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This photo was taken at our
Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 3rd
December.

Christmas wishes for Deanna,
the Bunnings Activities -
Coordinator, accepting a
Rotary Christmas cake from
Barbara Rafter and Ginny
Billson.

Our thanks go to Community
Director Gerard Mahoney for
organising the cake from
Bendigo Bank.

President's Report

by President Deb Sloggett

Hello everyone,

This time of year, is a reminder of how time seems to speed up and all of a sudden, another year has gone, Christmas is upon us and summer (hopefully) is near. The silly season some call it. Well, however each one of it sees it I know for some it can be a time of pressure. So, let's continue to look after one another and support where support is needed.

This week we are going to participate in an activity which may seem small and maybe insignificant, but the intention is clear. Gateway West Cluster - Rotary clubs - Keilor East, Keilor and Brunswick/Tullamarine are coming together with D9800 DG Amanda Wendt and AG Justin Wibrow to pack sunflower seeds. "Sunflowers for Ukraine" - a project raising funds for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. We will place the seed packs in a display/donation box and find a generous business owner willing to have the box on their counter. Then it is up to generous citizens to donate and what we raise will go to much needed aid for the people of Ukraine. Sunflowers are the national flower of Ukraine.

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Report by President Deb Sloggett (continued)



The past 2 weeks have been a little quieter for me but again we have had two terrific speakers to inspire and make us think. Grant Hocking, D9800 Foundation Chair reminded us of the excellence of our very own charity "Rotary Foundation". Still rated as one of the best charities in the world. As a club we can attest to the generosity of foundation with numerous grants we have received over the years and currently have 2 grants for our project in Cambodia. Grant acknowledged our members who are very generous donors to foundation. I also want to share in this acknowledgement and express my gratitude to all those who give.

We were also very privileged to welcome Judite – Rotarian from Timor Leste. Judite and Jane Odgers - Coordinator for Days for Girls(D4G) Timor Leste and also from– Essendon D4G group shared with us what the group has been doing and the impact of the work from D4G in Timor. I was lucky enough to have a meal with Judite at Cherrie's place and learn a little more of her. Fun fact – she hosts a radio program 5 nights a week which she calls a 'romance' show.

The club had their (1st) Christmas party on Wednesday the 30th November. Members and guests attended the hospitality 'school' at VU and enjoyed time together in a beautifully decorated room. Some of us including me couldn't attend but our festivities don't finish with this night. We have our 2nd Christmas party planned for Monday December 12th @ Windy Hill.

Myself and Cherrie were invited to Rotary Passport Melbourne's Christmas get together. We went to McCracken's at Essendon Fields and had a lovely lunch with great company. I look forward to more shared meals and happy chatter and will appreciate it so much more this year after missing it for a couple of years.

