

END SLAVERY

District End Slavery Program Committee Newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of the

District End Slavery Program Committee Newsletter

The purpose of this Newsletter is to inform Rotarians and friends on

- the subject of modern day slavery
- of the activities of the Rotarian Action Group against Child Slavery (RACSRAG) both locally and globally,
- about actions and projects that clubs and/or individuals can support.



Items in this Newsletter will be drawn from the **Rotarian Action Group against Child Slavery's** global Newsletter as well as news of local activities and programs.

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Visit RACSRAG at www.racsrag.org/

Read the RACSRAG Newsletter 57 at

<http://www.roisight.org/cs/news/racsnews57.pdf>

More on RACSRAG overleaf.

WORLD SUMMIT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The first annual **World Summit to End Human Trafficking** took place at the Carter Centre, in Atlanta, Georgia between 11 -12 May. The summit was hosted by President Jimmy Carter and masterminded by RACSRAG Board member, Dave McCleary, a member of the RC of Roswell, District 6900.

**ITS GOAL : To create a 10 year plan to
End Commercial Sexual Exploitation.**



President Carter called for action to “... stamp out safe havens for sex profiteers...to provide care and services for those who leave the sex trade or escape from bondage...”

“The sense that trafficking is too shameful to discuss must end..

....Human trafficking must end”

RI President Ravi Ravindran



This story an edited version from reports in RACSRAG newsletter

Ed 56 at <http://www.roisight.org/cs/news/racsnews56.pdf>

Read report on the summit and complete list of recommendations on the Carter Center website at

<http://www.cartercenter.org/news/pr/world-summit-recommendations-May2015.html>

Another report on this summit

....report from the **POLITICO MAGAZINE** “..... the Carter Center and Rotarians Against Child Slavery convened a national summit to carry forward this social movement. Survivors of prostitution , prosecutors, activists and policy makers worked with business leaders to develop integrated plans to generate not just legislative action but also broad public involvement and bi- partisan support.....

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/05/we-can-end-the-worlds-oldest-profession-117922.html#ixzz3fpog9f00>

(RACSRAG)

The **Rotarian Action Group against Child Slavery** was initially formed in 2009 by some concerned Rotarians in the absence of any Rotary programs aimed at addressing the denial of basic human rights of millions of enslaved children around the world.

On 28th January 2013, the Action Group received formal recognition by Rotary International and now has representatives in many countries. The aims of the Group are twofold:

