The Western Port Channel Rotary Club of Hastings Western Port Rotary





Message from the President

Hello everyone.

August is membership month. My challenge to each of you is ask 2 potential members to come and join us for a night on the 24th August. We will showcase some of the great things that Rotary does., End Polio, ROMAC, literacy and the like.

Linda is determined to increase our membership over the year. District Governor Merv Williams has challenged us to have a net increase in membership. We need to start now otherwise we will become less of a force in our community and unable to support all those great projects that Our Rotary Club does.

I have put together a simple and quick survey that I encourage you all to complete. It should only take you about 5 minutes to do. It is your club and I want to plan a year that meets your expectations and promotes our club into the community. Survey can be done anonymously.

Survey link: http://goo.gl/forms/6pX7Ae1RQC

I will also send this link to you via email.

As mentioned last week, we are looking at being involved with the Hastings Festival, I am looking for volunteers to help progress this activity.

Regards Mark



Interested in finding out how Rotary is eradicating Polio? http://www.endpolio.org/ Contact info@rotaryhastings.org.au to see how you can help





District 9820

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K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran Rotary International President 2015-2016 ILLITERACY TRAPS ADULTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN POVERTY

Around the world, millions of adults are unable to read or write, and therefore struggle to earn a living for themselves and their families.

Rotary 🚧 International News

Even in the United States, with its considerable resources, there are 36 million adults who can't read better than the average third-grader, according to the international nonprofit ProLiteracy. In Detroit, Michigan, a widely cited 2003 survey conducted by the National Institute for Literacy found that almost half of residents over age 16 were functionally illiterate -- unable to use reading, speaking, writing, and computer skills in everyday life.

Kristen Barnes-Holiday, director of program outcomes for Reading Works, an organization tackling adult illiteracy in Detroit, says the agencies -- many of them underfunded and understaffed -- that have been trying for years to address the problem there have made little progress.

Illiteracy affects all areas of life. Those with low literacy skills are far more likely to live in poverty, face health problems because they can't read prescription labels or instructions, and grow isolated in a world increasingly dependent on computers. And the lack of a skilled workforce, Barnes-Holiday notes, has slowed Detroit's economic revival.

But she worries most about the impact on future generations.

"A lot of children are raised in households where parents are low-skilled or illiterate, and we all know only a certain amount of learning happens in the classroom," she says. "We are raising this generation with the expectation that if we pour a certain amount of dollars into their education, we will get better results. But that is only partially true if we do nothing to address the households they are coming from."

Rotary member Mark Wilson, who also has been involved with Detroit literacy efforts, agrees that adult literacy is not receiving the attention it deserves.

"It doesn't pull at the heartstrings the same way as when you see a child who can't read," says Wilson, a member of the suburban Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe. "But, in fact, it's a vicious cycle and it perpetuates itself."

Wilson's club, along with other Detroit-area Rotary members, partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to raise money to recruit and train more tutors. Also, members have collected 261,000 books and 587 computers to donate to literacy agencies throughout the city.

A grant from The Rotary Foundation brought a team of literacy experts from Australia to Detroit, to share their expertise with those who are training the tutors. The grant helped launch a weekly program on local television to raise awareness and broaden corporate and community support.

continue reading this story at:

https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/illiteracy-traps-adults-and-their-families-poverty











Merv Williams District Governor, District 9820 2015-2016

RAM Rotarians Against Malaria

District Governor's partner Christine Williams Project OUR OBJECTIVE



The prevention of mortality, and a reduction in morbidity and social and economic loss caused by malaria through a progressive improvement and strengthening of local and national capabilities in malaria control.

Rotarians Against Malaria is a project of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) with the project covering:



Australia Papua New Guinea Solomon Islands Timor Leste

The Future

The Healthy Villages program is being trialled in PNG and RAM is in discussions with the Timorese MOH to initiate the program in Timor. Border security is also an issue in Timor Leste and PNG as both countries have common borders with Indonesia and a steady flow of cross border movements. RAM is currently investigating how it can assist in controlling the cross border spread of Malaria. A Malaria Research Scholarship has also been mooted and is currently under



Club of Hastings Western Port

From the Secretary's Pen

Monday 13thJuly 2015 <u>Apologies</u> Roy, Eric, Marcia, Mike S.

Mark

Welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year of "Be a gift to the world" which coincided with the official visit to our club of DG Merv and Chris and assistant D.G..Linda Morris and David. The evening started with an interrogation of Mark and his board by EX police Merv .and after a forensic examination of the plans and financial state has cleared us to get on with the job of the new rotary year ahead.

Mark and Linda thanked Faye and presented her with an official past president pin and a small personal gift to Light up Faye.

Merv

Spoke to the club about his agenda for the year;

Recognising the importance of The Rotary Foundation as the charitable arm of Rotary

Encouraged all club members to get on to Facebook*

Encourage all attending district conference.

