



**THE 5
AVENUES OF
SERVICE
CLUB
INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY
VOCATIONAL
NEW
GENERATIONS**

Next Week Wed 14 Sep
**1: Rebecca Carra Girl Guide Youth Centenary
Ambassador**
**2: Marcus Falay
Member Behind The Badge**
**"Marcus shoots from the hip on compulsory Military
Service in Turkey "**
Chair Jim O'Hara



NEXT WEEK A SPECIAL MAIDEN SPEECH



Rebecca Carra (aged 11) has been selected to represent the Maroondah Region as a Girl Guide Youth Centenary Ambassador. Her role is to speak to community groups about Girls Guides and the centenary of Girl Guides in both Victoria and Australia. So far Bec has spoken at Regional and District Guide Services, at her School (Mt Waverley North PS), she helped run a Guide Craft Table at the launch of Education Week, and she organised a promotion stall at the Whitehorse Farmers Market, and next week she is speaking at her Aunt's Rotary Club at Box Hill. When she is not at Guides she enjoys ballet and jazz, piano and swimming. Bec will be giving a short talk about the history of Girl Guides in Victoria and will have a PowerPoint with about 4 photos playing while she is talking. I am sure she is happy to answer questions. ♦

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wed 21 Sep Annette Rome McCreedy Foundation "Young People in Aged Care" Chair Fabienne Nichola
 Wed 28 Sep District Governor Keith Ryall Visit Chair David Baker

MEETING ROSTER

September : New Generations Month

Desk	Desk	Badge	Bar
Eric Heyburn	Adrian Campbell.	Lesley Daniels-King	Peter Pratt

October: Vocational Service Month

Desk	Desk	Badge	Bar
Ron Reed	Neil Hookey	Patrick Docherty	Joseph Orlando

IF UNAVAILABLE PLEASE ORGANISE YOUR REPLACEMENT

Club Meets
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
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MEET THE MANN WHOSE BEST MAN WAS A FAMOUS WELSHMAN.



3AW's Promotions and Marketing Manager

David Mann turned up the radio mic. last night and gave us a fascinating insight into the goings-on at Melbourne's most listened to radio station, 3AW. And with 38 years under the belt and AW's longest serving employee, no-one knows the business of radio better. David joined [3AW as an Office Boy](#) in 1973, moved into panel operating, became a cadet journalist and moved into announcing which he did for 15 years. He then progressed through various positions such as



Production Manager and Creative Director to his current position which he's held for twenty years.

David spoke about the personalities, places and faces he worked with during his career. "The funniest man I ever met was **Victor Borge**. Such a talent, a gentleman and he didn't swear." He also referred to Las Vegas based singer **Lovelace Watkins** and international singing star, *Anthony Dominick Benedetto (Tony Bennett)*. In fact, David has an unforgettable matrimonial moment associated with Las Vegas. David explained..."Tom Jones whilst on tour in Australia said during a chat, that if I wanted to come to 'Vegas' and get married there, he'd be my best man." Job done. David married Annie... and **Tom 'It's not unusual' Jones** was David Mann's best man.

Mention **Neil Mitchell, Derryn Hinch, Bruce and Phil, Gerald Healy, Dwayne Russell...even Yuri Geller** ("He really does bend spoons"), David knows them all. "Neil Mitchell is an incredibly hard working person...and never forgets to say 'thank you.' **Ernie Sigley** (no longer at 3AW) is the best interviewer of showbiz personalities. **Bruce and Phil**? Well absolutely nothing's rehearsed. **Darren James**, he's an incredible talent. And Mid-Dawn five days a week, it's got to be the toughest shift." David also told us about his firefighting exploits in the USA but perhaps best of all, his continued support for our Art Show. "As long as I'm here at AW, we'll support you." The Mann about Town then made his way home to Macedon. Thanks David! Well done

COMINGS AND GOINGS...

Good to see **Ron Reid** and **Lesley Daniels King** last night. **Pheng Ng** has been indisposed, is on the mend and hopes join us next week. **Gloria and Loreto Resubal**- have a great trip to Europe and the USA (back 15th October). **Geoff Angus**- thanks for returning to the 'Servants' home in Kew (same day as our morning tea visit- see sep. story), this time- with your Golden Retrievers for some dog therapy. Nice gesture! **Thank you New Gens Committee** and Chair **Richard Stewart** for allowing me to 'gate crash' your meeting last night at **Pierre and Lili-Ann Kriegler's**. It was an informative meeting involving a range of potential projects and fundraising options. Nice wine too!

