



District 9800
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Meeting Details:
Wednesday morning
7.30am for a 7.45 start-
finish at 8.45am.

Quest Apartments,
corner Epsom &
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Flemington 3031

Our Corporate
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December is Rotary Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

I was delighted to attend the **Mount Alexander College Awards** night last Monday and acknowledge their student successes. As well as their academic and encouragement awards, President Hugh Stewart presented the Rotary Club of Flemington Award to Asma Sawiz.

Asma, her parents and brothers and sisters are refugees from Afghanistan having been in Australia for just 3 years. She is a Year 9 Student Representative, with younger siblings at Flemington Primary School. This award for Asma is a true reflection of her courage, perseverance, generosity and kindness to others, and will make a huge difference financially to her education..

At **Flemington Primary School's Graduation Ceremony** on Tuesday, I was delighted to present the Rotary Scholarships to two graduating students; Tiffany Li and Mustafa Hashi.

Tiffany was born in Timor Leste and had very little English when she commenced at Flemington PS in Grade 2. She has been a Student Representative Councillor and has proven to uphold all the principles of Rotary.

Mustafa was born in Australia to parents who were refugees from Somalia. This year, Mustafa led a group project researching issues around safety for children at the Debney Estate. His team collected data, interviewed residents, spoke with children and wrote to Moonee Valley Council and the Department of Housing with their concerns. They created a presentation demonstrating the issues and dangers which led to forum to improve the issues. Action research and making a difference in our community. Congratulations to them both.

Also pictured, Oscar Abe was presented with a special award for ICT and digital skills. Oscar was a member of the team and the editor of the Flemington Rotary "Doing Good in Schools" video.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe and healthy 2016.

Be a Gift to the World!

Lesley



President's Report December 18th 2015

Hugh's column

Rotarians & friends,

Thanks to all who supported our Christmas function at Fredricks on 15 December, with 75 attending.

Our objective was to recognise volunteers and supporters of the club and have a good time!

We were delighted to welcome representatives from District, Donations-In-Kind, the Somali community, the Eritrean Australian Humanitarian Association, the Maribyrnong Park Riverside PROBUS Club, Bendigo Bank, Footscray Rotary Club, as well as volunteers at the club's Opportunity Shop and supporters of the club's 'bread run' project, together with past members and partners of members.

Our exchange student, Lisa Murr, gave a wonderful insight into Christmas in Germany with a delightful presentation.

Members Peter Cribb and Anwar Alishek launched a book of Refugee Children's Art with stories from students at Flemington Primary School.

Another highlight was the premiere showing of a video of the Bread Run organised weekly by Eugene Odachowski. It was made by grade six students at Flemington Primary School and has been entered in the '**Doing Good Schools Video Competition**' conducted by District 9800. Finalists will be shown at the District conference in Bendigo in March 2016. Good luck kids!

The evening was rounded out by an Eritrean dance choreographed by Anwar Alishek, and a musical performance and sing-a-long lead by the M&M QUARTET, conducted by Sam Nicol. Thanks to all who assisted to make it a memorable night.

Six Student Scholarships were awarded by the club in December, each worth \$250.

Students were from Mount Alexander College, Debney Meadows PS, Holy Rosary PS, Flemington PS, Kensington PS and St Brendan's School.

The schools chose the recipients who best demonstrated the values of Rotary – leadership, fairness, goodwill, friendship and concern for others.

I was privileged to make the presentation at two of the schools. One of the recipients emigrated with her family from Afghanistan two years ago. Thanks to Chris Drenen for all the hard work in managing the scholarship program.

Our idea of setting up a second Opportunity Shop is taking shape.

In November, the Board supported in principle the establishment of an Opportunity Shop in the Werribee area.

A prospective site has been identified.

The intent is to open it in April 2016.



We continue to develop closer relations with Mount Alexander College.

Amongst other ideas, I would like us to sponsor an Interact Club (for 12-18 year-olds). We have been invited by the principal to make a 'pitch' in first term 2016, on the basis that it would fit within the new curriculum that has a 'clubs and societies' component.