Net increase in our club membership

Club to support RYLA

Chris

Is following the tradition by choosing to supporting a particular cause, Chris spoke about her commitment to achieving Healthy Villages program to clean up and keep malaria carrying mosquitoes away from sleeping babies.

This will be a program that we will certainly consider as we RAMp up our support to International Rotary projects in our Pacific neighbourhood.

* If members want a night on how to get onto Facebook, Mark is happy to show us how









District Events

Sunday Jul 26 District Board Meeting (1) District Leadership Meeting (1) Contact DG Merv Williams District Finance Committee Meeting (1)

Saturday Aug 1 AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

Sunday Aug 9 Programs of Rotary Seminar: Learn about the wide range of programs of Rotary Contact DG Merv Williams

Saturday Aug 15 2:00pm RC Mt Eliza: Music by George Charters

Youth Exchange Camp 1 Saturday Aug 29 Youth Exchange Camap 1 RAWCS Southern Region Seminar: Traralgon Visit by RI Director Guiller Tumangan to Victorian Districts

Sunday Aug 30 Youth Exchange Camp 1 RAWCS Southern Region Seminar: Traralgon Visit by RI Director Guiller Tumangan to Victorian Districts

Monday Aug 31 Visit by RI Director Guiller Tumangan to District 9820

Tuesday Sep 1 Visit by RI Director Guiller Tumangan to Victorian Districts SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

Wednesday Sep 2 Visit by RI Director Guiller Tumangan to Victorian Districts

Club Events

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Date	Event
July 20th	Club Night
July 27th	Carrie Senecko
July 29th	Somerville/Tyabb Breakfast
Membership Month	
August 3rd	Board Meeting
August 4th	Whats the real story - ICE
August 10th	Louisa Castles
August 17th	Grahame Gordon
August 24th	
August 31st	Social night
Literacy & Education Month	
September 7th	Board Meeting
September 14th	
September 21st	
September 28th	



Useful Links

https://www.rotary.org/ https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-foundation https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en http://district9820.org/ http://www.rotaryaustralia.org.au/ https://www.rotary.org/en/give/



DG Partner's Project

Healthy Villages - Solomon Islands



- One of the best ways of preventing malaria is to avoid contact with *Anopheles* mosquitoes
- The Healthy Villages Project is a project of Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) coordinated by the Rotary Club of Honiara
 - o Training & education
 - o Local people reduce stagnant water
 - Tools wheelbarrows, mattocks, spades, rakes etc.
 - o Pesticide treated bed nets when appropriate
 - o Cleaned areas can be used to plant vegetation / crops



Yes ... by clearing stagnant water we can reduce malaria?

It's as simple as that! COST: \$1,100 per village

SOME STATS ...

According to W.H.O estimates

- Malaria is one of the biggest killers in the world today
- Approx. 198 million cases of malaria
- An estimated ½ to ¾ million deaths per year
- Approx. 77% of the deaths are children under 5 y.o.
- Every minute a child dies from malaria
- An effective & affordable vaccine remains elusive

SOLOMON ISLANDS

- In the year 2000 there were 155 cases per 1000 population (approx. 108,000 people)
- Currently Reduced to 46 cases per 1000 (27,000 people)

BED NETS

- Have dramatically reduced the deaths in the Solomon Islands
- However they have a limited lifespan and need to be replaced every 3-5 years



RAM is working in a combination of ways to combat malaria as no one approach in isolation will be successful. For more information on RAMs Contact: Tom Shanahan : <u>koalabearweb@speedweb.com.au</u> Ph:0409 333 436

Healthy Village Project District 9820 Contact Chris Williams : chriswilliams31@outlook.com

WHAT'S THE REAL STORY WITH

Free Community Forum. All Welcome.

4th August 2015 6.30pm - 9pm Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilsons Road, Mornington

There has been a significant increase in public concern regarding the use of crystal methamphetamine, also known as lce. This forum will dispel some of the common myths and will counter the hysteria that has emerged in the media. Our forum will provide empirical evidence regarding the drug and provide individuals and the community with tangible steps we can each take to move the incidence of addiction in a different direction.

Forum Speakers



Stephen Fontana Victorian Police Assistant Commissioner *Provide an overview of the prevalence of Ice and substance abuse in the state*



Stephen Bright Peninsula Health Alcohol & Other Drugs Manager State the key drivers & behaviours for Ice and other drug use What are the myths of Ice Local resources and support services available



Julie Rae Australian Drug Foundation, Head of Information & Research Steps we individually, and as a community can take to effect meaningful long term change



Jason Clarke Director of Minds at Work Master of Ceremonies and conversation facilitator

Please register for event online at www.trybooking.com/IGLF or www.trybooking.com/144955 Contact the Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Ph. 5975 1644 Email enquiries to manager@mcisc.org.au

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Friday 20 Nov 2015

restore sight

transform lives

have fun

Challenge yourself to trek 30km or 55km Cape Schanck or Koonya Beach to Point Nepean Quarantine Station



Register from 13 July melbourne.coastrek.com