

# Foundation News

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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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## Group Study Exchange . . . . . . The Past, The Present, The Future?



Members of the Group Study Team to Papua New Guinea, April-May 1963.  
From left: President Barton Hack, Rotarian Frank Newman (Leader), Philip Lamb, Barry Maddern, Roger Wilkinson, Bruce Keir (Ken Pritchard absent)

### The Past . . .

There is some controversy as to the origins of the GSE program; the Centenary History of Rotary gives the official credit to New Zealand with their Rotary Overseas Travel Award (ROTA) program which was introduced in 1955 to celebrate Rotary's Jubilee. These were two month study tours by teams of six young professional and business men and a Rotarian leader. Visits in odd numbered years were to the United Kingdom and the United States, but the programme was simply a friendship tour similar to the current friendship exchanges, without a formal study component.

Without disregarding the above comments it is, however, hard to dispute the claim from the Rotary Club of Melbourne that the team led by the late PDG Frank Newman in 1963 to Papua New Guinea was the genesis of what we now

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know as the Group Study program, that commenced in 1965.

In John Thompson's history of the Rotary Club of Melbourne it states "The club project for 1962-63 was a most interesting and valued one – namely "Papua-New Guinea Study Visit"; the objectives were to develop Rotary fellowship with the 5 Rotary clubs in the area and to give the Study Team the opportunity to meet people of Papua New Guinea and to study their life, activities and aspirations. The five members of the team under the leadership of Frank Newman were away 5 weeks. The ages of the team ranged from twenty four to twenty eight, three were from the metropolitan area of Melbourne and two were from country areas. Their vocations were:

- A Director and Production Manager for N & N Shopfitters Pty Ltd;
- An Agricultural reporter for the ABC based in Sale;
- An Industrial relations officer for Mobil Oil, who later became President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission of Australia;
- A graduate with first class honours from Dookie Agricultural College who was a sheep and cattle farmer in Gippsland,
- The final member was a graduate in engineering and an acoustic consultant; he was a Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Engineers in the Commonwealth Military Forces and the son of a Melbourne Rotarian who was the Managing Director of Humes Pipes.

The Club's Annual appeal provided £1805 to finance the project and a full report was printed and published, which was favourably commented on by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies. (the team report is held in the archives of the RC of Melbourne and anyone who has had the

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...2 opportunity to read this report would have no doubt that the team to PNG in 1963 was the blueprint for the GSE program which started 2 years later.

### The Present . . .

We are at the halfway mark with the 2011 GSE program, having just farewelled the team from District D5840 Texas USA which was an outstanding success. The D9800 outbound team to D5840 is due to depart on the 19th May; they will be away 4 weeks returning on the 24th June. Plans are already in place for the GSE program in 2012. In 2012 we will be exchanging with two

Districts, D3030 in Central India, centred around Nagpur and D5230 centred around Monterey in California USA. The outbound team to India will leave Australia on the 14th January 2012 and the outbound team to the USA will leave on the 22nd April 2012.



District 4850 GSE Team at Adelaide Conference

Details for the selection of both Team leaders and team Members are now available.

We believe that the GSE program if properly managed by Rotary Districts with a balance of vocational and cultural content is one of the best programs of the Rotary Foundation for the following reasons:

- It is a program of TRF that is widely understood and supported by Rotarians and non-Rotarians.
- It is often the entry point for many Rotarians in becoming involved with a program of TRF which in turn leads to a wider appreciation of the many programs of TRF.
- It is a program of TRF that has the most contact with Rotarians, their families, their friends and interfaces with non-Rotarians in the wider community, promoting the awareness of Rotary International.
- It involves clubs across a Rotary district in a program of the Foundation, thus raising the awareness of TRF amongst Rotarians; it also is tangible evidence to a club that their contributions to TRF are being utilized within their own District.
- Many GSE team leaders, as a result of the experience and enthusiasm gained on the exchange, go on to higher office, such as District Committee Chairs, Assistant Governors or District Governors.
- The GSE program creates such awareness in team members of the good work of Rotary that many of these outstanding adults join Rotary International on their return from the exchange. The GSE experience impacts on the lives of all those involved, well beyond the GSE time frame. Strong linkages and bonds are formed between districts, team leaders/members and host families. This long term effect is not to be underestimated.
- The GSE program provides a unique opportunity for the team members to be taken out of their own environment, at a time when they are established in their business, and review their lives and examine what their aims in life are.
- GSE teams can play a major role in creating an atmosphere for understanding, goodwill and respect so that governments may progress towards a better world for us to live in.

