



ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

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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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DG's Christmas Nudge

Good Afternoon Club Presidents,

I hope all is well with you and your Clubs as we approach the Festive Season and the half way point of the Rotary year.

I have now completed all my official visits to Clubs as DG and look forward to re-visiting a number of you for various reasons over the next six months. And I hope to see many of you at Conference in Geelong 26-28 February! As mentioned in my weekly Govs Nudge in the District Notice Board, I continue to be greatly impressed by the fact that so many of you punch well above your weight in terms of project participation, funds raised and donations to the multitude of causes that exist. Of course it will be wonderful if we had more poundage behind those punches with some extra active and committed Rotarians to add weight!

With respect to that latter point, it is great to see some very positive moves on membership at several Clubs. For those of you still working diligently on membership and have yet to meet success, please persevere. Remember that we are striving towards at least an increase of one new member per Club from the numbers you had registered with RI in July.

Although we are only half way through the year, it is now timely to look towards continuity and to ensure that the incoming teams are kept in the loop with current and ongoing plans. This extends to notifying the appropriate people of names of those assuming roles and encouraging all of them and as many new members as possible to plan on attending the various opportunities to learn more about their roles and Rotary.

As we enter the Festive Season and the majority of Rotarians look to celebrate Christmas, it is apt that December is Family Month in the Rotary calendar. Please take steps to both promote peace and goodwill wherever possible through your own Club projects and the global reach we have through the Rotary Foundation.

Jenny and I are looking forward to having our first Christmas with our granddaughter Eleanor and the rest of our family. You may recall the various times since last January where I have become quite the doting grandparent! We wish you and your own families all the very best for

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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?"

Christmas and the New Year. Enjoy any breaks you may be planning along with your families and gear yourselves up to continuing in the work we do as we provide Service Above Self to the wider family that is Rotary and mankind.

All the Best

David Forster
Governor 2009/10

Important Club Dates

Wednesday 16/12/09 – Board Meeting starting at 6:00 pm (Heather Norling's Home)

Monday 28/12/09 – No Club Meeting.

Monday 04/01/10 – No Club Meeting.

Sunday 14/02/10 – Clayton Community Festival.

Friday 26/02/10 to Sunday 28/02/10 – District 9810 Conference. Venue is Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Corner Western Beach & Gheringhap Street, Geelong.

Wednesday 11/03/10 to Sunday 14/03/10 – Australian Women's Open Golf Car parking.

Monday 03/05/10 – Annual Charity Golf Day at Spring Valley Golf course. Further details (TBA).

Golf Day Sponsors

A list of all our 2009 Annual Charity Golf Day sponsors can now be found on the Rotary Club of Clayton web page. To see the sponsors you can follow the following link:-

http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/golf_day_sponsors.htm

All proceeds raised at the 2010 Golf Day on the 3rd May will support the programs run by Ronald McDonald House.

Last Week & Upcoming Club Program

Last Meeting (07/12):

This week our guest speaker was Past District Governor & Past President of our club, John Barnes.

John gave us an excellent presentation of his & Gaye's recent trip to Laos and Thailand, where they spent two weeks. During this trip they were

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.

able to visit and review five separate projects which are being run by Rotary and the local community. Part of the presentation included some fantastic photos of the trip and you really needed to be part of the audience to get the full feeling of John & Gaye's time away.

First John spoke about Laos which is officially the Lao People's Democratic Republic, is the only landlocked country in Southeast Asia, bordered by Burma and People's Republic of China to the northwest, Vietnam to the east, Cambodia to the south and Thailand to the west. Some of the highlights were:-

- Visited a school which has been built by Rotary and is currently in a need of a new roof as the current one is all rusty. There are plans for a new Rotary project to replace the roof.
- Went back to the Hospital where 10 years earlier, John & Gaye visited as part of an Interplast team. They were able to catch up Doctors and staff they have not seen for a long time.
- They met a lady who is 111 years of age and puts it all down to eating bark and chewing betel nuts.
- Visited a village which grew silk from silk worms.

Next it was on to Thailand which is an independent country that lies in the heart of Southeast Asia. It is bordered to the north by Laos and Myanmar, to the east by Laos and Cambodia, to the south by the Gulf of Thailand and Malaysia, and to the west by the Andaman Sea and Myanmar. Some of the highlights were:-

- Being part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Rotary Club of Chiangmai.
- Visited a village where there is currently a Rotary project in place which shows the people an improved method how to grow crops and also how to plant rice without flooding.
- Visited an orphanage for girls who have been mistreated or were in trouble. There is currently a project being planned to build a bigger orphanage.
- Experienced the parade of the monks.
- Were offered smokes and Viagra in the streets of the villages.
- Were lucky enough to experience Elephants that dance and paint. One Elephant even painted a self portrait. Gaye was privileged to get a kiss from an Elephant.
- Visited another village where there is currently a water project in place which controls where water taps are placed.

After all this travelling around and to end there trip, John & Gaye decided to spend a well earned three day break in Phuket.