Some dates:

- * The Opportunity Shop will close on 19th December and re-open for trading on Monday 11th January.
- * The Board will next meet on Tuesday 19th January.
- * The first club meeting in 2016 will be Wednesday 20th January at Quest Apartments.

So it is time to take a well-earned break. It is a good time for reflection on the year-to-date, and to recharge for what should be an exciting 2016.

Best wishes to all for the festive season and holidays.

Hugh
President, 2015-2016

Christmas Party at Fredricks—December 15th



Flemington Primary School Bicycle Recycle Project

With 2015 coming to a close I wanted to re-express my gratitude for the Rotary Club of Flemington's generous support of our Flemington PS Bicycle Recycle program. The \$400 provided earlier in 2015 (amongst contributions from others) has this year enabled us to repair and give away 51 bicycles to students (and some parents) in need of a bicycle within and around our school community. We have also donated a number of fixed bicycles to the **Redcross Wheel Power for Refugees program**. As you know your money was spent on much needed spare parts and repair tools.

For your reference, there will be a final school newsletter item (attached) acknowledging Rotary's support.

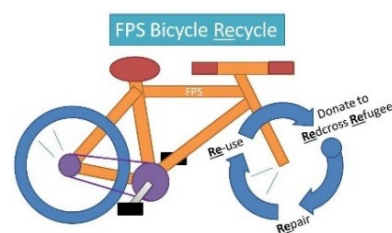
We will be recommencing the program in 2016 and I am hoping your generous support can be repeated. However, there's nothing to worry about until school starts in February. In the meantime I wish you and your club all the best Season's Greetings and a great 2016.

Peter Hormann, Coordinator

FPS Bicycle Recycle – Thank you!

Dear all, Friday 18-Dec. morning from 8.30am until after school 1.00pm+ will be the last opportunity for us to fix the last few bikes for 2015.

A big thank you to everyone involved in this year's Bicycle Recycle programme including all those whom have generously donated their time and bicycles. With your efforts we have given away 51 bikes to kids and some bikes to the Wheel Power for Refugees program at the Redcross.



Unfortunately, and I'm sorry, there are still some kids that will miss out for this year. Our efforts will nonetheless resume in Term 1 2016.

In closing, I would like to make a big thank you to our supporters past and present including the **Flemington branch of the Bendigo Bank**, the **Rotary Club of Flemington**, **Flemington Cycles**, **Reid Cycles** (Melbourne) and **Phat Milk Café**. Please provide your support to these generous organisations.

I wish everyone the best Season's Greetings and a great New Year!

Peter Hormann - email: peter.hormann@bigpond.com



Meeting Minutes Wednesday December 11th 2015

President Hugh Stewart welcomed everyone here to the final breakfast meeting for the year.

He then announced the following:

1. Next Tuesday is our club Christmas Party at Fredricks, North Essendon. Please advise Hugh if you are attending.
2. The new Principal at Mount Alexander College, Wayne Hayworth is making some changes to curriculum. He is interested in starting an Interact Club and will attend a meeting early next year.
3. Next Sunday is MVCC Carols by Candlelight BBQ at Queens Park. Those who have offered to assist should report to Allan and Ted at 4.30pm.
4. Following the Christmas Party, we have a break and resume on Wednesday 20th January.

Guest Speakers—The Helping Hand Project

Konrad Aitken and Noel Newell are members of the **Helping Hand Project**, an initiative of the Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Flemington.

<http://www.helpinghandproject.org.au/>

Konrad has lived in the area for 22 years and provides support to the Mentors who work with the refugees. The Helping Hand Project is here to provide support to people who survive the hardship of war and cruelty; this gives him the drive and energy to help others.

Their vision:

“To provide young refugees with supportive mentors, so that they can achieve their personal, educational and professional goals and reach their dreams”.

