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SERVICE Above Self

Greetings Rotarians and Rotary Friends

In 2005-2006, as Rotary enters a new century of service, we have the challenge and responsibilty to ensure that we build on the considerable achievements of District 9800 in the past and set a path for continuing success in the future.

RI President Carl Wilhem Stenhammar has given us the theme *Service Above Self* reflecting his desire to use the best and most meaningful words to inspire Rotarians.

It is an honour and a privilege to serve our great district as your Governor and I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

At the District Changeover dinner attended by 400 Rotarians and partners, Fran and I were overwhelmed by your good wishes and there was a real Rotary Family atmosphere at the Carlton Crest. After she had presented me with my chain of office, it gave me great pleasure to congratulate Judy Nettleton and John for their leadership and enthusiasm in the Centennial year of Rotary. The three cheers I called for were resoundingly supported by all.

As Rotarians we should all find ways to put Service Above Self into the multitude of community and international projects that the clubs in our District support.

Fran and I look forward to a great year getting to know you and your clubs better. DG John Wigley

"Read to Me" Literacy Project

This project aims to present a free "Read to Me" kit including a children's book to mothers of every newborn in all Victorian maternity hospitals to encourage families to read to babies from their earliest age. The Rotary Club of Essendon North aims to deliver 40,000 books, written by Australian authors, each year as part of this program, thanks to the support of companies including members of the Australian Publishers Association. I recommend this program to you. DG John Wigley

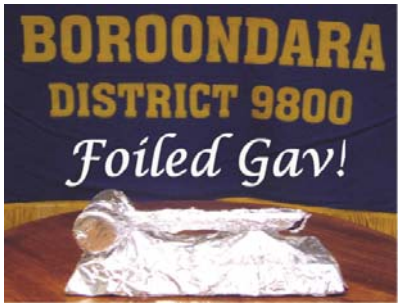
JULY IS LITERACY MONTH

"Gav" continues his travels in Auburn cluster

AG Auburn, Marjorie Gerlinger, has been squiring Gav around her cluster in the past week or so – wonder if her husband, Bernie knows about the other man in her life?

From RC of Glenferrie, "Gav", accompanied by Marjorie travelled to Kew on Yarra and then he somehow was foiled in his attempt to take over the RC of Boroondara.

Above: Pres RC Glenferrie Trevor Mackey hands "Gav" over to AG Majorie Gerlinger



Below: Pres RC Kew on Yarra, Peter Leonard considering ways that "Gav" can get new members into the club

Don't know what "Gav" got up to at RC of Boroondara but the e-Zine editor wasn't paid enough NOT to publish these pics!! Here with PP Cathy McMillan.

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Chicago - our kinda town!

More than sixty Rotarians and partners from District 9800 arrived in Chicago in June to celebrate the first 100 years of Rotary in the town where it was born. We were hard to miss in our navy blue polo shirts and floppy hats combined with the orange vests in aid of MS Research. There were many highlights but perhaps the biggest was the Centenary Parade on the Saturday (here we are assembling very early to catch the bus down to the assembly point). Finally we headed off with the energetic ones singing and dancing along Columbus Avenue, past the Buckingham Fountain to the cheers of the thousands who lined the route - the lazy ones rode on the MS float. We all did "come from a land down under" and the audience certainly knew it.

There were some inspirational sessions at the actual convention and the House of Friendship was "huge", most of us were housed in the same centrally located hotel and we had an absolute ball!! Cheryl Pisterman

Paul Harris Recognitions at ChangeOver

- ***Bruce Van Every*** Past President of the ***Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra*** in recognition of ongoing service to Rotary and the community. Presented at the Club's Changeover.
- At the changeover of the ***Sunshine Rotary Club*** on 1/7/2005, the club awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Past President ***Fred Grove*** in recognition of his service to our club but also his life-long involvement in the CFA.
- ***Rotary Club of Gisborne***
  Vanda Mullen
- ***Rotary Club of Southbank***
  Ian Mannix (ABC Local Radio)
  Barbara Adams
  PHF Sapphire recognition
  Shirley Osborne (STEPS) (Previously awarded by RC Central Melbourne Sunrise)
  Chris Trueman
- ***The Rotary Club of Brighton North*** recently awarded a PHF to ***Diana Brearley,*** wife of Past President Geoff Brearley, for her enthusiastic support of the Club and its functions. Back in May at our 20th Anniversary Celebrations we honoured Past President and Charter Member ***Richard Opie*** a PHF for his endeavours on behalf of the Club over 20 years.
- At the ***Rotary Club of Altona City's*** Change Over two members were presented with PHFs; Jack Davidson and John Rabusin.
- At the Changeover of ***Rotary Club of Hawthorn*** the following Rotarians were honoured:
  Reg Harris (5 Sapphire)
  Henry Drury (1 Sapphire) and John McQuay.
- Congratulations to the three members of the ***Rotary Club of Essendon North*** who were awarded Paul Harris Fellows at their changeover night on June 29; Barry Harvey, Noel Osborne and Barbara Wyatt.
- At the Changeover on 7th July at the ***Rotary Club of Footscray, Wal McCulloch*** (PHF 1986-87) received a Sapphire PHF recognition for his continued great work for Rotary and ***Bill Hogg*** (1994-95) was also recognised with a PHF.
- At the end of June the ***Rotary Club of Glenferrie*** presented their Past President ***Geoff Hopper*** with a Paul Harris Recognition for the work he had done for his club. Geoff passed away after a long illness in mid-July. On his return from Perth, ***Paul Gregory*** was also recognised for the great work that he had done with PP Geoff getting the **Centennial Coin** to commemorate 100 Years of Rotary.

Congratulations Paul Gregory PHF

Attendance and Membership - May 2005

	Members May 2005	Attendance %
Albert Park		56
Altona		66
Altona City		70
Bacchus Marsh		
Balwyn	74	
Bendigo	82	69
Bendigo Sandhurst		73
Bendigo South	41	
Bendigo Strathdale	40	80
Boroondara	20	66
Brighton		
Brighton Beach		
Brighton North		60
Brimbank Central		55
Brunswick		58
Camberwell	68	91
Canterbury		
Carlton		80
Castlemaine		68
Caulfield		
Cent Melbourne Sunrise	61	
Chadstone E Malvern		83
Collingwood		
Daylesford		
Eaglehawk		91
Echuca-Moama	26	78
Elsternwick		
Essendon		
Essendon North	31	76
Fitzroy		74
Flemington		75
Footscray	51	62
Gisborne		68
Glen Eira	29	77
Glenferrie	46	67
Hawthorn		65
Hoppers Crossing		70

	Members May 2005	Attendance %
Kangaroo Flat		
Keilor		86
Keilor East	44	83
Kew		71
Kew on Yarra	21	69
Kyneton	36	92
Laverton Point Cook	20	64
Malvern		76
Maribyrnong Highpoint		
Melbourne	248	43
Melbourne Latrobe		
Melbourne North	25	
Melbourne South	53	57
Melton	48	
Melton Valley		
Moonee Valley		
North Balwyn		80
North Camberwell		
Northcote	17	72
Point Gellibrand		
Prahran		
Richmond	43	77
Richmond Hill		
Rochester		90
South Yarra		
Southbank	41	57
St Kilda	19	68
Sunshine		
Toorak	33	82
Tullamarine		59
Werribee		76
West Footscray	33	65
Williamstown		57
Woodend		70
Wyndham		80
Yarraville		
Total	1176	

NB: Club Attendance Officers - Figures by 15th of month to attendance@rotaryd9800.org
Club Secretaries - Figures by 15th of month to membership@rotaryd9800.org