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### ...3 The Future??

Under the Future Vision pilot program of the Rotary Foundation the GSE program officially ended for the 100 districts participating in the pilot program as at the 30th June 2010. However, because the changes under Future Vision do not have an effect on the other 430 Rotary districts in the world we are able to exchange with these districts until the 30th June 2013, as long as a pilot district is prepared to fund an exchange or exchanges from their own District resources.

As it stands at the moment the GSE program as we know it today will cease for all Rotary Districts from the 30th June 2013. What then are the options for Districts such as D9800 who wish to maintain the best elements of the GSE program after this date? We can continue to exchange teams, but it becomes more of a District to District arrangement rather than an official program of the Rotary Foundation, so for our District, from a funding point of view, nothing will change from the way we have operated this year with the exchange with D5840 Texas. We can continue to fund outbound teams with a combination of funds derived from our block grant and our District funds. Under this arrangement, as well as some negatives there are some plusses. As we are now funding the team from District resources we can modify the previous restrictions under the old GSE program, which we have done for the outbound teams to Districts 3030 and 5230. We also can develop a different format providing for more vocational opportunities than the minimum 7 days specified under the previous GSE program. However, without the support of designated officers of the Rotary Foundation in Evanston to facilitate exchanges between districts it will put additional pressure on DGN's/DGE's to find a District that is willing to allocate District funds to send out an outbound team and receive an inbound team. It also most likely will, because of the funding required, limit the exchanges between Districts who are financially strong and provide significant funds each year to the Annual Program Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

DGN 2013-14 Ross Butterworth will be the first District Governor in our District to experience these changes from the 1st July 2013; as a GSE team leader I am confident he will be able to be part of the rebirth of a team exchange program that will ensure that the goals of the Rotary Foundation to achieve world understanding and peace through International educational programs will continue well beyond the 1st July 2013.

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*PDG John Davis*  
Foundation Chair

My grateful thanks to PP and Past Club Archivist/Historian of the RC of Melbourne John Kendall for his research into the origins of the GSE program

## District 9800 Rotary Foundation Future Vision Vocational Training Team

Those attending our District Conference in Adelaide were privileged to hear an outstanding presentation by Professor Jeremy Oats, member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, and our Team Leader, who told so clearly of our proposed Vocational Training Team (VTT). The purpose of this VTT is to upskill the Midwives in the Baucau area of Timor Leste (TL), in the Rotary Foundation focus of Maternal and Child Health. Professor Jeremy showed statistics of infant mortality in TL, compared with those in a developed country such as Australia. He emphasised the importance of this VTT upskilling program. Congratulations Jeremy.

Great news – we have received formal approval from The Rotary Foundation for this Maternal and Child Health Vocational Training Team, Global Grant # 25323. As mentioned earlier, the total cost of this project, supported by 12 of our Rotary Clubs and D. 9550, is US\$113,630 to fund our Volunteer Team and equipment, for 5 visits over the next 3 years.

An update on this VTT project. We now have agreement and an invitation from Dr. Murillo, medical director of the Baucau Hospital, and permission from Dr. Barnado of the Dili office of the UN to use the UNFPA IMPAC teaching program. We are still waiting for formal approval from the Timor Leste Ministry of Health and the head of the Department of Partnership Management for Maternal and Child Health, which we hope to receive soon.

**PDG Ian Knight - D. 9800 Rotary Foundation Special Projects Chair (VTT)**

## Group Study Exchange with District 5840, Texas, USA.

The length and breadth of our District experienced the happiness of the incoming Group Study Exchange team from District 5840, Texas, USA. The team was hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Canterbury, Brighton North, Richmond, Melton Valley, Echuca-Moama and Bendigo-Sandhurst over a four week period in March-April.



Led brilliantly by Rotarian John Dierksen, a 21-time youth exchange host from the Rotary Club of New Braunfels, the team had a month across our District learning about Rotary, their vocations, and Australian hospitality and culture. From the Welcome Function at Kooyong Tennis Club hosted by the Yarra Cluster to the Farewell Dinner in Bendigo hosted by the Goldfields Cluster, Rotarians across our District also learnt much from our Texas friends. The team visited many clubs in our District, including the Rotary Club of Melbourne where they met the State Governor of Victoria.