Meeting Notes:

- Glenys Pattison is currently sick at the moment and we wish her a speedy recovery.
- Two certificates of appreciation were received from ShelterBox for funding raised towards two ShelterBoxes. One of the certificates was for the Clayton Branch of the Westpac Bank who were part of the fundraising. The certificate was presented on the night to Craig

Special Announcements

19th December –
Wedding Anniversary
for Ed & Margot Allchin.

19th December – Lesley
Zuccaro Birthday.

24th December – Bob
Millen Birthday.

28th December – Jon
Breisch Birthday.

- Merson who is the manager of the Westpac Bank.
- The nomination for Secretary 2010 – 2011 is still open. If you wish to be nominated for Secretary, please contact Bill Sides.
 - Reddy gave an update of our club Christmas lunch this year which is on the 13th December. The venue is at the home of Reddy & Padma Kandadi. The day will start at 1:00 pm for lunch. BYO Drinks & Chair. Also special thanks go to Bill & Barbara Pontikis who have offered to lend out the wine glasses on the day.
 - Conference forms are now due and should be passed on to John Goldspink or Jim Cochrane as soon as possible. Also we are trying to establish the final numbers for the conference so we confirm our bookings for the accommodation.
 - Warren gave an update on the presentation of Book Vouchers to Clayton South, Clayton North & Clarinda Primary schools. He is currently looking for a volunteer who can visit Clayton South to present the vouchers.
 - We received cards from Craig & Katherine Merson who thanked us for their invitation to our "Prawns on the Vine" event and also from Craig Merson thanking the club for their support at the "Clayton on the Green" event.
 - Reminder that there will be **no club meetings** on the 28th December and 4th January. First meeting for 2010 is 11th January.

Apologies = John Goldspink, Glenys Pattison & Lesley Zuccaro.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = Dianne Day

Visitors = Bill & Barbara Pontikis, Craig & Katherine Merson and Frank Golotta.

This weeks Roster (14/12):

Guest Speaker = Ralph Zuccaro (Award Winning Wines)

Chairperson = Jon Breisch

Desk = Jean Cochrane

Visitors = Jim Cochrane

Roster for 21/12:

Guest Speaker = Club Assembly

Chairperson = Bob Millen

Desk = Jim Cochrane

Visitors = Warren Fricke

Roster for 11/01:

Guest Speaker = (TBA)

Chairperson = Jim Cochrane

Desk = Warren Fricke

Visitors = John Goldspink

Please remember if you cannot perform your rostered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place

District 9810 News

WELCOME DINNER FOR GSE TEAM

TO INTRODUCE THE G.S.E. TEAM FROM TURKEY AND TO HEAR FROM THE OUTBOUND TEAM TO TURKEY

DATE: Wednesday 3rd February, 2010

TIME: 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

VENUE: Monte Carlo Receptions
5 Mitchell Street,
DONCASTER EAST
(Melway Ref: 47 J1)

COST: \$35.00 per person

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH CLUB THAT BOOKS AND PAYS FOR A TABLE OF 10 BY 11 DECEMBER WILL RECEIVE CREDIT WITH FOUNDATION FOR ONE PHF AWARD TO BE AWARDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THAT CLUB.....MAXIMUM OF ONE PHF PER CLUB.

Upcoming Events in Monash

2009 Monash Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, 20 December 2009

Jells Park, Wheelers Hill

8pm - 10pm

- **4 pm** - Kids activities (jumping castle and animal farm)
- **7.15 pm** - Kids pre show entertainment
- **8.00 pm** - Main concert
- **10.00 pm** - Fireworks finale

The magic of Christmas is captured under the stars each December at Jells Park, where the community comes together to enjoy the Monash Carols By Candlelight Concert.

The Monash Carols by Candlelight has grown over the years to become a major community celebration, consistently attracting an average of 18,000 people from the City of Monash and surrounding areas.

Hosted by well-known TV and radio personality, Pete Smith and featuring talented local performers and musicians. This event is entirely community focused with an impressive choreographed fireworks and music spectacular.

Now in its 21st year, the Monash Carols by Candlelight will be held on

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Sunday the 20th December. The City's most prestigious event fosters a strong sense of community and involves the valuable work of volunteers within the city.

Monash Elects Women to Lead City in 2010

10 December 2009



Two female councillors will head the mayoral leadership team for the City of Monash in 2010, which has been designated in Australia as the 'Year of Women in Local Government'.

At last night's Special Meeting of Council, Cr Charlotte Baines was elected Monash Mayor and Cr Stefanie Perri Deputy Mayor. Both were elected unopposed.

Cr Baines is currently serving her second consecutive term on Council. She was first elected in 2005 and re-elected in the November 2008 election. Cr Baines served as Deputy Mayor from 2008-2009. Today, she becomes the youngest female Mayor in the City's history at 27 years of age.

Cr Baines has lived in **Mulgrave Ward** her entire life. Professionally, she is a qualified lawyer and PhD candidate in the Sociology Department at Monash University. Prior to being elected to Council, Cr Baines served as volunteer for the Port Philip Community Centre and Board Member of the St Kilda Legal Service.

"As your new Mayor, I pledge to support open and transparent government that remains actively engaged with the residents it represents," said Cr Baines.