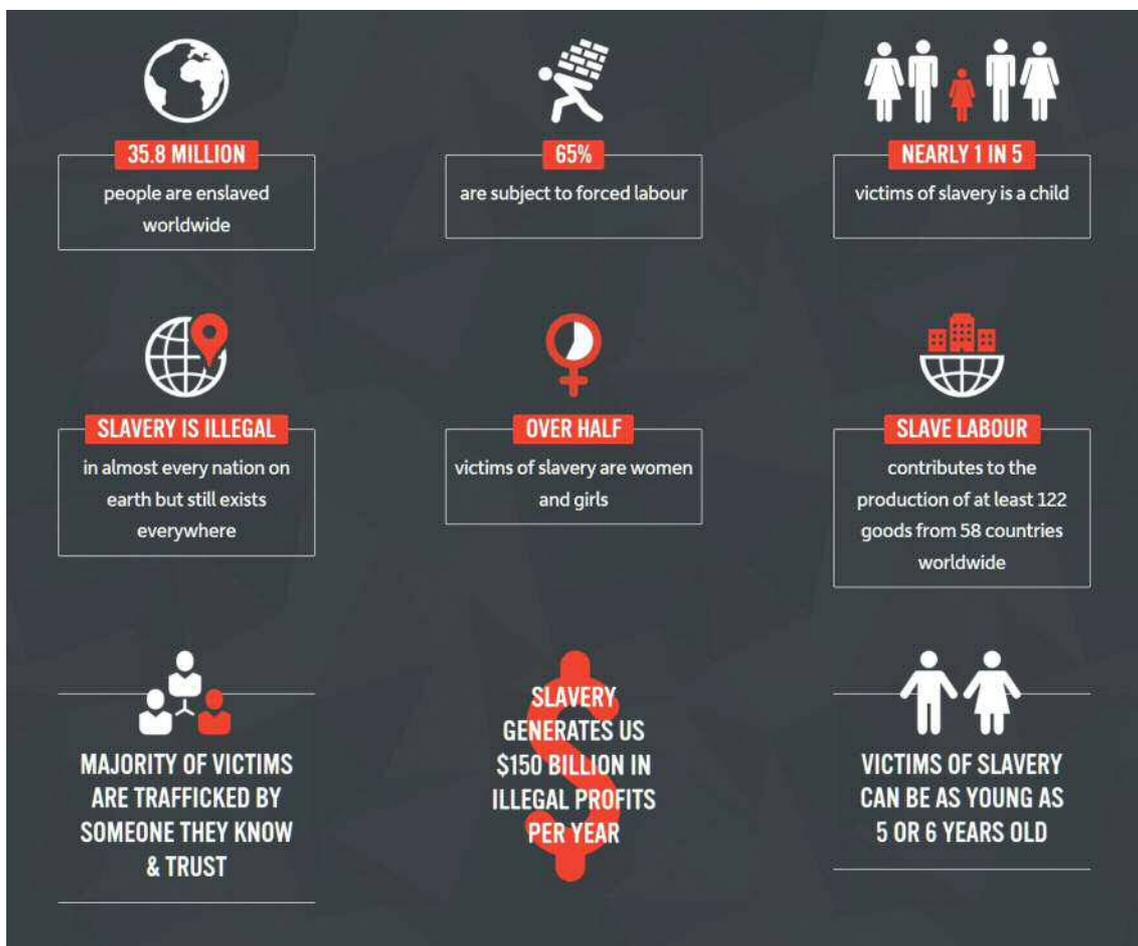
- To create awareness in Rotarian circles and within the wider public influence of the plight of millions of children who are physically and mentally held in servitude as slaves for commercial gain.
- To take action by encouraging Rotarians to support, promote and work with anti-slavery bodies in developing programs, campaigns and projects that will help to make child slavery history.



The Global Slavery Index published by the Walk Free Foundation (www.walkfree.org) estimates that there are currently nearly **36 million** people caught up in modern day slavery, about 1/3 of whom are children, despite the fact that slavery is illegal in every country except North Korea.

Modern day slavery supports global production to the tune of **US\$32 billion profit/year**, making it the second most profitable international crime behind arms and ahead of drugs!

Image below from Walk Free website at <http://www.walkfree.org/modern-slavery-facts/>



Introducing articles of interest from

Rotarian Action Group against Child Slavery

In Issue 56 <http://www.roisight.org/cs/news/racsnews56.pdf>

HELP MAITI

In his Editorial, **Mark Little** reflects on 'modern day slavery' and urges Rotarians to play "end this obnoxious crime against humanity once and for all".

He also seeks donations for the Maiti Shelter in Nepal, which suffered severe damage from the earthquakes earlier this year.

Since the earthquake, Maiti cares for over **600 children**.

Maiti Nepal can be supported through a RAWCS project,

RAWCS: 150 2010-11.



IN ISSUE 57 <http://www.roisight.org/cs/news/racsnews57.pdf>

FIRST FOR THE GOOD NEWS

Indonesia to end child labour

Indonesia pledges to phase out all forms of child labour within 7 years

Read also: <http://thejakartaglobe.beritasatu.com/news/indonesia-announces-new-plans-end-child-labor/>

And then the BAD NEWS

8000 Children in Delhi factories

An NGO report reveals that there are over 8,000 children working in garment factories in different parts of Delhi, the capital of India.

The report titled "The Hidden Workforce" by Save the Children.....

View : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tANKhmqm_EE



A letter from Marleina Broadhurst in Egypt



Marleina—an Australian currently working in Egypt as a Criminal and Clinical Psychologist is a newly elected Board Member RACSRAG - July 2016 .

