



Today we had a cosy, informal meeting, with no guest speaker, at the **Grandview Hotel**.



## TO ALL YOU GREEN THUMBS ... LISTEN UP!

Next week, November 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having **John Patrick** as our guest speaker. John has been on **Gardening Australia**, and will talk about **Garden DesignFest 2006**, which has been mentioned in previous bulletins, and is a project of the Rotary Club of Kew.

**All members** are encouraged to make an **extra effort** to come along to the meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds of the Sergeant's session and raffle for that day will go to ROMAC.

## Call for Garden DesignFest volunteers

Volunteers are sought to look after gardens at Northcote and North Melbourne for the DesignFest, which is being held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

The charities that receive the funds from the open garden scheme are:

- ROMAC
- Interplast Australia
- Children First Foundation
- Angel Flight



Garden DesignFest website: [www.gardendesignfest.org.au](http://www.gardendesignfest.org.au)

## Christmas is coming!

- Once again, the Rotary Clubs of Collingwood and Carlton wish to remind us all that Christmas cakes and puddings are available for purchase again this year. Proceeds from purchases of these items will be matched dollar for dollar and go towards the following two causes, being jointly funded by Collingwood and Carlton:
  - Senta Belong Helpim project -- helps and protects endangered children in remote North East PNG.
  - St Vincent's project -- extensively renovating the Fitzroy recreation facilities.

Barry will be looking after sales of the cakes and puddings – thanks Barry! Please give your orders to Barry.

**Christmas Cards** are available once again. Mel and Dean will bring them to each meeting, and they're \$10 for a pack of 10, with proceeds going to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.



## Coming weeks

- Rotary Club of Tullamarine are running "an evening of fantastic entertainment" with guest speaker Geoff Cox (Coxy) – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- RC Moonee Valley presents a Music Trivia Night on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 for 7.30pm (see attached info)
- **Rotary Club of Kew Garden DesignFest Saturday to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November.**
- Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> free for lunch at Sofitel Melbourne  
Bring a table of members to: The "Business of Winning" function this year again in support of Rotary Club of Camberwell's "Youth Suicide Research Project" with ARHRF and Orygen.
- The Australia-East Timor Association is again running an Independence Day Dinner for East Timor, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 for 7.00pm.

## This week's joke

*Courtesy of Peter Johnstone*

A tale of our times

A fleeing Al Qaeda guerilla, desperate for water, was plodding through the Iraqi desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he walked toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand selling neckties.

The Arab asked, "Do you have water?" The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5.00."

The Arab shouted, "Idiot Jew! Israel should not exist! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need water! I should kill you, but I must find water first."

OK", said the old Jew, "it does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the water you need. Shalom!"

Muttering, the Arab staggered away over the hill.

Several hours later he staggered back, now nearing collapse. He gasped, "Your brother won't let me in without a tie."

## Weekly Program

November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday lunchtime	John Patrick, Rotary Club of Kew to speak regarding Garden DesignFest
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday lunchtime	ARHRF (Australian Rotary Health Research Fund) regarding recent breakthroughs and the fund. <b>Note:</b> this is a regular lunch meeting, not an evening meeting!
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday lunchtime	Club AGM / RC Box Hill Central Operation Cleft presentation

## Other stuff

### **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE REQUIRED by THE SMITH FAMILY**

- Do you have a **normal drivers licence**?
- Ever wanted to **drive a Mercedes Vito** delivery van?
- Can you **volunteer** time on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>? (any or some dates)

Five hours driving and minimal lifting involved to collect toy donations for disadvantaged children this Christmas.

Please contact: MARK CUBIT [mark.cubit@smithfamily.com.au](mailto:mark.cubit@smithfamily.com.au)  
Ph: 0415 109 817 Fax: 9416 0725

### **POLIO PLUS UPDATE**

Rotary Greeting from THFSA!!!! It will find you in Best of Health & Rotary Spirit.

Our society feel honour and have a great pleasure to welcome all Rotarian who want to promote fellowship in Rotary.

If the Rotarians visit India to any district as GSE TEAM , PULSE POLIO TEAM, INTERNATIONAL PARTNER IN any MACHTING GRANT PROJECT, Family Friendship Exchange or for any other purpose and want to see the "TAJMAHAL" & nearby places ,the Rotarians of Agra will be happy to host & assist them.

Even our society can assist anyone in visiting the NORTHERN INDIA.

