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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE



Welcome to the month of February. It is timely that as I write this that the United Nations is endeavouring to convene peace talks to end the various warring parties and stakeholders in Syria, the site of some of the worst intercountry strife that we have seen in recent years. The war in Syria has now been raging for five years. It has clearly shown the world the propensity of this type of civil conflict to drag its surrounding neighbours into the conflict, it's a little like ripples on a pond. What starts off as a conflict in the centre spreads quickly in waves to all sections of the pond or the world. The war in Syria has seen the growth of ISIL and the tentacles of this conflict have now spread to Europe, Africa and other sections of the globe.

It is fortunate, therefore, that in the month of February we in Rotary dwell upon peace and conflict resolution. Our support of the Rotary Foundation has seen the growth of world peace centres which act as institutions of learning and promotion of peace and each year Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centres. Our own Teisha Beaumont nominated by the Rotary Club of Byron Bay soon embarks upon her journey of peace development. Thanks to all Rotarians in District 9640 whom through the support of the Rotary Foundation make this possible.

A wise past District Governor once said that he believed the Peace Program may well prove to be Rotary's greatest achievement yet. Peace scholars are now finding themselves in senior positions and leadership throughout the world and the influence their Peace Program and their studies may have upon the future development of nations where they live and work cannot yet be assessed or indeed guessed at the present time.

For those Clubs who have not yet made a contribution to the annual fund this year then I urge you to consider doing so if only for the purpose of further and future world peace through our Peace Program.

"Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I am a dreamer, but I am not the only one. I hope someday you will join us, and the world will be as one." John Lennon

Yours in Rotary

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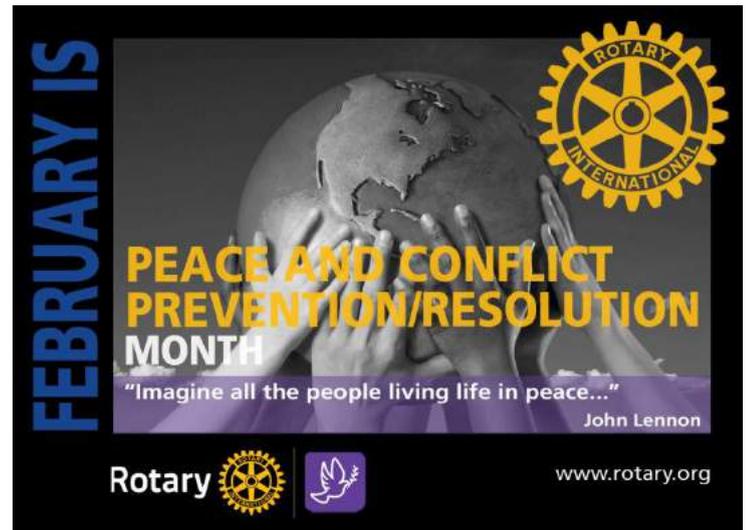
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MONTHLY THEME - PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION / RESOLUTION



Sixty million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution, and 90 percent of armed-conflict casualties are civilians, half of them children. Through service projects, fellowships, and other Rotary-sponsored campaigns, members train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. Members also pursue projects to address the underlying structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

To read news about Rotary Peace Initiatives around the world, click on the following links –

- [Peace Corps and Rotary kick off historic collaboration](#)
- [New funding goal set for Rotary Peace Centers](#)
- [Peace fellow Ali Reza Eshraghi on today's Iran](#)
- [Political strife, protecting U.S. diplomats are part of the job](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

Since the last newsletter we are pleased to be able to welcome the following new members in to our District –

Club	Name
Alstonville	Geoffrey Vidal
Southport	Gail Ryan
Surfers Sunrise	Mark Twyford
Warwick	David Craggs Rebecca Flick

GOLD COAST ON SHOW IN SAN DIEGO



As part of the recent International Assembly in San Diego, District Governor Elect (DGE) Michael Irving and Roz donned Aussie national costume for a comedy skit. Great to see their attire showcased their Gold Coast home !

ROTARY AND CRICKET COMBINE IN WAGGA WAGGA

The International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians (IFCR) is holding its Bi-Annual IFCR Australian Festival from 16 - 21 October 2016 in Wagga Wagga, NSW.



The Festival will be held at the Bolton Park Sportsground Complex, which has four cricket ovals and is located in the centre of Wagga Wagga. Robertson Oval is the premier oval and home to the Wagga Wagga and District Cricket Association. Facilities include an International sized cricket field, turf cricket pitch and turf practice wickets. The other three grounds, the Mark Taylor Oval, Geoff Lawson Oval and Michael Slater Oval are all located within the Bolton Park complex.

