

ROTARY CLUB OF MANSFIELD

A MONTH IN MANSFIELD

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**Our Exchange Student Steph Riley
Had a Welcome Visit from Mum!**

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ROTARY NEWS - 3 October

For this week's News I thought I would share with you a letter from the International President of Rotary which we received this week.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

When I was a child, Korea experienced a terrible war. After it was over, my country received a great deal of help from other governments and humanitarian organizations, help that put Korea on a track of health, hope, and economic growth. In the decades since the war, both Korea's economy and its Rotary club membership have grown enormously. I feel there are two reasons for this. One is Koreans' desire to help others as we were once helped ourselves; we all want to pay back some of what was given to us. The other is the natural affinity Koreans have for the values of Rotary: integrity, honor, hard work, and fairness. Many of Rotary's core values are also core values in Korea.

When Korean businesses interview potential employees, they look for what we call *chim shin uro*, or "pure heart." A person with a pure heart is someone who has personal integrity, a person who treats others with honor and respect and can always be counted on to do what's right. It is a highly valued trait in companies, and it is equally important in Rotary. As Rotarians, our integrity is what makes us successful in business, in service, and in life. "Pure heart" is what we in Rotary call Service Above Self.

Koreans also talk about work as *chip an*. *Chip an* means "inside the house." It is a way to talk about how important our work is to us, how our companies are like our families. Our businesses and the people in them should be treated with respect, honor, and dignity because, Koreans believe, good personal relationships are the basis for good business. We in Rotary also believe that honest, open relationships with customers, co-workers, and employees are important, as are our relationships with all our fellow Rotarians and those we serve through Rotary.

True service gives us pure hearts when we bring it "inside the house." This is the reality behind Service Above Self. This is the reality of Rotary, the reality that inspires us and challenges us every day.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

ROTARY NEWS - 10 October

October is when Rotary emphasizes the involvement of Rotarians in the day to day application of the ideals of Vocational Service. Vocational Service is the responsibility of both a Rotary club and its members.

Firstly, as Rotarians, Vocational Service requires that we constantly focus our attention on personal adherence to the highest ethical standards in all our occupations. We do this by applying the Four Way Test in our daily work lives.

Is it the Truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

As Rotarians we also encourage devotion to these principles amongst all those we touch in our business lives - our employers, employees, associates, competitors, suppliers, customers and the public.

Secondly, each Rotary club combines the particular vocational talents and expertise of its members and uses them to develop programs that seek to solve the problems of society and meet the needs of our local and international communities. It is only when we truly apply these principles to our businesses and membership of Rotary that we can bring life to our principal motto of *Service Above Self*.

As Spring has arrived the Rotary Club is out and about allowing the Mansfield Rotarians to put Service Above Self into practice. Last Sunday Rotarians were out in force at the Trash and Treasure Market. Next Thursday will see the BBQ trailer at Mt Buller for the Jayco Herald Sun Cycle Tour to feed the masses. On Sunday 19th Rotarians will be out on the Maroondah Highway as part of Rotary's Adopt a Highway project.

All this is leading up to the big weekend of the High Country Festival. A presence at the Bush Market, the Art Prize in conjunction with the Hospital Auxiliary and of course the Grand Parade. Speaking of the parade, a big Thank You to High Country Hardwood for the donation of stakes for the float participants. An example of yet another local business helping Rotary to help others.

ROTARY NEWS - 17 October

This week saw Anne Irvin as our guest speaker at our weekly meeting. Anne is on the committee preparing for the Cancer Councils 2009 Relay for Life to be held at the showground in October next year. Rotary will be represented again by the Rotary Wheels team. This time around, Richard Kendall will be coordinating our efforts. At the last event, our team kept the club baton on the walking track for every minute of the 24 hours of the event. In the process, we walked over 300 laps, and we estimate that this equates to well over 20 kilometres.

Speaking of cancer, this month is International Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate Cancer is one of the major health issues facing Australian men, being the most common cancer diagnosed for either sex. Each year over 18,000 new cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed in Australia and tragically more than 3000 men have died of the disease in the past year. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia was set up by the Rotary Club of Lane Cove [NSW] in 1996 and since then has raised more than \$625,000, money used to fund research into this deadly disease. The Foundation has recently put together a DVD on living with prostate cancer. The Rotary Club of Mansfield will make available copies of this DVD to the people of Mansfield - details in a later column.



The Rotary BBQ was in attendance at Mt Buller for the end of our stage of the Jayco Herald Sun tour. A dozen Rotarians were kept busy feeding the riders, the officials and of course the hundreds of Mansfield Primary School students who cheered on the riders. Congratulations to all the students whose behaviour and manners were exemplary.

ROTARY NEWS - 24 October

This week sees probably Mansfield Rotary's busiest weekend of the year!

We start off on Friday night with the opening of the Hospital Auxiliary Art Show for which Rotary provides the acquisitive prize of \$1500 for the winner. This is the 32nd time that Rotary has been involved with the Art Show and the resulting store of paintings can be seen adorning the walls of Bindaree, the Hospital and the Council Offices.

When Saturday dawns you will find the BBQ trailer being set up at the Bush Market where Rotarians will feed you from breakfast to afternoon snacks. Meanwhile another group of members will be in High St organising the Grand Parade.

Sunday will see the BBQ trailer in the Botanic gardens looking after the contestants and on lookers at the Fun Run.

After a break on Monday, Rotary will again be at the Picnic Races on cup day manning the snack bar and serving everything from drinks to chips and dim sims and through to beef rolls and sausage sandwiches.

After all of that a few days rest before the Trash and Treasure Market on Sunday 10 November!

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The 17th District RYPEN Seminar will be held at the Lake Nillahcootie Camp, on the 20th to 22nd March, 2009. RYPEN in our District is designed to provide an enriching program for young people in the age groups covered by Year 10.

RYPEN has as its principal aim, to communicate to young people taking part in the program a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards and allow them to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

The program is challenging to young people as it is focused on activities that will increase their self-esteem and leadership skills as well as allowing opportunities for them to think about understanding themselves and how they relate to others.

For more information, please contact our New Generation Director, Glen Martin on 0427 752 619.

ROTARY NEWS - 31 October

As I write this report, we are only half way through the big weekend of events. The Hospital Art Show, for which Rotary provides the \$1500 prize began with a large gathering at the opening on Friday night - no room to swing a cat but plenty of cats on the canvasses! The Bush Market and the Grand Parade were also very well attended and we thank you for your support of Rotary.

This year our Rotary District 9790 has as a special emphasis in the Vocational Service field helping Men's Sheds. With this in mind, when the Mansfield Mens Shed sent out a request for a welder, the Rotary Club of Mansfield was only too happy to help. Last Thursday, our Vocational Director Neville Mathieson presented to Shane Swan, the welding course coordinator, a MiG160 Arc Welder.

Donations In Kind (DIK) is a program whereby Rotarians and Rotary Clubs source surplus goods and products within Australia that have no further use here. These goods however, are valuable to those in needy countries. In the financial year 2007-08 DIK in our region was a \$7.7 million enterprise. This is an increase over last year of \$2.2 million. If any reader has books, computers, office equipment etc, that may be of use in this program, please contact Ian Morley on 0427 180 418 to see if you can help Rotary to help others.

A big reminder that next Sunday is the Trash and Treasure Market. Our market is a blend of the new and the old. We have plants, craft and fruit & vegetables as well as pre loved goods. At the Recreation Ground from 9am till 1pm, come along for a browse, a purchase or maybe just a leisurely brunch from the Rotary BBQ.