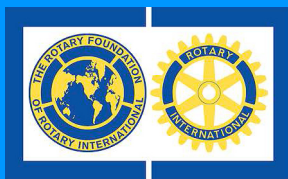


Foundation News

Rotary International District 9800



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The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's charitable organization.

The motto of the Rotary Foundation is:

"Doing Good in the World"

Over the past two decades Rotarians have increasingly relied on the Rotary Foundation to help them address humanitarian, educational and cultural needs locally and abroad.

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The Rotary Foundation: A Cornerstone in Rotary's Effectiveness Around The World



A local volunteer dips mosquito nets into a chemical treatment to prepare them for use. Providing mosquito nets is one element of the Humanitarian Project Against Malaria, Poverty, Hunger, and Illiteracy in Kasamu-Kyali Parish in Uganda's Mpigi District. The project, carried out by the Rotary clubs of Muyenga, Uganda, and Genk-Noord, Belgium, is made possible by a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant from The Rotary Foundation. It aims to fight malaria, improve general health, promote economic development, assist farmers, help orphans and the poor, and fight illiteracy. The effort is expected to be completed by 2011.

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In this month of November, the month in the Rotary calendar when we focus on "our charity" The Rotary Foundation, could I ask you to take a moment to consider our organization – Rotary International without the support of the Foundation. Matching grants or as we now know them Global grants would disappear. A Global grant allows individual or groups of clubs to carry out projects in an overseas country that are beyond the resources of a club or group of clubs. The foundation will match any club contribution on an approved project with US\$0.50 to every US\$1.00 raised by a club or clubs. Further to this funding, if D9800 is approached by a club to be a funding partner in the project, and the District grant committee agrees to allocating funds from their District Designated Fund (DDF), the Foundation will match every US\$1.00 from the DDF with a further US\$1.00.

This means that if a club or club provided funding of US\$9,000 and the District agreed to provide US\$10,500 the Foundation would provide funding of US\$15,000. These grants enable clubs to improve the living conditions of countless thousands of people around the world. Therefore, from club funding of US\$9000 the club or clubs involved could fund a project to the value of US\$34,500. Since 1965 more than 30,000 matching grant projects in 199 countries have been funded



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at a cost of more than US\$400 million which has enabled rotary clubs around the world to make a difference in the lives of others.

Without the Foundation we would not be able to provide District grants. District grants under the Future Vision program give clubs a greater scope to undertake projects in their local community or in an overseas community as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. In our District grants are matched to the club contribution and range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. District grants started in 2003-4 and more than 2,300 grants have been awarded to 500 districts in 75 countries totalling US\$35 million.

Without the Foundation we would still be reporting 1000 cases per day of polio, not the current number which is less than 1000 cases per year, with only 4 endemic countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than 2 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. As of June 2009, Rotary has committed more than US\$881 million to global polio eradication.

Without the Foundation we could not provide peace scholarships. In these uncertain times there is a demand for well-trained international leaders to promote national and international co-operation and peace throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace fellowship program was developed to meet this very need.

Without the Foundation we would have no Group Study Exchange program. This program started in 1965 that has now grown to over a total of over 50,000 individuals who have participated in this cultural and vocational exchange and have created a better understanding and acceptance of people from different cultures around the world.

Without the Foundation we would have no Ambassadorial Scholarship program. Since 1947 The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants and it is the world's largest privately funded source of international scholarships.

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2 It is clear that without the Foundation working in partnership with Rotary International, that our organization would only be a shadow of what we know it to be today, and the international association connected with Rotary would be severely lessened.

The Rotary Foundation seeks no profit. It is an organization supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of doing good in the world.

Many ask why the Rotary Foundation, being one of the largest Foundations in the world, is not as widely known to the general public and even to some Rotarians as other charitable organizations.

This is because the Rotary Foundation does not use any portion of the funds donated to provide for direct mail, media campaigns, television advertising or full colour spreads in magazines. While there is no question that these charities are carrying out worthwhile undertakings, are donors aware of how much of each dollar they contribute ends up paying for the self-



Rotarians partner together on National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India.
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promotion of the charity rather than assisting the deserving recipients. The Rotary Foundation is unique in that the funds raised by Rotarians for the Foundation are invested for three years and at the end of the 3 years half of the funds raised 3 years prior are returned to the Rotary District for the use of that District and its member clubs, the remaining 50% is kept in the World fund to be used to finance global grants, peace scholars, and other approved projects of the Rotary Foundation undertaken by our District and its member clubs.