You can obtain more about the city and the Festival from the ifcrwagga2016.org.au website.

This year, you can register online or download a form and register manually. International registrations close 30 2016 and Australian registrations close 30 July 2016.

Come along and be part of this great Rotary Cricket Fellowship !

2017 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP NOW OPEN FOR APPLICANTS



Details of the 2017 Rotary Peace Fellowships opportunities are now available online! Please promote the fellowship around your clubs.

You can go to <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships> to review the fellowship details, application process, animation video, and find additional resources for applicants and Rotarians.

Applicants must submit their application to the District by **31 May 2016** to seek endorsement. Applicants can choose to apply online or with the PDF application. Both can be located on the website.

The District will need to endorse any qualified applicants who are dedicated to promoting peace.

Below are links to extra resources to help recruit applicants, better understand the application process, and conduct interviews for applicants you are interested in endorsing -

- [Rotarian Program Guide to the Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)
- [Rotary Peace Centers Brochure](#)
- [Rotary Peace Centers Programmatic Webinar](#)

YOUNG BOY TREATED FOR NAIL INJURY TO HEAD THANKS TO ROMAC



ROMAC is very pleased to advise that Kachiko Umiko (accompanied by his grandfather Amon Redly) arrived for treatment at Brisbane's Lady Cilento Children's Hospital on Tuesday 19 January. Kachiko is from the Solomon Islands and underwent a CT scan on the nail injury in his head on Wednesday 20 January. He was operated on by Dr Gert Tolleson the following day.

Kachiko had a food tube inserted initially as he found the Australian menu a little difficult to cope with but managed to enjoy some cup noodles and also some fresh mango once the tube was removed. He has 3 bacteria not seen in Australia and the Doctor wants him on constant antibiotic for about 6 weeks. He had a feeding tube inserted to keep a check on what he is eating. Kachiko has started to eat but not a lot, not being used to our food!

Grandad Amon really enjoyed viewing of the Australia Day fireworks with Kachiko from the ward window at Lady Cilento Hospital. Amon was so impressed he said he would like to have a similar display in the Solomons.

After recuperating in hospital, Kachiko will be discharged to stay with a Solomon Island couple who live at West End in Brisbane.

IAN LOXTON PANCREATIC CANCER SCHOLARSHIP

Jane Loxton is a member of the Rotary eClub of NextGen. In 2011, Jane's husband Ian passed away 20 weeks after being diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Ian's sudden departure was a shock to Jane, and during 2 months of many blood tests, X Rays, barium swallows, endoscopes and colonoscopies, Ian's Doctors did not attribute his gut pain to Pancreatic Cancer.

Pancreatic Cancer along with Brain, Lung and Ovarian Cancers are the four deadliest cancers types, as they are the hardest to detect and are often too far advanced when diagnosed for successful treatment.

Jane signed a Partnership Agreement with Australian Rotary Health (ARH) to fund a research student looking into early diagnosis and or pain relief for Pancreatic Cancer. Pancreatic Cancer is the most painful cancer as opiate drugs normally used for cancer pain relief do little to alleviate the constant gnawing pain. ARH sent out expressions of interest to Universities, research centres and prospective students, and a very comprehensive proposal was then considered by the ARH selection committee to allocate the PhD Scholarship.

Jane's role in this process was to supply ARH with a total of \$33,000 over 3 years, which she achieved by holding fashion parades, garage sales, market stalls, fun runs and selling copies of a book she wrote about her sailing adventures with her late husband. Jane was also fortunate to have some very generous donations, which thankfully took the pressure off her fundraising efforts.

Jane's student Dannel Yeo is studying at the University of Melbourne and the Austin Hospital giving Pancreatic Cancer to black mice. His research has gone extremely well with invitations to discuss his findings from overseas countries. A major drawback with Pancreatic Cancer is that it comes in many genetic forms so when a successful treatment is found it is only successful for a limited number of people too.



Jane Loxton with Dannel Yeo

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IAN LOXTON PANCREATIC CANCER SCHOLARSHIP

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Jane's student will complete his studies in the middle of this year and fortunately he has been able to find another co-sponsor. This means that ARH will be offering another PhD Scholarship in Ian's name following the completion of Dannel's Scholarship! Two for the price of one.

