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## DG Bernie's Message - **VOCATIONAL SERVICE – THE PROJECTS**



The Second Avenue of Service is really the foundation on which Rotary was built because it was this line of ethical enterprise that was counter to all that the birth of Rotary experienced over 100 years ago.

Today, we recognise the Four Way Test and this charter is found in many offices and they do not all involve Rotarians' businesses. We have developed many programs under the banner of Vocational Service, all connected with the pursuit of promoting ethics in business. Some of the District's involvement in Vocational Service is not always unique to our District and it is good that we sometimes combine with other Districts to attain the epitome of good business and promotion of people in the workforce.

### **Some of our projects include:**

Career Interviews and Counselling	Business Awards
Providing Work Experience for students	Inter School Debates
Computers4Kids	Literacy Project "Read to the Children"
Rotary Trivial Pursuit Challenge	Establish a Sister Club Relationship
Sponsor a Candidate for a Shine On Award	Pride of Workmanship Award
Community Achievement/Volunteer Awards	
Ethics Debates within your Club or with other clubs	
Awarding Young Achievers with a Young Achievers Australia Award	

Many will be amazed at the number of projects that fall under the Vocational umbrella and the list is not limited as it can be expanded according to the depth and breadth of your imagination. Projects that can be singled out for special mention are:

**Computers 4 Kids** – This collects redundant computers that are taken to a central point and cleaned up and updated by, usually unemployed youth, and sent to underdeveloped countries and locals, who cannot afford such facility, to assist their educational and business needs. This has been one of the most successful projects operated under Vocational Service and the supply of computers is virtually endless.

**Pride of Workmanship Award** – this seeks to acknowledge individuals whose exemplary contributions to their vocations are worthy of public acknowledgement. This is a program initiated outside of our District but it serves two important purposes. It certainly gives recognition to an individual to acknowledge their worth in their chosen

vocation and it provides Rotary with a fair measure of publicity as this award is certainly worthy of being broadcast within the local community so that others will look forward to or seek this award in the future.

**Shine On Award** – this originated in Queensland and it recognises the personal achievements and dedicated commitment to community service by those who suffer from some form of disability. It is through their shining example to the community at large that the award takes its name. Clubs are invited to nominate suitable candidates and the Award Ceremony takes place in Victoria each year in a different District. This year, the Award Ceremony will be held in Morwell in May 2007. This has been an important part of our District and it is one of the programs that makes us proud of our fellow citizens that have not only recognised their limitations in life, but have climbed to the very heights to not let their disability deter them in their quest for a better and normal life. This is a most inspirational program.

*Vocational Service helps us Lead the Way.*

**Bernie Walshe**  
**District Governor**

## **OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

### **Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions**

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary:

#### **As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:**

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognize the honour and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

1. **Another reminder from DG Bernie:**

This is an invitation to join me for breakfast on the Thursday **12 October 2006** at 7:00 am at Leonda by the Yarra Hawthorn with [Kirsty Sword Gusmao](#). Kirsty is to speak about Rotary's Actions to Help Saves Lives in East Timor.

**Kirsty Sword Gusmao**, is the First Lady of Timor Leste and Patron of the **Alola Foundation**. Share her unique experiences in East Timor, including the work of Rotary in Action. Alola's primary aim is seeking social justice by empowering the women and children of East Timor through the provision of educational and health programmes.

Please refer to attachments - [click here](#) to learn all about the **Alola Foundation** and [Click here](#) for details of the special breakfast with a difference, with Kirsty Sword Gusmao aiming to **"Help Save Lives in East Timor"**.

2. **FINAL REMINDER**

**DISTRICT 9800 FOUNDATION SEMINAR REMINDER**

The Seminar will be held in the Old Royce Abbey Room, International House on [Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>](#) 9AM to 12PM.

3. **Royce Abbey Oration:**

[Thursday October 19th](#)

Molina's Brighton Beach, 6.00 for 6.30pm conducted by the Rotary Club of Brighton. Cost \$25 drinks at bar prices. Special guest speaker, The Hon Tim Fischer.

