



# CURRY'S CHRONICLES

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
From DG Nick & Jan

As you read this, I imagine that your New Year Resolutions have gone the way of your Christmas turkey and that you are now getting ready to brace the new world out there that is 2010.

For those of you who are officers in your clubs, it is hard to believe that *your* year is already half over. It seems to have gone in a rush! But it has been rewarding and I, for one, appreciate the efforts of all Rotarians in this District to make it such a successful year to date.

All that remains is for Jan and I to wish you a very Happy New Year and continued success for the future.

January is the month when Rotary International encourages us to think about our public awareness campaigns, the month when we are asked to think about how we interact publicly with the community.

All of our projects and programmes, whether big or small, should also include an appreciation of the PR opportunities because this is a major way in which we can promote Rotary. How we are perceived by the public is vital to the continued success of Rotary and the support that it receives from the community. PR should be part of our planning from the very inception of our projects. If the world is not aware of what Rotary is and what it does, then we will not be able to attract support for our programmes nor will be able to attract support for our organization or attract new members.

But Rotary awareness also extends to our own members. If we don't know much about our own organization, how good as ambassadors for Rotary are we? How committed can we remain as members if we are ignorant of so much that is good in Rotary?

I encourage all clubs to celebrate Rotary Awareness Month by implementing Rotary Information events in their clubs. These can be a variety of things such as five minute information spots to guest speakers on various Rotary programmes.

In this district, there are many speakers available to talk to you about the things that we do and these speakers are only too willing to come and talk to you.

Make it fun by having quizzes; make it interesting by using the resources of Rotary International for PowerPoint presentations, videos and other material from Parramatta. Download it from the RI website. Improve your club's routines and agendas to make your meetings even more appealing to your members because better meetings mean better membership retention and attract more members. And better informed members means stronger clubs...all the better to serve our communities.

But above all, make Rotary Awareness month every month, not just January. Making Rotarians aware is a full-time exercise because there is simply so much that is good about Rotary that we should all know about. It would be a great pity if, because we were uninformed, we could not maximize our contributions; and that of our clubs; to our communities.

**ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH**



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**40th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**19-21 MARCH 2010**  
in



## CHINCHILLA

**THE REGISTRATION DESK IS NOW OPEN**

**Download Registration & Accommodation forms from the website.**

**Scan or send BOTH to the Registration Officer.**

**NO ONLINE BOOKINGS**



## ROTARY BEEFBANK

Rotary Beefbank, a project of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary, goes to jail this month as Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) joins forces with the Rotary club to produce more beef for Foodbank.

Rotary Beefbank is already credited with providing beef for over 100,000 meals so far and the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary has just signed a Memorandum of Understanding with QCS which will see the club and QCS trial a new initiative which will significantly increase this. Under the MOU, the club will provide sufficient artificial insemination straws to the Lotus Creek prison farm in North Queensland to get at least five cows each year. In fact, QCS has already donated five cows to the club which organizes the slaughter and transport of the meat to Foodbank. And it could be much more! At a recent field day in North Queensland, a major beef producer was so impressed with the project that he immediately donated another 20 straws - which means that Brisbane Centenary's Beefbank could get a further 15 or more cattle from the Lotus Creek prison farm next year. QCS says that the skills that the prisoners learn from rearing cattle greatly assist in rehabilitation. These skills are very much in demand and will enable people who had started with very few skills to get employment when they finish their sentences.



DG Nick and Kelvin Anderson Commissioner of QCS sign the MOU with Andrew Rodgers (Brisbane Centenary), Marlene Morrison, Deputy Commissioner of QCS and Phil Mannion, General manager of Lotus Creek prison farm.

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

District 9630'S Ambassadorial Scholar, **EMILY WOOD** was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Jindalee. Her parents, Dave and Jenny and sister Amanda (President of South Brisbane Rotaract Club), proudly received the award on Emily's behalf.



Emily was recognised for her leadership and community service. She was the Charter President of a vibrant and proactive Rotaract Club. She is an Ambassadorial Scholar adding value to Rotary in Wales. Emily's embracing nature and honest sincerity, make her a role model for her generation.

### AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH LAUNCHES 10 PILOT STUDIES

#### ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF AUSSIE KIDS



The project is the first of its kind in Australia. Australian Rotary Health Chairman, Noel Trevaskis, noted that "the \$300,000 spent on funding the pilot research projects is a valuable investment in the health of Australian children".

One of the pilot studies is being conducted by Dr Naomi Wray from the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR). Naomi Wray's speciality is genetics. Her work at QIMR involves researching the pattern of disease in families, particularly in identical and non-identical twins.



Dr Wray will investigate whether cytokines, key messengers in the immune system's response to infection, may be present in depressed children who have no infection.

