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### **President Shawn Hutchinson, Dorice, Gemma Sisia and Margaret Rose at Mt Barker.**

Those local members and the many who came from afar to be part of the special presentation by Gemma and Dorice, were treated to an inspiring and amazing story.

Gemma's vision is very simple, to provide free, high quality primary and secondary education to the poorest and brightest children in the region of Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa. In the School of St Jude, this vision is presently being achieved by nearly 2000 students.

I will not attempt to summarise the history of the school, it's phenomenal growth, and sparkling success, but please do read about the School of St Jude <http://www.schoolofstjude.org/about-us/overview.html> An enduring image of Gemma's talk was the pictures of many hundreds of children who turn up at the intake time each year in the hope they will be chosen to enter the School of St Jude. Quite sad really because the vast majority of aspiring students do not make the selection outcome.

Gemma gave an excellent address but in my eyes she was outshone by Dorice.

Dorice is a Graduate of the School of St Jude and her testimony given with such confidence, heart and clarity simply blew the audience away. Dorice is presently helping other students of the school by being one of the teaching staff while she waits to enter Tertiary Studies in medicine. Her goal is to be a gynaecologist and she will be highly sought after graduation, in a country which has 1 physician per 100,000 people. Those who heard Dorice speak were left in no doubt that she will achieve her goal. Take time to enjoy Dorice's story.

<http://www.schoolofstjude.org/st-judes-in-action/meet-dorice-st-judes-newest-ambassador>  
Picture and report from Editor Sam.



## PDG Euan Miller now takes up the story on what is planned to happen for those students who are Graduates of the School of St Jude.



**Blandina, a year 12 graduate from the School of St Jude, is completing her community service year teaching a class of 70 commerce students at a severely under-resourced government school.**

A number of Rotary clubs in the district have been supporting the School of St Jude in Tanzania in many ways but most through the annual sponsorship of students.

Last year the school had its first year 12 graduation and 61 students graduated, all in the top 10% in Tanzania. Half of their graduates received Distinctions. Most are now seeking to attend university. The school is establishing a sponsorship scheme for these students as they go through their university years. It will cost \$7000 a year for each student for fees and living expenses at a university in the African continent. The school has audited all the institutions of higher education across the continent and identified 53 recommended universities.

To gain financial support, the students are first required to commit to a year of community service to help their fellow Tanzanians and to raise some funds towards their own higher education. 50 graduates took up this option. Most have chosen to teach and privately tutor within the Tanzanian public school system.

### **In September 2016 they will start their university careers.**

The school has decided to seek donor funding for scholarships of AUD5000 for each student and the school will top this up from its own reserve funds. All donations are tax deductible.

While it is acknowledged it will be more difficult for individual donors to increase their annual giving to meet this higher level, it is an ideal opportunity for clubs to meet part of their international service obligations by sponsoring or co-sponsoring a student. Such scholarships are also eligible for funding through District Grants of the Rotary Foundation so it may be possible for clubs to seek half sponsorship through the District Foundation Committee. Funds for District Grants are held in the district and the application process is very simple through your scholarship chair, PDG Euan Miller.

As clubs decide on their allocations over the next few weeks I encourage them to consider sponsoring a School of St Jude graduate. You will not just be funding a university career you will be developing a future leader of Tanzania. **For further information contact Euan Miller [euan@gdaysa.com.au](mailto:euan@gdaysa.com.au) or 0401 124 387**

### **RENMARK CONFERENCE, 28 APRIL-1 MAY, 2016: LATE REGISTRATIONS/ PAYMENTS**

Given the vagaries of Australia Post these days and taking into account that Monday, 25 April is Anzac Day and that the Registrar will be travelling to Renmark on the morning of Wednesday, 27 April, it would be appreciated if:

- **registration forms**, whether submitted by post, or transmitted electronically (scanned and sent as an e-mail attachment), and
- **payments**, whether made by direct deposit, credit card or by cheque

could be timed to reach the Registrar, Melda Hammond, **by CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, 22 APRIL.**

This will considerably reduce the risk of late registrants arriving in Renmark and finding out that they are not in the system. Robert Koehne. Chair, Conference Organising Committee





## COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

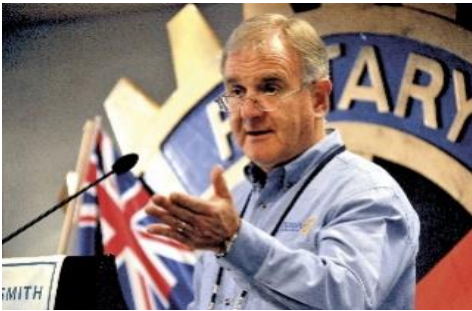


Representatives from Rotary clubs worldwide will gather in Chicago 10-15 April to consider changes to the policies that guide Rotary International and its member clubs.

The Council on Legislation meets every three years and is an essential part of Rotary's governance. The representatives -- one from each Rotary district -- review and vote on proposals that seek to change Rotary's [constitutional documents](#) and on resolutions that express an opinion or make a recommendation to the Rotary International Board of Directors.

Many of this year's proposed changes are designed to increase membership by giving clubs greater flexibility in the timing and the nature of their meetings. Other proposals would amend membership requirements. Over the decades, Council representatives have debated virtually every nuance of Rotary policy and membership and attendance rules. The five-day meeting is one of Rotary's primary agents for change, allowing the organization to evaluate and enhance its relevance in a rapidly changing world. Our District Council on Legislation representative is PDG Peter Ochota and with wife Meredith they are already in Chicago to attend this meeting.

