



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Peace & Conflict Resolution/Prevention Month

Hi everyone ~ February has almost gone! This edition is later than usual because we wanted to tell you about the success of a few events, not the least of which was [Rotary's 111th Birthday](#).

Rotarians from Districts 9500 and 9520 came together in Rundle Mall on Tuesday 23rd February to promote Rotary and the wonderful work it does locally and around the world. District Governor Doug Layng, along with other Rotarians from several clubs from both Districts handed out birthday cupcakes and pamphlets about Rotary.



SA Governor's wife, Mrs Le, came along to wish us Happy Birthday

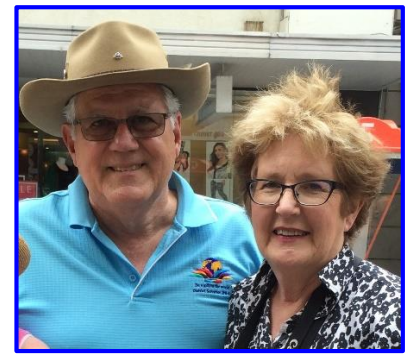


Our Birthday Cake, arranged by D9520's Wendy Gaborit

Many passers-by stopped to listen to stories from our Rotarians about why they joined Rotary and how it has changed their lives and the lives of those less fortunate. Some of the stories told were about Peace and Conflict Resolution/Prevention. We are aware that the work we do in the five other areas often results in conflict resolution, through education, fighting disease and providing clean water.



DGN 9520 Bob Cooper,
Wendy Gaborit, David Hunter
and Lachlan Reid



DG Doug and D9520
DG Dick Wilson's wife, Liz enjoyed
meeting all who stopped by.

Yes, Rotarians are out there, spreading the word. Our 111th Birthday was the perfect opportunity to do so, but let's not stop here! You can do it every day. Tell your story! Get people excited about how they can be involved, have life-changing experiences and be one of many who can change our world for the better.

FROM RI PRESIDENT ELECT~JOHN GERM

"We can't forget that the reason Paul Harris founded Rotary One Hundred and Eleven years ago, is still very much the reason people come to Rotary today:

to find people who share their values.

People who believe in honesty, diversity, tolerance, friendship, and peace, and who believe that serving humanity is the best thing they can do with their time on this earth.

And we still believe, as Paul Harris believed, that serving humanity is the most worthwhile thing any one of us can do with our lives... our theme in 2016-17 will be simply Rotary Serving Humanity."



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New Members

Since our last edition, here are those we know about:

RC Adelaide: ZING HAI TAN and REKHA ASHRA,

RC of Clare: STEPHEN FREEMAN transferred from the RC of Launceston, Tasmania, and two Honorary Members, GYPSEY SANDOW and PETER McCOLL

RC of Elizabeth: LESLEY TREVILYAN; ALAN MURPHY; JACK HETZEL-BONE, BRIAN PAYNE; DELWYN WATTS; JACKIE WEBB; ERYN HALLS and ANTHONY JAMES.

Congratulations and welcome to Rotary.

If your club has inducted new members in the last few months, please enter their details on the District Database and advise the District Secretary so we can acknowledge them. Ask your new members to create their own My Rotary accounts.

Rotary Alumni Event

On Wednesday 17th February, another highly successful joint District event was held. Among approximately 60 Alumni were members of GSE teams, Rotaractors, RYLA and RYPEN, some who had participated as far back as 1973.



Toby Adams, Ilyasi Siraji, and Matt Williams MP spoke about their experiences with Rotary and how it has changed their lives.

Here they are with DGs Doug Layng and Dick Wilson.

The Alumni provide a great way for us to learn about some of the key issues we face in the world through the work of fellow Rotary Alumni members in their participation in Rotary programmes.

Please contact our Alumni District 9500 Chair, Warren Hobbs, at whobbs@shd.com.au with names and contact details of those Alumni you may know.

Rotarians Honored

OAMs in the General Division:

Errol John Chinner ~ Rotary Club of Largs Bay for service to the community of Port Adelaide. Of course those who know much better he is involved in much more, especially with rebuilding wheelchairs to the disabled and many other deeds.

William Keith Rendell for service to the community particularly through Rotary. Keith in one of his many lives compiles much of the History of D9500.

Rotary Round Table 2016



Mark Huddleston with DG Doug and AG Rick Henke.

Both Rick Henke's and Mark Huddleston's - presentations are on the District Website [Just Click Here](#)

Rotarians in Australia are extremely lucky to have exceptional training, with skilled people leading the way to have us well prepared for whatever we do in the name of our great organisation.

Is your club interested in identifying prospective club members?

Do you want to diversify membership? Have members resigned recently?

RI has published a new series of **Membership Assessment Tools** to help Club Leaders identify prospective club members and diversify their membership. These assessments and surveys can be used to add value to your Clubs experience.

