

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



District 9600 Newsletter

Building On A Solid Foundation



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"If we wish for peace, we start by living in peace ourselves, in our homes and in our communities. If we wish environmental degradation to stop, if we wish to reduce child mortality or to prevent hunger, we must be the instrument of that change – and recognise that it must start within us, with each of us."

— RIPE Kalyan Banerjee

FUTURE VISION AND ITS IMPACT ON D9600

In District 9600 the Rotary Foundation now operates in a very different way from the way it did prior to our becoming a "Future Vision District".

The changes which the Future Vision Plan has brought are exciting. These changes open up many and varied opportunities for doing good in the world: many more than ever existed under the old system. It is not often that one uses the words "exciting" and "Rotary Foundation" in the one sentence but I do so advisedly today.

Firstly I want to refresh your memories and highlight two aspects of Future Vision.

1. Strategic Plan - Future Vision is a strategic plan for The Rotary Foundation and it:
 - embodies a new approach in the manner the Foundation provides grants to Clubs and Districts;
 - illuminates the pathway to building on the successes of the great Foundation programs, such as Polio Plus, Health, Hunger and Humanity, and the Rotary Centres for Peace Studies;
 - spells out the means to better align community service projects around the world; and
 - provides a new, simplified and improved structure and organisation of the committees handling Foundation activities at the District and Club level.
2. Objectives - based on feedback from tens of thousands of Rotarians around the world the Future Vision Plan has as its objectives:
 - Strengthening the impact of club projects on beneficiaries;
 - Sharpening the focus of overall grant activity;
 - Transferring more decision-making locally;
 - Partnering with other organizations on the corporate level to leverage foundation funding and Rotary's resources;
 - Simplifying the Foundation to help expedite grant processing; and
 - Increasing visibility and the image of Rotary locally and globally.

Our Challenge is to ensure that we:

- put aside any negative thoughts and experiences we may have had or encountered in the past about the Foundation and its workings and take a fresh look at the changes Future Vision brings to the table;
- consider the beneficial impact of Foundation programs through the eyes of the beneficiaries;
- consider the benefit to the communities (no longer restricted to overseas communities) which receive the benefit of those programs viewed through the eyes of the members of those communities and, finally;
- consider how history will view the benefits of the programs that the Foundation has created or expanded.

If you have any doubts about the extent of the change Future Vision has wrought, I suggest you look very carefully at the inspiring Arethusa College program which was commenced last year at the Shaftesbury Centre by the Rotary Club of Bribie Island and recently reported in Rotary Down Under.

- PDG John Ker

Check your contribution history: go to www.rotary.org and click on member access – enter your user name and password. You must have an email address on file at RI. Submit email addresses to data@rotary.org

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

District Conference

25-27 March

The Events Centre - Caloundra

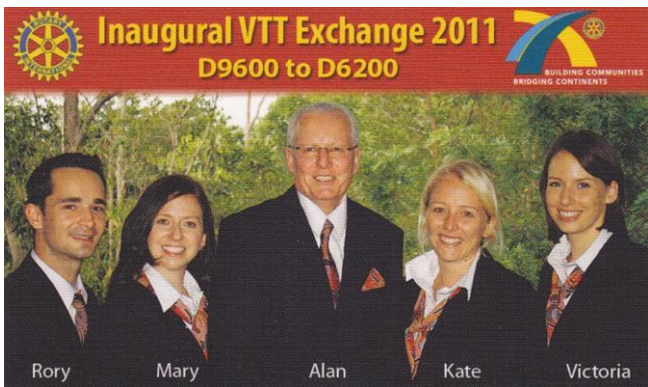
PETS

16-17 April

SurfAir – Marcoola Beach

RI EXCHANGE RATE

The exchange rate for **March** is **1.00**



Kenmore Rotarian, Alan Biggs, is this month leading a Team of young professionals to the site of the world's largest oil spill in southern Louisiana to learn how to prevent such a disaster occurring in Queensland.

The four member research Team is made up of a number of professionals working in the areas that would be impacted by such a disaster: Fisheries, Port of Brisbane, Queensland Ambulance Service and Australia Zoo. The knowledge gained would be invaluable for their professional development, and the expertise they bring home will enhance their industry's knowledge and capability.

"This vocational exchange is a first for Rotary and a potential life changing experience for the Team," Alan said. "The knowledge the Team brings back will be invaluable to local industry, to the ongoing ecology of the Brisbane River, and the protection of the environment." It is also expected that the Team will tour the areas devastated by hurricane Katrina over five years ago and they will also be guest speakers at the annual Rotary District 6200 Conference held in Welsh near Lake Charles. As this is an exchange, a Team from southern Louisiana will visit south east Queensland later this month to learn about the successes in dealing with our oil spill and flooding.

(As reported in the Brisbane West Local Bulletin)

Hope you all survived the floods and storms ok. To be honest, I was very jealous I wasn't there in Brisbane to see the city in that state and experience the sense of community that external threat brought on, supposedly once in a lifetime. Life over here is going well. A short update and pic from the MBA is attached - I tried to model my motto along Rotary lines!!

Speaking of Rotary I am attending the Rotterdam Stad Rotary meeting Tuesday 1 March, having dinner with the President of the Rotterdam City Rotary club on Wed 2 March and having dinner with Eric and Marion, two Rotterdam Stad Rotarians 6 March. Eric and Marion are interesting. Both are retired medical specialists and they offered to host me, sight unseen, at their house (on a lake) for the entire year but I had already taken up a flat near the school. We are still in regular contact and Eric took me out for breakfast last Sunday which was very nice, as Sundays are usually a bit of a down day for me.

Kind Regards, Alex Dalley



As of 25 February, Rotary's US\$200 million Challenge stands at US\$163 million.



Results of Polio Challenge Movie Night – congratulations to the six Clubs

Organising Club	date	attendance	return
Kenmore	20 Feb	62	\$1,041
Caboolture	23 Feb	62	\$ 682
Hamilton	23 Feb	102	\$1,400
Noosa Heads	23 Feb	170	\$2,000
Pine Rivers Daybreak	23 Feb	41	\$ 478
Toowong	23 Feb	210	\$1,500
TOTAL		647	\$7,101

There are thousands of charitable organisations working throughout the world that make a positive impact on those in need. But The Rotary Foundation is the only charitable organisation funded by contributions from Rotarians, for programs and projects identified by Rotarians, and administered by Rotarians at the project site.

The Rotary Foundation is YOU –
EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR
What other charity allows the donor such control over its funds?



Your contribution to *Every Rotarian, Every Year* makes humanitarian projects possible.

Now is the time to submit your Club's application for a share of our 2011 District Grant of US\$27,256. Projects can be local or overseas, humanitarian or educational and special consideration will be given to those within the six areas of focus. Clubs need to be qualified and have a history of support for Our Foundation.

Applications should be forwarded to the Chairman of the Grants Sub-Committee, PDG Charles Guesdon.

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