- the project supports 13—21 year olds who are refugees from war
- maximise their potential
- assist with everyday life such as learning English, navigating CentreLink, public transport,
- help them settle into the community by providing a support structure
- Konrad and Noel then gave us number of examples of what the migrants face in everyday life, things which we take for granted, but how it looks to a person who is from a completely different environment, culture and has no basic English language skills.
- All the mentors are volunteers and assist youth in their everyday life

There are 3 things the project needs:

Mentors, Money and Mention {publicise their work}

Email: info@helpinghandproject.org.au

Apologies: Del King, Peter Donnellan, Len Seddon, Vance Hilton, Lesley McCarthy, Donal Murtagh, Sam Nicol, Mick Lawn

Make Ups: Eugene Odachowski, Peter Cribb, Allan Bruno, Sam Nicol, Hugh Stewart, Lesley McCarthy

Visitors: Noel Newell, Konrad Aitken

Visiting Rotarians: RYE Lisa Murr

Guest Speaker: Noel Newell, Konrad Aitken—The Helping Hand

Raffle: Allan Bruno who donated the prize to our guest speakers

District Governor Julie Mason

**“Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more....”
Dr Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**

As I sit here thinking about the onset of the festive season, I can't help but reflect on the past few months where I have experienced the very best of what Rotary stands for in the world.

My visit to the clubs in our amazing District has opened my eyes to the breadth of projects that have been initiated as a response to the needs of the marginalised individuals and groups in our community, local and international.

Topical issues like homelessness and family violence are high priorities for many clubs and support given to agencies that work with people affected by these issues has increased across the District.

Last Saturday night I spent some time working with Rotarians, predominately from the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise, who regularly are out from 10:30 pm to 3:30 am providing comfort and a “cuppa” to a whole range of people in need in the city. This **Community Village** project is truly inspiring and epitomises the message that Rotary Cares and Rotary Takes Action! It is also wonderful to see the number of clubs who support young people with scholarships so that further education is guaranteed.

Four young people who have been selected to represent District 9800 in the Group Vocational Exchange team to go to the Philippines in February 2016 have the opportunity to learn more about their profession and importantly to share ideas, good practice and develop ongoing professional relationships with others. So for **Lauren** maybe connections with non-government agencies will allow her to develop a deeper understanding in relation to maternal health and planned parenting, whilst **Kelly** will gain a perspective on the teaching of literacy in challenging circumstances. **Christina** may meet other entrepreneurs in the communication and business and **Alec** might experience project development and management in circumstances different to that in Melbourne. All four people have gifts and talents that will impress their peers in the Philippines and they will no doubt have experiences that are life changing.

The Theme of **Be a Gift to the World** is very pertinent at this time of the year and I am sure you will agree that although the gift of friendship permeates through our Rotary movement all year, it is at Christmas that we reach out to Friends of Rotary as a sign of appreciation for support given. In this troubled time peace and harmony is so important and the way that we celebrate diversity, and practise peaceful solutions to conflict, the way that we model respect and integrity can be a beacon for others around us.

So, as we spend quality time with our family and friends, and remember that our organisation cares for others in good and bad times through humble service and a spirit of collaboration and friendship, let's share this message and bring more people into the Family of Rotary.

My very best wishes to you all! You are awesome people and the world is so much richer for the service you give. Peace, happiness and goodwill to you all over the festive season.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.” Dr Seuss

Enjoy Rotary as you are..... a Gift to the World.

Ubuntu: I am, because you are.

Julie Mason District Governor 2015-2016



Congratulations PDG Gordon McKern



PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service was presented by Rotary International President Elect John Germ at a dinner in Melbourne on November 18, 2015 to PDG Gordon McKern.



Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Awardee, PDG Gordon McKern.

The recognition was given for demonstrated active service to Rotary's Foundation over a period of more than one year: in particular for community service and leadership in Bendigo and for the outstanding growth of the Paul Harris Society in District 9800.

Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honour and thank individuals for their generosity of annual support to The Rotary Foundation.

More information about the Paul Harris Society is available from PDG Gordon McKern: mckernbendigo@ozemail.com.au

The Paul Harris Society of D9800 was the first to be founded in Australia, under the auspices of PDG Bernie Walshe (2006-07)

Under Gordon's leadership, the membership of the Paul Harris Society in District 9800 has grown to over 100 members. These Rotarians contribute the equivalent of US\$1000 annually, funds which make a major contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

Vocational Training Team 2016

The Vocational Training Team will travel to the Philippines in February 2016. A farewell dinner will be held at Milano's Restaurant in Brighton on 16th February.

