



Rotary International District 9650 E News - Sunday 17 May 2020

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney (Gay)

Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama USA

District Governor

Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)

Rotary Club of Laurieton NSW Australia

THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY

RI VIRTUAL CONVENTION INFORMATION



This week I received the following E Mail from RI President, Mark Maloney.

Dear Aloha Governors,

Last week you received exciting news about Rotary's first ever Virtual Convention taking place 20-26 June 2020.

We promised you additional information about programming to help you decide whether to include Virtual Convention content into your district conferences or club events.

Below is a list of dates and times for Virtual Convention programming. As you can see, the convention does not run the entire day, but instead will be broadcast at a few set times each day.

Additionally, if you miss the live broadcasts, they will be readily available on the convention website, providing some flexibility for you and your event attendees to participate at your own convenience.

The Virtual Convention is free to all attendees, however, there will be a sign in process in order to access the programming. Detailed Instructions for this process will be provided before the event.

We hope that you will encourage those in your districts to participate in some of the fun features of the Virtual Convention: wearing and sharing photos and videos of us in our Aloha wear, the Virtual Walking Challenge, and interacting with others in the virtual House of Friendship.

Please know that we understand and appreciate that you are looking for more detailed information about the Featured Breakouts, the platform that will be utilized, and instructions for accessing the programming and transitioning back and forth between events.

That information will be shared with you as soon as it is available. Look for additional messages in the coming weeks and check the [conventionwebsite](#) regularly .

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney

2019-2020 President, Rotary International

Saturday 20 June 2020

- 8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
Together We Connect – Virtual Convention General Session 1

Sunday 21 June 2020

- 8:00 – 9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5) – Together We Learn – Virtual Convention General Session 2

Monday 22 June 2020 – Friday 26 June 2020

Featured Breakouts (more details coming soon)

Daily, one breakout will be offered at each of the following times:*

- 8:00 – 9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

Please be sure to check the date and time that is equivalent to the Chicago date and time in your area.

It is important to note that the sessions do not have to be viewed live, they can be accessed later via the Convention website.

Note:

8.00am Chicago time is 11.00pm Sydney time.

12 Noon Chicago time is 3:00am Sydney time.

6:00pm Chicago time is 9:00am Sydney time.

**NOW MORE THAN EVER,
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:
THE 2020 ROTARY
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**
20-26 June 2020



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Contributions are sought and encouraged. Please e-mail to Neville Parsons: neville.parsons1@outlook.com

THIS WEEKS MESSAGE FROM DG PHIL HAFEY (CONT)

Zoom Meetings

As I read many Club bulletins I note how Rotarians are adapting to virtual meetings, although I am sure most members would prefer to be meeting in person.

A couple of interesting ideas deserve a mention – Tamworth Sunrise has a rostered “welcomer” – the job description is: *Introduce and Welcome each member as they login.*

The Club also publishes a “contact list” which is changed every week. Half the Club members are allocated another member who they must contact during the week. This is another excellent idea.

Remember, the District has at least four Zoom accounts that are available for Clubs to use.

These accounts can be used for Club, Board or Committee meetings. Contact PDG Rob Anderson, PDG Brian Beesley, DGE Debbie Loveday or DGN David Mayne.

Changeovers

At Changeovers it is usual for the District Governor, or a representative, to respond to a toast to Rotary International.

This year I will record a 3-4 minute message which will be suitable for any Changeover format. The video will be placed on the District website by the end of May and details on how to access the video will be published in E News on 31 May.

In addition, as I would like to attend as many Changeovers as possible whatever the format, it would be appreciated if Clubs could notify me of their Changeover details when they are finalised.

A decision on the District Changeover will be made at the end of May.



To



Directory 20-21

Please note that my contact details in the Directory on page 8 (Vice Governor 2020-2021) are incorrect.

The information on page 158 is correct.

Update from PDG Ken Hall re the Centenary Rotary Foundation Project from D9650 with District 3090 India.

“This is an update on the Global grant project of the District with District 3090 for the Centenary in providing 80 water coolers and purifiers to schools in the Punjab, India.

This is the first update that I have had from Vijay in some time and I think it would be useful if you could publish his letter in the next enews to update all Rotarians in District 9650 that things are still progressing with this grant even with the slowdown in India due to COVID-19.” PDG Ken Hall

Dear Sara

Our GG(Global Grant) 1745456 is open and we have unspent balance of INR 804,500 (US\$ 10,726.67) in our bank account as on today. It includes interest earned.

We have completed the installation of 80 Water coolers and filter units as envisaged in the project. Only the training part is left in some of the places - which we are trying to impart and complete the project.

As the entire world is facing COVID-19 and many people are suffering - may be due to shortage of food or shortage of medical accessories such as PPE, Masks, Gloves and sanitizers.