Jane's ongoing commitment is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness talks which she gives to mainly Rotary Clubs in towns that she visits where she works. Unfortunately the shifts Jane had on her last placement at Leeton Hospital did not come together with Rotary meeting times.

Following her talks, Jane offers her book for sale and this money still goes to ARH.

"I have found the experience of writing the book and giving my talks very healing in that Ian's Cancer journey was not all for nothing."

If you would like to donate **\$25** and receive a copy of Jane's book, you can contact Jane via email at janeloxton22@gmail.com, or alternatively, donations can be made via this ARH link –

[http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Research/Current-Research-\(1\)/Current-PhD-Scholarships/Dannel-Yeo.aspx](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/Research/Current-Research-(1)/Current-PhD-Scholarships/Dannel-Yeo.aspx)

CALLING ALL MOTORCYCLISTS !



The IFMR (International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians) is holding a meet and greet for rotacyclists on the 30th April to 2nd May in Tamborine QLD.

If you are interested please contact David Batty on 0438 579 619 for further info or visit the fellowship's web site –

<http://ifmraustralia.org/>

DOUBLE ACT

Burleigh Heads Rotary is partnering with the Rotaract Club of Burleigh Heads to spread the good word about Rotary and their Clubs at Pacific Fair shopping complex. The Clubs will be talking to shoppers and handing out flyers on the last Saturday of every month for six months.



Burleigh Heads Rotarians and Rotaractors at Pacific Fair

The Clubs worked together in true partnership style to create complementary flyers and on the day handed out the flyers for their partner Club to the right demographic when needed. The Clubs also made sure they adopted similar ice-breaking approaches when speaking to shoppers who wanted to know more about Rotary and Rotaract. In a bid to engage with families, they also handed out colouring-in sheets for kids.

While the partnership proved a success, it also gave members of both Clubs the opportunity to get to know each other in a more relaxed setting - something that doesn't often happen.

The partnership is reaping rewards, as one Rotaractor has recently been proposed for membership of Burleigh Heads Rotary.

THE TIME IS RYPEN !

RYPEN is a Rotary International Youth Program held at Camp Bornhoffen in the Gold Coast Hinterland. It's object is to assist young people to challenge themselves, extend their boundaries, and develop positive behaviours in a supportive environment.

The application form can be downloaded from the [District 9640 website](#).

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The RYPEN schedule is a mix of guest speaker sessions, team based activities and physical activities. The value of teamwork and the importance of taking part, rather than winning is emphasised in all activities.

The program is for fourteen to sixteen years olds who would love a weekend packed with activities, entertaining speakers & opportunities to learn and to make new friends.

The RYPEN committee are asking that your club sponsor one or more young people to attend the program. The cost has been kept at \$275 per awardee. Please note that awardees who have attended RYPEN previously are not eligible.

Contact Stewart Hase (stewart.hase@gmail.com) or 0417 255 995 for more information.

DISTRICT AWARDS 2015/16

So your club has worked hard to achieve excellence: You deserve to be recognized! In just over a month, applications close for the 2015/16 District Awards !

Award Categories

The following awards will be on offer for 2015/16 –

#	Description
1	Best Club Bulletin
2	Conference Attendance
3	Membership Increase
4	The Rotary Foundation Award
5	International Service
6	Community Service Awards
7	Vocational Excellence Award
8	Vocational Service Award
9	Service to Youth
10	Rotary - Rotaract Involvement
11	Best Conference Display Award
12	Australian Rotary Health
13	Rotary - Interact Involvement
14	Public Relations Award – General
15	Public Relations Award – Single Event
16	Best Endeavour Award
17	Club Website Award
18	Significant Achievement
19	Best Multi-Club Project

General rules applying to all awards -

- In reviewing projects, special weighting will be given to those projects carried out by clubs of in innovative and outstanding nature.
- Consideration will also be given to the size of the club in judging points.
- Less prominence will be given to projects which would be considered to be part of the normal program of a Rotary club.

Closing Dates

The closing dates for all award applications, other than (2) Club Attendance, (3) Conference Attendance, (12) Membership Increase, (13) Best Club Program / Project and the Presidential Citation is 12 noon, 28 February 2016.