BEREAVEMENT.

Very sorry to learn about the passing of Judy Pratt's father, Murray McIntosh who was in his 90's. The Club conveys its condolences to Judy, Peter and family.

NEXT WEEK. MARCUS TO SPILL THE BEANS!

Marcus (Falay) will let fly on his recent military service in Turkey. I can feel an international incident coming on. This will be preceded by **Rebecca Carra** (as in Chris & Di) who will tell us about the Centenary of Girl Guides. Everyone is welcome!

Participate and Enjoy your Week in Rotary. David Baker
(and Margret)



Bakers Delight,
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Road Balwyn

GRAHAM'S JUST HAPPY WITH HIS JIGSAW.



Graham and his Jigsaw with

"Every day above the ground is a bonus."

"I love doing jigsaw puzzles. Only problem is there's often one piece missing which drives me mad."

Graham is one of 30 or so residents at Servants Community Housing (Hamer Court) in Kew. Today, a handful of Camberwell Rotarians, loaded up with **delicious pastries donated by Bakers Delight in Balwyn**, spent a couple of hours mingling and musing with residents over coffee and pastries. Servants Community Housing is a not for profit housing organisation providing safe accommodation (Kew, Hawthorn and Canterbury), dignity and respect to vulnerable residents on low incomes.

Graham is a former machine operator who's had more than his share of bad luck. "I used to work at a windows manufacturing company. It was a terrible job but I enjoyed socialising with the

Kiwis there. Mum became ill so I left the job and looked after her. But it got to the stage I couldn't continue doing this. They cut the power to my home because I couldn't afford to pay the bills. She sadly passed away" Graham explained. "But I appreciated what looking after people was all about" he added. Graham has his challenges. One is living with diabetes, the other, completing his huge jigsaw puzzle (see photo). "I have some anger management problems and tend to swear a bit you know. I also had a bad road accident as a passenger in my mate's car and was unconscious for 10 days. I reckon every day above the ground is a bonus" Graham extolled with a glint in his eye. The other (eye) working out his next move the jigsaw puzzle.

Thanks to 'Servants' CEO Matt Maudlin and Rotarians, Peter Allen, Alan Lorenzini, Patrick Docherty, John DeCarro, Patrick Cunniffe, Jeevan (and son Moses) Vasimalla, Don Jago, Geoff & Denise Angus plus David & Margret Baker. It was a rewarding experience sharing time with a bunch of delightful residents and caring staff. It's just the beginning of the Servant's story and Camberwell Rotary. Graham definitely has a few more chapters to talk about... and a hundred or so jigsaw puzzles to show us! We'll be back. ♦

RECORD BAG OF SNAGS SOLD AT BUNNINGS SIZZLE!

An all time Club record was written on Sunday September 4 at Bunnings Hawthorn. Over 850 snags were sold resulting in a profit of **\$1,854.65 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.** True. No porky pies here! A fantastic Father's Day of fellowship, fun and hard work by an amazing group of cooks



and sales staff - Don Jago, Gary Goldsmith, Gordon Duxbury, John & Diana Phillips, Justine & Michael Paragreen, Patrick Docherty, Ross'Torbey, Rodger Madigan, Warwick Heil, Fabienne Nichola, Marcus Falay, drinks waiter extraordinaire John Maxwell and President David. Special thanks to **Fabienne** for coordinating, purchasing and 'working' the troops throughout the day. And thanks to **Don Jago** for purchasing **10 x Rotary Club Camberwell blue aprons** which did the job very well and identified just who we were to all and sundry...and the BBQ police! A cheque will be

presented to Bunnings and the Prostate Cancer Council at our Club Meeting on Wed. 21st September.

Thank you Rob and Glenda Davies (again) for providing hundreds of sausages and 36 loaves of Davies Bread. **Our next Bunnings Sizzle is on Friday 30 September at Bunnings Box Hill.** More details soon regarding volunteers etc. ♦

GOAL TO RID WORLD OF POLIO BY END OF 2012 'OFF TRACK'

By Jane Dreaper Health correspondent, BBC News



A plan to rid the world of polio by the end of next year is "off track", say international experts.