With the anticipated increase in new COVID cases, we seek your approval to utilise the unspent balance, which includes the interest earned, as under:

- 1. Training as envisaged in the original project including traveling exp of trainers and printing of booklets for do's and don'ts INR 90,000 (US\$ 1,200)*
- 2. PPE, Masks, gloves, Sanitizers and other Covid related purchases INR 6,90,000 (US\$ 9,200)*
- 3. Contingencies including Audit fee and Misc. Expenses INR 24,500 (US\$ 326.67)*

The proposed modification will serve the people in need and also complete the pending project.

I hope you will consider the above proposal favourably as the original project implementation has not been deviated and is near completion.

Kind regards

PDG Vijay Gupta

Primary Contact Person - 3090



LETTER TO NSW PREMIER

The following letter has been sent via D9650 Public Relations Director PDG Brian Beesley to the Premier of NSW Hon. Gladys Berejiklian via his local member The Member for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen MP:

Ms. Berejiklian,

In my role as Public Relations Director for Rotary District 9650 I request that you enable the Service Clubs in NSW to be able to restart their weekly meetings.

Of course the Social Distancing provisions you require can be met.

Many Rotary Groups traditionally meet at Registered Clubs, however we are an amazingly adaptable organisation and if you give us the official "thumbs up" to meet we could access many large centres and halls to enable the Charitable planning we do so well to be restarted before you officially open larger Registered Clubs.

We are fast approaching the end of the Financial Year where Rotary changes over the Boards and Presidents in each Club. Additionally at District level we have a change of Governor and District Officers.

In our Rotary 9650 District we typically distribute funds in excess of 1 Million Dollars to Local, National and Overseas charities and community organisations.

This year with Drought, Fires and now the Covid Closedown our charitable efforts are required even more. Rotary is using Zoom to retain Member Communication but we are in "the People Business" ... we need to meet personally to ensure our work continues.

In your Wednesday up-date you stated that any Business or Organisation could put forward a case for a relaxing of the rules applicable to their case.

I now put the case of re-opening Rotary Meetings before you.

To assist in ensuring safe meetings I am happy to work with one of your Team to establish a set of practical rules you would require.

Premier; I request you consider this simple move expediently so all Community Organisations can get back to doing what we do best ... "Serve our Communities"

Brian Beesley - Rotary District 9650 PR Director

A MESSAGE FROM PDG BRIAN BEESLEY:

Gloucester Rotary Meeting Tuesday 19 May 2020

Gloucester is hosting it on behalf of the D9650 Chair of District Interplast Ashleigh Hickman (Gloucester Rotary) and the Interplast Australia & New Zealand Rotary Engagement Coordinator Janette Etherington.

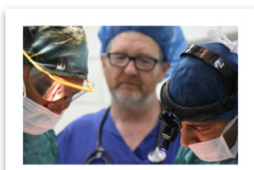


Meeting Log on from 07.45pm on Tuesday 19 May 2020
(This coming Tuesday)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4562350443>

Meeting ID: 456 235 0443



As Brian Beesley states: "As I look into the faces of the people in these pictures I see hope for a future. That is my Rotary"

The following is a message from Interplast: Our work has changed. Our mission has not. Interplast remains committed to repairing bodies and rebuilding lives

Most importantly, Interplast is striving to build capacity amongst health systems across the Asia Pacific region Your Rotary club can support Interplast's work by:

- Making a financial donation
- Share our success stories, impact reports and social media content to ensure more Rotarians are aware of the work being done
- How can you help as just 1 Rotarian?
- Listen in to find out how you can be involved ... Give us just 20 minutes of your time

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM



Hello! My name is Towa Henry and I attended the NYSF program 2020.

I thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this program earlier this year.

It is safe to say it was truly one of the best 10 days of my life.

The NYSF program gave me insight on many science related career pathways

through fun activities and seminars.

Before the program, I was unsure of what courses I wanted to pursue in university, but now I am determined to become a mechatronic engineer.

I have experience in robotics so I think this could be a fun and enjoyable career path for me in the future.

The NYSF is a priceless experience where you can make friends from all over Australia.

If you lucky enough to be able to experience this once-in-a-life-time opportunity, I highly recommend writing things down and having a go at everything you can, because the short time frame of 10 days will be over in a flash. The post-NYSF-depression will hit you hard, but you will always have your NYSF friends.

During this rough start of 2020, my NYSF family have been very supportive.

Thank you to Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary Club, my sponsor Rotary Club for the NYSF opportunity.

