

DISTRICT 9920

Foundation Newsletter

Message from our District Foundation Chair PDG Jennie Herring

WOW !!!!!

What a great month November 2019 has been for D9920 with a lot of publicity for End Polio and for the Rotary Foundation – Our Charity of Choice.

This year our District has definitely created a greater awareness of the End Polio Now campaign, like no other. Our Polio All Trains Event was definitely one we will remember and it will take place again in 2020 when it will be Bigger, Bolder, Better. This was a joint event collaboration with District 9910. In total \$72,022. raised across both Districts. An amazing effort.

Many thanks also to all the Clubs, Rotarians, family and friends who joined in the fun either on the Trains or at the Stations.

The involvement of various celebrities also added a touch of excitement to the day and it was great to see their support.

I would like to thank the organising committee under the leadership of PDG Ron Seeto for all the time and effort that each and everyone of you put into this event. I look forward to 2020.

It's not too late to contribute to the End Polio Campaign or to Foundation Annual Giving.

Over the past two months I have personally visited many clubs and presented on the Rotary Foundation. These have been well received. If your club would like to have this presentation, please give me a call to arrange a date.

For those Rotarians who are members of the Paul Harris Society, I would like to thank you for your support again in 2019/2020 and for those of you who would like to join – please send me an email (herringjennie@gmail.com) as I am only too happy to discuss this with you.

The Christmas season is nearly upon us. I wish you all a happy and safe festive holiday over the summer.

PDG Jennie Herring
D9920 Foundation Chair



RI President Mark Maloney



DG Gary Langford



PDG Jennie Herring

2019 a vintage year for the End Polio program in D9920

This year in Auckland we had a double header with TWO End Polio “firsts” within weeks of World Polio Day on the 24th October. One ‘first’ took 5 years to come to fruition, the other just 5 months!

The former was largely a solo effort of PDG Ron Seeto with help from his Rotary connections whilst the latter was a joint District 9920 & 9910 team effort. We do accomplish more TOGETHER!

Following is a brief synopsis about the **#tagPoliooff** or Polio All Trains started in Sydney by Mark Anderson in 2018 but got onto the tracks (no pun) in New Zealand's supercity on Friday 1st November 2019.

To recap, the concept was that a team (dressed in red End Polio apparel) would ride the Auckland Transport (AT) Train Network and at each station visited there would be a local Rotary Club (also dressed in red End Polio t-shirts) symbolically handing over a cheque to the Polio Team riding the trains ...and variations thereof. Emphasis was on FUN promoting Polio awareness and fundraising.

The contact and negotiation with Auckland Transport was one of the key challenges. Fortunately we had obtained an “absolutely doable” message back from the AT Executive General Manager, within 36 hours of the initial request through well-connected Rotarians from both Districts. AT started work and supported behind the scenes from the staff at stations to those on the trains to ensure safety and enjoyment of Rotarians' participation at each station.

There was also assistance from others for distribution of our press releases across their media, as well as through Rotary social media.

The other world first was **#DigitalLightupforPolio** or *Light up for Polio on a shoestring* (see later page).



..and more about the End Polio program in D9920

#tagPoliooff What happened?

- 40 stations visited over the course of one day (8am -6pm.) The trains do run on time! Swanson was the quaintest station and the coffee's good. Pukekohe the stop with the best sausage rolls. The Eastern line, the prettiest by crossing the Orakei Basin.
- Prearranged stops were made where Rotarians and Clubs (mostly in their Red Polio tees) gathered for photo opportunities and handed over virtual cheques .
- MP's David Seymour & Simon Bridges, met us at Britomart bright eyed and bushy tailed and came on board for the first few stops. MP Simeon Brown joined us in the afternoon at Sylvia Park.
- Miss NZ Lucy Brock and Mrs Globe NZ Pei Annie Zhang joined us too. Lucy was kidnapped by the irrepressible AG Pam Deal and D9910 young gun DRR Ozgun.
- 22 clubs from D9920 participated together with several hundred Rotarians either at the stations or on the trains
- D9920 and D9910 collected approximately \$70K. Acknowledgement must be made for one major individual donation from a D9910 Rotarian who wished to remain anonymous.

