

Elsewhere in South Africa, Erin Koepke, a 2010-11 Ambassadorial Scholar from the United States, partnered with [Abalimi Bezekhaya](#), a non-profit that introduces poor townships to sustainable food sources through urban farming. The effort resulted in a number of farmers selling their produce through the organization's [Harvest of Hope](#) program.

"I was eager to get involved with the organization, so I jumped at the opportunity to create an [Abalimi-Harvest of Hope](#) cookbook to sell as a way to market the program and provide an additional source of income to support their cause in Cape Town," Koepke says.



Former Rotary Scholars and others celebrate the publication of *Seed to Table* at a book store in Cape Town. Clockwise from top: publisher Doreen Gowans, co-author Nomnikelo Sontsanga, 2010-11 Rotary Scholar Abby Elsener, coauthor Nomkhita Sontsanga (Nomnikelo's mother), 2010-11 Rotary Scholar Erin Koepke, 2010-11 Rotary Scholar Toni Marraccini. *Photo courtesy of Erin Koepke*

She teamed up with two other Ambassadorial Scholars and cooked with several farmers to learn traditional cuisine, using vegetables the farmers had grown. The resulting recipes were compiled into the *Seed to Table* cookbook. Net proceeds from sales of the book are donated to Abalimi Bezekhaya to help support organic microfarmers in Cape Town.

"Abalimi-Harvest of Hope has inspired many to take ownership and pride in their community, leading to invaluable individual development," Koepke says.

Darshan Mundada, a 2008-10 Rotary Peace Fellow from India, applied his experience by developing a program in his country that helps rehabilitate former sex workers and integrate them into mainstream society. The program trains women to make tote bags out of recycled saris. The bags are sold to the public, serving as a source of income for the women.

"Crafting these bags creates a safe and stable livelihood for these women," says Mundada, who credits the Foundation with giving him the chance to sharpen his professional social work skills.

"My two years in the program made me aware of the global scale of problems that I was trying to tackle at local levels in India," says Mundada, who studied at the University of North Carolina and Duke University in the United States. "Whether it's issues in India or America, it helped me draw similarities across the globe."



# Monash Rotaract Club invites you to their annual



## Trivia Night

Join us for a night of questions, games,  
prizes and a whole lot of laughter!

**Friday 12th August 2011**

**7:00pm (7:30pm start)**

**Where:** Clayton Hall,  
264-268 Clayton Rd,  
Clayton VIC

**Cost:** \$15 per person  
(pay at door)

BYO drinks and nibbles  
Tables- Max 10 people

**Theme: Simply Red!**  
Best dressed wins a prize!

**Proudly Supporting  
MonashHeart,  
Southern Health**



### RSVP

Contact Carla on:

Email:

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Phone: 0416 051 266



For more information please visit  
[www.monashrotaract.org.au](http://www.monashrotaract.org.au)  
[www.monashheart.org.au](http://www.monashheart.org.au)

Over 150 years ago our ancestors  
settled this land, now you can conquer it...



## **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Rotary Club of Clayton

extends an invitation to you and your friends to enjoy a great day of golf at one of  
Melbourne's best sand belt courses,

**Spring Valley,**

home to the Victorian Open

Date: **Monday, 5 September 2011**

Time: 12:30 pm tee off

Enquires please contact Warren Fricke on 9544 3489 or [wfricke@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wfricke@bigpond.net.au)

