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www.kuringgairotary.org.au The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Frank Fisher died 21 Sept

Sadly I advise a member and good friend Frank Fisher died after a long illness on 21 September.

An obituary will appear next week.

The funeral service will be held at Macquarie Park Crematorium, Palm Chapel, Cnr. Delhi Road and Plassey Road North Ryde on Wednesday 28 September 2011 at 11.15 A.M.

There will be a finger lunch for friends to meet in the Terrace Room at the Macquarie Park Crematorium complex.

Advertisements will appear in the SMH on Saturday Monday and Wednesday next.

All welcome. No flowers, by request.

Back Pages

- Guest speakers
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Meeting Apology

Please use the club website **before 3 pm** on meeting day to apologise or add a guest, or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost.

http://

www.kuringgairotary.org.au

Malcolm Braid District Confer-

9680 District Conference will be held on March 16 2012 at Wollongong.

Please book early so we have good rooms and make sure we have a maximum attendance at the Conference.

This Week:

Jo Harris: The first wireless message

Last week

The United Future Foundation

Annabel Chauncey spoke to us about the School she and a friend have set in Uganda

Annabel said it is similar to St Judes but it is not a Boarding school.

Because it is not a Boarding school, additional schools may allow it to reach more of the youth in Uganda

Report over



Geoff Hungerford

Volunteers are needed to assist with BBQ for West Pymble Pool

10.00 am until 2.00 pm Saturday 1st October (or part of the time)

A chance to make some money with no risk.

Peter Kipps BHCC

We now have a sponsor for printing the BHCC pamphlets

We have printed a Poster and an A4 Flyer

We still need a major Sponsor

The United Future Foundation



A bit about the team.....

David Everett (co-founder)

Born in South Africa

Grew up in Castle Hill

Macquarie University Development Studies graduate

THE BOARD

Darren Perry Chairman
(Partner, Freehills law firm)
Matt Day (Architect)
Jack Elliott (Treasurer RAWCS)
Will Britten (Head of Asset Management, Credit Suisse)

Why did we start?

We experienced first hand, the extreme poverty in Kenya and Uganda

We identified the need for education in rural areas to break people free from this vicious cycle

We were inspired by the peoples resilience to hardship

We are passionate about creating change to break the cycle

The United Future Foundation

Project plan

UFF owns 10 acres of land in Muduuma, Mpigi district, Uganda where we are building a multi-purpose primary/ vocational school

Objectives

To create lasting change, through capacity building

To work alongside communities to ensure longterm success

And most importantly...

To use education as a tool for breaking the cycle of poverty

The current situation

- No books
- No uniforms
- No classrooms
- No hope

The Figures

49% of Uganda's population (30 million people) are aged between 0 -14 years: The age group we are targeting

Life expectancy in Uganda is 50 years, compared to 81 years in Australia

Uganda's GDP per capita is \$346 compared with Australia's \$31 794

Only 56% of Ugandans complete primary education

Primary education was declared free by the Ugandan government in 1998

So why are children falling through the cracks of the education system?

- School is too far away from their homes
- Too sickly/young/disabled to attend school
- Monetary costs for uniforms, shoes or books cannot be met by parents
- Orphaned
- Need to work at home

Educated 81 nursery and Primary 1 students aged 5 –

Vocational training for adults, beginning with tailoring classes for women

Planned Results: 2011

We have the support of and regular communication with the Ugandan High Commissioner (based in Canberra)

Awarded \$10,000 grant from Marie Claire and Garnier

Dave was awarded Tertiary Excellence Award for Hills
District

Annabelle was awarded

Chinese Lions Club Humanitarian Scholarship Received media coverage

from Mx, Marie Claire, Hills District News and Southern Highlands News

The United Future Foundation

Raised over \$350,000 including through large scale events such as our Black Tie & Barefoot Ball

Key achievements in Uganda

We have been working hard in the field in Uganda and have achieved to date:

- Sourced and purchased 10 acres of land;
- Worked with Ugandan Solicitors to register us as a Ugandan NGO;
- Solicited the help and compliance of the Ministry of Education;
- Met various government officials and local representatives to ensure we will be accepted into the community;
- Employed over 20 Ugandans including an engineer, operations manager, security and builders;
- Consulted local people for advice and support, including choosing the name and motto for the school.
- Employed 5 teachers Janepher and Aida, with
 18 years' teaching experience between them

Community meeting to name the school
Katuso Primary and Vocational School
Motto: 'Nezikokolima'

Why Muduuma?

According to the District Development Report 2010:

Pupil teacher ratio is 50:1

Pupil classroom ratio is 65:1

Pupil desk ratio is 6:1

Average distance to primary schools is 4km

Unemployment rate is 66.9%, the majority of whom are women.

Only 2% of women are employed. Women are mostly involved in house work, crop farming, poultry on a subsistence level and brick making

Youth form 60% of the total population, 40% of whom are unemployed and lack vocational and business



The United Future Foundation

First stages of construction...

Construction of the pit latrines
Clean drinking water for the community

31st January 2011: Katuso opens! Meet some of our students (There are 77!)

Some local feedback....

- "You have brought city quality education to the bush." (Roofing contractor)
- " Katuso Primary School has now set the benchmark for education in Mpigi district." (Chief Administrative Officer, the highest ranking civil servant in the district)
- " Your biggest problem by far is going to be the demand for education at your school. People will travel for miles to attend." (District education officer)

Next steps

Launch the tailoring program for 10 women

Enroll more students to attend school in 2012

Sponsorship programs

We have a range of different sponsorship programs on offer.