The vocational programs organised by the host clubs were outstanding. Team members John Buol, Miles Earwood, Michelle Martinez and Suzanne Williams were exposed to the challenges facing Australians in similar professions. They have returned to Texas with enthusiasm, ideas and a new perspective on life. Congratulations to all host clubs for making this happen.

A highlight for the team was attending and presenting at the District Conference in Adelaide, along with our own outgoing team which travels to Texas this May. The Texas team travelled by road from Adelaide to Echuca following the conference to ensure that they would cover our entire District, including the differences between city and regional clubs.

## UPPSALA UNIVERSITY TO BE NEXT ROTARY PEACE CENTER – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

***The Trustees have accepted the recommendation of its Task Force headed by Bob Fels that Uppsala University through its Department of Peace & Conflict Research be the next Rotary Peace Center. Uppsala University is a world ranked university while its Peace & Conflict Research was established in the 1970's. Although in Sweden, teaching is in English. Rotary has moved with remarkable speed and applicants in the current round can apply to Uppsala. To facilitate this, the application closing date in Evanston has been extended to 15 Aug. However, applications need to be with District (per BOB FELLS) by 15 July to enable review and interviews to be completed.***

***The official Rotary Foundation announcement is included on the next page of this edition of Foundation News.***

***It is an exciting development for the Rotary Peace Program.***



# Rotary Peace Center Announcement

Rotary International

May 2011

Dear Rotary District Leaders,

After a year-long, world-wide search process, the Rotary Peace Centers is excited to announce Uppsala University (*Uppsala Universitet*) will become the seventh Rotary Center for international studies in peace and conflict resolution.

The Rotary Peace Center at Uppsala will welcome its inaugural class of Rotary Peace Fellows in September 2012. All applications for the new Rotary Peace Center must be received by 15 August 2011.

Please note that the 1 July 2011 deadline for all 2012 applications has been extended to 15 August 2011 to allow districts time to recruit for the new center. Applicants interested in the Uppsala center must fill out a revised center ranking sheet and make any necessary edits to their personal statement. Please find the revised center ranking sheet [here](#).

Because of the late deadline, the Rotary Peace Centers Department encourages districts to review all applications for completeness before submission. **Applications received on 15 August 2011 with missing components will be reverted to districts and not considered.**

In addition to being one of Europe's oldest and top-ranked universities, Uppsala is also home to the department of Peace and Conflict Research, which is a founding peace program and is known as a leader of data and research in the peace and conflict field. The world's leading peace professors and researchers make up the faculty of the peace department and eight Nobel Prize winners including two peace laureates have studied, researched or taught at Uppsala.

"A key aspect of the department's research has been its numerous and wide-ranging collaborations with internationally leading scholars and institutions," said Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, chair of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. "The new Rotary Peace Center in Uppsala will be a wonderful addition to our global network of Rotary Centers."

For more information about the program at Uppsala please [visit Uppsala's website](#). To read the full press release please [visit the Rotary website](#).

Feel free to email the Rotary Peace Centers Program Assistant Niki Fritz at [Niki.Fritz@rotary.org](mailto:Niki.Fritz@rotary.org) with any additional questions.

Thank you for all you do to help Rotary promote peace in the world,

The Rotary Peace Centers

(source - Rotary International)



The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees has selected Uppsala University in Sweden to host a new Rotary Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Photo courtesy of Uppsala University

## Rotary Foundation District Grants

Under the Rotary Foundation Future Vision Grants program, District Grants cycle from year to year. The implication of this annual cycle is that the District Grants Subcommittee is required to submit a forward spending plan of the District Grants to The Rotary Foundation in the month of May preceding the next Rotary Year.

Consequently, if Rotary clubs are planning to apply for a District Grant to assist in the funding of a local or overseas humanitarian project next year, they must notify the District Grants Subcommittee no later than 31st May. This notification may simply take the form of an email to the Grants Subcommittee advising the nature of the intended project, the total funding amount anticipated and the amount of grant funds required.

The general criteria for District Grants are:

1. The amount of the grant is between \$2,000 and \$4,000
2. The project scope and purpose should align with the Terms and Conditions of the Future Vision Grants (with the exception of the condition requiring a host partner for the grant)
3. The project must be completed and reported upon Before 1st May in the Rotary Year in which the grant was approved.
4. Grant funds are paid to clubs on approved District Grants upon

project completion and satisfactory reporting.