India is praised for having had just one case of polio in the first six months of this year.

But the report by independent monitors warns that Pakistan "risks becoming the last global outpost of this vicious disease". It has also resurfaced in four other countries.

There were around 1,000 cases of polio worldwide last year.

The virus remains present in Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan and in the countries where it has resurfaced, there have been twice as many cases - 162 - as there were in the endemic countries.

The experts are particularly concerned about new cases in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chad.

"Tackling the remaining 1% of polio is the greatest challenge yet." [Sir Liam Donaldson Independent Monitoring Board](#)

'Vicious disease'

England's former chief medical officer, Sir Liam Donaldson, is leading the board monitoring the efforts of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which works to support the goal set in 1988.

Sir Liam said: "Polio is a very resilient disease. There was a big impact in tackling it in the first two decades since the goal.

"But we still have this very big rump of cases left behind. Tackling the remaining 1% of polio is the greatest challenge yet.

"India has done something simple - it's run very high quality vaccination campaigns. They have public health leaders who are meticulous in making sure every child is vaccinated.

"If they can do it, why can't other countries?"

Polio is highly infectious - and tends to strike children aged under five. It invades the nervous system, leading to irreversible paralysis. There is no cure, but a vaccine of mouth droplets can give good protection.

Untrained vaccinators

"It is alarming and bad for morale that there are still surprise outbreaks." [Independent Monitoring Board](#)

Sir Liam and his colleagues say strong political and community leadership is important in the countries with polio outbreaks. They also identify a funding gap of £366m.

The report highlights problems that occur within some vaccination programmes. In one part of Pakistan, paid vaccinators had sub-contracted their tasks to untrained children.

And in another campaign, the vaccinators stood passively at their post in the town square, rather than mingling with the crowds and encouraging immunisation.

The monitoring board said: "Our view remains that stopping polio transmission needs to be treated as a global health emergency. "Fourteen countries have had polio outbreaks since the start of 2010. It is alarming and bad for the programme's morale that there are still these surprises.

"Polio eradication is still possible in the near-term if there is enhanced political commitment, secure funding and strengthened technical capacity."

Rotary International, which is part of the Eradication Initiative, said: "We welcome this frank assessment of the programme.

"We will work with our members in countries affected by polio to follow the board's recommendation of creating a checklist, to enhance the impact of the immunisation teams and ensure standardisation." ♦

POLIO ERADICATION WITHIN REACH, DESPITE CONCERNS

Mary P. Torre, 2010-11 president of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, Guam, immunized children in Mukand Pur, Delhi, India, during a National Immunization Day in March. Among polio-endemic countries, India has recorded the fewest cases – one – in 2011.

Among the key goals of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) is interrupting transmission of the wild poliovirus by the end of 2012. Although the GPEI [Independent Monitoring Board](#) (IMB) reported in July that this goal may be in jeopardy, it also noted signs of progress and provided several recommendations that could help get the program back on track.

The GPEI has made significant steps forward since the launch last year of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine. Among the four polio-endemic countries, India has reported only one case of polio so far this year. The country “is on track to interrupt transmission this year,” the [report](#) states.

“The northern part of India, where most of the problem had been, hasn’t had one case in 15 months,” adds Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee.

The other polio-endemic countries are Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. The IMB report cites good progress in Afghanistan while spotlighting the challenge of immunizing children in conflict areas. Nigeria also has been making good headway but, following elections in April, needs to sustain the political commitment required to ensure eradication of the disease.

In Pakistan, cases doubled in the first six months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010. The report commended the country’s high-level commitment to polio eradication through its national emergency action plan, launched in January, but added that the plan needs to make a stronger impact at the local level. The report also expressed concern about controlling polio in countries with re-established transmission, including Angola, Chad, and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Despite these challenges, [polio cases worldwide](#) decreased almost 50 percent during the first six months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010.

“Type 3 polio numbers have dropped to 15 this year,” says Scott, referring to one of only two strains of the wild poliovirus that remain. “It appears type 3 will soon be eradicated completely.”

Health experts believe that eradicating polio, rather than trying to control the disease, is both feasible and essential. “There are approximately a dozen countries where polio gets reported sporadically, and those cases can all be traced back to the four countries where transmission has continued,” says Robert Murphy, director of the Centre for Global Health at North-western University in Illinois, USA. “If we focus on those four countries, the cases in the other countries are going to evaporate.

