

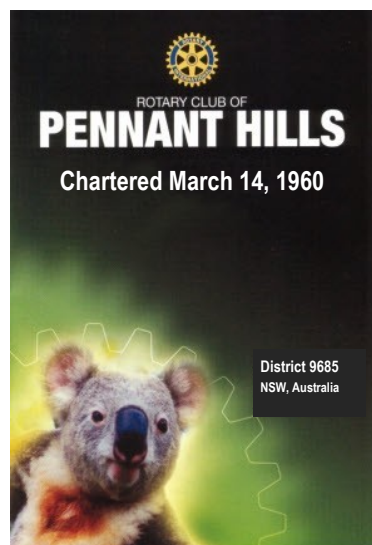


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THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

BACK TO FACE TO FACE MEETINGS AT THE GOLF CLUB - OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

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NEXT WEEK

NORTHCONNEX COMMUNITY EVENT

**SPEAKER: RAJ BAROT -
Community Engagement Advisor at Transurban**

CHAIRMAN: PHIL STANTON

REPORTER: JOHN ELLIS

Fellows, the following article is reprinted from the Rotary International website. It is significant since there is a new Rotaract club forming in our area thanks to the work of Jason Terry, who will join our meeting tonight. We are committed to supporting its formation and ongoing activities.

The ongoing evolution of Rotaract is redefining its place within Rotary

by Vanessa Glavinskas

At midnight on 30 June, hundreds of Rotaractors will ring in the new Rotary year together. They'll also be celebrating Rotaract's ongoing evolution, including the expansion of Rotary membership to include Rotaract clubs. "It's really exciting," says Ignacio González, a member of the Rotaract Club of Oriente de Talca in Chile. Until recently, Rotaractors have been considered Rotary program participants. "Now," says González, who serves on the Elevate Rotaract Task Force, "we are a part of Rotary. It's a new era for Rotaract."

Rotary programs include: Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, New Generations Service Exchange, Rotary Peace Fellowships, and Rotary Community Corps

Rotaract's elevated status within the organization was approved by Rotary's Council on Legislation in 2019 as part of an ongoing effort to make Rotary more appealing and welcoming to young professionals. "We keep telling Rotarians to find a way to bring in young people, when we have them already and we seem to forget them," says 2018-19 Rotary President Barry Rassin. It was Rassin who formally proposed expanding the definition of Rotary membership to include both Rotary and Rotaract.

After the Council approved revising the RI Constitution and Bylaws to **include Rotaract as a membership type**, the Elevate Rotaract Task Force — made up of both Rotaractors and Rotarians — was formed and began surveying members to come up with policy recommendations for the transition. "We're hearing from Rotaractors all over the world," says David D. Stovall, RI treasurer and chair of the task force.

On the advice of the task force, the RI Board of Directors in October approved several changes to Rotaract — the most notable being **the removal of Rotaract's upper age limit**. As of 1 July, members of Rotaract will no longer be required to leave their club when they turn 31. Clubs will still be able to set their own age limit, if they wish.

Rotaract clubs will be able to take advantage of **products and services** such as new leadership development resources from Toastmasters International, updated online goal-setting tools, and an improved online club administration experience.

Elyse Lin, a member of the Rotaract Club of Taipei Tin Harbour in Taiwan who is also on the task force, says the age limit was an obstacle for Rotaract members who wanted to stay involved with Rotary but either didn't feel ready for a traditional Rotary club or found the expense of joining one out of reach. "Once those members leave, it's very hard to get them back into the Rotary family," Lin notes. Although some Rotaract alumni continue to participate in Rotaract events, she says, they often no longer feel like a true part of the organization. With the rules change, she predicts some recent alumni will rejoin Rotaract.

Other changes: **New Rotaract clubs won't have to rely on a Rotary club to sponsor them**; they can now sponsor themselves or choose another Rotaract club as their sponsor. And **Rotaractors are now eligible — and encouraged — to serve alongside Rotarians on district and RI committees**. "Elevate Rotaract is really a call for a closer partnership between Rotary and Rotaract," explains Clement Chinaza Owuamalam, a member of the Rotaract Club of Apo, Nigeria, who serves on the task force.