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## SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Kooyonga Golf Club 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Come and hear a presentation by Bob Aitken  
on behalf of Australian Rotary Health.

Bob Aitken AM JP, Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains NSW  
9685 District Governor 1996/97, Managing Editor of RDU 1984/2011.  
Executive Director RDU Inc 2011/2014 Principal Media 2014.  
Watch for booking details later.

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## ROTARY SPONSORED HEALTH DAYS IN UGANDA

"This was a gift from God." Stephen Mwanje remembers those words, spoken by a sick man who had just received free treatment from a doctor at a Rotary-led Family Health Day in Uganda last fall. "He never thought he would get the medical attention he needed," explains Mwanje, a member of the Rotary Club of Mukono, Uganda, who made that man's care possible.

Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, and South Africa now hold Rotary Family Health Days once or twice a year. Local partners finance up to 80 percent of the budget for the health days, making the program sustainable. The clinics last two or three days and are staffed by volunteer health professionals who provide a wide range of services and treatments to anyone who shows up.



More than a million people have been treated with the help of thousands of Rotary volunteers. Because of Mwanje's commitment to health care in Uganda, the country also has its first oncology clinic, which was funded by a Rotary grant. Story by Heather Maher, picture by Edward Echwalu.



*If you really care about the world?*



Growing Local Communities



Providing Clean Water



Supporting Education



Disease Prevention



Promoting Peace



Child & Maternal Health

*We invite YOU to get involved and to take that first step to making a difference.*



**Bill Boyd** was President of Rotary International in 2006/2007, only the second New Zealander to hold that position. In that capacity Bill and Lorna visited 40 countries, some several times. He was Chair of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in 2011/2012. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award. Bill and his wife, Lorna, live in Howick, Auckland, New Zealand. Most of us can remember Bill who inspired us to Lead the Way, Bill's still leading the way. He's on a mission to engage us in changing OUR ROTARY. Keeping the best but ensuring we are an organisation that is fit for members who are still to join Rotary.

**Ian H.S. Riseley**, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, is the President Nominee of Rotary International in 2017-18.

Ian says that meaningful partnerships with corporations and other organizations are crucial to Rotary's future. "We have the programs and personnel and others have available resource. Doing good in the world is everyone's goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships."

This event offers members a unique opportunity to hear first-hand, Ian's vision for Rotary going forward and to give your support to the Rotary Foundation.



**"The Future of Rotary is in our hands."**

## Rotary is Humanity in Motion

Once in a while we are presented with an opportunity to meet and listen to Rotary Leaders who inspire service above self.

**14 May 2016**, Past RI President Bill Boyd and RI President Nominee Ian Riseley will join us at the Convention Centre, Riverbank Rooms, North Terrace, Adelaide. District Governors Doug Layng and Dick Wilson invite you, your club to book a table and join us for a night supporting our Foundation.

A meal and drinks package has been negotiated including welcome drinks and 2 course meal \$75pp

### Bookings:

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/TRFDinner2016>

## Adopt a Village and help stop the spread of malaria.



Long lasting insecticidal bed nets are an effective and relatively cheap way to keep disease spreading mosquitoes away from sleeping people.

These nets have an effective life of three to a maximum of five years if cared for and so until we have an effective vaccine and have eliminated malaria from these areas, RAM is committed to replacing the nets as required to keep these populations safe. Your continued support of RAM's programs and the encouragement of all the Rotary Clubs in Australia will help us achieve this whilst we support new initiatives to eliminate malaria permanently.

<http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au/>



## Capri Theatre Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 3.45pm



Including organ recital by Col Williams.

\$20 per ticket and you can either book online or pay at the door.

Supporting.



Click here to book

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/EddietheEagle>

COMBINED DISTRICT 9500 & 9520 Event



Use this link to view a very attractive promotional video of Renmark and environs.

<https://youtu.be/WAgELkjfrlA>

### NOTICE OF MEETING FOR INTERESTED ROTARIANS FROM DISTRICTS 9500 and 9520

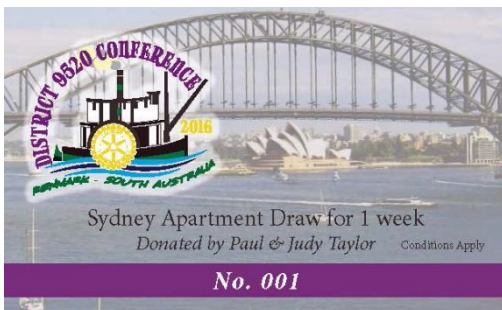
**Rotarian Action Group  
Against Child Slavery**

Supported by the Rotary Club of Walkerville



Rotarians Against Child Slavery group meeting is **Thursday 14th April 2016 at The Oxford Hotel, North Adelaide at 5.45pm for 6pm start**. Dinner is optional, please order at the bar on your way into the meeting room. We aim to finish by 7.30pm.

### This could be your prize Raffle Ticket.



If you are a full Registrant for the District Conference, then you are in the Draw for the prize of a week paid accommodation in Sydney valued at \$2,000.

Your Raffle ticket is included in your Show Bag along with a flyer promoting the Unit, so be certain to look for it and have it handy on Sunday. The Draw will be made at the Sunday BBQ.

If you are not at the BBQ and your ticket is drawn, you need to contact Paul Taylor on 0417 816 068 to claim your prize.

### Bring your banner in the boot.

The Conference Committee in Renmark would like to have a display of club banners in the main Conference venue over the weekend of the District Conference.

Bringing your club banner will add to the atmosphere of the occasion.