



ROTARY *Matters*

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THIS WEEK: ELAINE HENRY, OAM

**Recipient of Rotary Club of Sydney's
Community Service Award 2008-09**

The Rotary Club of Sydney was pleased to present the Community Service Award to Elaine Henry, Chief Executive Officer of The Smith Family for her inspirational leadership as a change agent, transforming a welfare organisation to one of unlocking opportunities for financially disadvantaged children and their families, creating a better future through continuing education.

The Smith Family has a proud record of supporting the disadvantaged from the time of its birth at Christmas 1922, initially as a welfare organisation to one of providing financial support for the education needs of disadvantaged children, as well as support for indigenous Australians and community based initiatives.

Elaine Henry joined The Smith Family ten years ago from her previous role as Executive Director of the NSW Cancer Council. With the enthusiastic support of the Board, staff and volunteers, she began changing the priorities of The Smith Family from running aged care accommodation to an evidence based social enterprise developing a comprehensive network of relationships across the life course for disadvantaged children and their families.

Smith Family programs are based on a commitment to lifelong learning that is aligned with Nelson Mandela's belief that "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Relationships are the key to helping these children and their

families learn and through education make a better life for themselves. As Charles Leadbeater expresses in his *21 ideas for 21st Century Learning*. "Children learn when they have the right relationships.

These relationships make them feel cared for; give them the recognition for who they are; where they have come from and what they have achieved; motivate them to learn; engage them to be participants in learning."

Through the early literacy programme 'Let's Read' and their facilitation of seven 'Communities for Children' sites nationwide, The Smith Family are currently supporting 95,000 children and their families in the early years, contributing to a total of over 130,000 across the life course.

Today, The Smith Family is a national organisation and leads the nonprofit sector in helping realise the dream that every child deserves an equal chance for a better future.

Through their networks of Learning for Life workers in 95 communities nationwide The Smith Family has been able to support children's learning both inside the classroom and in the family, community and workplace settings.

The Smith Family is now ready to embark on the next phase of its support for children and their parents in the early years through integrating the early childhood education and care of children with parenting support and adult learning opportunities.



ROTARY – People like you and me

Hey Members!

It's time to get connected...

The Rotary Club of Sydney is now using ClubRunner for much of its administration. This powerful communication tool also provides an Online Club Directory. Please visit the site at www.clubrunner.ca/sydney

to update your profile and upload a current picture of yourself for the online directory.

We know who has connected as their pictures are displayed in full living colour!

It's great to see the following members online:
James Allen, Tony Benner, Terry Carson, Rex Doughty, Bruce Edwards, Jean Elborn, Harry Fox, John Given, Patricia Harrison, George Kamsler, Roslyn McLeon, Robert Mitchell and Lynn Ralph.

Where are the rest of you?

Dolly Parton partners with Rotary



Country music legend Dolly Parton and Rotary International have announced a collaborative relationship to begin a new chapter in promoting early childhood reading.

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from

birth until age five.

Citing its impressive role in the polio eradication effort, Parton is proud to have Rotary on her foundation's side, she says.

"This partnership is a marriage made in heaven," says Parton. "Rotary does such good work around the world. This is a big deal for us. We feel proud and honored to be working with such a prestigious organisation."

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BRINGING VISITORS

If you plan to bring visitors to lunch, please email Ann Burleigh with their names on the Monday morning before the Rotary luncheon. annburleigh@ozemail.com.au



Thanks to Rotarian Phil Whyte for this picture of Sir Nicholas Shehadie lending a hand at the Government House BBQ for the victims of the Victorian bushfires.

