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## DG Bernie's Message - **ROTARY'S GIFT TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD**



In 1985, Rotary International decided to tackle one of the greatest and most debilitating diseases on earth that affected young children. They decided to take up the fight and eradicate Poliomyelitis, what we know as Polio.

We are winning the fight as the number of polio cases has been reduced from 350,000 children annually in the mid 1980's to approximately 2,000 cases last year. This has now been further reduced to 1228 cases as at 3 October 2006.

Polio is a highly infectious disease that can cause paralysis and sometimes death and it still strikes children in parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. There are four countries that are still endemic, that is, where the disease recurs in certain localities, and they are Nigeria, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan with Nigeria posing the biggest problem with around two thirds of the total global cases (803).

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organisation, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Rotary International is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit humanitarian service organizations. Our members initiate community projects and address many of the critical issues we face today such as violence, AIDS, hunger, the environment and health care. We also conduct the massive Rotary Foundation that funds the worldwide and groundbreaking work of the PolioPlus campaign that is pushing to make the Polio Eradication dream come true. \$US19 million was contributed to the campaign in to date in 2006 and this brings our total financial commitment to around \$US616 million.

We are winning the fight but the battle still rages and constant support of all Rotarians is needed to ensure this dreadful disease is snuffed out quickly. Further information can be found by visiting [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)

We can all help to make that dream come true and truly share in our Gift *To The Children Of The World*.

**Lead The Way** by supporting our Foundation and the PolioPlus campaign.

**Bernie Walshe**

**District Governor**

# NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

## RI PRESIDENT BILL BOYD'S MESSAGE ON FOUNDATION

It's almost impossible to imagine Rotary today without The Rotary Foundation. So much of what Rotary is known for - international service projects, grants, scholarships and, above all, PolioPlus - depends on the Foundation. Without the Foundation, Rotary could never have grown into a truly international organization. A Rotary without Matching Grants, without Ambassadorial Scholars, and without the unifying fight for polio eradication would be a Rotary without many of the most important ties linking our clubs and districts.

The Rotary Foundation was not founded by coincidence. Because Rotary is an organization of businesspeople and professionals, we tend to be a very practical group. There are very few starry-eyed idealists in Rotary, and although we may follow our hearts, we lead with our heads. As Rotarians, we assess needs, consider our resources, and constantly try to do the most with what we have. Arch C. Klumph, the Foundation's founder, realized that a central pool of resources could increase the power of each Rotary club.

The Rotary Foundation is a major reason Rotarians are able to accomplish so much. But the Foundation's financial support is only part of the equation. The talents and reach of our membership mean that a dollar or a euro or a yen given to the Foundation can do much more than anyone might expect. When projects are run by knowledgeable volunteers, using volunteer labour &, often, donated materials, a relatively small grant can make a big difference.

The classic example, of course, is PolioPlus. The cost of a dose of oral polio vaccine is small, but the logistics of delivering it are daunting. Yet when hundreds or thousands of Rotarians come together to deliver vaccines during a National Immunization Day, the greatest hurdle has already been overcome, and the Foundation is there to help with the rest. Great works like these could not happen without Rotarians, and they could not happen without the Foundation.

Rotarians know the value of a good investment. That is why every year, Rotarians give to the Foundation. We know that our money will be used well and wisely by our fellow Rotarians and that together we can do so much more than we could ever do alone. That is why I ask all of you to **Lead the Way** in your clubs with a gift to the Foundation — this year and every year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO RC CAMBERWELL ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**2 NOVEMBER 2006**

**MARK YOUR DIARY** 6 PM MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER **DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE - **DETAILS SENT TO CLUBS**

1. **FUNDS FOR FOUNDATION**

AG Olga Hilton will host a Charity Day to raise Funds for the Rotary Foundation and Dying with Dignity on **Sunday 12th November 2006** - From 10am until 4pm

The day includes a Classic car display of 1959-61 Ford Fairlanes, Plants, Open Garden, Sausage Sizzle.

**Location:** 10 Greenstead Amble , Kurunjang.

Melways ref: Map337 A3 Entry: \$5 for Adults (Children Free) For more Information [click here](#) or ring Olga 0418 564 273

2. **HELP WANTED - Rotary Leaders Beyond Club Level**

**DGE John Davis** is seeking expressions of interest from Rotarians looking to serve Rotary at a District level.

Some positions in the District team such as Assistant Governor do require pre requisite experience; however there are many positions on the District team that can be filled by Rotarians with enthusiasm for Rotary coupled with their own business and professional skills and experiences.