She writes "To say that I need help is to state the obvious but to mention that this nation does not want to know is probably closer to the truth."

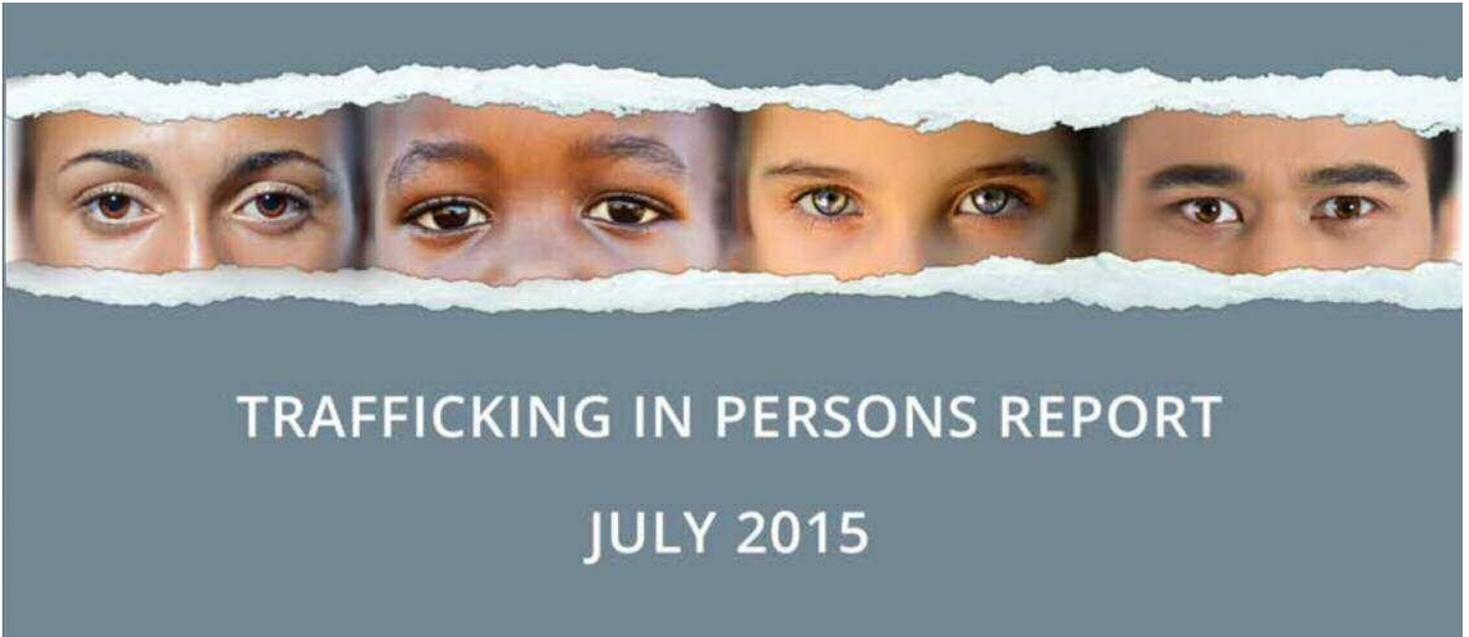
"In a hanger children are gathered where they live, used by a woman, sent out daily to beg, pick pockets and rented out to older beggars as a mean of getting more money from the public.

The money is taken at the end of the day and the child is given a meagre meal under the pretext that probably they will eat elsewhere during the day. But the simple truth is SHE wants them gaunt. When the children turn

11 12 she confided that she sells them and if they have fair hair or coloured eyes they fetch a higher price. "

She has set up a project she calls **ROSES WITHOUT A GARDEN** to "preserve dignity and shy away from the many insulting labels and terms applied here in the Arab world ."

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE



“We want to provide evidence and facts that will help people who are already striving to achieve reforms to alleviate suffering and to hold people accountable...”

US SECRETARY OF STATE **John Kerry**

Read report at <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2015/index.htm>



Releasing the 2015 **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT**

, US secretary of state John Kerry said “this report is important because it really is one of the best means that we have as individuals to speak up for adults and children who lack any effective platform whatsoever through which they are able to speak for themselves. Because of its credibility, this report is also a source of validation and inspiration to activists on every single continent who are striving to end this scourge of modern slavery.

