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FEBRUARY IS “WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies: Eddie, Beres, Sven, Adrian, Tony, George, Carl, Damien, Jack, Nils & Kathy

We had a relaxed meeting exploring the explanations of proverbs. Did you know that the saying “driving me around the bend” came from a hospital for the mentally ill where the orderlies would wheel beds through corridors made up of a circular nature, bends!

John BBQ of 26/2 made a profit of \$736 thanks to the “B Team”. Stephen Godfrey was in attendance.

Yvonne putting together a breakfast on Friday May 19 to raise funds for the wellness centre, and Susan Alberti will be guest speaker. There is some talk of a reality TV show about “commonsense” would we be interested in participating to promote our club.

Kathy



Dick Smith grant project details

There has been feedback from many Rotarians requesting further details on the Dick Smith grant project. We are delighted that this information is now available and included on the Rotary Australia World Community Service website, with links below.

We also take this opportunity to thank Bob Cleland from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, NSW, who was instrumental in facilitating the donation from Dick Smith, but prefers to stay in the background. A true Rotarian, who has a wonderful ethos, putting the good work Rotary can do ahead of himself.

A very happy birthday to our amigos, Tony Feb 14,
George Feb 15 and JACK FEB 23!



This is just a quick update regarding the Rotary D9800 conference in Shepparton from March 30 to April 1st.

More pre conference activities

We have organised with the Shepparton Visitor Centre for a guided historic walk of Shepparton from 3pm on Thursday March 30th. Numbers are limited so if you wish to attend please email your details to conference2017.rccms@gmail.com . There are also a few spots left for the "Settlement Journey" experience, also at 3pm on the Thursday, Looking forward which also can be booked at these events address.

Earlier in the day, we recommend you try the scenic walk and cellar door at Tallis Wine at Dookie north of Shepparton. See the details at www.talliswine.com.au .

We have also organised a golf day (see more information below)

Golf Day

we have arranged with Shepparton Golf Club to have access to their course on Thursday afternoon for a golf day. If you would like to attend please email conference2017.rccms@gmail.com and we will send you details of time and cost.

Registration and Website

If you have yet to register, there are still some spots left. You can register at www.rotaryconference.org.au . If you have had trouble accessing this site in the past few days, try again now. We had a small problem that should now be fixed. If you are still having problems, email us at conference2017.rccms@gmail.com .

ROTARY COMMUNITY RECYCLING

D9800 Community Service is committed to recycling of computers, books, hearing aids sewing machines and wheelchairs.

Recycling is a 'win win' situation for Clubs and the Community with many programs being undertaken by Rotarians ranging from recycling hearing aids to sewing machines to books, the variety is endless.

Let your Community know about these programs by contacting us for copies of a brochure listing details of what we are after and who to contact.

Brochures are great to use at Bunnings BBQ's or other Club events – they are designed to inform the public of what we are after and how to get any goods to where it will do good in our Community.

To obtain brochures for your events contact community@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Come and see us at Federation Square Showcase or at District Assembly.

If you require any further information please contact District Chair Community Service Bronwyn Stephens community@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

[Rotary Community Recycling.pdf](#)

[Rotary Community Recycling Article.docx](#)

SAVE THE DATE – The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Gala Dinner – 100 Years of 'Doing Good In The World'

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith addressed District Governors at the 2016 International Assembly in relation to the celebration of the Foundation's centennial year, 2016-17. Since the Foundation was established in 1917, it has spent more than US\$3 billion on programs and projects to improve the lives of millions worldwide, said Klinginsmith. The global centennial celebration officially kicked off in May 2016 at the Rotary Convention in Korea and culminates at the 2017 convention in Atlanta.

In conjunction with District Foundation Chair, PDG Dennis Shore, Southbank Rotary will be assisting with organising a major District event to celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. This will be an occasion for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. More details will be widely circulated before the end of this month but for now, 'Save the Date: 31st May 2017' at The Atlantic, Central Pier, Docklands.

A NEW ROUND OF MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

Earn a \$1,000 grant for your new members to invest in a new Community Project for your Club

Simply induct four members between 1 January and 31 March 2017 and the \$1,000 grant will be presented to your New Members to use as seed funding on a project of their choice!!! A maximum of 10 grants are available.

The District was so successful with the grants so far this year that 18 Clubs have received them and inducted 96 new members.

