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Schools, as well as the Bunbury Leschenault Rotary Club, rounded out the fun and informative exchange. Members of both chapters are active in a variety of outreach efforts. Inverell members combine PTPI/Sister Cities projects and especially enjoy participating in homestay exchanges via PTPI's International Visitors Program. They are exploring ways to develop student exchanges between those living on the coast and those in more rural, outlying areas. This effort serves to educate and inform students while recruiting families to join the chapter. Our friends in Western Australia are also actively recruiting members through multicultural festivals and promoting this area as a destination for participants in PTPI's International Visitors Program.

We are delighted to remind you that PTPI's 50th Anniversary celebration coincides with our 17th Worldwide Conference in Sydney 2006!

A NEW DAWN: LIBRARY OF VIET NAM PROJECT

The Library of Viet Nam Project was established by Francis J. "Chuck" Theusch to build libraries and provide shelves, furniture, books, computers and internet capabilities to impact schools, hospitals and entire communities. The standard design of each library is key to the program concept as the distinctive look provides an "architectural signature" to the libraries. This recognition is considered essential to the larger vision of reconciliation, cooperation and peace.

In our last issue, we announced that PTPI's President and CEO Mary Eisenhower led a *Mission in Understanding* to Viet Nam and Cambodia in November, 2002. Dr. James R. Langworthy was part of that delegation and, thanks to his generous contributions and the ongoing collaboration with PTPI, the Langworthy Family Library dedication was held this past November in Trieu Phong District, Quang Tri Province. This district is among the most dangerous in Viet Nam for unexploded bombs and landmines. Almost one year to the day since his first contact with PTPI, Chuck reports this library will provide safety instructions and information about the dangers to educate the community and make life safer for its people. Ambassador Charles Hostler recently led a PTPI delegation to Hanoi, where he addressed students at the University of Foreign Studies. PTPI continues its partnership in support of the cultural, educational and humanitarian impact of the *Library of Viet Nam Project*. The program has expanded to include the *Library of Laos Project* and funds are sought for the building of more libraries and to remodel existing spaces via the *Small Dream* projects. For full details please visit www.libraryofvietnam.org. ■

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