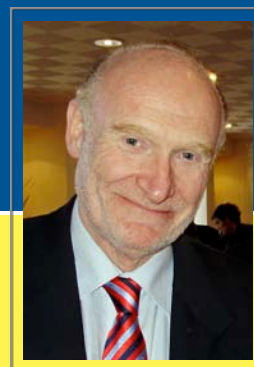


Foundation News

Rotary International District 9800



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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Is it Relevant Today?

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's charitable organization.

The motto of the Rotary Foundation is:

"Doing Good in the World"

Over the past two decades Rotarians have increasingly relied on the Rotary Foundation to help them address humanitarian, educational and cultural needs locally and abroad.

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In 1917, Rotary International President, Arch Klump established what has now become the The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. It's purpose was 'doing good in the world, in charitable, educational or other avenues of service.

The first 10 years saw less than US \$10,000 donated by Rotarians. The fund continued to languish up until the death of Paul Harris in 1947. Over the next year Rotarians donated over US \$1 million dollars in recognition of the life and work of Paul Harris.

It was in 1947 that the first 18 Rotary Foundation Fellows for Advanced Studies (now known as Ambassadorial Scholars) were sent overseas for study.

The Foundation has only changed slightly over the 90 years of its existence and its mission today is now expressed as 'to support the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world peace and understanding through international humanitarian, education and cultural exchange programs'.



Foundation Chair Chris Don is pictured at the 2008 Paul Harris Breakfast hosted by RC of Central Melbourne Sunrise. The Club had presented Sir Gustav Nossal – the guest speaker, with a Paul Harris Sapphire recognition.

The Rotary Foundation – Is it relevant today? is really the wrong question. What we should be asking is “Can we imagine a world without The Rotary Foundation?”

Without the Foundation well over 3,000,000 children would either be maimed or dead today as a direct result of polio, but were saved by the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Program.

Since our global assault against polio began in 1985, over 2 billion children have been vaccinated, Rotarians have committed in excess of US\$881 million, 210 countries, territories, and regions around the world are now polio-free.

Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands to ensure that children are immunized and that surveillance is strong despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil disorder of many countries.



Our cause now has Bill Gates (pictured at left), who addressed the 2009 San Diego International Assembly and stated “Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication”. Through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation we have been awarded two challenge grants totaling US\$355

million to strongly support our resolve to eradicate the remaining 1% of global polio cases in all but 4 countries.

- * Without the Foundation, millions of people would be blind but are saved as a result of Rotary eye camps funded with the assistance of our Foundation.
- * Without the Foundation, millions of people would be dying from disease from drinking polluted water if it not for the Save Water, Save Lives project. This project not only provided clean water for drinking but also includes dams providing water

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PP David Palmer	Chair of District Foundation Alumni
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PDG John Davis	Chair District Future Vision Pilot Program
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for agriculture. Fish from these dams allow villagers to experience protein, some for the very first time.

- * Without the Foundation, children in the Solomon’s, Bangladesh, Thailand and Timor Leste had little opportunity to attend a school. Their families had always been illiterate and the cycle would have continued unbroken had it not been for the Foundation sponsored literacy programs.

* Without the Foundation volunteers would not build hospitals, provide equipment (some of it obsolete in Australia, but state of the art in third world countries) and transport it through Donations In Kind programs.

* Without the Foundation untold Tibetans would have died from tuberculosis that was rampant in that country. The RC of Sunshine contributed \$10,000 and received \$270,000 humanitarian grant from the Foundation that went a long way to eliminating TB from that country.

* Without the Foundation, 30,000 Solomon Islanders would not have become direct beneficiaries of Rotary’s Malaria Prevention Program initiated through a US\$200,000 3H grant that was initiated and managed by a Rotary Club from Kenmore in Queensland and a Rotary Club in Honiara from the Solomon Islands.

In summary, a world without The Rotary Foundation would be a dying world from polio, people blinded by cataracts, drinking diseased and polluted water, illiterate children with little hope for a future, people suffering and dying from inadequate medical facilities, suffering from ignorance about basic hygiene: all of the aspects of life we take for granted.

For each of these problems there is an appropriate Rotary Foundation solution available, All it needs is for you and your club to become involved.

Consider playing a part by personally contributing to our Foundation, our own charity and help to fulfill our promise as Rotarians.