NYSF 2021 YEAR 12 PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



STEM LAB VISITS • LECTURES • SITE TOURS • WORKSHOPS • SOCIAL EVENTS

Applications online at www.nysf.edu.au

Closing Date for NYSF 2021 Application is **15 June 2020**

For more information contact D9650 NYSF Chair Di Hall

Mobile: 0411704654 or email: dihall605@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM PDG MAURIE STACK OUR DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR

If you have one of these Centurion Towers and you have not yet filled it up, please fill it up with those old-fashioned two dollar coins and give it to your Club Foundation Director or Club Treasurer.

The funds will be banked and then remitted to the Rotary Foundation at Parramatta RI Regional Office.

Alternatively you can visit the rotary.org website, the Rotary Foundation section and Donate online ensuring you select payment in Australian \$.

This is the simplest step google Rotary International and simply hit the Donate button. The donations made in Australian \$ come to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust under the control of Rotary Foundation Australia Ltd of which I (Maurie Stack) am the incoming chair.

Our district receives a lot more money from the Foundation than we ever donate.

Just recently as reported in E-News as well, The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie received approval for AUD \$350,000 from the Rotary Foundation for medical equipment for the Mothers and Babies Hospital in Nepal – the pet project of Dr Ray Hodgson of the Port Macquarie Rotary club.

If you are in a position to do so, please support our charity the Rotary Foundation. Thank you.

Foundation Chairman Maurie Stack





Rotary Youth Leadership Award

D9650 Seminar

Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd August

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

Keep those applications coming, so when this Covid-19 pandemic is over we can have the best Camp ever !!
Attendees to be 19 - 27 year old looking to develop their own personal purpose and profile for life.

Brochure & applications on website

www.rotary9650.org.au/Ryla



One of Rotary's most successful youth programs celebrates 50 years in D9650.

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect & concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth & potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth;
- Publicly recognise young people who are rendering service to their communities

DISTRICT 9650 LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Advice from District Trainer Neville Parsons

I refer you to the attached Program for the Learning & Development Sessions that will be provided for Rotarians on Sunday 24 May 2020 and also the Rotary Foundation session on Thursday 28 May 2020.

These sessions have been developed for our new COVID-19 environment to replace the prior District Assembly breakout sessions for incoming Club Officers and members generally.

The sessions will be prepared and delivered by the incoming 2020-2021 Management team member responsible at District level for the area of the subject matter of the Presentation.

On Thursday evening 14 May 20 I issued this information to each Club's President and Secretary as well as the incoming President and Secretary to ensure that the invitation and the Agenda is promoted to all members.

I have requested that one of these Club Officers collate Club members attending and complete the Registration Form and return it to our District Secretary Patti Parsons before 4:59pm Friday 22 May 2020.

The importance of the Registration beforehand and of identifying the actual number of Zoom connections is critical so that I can ensure that my Zoom Account will handle that number of participants.

It will also assist your Club Board maintain a record of

members that attend.

The details of the Zoom Meetings are included in the Registration Information sent to each Club last Thursday. Wherever possible, while respecting social distancing please consider having Club members share a connection and enjoy the experience with other members. Remember you can from 15 May 2020 have up to 5 visitors in your household.



LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT WEBINARS

via Zoom Meetings for Rotary District 9650

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2020

The Program runs from 8:20am to 5:00pm

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:20am	Welcome	District Trainer Neville Parsons & District Governor-elect Debbie Loveday
8:30am	Community Service	Kel Walls
9:00am	Public Image	Brian Beesley
9:30am	District Goals	Debbie Loveday
10:00am	Conflict Resolution	David Mayne
10:30am	8 Minute Coffee Break	
10:40am	Presidents	Neville Parsons
11:10am	Secretary	Patti Parsons
11:40am	My Rotary/Database Etc	Rob Anderson
12:20pm	40 Minute Lunch Break	
1:00pm	Treasurer	Pam Foye/Neville Parsons
1:30pm	Membership	Jenny Sinclair
2:00pm	Youth	Kate George
2:30pm	International	Ian Jackson
3:00pm	8 Minute Coffee Break	
3:10pm	Good Governance	Neville Parsons
3:20pm	Club Strategic Planning	Bob Ryan
3:50pm	Vocational	Sam Doyle
4:20pm	Rotaract	Laura Telford
4:50pm	Overview and Close	Debbie Loveday
5:00pm	Session close	



LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT WEBINARS (cont)

via Zoom Meetings for Rotary District 9650

THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2020

This Program runs from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
5:30pm	The Rotary Foundation	Maurie Stack

Please Note:

The individual sessions are available to any Rotarian and to assist in the planning for the Zoom Meetings each Club is asked to complete one Registration Form per Club. Members can attend any or all sessions and all sessions as listed will commence at the allocated time so that if you intend to be on line for a particular session please ensure that you enter the Zoom meeting prior to the session start time and that you mute yourself on entry. All sessions will be recorded for future viewing by club members unable to attend.

Thank you to all our Presenters for the Webinars.