

Year: 1989-90

RI President: [Hugh M. Archer](#) from [Dearborn](#), Michigan, USA.



Theme: Enjoy Rotary!

Convention held at [Portland](#), Oregon, USA on June 24-27, with 21,053 delegates.

District Governor: Raymond E Black, Kingaroy

District Conference location: Kingaroy

Club President: Ron Heitmann

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Irene Karasellos, Zimbabwe Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded:

Construction work continued from time to time on the aviary at the Shaftesbury Citizenship Campus. The work was well under way with initial foundations laid and framework erected.

Rotarian Ken Young used his heavy earth moving equipment to help the Pine Rivers Hockey Club.

The hot food van was frequently in action, either on hire or being manned by Club members e.g. Bald Hills State School fete. Of particular importance was the Swap Meet in June, which called for a major commitment from Rotarians and their Rotaryannes, to cover all our duties. This was followed in August by the weekend of supervising the gates at the Pine Rivers Show, when our Rotaryannes operated the Rotary Tea Rooms. A really busy time for all, but successful as fund raisers.

Club members were always ready to try new ways to raise money for community service projects. This year, using the knowledge of golfers, Past Presidents Ron Cook and Neville Williams, we ran a Charity Golf Day in conjunction with the Pine Rivers Golf Club. A successful day followed and was enjoyed by the golfers.

Past President and Charter member, Homan O'Hara was not well enough to continue attending meetings, and graciously accepted a change in membership status to become an Honorary Member. Rotarian Phillip Woodhouse assisted Homan by installing a Rota-alarm in his house. This enabled Homan to summon help in time of need.

Our Youth programme still featured our work with RYLA, Interact and Rotaract. We were successful in having a student accepted for the prestigious National Science Summer School.

Donations were made during the year to assist Terry Orreal, Nobby Locke Memorial Plaque, Queensland Cancer Fund, Rotary Club of Charleville Flood Appeal, Riding for the Disabled, Pine Rivers Pony Club, Rotary Health Research Fund, Life Education Unit, Nursing Mothers Association and the Sevana Sarana Foster Parents' Scheme, and the Lawnton State School.

Rotarian Mike Gregory became a supervisor of one of the Rotary Foundation Scholars, Kym Crabtree. Kym was resident at International House while studying Australian Literature at the University of Queensland.

Demia Loucks completed her year with us and returned home to the United States. Our next inbound student was Irene Karasellos from Zimbabwe.

Former exchange student Donna Wilfong (77 /78) returned for a brief visit to renew old friendships.

Ian Craig continued his involvement with F.A.I.M. in District 960. He and Rose went to Papua New Guinea as volunteer members of part of a F.A.I.M. team. The project was to dismantle a building

(30 m x 12 m) on Yule Island, and transport it across the sea to the mainland to be re-erected at Mainohana High School, a De La Salle Brothers school at Bereena. Ian and Rose belonged to the second team employed on the job. They really enjoyed the experience.

Sevana Sarana Foster Parents Scheme

A letter was received from the Rotary Club of Colombo East, Colombo, Sri Lanka, asking our Club to join in this scheme. The proposal was that our Club donate 6000 Sri Lankan rupees (approx A\$200) to the fund. We would then be designated Foster Parents of a little child in Sri Lanka. The money would be banked in the name of the child and the child's family would be allowed access to the money at the rate of SL 1000/- (A\$33.30) each year, for the next six years. When you consider that the family we helped had a monthly income of SL300/- (A\$10), this would be of considerable help.

The Board agreed to the proposal. We were allocated a little seven year old girl, Anfia. In 1991, we arranged for a second foster child and were allocated a boy of the same age, named Sudath.

We have continued to maintain contact with our two foster children over the years, sending each year, birthday greetings and a sum of money for a birthday present. The children have in return, replied to our letters and thanked us generously for our help.

Sudath lost his father in an accident in the forest some years ago and we were able to help his mother with housing for the family. Anfia is now asking our help to study further to become a teacher of English.

In all this, we have been grateful for the continued help of former Rotarian Kushil Gunasekera who has been our chief contact with the children and supervised the distribution of money we have sent them.

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□ **Rotary Club
of Pine Rivers**

Early last year our club received a request from the Rotary Club of Colombo East, Sri Lanka, to sponsor a child through the Sevana Sarana Foster Parents Scheme.

An initial contribution of approximately \$260 was banked with the Sri Lankan National Saving Bank for the child's parents. A monthly withdrawal limit is in place so the child will receive benefits for well over five years.

Rotary forwarded its contribution and was told six year old Anfia, one of seven children, from a dis-



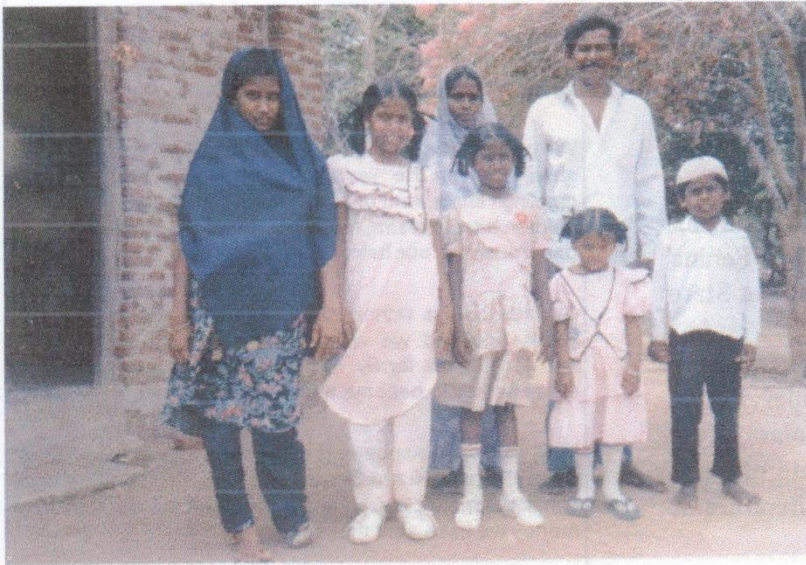
□ **ANFIA—6-year-old
sponsored child.**

trict 120 kilometres from Sri Lanka was their foster child. After reading her story, members of the club wished to help further. The Rotarians of Colombo East gladly assisted.

They arranged for Anfia and some of her family to attend a Colombo Rotary meeting on Anfia's birthday to receive gifts from the Pine Rivers Rotarians. She was given clothing, material, a food hamper, presents and her first pair of shoes.

Anfia said: "I was so happy to get my first pair of socks and shoes. I will think of you every time I wear it."

A photo session was organised with a Sri Lankan newspaper and Anfia later wrote that the whole village turned out to see her photo in the paper. The Rotary Club of Pine Rivers is now hoping to help Anfia with her educational needs for 1991.



Anfia and her family. Anfia is the girl in the middle.



Anfia, with her parents, receives her first pair of shoes from the Colombo East club.