A man retrieves water from a community well. His home is being rebuilt with help from Rotary and Habitat for Humanity. Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka.
Image and Text - "Rotary Images" -

The additional bonus for projects funded by the Rotary foundation is that these projects are carried out under the management and stewardship of Rotary volunteers who have a commitment to ensure that the benefits of the project or program meet the needs as of the recipients as specified in the grant application.

Please allow me to share this anonymous quote with you:-
"To the world you might be one person, but to one person you may be the world" when was the last time you changed a life? Was it when you looked into the eyes of that young child as you placed those two precious drops of polio vaccine into their mouth? Or could it be when you witnessed a mother or father receiving the gift of sight by the simple exercise of providing them with a pair of spectacles which allowed them to look into the face of their child for the very first time. It may not be practical for you to implement these procedures at first hand. Let me suggest however that while you may never know or meet the people whose lives you have changed with your contributions to the Rotary Foundation you can be confident that every dollar you provide to the Rotary Foundation will be making a difference for the better in the lives of others.

If our contributions to the Rotary Foundation can leave a world that is healthier and better educated, with families that have more hope for the future, then we will also leave a world with less conflict, for history has shown all too clearly, that poverty and ignorance are the root cause of war.

To the clubs in our District can I ask you again this year to continue to fund the Rotary Foundation "OUR CHARITY" as a high priority when considering the disbursement of club funds? To the individual Rotarians who have made a financial commitment by either contributing to the Every Rotarian Every Year (centurion) program, the Paul Harris Society or who have become a benefactor or made a provision for a bequest to the Foundation, thank you.

P.D.G. John Davis
Foundation Chair

Let us not forget the importance of the Rotary Foundation to Rotary International.
Let us not forget that the Rotary Foundation would not exist without our support.

Let us not forget that as Rotarians we must ensure our Foundation will allow Rotarians to offer hope to those that feel hopeless and provide opportunities around the world to people who have no quality or dignity in their lives.

PNG Teachers Learn From Victorian Schools.

In September this year the Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook, with the assistance of a Rotary Foundation District Grant, hosted 16 teachers from the Western Highlands Teachers Club based in Mt Hagen, PNG for two weeks in Melbourne to learn about Outcome Based Learning which is being introduced into the PNG school system.



The PNG teachers visited Caranballac College, St Patricks Secondary College, Yule

Park school, Grange College and Laverton College as well as attending the Sovereign Hill schools program at on site Red Hill School. They also met with representatives at the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

But the visit wasn't all work and having the PNG teachers in our district for almost two weeks gave them the opportunity to see a little of Victoria, get to know the members of RC Laverton Point Cook and see some of the work of Rotary does in our district.



The visit was declared a great success with 16 teachers returning to Papua New Guinea having a better understanding of Outcome Based Learning and how to implement this teaching model into their schools upon their return.

Congratulations to the members of RC Laverton Point Cook on a successful international project which will undoubtedly provide a better future for the children of our close neighbours to our north.

Report - PDG Jim Studebaker

D9800 CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WORLD – YET ANOTHER ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP SUCCESS.

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation have awarded one of 50 Rotary World Peace Fellowships to take a Masters degree in Peace and Conflict studies to Jessica Butcher who was nominated by RC Melbourne. She will study at the University of North Carolina. Jessica is the 14th person successfully nominated by D9800 in the 10 years of the program and we are the only District in the world to have been successful in every year of the program.

Jessica is employed by the Uniting Church being committed to interfaith work between Christians and Muslims working both in Australia and Indonesia and has extended her activities to bringing Indigenous and other Australians together, particularly in northern Australia.

Natasha Holt, nominated by RC Gisborne, has been selected as first reserve for Duke University. Natasha held an Australian Youth Ambassadors Award in China working on HIV/AIDS prevention there. Since her return she has been working on child protection particularly as it relates to Child Sex Trafficking and Slavery focusing on the Asia/Pacific region.