Till next time
President Deb
President 2022-2023

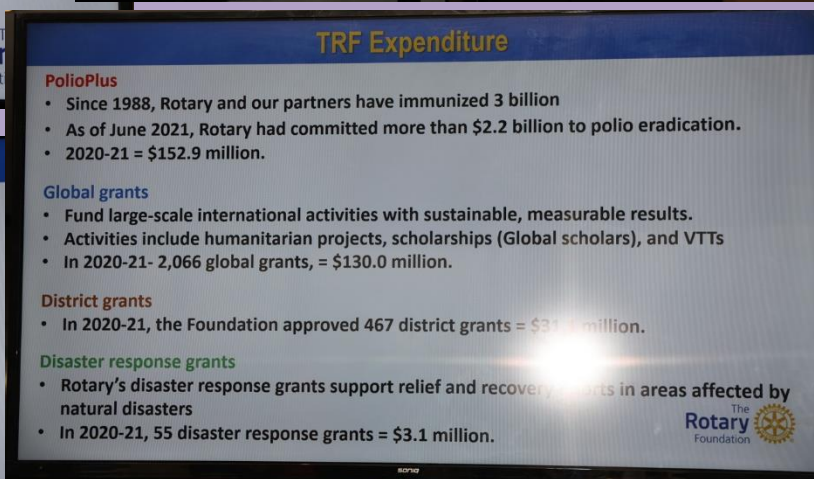
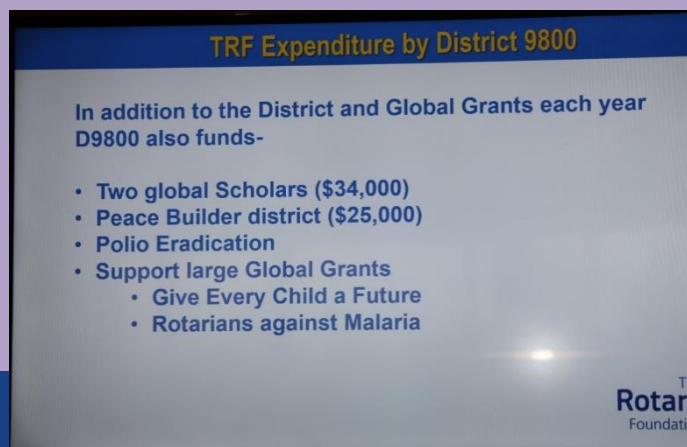
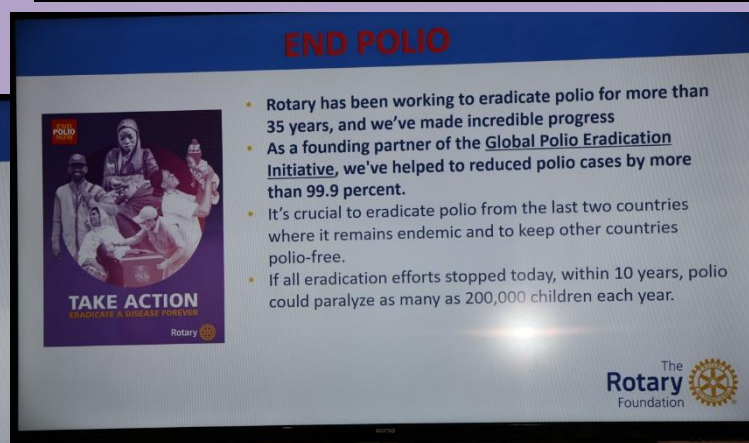
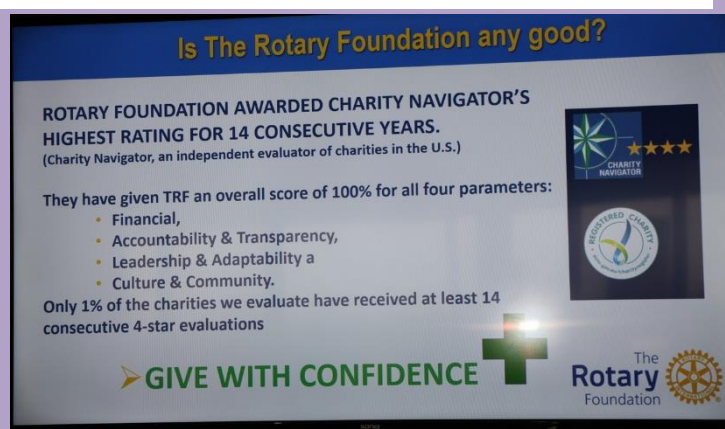


Above Left : Foundation Cheques presented to Grant Hocking. Above Right: Dinner at Cherrie's home L to R : Aviv Palti, Marianne, Jane, Karen, Judite, Cherrie, Deb and David Dippie.

Guest Speaker - Grant Hocking - District 9800 Foundation Chair - Monday 21st November 2022



L to R: Our Rotary Foundation Chair, John Rafter, President Deb Sloggett and District Foundation Chair, Past District Governor Grant Hocking of Woodend Rotary Club. Below are just some of the slides from Grant's excellent Presentation. John and Deb presented cheques from our funds for The Rotary Foundation - \$500 for Polio Plus and \$3500 for the Annual Giving Fund.



Guest Speakers - Jane Odgers - Essendon Vic Team Leader Days for Girls International and Judite Martins from Dilli Rotary in Timor Leste



Keilor East Rotary has been supporting the Balibo Project in Timor Leste for several years. The Day's For Girls Team begun by Keilor East Rotarians Cherrie Osborn and Marianne Potgieter has constructed hundreds of Days for Girls Kits and sent them to Timor Leste through Rotary's Donations in Kind (DIK) store. Team Leader Jane Odgers gave an excellent overview of the work of the group which meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the Essendon Baptist Church Hall in Buckley Street Essendon.

Jane introduced Judite Martins from Dilli Rotary in Timor Leste. As Days for Girls coordinator of Timor Leste, Jane told us of the connection formed with Judite, who was initially introduced to our DFG team by our President Elect David Dippie. David had been involved with projects in Timor Leste with Keilor Rotary.

Judite oversees the arrival and distribution of the DFG kits to secondary schoolgirls and makes certain that the students receive educational instruction on their use as well as some information about human reproduction. The subject has traditionally not been spoken about in the local culture, so the Days for Girls flip charts in the local language are invaluable.

Jane also introduced Giselle DiGiacomo who has just completed Year 12 at St Columbas in Essendon. Giselle has been part of a team of students who have been helping at Days for Girls Sewing Days. As part of a VCAL project she chose to design and print some fabric on pure cotton (needed for absorption in the DFG kits). Giselle explained that she had gained a lot of confidence through the process, and she felt happy to have been able to contribute to such a worthwhile project as Days For Girls.