For if you do you can say -

- Somewhere I have taught a child to read but will never hear that child speak.
- Somewhere I have built a house that I will never enter.
- Somewhere I have built a water tank but I will never taste its cool clean water.
- Somewhere with my help a child is alive, runs and skips on strong legs because I paid
- for a polio vaccine received by the child.



Nepal PolioPlus Committee Chair Tehmas R. Manekshaw gives drops of the oral polio vaccine to a child in Bindvasini Village, outside of Birgunj, Nepal, during an April 2008 Subnational Immunization Day.

Source - Rotary Images - RI website - Alyce Henson

Is the Rotary Foundation relevant? OF COURSE IT IS!

Chris Don - Foundation Chair

Welcome to the First Edition of Foundation News for 2010!

We hope that you like the format and feel of this Newsletter.

Over the coming months we will try and keep you informed of relevant matters in your District, 9800, and around the world.

Contributors - please note that it is important to forward information - text in Word format and photographs separately as JPEG files. Do not include photos in your Word document. But please send photographs - they will enhance your article and your message.

PDG John Davis cmadavis@iinet.net.au and Dr Barry Mullen

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY REPORT JANUARY 2010

WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

The Paul Harris Society is a special District recognition program designed for Rotarians who wish to support The Rotary Foundation in a more substantial way each year.

The Paul Harris Society recognises Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute US\$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus or the Humanitarian Grants program.

The Paul Harris Society was established in our District 9800 in the Rotary Year 2006-2007 and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation officially approved the Paul Harris Society as a District administered recognition program on the 1st July 2008.

Article by:
John Rafter
 Administrator
 Paul Harris Society
 RID 9800



Members of the PHS if they wish are able to wear a distinctive blue insignia with the initials PHS attached to their Paul Harris Pin. Members are also invited to special Foundation functions during the Rotary year.

As at January 2010 D9800 Paul Harris Society has 43 members, 40 from within our district and 2 from D9870 and one from D9820.

With only 18 clubs with at least one Paul Harris member we would ask all Presidents and Foundation Chairs to make their members informed about how they can give additional support to our Charity The Rotary Foundation by joining the PHS

It is emphasised that members of the Paul Harris Society only make a commitment to contribute US\$1,000.00 each Rotary year for as long as they are able to they are able to withdraw from the Society if their circumstances change.

Contributions can be done on an annual basis or if a member wished they can make arrangements to have a direct debit from their Credit Card the sum of \$130.00 Australian dollars each month, which on average should amount to US\$1,000.00.

In late January I received a request from the Foundation Chair of RID 9830 (Tasmania) requesting assistance with regalia to enable them to charter their Paul Harris Society at their March Conference. It is pleasing to see the steady growth of the Paul Harris Society in Australia which first commenced in our District in the 2006-2007 Rotary year.

Rotarians from District 9800 wanting more information on how to join the D9800 Paul Harris Society can contact the D9800 Paul Harris Society Administrator PP John Rafter

by Email: johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au or phone on 03 9331 5662, Mobile 0419 135 185.

Rotary Club of Camberwell 6 members	Rotary Club of Essendon 2 members	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk 2 members
Rotary Club of Central Melb. Sunrise 4 members	Rotary Club of Melbourne 2 members	Rotary Club of Glen Eira One member
Rotary Club of Chadstone/East Malvern 3 members with one previous moving to PNG RID 9600	Rotary Club of Albert Park One member	Rotary Club of Hawthorn One member
Rotary Club of Toorak 4 members	Rotary Club of Brighton North One member	Rotary Club of North Balwyn 3 members
Rotary Club of Brimbank Central 3 members	Rotary Club of Carlton One member	Rotary Club of Southbank One member
Rotary Club of Bendigo 2 members	Rotary Club of Docklands One member	Rotary Club of Werribee One member





FUTURE VISION TAKING THE FOUNDATION TO NEW HORIZONS

DRFC Elect John Davis and DGE Iven Mackay are pictured at left in San Diego pondering the intricacies of Future Vision.

*Article by PDG John Davis
Chair Future Vision D9800*

In January this year DGE Iven Mackay and myself, as District Rotary Foundation Chair Elect journeyed to San Diego to participate in the Future Vision training Program to receive additional information and how the changes may impact on our District.

