



A personal journey by Robin and Rhonda LeGallez.

New Hope Cambodia has been the recipient of enormous Rotary support over many years through RAWCS. I first became aware of New Hope Cambodia after friends in Murray Bridge researched a suitable overseas charitable organisation into which they could direct their energies. One of their initial energies involved organising a container of educational and medical equipment to be shipped to Siem Reap to assist New Hope. Many stumbling blocks were encountered but the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge facilitated the shipment via DIK and the generous support of many people. I was the President of the Murray Bridge Club during this period and became enthused and organised a trip to Siem Reap, hopefully

to be present to witness the distribution of the goods.

Amazingly on our first morning in Siem Reap, a truck & container was looking for somewhere to unload. It was our container!

The benefits to this community were immense and to see Cambodians being fitted with glasses or receiving clothing was heart-warming.

New Hope Cambodia has many facets. Crisis accommodation, education, medical clinic, community outreach, training restaurant, small enterprise support are some of the areas that touch this impoverished community.

The community is known as Mondul 3 is located in the shadows of the UNESCO site Ankor Wat.



This is an area with an awful history from the days of Pol Pot with many of the areas still designated as land mine sites. These people live on bamboo platforms in this dangerous location. I have continued to support a family associated with New Hope and as part of my Presidential year I was able to contribute an additional \$1200 from my Rotary Discretionary Fund. Recently New Hope Cambodia has joined with the Geraldine Cox inspired Sunrise Childrens Village to further the work with these lovely people.

It was humbling to be part of this great organisation.

Check this web site for more information

<https://newhopecambodia.com/> .



Frank Orlando, Barbara Wheatcroft, Dick Wilson, Liz Wilson, Antoinette Lindquist, Noel Trevaskis, Jennifer Jones, Malcolm Lindquist, Don Will, Stephanie Urchick, and Ian, enjoying a break at the Seoul Convention.

“Let’s have a Ball”

The gala inaugural formal graduation for our returning Long Term Youth Exchange students, families, friends and Rotarians was held on June 11th. 2016 at Rydges South Tce. Adelaide.



Graduating students are from right to left; Laura from Brazil hosted by Mildura Deacon Rotary Club, Josefin from Finland hosted by Noarlunga East Rotary Club, Hannah from Austria hosted by the Renmark Rotary Club, Mara from Germany hosted by Strathalbyn Rotary Club, Anina from Switzerland hosted by Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley, Elisa from Italy hosted by the Rotary club of Victor Harbor. Lynne Trethewey and Gayl Sparnon from the District 9520 Youth Exchange Committee.



Anti Poverty Week aims to focus attention on poverty around the world, especially in the poorest countries, but also the wealthier countries such as Australia. Bringing attention to the actuality of poverty may encourage research, discussion and above all action to address this widespread human condition in our world.

Rotarians in District 9520 are respectfully advised that Ken Foggo (deceased) former Treasurer and President Rotary Club of Marion, received a posthumous honour of OAM for service to children with a disability. He passed away about 5 months ago.

Ravi interviews Paul Harris.

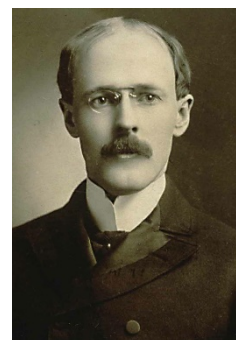


Convention attendees were treated to a surprise visit from Paul Harris during the opening session of the Korea convention on Sunday, 29 May.

An animated hologram of Rotary's founder joined RI President K.R. Ravindran on stage, and proceeded to talk about Rotary's growth from a small club in Chicago to an international organization that is changing the world.

"Rotary has been a gift to the world," said Harris. "This Rotary program of friendship and service certainly has succeeded way beyond the dreams of us back in Chicago."

Harris also noted that the basis of Rotary and the convention remains as it was in his day: a marriage of friendship, values, and service.



Rotary's first convention, in 1910, drew 60 attendees in Chicago. This year, more than 40,000 have come to Seoul. Ravindran quoted Harris as saying, "Rotary is the door to friendship, and let us throw it open."

Use this link to watch Paul Harris "live"

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/rotary-founder-makes-surprise-appearance-korea-convention>

What makes a good photograph?



First Place | People Photographer: Ramesh Shah, Rotary Club of Cleveland
Location: Dharampur, India Jenkins: "Friendship can manifest itself in many ways, but this most direct and tender of portraits leaves no room for mistake. I love how the children have shut out everything but the camera and each other. The photographer has control of the 'layers' of this photograph; there are multiple things going on in the background, but they are photographed in an orderly way that does not take away from our subjects. In reality, the structure applied to the rest of the photo makes them stand out even more."

Honorable mention Photographer: Doug Metz, Rotary Club of Clintonville (Columbus), Ohio Location: Varanasi, India Jenkins: "The best location photographs transport you to places you've never been, in an instant dropping you into another world inhabited by other lives. Here, you join a fishing crew preparing for a day on the water, each focused on their individual tasks but together moving as a unified whole. The reflection helps emphasize the work of the crew; the ghostlike cityscape in the background lets you know this is probably not your typical morning commute."





TEMPLE VISIT

During January this year, Rotarian President Satish and wife Shakti hosted a visit for many Rotarians to the Hindu Temple in Oaklands Park.

The many visitors so enjoyed the experience that further interest has generated a second occasion.

