



**From the Governor's Desk**

**In 1999 the number of people living in the world reached 6 billion.**

**If the world was a village of 100 people -**

**There would be:**

- 58 Asians
- 12 Africans
- 9 Europeans
- 8 Latin Americans
- 5 former Soviets
- 5 North Americans
- 0.3 Aus/NZ/Pacific

**The languages they speak would be:**

- Mandarin (16)
  - English (8)
  - Hindi or Urdu (8)
  - Spanish (6)
  - Russian (5)
  - Arabic (4)
- and 206 other languages

**In the village there would be:**

- 30 Christians
  - 18 Muslims
  - 6 Buddhists
  - 5 Animists
- and 21 other religions incl atheists

**Also:**

- 33 would be children
- 32 of the children would be immunised against polio
- 33 have access to clean, safe drinking water
- 33 can read
- 50 do not have enough to eat
- 50 live with earth floors.

Fewer than 0.1 of these people are Rotarians. Yet many are in need.

One and a quarter million Rotarians work to do something about these needs of our fellow human beings every day.

**Ask another person, today, to help us do good in the world.**

*Ross Smith*

**Invite a friend to Rotary**

August is Membership and Extension Month, an ideal time to invite friends, co-workers, family members and community leaders to your Rotary Club meeting or project.

This year, RI President Bhichai Rattakul is encouraging Rotarians to work toward the goal of 1.5 million members by 2005 - Rotary's centennial. President Rattakul stresses the importance of quality members who will be committed to their clubs and communities. "The best way to motivate new members is to involve them in a service project close to their hearts," he says.

**RIPE Jonathan Majiyagbe**

Jonathon Majiyagbe, a senior advocate of Nigeria, is the principal counsel of the law firm J. B. Majiyagbe & Company in Kano. A member of the Nigerian and English bars, Majiyagbe also belongs to the Honourable Body of Benches, the panel that evaluates the qualifications of those seeking to practice law in Nigeria and formally

calls them to the bar. He is a graduate of London University and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London.

RI President 2003/2004 Majiyagbe is chairman of the

**1,243,431 Rotarians**

**31,256 Rotary Clubs**

**530 Districts**

**163 Countries**

at 31 December 2001

Kano State Branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society and was for many years chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Kano.

A Rotarian since 1967 and a member of the Rotary Club of Kano, he and his wife, Ade, are major Donors to the Rotary Foundation.

**MEET**

RI President 2003/2004  
**Jonathon Majiyagbe**

at the  
**Rotary Club of Parkwood**

Tuesday 27 August 2002

Sharks AFL Club  
**PARKWOOD**

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Book by 20 Aug

## Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

ARHRF has committed its major research efforts in the coming years to mental health issues.

Mental Illness is experienced by 1 in 5 Australians and as such, impacts on all Australian families.

Our District clubs have always supported the fund well and the sale of Christmas cards has been a significant contribution over many years now.

Last year in Australia, \$50 000 was contributed to the fund through card sales – in total, \$353 000 over ten years.

Clubs are being asked to sell at least ten packs (at \$12 ea incl GST) each this year.

### Polio is a more elusive enemy than smallpox.

Some 200 people can be infected before a case of paralysis finally signals an outbreak. As long as it exists anywhere, polio threatens children's lives.

Some clubs provide a pack of cards as a gift in appreciation of a guest speaker. In others, members buy them for family use.

District ARHRF Chair Martin Zaugg is keen to assist clubs with the planning for Community based

awareness raising Mental Health Forums.

**ARHRF Email:**  
**rduinc@msn.com**

### Child Protection

Both New South Wales and Queensland have recently introduced child (<18) protection legislation.

Rotary clubs are required to ensure that their practices are in line with the legislation.

One of the major requirements is that all personnel who have an ongoing association with young people (in churches, clubs, schools, etc) are suitable for this.

In NSW, they simply sign a form that is retained by the club. In Queensland, such people must apply for a suitability card that remains current for two years.

These forms and other details are available on the following websites:

#### NEW SOUTH WALES

[www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au)

#### QUEENSLAND

[www.childcomm.qld.gov.au](http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au)

### Innovative International Project

Phil Rosenberg, R C of Surfers Paradise West International Director, has launched an innovative International Project with a local flavour.

On Saturday last, sixty Rotarians, their families and friends

from a number of clubs on the central Gold Coast visited the local Islamic Mosque.

### Foundation Facts

**4,068  
Major Donors**

**Bequest Society  
Members  
2,556**

**Benefactors  
57,161**

**Paul Harris  
Fellows  
801,391**

**Sustaining  
Members  
7,825**

at 31 May 2002

An address by the Iman, a question and answer session with senior Islamic community members, and observation of a prayer session were followed by lunch together at the Islamic Community Centre.

This is the first of a raft of inter-club visits to local community groups which will be educative, awareness - raising, interesting and an opportunity to extend fellowship for Rotarians.

The next is to be at the Gold Coast Italian Club on 14 Sept 2002. The German and Greek communities will then be involved and so on.

Nearby Rotary Club International Directors are invited to contact Phil and the planning group if their members

would wish to be involved.

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### Paul Harris Fellows

**Gai Nixon -**  
R C of Byron Bay  
**Sapphire Pins:**  
**Bill Nixon -**  
R C of Byron Bay  
**Roger Ibbotson -**  
R C of Byron Bay  
**Jan Westerveld**  
R C of Mermaid Beach

### New Members

**A warm welcome to:**

**Peter Jones -**  
RC of Jimboomba  
**Roger Manuel -**  
RC of Burleigh Heads  
**Greg Saul -**  
R C of Maclean  
**Mike Walsh**  
R C of Mermaid Beach  
**Errol Hill**  
RC of Surfers Paradise

### Europe was declared Polio free on 21 June 2002.

The last case on that continent occurred in a two year old non-vaccinated lad in Turkey in 1998.

### DG Official Visits

12 Aug Robina  
13 Aug Byron Bay  
15 Aug Burleigh Heads  
15 Aug Surfers Paradise West  
16 Aug Surfers Paradise Central  
19 Aug Murwillumbah  
20 Aug Beaudesert  
26 Aug Stanthorpe  
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