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IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING EVENTS
CHANGE OVER – SATURDAY JULY 8TH

Adam is earnestly importuning us to come along with friends and relatives, the bloke next door, his dog and anybody else we can find in order to provide good and economically very viable numbers for what promises to be a very enjoyable evening at Moonee Valley.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS
THURSDAY JULY 13TH

After several delays, the review and definite decision have been scheduled for this date despite the fact that Lauri proposed “an infinitum” as the period for postponement.

Lauri will present his expert opinion on the legality of the amendments proposed by Malcolm and it would be reasonable for all of us to have actually read them so as to be able to give an informed vote.

SPEAKING OF LAURI,

He will shortly be going in for a knee replacement and will take with us all of our best wishes for a very successful operation and speedy recovery.

MORE NEWS

Peter Johnstone reported that former member Malcolm Kemp has recently ridden a bicycle across the Arctic Circle. Peter seemed to have no more idea than the rest of us about how you ride a bike in the ice and snow.

After spending so much time on a bike saddle, I reckon that Malcolm is probably now suffering from an “Arctic Circle”.

FROM RI CONFERENCE

Denmark , Copenhagen – There is a common ground between Rotary's vision and the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals, which outline a bold, global plan for a world free of poverty, disease, and hunger by 2015, said the 14 June keynote speaker at the 2006 RI Convention, economist Jeffrey Sachs.

"Our generation is the first in the history of the world that can realistically say that we can lead to the end of extreme poverty on the planet in our time," said Sachs. Besides being the renowned author of *The End of Poverty*, he is the special advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and head of the UN Millennium Project.

Eight [Millennium Development Goals](#) were adopted by all of the world's leaders in September 2000. Sachs called the goals the only true route to peace on the planet at a pivotal moment in history.

The biggest obstacle in accomplishing the goals, he said, is defeatism on the part of world leaders – a group who doesn't understand the connection between the goals and global peace and security.

"Many of leaders say we can't even get started," he said. "I don't know if speaking to the world's leaders helps, but speaking to *you* does help. You are truly the world's leaders."

He likened the program's courageous goals to Rotary's ongoing partnership to eradicate polio. "It is your example of action that I use every day to try to convince world leaders, communities, and businesses that we can accomplish these great goals," Sachs said. He praised Rotary's community-based network of Rotary clubs as an admirable model of how to get things done for the good of humanity.

Some 78 [Millennium Villages](#) in 10 African countries are serving as models for the goals program. He urged Rotary clubs or districts to partner with the villages for straightforward projects, for example, providing inexpensive bed nets to fight malaria or even setting up village clinics.

"Rotary is the on-the-ground service provider. It's the one that gets into the villages," he said. "Your demonstrated leadership in putting the drops of vaccine into the mouths of children in all parts of the world is the model of service to bring an end to extreme hunger and disease."

"I want Rotarians all over the world to know, please count on me. We count on you," he said. "Thank you so much for what you do."

Sachs invited Rotarians to [contact him](#) with questions or to get reports.

FORTHCOMING AGENDA

- June 22nd - To be confirmed – Brunswick Neighborhood House representative.
- June 29th - Professor Babar Saeed – Principal of Not for profit educational institution in Pakistan. The professor is in Melbourne to attend the International Conference on Global Education.
- July 1st - Saturday Night: District Governors Change Over Dinner Dance.
- July 5th - No Thursday Meeting due to Changeover Saturday Night
- July 8th - Saturday Night: Change Over at Moonee Valley
- July 26th - Wednesday: Combined Meeting – more details as soon as they become available.
- July 27th - No Thursday Meeting due to Combined Meeting on the 26th