**Bookings:** PDG John King email [jwking@hotmail.net.au](mailto:jwking@hotmail.net.au) phone 95929120, fax 95929278

4. **Attention:** [Royce Abbey Room](#) (International House)

The "new" Royce Abbey Room is currently undergoing renovations and, until further notice, all meetings scheduled for the "Royce Abbey Room" will be held in the "old" Royce Abbey Room in the Greycourt building.

**ROTARACT NEWS**

[Click here](#) to read the first edition of Rotaract's District diary to come up to date with Rotaract in District 9800



**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS**

**RC Bendigo South**

Please note that the regular meeting of RC Bendigo South scheduled for Thursday, 30th Nov. has been cancelled and rescheduled for Friday 1st Dec at Camp Getaway.

**RC Brunswick**

Weekly meeting on Thursday 26 October 2006 will be 6pm for 6:30pm instead of 12:45pm for 1:00pm - This dinner meeting is a trial to have an evening meeting for the 4th Thursday of each month. Details are also posted at [www.brunswickrotary.org.au](http://www.brunswickrotary.org.au)

**RC Central Melbourne Sunrise**

**ANNUAL CHARITY GALA**

RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise is holding its 16th Annual Charity Gala at Leonda on Friday 20 October. All Rotarians and friends are welcome to a night of entertainment, 3 course meal includes drinks, live and silent auctions, ample parking. Corporate sponsorship is available. Donated goods/services appreciated. Call Kevin Walklate (B) 9299 4319 for more details.

**RC Essendon North**

The following scheduled dinner meeting has been changed: Wed Nov 8th Nov - Will now be held on Mon Nov 6th for the Club's annual Melbourne cup Calcutta on this night

### **RC Keilor East**

Great news for the 83 students at the Western Autistic School in Garnet Street, Niddrie. RC Keilor East has accepted the challenge to raise \$37,000 to provide a new playground for them as their treated pine playground equipment has been deemed unsafe and must be replaced by 2008. The children will have something to cheer about as the Rotarians get to work on fund-raising initiatives to buy new equipment especially designed for their needs.

**Details of Fundraising Auction Night:** Join RC Keilor East at a Fundraising Dinner with Guest Speakers, Bargains, Live and Silent Auctions to be held at ULTIMA FUNCTION CENTRE, KEILOR (Students from William Angliss Institute of TAFE will cater)  
6.30 pm Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2006  
\$60 per head - includes 3 course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks (tables of 10)  
Why not make up a Club Table and join us in support of such a worthy cause?  
Sponsors for the evening include local traders and Harvey Norman, Maribyrnong.

Tickets from **Lloyd Lancaster:** 9336 2015, **Bruce Cameron:** 9337 8194 and **Cherrie Osborn:** 9390 9526 - Written applications to Keilor East Rotary Club, 42 Wyong Street, Keilor East 3033. Further information can be obtained from Lloyd Lancaster.

### **RC Kew on Yarra**

The Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra is supporting Friends of Rumania in holding a Book Fair at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, corner Cotham Road and St John's Parade Kew, on 14 and 15 October. Proceeds from the fair go towards the FCJ Mission to Rumania.

A flier is attached giving full details - [click here](#). Fellow Rotarians are encouraged to not only to "spread the word" but also come to the fair themselves. There will be thousands of books for sale and some great bargains.

Also, the Club is still collecting donations of books. If anyone would like to do a spring clean of their library, donations can be given to Julie Chamberlin, Unit 8, 54 Charles Street, Kew.

### **RC Tullamarine:**

On 14 and 15 October the Club will be running its annual 24 hour Mega swim in aid of MS. For more information any one interested go to the swim web site at [www.msswim.com](http://www.msswim.com)

### **RC Woodend - Big sale, big sale**

The Club has decided to part with their BBQ trailer and as per the flier

### **New Members**

A big Rotary welcome to:

**RC Echuca** Moama John Cunningham

### **RI Exchange Rate**

The October Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is 1.31

Don't forget - you can always check the back issues of Weekly News if you

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**District 9800's website:** [www.rotaryd9800.org](http://www.rotaryd9800.org)