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# Rotary Foundation Newsletter

DISTRICT 9600

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## The Centennial Year has started. What are YOU, YOUR CLUB and YOUR CLUSTER doing to celebrate?

At the District Level we are combining with D9630 and the U.Q. Peace Centre to bring you a celebratory dinner in March 2017. This will be followed on 8<sup>th</sup> April with the Peace Fellow Seminar. The Zone will bring you PRIP Kalyan Banerjee on 29<sup>th</sup> November for a Centennial Dinner and then there is the International Convention in Atlanta in June 2017.

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 only 7 clubs in our District have. The other significant part of the Citation is that each and every member must personally contribute \$US26.50 or more by 8<sup>th</sup> November. What easier way to achieve that than by using the Centurion Poles. Treasurers please ensure you have transferred this money to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust on time.



## The Foundation Seminar is on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at St Columban's School, Caboolture 8:30am.

This is your opportunity to be qualified to apply for District and Global Grants and to learn how. The day will also showcase The Rotary Foundation's many aspects and be your opportunity to learn and understand more about OUR CHARITY. The one you give to get a tax deduction and get the money back to spend again.

To help you understand and to help **YOU PROMOTE** The Rotary Foundation, District 9600 now has its own website.  
**[www.trfd9600.org](http://www.trfd9600.org)**

We will be adding to this page video presentations and news for you to learn about and celebrate this wonderful charity.

## GLOBAL GRANTS

The Paul Dunn Memorial Dental Project Global Grant is a conjunction between the Jiwaka Province Local Government and the Rotary Club of Nondugal PNG to establish a sustainable dental clinic to service the local and surrounding areas. It spans 8 districts across the Jiwaka Province for 200,000 people including 40,000 children.

The project provided the equipment, training of staff support and education for the local staff to be able to operate a sustainable dental clinic. It included numerous visits by Australian dentists to provide on the job training and education as well as the organisation of a local dentist to visit Australia for continual ongoing training.

This Grant was a joint project between The Rotary Clubs of Nondugal and Green Hills – Maitland. The project has a total value of \$US 128, 028 of \$US 5,000 from DDF (District Designated Funds) and \$US 63,642 from the World Fund. 8 districts contributed to the project.

**JULY EXCHANGE RATE**  
**US\$1 = AU\$1.35**

Please see District Website or Directory,  
pages 32-37 for contact numbers of The  
Rotary Foundation Team.



## DISTRICT GRANTS

- 1) The Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise have used \$5,000 of District Grant and \$5,000 of Club money to go to Mamba Primary School Project. The Mamba Primary School is located on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The Rotary Foundation project has been undertaken with the cooperation of the local Rotary Club Mkuu Rombo which has controlled the process from start to finish. High-Rise involvement has been maintained by visits (4) by Club members including a group of 19 in January 2015.

Like many government – owned schools in Tanzania there is no electricity provided to the school. This project will connect the school to the national electricity grid and covers the electrical wiring of the school as well.

The provision of electricity will benefit the school in many ways; most immediate will be the capacity for light in the classroom and other school building; particularly during Winter these buildings can be very dark for long periods of the day. This is not conducive to the provision of a productive learning environment.

The other major benefit will be that with electricity the school can look towards providing access to computers for all students. Computers access will open up the learning opportunities and experiences for all children.

- 2) The Rotary Club of Kingaroy has done a project worth \$2,500 with a District Grant of \$1,250 for the Refurbishment of club barbecue trailer.

They purchased and installed a refrigeration plant in the trailer so it meets health requirements for our weekly sausage sizzles which provide a regular income which is then applied to TRF donations.



## ROTARY IN ACTION!

### *The District Seminar – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at St Columban's, Caboolture*

Come to a full day of seeing what Rotary can do, what you can do and what your club can do.

**THIS DISTRICT SEMINAR** has been designed to bring to you the member, the processes and knowledge previously gained by others to help you and your clubs do more with less.

Combining “The Rotary Foundation Grants” and “Foundation Seminar” information and training and a “Youth Showcase” this is a great day to hear and exchange ideas and projects.

**Registration is at 8.30am with a 8.50am start** for Rotary Foundation Grants Training on how to apply, how to make them work better and how to link with other clubs and districts to give more to both your local projects and your international projects.

This will be followed by details of the Centennial of The Rotary Foundation as we celebrate the last 100 years and the events and projects based around the Centennial and the future.

Morning tea will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of Rotary International District 9600 Limited with the approval of the audited accounts for 30 June 2016 together with any other motions that have been proposed.

Following the AGM will be a showcase of Foundation Projects, a short presentation, a Q & A session and a discussion of group Centennial Celebration Events.