All clubs in our District are eligible to receive this grant including those clubs that qualified for the previous \$1,000 grants in 2016-17

Full details are contained in the attached flyer. [Download Membership Grant Guidelines](#) Date: February 07, 2017



Help us celebrate shipping the
500th container
this century!



Join us on Saturday 8th of April 10.00 - 3.00
Shed 40 / 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray
(official short speech at 12.30)

It's a party so food and drink will be available
We hope you will be able to join us and share in the fun.
Please RSVP for catering purposes to dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com

The 500th Container is a major Rotary Foundation Centennial Event,
it is your Rotary Foundation Centennial Container.

Murray

Enthusiastic Rotarians from different clubs were at Federation Square all day Saturday Feb 25 showcasing their many and varied Rotary projects and programs.



Yvonne, Hazel & Therese were there to showcase ROCAN and Murray was there to highlight Australian Rotary Health and the work of the Rotary Foundation.

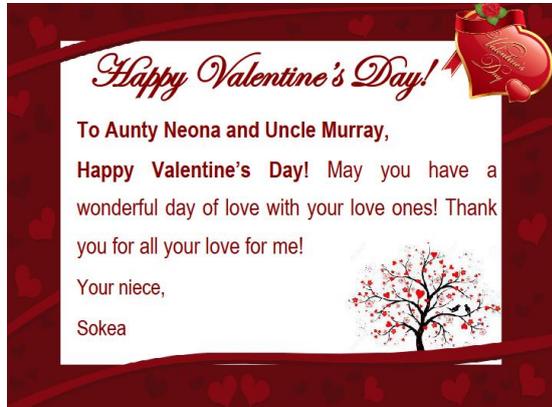


The day was well organized and the stands were well-presented with new purpose built banners. Unfortunately, the number of people passing by was disappointingly low.



These are early days for the Rotary Showcases and it is already clear that they work best if they are associated with another community event.

Neona please find recent correspondence with our foster child Sokea Seng in Cambodia:



Dearest Sokea,

We were delighted to receive your Valentine's Day card wishing us much love, and even more delighted to receive a picture of you in traditional clothing. You look really beautiful, did you enjoy getting dressed for your picture? You look so grown up, we couldn't believe it was you. David and I had a quiet Valentine's Day sharing a nice dinner at home with Mum. On the weekend before Valentine's Day, David and I spent a lovely Sunday together. There was a festival in a suburb not far from us, and we wandered around looking at the art & craft stalls, got a bite to eat, and enjoyed listening to some live music; and then we went to see a movie. It was a really good day.

David hasn't been well and had to have a week off work, but he is good now and going back to work on Monday. He was to play in a charity golf day on Friday, but he couldn't he was very disappointed about this as he loves playing golf and doesn't get many opportunities with work. I have attached a photo of him hitting a golf ball in Chiang Mai which is in north Thailand. Our niece, Ivy's Mum, was married on an island off Thailand called Phi Phi, a couple of years ago, and we made Thailand our holiday for the year. Do you play any sports at Flow? I know you like to play chasing games, do you play any sports with a ball? During the winter David plays another sport called hockey, his team won the over 45's Premiership last year. They were very happy with this achievement. I like playing tennis, and try to join a group of ladies on a Wednesday morning, whenever I can,

for a couple of hours of hit and giggle – which means we have fun, and don't take the game too seriously.

I have also attached a photo of our niece Kelly & her husband Alex who were married on Phi Phi island. They planted a frangipani tree following their wedding ceremony, it was really lovely watching them do this and sharing a kiss. They hope to return to the island one day for a second honeymoon and look forward to seeing how much their tree has grown. Do you have frangipani trees in Cambodia? I think they are beautiful with pretty flowers, full of sweet fragrance.

We send you lots of love also Sokea, and look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Aunty Neona, Uncle David & Grandma



Date: March 2, 2017

Dear Aunty Neona,

I am very excited to get your lovely photos of your birthday and your niece's wedding! It looks so much fun. I have some popular songs we usually sing with my friends at FLOW. I don't play any sports at FLOW. Sport with the ball is only play by boys in FLOW.

I still remember your photo that you sent and I have them in my folder and I can see it all the time. It always makes me smile when I see them.

I love the traditional dress, but it takes so long to put on makeup and dress like that.

We have many frangipani trees in Cambodia. We also have the trees in FLOW, too. But they don't have any flowers now.