Sophie Brown, nominated by RC Melbourne has been selected as 3rd reserve for Duke University. Sophie has been working in Afghanistan having worked for The World Bank,

The Economist magazine and International Monetary Fund. She is helping build basic administrative infrastructure in economic ministries in Afghanistan and is now seconded to helping flood recovery in Pakistan.

With only 4 Australians being selected this year plus 3 being reserves, the District continues to perform well above its weight. Last year, 7 Australians were selected of whom 4 were from D9800.

In addition to the Masters Program, 50 Fellowships were available for the 3 month Certificate Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. However, of the 46 applicants only 32 met the selection criteria. So we need to look for mid career people working in the field with 5 or more years relevant experience – the vacancies are there for the next round. Our Fellows who were on the recent July program speak glowingly of it. Extracts of Samantha Hardy's report are in a separate article in Foundation News (below).

For further background, contact Bob Fels on rfels@satlink.com.au or 5989 2455

AN INVIGORATING 3 MONTHS AT CHULALONGKORN

Samantha Hardy (pictured right with Bob Fels) who attended the July Chulalongkorn peace and conflict studies course sent us a copy of her report on the 3 month certificate course. She certainly found it uplifting and invigorating. Yet in the recent selection round there were only 32 suitable applicants for this splendid program. Can you identify potential applicants for it? They need to be mid career professionals with at least 5 years relevant experience in peace and conflict work. Bob Fels rfels@satlink.com.au would be delighted from you. Here is Sam's report:

ACADEMIC AND FIELDWORK ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS

The start of the Thailand program was delayed for a month due to conflict in Thailand. Luckily, I was still able to attend the whole program. Ironically, the situation in Thailand provided a timely case study for the fellows, and we were privileged to hear from people involved in all sides of the conflict, including red shirts leaders, government officials, police officers, journalists and academic commentators. It was particularly engaging to be studying a conflict that was current and local, and hearing from people directly involved.





suddenly thrust into the next topic and bombarded with a whole new lot of information. This, I feel, meant that we could not retain as much of the information as we would have liked, and also that sometimes learning was quite superficial as we didn't have time to develop a deeper understanding of the content.

Our program included two field studies: one to Northern Thailand where we examined resource-based and cross-border conflicts, and one to Cambodia where we explored post-conflict reconstruction. For me, the two field studies were particularly interesting and the most valuable part of the program. During the Northern Thailand trip we heard from government officials and NGOs working against human trafficking. We also spent a day at Mae Hong Son refugee camp, near the Burma border, where we were able to speak (though a translator) with people living and working in the camp. In Cambodia we studied the background to the Khmer Rouge genocide. We visited the Killing Fields and S21 prison, where we spoke with one of the seven survivors of the prison. We also visited the Extraordinary

5 During the program we studied diverse topics including The Concepts and Values of Peace and Conflict Studies; The Diagnosis and Analysis of Conflict; Conflict Resolution Skills, Approaches and Strategies; and Conflict Transformation and Building a Sustainable Peace. Some of these areas were very familiar to me (I teach Conflict Resolution Skills to Masters students) but other areas were new to me. However, I still found the classes on the topics with which I am familiar very useful, as I had the opportunity to see how other people taught the material. The course was presented by a range of peace and conflict specialists from around the world, each with a different approach to teaching and different backgrounds and perspectives, giving the Fellows a diverse and engaging learning experience. This is one of the main strengths of the program.

The course was very intense, and there was little time for reflection. This is the only real complaint that I have about the program, and I recognize that there may not be much that can be done about it. I, and other fellows, found that we didn't have time to let the information sink in, do some follow up reading, and really process the new knowledge before we were



Samantha (second from right) is pictured with Tom Bamforth nominated by Balwyn, Joanne Levitan a South African Documentary Film Maker now living in Sydney and Charlie Allen nominated by Chadstone East Malvern.



Samantha is pictured in front of a banner with the President of a Rotary Club where she was the speaker - this is the Club from which her Councillor, Suporn, is a member.