## MEET CATRINA ZIESMAN

### *Rotary Peace Fellow*



#### **Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar,  
Ontario, Canada, District 7080

#### **Host Club:**

Rotaract Club of Windsor,  
District 9600

Catrina was born in Toronto, Ontario. Growing up in a multiethnic household with immigrant parents, her mother being from Trinidad and Tobago and her father from Germany, Catrina was instilled with a strong appreciation for multiculturalism and an understanding of the challenges associated with cultural coalescence. This understanding has inspired her passion to work towards the empowerment of women and building healthy, resilient communities. Catrina's international work has taken her to Latin America, Africa and Central Asia for projects helping to strengthen and integrate healthcare systems.

For the past three years, she has worked as a consultant on a maternal, newborn and child health project partnership between the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development and local institutions both in Canada and Kenya.

The ultimate goal of this project has been the reduction

of maternal and infant mortality in rural regions of Kenya. As a Community Development Specialist, she has helped to create strategies that increase women's access to primary healthcare as well as develop self-sustaining communities. In addition to her time in Kenya, she worked as a Program Manager with a grassroots HIV/AIDS NGO in Southwestern Ontario addressing the AIDS pandemic in Lesotho, Africa. Her involvement with Rotary began in 2010 with a six-month Canadian International Development Agency internship in Guayaquil Ecuador where Catrina worked as a Health Education Assistant. Her local Rotary club has been an inspirational force throughout her career in international service and development. She feels incredibly blessed with the opportunity to be a Rotary Peace Fellow.



### **Rotarians, Partners, Friends & Guests,**

are cordially invited to participate in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

**Date:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Venue:** Eatons Hill Hotel & Function Centre, 646 South Pine Road, Eatons Hill – Grand ballroom.

**Cost:** \$75 Per Person. Cash bar.

**Keynote Speaker:** Kalyan Banerjee

Past R.I. President & Chairman of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation

**Registration:** [trfcentennial@rotary9600.org](mailto:trfcentennial@rotary9600.org)

**Payment:** Westpac Bank, BSB: 034 272 A/C No. 268903

OR On-Line: [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)

## **END POLIO NOW!**

For over 30 years Rotarians have been on a mission to eradicate Polio from the face of the earth. Now that there are only two endemic countries left, we have to ensure that we meet our goal. Rotary has taken the lead in this endeavour and as Bell Gates said, if it was not for Rotary's leadership in this cause, we could not have achieved what we have.

The leadership and vision that this major undertaking could be achieved was taken by an Australian Past President of Rotary International Sir Clem Renouf, in his Presidential year of 1978-79. While Polio Plus is credited to have begun in 1985, it was the vision and leadership of Sir Clem that got that program started.

This year we need to keep the contributions strong to ensure that the vaccination program keeps going and that globally we can be safe from this virus. Five years after the last case is reported is how long the vaccination program needs to keep running to ensure that it does not resurface.

Looking ahead, please ensure that your club has a goal in place to support the end game and make a contribution this year. If EVERY club made a contribution of US\$1,500, the impact would be enormous. We ask that every Club is encouraged to ensure that at least one meeting this year is dedicated to the End Polio Now program and that a Special contribution is made.



## **ARTICLE FROM THE ABC: *Humanity's journey to wipe out polio has been a long and incredible one, Erica Vowles***

Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries today where the wild polio virus remains endemic. But 100 years ago, the disease could strike anywhere. The first major epidemic was in 1916, on the east coast of America, centred on New York.

'That's really when people first appreciated that polio was a huge threat, and also that medical science couldn't do anything about it,' says Gareth Williams, an emeritus professor at the University of Bristol and the author of *Paralysed with Fear: The Story of Polio*.

As soon as we take our eye off the ball and cases build up again, suddenly we've got polio all over the world again.

**IAN RISELEY, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

'About 25,000 people were paralysed in and around New York, and 6,000 of those died.'

Prior to the 20th century, Williams says, poor sanitation meant people encountered the polio virus as a baby, while their mother's breast milk still gave them some immunity.

Improved sanitation at the end of the 19th century saw people being exposed to polio much later in life, with disastrous consequences. Polio is commonly spread by what is called the faecal-oral route, which means a person contracts the virus after coming into contact with intestinal viruses from another individual infected with polio.

One in 100 people who catch the polio virus then develop paralysis.

**Developing a vaccination**

The US, Australia, Europe and elsewhere were hit by waves of polio epidemics up until the 1960s.

**Click here to read more.....**

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/rearvision/pakistan-afghanistan-last-frontiers-in-100-year-war-on-polio/7574148>



## ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS' SEMINAR 2017 – DATE SAVER

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

University of Queensland  
St Lucia Campus



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 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.

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

**MAKE  
HISTORY  
TODAY**

From 2013 to 2018, every US\$1 Rotary commits to WHO and UNICEF in direct support for polio immunization will be **tripled** (up to US\$35 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**YOUR  
DONATION  
US\$25**

**+**

**BILL & MELINDA  
GATES FOUNDATION  
US\$50**

**TOTAL  
CONTRIBUTION  
US\$75**

**150**  
VESTS FOR  
VOLUNTEERS



**75**  
VACCINE  
CARRIERS



**600**  
PURPLE FINGER  
MARKERS



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