We went to see the movie at the Movie Theater and Water Park in Phnom Penh with Boo Rob. We watched the movie called "Sing". We had popcorn and soda drink and we also had special lunch at the mall, too. It was so much fun at the water park, too. It's very huge water park and the water is not deep.

Wish you good health, Aunty!

Loves, Sokea

District Conference – Why You Should Be There

There is now just on six weeks to go before over 700 people come together in Shepparton for the District 9800 Conference. An enormous amount of planning time has been invested in this event so that attendees experience the amazing opportunities that the Rotary organisation provides those who want to help others, and to showcase what Rotarians are doing locally and abroad to make the world a better place. We hope that you find the conference informative and inspiring and that the speakers, entertainers and the showcase provide something for you all to take away and use as ideas that potentially become projects.

The theme is, 'Connecting Communities – Serving Humanity'. The focus is on social cohesion, inclusion and community resilience. We know why these things are so fundamentally important to the well being of our society, and we know that Australians have worked hard over many years to build a reputation for being inclusive, welcoming people who give others a fair go and are generous in helping those less fortunate. Why would we bring you to Shepparton, take you on this amazing roller-coaster of fun, information and inspiration and then let you go home without something to take away. We will be gathering your thoughts throughout the conference and creating a tag board of ideas for you to share. I am hoping that some might even become club, district and possibly multi-district projects, so let's see what happens. Remember, every Rotary project starts with one person's idea! If you haven't registered yet you will find details and accommodation links on the website, rotaryconference.org.au. There is still accommodation available as block bookings are being released back to the venues. - See more at: <http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au>

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FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH IN ROTARY

Rotary Peace Fellows - Applied Field Experience...

The Peace Fellowship requires an Applied Field Experience during the European Summer (June-July 2016 for me). For my Field Experience, I worked with Caritas Switzerland in Jordan. My role was in supporting the evaluation and improvement of the Counselling, Health, Humanitarian Assistance, Education and Livelihoods programmes run by partner organisation Caritas Jordan. These important programmes are provided to vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees that have fled the ongoing civil war.



During this time, I worked specifically on improving the assessment of beneficiaries based on vulnerability Assessment Framework provided by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. I also managed a project aimed at providing livelihoods opportunities for Syrians and Jordanians in the North and South of the Jordan.

Internship in Jordan...

Instead of returning to complete more subjects for the Fall Semester (August 2016-January 2017) I stayed on in Amman, Jordan to work with the Norwegian Refugee Council. Specifically, I worked with their Syria Response Office, providing humanitarian support to Syrian's inside Syria. My specific role was in supporting the Programs Unit, which provides Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance, Education, Shelter, Wash and Food Security support to Syrians in need. As a highly respected and capable International Non-Government Organisation, the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Norwegian Refugee Council was an incredible opportunity, particularly given the protracted nature of the Syrian conflict, now in its sixth year.

Back to Sweden, Masters Thesis and last 5 months of the Peace Fellowship...

In recent weeks, I have returned to Sweden to complete my last 6 months of the Fellowship and my Masters Thesis. The entire Semester will be spent developing a strong social science research paper fit for Uppsala's Department of Peace and Conflict Research's famously high standards of academic research.

Coming up...

31/01/17 - Visit from the Institute for Economics and Peace – Australian Founder Steven Killelea
06/05/17 - Annual Seminar - The biggest Peace Fellowship calendar event where Fellows will present important findings and experiences from their two-year Fellowship
02/06/17 – Masters Programme & Peace Fellowship Graduation
There it is, a round up. I hope it helps you to feel yet again connected to this fantastic Rotary Initiative.

By Lucienne Heyworth (Uppsala Class 2015-17)
<https://www.facebook.com/Uppsala-Rotary-Peace-Center-322182744573596/>

CALENDAR FEBRUARY

2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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5.	6. Lunch meeting with Dr G of Interplast	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
12. Farmer's market	13. Lunch meeting	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
19.	20. Dinner meeting	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26. Farmer's market	27. Lunch meeting	28.				

The Rotary Club of Williamstown, District 9800

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The Rotary Club of Williamstown meets every Monday, 12.45pm at the Customs House Hotel, Nelson Place, Williamstown.

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Rotary District 9800 www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au

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The Rotary Club of Williamstown is on Facebook – any Facebook user can join the group, and we promote the Club's activities and successes on this page.