The 2½ days of training involved a combination of lectures and case studies. Each DGE and DRFC Elect from each of the pilot districts worked together throughout the 2½ days so they could discuss issues as they arose and agree to a plan for the implementation of the changes that will occur under Future Vision from the 1st July 2010 when they returned to their District.

The introduction of Future Vision in our District will mean that everyone of our member clubs, like our District must go through a process to become “Qualified” if they are to receive a Foundation Grant either District or Global, the names of the only 2 grants available from the Rotary Foundation under

Future Vision. We will be sending out to clubs by early March a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the conditions for club qualification. In order for a club to receive either a District or a Global from the Rotary Foundation in 2010-2011 this memorandum will need to be agreed to and signed by the 2009-2010 President and President-Elect and returned to District.

Once Clubs have been processed as Qualified by our District they are able to consider submitting a preliminary proposal to the Rotary Foundation on the reason they wish to apply for a grant.

The Foundation has recognized the significant challenges that Rotarians have faced in completing paperwork in multiple languages, gathering documentation and trying to communicate it by fax and e-mail to Evanston as part of the current application process. Therefore, one of the priorities identified under the

Future Vision Plan is the simplification of all programs and operations in order to achieve greater efficiency in grant processing and to make forms and procedures more user-friendly for Rotarians.

Foundation District and Global Grants under Future Vision will be completed and submitted online through Member Access. Applications will be available starting in April 2010 and accepted on a rolling basis from that time forward. However a club must have been classified as a Qualified club by our District before a proposal can be processed. The minimum Global grant from the Foundation is US \$15,000 if approved by TRF and is paid on the basis of US\$0.50 for every US\$1.00 contributed by the club and US\$1.00 for every US\$1.00 contributed from the District Designated Fund (DDF): NB Global grants can only be granted between Pilot Districts or clubs in those Districts.



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The application process for global grants will have two steps. Clubs will first submit a grant proposal to provide a brief description of their planned activities and objectives. The proposal will not require any authorizations or grant financing to be submitted.

However if District Designated Funds are part of the proposal or even if the Club is totally financing their share of the grant it is strongly recommended that the proposal be first sighted by the Chair of the District Grant committee to see if it meets the 6 focus areas and is a sustainable program before it is submitted on line to the Rotary Foundation; this recommendation is especially applicable in the first year of the Future Vision program. If the proposal is complete and eligible, the club will be requested to fill out a full grant application to provide more detailed activity and budget information as well as club and district authorizations. Members of the District Grant Committee will be available to offer guidance and assistance throughout the process.

Listed below is some of the information that you will need to provide when applying for global grants:

Global Grant Proposal

Host and International Sponsor Information:

- Identification of host sponsor club/district, international sponsor club/district and primary contacts for each

Community Needs:

- Description of benefiting community and needs identified
- Explanation of how needs are currently being addressed and how proposed activities will further address needs

Brief Description of Activity or Project
Summary of proposed activities:

- List of any cooperating organization(s) or university(ies) involved
- Description of benefiting community's involvement in proposed activities
- Estimated start and completion dates

Area of Focus:

- Identification of area(s) of focus
- The 6 Focus areas are:-
 - Peace and Conflict resolution
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Education and Basic Literacy
 - Economic and Community Development
 - Disease prevention and treatment
- Description of how proposed activity(ies) will address goals of area of focus

Sustainability and Measurability:

- Description of intended outcomes and how involved parties will ensure their sustainability

Approximate Budget

General Financing

PDG John Davis

EREY

Every Year Every Rotarian [EREY] - Centurion programme.

The programme provides the facility for Rotarians to make annual contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The annual contributions count towards Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, multiple Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions, Paul Harris Society.

Annual contributions, including EREY, provide the cornerstone for funding of Rotary Foundation programmes.

For members who have not been contributed through the programme new contribution forms are available from the programme's District 9800 Chairman Ian Knight 9645 7742 or email isknight@westnet.com.au

Rotarians who have previously contributed through EREY reminded notices are forwarded on the anniversary of their contribution – contact Trevor Mackey tm.bm@bigpond.com Only 17% of Rotarians in our District contributed to the fund during the 2009 financial year.

