

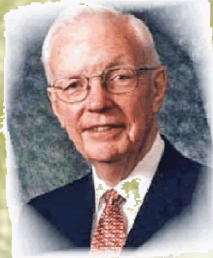


# Diamond Creek All-Stars



## THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIAMOND CREEK

Chartered June 1992



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President



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## March is Literacy Month

President's Message

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Last week more letters of congratulations arrived from around the district. What others thought worked at the conference: establishing relationships with the venue, the detail – make sure the details are understood and followed through, take risks – the concert, respect the speakers – ask people to stay in the session for the whole presentation, cover the details for the registration process, brief the support team well, the teamwork and the list goes on and on.

Roster, Attendance, Program Birthdays

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1 What happened last week.

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Tonight is the Rotarian Behind the Badge featuring Tom Fletcher. Hearing from a member is a special and favored event. What will we learn about our newest member?

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PP Joe is making progress on establishing the Rotaract of Diamond Valley. Joe will let us know when assistance is needed and how our club will support the Rotaract club over the long term  
Rotary Shares.  
Yours in Rotary Service,  
Linda

**Attendance 11- 03- 08**

**Excused:** Robin Chapple. Bob Eycken:  
**Honorary Member** Cliff Wearne: **LOA.:** Stuart Lord

**Members Present 21**

**Make Ups 0**

**Total 21**

**Absent 3 Stephen Howard, Rod Mackenzie, Matt Swan.**

**Visiting Rotarians 0**

**Visitors 8** Betty Bqwen, Ginnette Eycken, Kerry Jones, Linda Knight, Lynne Lloyd  
 Glenda Swan, Ann Wardell and Barry Hatfield

**Roster March 2008**

*If you are unable to perform your roster duty please arrange a Replacement.  
 and advise the Sergeant At Arms*

Date	Regalia	Welcome	Attendance	Cashier	Raffle Gift	Raffle
18th	Tom Fletcher	Joe Di Natale	Eileen Hinxman	John Gatt	Clyde Hulme	Linda Gidlund
25th	Dennis Kerr	Bill Kilpatrick	Steve Sampson	Roger Knight	Alan Jones	Pat Millar

**Birthdays March 2008**

21st Steve Sampson  
 21st Robyn Sampson

**Anniversaries 2008**

This Week Nil

**Members Anniversaries**

This Week Nil

**Club Program March 2008**

Date	Chairman	Speaker	Topic
18th	President Linda	Tom Fletcher	Rotarian behind the Badge
25th	Pat Millar	Katy Richmond	Increasing Rotary support for Adult Literacy Programs

Raffle \$49.00  
 Silver Pot \$8.80.  
 Sergeant's Fines. \$ 56.00  
 \$103.80



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**What happened Last Week 11/ 03 /****President Linda.**

nod talked Opened the Meeting as a De-Briefing session on the District conference. Linda will send on an e-mail to the club, from Ross Macdonald, the President of the RC Lethem, which congratulates the RC Diamond Creek on its conference.

**PP Joe Di Natale**

- ◆ Announced that RYPEN will now meet on the 4th to the 6th April
- ◆ Rotaract will meet on Wednesday the 9th April at the Shire Offices.
- ◆ Joe announced that he is also a Red Cross Appeal Volunteer.
- ◆ Advised that \$3500 worth of sales was achieved at Conference of merchandise from Rotary Down Under with 15% of that going to the club.

**PP Geoff Swann**

Called for volunteers to host Bob and Nancy Konrad from the USA on the 21st and 22nd March. Alan White volunteered.

**Conference Chairman Ern Wardell**

Auctioned three conference t-shirts. Two t-shirts sold for \$10 each and a ladies size 16 is still available.

**Greg Adams**

Reported that 700 people registered for conference. He presented Ern with a framed photo and then showed the club the photos taken during the conference.

**Brian Bowen**

Announced that his grandson Mitchell Docker had powered to victory in the RetireInvest criterion in Bendigo Victoria and overseas recently.

**PP Geoff Swan**

Thanked the club members who helped with security about the bike riding on the Sportsman's day.

**Roger Knight**

Summarized his efforts with the filming of the conference.

**Bev Baker**

Reported that the House of Friendship was on television on Win News Tuesday Night at 7 pm.

**Brian Bowen**

Reported that there had been nothing but praise for the conference in the District Bulletins received reentry

Bob **Eycken** Reported that \$5600 was raised in sponsor ship for the Conference.

**District 9790 Conference 12th to 15th March 2009 at Geelong**  
**PP Ern Wardell has made a reservation at the Chiefly Hotel for 16 rooms.**  
**Please arrange and confirm your booking through PP Bev Baker**

**Pierre's New Challenge.**

On 22nd January Pierre mentioned his casual work at Latrobe University. You will be pleased to know that he now has full time employment with the Department of Primary Industry as a Policy Officer. Pierre is really enjoying the first stages of his new job.

Linda ( on behalf of Alan and Kerry

### Rotary Disburses First US \$40 Million From Gates Grant

Nine countries and two World Health Organization regions have first distribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication. Made in January, the US\$40 million disbursement is being used by WHO and UNICEF to carry out immunization activities in the four remaining polio-endemic countries — Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan — plus five others where "imported" polio cases have been reported. Surveillance and technical support are also being funded in WHO's African and Eastern Mediterranean regions.

Salim Habayeb, WHO's representative in India, calls Rotary International "a cherished partner" and says the funding "will ensure the continuation of high-quality surveillance and the sustainability of technical assistance."

"This tremendous support comes at a crucial time for the polio eradication effort," says Gianni Murzi, UNICEF's representative in India.

Since the grant distribution, Rotarians have continued their hands-on support to maximize the push to end polio. A team of 54 Rotarians and friends from Australia, Canada, France, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States helped promote and carry out India's National Immunization Days (NIDs) in February, which reached more than 170 million children.

Joined by members of the Rotary Club of Delhi-West and nearly 100 students from a local Rotary club-sponsored school, the team took part in a rally in Sohna to promote the NIDs. Among the students, who all wore PolioPlus caps, were many polio victims, as was one of the Delhi-West Rotarians.

The team worked hand in hand with community members throughout the NIDs. "Along with us was a young girl, a Muslim, of about 17 years," Elias Thomas, of the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale, Maine, USA, reports on the team's blog (<http://rotarydreamteam-india2008.blogspot.com>). "She was a member of the Interact club in her town and served as our translator. There were always local volunteers who were dispensing the vaccine, but they were so pleased to have us assist them."

It is the most amazingly exhilarating and dramatically humbling experience," reports Mark Brown, of the Rotary Club of St. John's Northwest, Newfoundland, Canada. "Immediately, we were poured on by people wanting their children vaccinated. No time to ponder. Just two drops in each child's mouth and a permanent marker on the finger to show they'd been done. The mothers were so happy their child was treated....We met some amazing Indian Rotarians today."

"Now is the time to step up the momentum to get polio out of India forever," says Deepak Kapur, chair of India's PolioPlus committee. "Communication is necessary in getting families to understand the benefits of immunization, and is a critical piece of the overall strategy to make that happen."