R.I. PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

“It is one of my greatest priorities to encourage the involvement of families in Rotary service. I feel incredibly strongly that Rotary should never, ever come between the Rotarian and the family. Rotary service should be something that brings the family closest together.

“It is the family, and not the individual, that is the building block of the community - and of Rotary.”

DISASTER AID SAYS ‘THANK YOU’

What began in 2003 as a project of the R.C. of Endeavour Hills, working in partnership with the RC of Helston Lizard, U.K., has now grown to become a fully-fledged international humanitarian aid agency with Deductible Gift Recipient tax status, and a preferred supplier to the Australian Government (AusAid). DAA Chairman, David Langworthy, thanks “most sincerely the supporters of DAA, i.e. the Rotary Clubs, businesses and many individuals who have contributed so willingly to a great cause”.

….Rotary Down Under/Dec-Jan

SHELTERBOX NEWS

The R.I. Board of Directors and the Rotary Foundation Trustees have recently affirmed their mutual desire to develop a Project Partnership arrangement with ShelterBox. It is expected that a proposed agreement will be presented for Rotary International Board review at their Board meeting in January. ....Rotary Down Under/Dec-Jan
NEW OP-SHOP IN TOWN

Macedon Ranges Health will be opening a Community House and Op Shop in “The Cottage” in Hamilton Street, Gisborne, next to the old hospital.

Ladies from the CWA and others have volunteered their time to run the shop, and a call for goods will be advertised very soon.

EXCHANGE STUDENT DEPARTS FOR GERMANY

Jenny Lunn, the Rotary Club of Gisborne’s sponsored exchange student departed for Germany on 21st January. She is one of 18 other excited outbound students travelling to Europe, Scandinavia, Japan, Brazil and the USA. Jenny is a student of Sacred Heart College and comes from New Gisborne.

She will spend a year living and attending school in Germany while being hosted by members of the Rotary Club of St Wendel. Students aged 15 – 17 who are interested in spending a year on exchange overseas are invited to contact our club’s New Generations Director, Caroline Lee on 5428 2524.

NEWS FROM TATI

Just before Christmas, an email was received from Tatianna Machado, our exchange student from Brazil in 2009/10, sending everyone Christmas and New Year greetings. She is still working for the German shipping company and has been busy with work and university studies.

Tati hopes our new year will be full of peace, love, success and health!

….Ed. Elaine Gregory
ROTARY DAY

23rd February has been set for ROTARY DAY 2012 with the theme END POLIO NOW! Other Rotary News tells us that the 2014 Rotary International Convention will be held in SYDNEY!!

D.G.’S MESSAGE

“As you plan and review your own Club’s future initiatives this January, I encourage you to look back at what has previously worked in your Club - what has worked in terms of attracting new members, increasing your community profile, bringing in support, helping the community and improving your Club.”

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

D9800 has reduced the standard Conference registration rate from $495 down to $450, for the 8-th Melbourne conference, 9 – 12 March, 2012. Registration forms were distributed prior to the end of last year. Register at www.2012melbourne.com.au

THANKS FROM FOUNDATION

Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Bill Boyd sends a message to all Rotarians, and says his focus is on initials. They are E.R.E.Y. - the words are EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR, and he encourages every one of us to make an annual contribution to our Foundation.

Bill reminds us that despite the economic problems and the awful natural disasters, our giving to the Annual Programs Fund last year was the second highest in history. He urges all Rotarians to make the Rotary Foundation their charity of choice.

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

- TELL SOMEONE WHY YOU ARE A ROTARIAN
DECEMBER 2011 ATTENDANCE REPORT

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The % Average Attendance for December 2010 was 81%, so we are the same as Last Year. ....PP Lamping, Attendance Officer

DUTY ROSTER

Role: February / March:
Cashier  Michael R & Peter L / Diana T & Patti Y
Regalia   Kay Jones / Kevin Mortimer
Emerg/Welcome  Pat Bialobrzeski / Caroline Lee

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

Coming Up Soon - The GREAT Macedon Ranges Challenge, Sunday 29 April

This week at our club meeting we will be focusing on what's needed to make our major fundraiser of the year an outstanding success. Every member can help out in some way. The Macedon Ranges Challenge will be held on Sunday 29 April. There will be a 15 km run or three bicycle route options of 75, 115 & 130km (including a new Lancefield circuit). The run is in partnership with the Macedon Ranges Running Club. Many thanks to Gisborne Region Events Activities and Tourism Association (GREAT) for becoming our naming rights sponsor – it should make for a GREAT event!!

4-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

OUT AND ABOUT

R.C. of East Keilor is holding a Fundraising Dinner Dance for Cystic Fibrosis Support and the Alfred Hospital Lung Transplant Rehabilitation, at Moonee Valley Race Course, Inner Circle Room, on Saturday 19th May 2012, from 6.30pm. There will be entertainment, celebrity MC/s, a 3-course meal, and gift bags, plus an Auction/Raffle/Prize balloons, etc. with drinks at bar prices.

Tables of 10 @ $750, or $80 pp -- inquiries etc. Steve Pennicott 0408 193 793.