In Year 2001 to 2006 THFSA has Hosted many Rotarians who came from different parts of the world/districts on Polio NID's ,Friendship Exchange & on general pleasure trip . They all were hosted by Rotarians of Agra who have made this Taj Hosting & Fellowship Society & provided them the home hospitality & showed them Historical monuments along with the 2nd Wonder of World "TajMahal" & it has been always a good & new experience for us . For Live experience visit our below website :- For 2002 - 2003 + 2003 - 2004 , News Letters : - Kindly visit us at [www.geocities.com/tajhosting](http://www.geocities.com/tajhosting)

As National Polio Committees & Govt of India has declared Polio NID on – 12th – 26th November 06 7th January 07 11th February 07

If the Rotarians of your club and near by clubs or your friends want to participate for this noble cause on Polio National Immunization Day. Our society will love to host all of them and can assist them in their further pleasure trip.

Or if a Individual/Group of friends wants to celebrate New Year on 31st December 06 in a big way in the gathering of 2500 people & more and see the other part of India apart from Agra , They are also welcome by THFSA ..

If you accept our society invitation so inform us accordingly and be a partner in promoting Friendship and Goodwill of Rotary.

It will be appreciated to acknowledge this email with your valued suggestions .

Hope to meet you with your club members in near future.

TAJ HOSTING & FELLOWSHIP SOCIETY AGRA(District – 3110) Uttar Pradesh -INDIA POLIO PLUS – UPDATE

“Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm”- Winston Churchill

With two more endemic countries- Niger and Egypt-being declared Polio free, the psychological pressure on India to finish the race is mounting. Indian Union Finance Minister announced that “to eradicate Polio completely from the country by 2007, a massive immunization programme will be launched”.

The Polio Plus program in India has seen some major successes with 33 of the 35 states no longer being polio endemic. The dream seems closer to being realized now and efforts are being stepped up at various levels to wipe the slate clean.

This notwithstanding, India still remains one of the last four countries currently crippled by Polio. However, encouraged by the decreasing numbers, the Government of India, along with Rotary International’s India National Polio Plus Committee, and its various stakeholders, are together marching ahead to intensify all related activities. The message is on the wall for all to see. India has to be freed from the clutches of Polio and this can only be achieved if we are able to mobilize and concentrate all our resources to attain the target.

The years 2005 recorded an all time low of 66 cases spread across the country. Currently, in the early months of 2006, 36 cases have been reported so far from Uttar Pradesh(D-3100,3110) and Bihar states(D-3250), 24 and 12, respectively, as on 28 March 2006. Alarm bells have started ringing. Ever since the campaign began, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have posed the biggest challenge, with more than 90% cases still being reported out of these two States can be traced back to Poliovirus carriers originating from UP and Bihar. We need to concentrate once again on intense advocacy efforts at the district level in these States.

Eight rounds of Polio Immunization have been planned for the current year. Special attention is being paid to UP and Bihar states and the support of all community stakeholders is being sought the drive a success. The India National Polio Plus Committee is utilizing its maximum resources in these two States and special meeting with political leaders, bureaucrats and religious leaders are being planned. Apart from Booth Immunization, house-to-house immunization is long being aggressively pursued.

Foreign Rotarians from across the World are constantly visiting India and volunteering their time, money and efforts for the polio eradication program in our country. With their presence in the field, enthusiasm amongst Rotarians and Government officials goes up several notches.

Friends, there is no room for looking back. We have once again to plunge ourselves headlong into the battle against Polio and reinforce and revitalize Rotarians to make them rise to the occasion. Mind you, if we falter this time, we may not be able to achieve our goal.

For more information visit website [www.ourfoundation.info](http://www.ourfoundation.info) ,  
September.1 Newsletter in PDF Format - Page No.10,11,12 which is self explanatory. If you want to participate in above POLIO NID’S please do not hesitate to write me.

Yours  
Rtn Rishi  
Jt. Secretary  
Taj Hosting and Fellowship Society Agra  
Uttar Pradesh Agra India  
OUR BEST CHANCE EVER FOR A POLIO – FREE INDIA



Moonee Valley

The Rotary Club of Moonee Valley presents

FUN  
RAFFLES  
PRIZES  
HAMPERS

# MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 18th November 2006

Strathmore Bowling Club Loeman St, Strathmore

7.00 for 7.30pm till 11.30pm

BYO Supper. Drinks at bar prices.

Please book your tickets (and collect at the door)

Contact : Maureen Scully 0409 131 601

Rotary Club of Moonee Valley, P.O. Box 280, Essendon Vic 3040



YES I would love to purchase  tickets @ \$15.00 each

BYO supper. Drinks at bar prices.

Name:

Address:

P/C:  Ph:

Payment by:

Cheque  Visa  Mastercard  Bankcard  Diners Club

Expiry date:  /  Signature:

I am with table/group (8-10 per table):   Rotarian

For more information contact: Maureen Scully 0409 131 601