“It’s very important to finish the job soon, because we’re so close. If we back off now, the problem is going to get bigger and even more expensive.”

Finishing polio once and for all, the IMB report states, will require enhanced political commitment, secure funding, and strengthened technical capacity.

“The eradication of polio is the responsibility of every government,” says Scott, noting the unanimous decision in 1988 at the World Health Assembly to pursue that goal. “Rotarians in every country must continuously talk it up with their fellow Rotarians and, at every opportunity, with their political leaders, to ensure support, both financial and moral.”

During a [TED](#) conversation in July, Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization’s assistant director-general for polio eradication and related areas, called Rotarians’ efforts at the international and grassroots levels “incredibly powerful for a global health initiative like polio eradication.”

Everyone can help end the disease, Aylward said, by providing funding and reminding their communities and government leaders that polio still exists and causes tremendous suffering.

“We have the chance to ensure that no child ever suffers from polio again, and each of us plays a role in that,” he said ♦



PRESIDENT IN MIND AND SPIRIT

On some days, when you pass his office on the 18th floor of One Rotary Centre in Evanston, Illinois, USA, you will see Kalyan Banerjee seated at a large, round table with nothing on it, save for a few sheets of paper on which he is intently writing in longhand. Backlit by huge windows that offer a panoramic view of Chicago, and with his head down, Banerjee often appears to be in deep concentration, a man with a singular and urgent task.

He has been marshalling his energies for Rotary since 1972, when he joined the fledgling club in his hometown of Vapi, India. Around the same time, the young chemical engineer was starting up a small company to produce red phosphorous, an essential ingredient in fertilizer. Under Banerjee's leadership, United Phosphorous Limited blossomed into the largest agrochemical manufacturer in India. And Vapi, due in no small part to the work of the local Rotary club, has been transformed from a sleepy village into a major industrial centre in Gujarat State.

Over the last four decades, Banerjee has served Rotary as a district governor, president's representative, committee and task force chair, Rotary Foundation trustee, and director. He also has been a member of the International PolioPlus Committee, heading up initiatives that have spurred Rotary's polio eradication efforts in India.

Now, almost to his own amazement, Banerjee is the organization's 101st president and the third from India.

Reading list : On this day in his office, next to the papers on his round table, is a copy of Martin Meredith's 3-inch-thick volume *The Fate of Africa*. Reading is a passion of Banerjee's, and over the last year, he has had more opportunity to indulge it while travelling around the world in preparation to take over the presidency from Ray Klinginsmith, of Missouri.

Banerjee says that his well-worn briefcase usually contains at least two books and his two favourite magazines: *Time*, which he has read nearly every week since 1961, and the *Economist*. "I like reading about people who have done well and have led their country to great heights," he says. Apropos of that, the briefcase presently holds a biography of Nelson Mandela.

Banerjee seems relaxed today, possibly because because his wife, Binota, is beside him. Together, they are relating what a typical day is like for them.

They estimate that during the past year, they have spent about half of their time in Vapi, a third at their apartment in Mumbai, where United Phosphorous has its main office, and the remaining time travelling and taking care of Rotary business.

Regardless of where his day begins, Banerjee says, it usually starts around 5:30 a.m. and always begins with yoga – no surprise for someone who has chosen the RI theme *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. "I do yoga for anywhere between half an hour and 45 minutes every morning," he says. "When we're in Vapi, I usually work with a yoga teacher who comes to my house. I love doing that with him – it is better than doing it alone. Then I go for a walk or a workout at the company gym, which is just about five minutes from where we live."

"I like reading about people who have done well and have led their country to great heights."

In Vapi, Binota says, "our home is an open house. Anybody – everybody – comes and goes. At breakfast, I never put just two plates on the table. It's always six plates, because people come to meet with Kalyan, and early morning is a good time. At dinner, it is the same thing. I put out two extra plates, and sometimes that is not enough."

She says, and her husband readily admits, that he frequently forgets whom he has invited. It's a habit that she has no trouble forgiving, because, she explains, "it's very easy to make chapattis" – the delicious flatbread that's a staple of their daily diet.

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Banerjee says the parade of visitors does not necessarily thin out after dinner. "It can go on very late," he explains, "particularly nowadays, because we are home less often, so people come to share whatever thoughts, ideas, and plans they have – or to discuss problems. We run a lot of Rotary projects – schools, colleges, hospitals – so there are many issues to go over: issues with teachers and students, issues with buildings, issues about the future of the institution. It is busy throughout the day."

