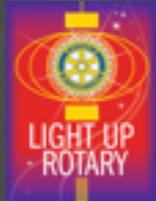


27th January 2015

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Members of the 1st Group Study Team to Papua New Guinea, April-May 1963. From left: Rotarian Frank Newman (Leader), Philip Lamb, Barry Maddern, Roger Wilkinson, with Bruce Keir and Ken Pritchard (not shown).

CONTINUING TO CHANGE

A team led by the late PDG Frank Newman of the Rotary Club of Melbourne in 1963 to Papua New Guinea was the genesis of what we now know as the Group Study Exchange program.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

It was recognised by Rotary International as an official educational program in 1965. Since then over 60,000 participants have been involved

in the program worldwide. Our Rotary District 9800 has been involved in the program virtually every year since it began. This week we celebrate that involvement by inviting all the past Rotary team leaders to our club meeting. This is the first event of its type ever in our District. We hope to hear incredible stories from almost every corner of the world and the difference it has made to people.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Tuesday 27th January

Hosting the past GSE Team Leaders

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Tuesday 3rd February

Guest speaker Alan Samuel

Saturday 7th February

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Tuesday 10th February

(Hopefully) Guest speaker Jim Magee

Tuesday 17th February

East Timor & Sumba Eye Program

Saturday 21st February

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Sunday 22nd February

Concert to celebrate 205th Birthday of

Chopin by Rotary Club of Caulfield

Tuesday 24th February

GSE Welcome Dinner at Milano's

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th February

President Elect Training in Ballarat

MARCH WORLD LITERACY MONTH

Tuesday 5th March

Women in Rotary Breakfast

Saturday 7th March

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th March

Rotary District 9800 Conference

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
27th January	Hosting the past GSE Team Leaders from our District	Joan Luscak	Larry Blode	Geoff Asher	Iven Mackay
3rd February	Making A Difference in Vanuatu with guest speaker Alan Samuel	Jack Dimand	Sam Binstock	Basil Ornellas	Geoff Asher
10th February	Guest speaker (hopefully) Cr Jim Magee, Mayor of Glen Eira	Keith Faiman	Stuart Pert	Max Sherlock	John Leske

WHAT'S THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN EIRA UP TO?

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

RI Theme 2015-16

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life." "All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing



Be a gift to the world

his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Courtney comes full circle

The remarkable story of Courtney Murtagh starts its next chapter as the exchange student from outback Maxwellton returned home from her year in Brazil (pictured below with PDG Peter Kay of D9550 in Townsville). Discovered at a bus stop by our club's own Geoff Asher in outback Queensland, Courtney arrived home happy and well. She has decided to move to Brisbane with her mother and attend school there to complete year 12. Her goals for her future are also taking shape!



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ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Recycled Sound



Recycled Sound is a Community Service Project initiated by the **Rotary Club of Toorak** to collect, clean, reprogramme and recycle hearing aids for people in our community with a special need and unable to meet the expense of hearing aids in the private market. The Rotary Club has partnered with audiologists **Blamey Saunders hears** and **Better Hearing Australia** to undertake specialist cleaning and reprogramming to enable the hearing aids to be recycled. At the Victorian Hearing Aid Bank, each client has their hearing tested and assessed to determine the type of hearing aid needed, and programming it will require. If necessary, the hearing aid bank team will take ear mould impressions for those clients who need them. VHAB takes the time to search through the range of donated hearing aids to find the right fit for each client, ensuring each person is fitted with the best aid.