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ROTARY SUPPORTS LEARNING FOR PEOPLE IN MORE REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge and the Mid-Murray Council, the Murray Mallee Aged Care Group has been able to offer two consecutive six week iPad courses. The first commenced 11th August at the Swan Reach Hall and the second will be on the 22nd September at Blanchetown. Experienced teacher Angela Lukacs has been contracted to conduct both classes.

Often people who live in the more remote areas miss out on services that are readily available for people in metropolitan locations. This iPad program is designed to redress this inequality of opportunity. The classes are conducted in informal friendly small groups. Everyday language is used and supportive non-threatening 'hands on' assistance is provided. At the commencement of the course, people are often nervous about using the technology and are afraid that they might break the device. It is wonderful to see people growing in confidence and connecting with others in ways that they had not previously thought available to them.

Gradually the people engaged in this course are able to use the iPad to carry out banking, shopping, paying bills and playing games. Keeping in touch with family and friends via email, and Skype is a powerful addition made possible through being confident users of this technology. This learning enables people to have more choice and control of their lives, and extends the time they remain independent participants in our community.

Congratulations to the Swan Reach graduands: - Di Capp, Joan Wilkinson, Taryn Grieger and Kaylene Russell with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group Acting CEO Wendy Bartlett.



As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

End Polio Now www.poliouterelay.org

The raffle and the proceeds from fundraising events along the route of the relay will go towards this worldwide effort to eradicate polio.





Basic Education and Literacy is a high priority target area for Rotary because we live in a world where a majority of our neighbours do not experience the liberating effect of education. The age of enlightenment does not shine upon a majority of communities.

In common with the other priority areas identified by the Rotary Foundation, the enormity of the task can be a barrier in itself. Individual Rotary Clubs can make a difference to a minute portion of the total need, and it should be seen that this small contribution does change the lives of a few people. This process repeated by many Rotary Clubs generates a momentum which can change the outlook for whole communities, indeed whole countries. There are many established projects that seek to influence the provision of Basic Education and Literacy in communities where this need is starkly apparent. Consider adding your resource advantage to giving children like those in the photograph, a benefit to influence their quality of life, both now and into the future.



STRATHALBYN SES TO THE RESCUE

“Fred” was travelling along at a steady 50km/hr when he was T-boned by another car. He suffered severe head trauma along with numerous other injuries. “Fred” was trapped in his car so he had to wait to see what happened next.

Sirens blared into the night as emergency vehicles arrived and in a short while floodlights lit up the scene of crumpled metal. Experienced SES personnel quickly extricated “Fred” using hydraulic jaws, and after an examination by medical staff, he was soon on his way to hospital.

All of this occurred to an audience of Rotarians, and was narrated by Sergeant John Illingworth. The demonstration was a training run for the SES crew, but it was a lesson for the audience as well. The cars in the exercise were typical of cars driven by learner and provisional drivers. Statistics show that of the 80,000 young drivers in SA in the 16 to 19 age bracket, some 600 of them will be injured in a car crash this year. The severity of the injuries that are sustained by these young drivers will be dependent on the kind of car they are driving. There are many safety features being added to the design of cars over time. Younger drivers would be safer in the family’s higher end vehicle fitted with multiple airbags. The message from Sergeant Illingworth is to buy the safest car you can afford.





Nepal Orphanage School

When RI Director Guiller Tumangan visited Adelaide on 8th September Rotary Coordinator PDG Malcolm Lindquist gave a presentation to the joint District meeting held at the Public Schools Club on East Terrace.

Malcolm was able to highlight the way in which Rotary had been able to pool its resources and work with the community to build a school in Golfutar, on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal. The school was the dream of the late David Rusk and Malcolm became project manager and worked with the RC of Dillibazar to construct the building after David's untimely death in 2013.

