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PROGRAMME

- 25-Nov Frank Pezzimenti – *The Rotary Foundation*
Movember
- 02-Dec RYLA candidates and AGM
- 07-Dec Carols
- 09-Dec Laurence’s presentation on Belgium
- 13-Dec Markets
- 13-14 Dec Christmas tree sales
- 16-Dec Greg Hoile - RAWCS
- 20-Dec School holidays start
- 25-Dec Christmas
- 01-Jan-2009 New Year’s Day
- 13-Jan Club assembly
- 20-Jan Marisa Chilcott – *Cerebral Palsy Foundation*
- 26-Jan Australia Day
School Holidays end

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TONIGHT’S PROGRAMME

Frank Pezzimenti – *The Rotary Foundation*
Movember

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RI President's Message

December 2008

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As a father of four and grandfather of five, I have been fortunate to have spent many years in the company of children. When raising our own children, my wife, Young, and I worked hard to give them what all children need most: a loving, safe, and stable home.



RI President DK Lee with his wife Young

Our children were our first priority, and we made sure that they always had nutritious food, appropriate clothing, quality medical care, and a good education. We knew very well how fortunate we were to be able to do this. We were grateful that we never had to say to our children, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing to eat tonight," or "I'm sorry, but we can't pay your school fees."

When I was a child, Korea was a poor country, and there were many children who went to bed hungry at night and had no school to go to in the morning. As a Rotarian, I know only too well that there are still far too many children in the world without the absolute essentials: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. And as a Rotarian who is also a father, I consider all of the world's children to be my responsibility.

When I see my own grandchildren – happy, healthy, and enrolled in good schools – I cannot help but think of the millions of children who do not have so many advantages. I think of the children who have too little to eat and only dirty water to drink. I think of the children who are sick with diseases that could have been prevented and those who will have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. And I think of the children, millions of them every year, who won't live to see their fifth birthday.

December is Family Month. It is a time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for those in need. Because there are so many families and so many children waiting for our help, we, as Rotarians, cannot look away. We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long and healthy life. We will not rest until we *Make Dreams Real* for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness, and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

District Conference Next Year

Where

Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley

When

Friday 6 March to Sunday 8 March 2009

Who (Featured Speakers)

James Morrison

Regarded as one of Australia's finest musicians. Music "One man's Dream".

Kerri Pottharst

"The mindset of a champion".

Professor Ian Hickie

Multi award winner and author. "Building mental Health"

Deepa Willingham

Founder of Pace Universal (Promise to All Children Everywhere)

Registration

Peter Sparkes. Note: registration is only by mail or fax, but you can contact Peter with queries at:

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Full Details

<http://www.rotary9690.org.au/KeyDistrictEvents/DistrictConference.html>

Jigsaw Puzzle

A blonde called her boyfriend and said, "Please come over here and help me, I have a jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get it started."

Her boyfriend asked, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The blonde said, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her boyfriend decided to go over and help with the puzzle.

She let him in and showed him where she had the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studied the pieces for a moment, looked at the box, then turned to her and said, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He then took her hand and said, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then ...", he sighed, "... let's put all these Corn Flakes back in the box."