Chamber in the Court of Cambodia, where 5 of the senior Khmer Rouge officers are currently on trial. We also spoke with a number of NGOs working on human rights issues in Cambodia, as well as others working on labor rights and environmental issues. The opportunity to hear from people currently working in the field, and to hear so many different perspectives from people involved in different capacities, was an incredible learning experience. It also gave us an opportunity to see how some of the theory we had learnt in class translated into practice in the field. As well as learning a lot of information about peace and conflict in South East Asia, I also developed skills in working in conflict and post-conflict situations.





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The experience of being with a diverse group of Peace Fellows for such an intense period of time also provided many opportunities for learning! We learnt, through experience, about group dynamics, cross-cultural differences, and communication issues. I also made new friends, some of whom are now close and lifelong friends with whom I have regular contact. I have also established a strong network of people working in peace-related fields around the world.

My host counselor, Suporn, was lovely and was helpful and supportive even before I started the program. She assisted with logistics (getting from the airport to the university), with Rotary-related activities (speaking at Rotary Clubs) and also social activities (dinners and tourist activities).

IMPRESSION OF PROGRAM AS A WHOLE

I think that the program was really well organized and worthwhile. I am still amazed at how well the field studies were organized and how smoothly they were conducted.

At times during the program I struggled to see connections between some parts of the course, but towards the end it all came together and made a logical whole.

DESCRIPTION OF SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Rotary functions

Prior to leaving Australia, I attended my sponsor club, Albert Park VIC, and briefly introduced myself to the members. I also attended a Rotary District Foundation breakfast as a guest of my sponsor club. I also spoke at a Rotary Youth Club meeting in Richmond.

When I returned to Australia, I moved to Townsville, so haven't had the opportunity to speak at my sponsor club in Melbourne. However, I am speaking at a local Townsville Rotary Club in the first week in November about my experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow.

Volunteer activities

During my time in Thailand I worked on a voluntary basis as the Research and Development Coordinator for the Peace Revolution Project, an international youth peace program run by the World Peace Initiative. I continue to conduct this role from Australia, and will be returning to Thailand in July 2011 to help them conduct another training workshop.

While I was in Thailand I was invited to assist in the Asia-Pacific Mediation Leadership Summit, which is being held in Bangkok in July 2011. I have been elected to the organizing committee, and I am in charge of the mentor-student program.

I am also currently in discussions to become involved in a program run by the International Rescue Committee. They are setting up some conflict resolution programs in the temporary shelters (refugee camps) on the Thai borders, and have asked me to assist by mentoring some of their junior staff. This will involve me travelling to Thailand a few times each year to meet with their staff, and also assist them from Australia by providing advice and information. We are also currently discussing a potential agreement between the IRC and James Cook University to allow students in our Masters of Conflict and Dispute Resolution to do internships with IRC to assist in setting up and evaluating programs in the camps.

Presentations

A few days after returning to Australia I was the guest speaker at a Conflict Resolvers Network dinner in Townsville. I spoke about my experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow.

Post-fellowship career plans

After returning to Australia, I took up a new position as Associate Professor in Conflict Resolution at James Cook University in Townsville. I am teaching in the Masters of Conflict and Dispute Resolution program. I am hoping to use the learning and contacts I have made during the Rotary Program to develop a program for James Cook University based around peace and conflict in South East Asia, in collaboration with some of the organizations we visited during the Rotary program. The program will hopefully also include a field study to Thailand and Cambodia for students in the Masters of Conflict Resolution.

As at 1 November 2010 D9800 Paul Harris Society has 52 members, 49 from within our district and 2 from D9870 and 1 from D9820.

