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"Last Tuesday night we had four students from Brighton High attend our meeting to report back on their attendance at the ConocoPhillips Science Experience and one from the University of Adelaide reporting on her experience at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. They all commented on how rewarding it had been and thanked the Rotary Club of Glenelg for sponsoring them to take part in the enlightening time. It was also pleasing to see some of their parents and teachers supporting them on the night." Wayne Sachs Rotary Club of Glenelg.



The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The National Youth Science Forum is a 12 day residential program for students entering Year 12 who are passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Students are shown a wide variety of study and career options in these fields.





The SA chapter, hosted a networking breakfast Wednesday 2 March at the National Wine Centre.



Professor Jana Matthews – ANZ Business School, Uni SA attended as guest speaker, and in conversation with Sandra Turner (Rotary Club of Adelaide) reflected on lessons from above the glass ceiling Part of this conversation reflected upon the women who most influenced her; a teacher who recognised in this 6 year old a capacity to learn and a desire to be more, her stepmother who

provided nurturing but also challenged her to participate and learn.

Professor Matthews left audience members with a number of take-a-ways, stressing the importance of knowing how to capitalise on one's gifts and that you can do a lot in your life if you understand that you don't have to do it all. Here are some tips on being successful:

- **Be prepared to learn**- keep learning as you will never reach the situation of knowing all that is important.
- **Be prepared**- be ready when opportunities arrive as you cannot predict when the chances of life turn up.
- **Be comfortable with diversity**- being inclusive improves your chances of success.
- **Learn to work in teams**- above all learn to delegate and get the best people for your team.
- Above all, **be competent**- a combination of being a warm leader based on a high level of competence.



A Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Survey is currently with clubs to gather information about this project in D9520.

VACANCIES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) D9520 Committee is looking for a number of new Committee Members due to pending retirement of long serving members.

In most cases starting is immediate, - or if preferred 1st July 2016.

This is a great opportunity for Rotarians to be part of an active and committed

committee supporting and promoting Australian Rotary Health – Research for Mental Health within the District.

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Rotary is marking the Foundation's centennial with a year of festivities. The celebration kicks off at the [2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul](#) and will culminate at the [2017 convention in Atlanta](#).

RENMARK CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Naing Ko Ko. Rotary Peace Fellow

In 1988, when I was 16, I began to protest with other students for democracy, human rights, and social justice in my home country of Burma, now called Myanmar. Four years later, I was arrested and tortured for two months in an interrogation camp. I was shackled and beaten. I was not allowed to sleep. They put a cloth over my eyes and a hood over my head, so I could not tell the day from the night. They asked me the same questions over and over. It was quite similar to George Orwell's *1984*. After this, I was sent to a special court. I was given no lawyer, just sent directly to prison.

Over a period of many years Naing Ko Ko befriended his captors by talking to them about democracy and the benefits of learning from great writers.

Many did not respond at all but some became close friends. After six years and eight months, I was released. I am now fulfilling my dream of studying overseas at Australian National University in Canberra. Of all the prisoners who were arrested in the protests, I think I am the only one who is getting a Ph.D.

As told to Steve Almond. The Rotarian 1-Jan-2016



SEEKING OUT POLIO



Pakistan is one of only two remaining polio-endemic countries, and extinguishing the virus from every remote region is a considerable challenge. Vaccinators, risking attacks from militants, have to target and track, with precision, civilians fleeing a warzone in the country's northwest provinces. One project is using cell phones as part of the polio eradication effort, and the potential is great for improved public health in general. A 2012 report predicted that mobile

health technologies could save 75,000 mothers and children every year in Pakistan, and reduce hospital costs by US\$1 billion annually, through accurate remote diagnostics that ensure treatment at the right level, reducing hospital referrals.

Lady Health Workers are employed extensively by the polio eradication effort as they are trusted to enter households and have the interactions with mothers and children necessary to deliver the polio vaccine. They also provide health education and services for antenatal care, routine immunization, and maternal health. The cell phone project had to ensure that these women were well trained in the use of the technology, as we know that mobile data collection is only as effective as the staff applying it'.