Ruth Carlos-Martinez has been selected as the Leader of the Team. Ruth is a member of the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach and has been involved in initiating and supporting life changing projects in the Philippines over many years. Through her leadership and cooperation with various rotary clubs in Victoria, the Rotary Club of Brighton Beach has successfully reached remote and underprivileged communities in the Philippines and addressed their infrastructure and long-term sustainability needs



Lauren Amadei

Lauren studied International Development and German in her undergraduate and went on to study a Master of Social Policy, all at the University of Melbourne. For the past six months she has been volunteering and working at the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), a large NGO that works in the field of Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health. Whilst working at IPPF she conducted a large research project concerned with how to effectively address sexual, reproductive and maternal health in humanitarian crises to prevent the unnecessary injury and death of vulnerable women.

In 2007, Lauren was a Rotary exchange student in Germany and still has a passion for travelling. In 2012 she went to the Philippines and visited Manila, Baguio, Palawan and even climbed Mt Pulag.

Lauren would like to visit the Philippines with Rotary to gain a deeper insight into the work of NGOs and perhaps even government agencies in developing countries. Whilst she has been working mainly in Maternal Health she is interested in other areas of Social Policy and would be interested in learning about all sorts of humanitarian agencies."



Kelly Sydenham

My name is Kelly Sydenham; I am completing a degree in Bachelor of Education at Federation University in Melbourne. I currently work at a disadvantaged school (with a high level of students with non-English speaking backgrounds) south of Melbourne as the Grade 1/2 Numeracy Aide. My job is to work with students who are below grade level and to help them reach grade level. I am 25, love to stay healthy and active, but also love the beach, food, travelling and I am especially passionate about teaching. I wish to contribute and learn from the Philippines many things, one being to observe and hopefully participate in the teaching and learning of students, especially within the area of English and Literacy, and share new knowledge and skills learned, back in Melbourne. Another is to represent Australia's culture and teaching abilities within the Philippines community. I want to further my teaching skills; especially what is needed to teach overseas, as this is something I wish to do in the future.



Christina Canters

Christina Canters completed a degree in Planning and Design in Melbourne University and proceeded on to a Masteral in Architecture, as a registered Architect. However, with years of architectural experience, she discovered a hidden talent in public speaking. Presently, Christina is the founder of *The C Method*, a training business that helps Gen Ys communicate more effectively. She does this through group workshops, coaching and her podcast at www.thecmethod.com. Clients learn the skills to speak and present with confidence, so they can influence and inspire, to ultimately grow their business or accelerate their career. Outside her business, Christina loves to snowboard, dance and play the ukulele (just not at the same time). She also blogs at christinacanters.com. She loves meeting like-minded people, and is an active member of her Toastmasters club, CrossFit gym and cowork space. Vocationally, Christina would love to meet and see how other professionals in the training industry operate, to help her develop new business ideas. She is also keen on opportunities for workshop collaborations or speaking.

A travel and culture junkie, Christina is excited to experience everything the Philippines has to offer.

Alec Gillies

My name is Alec and I am 24 years old. I am a masters student studying social sciences and management. I have begun exploring the professional career of consulting, particularly for community, environmental and cultural projects. I would like to continue to learn more about these areas and consolidate my areas of interest by exploring a variety of different projects and gaining new insights. I wish to learn, observe and engage with experts and with projects in these same fields. In my time in the Philippines I hope to learn about what it means to be Filipino and to live in the Philippines, and share my own sentiments as an Australian. I am also a curious and highly adventurous person, and thoroughly enjoy new experiences.



Rotary International - Brenda Cressey on how to ask for money

Brenda Cressey is a superstar in the fundraising arena. As the endowment/major gifts adviser for **The Rotary Foundation in Zone 26**, Cressey helped lead an ambitious fundraising campaign in District 5340 (California) called **Millions for HOPE** (Health, Overcoming Poverty, Education), which had netted a staggering \$15 million in pledges at press time. Launched in January, the first phase of the campaign culminated in October in a gala dinner in San Diego with Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran scheduled as the keynote speaker, and will continue into the celebration of the Foundation's centennial next year.

