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DG Bernie's Weekly Message

FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN GRANTS

The Rotary International Foundation through its humanitarian grants programs, has, since its establishment in 1917, provided substantial funding in the support of thousands of Club & District projects.

The vast majority of these projects without the financial support of the Foundation would have struggled in achieving the desired final outcome. As Rotarians we assess needs, consider our resources & constantly endeavor to do the most with what we have. Our Foundation provides a central reserve of funds that increases the power of each Rotary Club.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3H) Grants.

These Grants fund large-scale (\$100,000 to \$300,000), two to four year, international projects, by Clubs or Districts, that enhance health, help alleviate hunger, or improve human development through self-help activities.

Matching Grants

These Grants fund medium size (\$5,000 to \$25,000) international service projects of Rotary Clubs or Districts in cooperation with Rotarians in another country. Matching Grants are funded from District Designated Funds (DDF) in conjunction with The Rotary Foundation.

District Simplified Grants (DSG)

These Grants up to a maximum of \$5,000 support the short-term service activities or humanitarian endeavors of Clubs in communities locally or internationally. Clubs must match \$ for \$ to secure funding. District Simplified Grants (20% of DDF) are funded from District Designated Funds

Individual Grants (Volunteer Grants)

These Grants support the travel of individual Rotarians, Spouses, Rotaractors and qualified Alumni who are planning or implementing International service projects. They replace the **Discovery Grants**.

Foundation Humanitarian Grants are another opportunity for Rotarians to **Lead the Way**.

Bernie Walshe
Governor

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Quite a number of Clubs have confirmed attendance but many have still to advise who will be representing them.

Please advise by Wednesday 22 November

DISTRICT AGM

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

6.00PM SHARP - 27 NOVEMBER 2006

1. RYLA PROGRAM DINNER

Michelle Blanchard, RYLA Co-director, on behalf of the District RYLA Committee has news about the upcoming 2006 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Program, which is just two weeks away. Thanks to all of those clubs who have nominated candidates or agreed to sponsor candidates from the pool. For those clubs who are yet to nominate, it's not too late! Please contact Michelle (0403 171 989) or anyone else on the District RYLA Committee if you have a young person in mind who you think would benefit from attending RYLA. Further information about the program can be found at www.ryla9800.org.au

Please don't forget that all Rotarians from District 9800 are invited and encouraged to join the program on Wednesday 6th November for the **RYLA Presentation night at Wonga Park on Wednesday 6th December 2006**. The presentation dinner will be 6.30 for 7.00pm with a guarantee of a prompt start because the program is jam-packed, concluding by 9.45pm.

The dinner will cost \$20 per head to be paid on the night, preferably in an envelope clearly marked with your club's name. The dinner qualifies as a make-up.

The dinner will provide an excellent opportunity to experience RYLA first hand and see the impact that the program has on the young people who attend. In the past some clubs have used the evening as an opportunity to bring along prospective members or new members, to demonstrate Rotary at work. It is a fun and inspiring evening, you will not be disappointed.

Should you wish to attend, your RSVP **by Thursday 30th November** by phone to John Leske (New Generations Representative, Rotary Club of Glen Eira) on 0419551769 or email leskej@tpg.com.au would be most appreciated. With thanks for your ongoing support for the RYLA Program.

2. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

SAVE!! AND WIN!! HURRY!!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!!! NOT TO BE MISSED

Register by 13th December 2006

**To Be In The Running To Win A Weekend Of Luxury
Courtesy Of Lexus Of Blackburn.**

Just a short 45 minute drive from central Melbourne, The Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley is part of the prestigious **Heritage Golf & Country Club** and **Heritage Retreat & Dayspa**. This weekend includes one night's accommodation at The Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley in a deluxe room, including buffet breakfast for 2, access to all recreational facilities and the first private Jack Nicklaus designed signature golf course in Australia.

To travel to your destination in style and comfort, the winner may select a Lexus vehicle of your choice for the duration of a weekend, courtesy of Lexus of Blackburn.

Rotarians, please to let us know of anyone who should be receiving Conference updates.....just send an email to: conference@rotaryd9800.org or Telephone: 03 9810 3509

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. ROTARY GROUP TOUR TO INDIA - February 2007

A Rotary Group Tour to India is being organised by RC 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 please contact **Vijay Susarla**
vsusarla@qisgroup.com.au Mob: 0408 147 845

5. EXCITING POSITION AVAILABLE FOR D9800 ROTARIAN

Expressions of interest are still being accepted from Rotarians to supervise the District DIK store. This project has been handled by PP Bill Dagg of RC of West Footscray who has been doing this job for 6 years and 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.

ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY

- Equal opportunity position
- Email efficiency needed
- Activities involved will be coordinating shipping containers
- Attend the monthly D9800 RAWCS meeting & quarterly Southern Region RAWCS meetings
- Full training and a "Standard Operating Procedures Manual" will be provided as well as an extensive contact list
- ROTARY Insurance & make ups apply
- 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 Phone 9592 4691

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 Central Melbourne Sunrise

PHF FOUNDATION BREAKFAST - 28 November

last call 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 Elsternwick

Change of Venue - As from Tuesday November 21, the Rotary Club of Elsternwick will meet at Hopscotch, 313 Glenhuntly Rd Elsternwick 3185 at 7.15 for 7.30 am

RC Port Gellibrand

Early notice for the big Masked Fort Ball - 31 March 2007

With Christmas on the way early booking is recommended so that you do not miss out on this stellar occasion to be held at historic Fort Gellibrand.

Numbers are strictly limited and bookings need to be made well before 1 February when tickets will be mailed out - click [here](#) for details

RC Prahran

Christmas Function will be held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 14th December. This function is in lieu of the luncheon meeting 11th December

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 Yarraville

Yarraville Rotary Club would like to invite all Rotarians, Family and Friends to a special screening of the brand new James Bond Movie "Casino Royale" On its opening night Thursday the 7th of December at the "SUN Theatre". For details click here

New Members - A big Rotary welcome to:

RC Central Melbourne Sunrise

George MILLS (Strategic Planning & Distributions)

Wolfgang JACOBS (Engineering-Management)

Doug SUMNER (Financial Services)

RC Daylesford

Steve MILLARD

Vale

Deepest sympathy to the families of **John Moir** and **Geoff Cox** both past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Melbourne who passed away in the last week.

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

The "new" Royce Abbey Room is still undergoing renovations but good progress has been made. 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.

RI Exchange Rate

The November Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is 1.31

Don't forget - you can always check the back issues of Weekly News if you missed something: 2005-2006 [Issue 01](#) [02](#) [03](#) [04](#) [05](#) [06](#) [07](#) [08](#) [09](#) [10](#) [11](#) [12](#) [13](#) [14](#) [15](#) [16](#) [17](#) [18](#) [19](#) [20](#) [21](#) [22](#) [23](#) [24](#) [25](#) [26](#) [27](#) [28](#) [29](#) [30](#) [31](#) [32](#) [33](#) [34](#) [35](#) [36](#) [37](#) [38](#) [39](#) [40](#) [41](#) [42](#) [43](#) [44](#) [45](#) [46](#) [47](#) [48](#)

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Speakers Bank Update: [Click Here](#)

District 9800's website: <http://www.rotaryd9800.org/>