For more information on research funded by Australian Rotary Health, contact:

Gerardine Grace - (02) 8837 1900 or email: [gerardinegrace@australianrotaryhealth.org.au](mailto:gerardinegrace@australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

Donations to Australian Rotary Health are tax deductible and can be made online at: [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au) or by snail-mail to: PO Box 3455

Parramatta, NSW 2124.

## ROTARY DOWN UNDER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Bob Aitken, Editor of *Rotary Down Under (RDU)*, has assured DG Nick that the question regarding the need for both Rotarian husbands and wives to subscribe to RDU, will be aired at the next Council on Legislation by way of a resolution.



**POLIOPLUS DITTY**

*Around the world with each new morn*

*We tally up the children born.*

*One hundred million girls and boys  
Are born each year mid whoops of joy.*

*Alack alas, the joy for some  
Is very quickly overcome.*

*For death will strike midst welling tears*

*Ten million of those precious dears.*

*Why is this so? Ah this we know  
These children die from Polio.*

*From whooping cough and from TB,  
Diphtheria and more you see.*

*For measles too and tetanus  
Will quickly kill without much fuss.*

*One million folks in Rotary  
Work hand in hand across the sea.*

*They have a plan called PolioPlus  
Which can involve each one of us.*

*One hundred cents, that's not a lot,  
Will immunise one tiny tot.*

*If having listened to my verse,  
You find some spare coins inside  
your purse.*

*Send them to me and you will give,  
A little child a chance to live.*

PRID KEN COLLINS

**REDLANDS CLASSIC BIKE RIDE 2009**



The Mayor of Redlands City, Cr. Melva Hobson, started the ride on a beautiful sunny August day which took full advantage of the selected route through the bayside towns of Victoria Point, Redland Bay, Birkdale and Wellington Point and the rural countryside of Thornlands and Capalaba of the Redlands city. Over 500 participants from SE Qld and Northern NSW took part in the 75, 45 and 15 km rides. The event attracted riders from established bike clubs in the area, cycling enthusiasts and school children. This was double the number of riders that participated in the 2008 inaugural ride.

The official photographer for the ride was the club's very own award-winning Swiss YEP student Robin Wild who took over 800 photos during the morning. The photos were made available to all riders through our website at no cost.

Beneficiaries from the ride were The Leukaemia Foundation \$8000, The Rotary Foundation \$8000, The Matthew Stanley Foundation \$2000, Sharks Triathlon and Cycling Junior program \$1000 and State Emergency Service \$500.

**ROBERT OPIRA AND THE ST PETER'S JUNIOR SCHOOL**

In 2007, Robert Opira returned to Uganda, a country with a long history of conflict & violence. During 2006-2007, Robert had successfully completed his master's degree in Peace & Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland as a Rotary Foundation Peace Fellow. AG Alison Blomkamp of the Rotary Club of Redland Sunrise was Robert's counsellor. Upon returning to Uganda Robert joined the Rotary Club of Gulu and began a project to start a junior school. Financial assistance was provided by the Uniting Church and by a donation of \$5,000 from the Rotary Club of Redland Sunrise. A matching grant application was unsuccessful. On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, St Peter's Junior School celebrated 12 months of operation and held its first graduation ceremony for children who successfully completed Nursery and will enter Primary One in 2010.

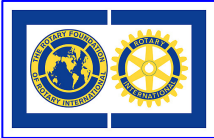
The Chief Guest was current President Grace of the Rotary Club of Gulu who was delighted with the progress made by the school. Robert has proven himself to be a great ambassador for Rotary and should be rightly proud of his success in increasing literacy and numeracy skills by providing this education facility to his local community. Lack of education is one of the core causes of violence."



*The Paul Harris Society  
needs you as a member!*

Apply on D9630 website  
Ross Forgione -0418724946  
or Ray Brand - 0417758032

**HAVE YOU BOOKED FOR YOUR TRIP OF A LIFETIME?  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in MONTREAL  
20-23 JUNE 2010 [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)**



## ROTARY FOUNDATION

The new calendar year marks the start of the second half of the Rotary year, and a time to take stock of progress toward our goals for 2009-2010.

The \$200m Polio challenge has passed its half way mark – which is wonderful news, but there is still much to do. Has your club done its bit by seeking contributions from your local community? By doing so we are obtaining funds from other than Rotarians' pockets and, in addition, we will be informing the wider community about Rotary and its promise to the children of the world.

On the other hand our support of the Annual Programs Fund has been slipping. Because we are supporting the Polio Challenge does not reduce the desperate needs of the hungry, the thirsty and the sick and the illiterate. The looks of joy and hope on the faces of those who benefit from Foundation funded projects to meet those desperate needs are sufficient reward to those who commit through Every Rotarian, Every Year to giving just \$100 per year – less than a cup of coffee a week. The unspoken 'thankyou' in a mother's eyes is more than sufficient to express without words the real value of our small contribution to a child's health and welfare through "OUR" Foundation.