Rotarians interested in being part of the 2007-8 District team should contact DGE John at [dge@rotaryd9800.org](mailto:dge@rotaryd9800.org), or fax/phone 5428 6213 giving a brief description of their Rotary & vocational skills and experience and what District positions are of particular interest.

3. **FOUNDATION MATCHING GRANTS WORKSHOP**

The advertised Workshop has been rescheduled for **Monday 27th November** commencing at **6PM at International House**.

The workshop will finish about 7:30pm and light refreshments will be served. Last year this workshop was a great success and we expect this year to be the same.

All intending members are asked to email to confirm their attendance or direct any inquiries regarding the Grants Workshop to PDG Judy Nettleton or PDG Jeffery Bird at their respective addresses as shown in the directory.

4. **DISTRICT PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The DPC is holding an Information Session to be conducted Dept of Justice on **Wednesday 15th November** as part of a Breakfast Meeting with Rotary Club of Moonee Valley.

An open invitation is extended to Club Protection Officers, New Generation Officers, any other interested Rotarians.

[Click here](#) for a flyer which has also been sent by email to most CPOs in D9800.

5. **RIPE WILF WILKINSON TO VISIT MELBOURNE**

RIPE Wilf Wilkinson will be in Melbourne on a whirlwind visit to Australasia 20 to 22 November 2006. To mark this occasion the 5 Rotary Districts in Victoria have arranged for RIPE Wilf to speak and meet Rotarians from our District at a Dinner meeting in the Members Dining room at the MCG on **Monday 20th November**. Dinner cost is \$50.

Clubs are encouraged to book a table or even shift their normal weekly meeting time to the meeting on 20 November & that as many Presidents Elect with their clubs can attend this evening to hear from their world President in the 2007-8 Rotary year. Bookings per club with a cheque should be sent to the name listed on the registration form. Bookings close on 10 November.

[Click here](#) for details

## 6. **ROTARY GROUP TOUR TO INDIA - February 2007**

A Rotary Group Tour to India is being organised by Rotary Club of Chadstone / East Malvern and our District 9800 SAVI Committee for February 2007. Please [click here](#) to see the attached brochure with more information on the Tour. For further enquiries: **Vijay Susarla** [vsusarla@qisgroup.com.au](mailto:vsusarla@qisgroup.com.au) Mob: 0408 147 845

## 7. **VARIETY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Christmas party has now been moved forward a day, to **Wednesday November 29**. Time and venue have not altered. Also Application for volunteers has moved out one week, & last date for receipt is now **10 November**.

## 8. **SHINE ON AWARDS**

The Shine On Awards webpage is not working properly. In order to avoid any inconvenience to Clubs, Clubs are requested to just email Dawn Watson direct for any requests or forms until further notice. Email: [dawnwatson@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnwatson@yahoo.com)

## 9. **EXCITING POSITION AVAILABLE FOR D9800 ROTARIAN**

**Our Valuable Asset - "Donations in Kind"**

We are still looking for expressions of interest from Rotarians to supervise the District DIK store. This project has to this time been handled by PP Bill Dagg of the RC of West Footscray. PP Bill has been doing this job for 6 years & needs to step down for a period.

Rotarians, who are retired and are prepared to give at least one day a week, either on a Tuesday or a Thursday, to run the D9800 DIK store at West Footscray, are required to continue this program with a team that has been established and can assist the successful applicant to maintain this worthwhile outlet to the world. Hands on is the key and you only need to be on site to supervise the activities and care for the paperwork. Be assured that it is not a 7 day a week activity. PP Bill has many ways to assist those that show an interest and is willing to help them get into the swing of things.

With new ideas and more club activity you could become the new catalyst for the future of District 9800 and others in the Southern Region involved in DIK programs and projects.

### ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY

- o Equal opportunity position
- o Email efficiency needed
- o Activities involved will be coordinating shipping containers
- o Attend the monthly D9800 RAWCS meeting & quarterly Southern Region RAWCS meetings
- o Full training and a "Standard Operating Procedures Manual" will be provided as well as an extensive contact list
- o ROTARY Insurance & make ups apply
- o Combine this with the opportunity for presentations at Clubs, Seminars & District Assembly

This is a very enjoyable, networking position in ROTARY.

**For further information please contact:**

**District RAWCS Chairperson: Virginia Turner**

Email: [v.turner@bigpond.net.au](mailto:v.turner@bigpond.net.au) Phone 9592 4691

**District 9800 DIK Coordinator: Bill Dagg**

Email: [bdagg@tpg.com.au](mailto:bdagg@tpg.com.au) Phone 9318 5313

**District International Chairman: John McMorrow**

Email: [johnpmcm@msn.com.au](mailto:johnpmcm@msn.com.au) Mob 0418 387 973

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS**

### **RC Bendigo South**

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 Bacchus Marsh - [click here](#)**

**A Little Touch of Tuscany - Sunday 12th November at Bacchus Hill Winery**

Enjoy classical performances by leading cellists Miranda Brockman from Melbourne Symphony Orchestra & Zoë Knighton while enjoying some fine wine & lovely views of the Lerderderg Valley. Proceeds raised will be donated to the Bacchus Marsh & Melton Regional Hospital.

