

# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



## District 9600 Newsletter

Building On A Solid Foundation



**OCTOBER 2009**

"Only if we understand can we care. Only if we care will we help. Only if we help shall they be saved"

- Jane Goodall

### FUTURE VISION

The selection of districts that were identified as "Pilot Districts" to trial the Future Vision Plan was completed just prior to the end of the last Rotary year. Their leadership is to receive special training at the Zone Institute at Newcastle in November and, again, at the International Assembly in San Diego on 18-24 January 2010.

It is recognised that the Pilot District phase will find aspects of the modified Foundation programs that will need fine tuning and adjustment before all districts world-wide will move across to the modified programs in the 2013-2014 Rotary year. Pilot districts also understand that there will be some limitations to programs that they can undertake in association with non-Pilot districts over the next three years.

The Foundation trustees recognise that there will be some minor inconvenience as the Future Vision Plan is rolled out. However, in the long term, this overhaul of Foundation activities will result in many benefits:

- Through the scope and sustainability of the global grant projects, the Foundation will enable Rotarians to reach a greater number of people and do more good in the world.
- Because of the Foundation's high impact work in the six areas of focus, Rotary will gain greater prominence in the areas of international development, education, peace, and public health.
- This enhanced public image will lead to increases in membership and contributions to TRF.
- By 2020, the Foundation projects to have reduced program operational expenses to realise a total net saving of \$US6 million per annum.
- Increase Rotary's credibility and leadership role in the world of philanthropy, service and peace.
- Increase the sense of ownership at district and club level by transferring more decisions to district level.
- Focus and simplify TRF's programs and service for greater impact consistent with its mission.

These significant enhancements will see "OUR" Foundation efficient and effective as it enters its second century of service to mankind.

### A night at the movies for Polio is on again

The third polio movie night has now been secured and it will be an absolute blockbuster. It's scheduled for Wednesday, 11 November so this time there'll be no excuse not to join in the fun as we have now given plenty of notice to allow clubs to build it into their programs. The film has a wide appeal and we have time to work out the best possible deal for the clubs taking part.

The movie selected is **AMELIA** and it stars two-time Academy Award®-winner Hilary Swank as Amelia Earhart, the legendary aviatrix and enigmatic symbol of the American free spirit, and Golden Globe winner Richard Gere as her partner, publisher, and lover George Putnam. Earhart's aviation triumphs and meteoric rise to fame and fortune were propelled by her tempestuous relationship with Putnam. Bound by mutual ambition, admiration and, ultimately a great love, their bond could not be broken even by her brief passionate affair with Gene Vidal (Ewan McGregor). **AMELIA** embodies soaring romance and adventure.

This is a tremendous opportunity to rack up much-needed dollars for the Polio Challenge without dipping into the funds that clubs have reserved for other Foundation activities. If we could get just half the Rotarians in Australia and New Zealand to attend with their partners, we would generate nearly US\$300,000. Imagine what we could do if they all brought along a couple of friends! **Contact your AG to be involved in this opportunity.**



**REMINDER: PHF Regalia** – As from 1 July the PHF ribbon and medallion will only be available on request, at a cost of US\$15.

### **RI EXCHANGE RATE**

The exchange rate for **October** is **1.15**

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**TRF SEMINAR & District AGM**  
**Sunday 11 October 2009**

St Columban's College, Caboolture  
(Learn the latest on the Future Vision plan)

## The Fourth of our Peace Fellow candidates

**Sarah Knoll** is a dual citizen of South Africa and Australia. Growing up in Africa Sarah was influenced by the violence and poverty that she witnessed all around her. She has been a volunteer in Kenya twice, working as a social worker in slum areas in Nairobi. She believes that empowering people financially is the route to building sustainable communities and reducing the potential for violence. She has, a very deep passion for peace and established a group called Handprints for Humanity, an NGO to help address issues such as poverty. Her sponsor club is the Rotary Club of Toowong.



PDG Gloria Cheng (D3450 Hong Kong, Macao and Mongolia 2002-2003) and PDG Andrew Cheng (D7230 New York City, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester County and Bermuda 2001-2002) made a short stopover in Brisbane on their way to Sydney. They visited Brisbane and the Rotary Peace Centre exactly two years ago and try to visit the centre every time they are in Brisbane. Gloria is passionate about the Rotary Peace Program and has been a very strong supporter of the program since her time as District Governor. Gloria was delighted to be able to meet up with some of the Peace Fellows while in Brisbane. The University of Queensland was on mid semester break but these dedicated students made time to come and talk to Gloria and Andrew about the program and their future. The picture shows Fanny Karlsdottir (Iceland), Andrew Cheng, Gloria Cheng, Joseph Hongoh (Kenya) Pamela Padilla (Philippines) and David LaMotte (USA).

Over many years, a large number of Paul Harris Fellow recognitions have been presented to Rotarians in each district and generally, a club has financed this honour as an acknowledgement of the Rotarian's worth to both club and community.

In some cases those Rotarians repay this debt to their club in terms of additional personal contributions to The Foundation but, sadly, in most cases this is not so. There are never any conditions attached to a PHF and there never will be, even though the original concept was to recognise a personal contribution of US\$1,000 to The Foundation. We tend to use the PHF scheme as recognition of a Rotarian's valued contribution of effort and endeavour and nobody would like to see that change.

Having said all that, The Foundation's generation of funds has to keep pace with the escalating needs of the world and perhaps we could consider increasing our level of activity in the area of personal giving. Many Rotarians are already personally contributing but the vast majority has not contributed. If your club has given you the great honour of PHF Recognition, and you haven't yet started the process of personal giving to the Foundation, why not consider starting now. It can be something as simple as becoming a Centurion at a cost of A\$100 per year, a Foundation Sustaining Member at US\$100 per year, or a Paul Harris Society Member at US\$1,000 a year. Some Rotarians might like to consider the possibility of becoming a Major Donor or a member of The Bequest Society.

Make yourself part of the magical things Rotary does to make this world a better place for the countless millions desperately needing our help.

**Every Rotarian, Every year.**

The D9600 charter dinner of The Paul Harris Society will be held on Saturday 10 October 1830 for 1900 at Tranquil Park Resort 483 Mountain View Road, Maleny. **Be there to lend your support to OUR Foundation in this time of need.**



You are cordially invited to attend the production of *"The Man in Black"* LIVE ON STAGE at the Twelfth Night Theatre, Cintra Road, Bowen Hills. **Thursday 29 October 2009 – 1930**  
**\$50.00 per person, including supper with the cast.**

**Witness a great musical event & support PolioPlus. BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

**For further information, please contact Brian Hansford on 3289 7282; or email [bchansford@techsus.com.au](mailto:bchansford@techsus.com.au)**

**Jane Goodall**



"If you really want something, and really work hard, and take advantage of opportunities, and never give up, you will find a way."

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