<p>Rotary Club of Camberwell PP John Steven Mrs Audrey Steven PDG Donald Jago Mrs Margery Jago PP Frank Leigh Mrs Barbara Leigh</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Brimbank Central PP John Rafter PP Barbara Rafter PP Dino Sapuppo</p> <p>Rotary Club of North Balwyn PDG John Reddish PDG Jim Studebaker PP Rob Bott</p> <p>Rotary Club of Bendigo PP Colin Burns John Krakowiak</p> <p>Rotary Club of Essendon PRIP Royce Abbey Mr Noel O'Brien</p> <p>Rotary Club of Melbourne PP Robert Read Mrs Barbara Read</p> <p>Rotary Club of Albert Park PP Vicki Teschke</p> <p>Rotary Club of Brighton North PP Philip Rowell</p> <p>Rotary Club of Carlton DGE Keith Ryall</p> <p>Rotary Club of Docklands Rtn Dennis Ginn</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Glen Eira PP Adrian Nelson</p> <p>Rotary Club of Hawthorn PDG Bernie Walshe PP David Pisterman</p> <p>Rotary Club of Kew PP Roger Fasken PP Michael McFarlane Rtn Elizabeth Foley</p> <p>Rotary Club of Southbank PP Gabriel Hau PP Philip Archer</p> <p>Rotary Club of Werribee PDG Ian Knight</p> <p>District 9870</p> <p>Rotary Club of Belmont PP Russell Dale PP Joy Dale</p> <p>District 9820</p> <p>Rotary Club of Berwick PDG Ray Martin</p>
<p>Rotary Club of Central Melb. Sunrise PP Bernie Gerlinger PP Marjorie Gerlinger PP Neville John PP Roger Thornton</p> <p>Rotary Club of Eaglehawk PDG Gordon McKern Mrs Anita McKern Colin Hutchieson Julie Hutchieson Rtn Lola Miller</p> <p>Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern PP Chris Don PP Hein Otten Mrs Veronica Otten PE Sandra Fulcher PP Marcus Fookes</p> <p>Rotary Club of Toorak PP Gordon Cheyne Rtn Ian Kirk Rtn Cyril Lee AG Alan Freedman</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Contributed by: PP Gabe Hau Administrator Paul Harris Society RID 9800</p> </div> 	

DISTRICT 9800 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY UPDATE AUGUST 2010

The past few months have been relatively quiet for the Paul Harris Society (PHS) but things are brewing in the background.

Please join me in welcoming Past President David Pisterman (RC Hawthorn) who joined the PHS in October. PP David is the second member from RC Hawthorn, the first is of course PDG Bernie Walshe.

In the coming months, I will be talking to each member to see how we can expand our membership and continue our support of the Foundation.

There is some good news for our members. As the Reserve Bank announced an increase of its Cash Rate from 4.50% to 4.75%, the markets reacted with a strengthening of the Aussie dollar. This means that it is now much cheaper to make your normal contribution to the Foundation. The Rotary Foundation exchange rate for November 2010 is 1.02. This means that you only need to contribute A\$1,020.00 in the month of November 2010 to maintain your membership with the PHS.

The PHS's normal process is to send you a reminder shortly before the anniversary of you joining the PHS. However, there is no reason why you can't contribute early if the exchange rate is favourable, or to defer your contribution if you think the exchange rate will improve – provided, of course, that you make the

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contribution within this financial year. There is obviously a risk that the exchange rate will worsen the longer you wait.

If you would like to know more about contributions, please feel free to:

email me: (gabriel.hau@rotary.to)

or call me on 0411 338 989.

PP Gabe Hau

PHS Administrator

Exciting news for the Royce Abbey Awards and Rotary Foundation

Next month, on December 5th, at the Zone 8 Institute in Perth, WA, the assembly of District Governors will vote on a resolution, to include the Royce Abbey Awards as a National Award in all districts in Australia.

If this resolution is passed, it will mean that all clubs in Australia, will get the opportunity, to bestow a “Royce Abbey Award” to members of their club and at the same time give a considerable boost to the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

The award recognizes the efforts and achievements of club members, for “Enthusiasm and Commitment to the ideals of Rotary” in their early years of Rotary as a willing participant in club, district and International activities. Awardees receive a framed certificate, signed by the club President, the District Governor and Royce Abbey and a unique, Royce Abbey Awards lapel badge to wear.

Over 40 clubs in 9 districts have so far, bestowed 140 of their members, a Royce Abbey Award with AUD \$140,000 going into the Rotary foundation.

The benefits of the Royce Abbey Awards Program are wide and far reaching, supporting Rotary Foundation and the Foundation of Rotary, the newer members.

The awardees are recognized for Rotary involvement in their early years, by their club and President, saying, we think very highly of you and appreciate you as a member, helping Member retention.

The contribution of AUD \$1,000 from the club, goes directly into the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund, where the earnings are dedicated to the Royce & Jean Abbey Agricultural Scholarship and spent in Australia, to bring students from overseas countries, here, for three months, to improve their skills in food production.