When possible, he says, he likes to squeeze in a midafternoon "power nap," followed by a cup of tea. "I like to work late at night; I do my best work then. Everything seems peaceful and kind of fits in when I'm alone."

But late-night work opportunities are not abundant at the Banerjees' home in Vapi. With five bedrooms and only the two of them living there, they say, overnight guests are commonplace and often take a place at the breakfast table. Two spots used to be reserved for the Banerjees' children, but they are now adults – a son who lives in Australia and a daughter who lives in Canada. Each of them has two children, who get to visit their grandparents at least twice a year, despite the distance.

A nurse and social worker, Binota takes a certain pleasure in recounting the birth of her second grandchild, in Toronto. She took her daughter to the hospital at around 1 a.m., all but certain that she was nearly ready to deliver. The obstetrical nurse at the hospital insisted that she was not even close to being ready and advised them to go back home in the middle of the night. No sooner had the nurse walked away than Binota's daughter went into labour. "The delivery took place within half an hour from when we arrived at the hospital," says Binota, laughing. "I know myself, I know my family."

Increasingly, she and her husband say, Rotary has become their family. "Rotarians are the people we connect most and best with," says Banerjee. "Over time, Rotary has steadily gained importance in our lives."

Although he has been a Rotarian for nearly 40 years, Banerjee says he has learned a lot about the organization over the last year in particular. "I've learned that Rotary is very well organized and has a strong system. It's up to me to use it to maximum advantage for the organization," he says. "A club is as good as its president, as good as its leader. A good leader makes a good club; an indifferent leader makes an indifferent club. Helping the leadership is what I would consider my job as president. I think my real function is to inspire and motivate and help people do their work for Rotary."

Leading equals : Banerjee says he is "very much looking forward" to working with John Hewko, Rotary's new general secretary. "I see him as a person who has had a lot of experience in big organizations and business, and a lot of international exposure – different countries and cultures, systems and methods," he says. "I think he is a very corporate-oriented person, and I think Rotary needs that, for the sake of efficiency and to be more current. At the same time, Rotary is an organization of service and fellowship. We don't want to lose that touch. It will be an exciting challenge to bring both of these elements together – the efficiency and systems and methods of a tight, modern organization, coupled with the fact that Rotary is a universal blend of all kinds of cultures, countries, thought processes, and perspectives."

He says the special challenge of being president of Rotary International is that, "in a sense, you are leading equals. When I say 'equals,' I am really trying to say those who are better than you, or more capable, in doing whatever they are especially good at. A person can come to a Rotary meeting feeling certain about his views on a subject. But when you sit around that table and hear the views of others, you realize that they're equally valid, important, and relevant – so much so, you may completely change your mind. It's a very humbling experience, and yet the respect with which they treat you is amazing."

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LAST MEETING DETAILS

Guests of Members
Bernie Casey : Aub McLaren
Visiting Rotarians:
Apologies:

Atkinson	Blood	Campbell	Farmer
Landsberg	Leigh	Matthews	Miller
Munro	Nolan	Pratt	Spry
Steven	Tamlyn	Hope	

Raffle Winner:
Joseph Orlando

LAST WEEK PUZZLE THIS IS A MEXICAN ON A BICYCLE
THIS WEEKS PUZZLE FIND THE REPEATED WORD



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on the first.
F. Wilcox.

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Because of the quality of the people within the organization, he says, "I don't know that I necessarily need to provide leadership. I think it's more a case of being able to provide direction."

Whatever the case, it's clear that Banerjee, because of his origins and experience, has gained an understanding of Rotary at many levels, as he mentioned in his acceptance speech at last year's RI Convention in Montréal. "In a way, some parts of India still exemplify a developing country, and this gives me perhaps a different perspective on Rotary's international service," he said. "I have seen the impact that our simplest projects can have. I have seen firsthand our work in literacy, in health, in hunger, in providing safe water – and I have seen the difference it makes to each village, each family, and each individual human life." ♦



Kalyan and Binota Banerjee visit a classroom in India.

Birthdays

Betul Falay Sept 7

Club Anniversaries

Aubrey McLaren Sept 7 17 Years

Wedding Anniversaries