The picture shows an e-monitoring training session in Peshawar for 30 Community Midwives during January 2016.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Two of the SA Rotary Districts again took part in a Project, giving Mem Fox's "Book Ten Little Fingers" to babies born in the local hospitals over a 5 day period to Celebrate Rotary's 111th birthday. It was to encourage parents to read to their children and promote Literacy.

Mem Fox and Penguin Publishers had generously given the books at a substantial discount and we thank them for that and their validation of the project.

Thank you to the clubs who willingly took part in D9520 and who and reported that it was most rewarding and a lot fun.

Members from the Rotary Clubs of Mitcham, Coromandel Valley, Mobilong, Victor Harbor,



Mt. Barker, Magill Sunrise, Campbelltown and St Peters distributed about 150 books to the delighted new parents. Several local papers have recorded the event, giving publicity to Rotary and its good work.

Coordinators for the two districts were Rotarians Glenda Sherwin-Lane (RC of Adelaide West) and Jan Barwick and Chris Dodsworth (RC of Mitcham).



JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY FACILITY

On March 7, Rotary Club of Edwardstown President Clair Rhodes was joined by Member for Elder Annabel Digance and City of Marion Mayor Kris Hanna in a ground breaking ceremony marking the commencement of work on the new Jervois Street Reserve in Edwardstown. The project valued at \$940,000 is being primarily funded by the City of Marion, with State Government support. The Rotary Club of Edwardstown has committed \$50,000 towards facilities within the reserve, which is only a five minute walk from their Book Shop and Community Centre on Towers Terrace.

The reserve is scheduled for completion in July 2016.

Here is a novel idea.

Members of the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek have identified people in the local community who have demonstrated being active in the life of the community.

These people will be invited to take part in a discussion centered on the activities of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek. It is hoped this connection will attract new members to join the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek.



WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION

For several years now Yvonne Hurrell, a member of the Rotary Club of Goolwa, has hosted an annual Wheelchair Dinner to raise funds for the Wheelchair Foundation. Having lived and worked in Third World countries for many years Yvonne has observed at first-hand the social, economic and physical handicaps of low income people with limited mobility. The provision of a simple wheelchair can be a life changing gift, restoring personal dignity and enabling individuals to contribute to their family and community rather than being a burden.

The dinner this year raised over \$1500 which will be used to purchase another 10 wheelchairs. Great exposure of this project through an article in the Souther Argus. More details available from your club secretary.



In addition to supporting the Wheelchair Foundation the Rotary Club of Goolwa has donated money for the purchases of 2 Shelter Boxes at \$1000 each. These kits provide urgent shelter for families following a range of natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis, with the most recent call for aid coming from the Philippines in January and Fiji in February this year.

Depots are set up in strategic locations around the globe and can be quickly shipped to disaster areas at incredibly short notice. Kits contain tents, bedding, simple water purification gear and basic tools such as spades, and building equipment. The heavy duty plastic box provides a water-proof, vermin-proof

storage container. All Shelter Boxes are individually numbered. When an individual or group makes a donation to Shelter Box they will be given a specific box number that their donation has gone towards funding. Donors can then track their box and find out where in the world it has been sent.

Rotary Club of Berri - Dried Grapes for Sale

- ▶ For Sale Medindee Seedless Dried grapes
- ▶ \$40 for 12.5kgs or \$5 per 1kg (ie about half retail value)
- ▶ Professionally packaged, treated and cleaned
- ▶ Orders can be delivered to Adelaide or the District Conference in Renmark
- ▶ Funds go to our International projects



For Orders Contact Robin Foley 0403 119 650 robfoley@m2data.com.au



Conference Registration figures as at 11th March 2016.

390 Full Registrations and 11 Social Registrations.

There are still 20 seats on the Fri 29th April Cruise 2 Paddle Steamer Cruise.

There are still 24 places available Fri 29th April Calperum Station Walk Tour.

There are still 31 places available Sat 30th April Calperum Station Walk Tour.