Contributions through EREY are fully tax deductible. This year the District has produced a lapel badge to signify the contributions through EREY

Club foundation chairs are encouraged to promote EREY within their club and for a bulk supply of contribution forms should contact Ian Knight.

*Trevor Mackey
District 9800
EREY Administrator*



THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN DISTRICT 9800

The GSE program and D9800 seem to be inextricably linked. This Rotary year marks the 45th year of the GSE program and as best as our records allow, D9800 has been involved in every eligible exchange.

Including the current exchange, D9800 has participated in 40 exchanges, including 2 exchanges last year. In the early years Districts exchanged over a two year period; the incoming team arriving in one year and the outgoing departing in the next Rotary year.

Exchanges in the earlier years reflected the different pace of life and the more expensive travel costs. Typically exchanges were up to 3 months in duration, whereas these days 4-5 weeks are the norm. Reflecting Rotary in those times, only men were eligible to participate in the exchange. Things have certainly changed and these days we have far more women applying for the program than men and as a consequence generally teams have more women than men. It is a strict condition that team leaders (and members) are not accompanied by partners but as an interesting commentary, when women were finally eligible to apply for the GSE, team leaders (who were always men in those days) had to be accompanied by their spouse as a chaperone if women were included in a team! Times have indeed changed.

For about the last 30 years exchanges have been concluded within a single Rotary year and for most current Rotarians that is the GSE experience that we know and have come to expect. As with all things the program is regularly reviewed to ensure that it delivers the outcomes that The Rotary Foundation expects - to make a real impact on the goals of The Rotary Foundation to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

It is estimated that more than 57,000 men and women from 100 countries have participated in a Group Study Exchange (almost 12,000 teams) at a cost of more than US\$92 million. The flow on impact is that probably well over a million people have had a significant personal experience with another person from another country through hosting or other participation in the Group Study Exchange program. Individuals who have participated as team members in this rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience return home with a broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of a nation's history, language, commerce, and government as well as having had an opportunity to observe their own profession from a different perspective.

A GSE offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building, and increase self-confidence. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships; and this has been our experience.

Nevertheless The Rotary Foundation has proposed substantial changes in the years ahead as part of its Future Vision. Under the new rules for all Districts in the GSE program, teams will only exchange every alternate year, as used to be the case. This change is a reflection of the impact of the global financial crisis on the funds available from The Rotary Foundation. It will still be possible for districts to have both teams in its District at the same time but it would need to fund its team from its Designated District Fund; no funds would be allocated from the World fund as currently is the case.

Furthermore global grants for vocational teams would only be granted if the program met one of the 6 areas of



Article by PP Dennis Shore - Chair GSE Program



OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Recently I received correspondence from R.I. President John Kenny, which I would like to share with you, and I quote

“This morning a woman in Honduras posted an “open” sign on the door of her new small business. This afternoon a baby in India had a heart surgery her parents cannot afford. This evening a man in Zimbabwe learned to maintain the well Rotarians installed at the school his children attend. Tonight a Rotary World Peace Fellow will lay awake, consumed with ambition to apply what he has learned about peace building to his native Cambodia. Tomorrow morning Rotarians will convene in Nigeria where they will administer polio vaccines to children. This is one full day of possibilities because of our gifts to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

You will most likely never meet the recipients of your generosity, but know that the quality of their lives will be enhanced by your gifts. Only when people have their basic needs met, can they dream of the world outside of themselves; only then can they function to their full potential.”

Our club and personal contributions to the Every Rotarian Every Year Centurion program makes a difference. In building sustained support for The Rotary Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund, the major source of funding for the Foundation’s programs.

It’s our way to help every Rotarian understand how vital his or her support is to carrying out the Foundation’s Mission of improving health, supporting education and alleviating poverty.

Our generosity makes impossibilities possible.

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.

P.D.G. Ian Knight

Chairman, Rotary Foundation Annual Program Giving



A clean water source is being used by residents in the village of Napabally in Calcutta, India. Rotarians organized an intergration initiative to help the village. Source - RI Images website - Alyce Henson

page 7 focus as set out by The Rotary Foundation.