On Monday 11th July 2016, Rotarian Satish Gupta of Hallett Cove Club will lead a Vocational Visit to the Hindu Temple in Oaklands Park at the request of several Probus members. Over 50 are already joining and to keep the prices down we need around 100 Rotarians, friends, partners and Probus members.

11.30am gather inside the Temple and enjoy the Hindu architecture and serenity of the House of God.

11.45am listen to a short talk about Hinduism and Hindu philosophy of life.

12noon Enjoy a freshly cooked Indian Vegetarian Banquet, with dessert and coffee/tea.

\$20.00 per person for the meal.

Please be reminded that alcohol or meat cannot be consumed in the Temple, and all visitors need to remove their shoe on entry.

Join Satish to learn more about Hinduism, enjoy a delicious Indian Vegetarian Banquet, and experience the occasion in a beautiful Temple.

Satish warmly welcomes you, so contact him 0415 817 226 or satish.gupta@optusnet.com.au

Sisters swim long for the homeless



AUGUST 2016



Mina and Bridget Ward are set to swim the English Channel in August this year. The sisters started planning this challenge in 2014, after they secured the two certified boats they would need to do the crossing. Less people have successfully swum across the English Channel, than the number of people who have successfully summited Mt Everest. Out of the 140 Australian's to have swum the Channel, only 6 were South Australian. Although British born, Mina counts herself as a South Australian after living and working here for the last seven years. Bridget, lives and works as a school teacher in London.

In a combined effort, the sisters are raising awareness about homelessness and Rotary International. Through her *Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise*, Mina has been exposed to a range of things in her local community, including some fantastic organisations. *Hutt St Centre* in Adelaide works tirelessly to support and assist people experiencing homelessness. It is hard to believe that in this day and age there are about 6,000 people faced with the difficulties of homelessness each year, here in South Australia.

It is Mina's hope that the combined efforts of Rotary, *Hutt St Centre* and other local agencies that nobody has to sleep on the streets, because everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

These efforts are also being replicated in the girl's home city of Gloucester. Teaming *Rotary @ Kingsholm* together with *Gloucester City Missions*, the fundraising efforts of the sisters will go towards supporting people experiencing homelessness in this city too. Every little bit that can be done to help end homelessness is a sign that local communities are opening their eyes and uniting to support each other.

Sponsorship pages: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/mangoandfidget> OR <http://give.everydayhero.com/au/mango-fidget-long#>



DVDs of DISTRICT 9520 CONFERENCE 2016

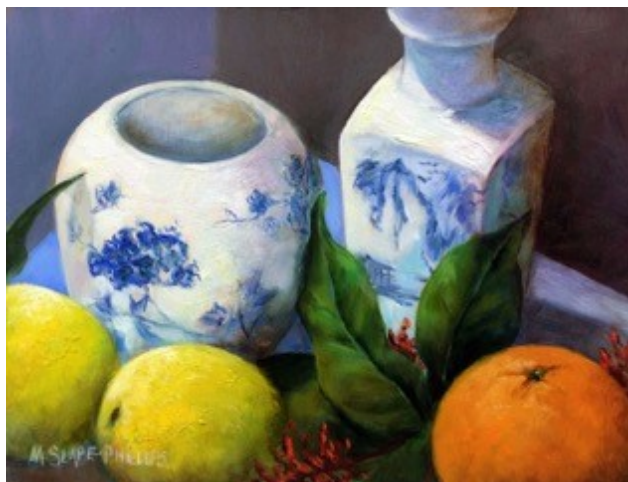
The District is about to produce a copy of the DVDs of the 2016 Conference held in Renmark. If your club does NOT want to receive a copy, could you please email Rod Cooper, rjcs.rotary@gmail.com and indicate your desire to NOT receive a copy.

As the duplication process has already started, could you please respond by Friday, 24th June 2016.

The Rotary Club of Mitcham is presenting an Art Gala and Silent Auction at Gallery One

on Saturday 9th July 2016.

Gallery One is located at 1 Torrens Street, Mitcham, and will be open from 6.00pm for this event.



Tickets \$15.00 includes - fine art - wine - music - food - door prize entry

Your chance to own one of these art collectors' paintings by prominent SA fine artists in the art auction.

This year's silent auction artists are Alison Mitchell - Margaret Slape-Phillips - Dieter Engler - Robert Hannaford - Glen Kestrell - Greg O'Leary - Arthur Phillips - Alan Louis Ramachandran.

Tickets available through Gallery One ph 8272 4504

or Mitcham Rotarian Pam Altschwager pamalt@bigpond.com
or 0407 852 937.

Featured painting by Margaret Slape-Philips.



The Winter Edition of the Disaster Aid Abroad Newsletter has been distributed to all Secretaries in our District 9520 Clubs.

Below is one article of many which you may wish to read.

NEWS FROM THE RI CONVENTION IN SEOUL, KOREA

We were well represented at the Seoul Convention with, from Australia, **David Langworthy**, DAI Chairman and DAA deputy, and his wife **Jean**, DAA Director (and DART), **Helene 'Bo' Morse** and husband, DGN **John Lane**, and DAA Director (and DART) **Dave Tuzewski**.

"We had 5 days of non-stop activity at the **Disaster Aid International** booth, with strong interest from Rotarians around the world.

Partners from the Philippines, Malaysia, Australia, USA, UK & Ireland, Uruguay, New Zealand, India and Taiwan were represented.

In Seoul, our Taiwanese friends visited the booth, and were *officially* welcomed to the DAI network.

