DISTRICT 9710 NEWS

Nov 2018

ROTARY YEAR 2018-2019

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DG Margaret 'Hass' Hassall Nov 2018 LETTER

As we get ever closer to the end of 2018 and I have visited all of the clubs, I am constantly reminded of the people who work hard with the ethic, Service Above Self. For the many office bearers, project managers and district committee members, there many more who work quietly in the background, ensuring that all goes smoothly. The time and energy of Rotarians are valuable and so much of both is put into making the world a better place, identifying needs and then setting out to meet those needs. My gratitude is expressed to all who are part of the wonderful efforts that achieve so much.

Our Foundation giving: Annual Fund giving is the driver of DDF (District Designated Funds) three years down the road and there has been a drop of 14% just four months into the year in our zone. DDF is the lifeblood of all the things clubs do in the name of The Rotary Foundation and we simply can't afford to see available funds going backwards. In District 9710, at the corresponding time last year, we had given $40,935 whereas this year the figure stands at $32,506, a drop of 20.8%. One of the District Goals for the current year was to increase our contribution to Foundation and make the donations early rather than late in the year, to take advantage of the maximum amount of interest. I ask all clubs to review their Foundation giving, while acknowledging that, as in every year, there has been considerable demand for funds from clubs, notably this year in helping with Drought Relief.

We are all concerned with membership, our increasing average age and the fact that some of our older members are retiring. A webinar will be held and I encourage all concerned Rotarians to log on to the program:

Membership Models for the Future of Rotary on Thursday 6 December 2018 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sydney time. If you can't log on to the webinar at the time, later access to the program will be provided.

I would like to express my sympathy to the members of the Milton-Ulladulla Club on the passing of a Friend of Rotary, Aaron Bennett, son of PP, Keith Bennett. Keith helped to establish the Life Education Van on the south coast and Aaron helped the club members whenever they set up their jumping castle for a fundraiser. Aaron was farewelled with a Rotary guard of honour.

The Police Officer of the Year Awards Ceremony in Sydney on 16 November was a great occasion, especially as there were four nominees from our district.
It was heartening to hear of the stories of the finalists and some of the responses to their awards were very touching
Congratulations to Lisa Gardner and Bianca Williams for being the winners in their categories

. Nominee	Command / Business Unit	Rotary Award Category
Det. Sgt. Justin Marks	Bega	Regional NSW Field Operations Police Officer of the Year
Executive Assistant Lisa Gardner	Goulburn	Police Employee of the Year
Sergeant Janelle Widders	NSW Police Academy	Corporate Services Police Officer of the Year
Leading Senior Constable Bianca Williams	Goulburn	Rotary Community Award

Among the hundreds of emails I get are some important messages. For those who intend going to the Hamburg Convention in 2019: if you have not already paid, a reminder that the early bird registration fee is available if you register on or before December 14, 2018

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Calls for nominations for DG of new 9705 for 2020-21

From the beginning of December, nominations will be called for the position of District Governor of 9705, 2021-22.

Nominations will close on 31 March 2019.

Please start thinking hard about suitable candidates for this role.

Woden Rotary Club is celebrating Fifty Fabulous Years

with a

Gala Dinner Dance

on

Saturday 25 May 2019

Come along and join everyone to celebrate the occasion at the Hellenic Club, Woden

Save this date
note it in your 2019 diary

All enquiries to:

President Valmai Burns on 0412 720 956

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National Youth Science Forum

SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY & ALUMNI EVENING
SESSION A: 7 JANUARY
SESSION C: 21 JANUARY

GALA SCIENCE DINNER
SESSION A: 10 JANUARY
SESSION C: 24 JANUARY

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Global Grant Project

Nepal is the poorest country outside Africa. Rotary does much to assist, but the ultimate answer lies in education of the people. The starting point is the provision of schools and attracting students to attend (with scholarships if necessary), but without good teaching, the children don't receive the quality education they deserve. As most primary teachers started teaching upon leaving school, with little or no training, they lack the ability to deliver that quality education.

Quality Education Nepal, a project of Rotary Australia World Community Service, has been training teachers in remote Western Nepal since 2011. More than 300 teachers have joined the program to date, receiving 50 days training over three years, with annual refresher training continuing thereafter.

In April 2017 a Rotary Foundation Global Grant added 75 teachers to the program, and the opportunity now exists to rapidly expand with further Global Grant projects. Sponsorship by your club, at a level you choose, will enable this to happen.

How does it work?

* training is delivered by LEARN ("Lifting Education, Advancing Rural Nepal"), an NGO we established in 2014. It now has four full-time staff and engages experienced trainers as required.

* training is provided by Masters-qualified Nepalese teachers in collaboration with staff of the Department of Education. All programs are approved in advance by the Social Welfare Council and Municipal Government.

* teachers give up their holidays to attend. Their enthusiasm, and the transformation of classrooms after training, are testament to the success of the programs.

* programs address Education Department resource areas comprising one or two high schools (at which the training is delivered) and up to a dozen feeder primary schools. 80-90% of their teachers choose to attend.

* a Host Sponsor Club in Nepal monitors progress, receiving detailed reports of each program delivered. Only then do they deliver payment to LEARN.

* next Saturday I will return to Nepal to finalise a project for teachers of Rakhu district (the draft application can be found on our website at www.qen.org.au). We expect a budget of around US$75,000, requiring some $30,000 in club contributions.

How much should your club contribute? That is entirely up to you. Matching Foundation contributions at District and Global levels can lift a US$2,000 club contribution to $5,000, enough to cover 5 teachers attending the program:
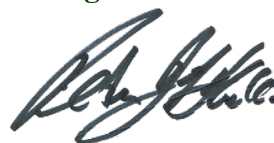
Sponsor Category	Contribution per year for 3 years			Total Contribution
	AUD, CAD	GBP	USD	USD
Bronze	350	180	250	750
Silver	700	360	500	1,500
Gold	1,800	900	1,200	3,600
Platinum	7,000	3,600	4,800	14,400

Global Funding USD	Total Funding USD	District DDF @ 50 c/$	Global Funding USD	Total Funding USD
375	1,125	375	750	1,875
750	2,250	750	1,500	3,750
1,800	5,400	1,800	3,600	9,000
7,200	21,600	7,200	14,400	36,000

And the result? 75 newly motivated teachers plus 800 Nepalese children receiving a better education (with more to follow in the years ahead), preparing them to lift their country out of poverty.

I emailed then Presidents of many clubs in June this year, but with the end of the Rotary year close upon them only a few were able to make firm commitments. However, I did receive many encouraging responses, and the way is now open for commitments. Please email me if you are prepared to put a proposition to your Board.

Best regards

Peter Hall
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Global Grant Project 1525855 - Closing Ceremony, April 2017

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