A Benefit to all concerned.

When an Award is bestowed, the Awardee, the club, Rotary Foundation, the Overseas Agricultural scholar, Australia and Rotary, all benefit, building Goodwill and Better Friendships

For additional information, please contact:

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FUTURE VISION VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM (VTT)

As mentioned in the last Rotary Foundation Newsletter, our District 9800 has agreement for a Rotary Foundation Future Vision Vocational Training Team (VTT) with District 9550, Timor Leste – a Future Vision District – in one of the Rotary Foundation 6 areas of focus, Maternal and Child Health.

The Planning Group from our District, lead by PDG Ian Knight, PP Chris Don, PP Frank Leigh and Professor Jeremy Oats, visited Timor Leste between 22nd-30th August, 2010. It was an extremely successful and productive visit. Timor Leste has currently a very high maternal mortality rate. It is estimated that 1 in 35 women die in childbirth.

Our Group met with a wide spread of key personnel and organisations involved in the provision of Maternal and Child Health Services – the Government, Training Institutions, Health Care Providers, including the Director of Maternal Child Health, Ministry of Health and the Health Minister, Senior personnel at the Dili Hospital, and The Medical Director at the Baucau Hospital, the Alola Foundation and NGO's.

Professor Jeremy Oats proposes to develop a refresher and up skilling training program aimed at Midwives and Medical Practitioners providing maternity care in Timor Leste. Initially, this will be centred in the Baucau district. Rotary already has an established presence in Baucau through the success of the Rotary Club of Melbourne steel rolling mill.

Professor Jeremy Oats (member, Rotary Club of Melbourne), proposes the project will be developed in a number of stages (5 planned visits over 2 ½ years), to allow refinements so that it meets the particular needs of Timor Leste, and becomes self sustaining, so that Timor Leste maternity practitioners will take over the running of the project with assistance and mentoring from the project team as required. It is planned that the midwives from the outlying centres come into Baucau for the training.

We submitted to The Rotary Foundation our proposal for the volunteer team, consisting of Professor Jeremy Oats and another Obstetrician and 2 Teaching Midwives, experienced in running similar programs, for 5 visits over 2 ½ years, at an anticipated cost of US\$113,630. This has been accepted by The Rotary Foundation. We have now been invited to submit our application for this program.

A letter has been sent to all Club Presidents, inviting their Clubs to contribute a total of US\$25,000. It is anticipated the balance of the money will come from The Rotary Foundation DDF and a Global Grant.

This project will be one of the first major Future Vision Vocational Training Team programs in the Rotary world. By investing in training people, it will have long term sustainability, contribute to saving lives and clearly meets the mission and motto of our Rotary Foundation of “DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD.”

PDG Ian Knight
Chairman, Rotary Foundation Special
Projects (VTT)

Welcome to the Second Edition of Foundation News for 2010 - 2011!

*We hope that you like the format and feel of this
Newsletter.*

*Over the coming months we will try and keep you
informed of relevant matters in your District, 9800,
and around the world.*

**Contributors - please note that it is important to
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RD9800 Ambassadorial Scholar 2011-12

Nadia Harrison



RD9800 Foundation Committee is delighted to announce the selection of Nadia Harrison as the outbound Ambassadorial Scholar for 2011-12.

Nadia graduated with an Arts/Law degree from the University of Melbourne in 2007. She spent a large part of her university years doing volunteer work and being passionate about things generally. Much of this was occupied as a project coordinator at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. In 2005 she worked as a volunteer paralegal at a death penalty defence office in Huston, Texas. Upon completing her studies, she worked at the Human Rights Law Centre in New Delhi, and then as a paralegal at the Kimberley Land Council (a Native Title Representative Body) in Western Australia.

After graduating, she worked as a Senior Policy Officer at Corrective Services in Canberra where she worked on developing constructive and progressive policies and attitudes in relation to prison management and prisoner treatment. She was responsible for training staff in ethics and for bringing officers on board in relation to various policies; and enjoyed the struggle.

Nadia is eager to become an expert in what she considers to be the most important issues facing humanity - resource scarcity and management. She maintains an active involvement in human rights and will continue ongoing pro bono work as a lawyer in this area. However, she intends on dedicating her professional life to policy and law reform which acknowledges Australia's environmental issues.