[Direct Download](#)
[Just click this link](#)

Rotary Round Table 2016

On Saturday 20th February, Rotary Round Table 2016 was held at St Michael's College in Henley Beach. What a day! This training event gathers momentum every year. We had over 100 Registrants, with almost all clubs in the District represented.



This interactive format has many advantages. Attendees valued the opportunity to meet and discuss ideas with members of other clubs. Among subjects covered were Membership, Public image, The Rotary Foundation and other Rotary Programs. AG Rick Henke delivered an impassioned presentation on Child Protection, and Mark Huddleston (Director, Membership & Marketing, D9520) gave us a graphic demonstration on how Rotary must change or face the possibility of entering into obscurity. Insightful stuff!

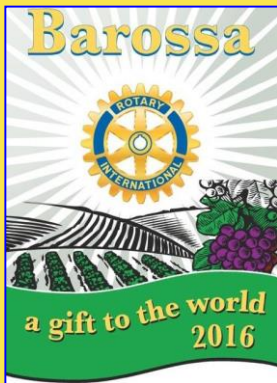


Foundation Forum Panel Q&A with Marie Dorrington, Elizabeth Briggs, John Rowe, Ken Dorrington, Doug Layng and Eric Russell.



Thanks to District Trainer, Marie Dorrington and her team for putting together a great day which resulted in lots of energy in the room, passion to strengthen Rotary membership and equip us with the tools to live our passion; to do good in the world!

**Rotary District 9500
Conference
17th - 20th
March 2016**



To be held in the beautiful Barossa

All Conference Sessions at The Barossa Arts & Convention Centre

Celebration Dinner at Chateau Tanunda

To book, click the link: below:

www.d9500conference.org.au

Have you registered friends or business contacts to attend the Saturday Sessions?

Go to

www.d9500conference.org.au

click on

Saturday

Rotary in Action

You can register up to three people who are not Rotarians. They will be able to attend the Saturday Sessions free of charge! Please make sure you look after them and introduce them to fellow Members, and to DG Doug if he looks like he might be waiting for you to do just that!

Sojourn to San Diego

Provided by DGE John Pohl

It was a privilege to be able to attend the International Convention in San Diego. Some 530 Presidents Elect and spouses from all over the world filled the halls at the spacious Grand Hyatt on the waterfront in downtown San Diego.

The week's activities ran like a well-oiled machine – our lanyards were micro-chipped and we were scanned at least five times a day to keep track of us. It was a bit un-nerving to be part of this 'big brother' approach but understandable when considering the cost of the whole exercise.

The first item of business on Day 1 was the announcement of the theme for 2016-17. This was done with the appropriate pomp and ceremony. It was very well received – a simple, yet highly appropriate slogan, 'Rotary Serving Humanity'. The numerous stalls at the Convention knew this in advance of course and were well-stocked with theme badges and themed products.

The social aspect of the Convention contributed to the whole experience. Meeting and mingling with such a diverse group of people was extremely rewarding and enriching. The meal times were an adventure. Sitting with Rotarians from another culture, some of whom spoke no English, made for very interesting times.

It was a long haul to get there, some 22 hours in the air and more time at airports but it was very worthwhile. [Read More](#)

VALE

Alan Smith, PDG, passed away on February the 21st aged 94 years. Alan was a member of the RC of Adelaide West, and was instrumental in the formation of the RC of West Torrens. Alan's motto in life was: ***"Be yourself, simple, honest and unpretending and all through life you will win the love and respect of friends."***

Alan will be missed by his family and friends and by his fellow club members and Rotarians from around the District.

GSE/VTT ~ CANADA / USA / AUSTRALIA

In March/April 2016, our District will have the honour of hosting four members from the Rotary International District 5060 from central Washington, USA, and south central British Columbia, Canada. Whilst they're in South Australia, they will visit the Barossa Valley, Yorke Peninsula/Clare, Alice Springs for an outback adventure, and they'll also visit various organisations and places of interest in Adelaide city and suburbs. They will be at our Conference in the Barossa.

This Exchange provides an outstanding opportunity to showcase our State and its operations in agriculture, agribusiness, aquaculture, viticulture and tourism. They will take these experiences back with them to the USA and Canada.

We're sending five members of our District's GST/VTT to visit Canada and the USA in May/June 2016. They will experience similar opportunities and bring back a wealth of knowledge to their employers and to the State of South Australia.

