

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

District 9920

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**Malini Raghwan**  
**District Governor**  
**2017–2018**  
**District 9920**

***Empower***  
***The***  
***CHANGE***



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

*Bula*  
*Vinaka*

*Ni sa Moce*

## Message from your District Governor

Just a few more days to go before this Rotary year of “Making a Difference” is concluded. It has been an honour to have had the opportunity to serve as your District Governor this year and what a year it has been!

The year was celebrated with tears of joy and sadness, as some of us lost loved ones and our District lost some fine Rotarians to higher service. But we also welcomed new additions to our families and new Rotarians to our District.

We have hosted our Rotary International President TWICE in the year, planted countless trees, packed more ERK's and distributed many more during the multiple cyclones affecting our District, we have had our District Conference in between cyclones, and we have continued to empower many people through the many projects carried out in our local and international communities.

In terms of Polio Giving, I am proud to note that our District was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in all the 545 districts in the Rotary World contributing an average of \$461.86 per District member average in all the 545 Districts in the Rotary World.

This achievement is all thanks to each of you and the New Zealand Government for their generous contribution of NZ \$5 Million Dollars. I would like to acknowledge PDG Stuart Batty of Rotary New Zealand World Community Services in playing a major role in this.

During the year, we also chartered 2 new satellite clubs with the induction of more female members into Rotary, keeping our average well above the 20% recorded internationally. And I am confident that we will end this year with a positive net membership growth compared to the negative figures we started off with. Hats off to the hardworking District membership committee for your efforts in promoting and growing Rotary in our District.

I would also like to acknowledge our very efficient District Foundation committee for supporting so many worthy projects locally and globally. To the District Chairs and team, Thank you for all the hard work put into keeping our District running so efficiently. A DG is ONLY as good as her team!

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## Message from your District Governor continued...

To all my Assistant Governors, thank you for being my eyes and ears on the ground in your clusters. To all my Presidents, you all have done outstanding work through your clubs continuing to ***Make a Difference*** and ***empowering your communities***.

To every single Rotarian in our District, thank you for supporting your Club Presidents. What you do as Rotarians for your communities, makes me very proud to be a Rotarian. To our sponsors, friends and family, thank you for your support, because without you we would not be able to do half of what we hoped to do. Thank you for making the journey a very **SPECIAL** one. Thank you for your warm welcome and hugs, your hospitality, and more importantly your friendship. Thank you for being my family away from home. Our District is truly a unique example of an International family.

I am looking forward to the new Rotary year which will certainly involve a lot of hard work weaning off the "Rotary Diet", and getting used to **NOT** living out of a suitcase. I am especially looking forward to spending quality time with my son Jordan and resuming work full time.

I wish Ingrid and her team the very best for the new Rotary year, and I look forward to working together to ***Be the Inspiration***

*Malini Raghwan*

Thank you for ***Empowering the Change*** and ***Making a Difference***. Let's prepare ourselves to ***Be the Inspiration*** in 2018-2019!



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Rotary International  
Theme: 2017-2018



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

Rotary International  
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## Mobile Health Clinic in the Cook Islands



In 2016 the Rotary Club of Rarotonga identified a need to refurbish 12 village-based child health clinics. The clinics are used for nurse visits to provide for child health needs such as vaccinations, maternal and child health checks, education and referrals. They are part of a network of 27 health clinics around the island of Rarotonga. Over the years, the clinics have deteriorated for various reasons, particularly the weather. The Rotary Club of Rarotonga then called out to other Rotary clubs to help find a solution. The Rotary Club of Masterton South proposed a new idea - what about a Mobile Health Clinic that would provide supplementary and upgraded services for the whole island?

And so the Rarotongan Mobile Health Clinic project was born.

The project has taken approximately 2 years to complete, with an overall cost of USD156,000. Funding was sourced from four Rotary districts (9920, 9940, 9970 & 9980), the Rotary Foundation and the generous support of Tranzit Group and its Masterton workshops, in particular Tranzit Managing Director Paul Snelgrove, himself a Rotarian.