Because District Grants are funded through the District Block Grant from The Rotary Foundation, funds available for District Grants can vary from year to year depending on the other Foundation programs requiring funding such as Group Study Exchange teams and Ambassadorial Scholars. Another determinant of the amount of funds available for District Grants is the amount of contributions from clubs made to The Rotary Foundation three years prior.

If you have any questions or need assistance in applying for a District Grant, please contact the Foundation Grant Coordinator assigned to your cluster.

☑ For clubs in the Batman, Beachside, Eastside, Heritage, Stonnington and Yarra clusters – please contact PP Garth Symington - [symofam2@bigpond.net.au](mailto:symofam2@bigpond.net.au)

☑ For clubs in the Calder, Gateway, Goldfields, Hobsons Bay, Port Phillip and Westside clusters – please contact John or Barbara Rafter - [johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au](mailto:johnrafter@craftbooks.com.au)

I wish you every success in your humanitarian projects next Rotary Year.

**PDG Jim Studebaker**

**Foundation Grants Subcommittee Chair D9800**



**Update on “The Uganda Project”.** The project was undertaken with funds provided by the RC’s Altona City, Altona, Hoppers Crossing, Laverton/Pt Cook plus grants from District 9800 and The Rotary Foundation.. the total funding was US\$64,000.

The benefitting community is the villages of Bulindo and Kitukutwe about 25 kilometres from the Capital city of Uganda. There are 250 families, each with an average of 4 adults and 6 children living in poor conditions and surviving on US\$2/day. The project involved drilling a new fresh water bore hole and installing a hand pump, providing 30 x 2000 litre and 5 x 4000 litre plastic eater tanks on several village houses and community buildings to harvest rain water. (see picture at left). The project also addressed Disease prevention and treatment by reducing the instances of water borne diseases. The project also addressed the issues of community development by providing an environment where village people are encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility for the maintenance of local assets beneficial to the community's on-going needs.

A project that clearly illustrates the motto of the Rotary Foundation of “Doing Good in the World”

## D9800 WINS YET ANOTHER ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP

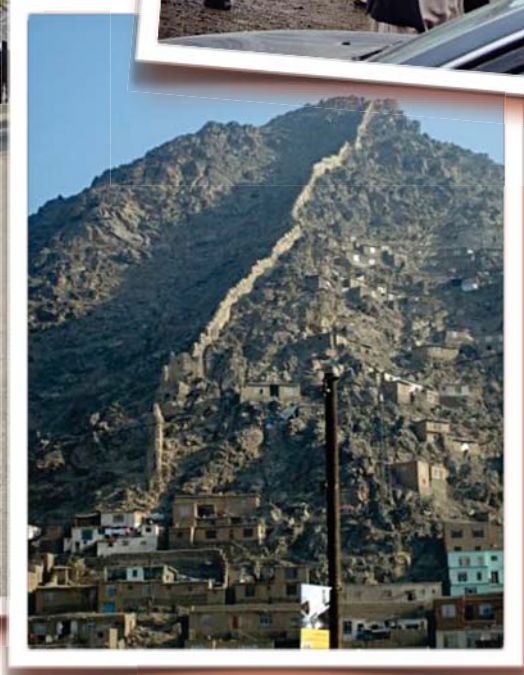
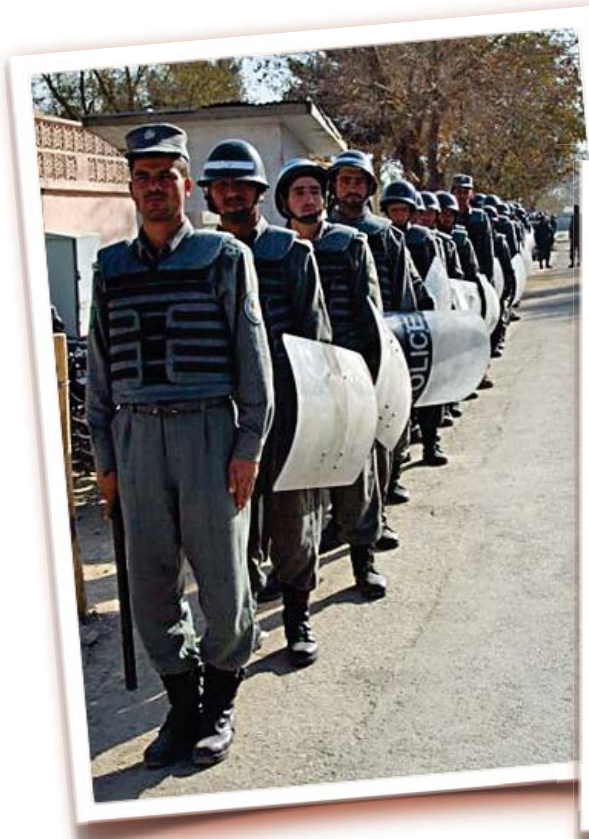
It was just announced that Sophie Brown, nominated by RC Melbourne – has been awarded a Rotary World Peace Fellowship to study at Duke University for a Masters Degree. Last October, Sophie was put on the reserve list and following a “relinquishment”, to use Rotary speak, was offered a place in April. She joins Jessica Butcher who was selected earlier and they commence in August. This is a remarkable accomplishment for the District and brings to 15 the total number selected in the 10 years of the program. No other District in the world matches our record.