There will be a Polio All Train (PAT) event in 2020.

Date : 23rd October 2020

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CALENDAR!**

What we hope for next year

- A Bigger Bolder, Better event
- More individual Rotarian and Club participation.
- Better mainstream media coverage e.g .TV ONE and TV 3 news
- Clubs seizing the opportunity to promote themselves and their projects and much more.

Look out for announcements from your Joint District PAT taskforce from 1 April 2020.

Photos available on 2 links below

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zNY7Q_6DP0GrdEF1cB8RnqgFlf6wMXAD?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/open?id=12SFI51aYkU7VPZoVm_OZghjkuYFsbBty



..and some more about the End Polio program in D9920

#DigitalLightupforPolio or *Light up for Polio on a shoestring*

About a year ago we were advised in confidence that the long awaited Auckland Live Digital Screen project would happen and in April this year the Auckland Digital Live screen became a reality

PDG Ron Seeto negotiated a Rotary friendly deal – time and cost—with an end result of 4 screenings a day for a month in Aotea Centre .



Clubs raising money for END Polio

Rotary's pledge for a polio free world was made in 1985 when there were 125 polio endemic countries and hundreds of new cases every single day. While the number of countries and cases of wild polio has diminished, so as long as there is one single case anywhere children everywhere are at risk.

Rotary Clubs find many ways to raise money for End Polio. For the last 5 years the Rotary Club of Otahuhu has partnered with the primary schools in their area to raise the awareness for ending polio and for fundraising. This year Otahuhu Primary, Fairburn Primary, St Josephs Primary and Panama Road Primary participated. For every dollar and cent raised by the students, the Rotary Club matches that amount. This year a cheque for \$3600 was donated to End Polio.

Usually the Friday just prior to Labour Weekend holiday is the day when the schools go 'purple' and students carry out fundraising activities such as coin trail, mufti day, sausage sizzle or lunch time disco.

So why the purple colour? When a child receives their life saving polio drops on mass polio immunisation days in many countries their little finger is painted with a purple dye so it is clear they have received their life saving vaccine.

The photos are from Panama Road School where the Rotakids organised the fundraising, many students dressed up in purple and the Principal transformed into a purple Teletubby for the day.



Ambassadorial Scholarships

To date the Rotary Foundation has funded 350,000 scholarships globally at cost of about US \$7.5 million.

District 9920 will be privileged to host a second Ambassadorial Scholar this Rotary year.

Kaitlin Sandor from Atlanta (USA) will be studying for her Masters in Biomedical Science from March 2020 to February 2021 at the University of Auckland.

Kaitlin has studied in Harvard University and has degree of Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Regenerative Biology.

The Masters degree is a full-time one year program and requires a thesis. Kaitlin has already reached out and connected with a mentor Dr Emma Scotter, who is the head of the Motor Neuron Disease Lab at the Centre for Brain Research and who received a Royal Society Rutherford Discovery Fellowship in 2015, a prestigious fellowship for New Zealand's most talented early to mid-career researchers.

Kaitlin's master's program relates to the Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment area of focus. The goal of her research will be to increase understanding of the disease mechanism behind Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and to research potential new treatments.

ALS attacks motor neurons (a type of nerve cell) in the brain and spinal cord. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. Her project will involve screening over 2000 drugs to look for ones that have the potential to treat ALS and also Alzheimer's and dementia.

Kaitlin's ultimate goal is to develop a treatment that can help patients all over the world who are diagnosed with this devastating disease.

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody part of Rotary District 6900 is the sponsor club located in the Atlanta, Georgia metropolitan area and have been serving the community, locally and globally since 1984.

The Rotary Club of Ellerslie-Sunrise will be the host Club for District 9920.

The Rotary Foundation funds scholarships for undergraduates and graduate study for 1 to 4 years duration.

