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It was a pleasure to have Sophia Sjoeborg with us last Monday night all the way from Switzerland. Sophia had a short chat with the members on line about life with the Covid restrictions in Switzerland and what she has been doing since returning home.

Our District is gearing up for the new Rotary year and Kalma's team are getting ready to hand over to DGE Dave Clark and his team. The online training sessions have been very well run and presented in a format which may become the normal for the future.

Last Saturday at the Presidents meeting there was a record attendance as RI President Mark Maloney was a guest speaker for over an hour. It was interesting to hear his take on the Corona-virus impact on the USA and the ongoing impacts that will be felt for some time in the future.

Some notable points are: -

1. As an organization we are \$16 Million short of the target to match the Bill Gates Foundation grant to the End Polio project. RI are expecting an increase in Polio cases this year due to the challenges of treating children in places where travel restrictions have prevented support teams from entering.
2. Many of the RI committees have been meeting via Zoom in recent times and this trend will continue as a way of saving on travel costs. "The virtual platform is here to stay"
3. Talks continue within RI re the establishment of "Rotary Regions" around the Rotary World. One of these areas is zone 8, which is our region. These talks will continue into the new year with no set date for a decision.
4. The RI Convention later in the year (June 22 – 25) will not attract a cost for Rotarians who wish to dial into the sessions. Sessions will commence at 11.00 pm Australia time and will be available as a recording on the RI website at some time after

the Convention. Rotarians need to register to gain access to the various sessions.

On a District level the last meeting of the current Presidents was held on Saturday. The District Awards were as follows.

Springwood Rotary Club received a Bronze Award for our support of Shelter Box.

Community Service Award:

Large Club – Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Club

Small Club – North Ryde Rotary Club

International service: -

Large club – eClub of Greater Sydney Rotary Club

Small club – Hills Kellyville Rotary Club

Vocational Service: -

Wahroonga Rotary Club

YEP Service: -

Wahroonga Rotary Club

Hills Kellyville

Membership growth:

Large Club – Castle Hill Rotary Club with an increase of 16%

Small Club – Kurrajong North Richmond an increase of 35%

Bulletin Award: - Ryde Rotary Club

Public Image Award: Lower blue Mountains Rotary Club

Web Site- Norm Roach award:Erina Rotary Club

The District ran at a modest surplus for the year which is good news.

Unrecovered funds from the cancelled District Conference was \$7K – a good result

YEP discussions ongoing with Terra Australis re the credit to Students for the safari costs. It appears to be going to arbitration to try and reach a settlement.

Club Changeovers were a topic for discussion, with several options put forward for consideration. There are 3 Rotary Clubs in our District not zooming at this point.

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Summary of matters discussed at the Board meeting last Thursday night.

1. A request was received for additional equipment for the Clubs BBQ Trailer. These items were held over for consideration by the board in the new Rotary year as our Trailer does not have a lot of work booked soon.
2. We have been granted an extension for the Springwood Primary School Sensory Garden project through till June of next year. Our club can apply for an additional grant to complete the whole project in the new year.
3. The disbursement of funds was discussed and finalized allowing for the carryover of sufficient funds to keep the Club solvent for the beginning of the next year. We will not support some of the organizations that we may have in the past, however this is the result of limited fund-raising opportunities over the last few months. Following on from a record year, we have managed to support many organizations and our own Rotary Charitable organizations.
4. The Board held over a decision regarding the Club Changeover until the 4/6/20. It is hoped that more relaxed Government restrictions may allow for more options than we currently have.
5. It was noted that through Marilyn Kenny's organization the Zoom Meeting have been a success. Thank you to Marilyn for her persistence and help offered to Club members.
6. Thank you also must go to Valda Bray for her tireless efforts in keeping the Club up to date on members health and wellbeing, it is appreciated by all.

*Regards,
David Rayner
President.*

- ❖ DIRECTORS are reminded to please have their reports finished by the end of the month
- ❖ COMPUTERS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS
Update: Springwood Rotary have collected computers from our own members along with Central Blue Rotary, Katoomba Rotary and Scenic World. We thank all for their generous contribution to this worthy program. Trish Doyle MP has been supporting our cause by contacting the schools and will be on hand to present some of the computers in June. Schools to receive computers are Springwood, Winmalee and Katoomba High School's.

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