Nadia is enormously grateful for the opportunity that Rotary has provided in allowing her to undertake a course of study in environmental law and policy at New York University, and looks forward to becoming an active Rotary participant in years to come.

Nadia is sponsored by RC Melbourne.

Report from Ambassadorial Scholar

Roland Dillon, New York

Study at Columbia has been an incredible experience. My course of study is very intensive, it compresses a two year program into one year, so while I am learning a lot, but don't have as much free time as a typical student. Columbia regularly hosts world leaders and there are opportunities to see great speakers every week (which I would take, if I was able to leave the library). I have made many wonderful friends and am looking forward to a real American Thanksgiving in Chicago with some class mates.

The Rotary Community in New York has been wonderfully supportive. Ed Birdie, RC Wall Street, is my host counsellor and he is a lot of fun - he is taking me to the theatre tomorrow. There are six other Ambassadorial Scholars studying at Columbia, from the UK, Japan, Italy, France and Trinidad and Tobago. Having so many scholars together in one place has been a great support network, and I have learned a lot about how Rotary works in their home countries.

I am learning so much, from my teachers and my peers, that I will be able to bring back to Australia. I am very grateful to Rotary for making this experience possible, and I hope to repay that debt with my service to the community and to Rotary in the future.



Roland & Dewi outside the famous Tom's Diner (famous from Seinfeld and the song)

Update on the Polio Eradication Challenge

May we acquaint you with the current situation in regard to the Polio Challenge and the current state of polio worldwide.

As at 31 October, for the current term of the Challenge, Rotarians worldwide have contributed \$US 149.4 million towards the goal of \$200 million to match the Gates Foundation Gift,

The contribution by D9800 is particularly significant:

Contributions from Clubs and Members: \$US 164,060

Contribution from DDF: 60,000

Total Contribution from D9800: \$US 224,060

However, we must report that while contributions from most Clubs are indeed considerable, 12 Clubs have made no contribution, and that from another 9 clubs is less than \$500.

A dose of polio vaccine cost 60 cents, for a contribution of \$100 we can immunize 160 children, in simple terms 160 LIVES CAN BE SAVED! Just think about it.

With the Gates Foundation gift and Rotary's Challenge, we have our best opportunity ever to eradicate polio. There have been 767 cases reported globally to date this year compared with 1337 for the same period last year, 19 countries have reported cases compared with 23 last year. In the so-called endemic Countries only 180 cases have been reported, a tribute to the efforts being made. Our real concern is the non endemic countries, such as the recent outbreak in the Congo, 100 young adult deaths. Rotary is involved in the emergency response, along with WHO and UNICEF. Your contribution and your continued support is more essential now than before, let us not lose the battle when we are so, so close to winning the war.

Soon you will hear about an opportunity to further contribute to the Challenge!

Hoyt's Theatres are offering all Clubs a fund raising initiative in the form of a movie night (see below). We need the co-operation of Club Foundation Chairs and Assistant Governors to give the project their strong support. Please keep this evening available, you will receive full details in the very near future.

PDG Don Jago

D9800 Polio Challenge Chair

Advance notice

Make a conviction to eradicate Polio

We have now received confirmation that Rotary Australia can run the movie "Conviction" either on Sunday 20th February or Wednesday 23rd February as a District program to raise funds for the Polio Challenge.

If we attack this program with energy and enthusiasm, we can bring in at least \$500,000 to the Polio Challenge from the Rotary clubs in Australia.

The movie is already attracting a good level of attention. The links below are to an article produced by The Sydney Morning Herald and to a Larry King Show segment and they both indicate a strong acceptance for the movie. Check them out and be in the know!

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/movies/a-woman-of-conviction-20101014-16kr3.html>

<http://www.mediamaxonline.com/DailyBuzz/Misc/download.ashx?breakID=114492&type=broadcast&action=play>

District Grants to Rotary Clubs 2011-12

Under the new guide lines that our District is operating under as a pilot district, in order to receive our yearly district block grant we need to submit a draft spending plan to the Rotary Foundation. We would hope to be able to submit this spending plan early in 2011 so that grant funds will be available to us at the start of the 2011-12 Rotary year. The spending plan needs to list the possible disbursement of these funds to clubs who are applying for a District grant in the 2011-12 Rotary year.

