



**Rotary**  
District 9685



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## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

### Rotary International Convention

We regret to announce that the Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 6-10 June 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, has been canceled due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

As the virus continues to spread rapidly around the world, we made the difficult decision to cancel our annual convention to protect the health and safety of our members, staff, attendees, and the local Honolulu community.

We are sorry that we will not see you in Honolulu this year, but this decision is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved.



### VULNERABLE FAMILIES AT GREATER RISK OF CORONAVIRUS

As we are told to stay at home, follow social distancing rules and wash our hands regularly, families in Syria and refugee camps across the world have no way of protecting themselves

This week we received the terrible news we'd been dreading - Syria confirmed its first Coronavirus case. Many people are living in horrendous conditions, and there are fears that it could spread uncontrollably.

**We are sending this just as news has come in that the UN has called for total ceasefire in Syria to focus on coronavirus.**

Right now in Idlib, almost 1 million people are living in makeshift accommodation and overcrowded tents, where adequate hygiene and social distancing measures are impossible.

Coronavirus is making the massive need for humanitarian assistance even more urgent. Right now, we are working even harder with our partners around the world to provide families with the emergency aid they need now, more than ever.

**But we urgently need your help. Please donate today to help contain this deadly virus in the most vulnerable communities.**

***As we consider how we distribute funds this year, is this situation above, one we should seriously consider?***

## TRIVIA FOR THIS WEEK provided by Kaye Carter

Answers to last weeks questions

1. Which of Henry VIII's wives was the mother of Queen Elizabeth? **Anne Boleyn, his second wife**
2. Following the Salem witches trials in 1692, 24 women died? How? **19 were hanged, one was pressed to death, 4 died in prison.**

This week's questions

1. Who was Australian of the year in 2018?
2. We know Frida Kahlo as a portrait artist, but what was her career before turning to painting?

## **The President's Ponderings for Wednesday 1st April, 2020**

Based on the most recent notifications from the Prime Minister I don't think we are going to be back on the 15th April and I know you all miss my company, so I am suggesting a Zoom Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, 8th April.

I am going to send you an invitation from my work account so I can record it for posterity. Within the invitation will be an agenda but the first thing you need to do is go to this website - <https://zoom.us/meetings> and sign up for a Zoom Account. It is easy and don't pay for it cause you get a 40 minute conference for free. You can do it on your phone or your computer. Any issues with setting it up please give me a call.

Looking forward to next week. It is up to Kaye to get the trivia questions ready.

Regards

Jim Fraser

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### **Information for members of the incoming Club Board of Directors following the news that the District Assembly will not be held as originally planned.**

#### **District Assembly sessions to be held online!**

People will be able to log on at the time for live-streaming or else they can watch it at a later date as the videos will be listed on the district website shortly after.

The main session will be held on April 19th, starting at 9am, our host will be logging on at 8am in order to troubleshoot with anyone who is new to the software, but ideally please try to have everyone familiar with this in advance.

This session will go for approximately four hours - with a break. so have everyone prepare themselves morning tea in advance.....

Then for the regular breakout sessions - where the club executive and chairs break up into roles/portfolios, we will be creating a schedule for these throughout April and May if we need to.

We will get this schedule to you as soon as we have it confirmed.

#### **Pre-learning**

As with all the learning and development that has already taken place for those holding roles next year, we will be recommending online learning modules from the Rotary International Learning Center for your executives and chairs to undertake.

All board members will receive, over coming weeks, information about items they can access on RI's Learning Centre. If you haven't looked at this online yet, the following information will help you get started.

#### **Rotary International's Online Learning Center**

Some of you might not be aware that Rotary International now has an awesome online training centre available to anyone with a My Rotary account. You can access My Rotary by logging on to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

How to video <https://vimeo.com/369681258>

#### **Some Basic Learning Center Online Modules:**

1. Getting started with the learning center <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/208/GettingStartedWiththeLearningCenter>
2. Rotary Basics <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/524/rotary-basics>
3. Club Administration <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/102/My%2520Rotary%253A%2520Club%2520Administration>

***Let me know if you have any trouble getting in to My Rotary and the Learning Centre***

***David Firth***

Fellows, the District Governor Elect, David Clark, has circulated the following information about virtual meetings, encouraging clubs to maintain contact amongst members. The question is, do we want to hold virtual meetings each week online so that we can maintain face to face contact, have some fun and fellowship, and perhaps learn something about each other and about Rotary? See President Jim's suggestion on the previous page.

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## Interim Virtual Meetings

Please consider the creative use of technology to host “virtual meeting” experiences for your members until you can resume in-person meetings and events. Below are a few ideas and favourite tools for virtual meetings. Each suggestion includes links to helpful how-to guides and/or other information to assist you in navigating these tools.