The six areas are:-

- ~ Peace and conflict resolution/resolution
- ~ Disease prevention/treatment
- ~ Water and sanitation
- ~ Maternal and child health
- ~ Education and basic literacy
- ~ Economic and community development

This means that the vocation of prospective team members would need to be related to the above areas of focus. If a district is prepared to fund a team from District Designated Funds it is free to continue an exchange a team on the basis of current guidelines.

These are big changes and will no doubt be the basis of much consideration in future years. For the present D9800 will continue as before and already the next exchange to D5840 in USA (San Antonio, Texas area) has been locked in by DGE (and past GSE Team Leader) Iven Mackay. And of course we are currently hosting a charismatic team from D2203 in Spain who are testimony to the widespread benefits of a GSE. This is the first exchange for D9800 with Spain and we are learning much about Spain and its culture. As will be noted from the accompanying photo taken at the official District Welcome function on 9th February, DG Colin has already adopted some exciting new sartorial enhancements. All who meet the team will be richer for the experience.

The team from our District is preparing diligently for its departure to Spain in late April and it was a special moment when the 2 teams had their first meeting at the Welcome function - see pictures Page 7.

Whatever the focus and direction of the GSE program in the future there is no doubt that D9800 will do its bit to ensure that GSE is an effective and vital part of Rotary.

ROTARY AND EDUCATION

Rotary strives to promote peace through education. Since 1947, The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants and is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships. Grants are administered by local Rotary clubs.

Ambassadorial Scholars

Since 1947, The Rotary Foundation has sponsored more than 39,000 Ambassadorial scholars from over 115 countries.

RD9800 is particularly fortunate to have several world-class tertiary institutions in its area attracting a wide range of highly talented and interesting candidates from around the world to further their education here.

February is "incoming" month as the new arrivals commence their university courses in March. Profiles of the latest incoming scholars for 2010 follow. We also feature RD9800's outbound scholar for 2010-11, Roland Dillon.

Scholars are available as guest speakers for your clubs and we encourage you to take up the opportunity to meet these exciting and entertaining young future leaders and have a direct involvement in this Foundation program.

Their direct email contacts are included or you can make contact through the district co-ordinator:

David Gorman
RC Albert Park
RD9800 Foundation Committee
Ambassadorial Scholars Co-ordinator 2009-10
Email: david.gorman@dgcconsulting.com.au
Ph: (03) 9348 1799 BH

The selection process for Ambassadorial Scholarships has changed under Future Vision but the application procedure for clubs remains the same. The new application form will be available from Rotary International's website in April. Full details of the Future Vision changes will be provided at District Assembly in May.

Peace Fellows

Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50

professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at six Rotary Peace Centers, which operate in partnership with seven leading universities.

Fully funded by The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary World Peace Fellowship is worth some US\$80,000.

Rotary World Peace Centres are located around the world at:

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (3 months short course - certificate)
- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- University of California, Berkeley, USA
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

RD9800 has one of the highest success rates of all districts around the world for admissions to the Master's degree courses. 2009 has been another very busy and successful year with our seventh successful candidate, Julia Watson, since the program began eight years ago. We have also had another three candidates accepted to the certificate short course at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok during 2010. Read their profiles following as guidance for the type of candidates your club should seek to nominate in the next few months.

The Peace Fellowship program is unchanged under Future Vision and unaffected by the financial constraints imposed by the Global Financial Crisis. This indicates the level of importance that the Rotary Foundation Trustees place on this program as one of the six avenues of focus in the Future Vision agenda.

For more details contact

Bob Fels
RC Melbourne
RD9800 Foundation Committee
Peace Program Co-ordinator 2009-10
Email: rfels@satlink.com.au
Ph: (03) 5989 2455

Rotary World Peace Fellows and Ambassadorial Scholars - pages 11 - 14

Call for Rotary Peace Fellow Applications

Now is the time to search for applications for the 2011-12 Rotary Peace Fellowships. complete applications must reach District Chair BOB FELS by 15 MAY 2010.

In these uncertain times, there is a growing demand for well trained international leaders to promote national and international cooperation and peace throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program was developed to meet this very need.

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies and conflict resolution or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at Rotary Peace Centers in 6 prestigious universities around the world.