Rotaract clubs will also gain more support from Rotary International, including access to administrative tools on My Rotary and the option to subscribe to the digital edition of *The Rotarian* magazine. As the transition from Rotary program to membership type gets underway, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation also plan to discuss whether Rotaract clubs should be eligible to apply for Foundation grants.

Rotary has a new alliance with Toastmasters International, and Rotary's online learning center will host a curriculum created by Toastmasters that will help members improve their leadership and communication skills. To learn more, visit rotary.org/toastmasters.

One thing Rotaractors are looking for, says Ronald S. Kawaddwa, a member of the Rotary Club of Kasangati, Uganda, is more professional development opportunities. To meet this demand, a leadership training program Rotary is rolling out with Toastmasters will also be available to Rotaract members. "At age 30, you are launching your professional career," says Kawaddwa, who is on the task force. "If Rotaract provides a better package in terms of professional development, that adds value."

In 2022, annual dues of \$5 per person for university-based Rotaract clubs and \$8 for community-based clubs will be introduced to cover the cost of additional support for Rotaract clubs. RI will work to develop and promote alternative funding sources to help Rotaractors pay dues, including fundraising opportunities.

Kawaddwa says that shifting the public perception of Rotary is particularly important to attracting more young people in his region. "On the African continent, most of the population is below the age of 30," he says. "If Rotary remained the way it was, it would soon become irrelevant."

Letting Rotaract members stay in their clubs longer gives them more time to learn about Rotary, Kawaddwa adds. "We hope that these changes will produce stronger Rotarians, members who have served longer and gotten more experience and mentorship while in Rotaract."

GLOBAL ETIQUETTE

Rotarians often connect with people from different cultures. Here, members of Rotary's Global Communications team — our translators, interpreters, and all-around international experts — offer a few etiquette tips from their native countries.

Dziękuję ci

When getting off an elevator in **Poland**, say “thank you” to your fellow riders.

Marcia...!

In **Brazil**, call people by their first names. There are very few instances when you would use surnames — such as when more than one person in a classroom or office has the same name.

Hallo, Herr Müller

In **Germany**, however, do not address a person who is not a friend or longtime acquaintance by their first name. Instead, address them as Mr./Ms. Last Name.

Mucho gusto en conocerte

In **Peru**, kiss a woman on the cheek when you are introduced to her by a friend. Two men always shake hands.

Wie geht's?

Ich bin müde und mürrisch und könnte ein wenig Schlaf gebrauchen...

Germans don't consider the phrase “How are you?” to be a simple greeting; people will think you really want to know, and will answer honestly.

In **Korea**, don't pick up rice or soup bowls from the table when you're eating —but in **Japan** and **China**, it's appropriate to do so.

And when drinking alcohol with Koreans, do not fill your own glass; your fellow diners are supposed to fill it for you. If you see that someone's glass is empty, offer to refill it.

Bow, don't hug, as a greeting in **Japan**.

And don't talk on the phone on public transportation — it's considered rude.

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Comment

It seems to me we could adopt the last item of etiquette above here in Australia!



OUR FORWARD PROGRAM

Date	Program	Speaker	Chairman	Reporter
June 17	North Connex Community Event	Raj Barot	Phil Stanton	John Ellis
June 24	The Year in Review	Members	President Jim	Theo Glockemann
June 27	District Changeover	DG Kalma McLellan	Venue and details to be advised	
July 1	Club Changeover Partners Night	Presidents Jim & David	Pat Parker	Adrian Bell
July 8	Club Forum	Directors & members	President David	Kaye Carter

“Time isn't the main thing. It's the only thing.”
– Miles Davis

“Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still.”
– Chinese Proverb

ATTENDANCE

Last week's Zoom meeting attendance was 68.75%
 Present were Jim Fraser, John Ellis, Pat Parker, Theo Glockemann, Adrian Bell, Phil Stanton, Kaye Carter, Pam Hudson, Jack Reid, Terry Pankhurst, David Firth
 Visiting Rotarian: David Boyce - RC of Dili, Timor Leste

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Nil

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Phillip Stanton - June 14

A reminder to those current directors who have not yet submitted an annual report to be included in the club Annual Report. Please email to me during this week.

Also, any member who has changed place of residence, or changed phone or email details, please let me know this week for inclusion in the new club directory. Thanks - David Firth

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

- Paul Harris