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ROTARY
CLUB OF
GLEN EIRA

RI President Elect Gary Huang with a motley bunch of Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Glen Eira



OUR NEXT WORLD PRESIDENT

When members of our club met Rotary International's next President Gary Huang, he inspired us to help those in need.

"When we all get together, we can do anything", Gary Huang told a packed audience at the Whitehorse Club in East Burwood last weekend. Gary is Rotary International's President Elect for 2014-15 and is the first Chinese speaking President, coming from the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan. He was a District Governor in 1986-87 when he chartered 19 new clubs.

A full table of Rotarians from Glen Eira met him to hear of his focus on helping those in need, particularly children. "As Rotarians, we are like parents", he said, "and our children are all those in need". Rotary will be in good hands next year with a man who is personable, likeable and cares enough to make a difference. He is a man with a Chinese proverb for every occasion.

Notes from abroad

Meeting Howard Buffett and Rotary Secretary-General John Hewko

Bulletin Editor Adrian Nelson was sitting in his hotel room in Chicago mid-afternoon, ready to catch up with an old college friend for dinner. He checked his Twitter account only to find that Rotary International's Secretary General John Hewko was holding a forum with Howard Buffett only blocks away in an hour. He headed down to meet them both.

Howard Buffett's father Warren asked him several years ago to find ways to spend his massive fortune that would do good in the world. Howard and his own son Howard Jnr have done exactly that, and are working with Rotary International on a number of fronts to achieve it. They launched their new book 40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World addressing dynamic ways to prevent hunger.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Tuesday 26th November

Guest speaker Prof Stuart McIntyre

Saturday 30th November

Jewellery & Accessories Party

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

Tuesday 3rd December

Guest speaker David Dowsey

Sunday 8th December

Rotary Club of Caulfield Festive Lunch

Tuesday 10th December

Guest speaker DG Ross Butterworth

Tuesday 17th December

End of Year Christmas Spectacular

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Tuesday 7th January

Casual Dinner

Tuesday 14th January

Guest speaker Michael Taft

Tuesday 21st January

Guest speaker Mark Windsor

Board Meeting

Tuesday 28th January

Guest speaker Kim Ross

"From the moment I picked your newsletter up until I put it down I convulsed with laughter. Some day I intend reading it." (with apologies to Grouch Marx)

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
26th November	Prof Stuart MacIntyre: What sort of history are we teaching young people?	Keith Faiman	Sam Binstock	Basil Ornellas	Garry Fabian
3rd December	David Dowsey: Are the wheels falling off the motoring industry?	Max Sherlock	John Strong	Geoff Asher	John Leske
10th December	DG Ross Butterworth: The State of the District	Basil Ornellas	Jan Hill	Joan Luscak	Alan Samuel

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR CLUB?

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Tents from Great Victorian Bike Ride

We have sourced approximately 20 tents that were used once only during the Great Victorian Bike Ride. After reaching out to members for where we should distribute them, John Strong has identified a need for a newly formed scout group for deaf children. We are now organising a time to make the presentation at an upcoming club meeting.

Festive Lunch

The annual Rotary Club of Caulfield Festive Lunch is coming up on Sunday 8th December. Mark your diaries!

Fundraising Party

Don't forget the fundraising party at the home of Joyce & Sam Binstock, 14 Seach Street, Caulfield South next Saturday 30th November.

End of Year Christmas Function (and Hats!)

Our annual end of year meeting is on Tuesday 17th December and will have a Christmas theme. Jan Hill is organising our Australian Rotary Health Hat Day for the night, so start making your extravagant headwear now!

Letter from Courtney Murtagh in Maxwellton, Qld

Dear Rotary clubs of districts 9880 and 9780,
 Just dropping in to say hi and give an update. I think you would all be pleased to know that I know which district and city I'll be going to in Brazil, district 4590, city Vargem Grande do Sul. I couldn't be more excited to be going on exchange! Thank-you to everyone who has helped me out and given me this chance. I hope everything in Melbourne is going swell, I'm missing the rain and the cold. The heat here is been unreal, as usual. We had a little rain unfortunately it was only enough to settle the dust. I have also become a lot more interested in AFL and I've told so many people I

went to the grand final, I have to admit it's not that bad of a game. NRL is still beats the rest though. So, again thanks and I hope everyone has a great Christmas.
 Yours sincerely, Courtney.



The view from Courtney's bedroom in a recent duststorm!

ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Girls's Education in Rural Afghanistan



"By providing these girls with an education, we are giving them a ray of hope to protect them from the vicious cycle of poverty, malnutrition, and hunger," said Razia Jan, founder of the Zabuli Education Center and former President of Duxbury Rotary Club, Duxbury, Massachusetts. Razia Jan returned after three decades in the US to her native Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban. When she saw how desperate the women were, especially in the poor rural areas, she was inspired to act. Bringing a site that was once an academy for boys together with support from her friends and Rotarians in the US, Razia founded the school.

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