Other members of the Rotary Club of Masterton South, especially Rob Irwin and David Baker, with help from Stuart Twaddle, the Rotary Club of Inglewood and the Rotary Club of Rarotonga worked tirelessly to realise the project.

On 19 June 2018, senior Rotary representatives from supporting Rotary Clubs handed the Mobile Clinic to the Cook Islands Ministry of Health for the people of Rarotonga.



With 9920 International Service Chair Jeanette Drysdale at the handover ceremony of the Mobile Health Clinic to the Ministry of Health

### Mobile Health Clinic Roles:

- Primarily as a Mobile Health Clinic for Child and Maternal Care
- Capable of being used as a command centre in an emergency
- School student immunisation and general vaccinations
- Non-communicable disease awareness programmes
- Available for use in times of national disasters
- Elderly, disabled and mens' health care
- Blood donation collection
- Antenatal checks

## Past District Governors Luncheon

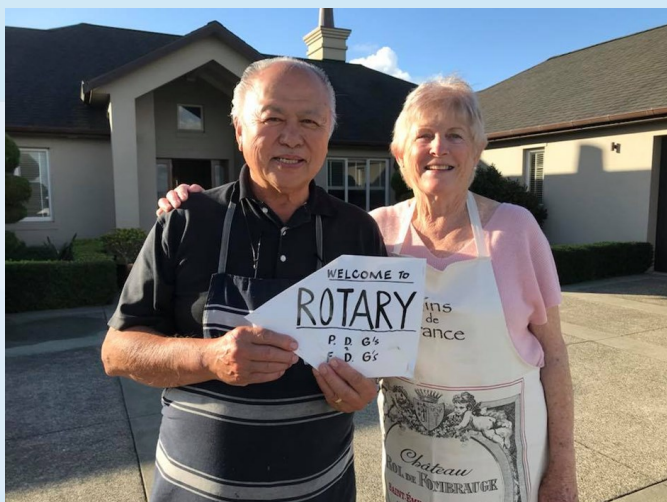
What a great way to spend Mother's Day lunch! Vinaka vakalevu/thank you so much Merv and Queita AhChee for offering your home to host the Past District Governors Luncheon today. And for the amazing spread you prepared for us. It was truly delicious.



The team of Past and Future District Governors!



Tucking into a scrumptious lunch!



A big thank you/vinaka vakalevu to Merv and Queita AhChee at their home in Karaka, South Auckland.



9920 PDGs – Jennie Herring and Beryl Robinson enjoying the sun!

## International Youth Exchange (IYE) Farewell

The five IYE students from Europe raised NZD4,220 and donated the funds towards Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) for the district. An impressive effort! The IYE was arranged by RIYE Chair Stuart Rowe, who is unfortunately retiring this year, but handing over to the very able Tracy Faber of RC Papakura. Stuart was awarded a Paul Harris Award for his tireless efforts in his role as RIYE Chair. He worked quietly behind the scenes, welcomed and farewelled IYE students at the airport and ensured their needs were well provided for. In the photo below are L-R: RIYE Chair Stuart Rowe, DG, our IYE students Hannah Schwarmann (Austria), Marie Carette (France), Kevin Wenk (Germany), Malena Fantini (Argentina - In Nz For 6 Months More) And Christopher Deblanck (Denmark).



A quick selfie with our IYE -ers during their trip to Fiji in April for the Rotary District Conference and Rotaract District Meet, in between two cyclones!!



Handing over the IYE cheque to 9920 International Service Chair Jeanette Drysdale in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

**JOIN PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY TODAY****JOIN PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY TODAY**  
**Rotary District 9920**

I would like to become a member of the Paul Harris Society and improve lives locally and around the world.

