

# Easy to forget those in need

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The Rotary Club of Whyalla is celebrating the founding of Rotary this Saturday morning at Westland Shopping Centre.

Whyalla President Michele Hart said the aim of the morning was to meet people who have supported Rotary over the years.

"Although Paul Harris actually began Rotary in Chicago on February 23, 105 years ago our

members will be present at a booth at the shopping centre on Saturday, February 27 as we want to meet the people of Whyalla who have supported our service club over the years, and to tell them about the work that Rotary carries out around the world," Mrs Hart said.

"There are thousands of people who work quietly and effectively to help those who have been left without homes, orphaned or

maimed, or who have lost their entire family," Mrs Hart said.

"Among these selfless people you will find a Rotarian."

Members of Rotary clubs around the world know that humanitarian projects contribute to world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

It is from this knowledge that Rotary International and the United States Agency for International Development

(USAID) have joined in a collaborative effort to implement a new initiative to provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene projects in the developing world.

"Rotarians are aware of the need to, not only contribute funds, but also support, in any way, the efforts that make a small difference in the lives of those who are in desperate circumstances," Mrs Hart said.

Everyone is invited to visit the

Rotarians at Westland who will be handing out free, colourful blue and yellow balloons to celebrate Rotary's birthday, which encompasses World Understanding Month and International Peace Day.

They will also answer questions about new humanitarian initiative, the Polio Eradication campaign, the Shelter Box project and the Youth Exchange program.