

## Newsletter #14 March 2017

### Lynne Rawson Trip To Nepal Report.

Committee member Lynne Rawson recently returned from a very successful & busy trip to Nepal. Despite a traumatic start, a dog bite requiring a series of very painful rabies shots, Lynne attended two parents' day celebrations, SAB school & DRMIS school, representing us & Malcolm Lindquist. She spent many days with our Nepali manager, Bhim Kumar, reviewing the program & planning for future growth. She also made many new contacts, including Sanjeev Dahal, the

fine young man 'adopted' by the Rusk family & now back in Nepal, (pictured at DRMIS celebrations) & Samjhana Pokharel, (pictured with Lynne,) Rotarian Assistant Governor & educator, both of whom have promised to act as mentors & advisors to our students & to Bhim.



A highlight, in an eventful trip, was an overnight retreat with the students to beautiful Daman, where she is pleased to report that the relaxed setting, complete with bonfire & singing, encouraged students to share the many challenges they face & bond again to help each other. Lynne reports that all students described the feeling of belonging to the FONAI family as one of the most important aspects of the scholarship program for them. Another highlight was a visit to the apartment where 4 students are housed & being treated, along with Bhim, as a special guest, & served food prepared entirely by the boys!

Lynne visited all of the student hostels & places of study, forging strong links with the directors & managers of these Institutions. She also visited the Orphanage, met with Ishwor & Rajan & discussed scholarship funding for 3 boys to attend senior high school. She assisted the students with many problems, found time to buy Nepali artefacts & just 24 hours after her return was selling them at our "Jasper Jones' film night!"

We cannot thank Lynne enough, not only for the way she so finely represents our group, but also for the love & care she gives these children who all call her "mum!"

### Help!



Denise & Ainsley Roscow will follow up on Lynne's work during their trip to Nepal in May. They have had requests for laptops & mobile phones with chargers & if you have any in good working order that you can donate, please let us know.



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## Scholarship Program News.

We are happy to report that all students are doing well. Three students, Bhanu, Ganesh & Anjana, are completing their final high school exams now, three others, Sanjeev, Pradip & Bishal have begun the second year of IT & accounting studies, Manju is successfully continuing her law degree & Sandeep is sitting his Year 11 exams at Art College! Sanjeev received merits in his first year exam & Bishal was one of only 5% of students who passed CAP1 of their accounting

studies at the first attempt! We are so proud of these young people! Sponsors, check your email for your student's annual report!

## Thankyou!

FONAI enjoys the support of many wonderful people both locally & internationally. We feel very humbled & privileged that we have been chosen out of many worthy charitable causes, as the recipient of very generous donations to our education scholarship fund.

### Friends of Pulteney

We would like to say a huge thankyou to Friends of Pulteney & particularly to Mark Bouchier, for the very generous donation of over \$15,000 to FONAI. We cannot express how much we appreciate this donation & how grateful we are for Pulteney families, former & current, who continue to support our work in Nepal. We look forward to thanking you personally for this support at FofP next meeting!

### The Children's Future Fund.

This energetic group of young adults in Germany recently paid the 2017 course fees for 2 of our students, a donation of over \$3,000, & members are considering contributing to the support of several more students in addition to their charitable work in Indonesia! This payment of course fees was a great help to us & we look forward to a long & productive relationship with these young humanitarians!

### Rotary Club of Blackwood

The International Committee of the club will be making the generous donation of \$1,000 to us at their next club meeting. The long term support of members of this club has been a major factor in the continued success of our education scholarship program project & is greatly appreciated.

In May, during their visit to Nepal, Ainsley & Denise, in consultation with Bhim, will be considering applications for 4 new full scholarships (all living costs & course fees) from 3 boys at DMUK & another 16 year old currently living in remote Nepal, to complete the final 2 years of high school. It is only because we have received these generous donations that we are even able to consider extending the current scholarship program.



Thank You!



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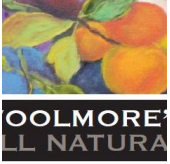
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## Fundraising.