Participants in the master's degree program gain access to:

- ✓ Up to two years of fully funded graduate study toward a master's degree at one of our six Rotary Peace Study Centers in the US, the UK, Argentina, Japan and Australia;
- ✓ Training in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation including a 3 month Applied Field Experience –(AFE);
- ✓ A growing linked network of committed alumni employed around the world in diplomacy, government, non-governmental organizations and private corporations;
- ✓ Funding for round trip travel, tuition and fees, room and board and other limited expenses including the AFE averages \$US70,000.

Mid career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict studies may opt for the three-month professional development certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Both programs require, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; 3 years of relevant work experience for the MA program and 5 years for the professional development certificate. As well as excellent leadership skills, candidates must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and/or personal and community service activities.

Use your networks to urge employers to tell potential candidates of these generous opportunities for career development; such as non-government humanitarian organisations, government departments, religious and service institutions, local universities, police and armed services . They will know how to contact people working both for them and with them.

Brochures and application forms are available at: www.rotary.org/rotarycenters

Further enquiries may be made to:

Bob Fels at	rfels@satlink.com.au	or phone (03) 5989 2455
Richard Pope at	richope22@bigpond.com	or phone (03) 9798 0061
David Gorman at	david.gorman@dgcconsulting.com.au	or phone (03) 9348 1799
Chris Don at	chrisd9@bigpond.com	or phone (03) 8669 0249

Rotary District 9800 (Melbourne and surrounds) leads the world in successfully identifying candidates - 13 of our candidates have been selected in the 9 year history of the program.

Please do your bit to maintain our position.

The candidates are out there but we need you to find them.

Applications must be made through a Rotary Club.

Julia Watson is the RD9800 Rotary World Peace Fellow 2009-11 nominated by RC Melbourne. Julia is now undertaking a two-year Master's degree in Public Policy at the Rotary World Peace Centre, University of California, Berkeley.



Following her honours degree in Law and Bachelor of Arts, majoring in French, from The University of Melbourne, Julia volunteered in East Timor for the Judicial Systems Monitoring Program, an NGO set up to monitor the development of the emerging nation's legal system. Julia was then appointed as researcher for the Solicitor-General for Victoria where, in what is rare for someone of her age, she was involved in a number of high-profile cases in the High Court of Australia. She also worked very closely with the Solicitor-General on the development and implementation of the ground-breaking Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act. Julia was also a part-time lecturer in Law at Melbourne University.

Samantha Hardy was the Director of Conflict Resolution and Practice at the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (ACPACS) at the University of Queensland. Since 1997 she has taught conflict resolution to university students, lawyers and a wide range of people from private and public organisations. She is a Nationally Accredited Mediator and completed advanced negotiation training at Harvard Law School and is a CINERGY® trained Conflict Coach.



In addition to her many qualifications in Law, Samantha has a Bachelor of Arts (double major in French). Sam has a particular interest in education and training and has been recognised as a leader in this field. She received a University Teaching Excellence Award in 2003, and a National Carrick Citation for an Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning in 2006. In 2006 she was also appointed a Fellow of the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australia. Samantha was nominated by RC Albert Park and will be undertaking the Certificate course at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok from February to May, 2010.

Police Inspector Charles Allen was nominated for a Rotary World Peace Fellowship (Certificate Course) by RC Chadstone-East Malvern. Charles is a "career policeman" having worked his way from initial training as a cadet up to his current position as Manager - Greater Dandenong Police Service Area. During his time working in the Dandenong region he has witnessed and had to deal with much conflict, especially those arising from within the ever-changing migrant and refugee communities.

It is from this background Charles is undertaking the Certificate Course at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, to gain a better understanding of the issues coming with migrant refugees and how to deal with them in a pre-emptive manner and avoid inter-racial conflicts from erupting in our community.

In a rather unusual development in 2009, RD9800 has utilized some of its international connections and resources to reach across the globe. Through the RC Melbourne we have successfully nominated **Brother Francis Sulieman** from the Central African Republic and Chad, an area where Rotary clubs and funding are not so plentiful, to attend Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok from Feb-May, 2010. A brief statement of thanks from Brother Francis:

"True Vision comes from the heart not from the eyes May we learn world vision with an open hearts and not our eyes and thereby give our best to make the world a better lively happy playground."

Thomas Bamforth is currently an aid worker with Australian Red Cross and has worked in overseas crisis situations in North West Pakistan (earthquakes, 2005), Darfur in Sudan and East Timor. Tom initially studied History at Melbourne University, followed by postgraduate degrees in social and cultural history at London University and development studies at Melbourne University.