Conditions apply and for further information please contact Shefali Mehta

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ROTARY'S Areas of Focus



How to donate

Donations to Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus - New Zealand based 9920 Rotary Clubs

Tax Credit for Donations / Tax receipts

New Zealand based Rotary Clubs can send their donation and contribution for Annual Giving and Polio Plus by internet banking, or cheque direct to the Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920, stating what the amount is for, whether donating from your Club or Charitable Trust. Tax receipts are forwarded in August/September.

Charitable Trusts

Nearly all clubs have a Charitable Trust. Rotarians should donate through their Club's Charitable Trust, who can issue individual Tax Donation receipts. The Club's Charitable Trust then forwards the total amount on to the Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920, and emails an Excel spreadsheet with the Rotarians' name, ID numbers and amounts to Peter Wilcock. The donation will be credited under the Rotarian's name with RI.

Tax Receipts

Once Rotarians receive the Tax Donation receipt they can claim the tax credit of up to 33%. For full details Google "ird tax credit for donations" Tax receipts are forwarded in April/May

How to pay

Internet banking

Bank Account "Rotary Foundation 9920" 02 0256 0333474 00

Reference box "Club name" or "Rotarian name" Please email pdmwilcock@gmail.com the amount and the allocation i.e. Annual giving or Polio and the Club or Charitable Trust name.

Cheques

Make payable to "Rotary Foundation 9920" and post to:

The Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920 Peter Wilcock 17 Crescent Road, Parnell, Auckland 1052

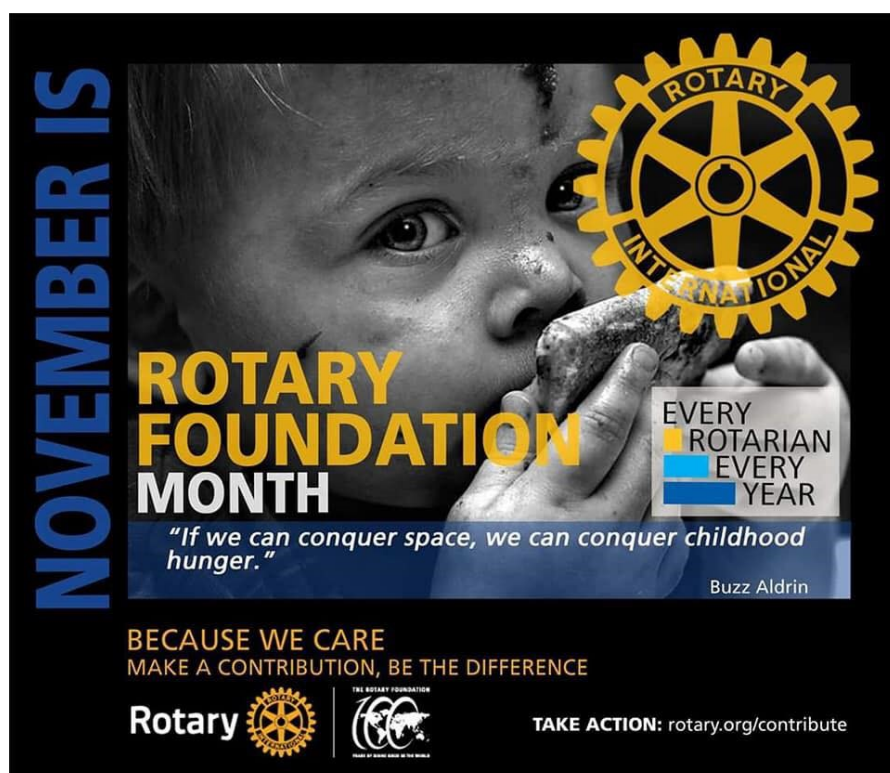
Note: The donations are transferred to RI Parramatta before the 20th of the month, any donations after that are at the Rotary exchange rate for the next month. Cheques have normally three-day clearance.

Donations – Paul Harris Society (PHS) Members and Sustaining Members

These donations can be paid directly to the Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920

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