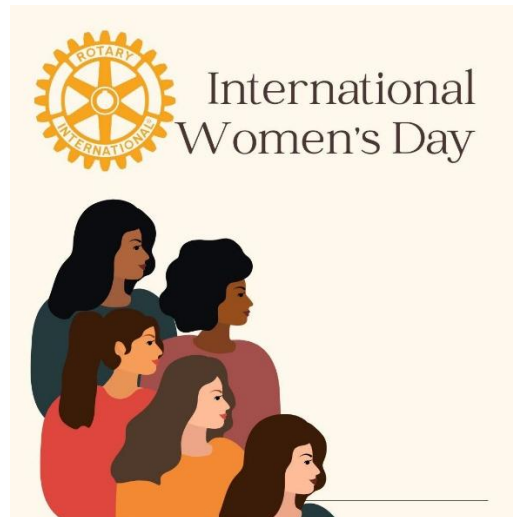


I arrived home in Warragal last Sunday from my adventure to Mooloolaba and Southern Highlands and I am looking forward to seeing you at Rotary on Tuesday evening. At our meeting on Tuesday 4 March, we will acknowledge and celebrate International Women's Day. You are welcome to bring your partner, daughter, or friend to our meeting this Tuesday. Please ensure William Wong knows if you are bringing your partner. Our guest speaker is Councillor Jess Hamilton. You are invited to wear something pink in acknowledgment of International Women's Day. The recent District 9815 listed many events being held by Clubs to celebrate International Women's Day. I have included the history and timeline of women in Rotary International. *Regards, Dianne*



Update Report from President Mike

Following our last meeting, president Mike emailed us all re **Warragul Rotary's Trivia Night**. He told us that we will be joining Warragul Rotary for a "Trivia Night" on March 12th at the Warragul Bowls club. It will be a social night so partners are more than welcome to attend, we would like to see as many as we can attend on the night.

Lardner Park has donated a "Perpetual Trophy" and a \$500 donation to the club that wins the night. It will be a 6:00pm start for a beginning of the Trivia at 6:30pm. Please bring a plate of "Finger Food" for the table.

Arrangements will be discussed, and tables organised at our meeting on March 4th.

Farm World 2025

Thank you to those who have volunteered. There are still several spots with only one person where two are needed. Please review the latest roster when it appears in your in-box and see where you can help.

What's ahead

Tuesday 4 th March	Dinner Meeting 15 at Hong Kong Inn, Drouin at 6.00pm for 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 th March	Interclub Trivia Night, Warragul
Saturday 15 th /16 th March	President Elect training, San Remo
Tuesday 18 th March	Dinner Meeting 16 at Hong Kong Inn, Drouin at 6.00pm for 6.30pm
24 th to 29 th March	Farm World Field Days

Anniversaries

Birthdays Max Scott (6th March) , Colin Gardner (20th March)

Joining anniversaries Don Kelley (14th March 1995)

Wedding Anniversaries Bob & Maggie Vogt (9th March) , Janette & Rob Pocklington (19th March)

Service



Breakfast Club



Judy & Melva are ready for the students



Russell and Tim moved outdoors

Food Relief deliveries

Drop Off	March 7 th .	March 21 st .
Drouin	Peter & Bob (D) Lois (D) Sandy & Mike (D) Melva & Judy (D)	Rob C (C) David (D) Melva (D) Josh (D)
Longwarry	Russell (D)	Russell (D)
Warragul	Gwen & Bill (D) Pauline & Brian (D) Greg (W) Di & Tony (W) Nick (W) Celestine (W) Blake (W)	Jacinta & Chris (C) Di & Tony (W) Greg (W) Nick (W) Celestine (W) Blake (W)

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History of Women in Rotary International

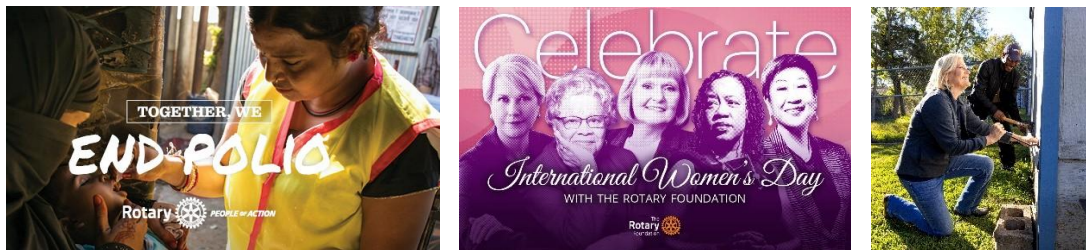
Women are active participants in Rotary, serving their communities in increasing numbers and serving in leadership positions in Rotary. The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

“My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world,” said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. The number of women members worldwide reached 195,000 in July 2010 (about 16% of Rotarians) and surpassed 277,000 in July 2020 (about 23%).

A top priority for Rotary is growing and diversifying our membership to make sure we reflect the communities we serve. We know that our capacity to increase our impact and expand our reach is larger when more people unite with us, which is why we value [diversity, equity and inclusion](#). Rotary celebrates and welcomes the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.



Our timeline highlights historic milestones and senior leadership firsts that have helped build greater diversity in Rotary. These leaders and all our female members are making positive change in communities around the world.

Timeline of women in Rotary

1. 1950

An enactment to delete the word “male” from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 Rotary Convention.

2. 1964

The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

3. 1972

As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

4. 1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 Rotary Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club’s membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

5. 1980

The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as “male persons.”

6. 1983-86

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

7. 1987

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

8. 1988

In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

9. 1989

At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

10. 1990

As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a [feature](#) on women in Rotary.

11. 1995

In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

12. 2005

Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

13. 2008

Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

14. 2012

Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as RI treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

15. 2013

Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.

16. 2019

Brenda Marie Cressey begins her term as the first woman to serve as vice-chair of The Rotary Foundation. In April-June 2019 she serves as chair of the Foundation, the first woman appointed to this role.

17. 2022

[Jennifer Jones](#) begins her term as the first female president of Rotary International.



“No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens.” —Michelle Obama