

Rotary honours Elizabeth

GAWLER Rotary Club honoured the memory of late member Elizabeth Briggs, and also raised money for polio eradication, at an event held at the Gawler Palace Chinese Restaurant late last month.

The guest speaker was Elizabeth's daughter, Rebecca Rigano, who shared memories of her wonderful mother during the evening.

Elizabeth was a great humanitarian and Rotarian, whose compassion and generosity made the world a better place.

She organised the Chinese banquet for many years and helped raise thousands of dollars for the fight against polio.

Past club president Marie-louise Lees also spoke at the event, and said Rotary had been working to eradicate polio for nearly 40 years.

"The goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever," she said.

"Rotary is a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

"Rotary has helped immunise more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries and has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide.



Grace Barilla (left), mayor Karen Redman and Patricia Dent.

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"Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, but it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free.

"If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years polio could paralyse as

many as 200,000 children each year.

An auction of donated goods was conducted with flair by highly-talented Rotarian Bob Hinderwell, who extracted over \$1000 from those present in a few minutes.



Dave (left) and Maureen Griffiths.



Peter (left) and Jan Ween.



Raelene (left) and Geoff Benier.



Former Gawler and Kapunda residents, Amie



Guest speaker Rebecca Rigano.



Stan Roulston (left) with Tony and Sally Fotheringham.