Above Left: Jane Odgers with Giselle and the fabric she designed and printed for Days for Girls. Above Right: The Days for Girls executive (L to R: Janice Young, Marianne Potgieter, Jane Odgers and Lisa Lowcock from Essendon Rotary) with Judite Martins from Timor Leste and Giselle DiGiacomo.

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Leader Days for Girls International
and Judite Martins from Dilli Rotary in Timor Leste



Above : Keilor East Rotarians and visitors on Monday 28th November 2022. Photos by Yvonne Osborn.

Above: L to R Helen Penna, Janice Young, Judite Martins, Giselle Di Giacomo, Jane Odgers, Lisa Lowcock and Cherrie Osborn.
Right: Giselle and Judite with our Meeting venue's stunning view.



**Our Christmas Celebration at VenU Restaurant, Victoria University
November 30th, 2022**



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for a wonderful Festive Season 2022**



Upcoming Events – Food Drive for Asylum Seekers Resource Centre



Bring items to our
Rotary Meeting on
Monday 5th or
Monday 12th
December



Above: Some examples of the kinds of items required by the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speaker on Monday 5th December 2022 –District Governor 9800 – Amanda Wendt Pictured here with our President Deb Sloggett



District Governor Nominee Amanda Wendt sets her sights on the next generation

By Tricia Reardon (Article on District 9800 Website)

Perhaps it was a sliding doors moment when Amanda, as an elite track athlete in Brisbane in 2007/8 met a young American Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and agreed to accompany him to several Rotary events prior his return to California. She'd never heard of Rotary up to that point. Fast-forward to 2018 and Amanda, as a member of the Rotary International Communications Committee, was invited by RI President Barry Rassin to address International Assembly in San Diego on how to attract, engage and activate millennials. Seated in the front row was the American Ambassadorial Scholar who had first introduced her to Rotary.

But that is exactly what happens in Rotary ... people connect and build life-long friendships. And it is this that Amanda has enjoyed so much about her Rotary journey. While she only joined in 2010 – not a long time some would consider given what's ahead for her in 2022-23 – Amanda has amassed an incredible depth of experiences at club, district and even international levels. Her Rotary CV reads a little like her career CV, but then that's not surprising, as there has been a common thread running through both. Communication, connection, trust and relevance weave through all she does.

This article won't go into her successful Rotary and career experience, (readers can [click here](#) to read about that), but rather the vision that Amanda is forming for her role as District Governor 2022-23. As the youngest Governor for District 9800, it's not surprising that one key focus will be on attracting younger people to Rotary. "They love causes, but want flexibility," advises Amanda. "Giving them easy hands-on projects where they can see an immediate impact is what will attract them and expose them to Rotary." The weekly Secondbite food collection at Prahran Market, championed by Bob Glindemann, is a standout example of such a project.

Added to this, Amanda is keen to encourage the idea of satellite clubs, ensuring the sponsoring club remains healthy and thriving, but providing flexibility of Rotary involvement for differing demographics, like Southbank's CEO and Millennial Satellite Clubs.

Amanda's final focus will be on how we can do fund raising to bring in the general public. She cites the example of the work Sue Foley has done with the Celtic Festival where 80% of participants were non-Rotarians. The publicity this gave Rotary, Australian Rotary Health and 'Lift the Lid' is where Amanda sees great opportunity. She is interested to see what else can be done at District level to encourage this type of activity, as well as collaboration between cluster groups to stage these events and hands-on projects. Encouraging clubs to think beyond their own club boundaries is something she feels is important so that Rotarians are able to see the broader Rotary world and possibilities to do good.

Amanda will do things differently as Governor. She will still be working full-time whilst also committing to Rotary. She has observed the efficiencies that can be achieved through technology and strong lines of communication and collaboration. She hopes this will encourage others to see that it is possible to take up Rotary leadership roles despite having busy lives.

Given all she has achieved so far, there is no doubting that DGN Amanda Wendt will bring a blend of energy and new thinking to the Governor's role, while paying genuine homage to all who have gone before.

Our Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting is on Monday 5th December at Legends Room, Windy Hill at 7pm. Many of us meet for dinner from the menu in the Bistro from 6pm



We will be meeting on Monday night at Windy Hill Centre for dinner in the bistro at 6pm. We will move upstairs for our 7pm meeting. We will welcome **Amanda Wendt** our current District Governor and members from our Cluster Clubs - **Keilor and Brunswick/Tullamarine**. We will be doing a "hands on" project on the night packing sunflower seeds to sell to support the people of Ukraine.

I will set up a zoom link if you want to watch what we are doing or to hear from Amanda.

We will start collecting items for our Christmas hamper over the next two weeks that we will donate to The Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (we no longer have the contact with the Men's refuge that we have supported in the past.)

