

This is a REAL DEAL

Your contribution will be multiplied 7.5 times

Central Blue Mountains Rotary has accepted the recent challenge promoted by District 9685 to contribute US\$2,650 to PolioPlus by March 31.

Issuing the challenge, Past District Governor David Rands, D9685 Rotary Foundation Chair, says a club raising US\$2,650 for the PolioPlus Fund by the end of March will have their donation doubled by District 9685. The new amount of \$5,300 will gain an extra \$1,325 from the Rotary World Fund DDF, (District Designated Fund) making a total of US\$6,625. The Gates Foundation will then provide a two-for-one donation of US\$13,250, making a whopping total of US\$19,875....all that for an initial donation of US\$2,650.

Central Blue Mountains president Ray Wiles says: "CBM Rotary will collect from members who contribute weekly to the our "Polio Pig" and accept personal donations. "We will also approach commercial and tourist organisations for donations, and the club will conduct collections at street stalls and local markets," he added.

David Rands said: "The progress in eradication of polio is spectacular with only 37 cases worldwide in 2016! The last case of polio may occur this year. However, it is crucial that Rotarians and clubs remain committed to making the end game happen with vigilance and financial support.

"In this Centenary year of the Rotary Foundation, District 9685 encourages every club to be generous in its giving, not only to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, but also to the Polio Plus Fund.

"In recognition of the first donation to the Rotary Foundation of \$26.50, we challenge each club to raise \$US2,650 for the Polio Plus Fund by 31 March. This will also meet one of the requirements for a Rotary Presidential Citation!

"Our district will provide the matching funds in April. Donations may be a combination of personal and club donations. The promotion includes funds your club has already donated to Polio Plus this financial year. Just reach US\$2,650 to trigger the District matching grant."

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What's On....



March

Wednesday 01 - Sustainable Cambodia report

Sunday 05 - Clean Up Australia Day - Honour Avenue, Lawson - Girl Guides

Tuesday 07 - Food van - BMGS Cross Country event

Wednesday 08 - Guest Speakers - Jarrod Sorenson (RYLA) and Griffin Brown (NYSF)

Saturday 11 - District 9685 conference - Penrith Panthers

Sunday 12 - Food van - Grand View Market

Monday 13 - Board meeting

Wednesday 15 - Club assembly

Wednesday 22 - District Governor visit

Wednesday 29 - Joint meeting with Penrith Valley Rotary - Grand View Hotel

Friday 31 - Greystanes Golf Day W.Falls Country Club

April

Saturday 01 - President-Elect Training Day

Wednesday 05 - Guest speaker - TBA

April 07-May 07 - Scenic World Sculpture Exhibition

Sunday 09 - Food van - Grand View Market

Saturday 23 - District 9685 Assembly

Our Mission

Central Blue Mountains Rotary has a very simple mission; to provide service to others within our local community and overseas, to promote integrity, and to advance goodwill through fellowship.

We have a long and successful history of supporting our local community and assisting overseas. Since being established in 1976 we have achieved, quite simply, nothing less than outstanding results every year. We are proud of our contribution to helping others.



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Dr Roza Sage, former Member for Blue Mountains, NSW Parliament, is President Elect -Central Blue Mountains Rotary.



Roza is a proud first generation Australian born to parents who were brought to Australia as displaced people from war-torn Hungary. Although born in Sydney, Roza moved to the Redlands area south of Brisbane as a young child spending her formative years on a small farm.

"I attended the local State school and high school where I did well academically and was able to gain a place at the University of Queensland to study dentistry. During my final year of study I joined the Air Force with the Medical/ Dental undergraduate scheme," Roza said.

"The Air Force brought me to RAAF Richmond then onto RAAF Glenbrook. On discharge seven years later, I settled in the lower Mountains where I raised my family, bought a dental practice, working there for over 28 years. I am married to Ted. We have three children and now two grandchildren who are the apple of my eye.

"Life's journey can lead you on an interesting path and this is what happened when I stepped into politics to become the first female State Member of Parliament for the Blue Mountains.

"It was a great four years where I fell more in love with the beautiful area in which we live and the Central Blue Mountains Rotary Club. I have moved on to a new role working for Diabetes NSW & ACT combining the two things I love - politics and health.".... Roza is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Multi-Cultural Exchange Weekend for Women

Past District Governor Jennifer Scott is promoting a multi-Cultural Exchange weekend in the Blue Mountains.

With assistance from Central Blue and other Rotary clubs, the weekend of March 24-26 has been set aside to host this program for around 25-30 migrant and refugeee women from around Sydney.

Jennifer says: "The organisation we are hosting is a partnership of the Community Migrant Resource Centre and African Women Group. I first met them in October 2016 at Parliament House on the International Day of Peace."

"Our main concern at the moment is finding volunteers to provide home hosting for Friday night March 24 and Saturday night March 25 and to join in the program where they are able to.

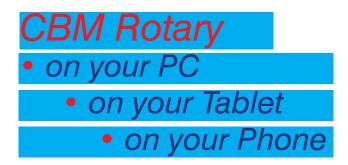
"On Friday night, we would like our guests to enjoy a meal at home with their hosts.

"On Saturday we will visit Scenic World for a trip down into the Jamison Valley and a scenic wander along the boardwalk, then a meeting with a local Aboriginal cultural and craft group that Central Blue Rotary has partnered with.

"The evening meal would be at a venue suitable for sharing cultural dishes along with music and entertainment.

"On Sunday, there would be a barbecue lunch in the upper mountains."

Please contact Jennifer 0414 376 631 or jennifer@scottadr. com if you would like to participate and/or host one or more guests for two nights.





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Photographs from a similar cultural exchange weekend held last year by the Rotary Club of Corowa NSW



Registration Packages Platinum Package – \$150

Includes all conference sessions. (morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, cocktail function and entertainment).

Day Package - \$100

Registration for the plenary sessions. includes the conference plenary sessions on Saturday only (incl. morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). Does NOT include any other sessions or events.