A Rotarian since 1989 and a member of the Rotary Club of Paso Robles, Calif., Cressey is a Bequest Society member and a Major Donor.



THE ROTARIAN: How did the Millions for HOPE campaign start?

CRESSEY: This campaign has been a true collaboration of individuals who are passionate about Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. [Cressey named so many people that it was not feasible to include them.] After serving my first year as endowment/major gifts adviser for Zone 26, I learned quickly that many districts did not have a fully trained team to help identify, cultivate, or solicit major gifts or endowments. In fact, many districts told me that they had only one person in that position, who had often served for several years. I suggested three things: developing a district core team that can communicate with and support advocates from the clubs; using a multiyear strategy, since it can take more than one year to solicit a major gift; and creating a full campaign with milestones culminating in the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

TR: What is the fundraising strategy that you have developed?

CRESSEY: It's a four-step process: identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship. You must first *identify* potential donors. In our training session, we established advocates from clubs. We provided them with club recognition reports with past giving history and asked them to decide who may be the top potential donors. The next step is for the advocates to *cultivate* or find out what area the donor has a special interest in, such as eradicating polio, the peace centers, water, etc. The cultivation process may take several weeks or months. Once it is completed – when the advocate thinks the timing is right for a donor to be asked – a liaison from the district core team will *solicit* the donation. The advocates do not do the asking. We want them to focus on identification and cultivation. Finally there is the importance of successful *stewardship* – thanking the donor as many times and in as many ways as you can. Keep them informed about how the gift is making a significant impact, which may ultimately open the door to new gifts.

TR: What are the keys to a successful fundraising campaign and being a successful fundraiser?

CRESSEY: You need to have a cheerleader, someone who really wants to make it work. As a fundraiser, you have to have a passion for The Rotary Foundation and want to share that feeling with other people. Listen to what potential donors have to say and provide them with an opportunity that will meet their wishes.

And you have to have patience.

By Paul Engleman The Rotarian 1-Dec-2015

Donations to The Australian Rotary Foundation contact Bernie McIntosh on 8600 7999 or send the completed EREY Form to Bernie McIntosh, VMG, Level 4/377 Little Lonsdale St Melbourne

Proof that dogs can sleep anywhere

Dogs are magical. Not because of the special connections they have with humans or the fact that evolved from that mythical, magical trickster, the wolf — dogs are magical because they can sleep **anywhere**. If I could sleep like dogs sleep, I'd never be tired. And if I could sleep like dogs sleep, there would probably also be a lot of pictures on the Internet of me sleeping, because sleeping dogs are ridiculous. Just look at these photos.



Club Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Friday 25th December	Merry Christmas to all		
Friday 1st January 2016	Happy New Year		
Wednesday 20th January 2016	Weekly Meeting 7.30	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 27th January	Weekly Meeting Guest Speaker Joshua Harboud, 2015 School Captain—Mount Alexander College, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, Rotary Frankston Long Island Schoolies Project in Cambodia	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen
Wednesday 3rd February	Weekly Meeting 7.30 Sub Committees	Quest Apartments	Chris Drenen



Cluster and District Calendar Dates

Date	Event	Club	Location	Contact
16th February	Farewell Dinner for the Vocational Training Team	Brighton Beach	Milano's Restaurant, The Esplanade, Brighton	Julie@brightontravel.com.au
24th February	40th Anniversary	Essendon North	Ascot House, Ascot Vale	Sam Pennisi, Grant Maggs
23rd February	Rotary's Birthday	All		
26th February	Trivia Night Fundraising night for Bahay Tuluyan, Philippines	Essendon	St Bernards, Pavilion	Shirley Kukk
28th February 2016	President Elect Training Seminar #2	District 9800	Baden Park College, Hoppers Crossing	DGE Neville John
28 May—1st June 2016	Rotary International Con- vention	Rotary International	Seoul, South Korea	www.riconvention.org

District Conference Bendigo

You'll Never Never Know if you never Bendigo....



Conference song: <https://youtu.be/MHw7EpinSRg>

Conference Video: <https://youtu.be/eNnF3dGboY>



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Flemington
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