Sophie who is photographed ready for work in Kabul, has adapted to local dress sense to fit in. The other photo shows the toughness of the terrain where she works. A graduate in Agricultural Economics and Arts (French major) from Sydney University was working in Afghanistan when we interviewed her by phone last June her under explosive conditions. There had been a ‘blast’ outside her building which had killed 19 people and knocked out telecommunications for 12 hours. She had to go to the French embassy for backup. Skype interviews are not possible because there is no broadband available in that part of Afghanistan. She is driven to and from work in an armoured vehicle. We take so much for granted. One criteria for selection as a Rotary World Peace Fellow is 3 years relevant experience. Sophie has certainly worked in the “field of fire” and will bring real experience to the Duke University course.



**BOB FELS**

**Chair,  
District Rotary World Peace Fellows Committee**



## Hosting Opportunities for Ambassadorial Scholars in 2012



Ambassadorial & Peace Scholars with DG Ivan and presenters at multi-district Orientation Seminar at International House on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2011

We have received notification of the following inbound scholars for 2012:

- \* **Lauren Coutts** from Winnipeg, MB, Canada to do Development Studies
- \* **Sayuri Ikeda** from Fujisawa City, Kanagawa, Japan
- \* **Olivier Latorre** from Nantes, France will research advanced Mechatronics (prosthetics) development.

All will be studying at Melbourne University commencing in February or March 2012. If you and your club would like to host one of these scholars for the 2012 year please notify the District Co-ordinator before the end of May. Counsellor assignments must be notified to Evanston before 30th June.

### Ambassadorial Scholarship 2012-13

Applications for the RD9800 scholarship for 2012-13 close on 30th June, 2011.

Seek out the talented youth in your area now. The application form can be downloaded from the Rotary International website, Students and Youth section:

<http://www.rotary.org/EN/STUDENTSANDYOUTH/EDUCATIONALPROGRAMS/AMBASSADORIALSCHOLARSHIPS/Pages/Howtoapply.aspx>

Queries and applications should be submitted to:

David Gorman RD9800 Ambassadorial Scholars Co-ordinator

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# Contributions to The Rotary Foundation

In February of this year I contacted each of our District Presidents and challenged them to plan with their Clubs Board to continue with the unique tradition of bringing to Annual Conference their Clubs Annual Foundation Contribution cheque or pledge & having it recognized during the conference period.

Little did we expect such a magnificent result.

Over \$230,000 was contributed with \$176,000 being directed to the Annual Giving Fund & \$61,670 to the Polio Plus program.

The \$230,000 contributed was an increase over last year of almost a \$100,000. To those Clubs who so generously contributed can I say thank you on behalf of our District Foundation Chairman PDG John Davis the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

With our YTD contribution total heading towards last years, at the same time, we still have 7 weeks to ensure we meet our very ambitious target of A\$180 per capita. Set by District Governor Iven.

There are a number of Clubs who are still to contribute & who we are relying on to reach our target.

Could I encourage each Club yet to contribute to seriously consider the importance of supporting OUR OWN charity, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International & thus ensure our great humanitarian & education Foundation programs both locally & globally can continue.

There are hundreds of thousands of people from around the works relying on us to "lend a hand".

Chairman of Contributions to The Rotary Foundation  
Chris Don

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