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# Rotary Foundation Newsletter

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DISTRICT 9600

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## FOUNDATION MONTH

By the time you receive this newsletter your Polio Movie Night will be near completion. Hoping all went well.

As an expansion of the Foundation Committee, we are asking for volunteers to assist as sub-committee members. Please contact Darryl for more information.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

## DISTRICT GRANTS 2017-18 Current year

Due to savings in 2016-17 on grant monies issued and the subsequent process of doing a number of originally approved 2017-18 grants a year earlier, the District now has a further \$22,000.00 available for grants to be completed by May 15 2018. Applications are invited from Clubs for allocation. Next round closes December 11 2017 for consideration at the next committee meeting in this December.

Application forms are available from [www.trfd9600.org/Resources](http://www.trfd9600.org/Resources) Grants Application Final.

We are also accepting applications for the \$US 41,000.00 available for 2018-19 year as well.

Please advise when emailing to District Rotary Foundation Chair Darryl ([trf@rotary9600.org](mailto:trf@rotary9600.org)) which year your application is for.

## POLIO CASES 2017

**NOW:**

**Afghanistan 8**

**Pakistan 5**

As part of your club's Presidential Citation requirements you are required to enter your Club; Annual Fund & Polio goals on the My Rotary website – please ensure your club has done this. At present 20 clubs in our District have.

Please remember to give to the Foundation and fill those money boxes and centurion poles.

**NOVEMBER EXCHANGE RATE**  
**US\$1 = AU\$1.28**



## India National Immunisation Days

Keep India Polio Free

**SUNDAY JANUARY 28**

**SUNDAY MARCH 11**

Rotary Tours Information see Darryl Iseppi



**Don't miss the opportunity to hear from the top international and national speakers on 'Economic & Community Development & Peace'**

This is one of six Presidential Conferences Rotary International President-elect Ian Riseley is convening during the 2017-18 Rotary year.

The goal of the Sydney conference is to bring together academics, political leaders, business community leaders and peace activists to explore building peace and discuss how we can work together to prevent and resolve conflict from an international and local perspective.

The conference will focus on economic and community development as it relates to peace. We will look at the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, disease, lack of water and food security, and the lack of education. The economic cost of conflict within a country and a community will also be highlighted.

Another main focus will be on the reconciliation process and how a community can move from peacemaking to peacebuilding.

To receive updates in the conference including keydate reminders and speaker information at: [www.rippc2018.com.au](http://www.rippc2018.com.au) or via email at: [rippc2018@arinex.com.au](mailto:rippc2018@arinex.com.au)



### **BECOMING A CENTURION WITH POCKET CHANGE!**

For a purchase cost of \$2 you can have your own Centurion Coin Collector. These collectors hold \$100 worth of \$2 coins, enough for anybody to become a Centurion, especially in this Centennial Year of the Foundation!

Return the filled pole to your Club Foundation Chairman to have this credited to you as a tax deductible donation to the Foundation.

New poles are available for \$0.60 each, which will assist the Foundation in continuing to do good work in the world.



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS'  
SEMINAR 2018  
'Peace in Action: Pushing the Envelope'

DATE SAVER

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Womans College University of  
Queensland  
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11:00am - 6:00pm



The Rotary Peace Centre at the University of Queensland was established in 2001, after an extensive worldwide search by Rotary International. Rotary wished to initiate a new program that would make a practical contribution to the quest for a more peaceful world. Annually up to 110 Peace Fellows attend one of the 6 Rotary Centres around the world to undertake a master's Degree or Professional Development Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies. This reflects Rotary's commitment to education and learning as an important tool in the goal to advance peace and justice internationally, alongside its other major focus of humanitarian work such as eradicating Polio and improving water and sanitation in various locations around the world.

1,215 Centurions x A\$100	=	\$92,000 from members
50 x PHS	=	\$50,000 from members
Major Donors	=	\$40,000 from individuals
55 Clubs x \$4,000 average	=	\$240,000 from clubs
302 members x US\$26.50	=	\$80,000

**TOTAL =**  
**\$500,000**



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# More Slaves Now Than Ever Before In History

## Slavery and the Rebecca Bender Story

I hope everyone read the Rebecca Bender story in October RDU. A remarkable woman with unfortunately a very common story in US and in Australia. The numbers are staggering and even more so that you, probably know at least one person who is caught in a slavery situation and yet, you don't see it. For me, I unfortunately see it way too often in my work. Some are like Rebecca and physically intimidated to continue working. For many others, it is the mental and psychological abuse they endure that keep them as slaves in their relationship and hence also in their work situation.

How does a mother with her children escape when no one believes her and she has no money and no family support because they believe the lies he has told? Her friends don't believe her and have isolated away from her, where does she turn? How does she find a home (non-abusive) for her family to protect them – she has no employment history? Where does she go? Does she stay to provide food and a roof and then see her own children repeat the cycle because this is what they now as the norm?

Don't get me wrong, I have seen men similarly caught but it is mainly the ladies who suffer the most as they struggle with what is best for their children and find themselves in a deepening downward spiral.

Slavery it exists here in our own Rotary District today. What are you doing about it?

Over the next few months you will hear what those who have been caught want you to do to help others who haven't got away and, what you can do to help those who have as they attempt recovery to a new normality that they may never have known.

## New Research Reveals There Are More Than 40 Million Slaves World-Wide

Reports released during the UN General Assembly meetings suggest global leaders need to increase efforts to end modern slavery and child labour.

New research reveals that more than 40 million people, primarily women and children, were victims of modern slavery in 2016.

**Of the 40.3 million victims of modern slavery last year, 24.9 million were in forced labour and 15.4 million were in forced marriages.**

"Modern slavery occurred on every region of the world," according to two reports released during the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly, and produced by the U.N.'s International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Walk Free Foundation, in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Modern slavery is an umbrella term researchers use to refer to "situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power," including forced labour, debt bondage, and forced marriage.

Among the reports key findings were:

- An estimated 40.3 million men, woman, and children were enslaved worldwide.
- 24.9 million were in forced labour, working in the sex industry, on construction sites, at domestic residences, in the agriculture sector and in factories.
- 15.4 million were "in marriages to which they had not consented," and "enduring a situation that involved having lost their sexual anatomy and often involved providing labour."
- Women and girls accounted for 71 percent of total victims, and 99 percent of those forced to work in the sex industry.
- One in four victims were children, and 21 percent of all victims were children who were sexually exploited.
- Over the past five years, an estimated 89 million people have "experienced some form of modern slavery."
- An estimated 152 million children, or nearly one in 10, remain engaged in child labour. Among child labourers, 73 million "are in hazardous work that directly endangers their health, safety, and moral development."

Researchers found that modern slavery was most prevalent in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific, but noted that limited data was available for Arab states, the Americas and Australia.

"We believe that the global estimate of 40.3 million is the most reliable data to date, although we believe it to be a conservative estimate as there were millions of people we couldn't reach," Michaëlle De Cock, senior statistician at the ILO, told the Guardian.

When taking into account that "only 63,000 victims of slavery were reported to the authorities last year," David added, "The gulf between the problem and the insufficient global response becomes very clear."

The ILO concluded that "ending modern slavery will require a multi-faceted response that addresses the array of forces – economic, social, cultural, and legal – that contribute to vulnerability and enable abuses."