During her time on Council, Cr Baines has led the establishment of a Youth Advisory Committee, Monash History Week and was instrumental in Monash becoming a Fair Trade Community. She currently serves on the Audit Committee, Community Support Program Evaluation Panel, Monash Enterprise Centre Ltd Board, Multicultural Advisory Committee, Young Persons Reference Group and the Fair Trade Steering Group. In her new role, she will also now Chair the Mayor's Community Award Advisory Committee and Monash War Memorials Advisory Committee.

Last October, Cr Baines was awarded a scholarship to attend the prestigious Cranlana Colloquium, an internationally-recognised seminar that attracts leaders of government, business and the community.

"I would also like to express my congratulations to the out-going Mayor, Paul Klisaris who as a councillor, and in the last two years as Mayor, has served as an inspiration to the City and has provided strong service and leadership to the development of public policy. We have all been enriched by his passion, energy and conviction to this city," said Cr Baines.

Cr Perri, a lifelong Monash resident who lives in Clayton, was elected to Council in November 2008 as a representative of Oakleigh Ward. Since then, she has been instrumental in the development of the Clayton Community Strengthening Project, Monash Women's Business Network and Active Reserves Strategy.

Cr Perri currently serves on the Community Support Program Evaluation Panel, Multicultural Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Friends of Scotchmans Creek - Oakleigh, Oakleigh Recreation Steering Committee, Oakleigh Village Public Open Space Enhancement Master Plan Steering Committee and the Standing Committee on Local Government and Cultural Diversity.

"I'm very pleased to support our new Mayor, Cr Baines in my role as Deputy Mayor," said Cr Perri.

"I'm looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead where together Monash City Council will continue to address the needs of our community to the very best of our collective ability."

Previously, Cr Perri worked in the community with Oakleigh State MP, Ann Barker and is currently employed by the Victorian Local Governance Association.

Upcoming Events in Kingston

Globe to Globe World Music Festival

**Saturday, 23 January 2010
to Sunday, 24 January 2010**

Saturday - 12noon to 10pm
Sunday - 12noon to 6pm

Highlights include: World Music and Folkloric Stages featuring a range of outstanding performers, music & dance workshops, exotic cuisine, rides & amusements, and a spectacular fireworks display on the Saturday night.

LOCATION: Namatjira Park, Springs Road, Clayton South (Melway Ref 79 A4)

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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. 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)

Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Heather Norling** on 9544 4220 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 by Thursday evening of each week.

Joke of the Week

I urgently needed a few days off work, but I knew the boss would not allow me to take leave. I thought that maybe if I acted crazy he would tell me to take a few days off. So I hung upside down from the ceiling and made funny noises.

My co-worker (who's blonde) asked me what I was doing. I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb, so that the boss might think I'm crazy and give me a few days off.

A few minutes later the boss came into the office and asked, "what in the name of good God are you doing?" I told him I was a light bulb. He said, "You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days." I jumped down and walked out of the office.

When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the boss asked her where she thought she was going. "I'm going home too," she said, "you can't possibly expect me to work in the dark."

Rotary International News

Reading lessons teach kids about HIV

*By Jennifer Coburn,
Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills, Vic*

The "Brenda Books" story is one so often heard in Rotary circles – it all starts with a personal connection.

Millions of children suffer from HIV/AIDS in South Africa and are living in HIV-affected families and communities throughout the country. The extent of the crisis is such that the concept of "child headed households" where no adults have survived, is becoming more common.

The Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset, South Africa, had a small project to present all Year 1 Primary School children in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape Province and the surrounding rural areas with their own copy of the "Brenda Book" which can be read to their families in order to educate people on living with HIV/AIDS. The Brenda Book, as it is known, is a true story about a young girl – Brenda – who has HIV, which is pictorially and verbally represented as a dragon in her blood. The book is printed in 11 African languages and is well received in the local South African community.



This story began with a chance meeting with Debbie Smuts, of Grahamstown, at the International Convention in Copenhagen in 2006. With the dream to grow this project into a larger Matching Grant opportunity, I promoted this project to the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills and then to other clubs.

With the support of Districts 9810, 9710 and 9320 with District Designated Fund contributions and a generous philanthropic trust, the small contribution of \$US750 originally envisaged to assist the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset grew to an amazing project totalling over \$US32,500.

The success of this project was obvious through the extensive distribution of books. Some 7540 books were purchased and distributed to children and it is hoped that by placing the booklet in as many disadvantaged homes in the community as possible that significant progress will be made in dispelling the misconceptions and stigmas attached to HIV/AIDS.

Further, it is hoped that the presence of the booklet in thousands of homes will encourage families to read, thereby enhancing literacy. As we wrap up this project and I reflect on the positive outcomes from my chance meeting with Debbie Smuts, this response to the final newsletter from her husband, Past President Izak Smuts says it all:

"Thanks again for the report, and for motivating such extensive participation – I am convinced that this project touched more lives than any other I've been involved in over 22 years in Rotary." I first met Izak when he led a Group Study Exchange Team to District 9810 – the Rotary family is indeed a small one.