



THIS WEEK:

Gemma Sisia

In 2002 a young lady, Gemma Rice (now Gemma Sisia), from a sheep farm in

Australia, opened a small school in Northern Tanzania with the help of her family, friends and local Rotary Club.

What started with only a handful of children and one teacher is now in 2009 a thriving school of almost 1300 children and 350 staff.

In January 2008 another free primary school with an initial enrollment of over 550 children opened. These schools really have the potential to influence the quality of Tanzania's future leaders.

Over 90% of the children at the school receive a totally free education as local and international sponsors individually cover the costs of not only the educational fees but also the uniform, stationery, transport, hot meal, snacks and drinks of each child.

This success comes about due to the group effort of thousands of ordinary people from all over the world coming together to do something quite extraordinary.

Individuals, families, schools, church groups and



service clubs are joining forces by supporting the school's various sponsorship programs.

Every day staff and students work hard to fulfil the school's philosophy of "Fighting Poverty through Education" helping our students break the cycle of poverty that has gripped their families for generations.

If this is what such a team effort can achieve in seven short years, then imagine what could be achieved in ten years!

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ROTARY MATTERS

ROTARY – People like you and me

After the Earthquake!

Almost two months after a powerful earthquake shook Haiti, signs of devastation are everywhere, underscoring the long road to recovery that lies ahead.

Rotary International President John Kenny, who visited Haiti last month, urged Rotarians to work with District 7020's Haiti earthquake relief team coordinating aid to the nation.

"What they are basically saying is, 'What we need is money,' so they can buy locally the implements that are needed to help the reconstruction," Kenny said.

More than 250,000 people are estimated to have died in the 12 January earthquake and aftershocks in Port-au-Prince, with another million homeless.

He found that the destruction was even greater than he had expected.

"When you see it on television, it's one thing," he said. "But to actually be there and see some of these buildings the way they are and to know that there are people underneath that rubble -- the sheer magnitude you can't quite capture in film."



ROTARACT thanks all those who handed out Polio-Plus flyers at Wynyard Station last week - 1000 flyers in just 30 minutes.

And just a reminder, Make A Wish Foundation Charity Trivia night is on next Tuesday. And as the Rotaract Club's birthday is on the 17th March, they are celebrating our clubs 9th Birthday by entering a team. The details are as follows:-

Date: 16 March 2010

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Hotel Chambers, 53 Martin Place

Cost is \$20 per person and include lucky door prize.

Please RSVP to Laura D'Alessandri at lda@rankinnathan.com.au by 11 March 2010.

Laura can also be contacted on 0401 506 215, in case anyone is lost on the day.

LAST WEEK



NEXT WEDNESDAY!

Please diarise this important and fun evening:

**Rotary Club of Sydney Jewish House Function
at Jewish House Flood Street Bondi NSW 2026**

Date 7.00pm Wednesday 24 March 2010

**A rather special fun evening of Jewish
Food and Humour**

Price to be finalised - About \$ 75 per person

**Numbers limited so book early with:-
Bert Rosenberg, Joe Botta, Terry Carson, Ken
Hacker, Mark Jacobs and Paul Vertes.**

What's for Lunch?

Hot: Grilled Tasmanian salmon fillet with parsley potatoes, steamed broccoli and fine saffron creme sauce

Dessert: Tiramisu with chantilly cream

Vegetarian: Roast vegetable frittata on mesclun salad with Napolitana sauce

Salad: Greek salad

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Rotary's 4-Way Test

It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"



Coming Up!

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- 16 Mar Gemma Sisia - An Australian woman in Tanzania
- 23 Mar Gabrielle Upton - Legal Counsel at the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
- 24 Mar **Jewish House Function, Flood St, Bondi**
- 30 Mar Dr Robert Frater, VP Innovation, Resmed.
- 29 April **Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day and Dinner, Killara Golf Club**
- 1 June Max Cryer, author of "Who said that First."



Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day & Dinner 29 April 2010

Last year the Fiducian Annual Charity Golf Day & Dinner raised over \$35,000 for last year's Rotary project "Youngcare". This year, Fiducian will be supporting two worthy charities, Home Hospice and Lou's Place:

- Home Hospice supports families and helps them to manage the trauma and relationships that surround families caring for terminally ill loved ones.
- Lou's Place, is a unique daytime drop in centre in Sydney for women and their children who are in crisis needing some medical, legal or counselling assistance as well as, life/job skills and referrals.

We are hopeful that every Rotarian will help in making the day a success as we work together to support these charities and make a difference in the lives of many.

The cost is \$220 per person or \$2090 for a table of 10 (includes round of golf).

Register your interest this Tuesday!

**Please send your news to the Bulletin Editor,
Tony Benner at Tel. 9279 0261.
rotarymatters@people.net.au**

The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at 12:30pm, Cello Room, 4th Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Rotary District 9750, Club # 18206, chartered 1st May 1921

The Rotary Club of Sydney, GPO Box 1523, Sydney, NSW 2001, Tel. +612 8014 8073



As of 28 February, Rotarians have raised about \$114.5 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

Exploring ClubRunner

The front page of your ClubRunner website has the following downloadable documents for you to peruse:

- WHY JOIN ROTARY?
- Membership Application Form
- Rotary Basics
- ShelterBox
- Rotary Means
- Sydney Rotary Projects 2009/
- Sydney Rotary Survey Results
- Patricia's Year - Presidential Report 2008/2009
- Eulogy - Late Ray Patteson
- RAWCS List of Projects requiring
- Rotary District Newsletter - March 2010
- Rotary Matters 16 March, 2010

Happy Birthday to these members:

**Lyn Knight
Vince Dore
Ian Conley**