Your gift and mine at this level (or a little more if you are able) can make the difference between life and death, or health and sickness, or between a sound educated mind and a wasted life. We, who have so much, can offer hope to those who have so little through actively supporting "OUR" Rotary Foundation. "TRF Direct" forms from your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (or from PDG Bruce Allen at RI Parramatta) will enable you to make a regular (tax-deductible) monthly, quarterly or annual contribution from your bank account or credit card. So little can mean so much.

## YOUR FOUNDATION FUNDS AT WORK

Tony Torbey's links with Lebanon led to his wife, Hanna, holding a luncheon at her home for 220 close friends including Lady Mayoress, Lisa Newman last year. The idea was to raise funds for a matching grants project in the Bekaa Valley.

The lunch raised US\$7,000 but when the Foundation suspended matching grants in January this year, it left the Jindalee club with a problem. The District, however, was happy to step in and use its remaining District Designated Funds to match the original \$7,000. After a short administrative delay at Evanston, US\$14,000 was sent to the Rotary Club of Zahle-Bekaa to purchase medicines for the elderly, provide financial assistance to 41 needy students from 21 families and food parcels for 110 families.

The food packages were distributed by the nuns of the order of St Rafea with the help of the Roray club of Zahle\_Bekaa and its past-president, Shant Chininian who, coincidentally, has since become a member of Parliament in the Lebanon government.



Attendance - Nov. 2009 & RI Membership - 31.12.09						
Club	RI	RI	Gain/	Hon.	Mtgs	Attend.
	1.7.09	31.12.09	Loss	Mem.		%
Acacia Ridge	13	13	0	1	4	97.5%
Archerfield	22	22	0	4	4	77.9%
Balmoral	16	15	-1	0	5	83.8%
Beenleigh	17	15	-2	4	4	72.9%
Booval	20	16	-4	2		
B'ne Centenary	18	20	2	0	4	75.1%
Capalaba	28	28	0	1	5	70.0%
Carindale	31	28	-3	0		
Charleville	6	6	0	1		
Chinchilla	33	36	3	2	4	84.4%
Cleveland	69	64	-5	6	4	74.0%
Dalby	26	25	-1	0		
Forest Lake	10	11	1	0	5	94.0%
Gatton & Lockyer	10	10	0	3	3	96.0%
Goodna	34	30	-4	5	5	74.0%
Ipswich	24	24	0	4	4	67.9%
Ipswich City	42	44	2	1		
Ipswich North	42	44	2	0		
Jandowae	12	11	-1	0	4	56.3%
Jindalee	60	62	2	2	4	70.0%
Logan	28	27	-1	0	4	70.1%
Loganholme	15	15	0	0	5	74.2%
Mitchell	8	8	0	1	5	87.5%
Moreton Bay	12	13	1	0	4	81.0%
Mt. Gravatt	33	31	-2	4	4	96.6%
Oakey	8	8	0	1		
Pittsworth	12	14	2	4		
Port of Brisbane	21	22	1	0	4	66.6%
Redland Sunrise	10	10	0	0	4	84.4%
Redlands Bayside	30	31	1	0		
Rocklea	29	30	1	0	4	62.0%
Roma	23	21	-2	3	5	58.3%
Salisbury	23	22	-1	0	4	75.0%
South Brisbane	20	20	0	2	5	82.2%
St. George	17	18	1	4	4	92.8%
Stones Corner	40	41	1	4	5	67.8%
Sumner Park	13	15	2	2	4	74.0%
S'bank Hills	24	26	2	0	4	83.3%
Toowoomba	52	47	-5	2	5	78.5%
T'ba City	30	25	-5	1	4	73.0%
T'ba East	52	53	1	2	4	75.1%
T'ba G'den City	35	35	0	0		
T'ba North	36	35	-1	7	4	76.0%
T'ba South	35	31	-4	7	4	79.0%
West T'ba	24	25	1	1	5	80.0%
Wishart	21	21	0	2		
Woolloongabba	15	13	-2	0	4	89.0%
Wynnum & Manly	58	61	3	3		
Total/Count/Avg.	1257	1242	-15	86	36	77.8%

### DISTRICT ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S QUIZ CORNER

Adam has just turned 50 and he has been a Rotarian for just over 25 years. How many years to go until he is automatically exempt from Club attendance requirements?

(Answer next month)

**NB Attendance Officers NB**

Your reports are due between 8-14th of the month! Thanks. DAO

### SAMOAN TSUNAMI APPEAL

\$A15,730 (NZ\$19,793.21) has been transferred to D 9920 in aid of the Samoan Tsunami Appeal. DG Leanne Jaggs says, "I can only thank you on behalf of D9920 & the RC Apia for this wonderful contribution. Many thanks for this, as I know this will certainly put to great use."

My thanks especially, go to the Rotary Clubs of Goodna and Archerfield for their strong support of this Appeal. If you still want to make a difference, Goodna's Tsunami bank account remains open for more donations. **DG NICK CURRY**