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This Week

3 x 'Ten on Me'

This week one of our newest Rotarians will introduce himself and tell us about his life and career and two longer-serving members will update us on what they have been doing in the recent past.

These talks often reveal surprising hidden talents, experiences and achievements, so come prepared to hear some interesting revelations.

Clarke Road School

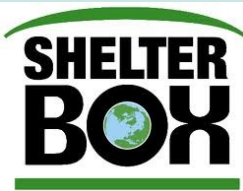
Last week Graham Maslen spoke enthusiastically about his experience of helping at the Magical Maths Day at Clarke Road School. Graham was amazed at the school's facilities, found the teachers very accommodating and the children filled his heart. He definitely wants to go back and recommends all members to follow his example. Graham was particularly struck by the devotion of the parents to their disabled children, which he found very inspiring.

The next opportunities to participate in events at the school are:

- Helping with the BBQ at the Unofficial Opening Celebration Party on **Sunday 18 August from 12-3pm**; and
- Being a reader on **Monday 19 August at 9.30am** during Book Week.

Call Joy Newling to volunteer: Tel: 9487 2338

ShelterBox Australia



The ShelterBox Board is seeking more Australian ShelterBox Response Team members.

A selection weekend is being held in early March 2014 (date and venue to be confirmed). Interviews

will be held in advance of that weekend, and prospective candidates will be able to prove their commitment by getting involved in fundraising in the intervening period.

If you know of any suitable candidates please get them to contact [Mike Greenslade](#) or direct them to the [ShelterBox Academy SRT page](#). There they will find more information about what it means to be an SRT member and an application form.

Help Set A World Record

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DINNER PARTY

Umoja is asking you to host your own dinner party on Saturday October 26th 2013. Support our great charity and also become part of our world's biggest dinner party attempt.

Guests to donate \$20 per person which will go to Umoja Orphanage Kenya.

Hosts to register their dinner party with Wayne Limbrick on 0402 869 304 or e-mail info@umojahome.com

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Please support Umoja Orphanage Project, founded by local school teacher Cathy Booth. All proceeds from the event will help to build the first children's home and provide an alternative to child abandonment in Kenya.

Together we achieve the extraordinary.

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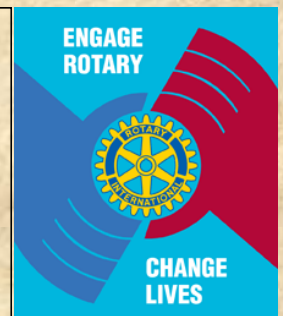
Setting the world record for the world's biggest dinner party

Not heard of Umoja? It's an orphanage in Kenya, established by Australian Cathy Booth and supported through Rotary Australia World Community Service. Visit <http://umojahome.com/kenya/index.php> for more information.

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- Next week: Dream Cricket (to be confirmed)
- (Members only): WebAware; Club notices: Calendar of Events; Anniversaries; Door Teams; Last Week's Guests; Gordon Market Roster ; Club Officers; Positions Vacant.

The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club, 2 Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble. Visitors welcome. www.kuringgairotary.org.au



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Last Week

Rotarians At Work

Last week's meeting was devoted to club service committee discussions and resulted in plenty of good ideas, as well as a rare set of photos of Rotarians working, rather than eating.



A combined **Community Service** and **Vocational Service** table discussed plans for the club's building conversion project at Neringah Hospital in Wahroonga. Development consent has been obtained and work will commence with demolition of internal walls on Saturday 31 August. A proposal to hold a public cracker night in June 2014 will be investigated.

The Vocational Committee aims to expand the Pride of Workmanship Awards and Apprenticeship Awards, focusing particularly on recognizing those in public services, such as the police and fire services.



International Service Committee: David Forsythe, Peter Tang, Greg Newling, Adele Mitchell, Graham Maslen and Graham Timms (plus a ring-in, Ross Egan).

This year we expect to participate in another Global Grant project with several other clubs and a very significant contribution from The Rotary Foundation. There is still work to be done and more information will be available in the next few weeks, but the project will provide clean water, agricultural training and help for a school in Laos.

There is a committee of representatives of the participating clubs working locally and an Australian ex-Army officer on the ground in Laos who will oversee the project. The project will come under the general umbrella of The MIVAC Trust, which has operated successfully in the area for several years.

We will also continue the very valuable work we have been doing for years to help sustain Rotarians Against Malaria; Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children; ShelterBox; The School of St Jude and School for Life in Uganda.

Graham Maslen is also looking into Donations In Kind to see if we can arrange a Club "hands on" visit.

The other piece of good news is that The International Night chez Timms is on again! More information to come.

Greg Newling



The **Youth Service Committee** (plus ring-ins Greg Goodman and Michael Tyler) had a very beneficial discussion, almost finalising the plan for the year. There's still a bit of tweaking to be done. We will be supporting many of the projects from last year, as well as looking at new projects. Here is a brief summary of the plan so far:

- Present Benefic Awards to year 9 students at Killara, Turrumurra and Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High Schools.
 - Present Role Model Award to a student at Clarke Road School. We will also be helping with resources for their new school, as well as more volunteering in areas such as reading, maths, music and administrative assistance, and events such as the coming party and BBQ.
 - Sponsor 1 young person to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), a week long course in January.
 - Sponsor 4 young people to attend a Youth Insearch weekend camp.
 - Volunteering at RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) when year 11 students from local high schools attend and learn about road safety and the dangers and consequences of unsafe driving.
 - Continue to support Eagles RAPS (Recognition and Prevention of Suicide) at Doonside.
 - Investigate science programs, such as Science Experience and sponsor students to take part.
 - Sponsor 2 year 10 students to the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) course at Collaroy in February 2014
 - Sponsor 4 teams to MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), one from Pymble Ladies College and 3 from local state high schools.
 - Sponsor one young carer or sibling to a camp at Camp Breakaway and also sponsor one disabled young person to camp.
 - Build a closer relationship with local Rotaract Clubs and the Interact Club at Pymble Ladies College.
 - There are also new projects such as The Lab, a community project assisting teenagers living with Asperger's Syndrome, which the Youth Committee will be working on with Ross Lambert and the Community Service Committee.
 - Fighting Chance is another project, a youth-led not for profit organisation based in Sydney, which works for and with young people with physical disabilities.
 - Other new projects and ideas have been put forward through the Rotary Awareness Night and also a meeting of local Rotary Clubs with Ku-ring-gai Council. We will be finding out more! It is going to be another busy year for the Youth Committee and our Club!
- Joy Newling