

Year: 2000-01

RI President: [Frank J. Devlyn](#) from [Anáhuac](#), Mexico City, Mexico.



Theme: Create Awareness Take Action

Convention held at [San Antonio](#), Texas, USA on June 24-27, with 24,902 delegates.

District Governor: Judy Magub, Brisbane Planetarium

District Conference location:

Club President: Kevin Davis

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Gerardo Tabusso, Argentina Host parents: Craigs, Richard and Gayle Grant-Taylor

Outbound: Jesse Marks, to Brazil

PHFs awarded:

This year saw our club induct female members for the first time. Pam Owbridge was our first lady member, and she was followed by Wendy Brearley. Both brought a great deal to our club. Pam had written a Premature Baby Diary after her first child was born many months premature. She had found that she needed a record of her baby's development, and also ailments and treatments. Our club embarked on a project to assist her in selling an updated version of the Diary, and this activity had led to her joining our club.

Belinda Franks was our club's candidate to RYLA. Our Inbound Exchange student for 2000 was Gerardo Tabusso, from Argentina. Gerardo attended most of our club meetings and became well known to, and popular among, our members. He attended Dakabin State High School, and seemed to enjoy most his work experience programme, which allowed him to follow his interests in electrical engineering and computing.

Jesse Marks was our Outbound Exchange student who spent the year in Brazil. His reports were of the wonderful experiences he was enjoying there.

Families of past students also visited during the year. Zoe Bradshaw's father David gave us an update on her life as a university student. Minyon Avent paid a brief visit to Brisbane but was unable to attend a meeting.

Fundraising was assisted through van hire and also through two new raffles, involving prizes made up of loaded trailers at Christmas time.

The Rotaryannes continued from strength to strength, raising significant funds and making their own donations to the community.

ANFIA'S SCHOLARSHIP

In 1990, this club was asked to become a foster parent of a child of a very poor family in Sri Lanka. The original request asked for a commitment for six years. We agreed to this project and were allocated a little girl, Anfia from Puttalam in north Sri Lanka. With the kind assistance of Mr Kushil Gunasekera, we have continued to support Anfia and her family.

Our latest effort was to encourage her to undertake university studies to become a teacher of the English language in Sri Lanka. For this reason we created Anfia's scholarship, a yearly grant which would have been sufficient to meet many of her expenses at University. Unfortunately she did not succeed in her entrance examinations and so the scholarship lapsed this year. However as she had continued to attend her local school throughout the year 2000 and into 2001, our club honoured its scholarship commitment for those years.

As Anfia's family are still so very poor, we are certain it will be of great assistance to them. We are currently trying to have Anfia follow a different career path in an area of interest to her and within her range of abilities. In this way we hope to continue to support her and her family further into the future.