Movie 'Jasper Jones.' We are pleased to report that we raised \$2,000 from this night! A special thanks to the wonderful staff & volunteers at the Capri Theatre & to Mary-Anne Woolmore from 'Woolmore's Fine Foods' for the donation of the delicious gourmet cookies. Thanks to all who attended &/or donated. We appreciate this support very much.

**Twilight Trash & Treasure** . Despite the hot conditions in the Bowling Club Car park behind Montessori Children's Centre in McLaren Vale, event sponsors, we managed to raise almost \$1500!



Once again a great team effort but special thanks go to:

Montessori Children's Centre & staff

McLaren Vale Bowling club & the members – especially Peter (pictured) who showed us all great kindness & Simon who worked tirelessly in the kitchen! 'Spicy Kitchen Delights & Entertainment' who also own the Bouncy Castle & waived their hiring fee & contributed part of the sales to our Education Program.



'Azur Estate Wines' & Fanchon Ferrandi who provided wine for tasting & sale. 'Ellis Butchers' for sausages

And everyone who donated their time, skills & goods & attended this event.



The fundraising committee is currently finalizing the 2017 calendar & details of all future events will be available shortly & can also be found on our website!

## Sponsor Call Out!

We will be looking for new sponsors, individual & corporate, for the 4 new students we hope to accept in the next 6 weeks. If you know anyone who can help please contact us or download the application form from our website!

Thankyou!



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**Anjana is 17 years old & is currently completing her final year of school. She will finish in June.**



I am Anjana. I study in grade 12. I am so proud to hold this opportunity to be in touch with you. I am the luckiest girl who has experienced more different things & is able to get around large groups of people. I had no idea about how I would spend my years without my parents' leadership. Until I was 4, I was a child who was not concerned about food, shelter, & clothing. I saw my mom & dad when I was 2 & 3 but that wasn't long. My mom died when I was small & I made my way to Kathmandu with my grandma to the orphanage. I was far from my family's details or information & my grandma only came to meet me once a year. She stopped visiting after a few years. I then lived in the orphanage with Mother Rajan. She was so strict in her looks that I couldn't share my opinion & was always frightened. So most of the time I spent my days with my lovely friends at orphanage. All of boys, girls & small brothers & sisters were an inspiration & always worried about the mistakes I made, gave suggestions for betterment & helped me in each problem. Sometimes, they hid my mistakes from the elders & from this we are still in a good brotherhood relations. We never thought about the downfall of each other. These are really good things to be proud of now we are on our own way & busy in our own life & study.

FONAI has played a great role in re-unification & has helped us to step forward to good way. When we are in dilemma, FONAI is always there to give a right decision. We were unknown about those efforts to make our study possible but now we have come to realize that you all are so much caring & loving parents that we see lacking in other people's lives. When we hear feedback from our friends about their parents' role we realize FONAI's effort & your work for our betterment & are never unsatisfied. After we get you in our life we are leading a comfortable & new life which we used to dream about, but never thought it would be in our life. This is really amazing that it came as real. Manju & I, we still talk to each other that it is real.

Wherever, we lose our confidence there is always a supporting family who inspire us to turnout the failure to success. I can never forget this support, love, care & affection from you all. I am glad to be part of a family with this collection of good people.

Holding your hands & following your lead, I have now planned to make my further study in fashion design which is my favourite dream & a field I am interested in. I am never tired of thinking about designs & highlighting my own fashion. I don't know what people think of me but I am really interested in this field & want to bring a positive change in world with new fashion & new concepts. I hope to get you all beside me to provide me an inspiration when I lose my hope, suggestions when I make mistakes, & show me the right path when I try to make my own way to wrong path.

Thank you so much FONAI for your kindness & your participation in developing my bright future & leading me to good fortune. If there were no you, I wouldn't be able to reach to this stage & now, I am experiencing different life that is the dream of many Nepalese in Nepal. I collect this inspiration from you which I will show in real to other people. I will also always help those children in need who can change their lives with my small help. The main thing is that, keep smiling wherever you are, whatever you are & which situation you are with. This will take you to positive thinking & positive thinking takes you to successful life.....

Thank you FONAI family - your lovely daughter Anjana.

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