What's for lunch this week:

Hot Dish

300gm Porterhouse, Sweet Potato Salad & Bernaise

Vegetarian

Stir Fried Vegetables on Jasmine Rice

Salad

Salt & Pepper Squid & Green Papaya Salad

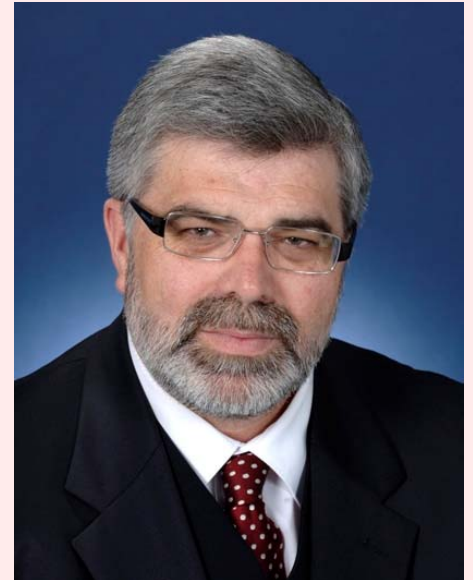
Dessert

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Salad

Vittoria Coffee & Whittard Teas

NEXT FORTNIGHT

Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Federal Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research is to address The Rotary Club of Sydney at Lunch on Tuesday 31 March 2009.



INTERPLAST

Interplast Australia & New Zealand provide access to surgical and allied health services in developing countries in the Asia Pacific region by providing programs of free medical treatment and training.

Each member of an Interplast program is fully qualified in their field of expertise and volunteer their time to participate in an Interplast program.

Interplast volunteers provide free treatment to people living with a disability from a congenital condition such as cleft lip and palate, or an acquired condition such as burn scar contractures. Treatment is targeted to the indigent population who would otherwise not be able to afford to access services.

Interplast assists with developing local capacity to provide surgery and ancillary services by providing training and mentoring programs for medical and allied health professionals. All Interplast programs are training programs — leaving a legacy long after the team has gone.

We encourage you to read the latest newsletter from Interplast so you can feel proud of the terrific work done by many Rotarians for Interplast to 'repair bodies and rebuild lives'. It can be downloaded from the Rotary Clubs and District page on the Interplast website at http://www.interplast.com.au/rotary_clubs_districts.

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?"

Rotary Acronyms

Thanks to Rotary Down Under, we are publishing this list of acronyms that are sometimes used in Rotary. It is not our intention to encourage the use of Rotary acronyms, but to help you to understand what is going on if they are accidentally used!

AG	Assistant Governor
AIDAB	Australian International Development Assistance Bureau
ARH	Australian Rotary Health
AVAC	Australian Vocational Advisory Committee
CAP	Community Assistance Program
CIS	Russia's Forgotten Children
CLP	Club Leadership Plan (of Rotary International)
COL	Council on Legislation
DCBO	District Club Bulletin Officer
DDF	District Designated Fund (TRF)
DEREY	Duplicate Every Rotarian Every Year
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
DGGR	District Governor's Group Representative
DGN	District Governor Nominee
DGSR	District Governor's Special Seminar Representative
DIK	Donations in Kind
DLP	District Leadership Plan
DR	District Resolutions
DRR	District Rotaract Representative
DSG	District Simplified Grant (TRF)
FAIM	Fourth Avenue (of service) In Motion (now RAWCS)
GSE	Group Study Exchange
IFCR	International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians
IFFR	International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
IFGR	International Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians
IFYR	International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians
IPAC	International Projects Advisory Committee
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
MGM	Member Get Member
MOP	Manual of Procedure
MSE	Matched Student Exchange
MUNA	Model United Nations Assembly
NESS	National Engineering Summer School
NSSS	National Science Summer School
NYSF	National Youth Science Forum
PACE	Pacific-Australia Cultural Exchange
PAG	Past Assistant Governor
PDG	Past District Governor
PE	President Elect
PEAK	President Elect Action Kit
PEPS	President Elect Planning Seminar (pre PETS)
PETS	President Elect Training
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow
PHF+	Paul Harris Fellow Multiple Recognition
PHSM	Paul Harris Sustaining Member
POOTYA	Police Officer of the Year Award
PP	Past President
PPE	Preserve Planet Earth
PR	Public Relations
PRIME	Program of Rotary Music Exchange
PRIP	Past Rotary International President
PROBUS	(Retired) Professional and Business (Club)
PYHO	Paint Your Heart Out
RAM	Rotary Against Malaria
RAOAF	Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund
RAWCS	Rotary Australia World Community Service
RBL	Rotary Basic Library
RC	Rotary Club of ...
RCC	Rotary Community Corps (formerly Rotary Village Corps)
RDU	Rotary Down Under
RFE	Rotary Friendship Exchange
RI	Rotary International
RIBI	Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland
RI-SPPO	Rotary International-South Pacific and Philippines Office
RITS	Rotary International Travel Service
RNZWCS	Rotary NZ World Community Service
ROAR	Rotary Organisation of Amateur Radio
ROMAC	Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children
ROTEX	Organisation of ex-Rotary Exchange Students
ROVE	Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange
Rtn	Rotarian
RV	Rotary Volunteer
RVC	Rotary Village Corps (now Rotary Community Corps)
RVIA	Rotary Volunteers in Action
RYDA	Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