See attached photos on Page 7 for the suitable needs they have at the moment. Bring items on the 5th or 12th December.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow for our 2nd last meeting for the year.

Helen (Secretary)

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Windy Hill Bistro



We welcome your suggestions for future Guest Speakers. Email keiloreastroty@gmail.com

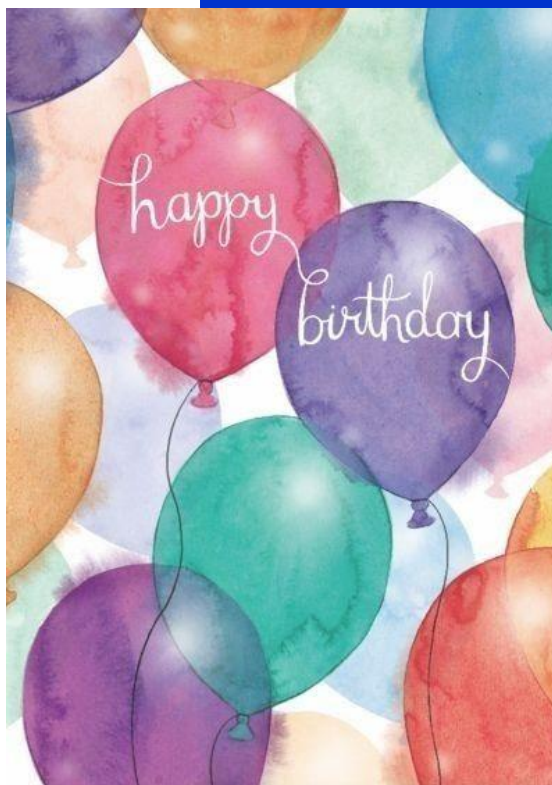
Date	Day	Speaker/ Event	Contact
December 5	Monday	District Governor Amanda Wendt's Visit - Cluster Clubs (Keilor Rotary and Brunswick/Tullamarine Rotary) included	Deb Sloggett
December 12	Monday	Last Meeting for 2022 - Social Night	
January 16	Monday	Pizza Night at Cherrie Osborn's	Cherrie Osborn
January 23	Monday	First Meeting at Windy Hill for 2023	Deb Sloggett David Dippie
Save the Date for 2023 Moonee Valley Art Show			
May 18	Thursday	Set Up for Moonee Valley Art Show Volunteers Required	Keilor East Rotary members of MVAS Committee Gerard Mahoney Phil O'Brien Chris Rundell Tina Ballos David Dippie Yvonne Osborn Sponsors and /or Volunteers welcome at keiloreastrotary@gmail.com
May 19	Friday	Gala Opening of Moonee Valley Art Show at St Bernard's College Keilor East Volunteers Required	
May 20	Saturday	Moonee Valley Art Show Volunteers Required	
May 21	Sunday	Moonee Valley Art Show Volunteers Required	

Our new Program Director, David Bennett, assisted by President Nominee David Dippie, will be coordinating a program of Guest Speakers and activities for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.
Your ideas are welcome keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

Club Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

December 6: Steve Pennicott
December 10: Alison Perrottet
December 11: Liz Albioli
December 15: Emma Ebrahim
December 21: Howe Tan
December 28: Don Tucker
December 29: Patrick Honeyborne
December 31: Vanda Mullen



Wedding Anniversaries

December 6: Tina Ballos and John Young
December 8: Ian and Cathy Wright
December 9: Deb and Colin Akers
December 10: Tony and Margaret Thomas
December 19: Peter and Rachel Tomlinson



Rotary Anniversaries

December 1: Brett Bedson 1993
December 1: Steve Pennicott 1991



Member News

Happy
70th
Birthday
Phil



Happy 70th Birthday to Phil O'Brien for November 30th. We spent the evening celebrating with a Rotary themed cake at VenU Restaurant at Victoria University's Nicholson Campus in Footscray. It was also a chance to have an early Christmas meal with our Keilor East Rotary family. We thank Ginny Billson (below) for organizing such a great evening.

Below L to R: Alex Billson, Kanchana Jayasuriya and Ginny Billson.



It would be great to get more photos of our members and families for our next Newsletter. Send to my phone 0411773360 or email to keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

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Keilor East Community Bank has been an outstanding sponsor of our Club projects over many years. We are very appreciative of their generosity and support and urge Members, family and friends to use the bank which supports its local community. Tina Ballos who is a member of the Rotary Club of Keilor East, is the Branch Manager. Our Past President, Gerard Mahoney is Chairman of the Bank Board.

We are also very grateful to have the sponsorship of Smart Storage World in Keilor East for the storage of our Club trailer. We appreciate their support for us and urge Club Members and friends to make use of this local business.

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