We are therefore requesting clubs to review what projects they envisage implementing in the 2011-12 rotary year and if they will be requesting any financial assistance for these projects from our District. We require at this time only an outline of the envisaged project approx. (20words) and confirmation that it has been discussed by the club's board of directors with an agreement to proceed in principle. We do need to provide this information to the Rotary Foundation in our draft spending plan. We also require what amount of funding would be required.

District grants if approved require at least an equal contribution from the club. The submission of this information however does not mean that the application for a District grant will be approved. If in the 2011-12 rotary year a formal application is received from a club for a District grant, it will need to be reviewed by the District grant committee to see whether it complies with the terms and conditions as defined by the Rotary Foundation, in order to be approved. The funds available for District grants to clubs in each rotary year are limited by the funds available and in most years funds are exhausted within the first half of the Rotary year, we would therefore suggest that the early forward planning of projects envisaged in the 2011-12 Rotary year that may require assistance in funding from our District is essential if a grant is to be approved before funds are depleted.

Information regarding possible projects requiring financial support from district 9800 should be emailed to District Foundation Chair PDG John Davis and CC District Grant Chair PDG Jim Studebaker by the 28th February 2011.



DG Iven Mackay is pictured with Stephanie Macchia, District Governor of District 5840, our partner for this year's GSE program.

District 5840 serves the local communities in 44 counties of South Central Texas through 56 clubs and almost 3,000 Rotarians.

see next page for this year's Team members

GSE Team to D5840

Ross Butterworth (Team Leader)

Ross has been a member of the Rotary Club of Melton Valley since 1994, holding a number of Club and District positions, including District Community Service Chairman and Assistant Governor for the Calder Cluster. He has chaired the Inter-Club Polio Challenge Fruit Cake Program for the past three years. Ross is a Paul Harris Fellow with Double Sapphire Recognition. Ross's career has mainly been in the hospitality and catering industry, including his own business, and more recently in property development. He and his wife Annette have four children and three grandchildren.



Tinika Van Dort

Tinika, sponsored by the RC of Melbourne South, currently works as the Marketing and Events Manager for Reclink - a national not-for-profit providing sport and arts opportunities for disadvantaged Australians. She has completed a Bachelor of Applied Science - Physical Education degree, a Graduate Certificate of Sports Nutrition and a Master of Sport Business. Tinika recently participated in the Eyes Wide Open tour of Nepal, a project supported by Rotary. Tinika currently resides in Elwood and her interests include traveling, keeping fit and enjoying a quiet wine and good conversation with friends.



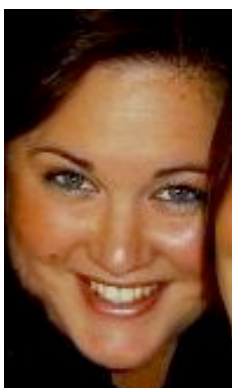
Paul Bertoncello

Paul has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh. He is 35 years old, and after obtaining a Bachelor of Applied Science (Phys Ed), he Victoria Police in 1998. Paul is an experienced Detective having worked at the Melbourne Crime Investigation Unit, Sexual Crimes Squad and Arson and Explosives Squad. For the last 18 months, he has been investigating the Black Saturday Bushfires. Outside of work, most of his time is spent with his wife and four kids. When he can spare the time, he enjoys playing golf (badly!) and teaching himself to play guitar.



Christine Waugh

Christine has been nominated by the Rotary Club of Southbank and is Work Experience Coordinator for Victoria and Tasmania with the Department of Defence. She hopes to experience first hand how one of the world's largest military organizations supports the US troops and their families and promotes further education. Outside of work, Christine has been the Co-Director of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, RYLA, and acknowledges this involvement in a Rotary program in setting her on course for future success.



Liam Fleming

Liam has been nominated by the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama and is Duty Manager at the Moama Bowling Club. He is 28 years old and won the prestigious Young Achiever in Clubs Award for his role helping the Moama Bowling club rebuild from a fire in June 2008 in which one third of it was destroyed. He seeks to observe the US hospitality industry, particularly its customer service, new technologies and new approaches in his field