



**Rotarians (note 4 March)...
Time to place our horns together in the weeks ahead.
GSE dinner next week and then our STRATEGY NIGHT**

	Feb 19	Feb 26	Mar 4 <i>* Meeting till 9pm</i>	Mar 11
Speaker	Chris Don	GSE Dinner	Strategy Night	Andrew Blode
Topic	Foundation	Off Beach Road	Major Projects	Smorgan Foundation (CEO)
Chair	David Nettelbeck	In Brighton	Ian Marks	Larry Blode
Toast to Club	John Leske	Milano's Restaurnt	Geoff Oscar	Keith Faiman
Toast to Australia	Jan Hill	Group Student Exchange	John Strong	Sam Binstock
Job Talk / Committee	Board Meeting		NB: dinner to conclude earlier then planning	Breakfast Committee
Cashier	Yoshiko Stynes		Joe Aarons	Geoff Asher

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**Please latest
12pm Tuesday**

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Rotary Club of Glen Eira

19th February, 2008 – Week 34

www.rotarygleneira.org.au — Meets at: London Tavern,
414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield TUESDAYS @ 6.45pm



**"Rotary Does Good in
the World."**



Foundation:

Bill Gates donated
\$US 200 m
To assist in the
eradication of
Polio.

The gates
foundation is
supporting Rotary
in this Rotary
world initiative.

Tonight's Bulletin
and meeting is
focused on
FOUNDATION and
its great works.

It is our Rotary
Charity!

**TONIGHT
Chris Don
Foundation**

Part of our series in this: the Rotary World Understanding month and what better way to serve than via Rotary's own FOUNDATION

ALSO: CLUB STRATEGY NIGHT (4 March) - See Special Insert

The Rotary Foundation



Tonight our Club is honoured to learn about Foundation from District Chairman, Chris Don.

Rotarians partner together on National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India.
Photo by Rotary Images.

Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

- **Learn** how your contribution to Rotary International can make a difference.
- **Polio Plus Program:** is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio.



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Rotarians are encouraged to use **THE GEN** as a means of sharing information about Rotary, coming events and news. Your item can be emailed to the editor: david.heuberger@anz.com Preferred deadline Friday 5pm.

GSE Dinner: Our Club is host Club

Next week: Joint Cluster meeting

26 February 2008

Milano's Restaurant

4 The Esplanade, Brighton Beach

TERMINUS ROOM

6.30 for 7.00 pm \$35 pp

RI, Gates Foundation commit US\$200 million

Rotary International announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on 26 November that will inject a much needed US\$200 million into the global effort to eradicate polio. The Rotary Foundation received a \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar for dollar, over three years. Rotary will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, spearheaded by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. "The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal." The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Since 1985, Rotary has made polio eradication its top priority and has contributed \$633 million to the effort. "Rotarians worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. "We hope that this shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation will challenge other donors, including foundations, governments, and nongovernmental organizations, to step up and make sure we have the resources needed to rid the world of polio once and for all." "This partnership is a historic milestone - and timely opportunity - for Rotary through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to help eradicate a disease that once devastated a thousand lives a day," says RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson. "I know that we as Rotarians will accept the challenge and do our part to finish the job." The Gates Foundation grant comes at a critical juncture for the initiative, which urgently needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. Although the initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Polio cases represented by that final 1 percent are the most costly to prevent, due to geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict, cultural barriers, and other factors. "This investment is precisely the catalyst we need as we intensify the push to finish polio," says Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO Director General. Rotary and the Gates Foundation underscores the importance of private-sector involvement in major public health efforts. "As a government agency, we think it's wonderful that our private-sector colleagues have taken a leadership role in something as important as polio eradication. Their participation is absolutely critical."

Looking forward to Rotary activity with an eye to the future. Alas this is NOT the ubiquitous and loquacious Editor!



In the coming weeks:

- GSE Dinner \$35pp (cluster)
- Club Strategy Night
- Smorgan Foundation CEO
- Don Cullen (Tibet)
- MRI inventor (29 April) TBC

CLUB STRATEGY NIGHT 4 March

*** (we want all members)**

Regular meeting start

Dinner completion

7.15 pm approx

No Sgt session etc

Strategy Session

Completion 9pm approx

Dear Members

We wish to establish a strong program of service activities in the coming Rotary year.

We wish to return to bigger programs but we want all of your input and commitment.

What do you suggest?

Have your ideas of major projects.

ALL members are invited to participate.

IAN MARKS will chair this evening, we expect a conclusion at about 9pm.

We look forward to your participation.

(Further details during each club meeting in the run up)