Where: Bacchus Hill Winery, 100 O'Connell Rd, Bacchus Marsh

When: 5.30 pm - 7.30pm, 12th November 2006

Tickets: \$35 each includes concert, limited wine and finger food

RSVP c/- Lyn @Smith & Gilbert phone: 5367 3088 Fx: 5367 2577

**RC Brunswick**

The Club meeting next Thursday is same time but DIFFERENT venue - Grandview Hotel West Brunswick, for an "informal" Cup Week get-together (no guest speaker). Meetings return to Curly Joe's from the 16th November. The 23rd November meeting is for LUNCH 12:45 for 1:00pm, not dinner (as it was in the October evening meeting trial).

Club dinner meetings are yet to continue on a fixed basis, but the Club website ([www.brunswickrotary.org.au](http://www.brunswickrotary.org.au)) will always have the correct information.

**RC Camberwell**

Keep Friday November 24th free for the "Business of Winning" lunch at Sofitel Melbourne again in support of Rotary Club of Camberwell's "Youth Suicide Research Project" with ARHRF and Orygen. The function has topical AFL and Spring Carnival themes interlaced with two of the funniest comedians in Melbourne so the event will be well worth the entry price and helps vital research in one of the most concerning problems for young people in Australia today.

[Click here](#) for the registration form. Do not miss this most entertaining luncheon. For further information contact Malcolm Munro - 9889 4322

**RC Central Melbourne Sunrise**

**PHF FOUNDATION BREAKFAST - 28 November**

Note the change in date shown in the District Directory for the annual PHF Breakfast has changed to Tuesday 28th November.

Hosted by RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise, this event will feature as guest speaker, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia - The Hon Michael Black AC

**Venue:** RACV 17th floor, 501 Bourke St. Melb. Tables of 10 available. Full breakfast \$45pp.

Click [here](#) for Flyer. Click [here](#) for Booking Form.

**RC Daylesford**

The Club will be supervising an Open Garden weekend at the Old School House at Musk on November 11 and 12 from 10.00 am till 4.00pm each day. Food & local wines available as you wander the beautiful grounds. All proceeds go to local projects.

**RC Essendon North**

The Club advises that the scheduled dinner meeting Wed Nov 8th Nov, has been changed to Mon Nov 6th for the Club's annual Melbourne cup Calcutta on this night

**RC Point Gellibrand**

If you fancy a decent Melbourne Cup sweep you can't go past this. [Click here](#) to find out more

**RC Gisborne**

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Gisborne Inc. scheduled for Tuesday 7th November 2006 WILL NOT be held at "The Blue Lagoon in Gisborne", because of the Cup Day holiday

### **RC Hawthorn**

The regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been cancelled due to the Melbourne Cup holiday

### **RC Prahran**

Despite the best efforts of the Club and through Town & Country Weekly, there were just too many things going on and not enough Rotarians and others took up the challenge of participating in the Lance Hilton Shield.

The Club has therefore cancelled the event on 10th November and will reschedule at a later date.

### **RC Richmond**

#### **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CLUB - [click here](#)**

High quality hamper with your personalised Club gift card for member's to sell as staff, customer, other gifts. Please take time to look at the attached brochure.

### **RC Werribee**

**RC Werribee** presents another **BUSINESS BREAKFAST**

Thursday 16th November 2006 - 7:15am for 7:30am. Finish - 8:45am

Members Dining Function Room, Werribee Racecourse, Bulban Rd, Werribee

Cost \$35 [Click here](#) for details

### **New Members**

A big Rotary welcome to:

### **RC Chadstone/East Malvern**

Norm Aldous

Lester Trickey

### **RC Echuca**

Leila Stecher

### **RC Melbourne**

Paul Fowler

### **RC St Kilda**

Christina Siciliano

**NOTICE:** [Royce Abbey Room](#) (International House)

The "new" Royce Abbey Room is still undergoing renovations but completion is imminent. In the meantime all meetings scheduled for the "Royce Abbey Room" will be continue to be held in the "old" Royce Abbey Room in the Greycourt building.

**Exchange Rate** - The November Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is still 1.31

**Speakers Bank Update - the very latest: [Click Here](#)**

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

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