Some of the major highlights of the project have been

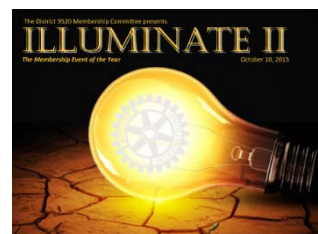
- It has been a RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) project
- Over \$200000 has been donated by over 200 separate individuals and organisations
- The project has been sponsored by the RC of Brownhill Creek
- The support of many schools including Pulteney Grammar School, Unley High School and numerous other schools in the Adelaide area
- The Friends of Nepal (Golfutar) group has undertaken a sponsorship program which has guaranteed the ongoing support for students and the establishment of a robust curriculum program.
- The future needs of students after leaving the orphanage are being addressed.
- A future maintenance program for the school is also being planned.

Following the grand opening in February 2015 the school and associated orphanage were damaged by the catastrophic earthquakes in April and May. Once again sponsors and supporters rallied and donated sufficient funds to repair both the school and the orphanage and the repairs are being carried out now. It is hoped that the school and orphanage will be fully operational again by Christmas. This has been a great example of the family of Rotary making things happen for people less fortunate than ourselves.

Saturday 10th October is the day you have the chance to attend an event which will provide relevant and timely information about Membership Development and Social Media.

Bookings are essential www.trybooking.com/HCRK

Enquiries Mark Huddleston 0402 346 994 or email mark@sugarfreezone.com.au



6th October Rtn David Cockshell, "Open Day at Donations in Kind."

13th October PP Sarah Walsh, "Polio Ute Relay."

29th October PP Peter Hammond, "Calling All Rotary Alumni."



PDG Ken Knights of the Rotary Club of Strathalbyn is now 80 years of age. Happy Birthday Ken. For this special occasion in Ken's life his family conspired to arrange a secret visit from an Exchange Student Ulrike (Ricky) from Germany, for whom they were host counsellors many years ago. Now the plan within a plan unfolded. Ken answered a knock at the door to be greeted by Ricky. The gobsmacked adjective was reported to me ! But wait, then in walked Fiona, also from Germany, the goddaughter of both Ken and Gwenda, neither of whom were expecting this, and to round off the surprises in walked their daughter Tracey from New Zealand.

Triple surprise participants Rickey Ellerbrock, Tracey Adam, Ken Knights, Fiona Ellerbrock, and Gwenda Knights.

Please be reminded that Rotary is a truly non-political movement of business professionals all across the globe.

Our standard club constitution states:

Article 13 Community, National, and International Affairs Section 1 — Proper Subjects. The merits of any public question involving the general welfare of the community, the nation, and the world are of concern to the members of this club and shall be proper subjects of fair and informed study and discussion at a club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinions. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

Section 2 — No Endorsements. This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

Section 3 — Non-Political.

(a) Resolutions and Opinions. This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions, and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature. (b) Appeals. This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.



GRADUATION DINNER Thursday 1st October 2015 Grand Hotel Glenelg.

Bookings close 9:00am 21st September <http://www.trybooking.com/159055>

Sponsoring clubs, friends, past awardees and interested persons are invited.

This is a great example of what a single or a few Rotarians with vision can achieve.

FOR TIMOR GIRLS

Education is a high priority for the people in Timor Leste as about half the population is illiterate and this is a significant barrier for economic development. Also about half of the 1.17m people in Timor Leste are under the age of 18 years, so this is where the resources for education should be directed. A typical village is Atabae has a high school with boarding facilities for 50 girls. Until recently the toilet and kitchen facilities at this High School were appalling. This was a significant deterrent for students being regular attenders at school.

This situation has now changed due to the combined effort of the Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill, the Rotary Club of Bright in Victoria, and a Rotary Foundation Grant. A working party of Rotarians built a new toilet and shower block, and a new kitchen as well as refurbishing the dormitory. Now the girl students have sanitary and attractive facilities with running water and electricity. While the work party were in the area they also carried out improvements to the school buildings !!

School attendance has improved, and the students are much happier with their living conditions.

This is a great gift to the world.



Toilets before.



Toilets after.



Kitchen before.



Kitchen after.