He is a member of the Steering Committee of the University of Melbourne Human Rights Forum, representing/advocating for shelter issues at UN head-of-agency level. With the Norwegian Refugee Council, I was head of a shelter department consisting of 40 field staff and was responsible for the design, implementation and coordination of a shelter program to address the needs of 2000 families in camps in Pakistan Administered Kashmir.

Tom was nominated by RC Balwyn to attend Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok later this year.

Let me introduce you to our Ambassadorial Scholars - by David Gorman, Chair Ambassadorial Scholar Program



Sophie Dowse

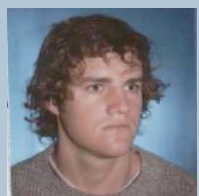
Ambassadorial Scholar – 2 years: February, 2010 – December, 2011

Home Town: Moraga, California USA Sponsor Club: RC Moraga RD 5160

Contact: sldowse@gmail.com

RD 9800 Host Club: Keilor East Host Counsellor: Ken Allen

Sophie has a degree in Psychology from Pomona College in Claremont, California and will be taking post-graduate studies in Sociology (Drug Abuse Prevention) at Melbourne University during her time in Melbourne.



Pedro oRbaiz

Ambassadorial Scholar – 1 year: March - December, 2009

Home Town: Buenos Aires, Argentina Sponsor Club: RC Buenos Aires, RD 4890

Contact: porbaiz@yahoo.com

RD 9800 Host Club: RC Kew on Yarra Host Counsellor: Derek Bond

Pedro arrived in Melbourne in August, 2009 to undertake a Masters by research in renewable energies at Melbourne University. His research is investigating the uses of Hydrogen as a fuel and the recuperation and re-combustion of exhaust energies from internal combustion engines. Before coming to Melbourne he visited Antarctica to test a hydrogen engine and cycled 6000kms along the Andes mountain range through Argentina and Chile.



Mei Maruyama

Ambassadorial Scholar – 1 year: February – December, 2010

Home Town: Misato, Japan Sponsor Club: RC Misato Chuo, RD 2770

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RD 9800 Host Club: Balwyn Host Counsellor: Peter Frueh

My name is Mei Maruyama, 27 years old, from District 2770, Saitama in Japan.

I am planning to study International Relations at University of Melbourne.

Currently, I am working at Japanese advertisement agency and engaged in domestic and international sports marketing. I love to do and watch all kinds of sports. Last year, I ran full marathon in Shonan, Japan. I also like to travel and taking pictures of the cities. Other than Japan, I have lived in the United States for 7 years. I attended boarding high school in Hawaii and the university in Seattle. My experience in the United States led me to major in anthropology at the university. I love to learn about people, beliefs, practices, values. I am very excited to study at Melbourne. I have visited Australia twice in Sydney and Cairns. But I have never been to Melbourne. As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, I would like to engage as many activities as I can. I am very looking forward to meet with Rotarians and their families in District 9800 in February. I would like to thank you for providing a great opportunity to study in Melbourne as an ambassadorial scholar.



Joseph "Trey" Keeler

Ambassadorial Scholar – 1 year: February – December, 2010

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RD 9800 Host Club: Docklands Host Counsellor: Ann Ellis

Trey Keeler is a 23-year-old Ambassadorial Scholar from the United States sponsored by Rotary District 7600 in Virginia, who will be pursuing a Master's Degree program in International Relations at the University of Melbourne. Trey graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia with a major in Political Science and minors in Public Service and National Security and Military Intelligence.

Trey has gained previous international experience studying abroad at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and as an intern at the European Union in Brussels, Belgium, in the office of Syed Kamall, a British Conservative Party member representing London. He previously worked in the office of US Senator George Allen and at a Richmond, Virginia, law firm. Upon completion of his Ambassadorial Scholarship he hopes to attend law school in the United States.



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Roland Dillon completed his schooling at Melbourne High School and a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts with first class honours at Monash University.

In 2005, while completing his honours thesis he was selected to act as the Head Delegate for the United Netherlands (UNL) (www.unitednetherlands.org), a semester-long course conducted by Radboud University, Netherlands, which recruits outstanding students from all over the Netherlands, including exchange students, to participate in the Harvard National Model United Nations (MUN).

