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**District 9790**

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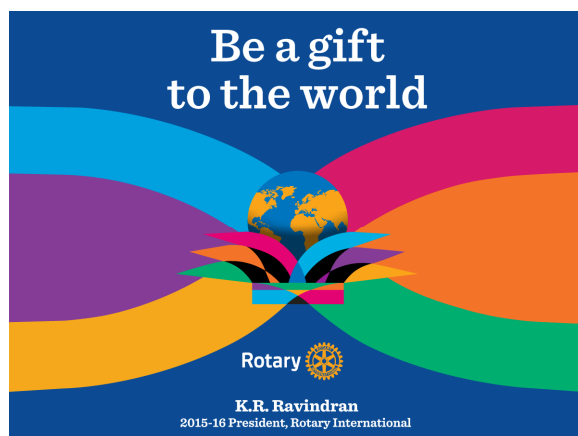
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## ROTARY CHEERS VOLUNTEERS

Introducing Speaker Brett Allchin, Chair Carla Finocchiaro stressed Rotary's banner-call to service. In outlining the meaning of the word *volunteer* she used the word '*freelance*' for individuals who, without the support of an organized body and employing their own initiative and time, manage to . . . .



Rotarian Brett Allchin has been 27 years serving with the Salvation Army. This has given him wide experience as well as academic qualifications. He sees volunteerism as the centerpiece of Rotary. *"It keeps the world spinning"*. While the present day norm is driven by immediate enjoyment and saving for an enjoyable future, one can puzzle over why people give up time, money and energy to serve.

Why volunteer? Is it giving without return? No. Public opinion backs the experts' finding that it is a boost to one's confidence and self-esteem. It gives one a sense of pride and identity. Volunteers are happier, healthier and sleep better. (At this moment Brett's mobile sounded!)

Statistics included: m6.1 over 24 years of age are involved in formal volunteering (clubs, organizations etc.); 20% of these volunteers involve persons with disabilities, illness etc; 49% are services given to persons outside their own household. Some would explain that it was the right thing to do, while most would be see themselves as responding to a cause and rather than an organizational call. Current findings say that volunteers are doing so for less time than in the past and that organizations such as the CFA and SES are experiencing the pinch. People seem to be responding due to word of mouth, self-referral or because a fellow contact is involved.

Brett finished with a powerful example of Mother Teresa and the statement: *"Volunteerism is the most important work in the world"*.

## VOLUNTEER AWARDS:

### *"To JENNY CHENG in recognition of the volunteering of her services over the years"*

In introducing Jenny, David Warry spoke of her having suffered a stroke 22 years ago. In seeking rehabilitation she approached the local Council - Boroondara. With nothing on offer, Jenny set up the Boroondara Stroke Survivors Group. Today it flourishes as one the state's most active and successful. Membership is strong with medical research personnel often using their members. Recently the council gave the Survivors Group a building in High Street, Kew.

Then her group ran a photographic exhibition at the Darebin Centre. Jenny discovered a great need for a Chinese support group in the area. A Darebin club is now flourishing. Jenny has joined the Rotary Club of Kew. As David remarked *"It is all about regaining confidence to live a normal life"*.



*Carla Finocchiaro, Duilio Malavisi, Jenny Cheng, Ines Malavisi*



**"To DUILIO MALAVISI in recognition of the volunteering  
of his services over the years"**

After schooling in Bayreuth, Damascus and Bethlehem, Lou Malavisi arrived in Australia in 1954. He ran a mechanics business in Plenty Road for 35 years. Shortly after his arrival he saw the needs of the Melbourne Italian community. Over the past 60



years he has been managing and conducting the renowned choir based at the Capuchin Italian centre in Hawthorn. To him the needs of the local Italian community were obvious and in no time he had the Italian Pensioner Club going in Preston. It flourished and today has 500 members.

Lou recently established a Preston choir, Il Coro Arcobaleno. For a while he was a tourist guide at Pentridge and still is a volunteer-driver of the Darebin Community Health bus.

## **CLUB NEWS**

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Jenny Cheng accompanied by Doris Warry, Luigi and Ines Malavisi and Mel Riel. Also in attendance were 11 choir members of the Coro Arcobaleno.

**DRAMA ON BELL STREET AND ST GEORGES ROAD!** Last Wednesday outside the R.S.L. the traffic came to a dramatic halt. Passengers immediately alighted and stood silently by their cars. Reason? It was the power and passion of the voices of those present at the Club meeting as they sang the National Anthem. It must be added that the voices of Il Coro Arcobaleno members who also attended did carry some weight!



**INTERVIEWERS:** It is a training session for students at Thornbury High School. June 24, a Friday afternoon, and Elaine Price is seeking volunteers to do the mock interviews for students many of whom are from challenged households.

**HEARTS IN MIND:** The Club received a note of thanks from the Reservoir Neighbourhood House for its recent financial contribution. There is a growing number of families locally which have children living with autism and other long term needs. Currently the related programmes are unfunded except by public donation. The Club's donation would go to the carers course, the art project and coffee mornings.

**SHELTER BOX AUSTRALIA:** As has been mentioned the Club's recent Box (no.13573) has now been allocated to a family in Fiji hit by the recent Cyclone Winston.

**ALLIYANNA TIPILOURA:** (Brief summary from her letter to Club Members) *"I wish to*



*thank you all very much for your generosity in providing me with financial support while I am continuing my education in Melbourne.*

*Next year I want to complete Year 12 and after that become a sports teacher.*

*My family is from Wadeye and Bathurst Island and one day I really hope that I can*

*return to my people and be a good role model and leader for the kids and teach in school....."*

## FAMILY OF ROTARY

<b>Birthdays</b>	Paul Smarrelli 29/5
<b>Rotary Ann.</b>	Lenore Thornton 25/5

## DIARY DATES

<b>May 25</b>	Chair	Chris Shields
	Speaker	Frank Brass
	Topic	<b>Rotarian behind the Badge</b>
	Welcomes	Carla Finocchiaro
	Sergeant	Peter Byrne
	House	Paul Josephson
<b>June 1</b>	Chair	Julie Morris
	Speaker	Jenny McQuirk
	Topic	<b>Advanced Care Planning</b>
	Welcomes	Joe Morris
	Sergeant	David Sullivan
	House	Les Woodland
<b>June 8</b>	Chair	Chris Shields
<b>Night M.</b>	Speaker	Sue Gunningham
	Topic	<b>Black Saturday Bushfires</b>
	Welcomes	Brett Allchin
	Sergeant	Ian Musgrove
	House	Claude Verrocchi

## LOOKING FORWARD

### **May: Youth Service Month**

**ALL THE DAYS AFTER** (Black Saturday Bushfires and more): Author Sue Gunningham will be guest speaker at an evening meeting June 8.



**CLUB CHANGEVER NIGHT:** 6 July, 6.30 for 7pm  
upstairs at the Olympic Hotel, cnr. Bell and Albert.



**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017:** 16-19 March at Shepparton -  
Paradise Lakes Motel already booked for the Club.



Il Coro Arcobaleno

### **ROTARY GRACE**

O Lord and Giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways help us to serve Thee all  
our days.



### *Advance Australia Fair*

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;  
we've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is girt by sea;  
our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;  
in history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.