Broadcast on 1197AM RPH
Adelaide each Tuesday
7.30pm - 8.00 pm
From each Wednesday the
broadcast program can be
heard on-line at
www.rphadelaide.org.au

MARCH 2016

1 March

PP Robert Koehne
(RC of Stirling)
"District 9520
Conference in Renmark"

8 March

Susan Gascoine
(Friend of
RC Magill Sunrise)
"Walking from Renmark
to Adelaide for Cystic
Fibrosis Research"

15 March

Rtn Cecilie Danke-
Cardwell
(RC of Edwardston)
"Starting a new Rotary
Club at Seaford"

22 March

Rtn Linda Sweeney
(RC of Somerton Park)
"The Helping Hands
Project"

29 March

Rtn Alan Ferris
(RC of Burnside – ex
Brownhill Creek)
"An Interesting Life"

More information
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Register for the
Rotary
International
Convention
Seoul, Korea
www.riconvention.org

What's Happening With Our Youth?

In early February, a number of our members of the Adelaide City Rotaract went to Sydney for the 2016 Australian Rotaract Games. This is a weekend where Rotaractors from all over the nation gather to have fun and compete in a number of games and activities. It is a great opportunity to make connections and friendships with fellow Rotaractors.



President Kirsti Kankkunen, Laura Davies and Katey Halliday



**Rotary Youth
Leadership Awards**

As most Rotarians know, RYLA is an annual seven day residential for 18 – 26 year olds who are sponsored by the Rotary Clubs within our District 9500 (SA/NT)

RYLA is a life changing experience with the capacity to instill, motivate and develop future leaders in one of the most intensive leadership experiences available in South Australia.

RYLA empowers young individuals through diverse range of qualified professional speakers and activities, touching on topics such as:

- leadership and personality styles
- working in teams
- self belief
- conflict management
- goal setting
- public speaking

If you know of young people who would benefit from participating, please pass on this information.

To apply to attend go to

mybookingmanager.com/RYLA2016Application

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 MARCH 2016

To register your Rotary Club to sponsor a RYLA awardee (to be completed by Rotarians):

mybookingmanager.com/RYLA2016ClubSponsorship

We must look after our Youth. They are our future, so let's help them be the best they can be!

New Rotarians can acquaint themselves with Rotary's Youth Programmes by visiting:

<http://www.rotaryyouth9500.org.au/new-generations-overview/>

Rotarians

Rotarians chose to achieve great things; to help those less fortunate.

Rotarians see the gift of service as a privilege.

Rotarians honour their commitment to Service Above Self.

Surviving Cancer

We all know someone who has been touched by cancer. It may be you, a family member or treasured friend. It could be your next door neighbor or a work colleague.

Cancer does not discriminate by race, gender or age.

FACT: Cancer is not always fatal.

FACT: Many cancers are survivable and research is making inroads in early detection and cure.

Four Rotarians in our District would like you to know that there is hope.

Lorna Jaeschke (RC Clare) has recently been given the “all clear” after a cancerous tumor was removed from her lung.

PDG Roberta Waterman, (RC Walkerville) after a protracted fight, announced on 13th of this month that she has also beaten this dreadful disease.

Ildi Middlemiss (RC Prospect) has also triumphed, with no sign of the breast cancer she contracted two years ago.

DG Doug Layng is also a cancer survivor, after successful operations to remove prostate cancer and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

**“Never give up”
is their collective
message**

Rotary Global Rewards

Have you tried [Rotary Global Rewards](#) — our new benefit program that offers discounts on travel, hotels, dining, entertainment, and more? Rotary Global Rewards will make your Rotary membership even more rewarding.

Rotary Global Rewards helps you share Rotary by:

- **Doing more good work**— Involve more members in Rotary projects with savings on truck rentals, airfares, and hotels
- **Building Rotary friendships** — Forge richer friendships with fellow members with your dining and entertainment offers
- **Sharing our story with someone new** — Tell people about Rotary's work when you use discounts at coffee shops and restaurants

Our rewards program is even more special now because members are invited to build it. Rotarians can add their company's special offers to our growing portfolio of Rotary Global Rewards.

Only Rotarians are afforded this very special program.

Where will Rotary Global Rewards take you? Sign in to My Rotary, go to the Member Center, and learn more. If you don't have an account, create one now at www.rotary.org/myrotary.

Food For Thought

The wise Aristotle once said, “Happiness depends on ourselves.” So what can you do to have a more contented frame of mind and, indeed, self? Here are five things that happy people do differently that sets them apart from others.

Act the way they wish to be treated ~ what you ‘give out’ into the world is what you get back (most of the time). So start *acting* the way you want to be treated.

Don't sweat the small stuff ~ Taking things in stride, and life not too seriously, gives you a sense of calm, which naturally brings about a feeling of contentment – rather than anger, fear and resentment.

Treat challenges as opportunities ~ Those who do learn and grow.

Live in the moment ~ When your mind is in the present, there is no past or future with which to contend. There is no point worrying about something that hasn't happened yet. Nor is there any point carrying around past mistakes or grudges.

Take responsibility for themselves ~ A beautiful and insightful Maya Angelou quote is, “You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.”

Hope this edition finds you in
good health and enjoying your Rotary

Kind regards,
DG Doug Layng