He completed his articles to qualify as a lawyer at the Australian Government Solicitor then moved on to working at the Environment Protection Agency to pursue his interest in environmental and sustainability issues. He was then seconded to the Department of Sustainability and Environment in October 2008, to work on Victoria's proposed Climate Change Bill.

In his "spare time" Roland is a co-founder and President of Just Change, an incorporated not for profit organisation dedicated to promoting equity through energy efficiency (www.justchangeaustralia.org).

The Just Change pilot sought to overcome the barriers to energy efficiency for low-income renters by retrofitting ten rental households between November, 2008 and August 2009.

Roland will be presenting an outline of this project at the RD9800 Conference in Perth on Friday afternoon 5th March, 2010. This could be a worthwhile community project which many clubs could embrace.

Roland has been admitted to Columbia University's Master in Public Administration, specializing in environmental science and policy, to further develop the ideas germinated in Just Change and looking at the broader issues of public policy on the environment and sustainability.

Roland was sponsored by RC Southbank.

Roland is available to present to clubs until the end of May, 2010. Email: roland.dillon@gmail.com



Elodie da Silva-Seveque

Ambassadorial Scholar – 1 year: February – December, 2010

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RD 9800 Host Club: Carlton Host Counsellor: Assoc. Prof. Mile Terziovski

Elodie has been in Melbourne since October, 2009 completing her IELTS course in English. She has recently received her qualifying score of 7.5 and gained admission to Melbourne University to study for Masters in International Law.

In France, Elodie gained her law degree from the Sorbonne in Paris.

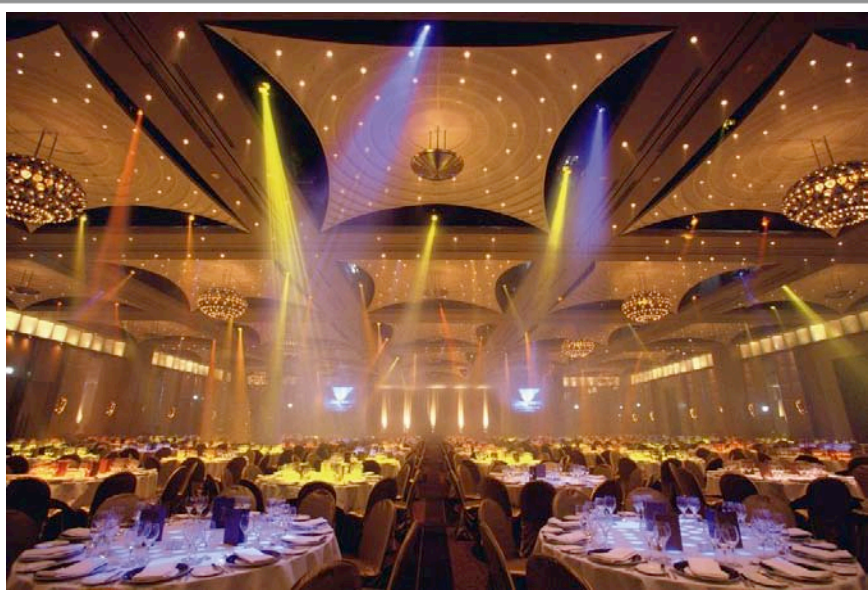
Rotary District 9800 Foundation Alumni

Sharing ideas and inspiring service is the vision of the Rotary District 9800 Foundation Alumni. Comprised of former participants of our Foundation's programs such as Group Study Exchange (GSE), Ambassadorial and Peace Scholars as well as Rotary Volunteers and University teachers sponsored by Rotary.

This year we are looking to expand this exciting program by connecting with members of our many youth programs such as RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment), RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly).

Our first event for 2010 will be a Business Breakfast on 20th April in the Palladium Room at Crown Casino.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Southbank, this Breakfast will feature an internationally recognized 'Futurist', Mr Rohit Talwar. An invitation will be in the coming week's Networker and circulated to all Clubs.



By 'wiring together' our Rotary District 9800 Foundation Alumni and our many youth program participants, we can create a more vibrant Rotary culture and inspire more acts of 'Service above Self'.

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