ROTARY AND THE VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

The disastrous bushfires in Victoria are covered in the current edition of Rotary Down Under.

President Patricia Harrison said that any members wishing to make donations should make their cheques payable to the "Rotary Club of Sydney Inc Benevolent Fund" and marked on back of cheque 'for Victorian Bushfire Appeal'. This will enable our Club to issue you with a tax deductible receipt for your donation.



In due course, all funds collected will be channelled to the chosen Victorian District that will co-ordinate and manage the Rotary effort.

Morning Tea

Wednesday 1st April, 10am

Join the Eden Gardens team to hear Father Chris Riley speak of his work with youth.

Enjoy a delicious morning tea on the café terrace and help raise money for this worthwhile cause.

There will also be a performance by the Youth Off The Streets

Vocal Group, wonderful raffle prizes and a complimentary garden tour.

\$10 per person

All profits to Youth Off The Streets

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RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award
RYPEN	Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
RYSAP	Rotary Youth Self Achievement Program
SWSL	Save Water Save Lives
3H	Health, Hunger and Humanity
TR	The Rotarian
TRF	The Rotary Foundation
VCG	Voluntary Corps Group
WCS	World Community Service

Coming Up!

- 17 March Elaine Henry, CEO The Smith Family (Recipient of 2008-09 Community Service Award)
24 March Club Committee's Showcase
26 March Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.
31 March Senator Kim Carr
14 April Julian Ledger - The Sydney Harbour YHA Project.
25 April ANZAC Day Barbecue
28 April John Gaden - Anzac Day - Gallipoli
5 May Jim Patrick, Cochlear
8 May Great Debate at Parliament House
12 May Vocational Service Awards
14 May Fiducian Golf Day
19 May Citizenship Ceremony
27 May Rotary Means Business, 6pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.
2 June Dr Chris Caton, BT Economist
9 June Soukup Scholarship Awards
16 June Glenn Stevens, Governor of the Reserve Bank
23 June President Patricia Harrison - Summary
30 June Barry O'Farrell, NSW Opposition Leader

Please transfer these dates to your Diary.

Do You Feel Proud to be a Sydney Rotarian?

There is a sense of pride when we realise that the world's richest man, Bill Gates, is such a strong supporter of Rotary International and its polio eradication campaign. He has also just accepted an invitation to be an honorary member of the Seattle Club.

Well-known South African Desmond Tutu will address a Rotary World Peace Symposium in June. Whilst people like Dolly Parton are proud to be associated with Rotary.

Locally, the NSW Premier accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Rotarian and was inducted quite recently.

Earlier this month, the NSW Governor invited our Club to run a BBQ in the grounds of Government House in aid of the Victorian bushfire victims. Her husband, Sir Nicolas Shehadie is seen on page three giving the Rotarians a hand.

In a few weeks, another high profile person from NSW will be inducted as an Honorary Rotarian.

Happy Birthday this week to these members:

- Vince Dore
- Ian Conley



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

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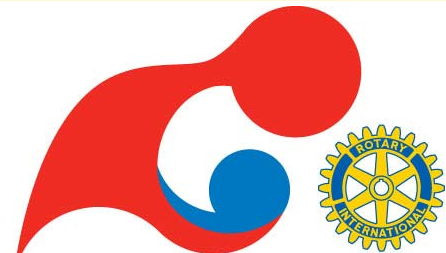
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MAKE-UPS

If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting, please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details -

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