..... the purpose of this document is not to scold and it's not to name and shame. It is to enlighten and to energize, and **most importantly, to empower people.**

And by issuing it, we want to bring to the public's attention the full nature and scope of a \$150 billion illicit trafficking industry. And it is an industry.....”

Read his unedited remarks at

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2015/07/245298.htm>

The country narratives in this report on Human trafficking are revealing.

I looked up and quote from the section on Australia.....

“Australia is primarily a destination country for women and girls subjected to sex trafficking and, increasingly, for women and men subjected to forced labour. “

Find the report and recommendations on Australia

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/243558.pdf>

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

FRIDAY JUNE 12 2015

stories and images from Al Jazeera website

CHILD LABOUR ENDEMIC AROUND THE GLOBE

Lack of education and high rates of poverty drive persistent child labour around the world.

“..... the World Day Against Child Labour brings attention to a global issue that, according to the ILO, involves more than 120 million children between the ages of five and 14 around the world. “

View more images of child labour and read article at

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/inpictures/2015/06/child-labour-endemic-globe-150611075552680.html>



The grease-covered hands of a boy working in an engine repair shop near the Sadarghat ferry terminal in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Since the children start working at such a young age, they are unable to complete any formal education, and therefore get trapped in a life of low-skilled labour from which most will never escape. [Luc Forsyth/Ruom]

PORTRAITS OF CHILD LABOURERS

Nour-Samaha, Zehra Abid and Durra Gambo

On the World Day Against Child Labour, child labourers share their stories – and their hopes for the future.

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2015/06/portraits-child-labourers-sudan-pakistan-syria-150610151019732.html>

Read about

- 10 year old Sonia in Pakistan who works full time as a maid and nanny, and would love to go to school!
- Walid the shoe shiner in Lebanon
- 11 year old Samar in Sudan, who cannot return to school as the family cannot afford uniform, books, and school supplies. She works to help support her family, but has dreams of returning to school and becoming a lawyer.

CHILD LABOUR: WHERE DO COUNTRIES STAND?

Shakeeb Asrar



A number of countries around the world have not yet ratified international child labour conventions.

While most countries have ratified both Conventions Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA are among the countries who have do not appear to have ratified the Minimum Age Convention

Learn more about the

International Conventions on Child Labour

from the UN website at

<http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/briefingpapers/childlabour/intlconvs.shtml>

A CLUB FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



WHAT IS A PING PONG-A-THON?

The Ping Pong-A-Thon is designed to engage the hearts of men on issues of injustice, helping them take action as advocates on behalf of young people who's lives are significantly impacted by human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

PING PONG-A-THON KEY OBJECTIVES

- Raise funds to support the work of creative, passionate and innovative organisations who are committed to supporting, equipping and nurturing the lives of young people impacted by human trafficking and exploitation.
- Provide a fun, non-threatening environment in which men of all ages and backgrounds can build friendships, experience community, participate in something bigger than themselves and take initial steps towards becoming an advocate on issues of justice.
- Raise awareness in the general community of the issues of human trafficking, modern-day slavery and sexual exploitation.
- Be a vehicle for the establishment of strong community partnerships, (different groups in a community working together to achieve a shared goal).

PONG PARTNERS

PPAT currently supports the work of nine partners in Thailand and Cambodia who are passionate about working with children, teenagers and young adults who are impacted by or highly vulnerable to human trafficking and/or exploitation.

Information about PPAT partners and specific projects supported by the PPAT are detailed at:

<http://pingpongathon.com/inspiration/>

PPAT partner organisations undergo an extensive application process. Partners report on use of funds twice yearly and are visited once a year by a PPAT team member. PPAT are committed to building relationship with partner organisations, providing encouragement, consultative services and other practical support in addition to funding of projects.

DETAILS AT <http://pingpongathon.com/>

VENUES [2015 PONG VENUE INFO PDF](#)