Child sponsorship includes:

Uniform/shoes

Access to modern learning resources and full tuition in a safe environment

3 nutritious meals

Clean drinking water

A brighter future, outside the cycle of poverty



Pymble Players

Pymble Players Theatre Booking: Thursday 27 October, 7.30pm for 8pm: \$20

We have booked the whole theatre for Thursday 27 October. Pymble Players is easy to get to and has free parking. Plays are held in the beautiful 1884 church hall of Pymble Chapel at the corner of Bromley Avenue and Mona Vale Road, Pymble.

We're going to see "The Memory of Water", written by Shelagh Stephenson and directed by Patsy Templeton. In 2000 this play won the prestigious Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy.

"Even water has memory – you can dilute and dilute but the pertinent thing remains ... it still exerts influence": Three sisters meet on the eve of their mother's funeral. As the differences in their own memories of their childhood are revealed, conflicts and tensions emerge, and the sparks fly. But ultimately it is the fabric woven in that early family life that finally allows them to forgive each other and become united. This cleverly written play will resonate, particularly if you have siblings!

This is a major fundraiser so we want all of you to come but you'd best hurry because it is an intimate theatre and there are only 84 tickets!

Booking: Please let Caroline know how many tickets you need or fill out the events sheet on Monday.

Rotary Foundation Thoughts

8) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about how a Matching Grant can make a difference.

From 2008 to 2010 the Rotary club of Beecroft and Espirito Santo Vanuatu implemented a water supply project in Mota Lava Vanuatu, that linked 5 villages with 5 kms of water pipe to supply clean drinking water to 1700 villagers. A plus from the program was that the villagers learned skills to enable them to connect the 5th village to the system.

Beecroft contributed \$5000 and Santo just \$100 but with \$5,000 from D6940 USA and \$200 from D9680 a Rotary Foundation match of \$7,750 was gained for a total funding of about AUD\$23,000. The Matching Grant allows Clubs to combine with Clubs all over the world to obtain funds that will be matched by The Rotary Foundation to falcate life changing projects.

Please check with the D9680 Grants Chair to learn about the eligibility guidelines and the best way of dealing with the 100 Future Vision Plan Districts as there are some complications when FVP and non FVP Districts try to engage. But only until 2013-14.

This is just one of the many examples of how the Foundation's humanitarian grants programs can make positive changes by reducing disease risk by providing fresh clean water.

Members welfare

From David Forsythe— John Hessel has moved to Roden Cutler lodge in Edwards St Gordon on Wednesday. Room 51, I was told.

I heard this morning he is happy there.

I understand for perhaps a couple of months of further respite and recuperation.

Guests

President Caroline welcomed Charles Stewart Annabel Chauncey

Apologies & Guests

Members are booked in to attend every regular meeting of the Club, if you cannot attend a meeting or wish to book in a guest / partner please access the WEB at http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au before 3.00 pm on the day of the meeting. An apology for future meetings may also be entered. If you do not apologise for non-attendance the Club must pay for your meal and you will be asked to reimburse the Club.

Rotary Acronyms

	Guest Speakers
26 September	Jo Harris: first wireless message
3 October	Labour day
10 October	Saving our Heritage
17 October	Austrian Night
24 October	Alcoholics' Anonymous
31 October	Carers' Night
7 November	Wifi
14 November	Pam Pritchard
21 November	Movie Night
28 November	Eating for Life
5 December	AGM; Elevator statement Board meeting
12 December	Christmas party
19 & 26 Dec & 2 Jan	Christmas break

Market roster

MARKET ROSTER	October
BANNERS	White, Frank
SIGNS	Timms, Graham Hungerford, Geoff
MORNING SET UP	White, Frank Thompson, John
PR	Lam-Rohlfs, Linda
1ST SHIFT 8.00 to 10.30	Newling, Greg Newling, Joy
2ND SHIFT 10.30 to 1.00	Tyler, Michael Ivey, Bob
3RD SHIFT 1.00 to 3.30	Kipps, Peter Forsythe, David

MARKET DUTIES: You must initiate changes & advise Geoff Hungerford. Third Shift returns signs & bins to St George Bank

		Door team	
Duty	September	October	November
Greeter	Judy Houghton	Rasma Andrejewskis	Michael Tyler
Team	Bob Ivey	Peter Tang	Irene Kennedy
Team	Chris Hoch	Geoff Hungerford	Tom Jackson

NOTE: The door team is responsible for welcoming visitors and guests, recording payments and issuing copies of the

THE REPORT OF	Birthda	ys
Bob	lvey	4-Sep
Joyce	Cribb	13-Sep
Rita	Coenen	15-Sep
Helen	Egan	16-Sep
Amanda	Hoch	18-Sep
Susan	Aitken	23-Sep
David	Kennedy	23-Sep

Bank Details

From 1 July 2011 we have a new bank account at Westpac Turramurra.

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai Project account

BSB 032089 Account 253333

Rotary Club of Ku ring gai General account

BSB 032089 Account 253341 Claims must be presented with a completed remittance advice which you can download from the WEB.

All payments to you will be made electronically (I do not have a cheque book) so please include your BSB and account when you make a claim.

When you make a payment please ensure you include your name in the details