**Highly Interactive Tools** – There are many free and paid options for hosting virtual meetings. Chances are someone in your club already has a pro version of one of these for their business, but there are also lots of great no-cost options that include basic features. Many of these programs are offering reduced fees and no-cost extended trials during this time.

**Zoom Basic Free** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2pq4I1urXA>

**GoTo Meeting Free** | <https://support.goto.com/meeting>

**Google Hangout Free** | <https://support.google.com/hangouts/answer/3115553?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

**Less Interactive** – There are other tools that are still incredibly useful and may be the perfect fit, but don't require that everyone log in at a specific time, which could be the perfect level of flexibility for your club. The suggestions below range from social media tools to project management and communication tools.

**Facebook Live** | <https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/facebook-live-guide>

**Instagram TV** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaRxgAW9mUY>

**Basecamp** | <https://basecamp.com/>

**Slack** | <https://slack.com/>

### Tips for hosting a “Virtual Meeting”

- Consider shortening the length of the virtual meeting to make it more feasible for members to “tune in.”
- Do keep your fellowship activities if they can easily migrate online (for example, “getting to know you” activities, interesting speakers, and happy bucks/dollars)
- Avoid taking up “video time” with elements of your meeting that would be better shared in writing such as basic announcements or upcoming dates to note – consider sending those in a follow-up email once the virtual meeting concludes
- check out Rotary resources on virtual meetings
  - o <https://www.rotary.org/en/how-take-your-club-online>
  - o <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/onli>

## Important Links & Resources

### Useful Links

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2pq4I1urXA>

<https://support.goto.com/meeting>

<https://support.google.com/hangouts/answer/3115553?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

<https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/facebook-live-guide>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaRxgAW9mUY>

<https://basecamp.com/>

<https://slack.com/>

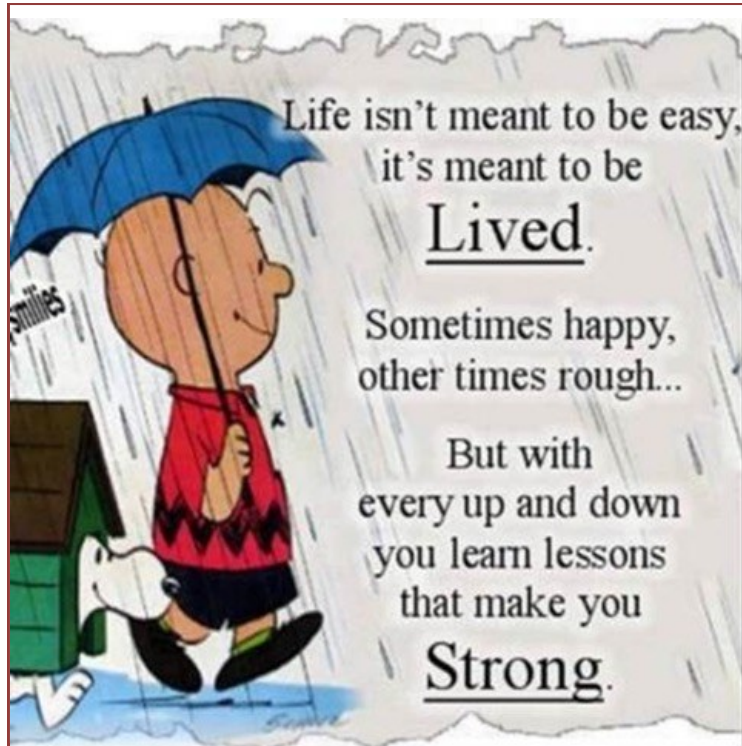
<https://blog.hootsuite.com/social-media-takeovers/>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/how-take-your-club-online>

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/online-club-meetings>

## OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

| Date          | Program                           | Speaker                             | Chairman      | Reporter    |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| APRIL<br>15th | THE NORTH CONNEX<br>OPENING PLANS | TO BE CONFIRMED<br>BRING ANYONE WHO | IS INTERESTED | Adrian Bell |



This was the Red Hill Observatory. The observatory staff worked out of tents until the building opened in 1894 and closed c.1932 after the retirement of James Short.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### BIRTHDAYS

Ian Huckel - April 5th  
 Peter Hudson - April 8th  
 Dorothy Green - April 19th  
 Pam Hudson - April 21st  
 Leon Edema - April 24th

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Maureen Pankhurst - April 9th  
 Pat & Sandra Parker - April 9th

#### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

George Green - April 3rd  
 Bill Woodman - April 6th

**Sorry, but last week's Spokes had the wrong Attendance record for 18.3.2020**

#### ATTENDANCE AT OUR MEETING on 18.3.2020

**Member Attendance :**  
 68.75%

#### **Apologies:**

A Ameen, I Chappel, P Hudson,  
 C Rigney, D Walsh

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Zac Dunlop, Ashlin Upton

#### **Visitors:**

Nicole Dunlop, Andrew Upton

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘The future belongs to those who prepare for it.’

- [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)