Please forward all entries (electronic or hard copy) to:-

District Awards Committee Chairman,
Franz Huber
P O Box 5381
Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726
Phone (Bus) 07 5597 0666 (M) 0414 970 666
Email franzhuber@onthenet.com.au

Further Information & Application Form

Further information on all of the various awards, along with an application form, can be found on the District website –

<http://rotary9640.org/SitePage/district-awards>



RI PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE



In life, sometimes the experiences that matter the most are the briefest. They pass in the blink of an eye: a few days, a few hours, a few moments. They are the experiences that illuminate the landscape of our memory, shining brightly even years later. They are the moments in which we see, suddenly, something we had not seen; we understand something we had not understood; we forge a connection we had not expected.

For me, this has been a Rotary year like no other. I have been around the world, traversing countries and continents. I have been to places I had never seen before, and I have returned to familiar places and seen them, as for the first time, through the lens of Rotary.

When you travel for Rotary, you travel with a different sense of perspective and a different sense of purpose. There is an awareness of being part of something larger than yourself. When you board a plane or a train, or leave your home in the dark hours of early morning, you may be leaving for lands unknown – but at your destination, there will be no strangers. There will be Rotarians, waiting and welcoming. There will be work to do, something to learn, and perhaps something to teach.

There will be connections to forge, friendships to build, and memories to carry for a lifetime.

This year, I have been the traveler, and I have been welcomed by Rotarians around the world. A few months from now, from 28 May to 1 June, I invite you to step into my experience: allow me to welcome you to Seoul for our 107th International Convention.

The Koreans have a saying: 사람이 나면 서울로 보내라. In English we would say, "When a person is born, send them to Seoul." For Seoul is a city of opportunities: a wonderful destination with rich traditions, modern conveniences, and a culture unlike any other. But I ask you to join me in Seoul not only for all of this, but also for the experiences you will have there with your fellow Rotarians.

For a brief moment in time, you will experience Rotary as I have experienced it: in all its diversity, all its warmth, and all its potential. You will be greeted as an old friend by people you have never met; you will share your thoughts, even without a shared language. You will learn with wonder of what Rotary has achieved, and leave inspired to achieve even more.

Before this Rotary year comes to its close, I ask you to do what I have done: to leave your homes, to board your flights, to travel toward the unknown with an open heart and an open mind, confident that Rotary will welcome you. Join me, and your fellow Rotarians, as we *Connect with Korea – Touch the World*.

K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran
President 2015/16



REGISTER NOW FOR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEOUL 2016

"Touch the World in Korea" from 29 May to 1 June 2016.



Book your trip to Seoul by clicking on the register link on the image above, visit www.riconvention.org or simply contact PDG Brian Heaton at val.22@bigpond.com or by calling 0409 007 848.

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS

Rotary Global Rewards is a member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services like travel, hotels, dining and entertainment



You can learn more and redeem Rotary Global Rewards at rotary.org/globalrewards

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your diary for the following key dates, including training dates. Don't forget you can get more details on these events as well as what else is going on, via the District Website.

Date	Details (Location)
21 Feb 16	ROMAC Movie Night – Trumbo (Gold Coast Arts Centre) For tickets call Brian Pearson on 0408 758 399 or email pearson8@tpg.com.au
27 Feb 16	Inaugural Alumni Dinner (Southport Golf Club) Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner (Hilton Hotel, Brisbane)
05 Mar 16	President Elect (PETS) Training (Saint Stephens College, Coomera)
06 Mar 16	District Assembly (Saint Stephens College, Coomera)
07 Mar 16	Inbound Friendship Exchange Dinner (South Tweed Sports Club) Contact Charles Warrell on 0467 627 905 or email c.warrell@hotmail.com
17 Apr – 15 May 16	Inbound Group Study Exchange from Pennsylvania
23 Apr – 21 May 16	Outbound Group Study Exchange to Pennsylvania
30 Apr – 02 May 16	International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians Meet & Greet (Tamborine)
01 May	Opera in the Vineyard (Ballandean Estate, Stanthorpe) Bookings : http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=106025
03 May – 06 May 16	Bike Ride for Mental Health (Tenterfield to Murwillumbah) For more information visit www.gtoc.com.au
06 May 16	College of Governor's Luncheon (Greenhills Reception Lounge)
06 May – 08 May 16	District Conference (Murwillumbah) For bookings visit http://e.mybookingmanager.com/D9640Conference2016
28 May 16	Youth Exchange Program – District interviews (Robina High School)
12 Jun 16	Quarterly Leadership Meeting (Ocean Shores)



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

6 MARCH 2016
ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE
UPPER COOMERA

ALL ROTARIAN'S WELCOME



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016

6 – 8 MAY 2016
CIVIC CENTRE
MURWILLUMBAH

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