Two ways to make a payment of \$1000.00 USD per year (contributions are tax deductible)

1. Make an online payment using the Global Payment System (GPS) The GPS system is on the Rotary International website and is for Foundation contributions. Payment is through credit cards. Rotary International is responsible for all bank Fees. The contribution is in New Zealand Dollars. Rotarians will receive a valid New Zealand Tax Receipt from the Perpetual Guardian Trust. Log on to the RI website through your "member access" and follow the instructions.
2. Send a cheque to PHS District Administrator, PDG Ron Seeto, PO BOX 9384, Newmarket, Auckland 1149

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ron Seeto [ronseeto@mcparchitects.com](mailto:ronseeto@mcparchitects.com) or +64 274 593 282

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## Rotary Club of Auckland South Changeover Dinner



With outgoing President Daisy Ping (in red, 6<sup>th</sup> from right) and newly inducted 2018/2019 President of Rotary Auckland South, Janet Lee (6<sup>th</sup> from left) and team.

## Joint Suva Rotary Club RYLA Send-Off



On 5 June, 3 Suva Clubs: RC Suva, RC Suva North, RC Suva East and RC Suva Peninsula Sunset, met to farewell their 3 RYLA candidates.

## NEW ERA FOR A MORE MODERN, DYNAMIC ROTARY

Pakuranga Tamaki River Rotary Auxiliary, the new Satellite club of Pakuranga Rotary, was formerly welcomed into the Rotary world this month. The formation and the future of this club is an example of new ways of designing the ideal Rotary club for the community it will serve and of the aspirations of its members for a vibrant club the will serve a segment of their community well.



Full story available on: <https://www.rotarydistrict9920.org/STORIES/NEW-ERA-FOR-A-MORE-MODERN-DYNAMIC-ROTARY>

## Future Rotarians!



You're never too young to learn about and start supporting Rotary. Accompanying me in the pic are Brayden and Izzy Jaggs (proud kids of Leanne Jaggs, D9920 Communications & Public Relations Chair) with their sponsored Future Rotarian badges!



## POLIO – THE WORLD'S GREATEST MEAL

Since late 2013 through the initiative of two Rotarians, one in Australia and other in the United Kingdom, the "World's Greatest Meal" concept was born.

It is simple – just have a function registered as the "World's Greatest Meal" and let the fun begin.

The ideas are not complicated; you could have a normal Rotary meal and add a surcharge, with the proceeds going to WGM. Or have a pot luck dinner at a members home.

If you require more details please don't hesitate to contact me.  
PDG Ron Seeto email  
[ronseeto@mcpcarchitects.com](mailto:ronseeto@mcpcarchitects.com)

This has made fundraising for POLIO exciting and we must continue to support the cause to ensure we have a Polio Free World.

*"A future without Polio is a gift that we have promised the children of the world, and indeed a gift that we will give"*  
- RI President KR "Ravi" Ravindran



### World's Greatest Meal Results July 2015

**Events**  
1,274

**Countries**  
64

**Participants**  
71,200 World Wide

**Funds Raised**  
USD \$1,251,924.95 with the gates foundation match grant \$3,755,744.85

**Polio Vaccinations**  
6,259,000



**NIGERIA ONE YEAR  
POLIO FREE,  
ANOTHER COUNTRY,  
ONLY TWO TO GO,  
A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT  
TOWARDS MAKING  
THE WORLD  
POLIO FREE**

#endpolio

### Forever in our Memories

It is with great sadness that we inform of the passing of Charles Trondle. French Polynesia Rotarian Charles was a great active Rotarian and proud supporter of Rotary efforts. We take this opportunity to acknowledge all that has done for the Rotary Club of Papeete-Tahiti, District 9920 and the Rotary International family. May he rest in peace.



### RotaKids—Otahuhu Primary School



Otahuhu Primary School became the second school in the district to join RotaKids, the first being Panmure Primary. Both RotaKids are proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Otahuhu.



### President Elect Training in Suva, Fiji!



District 9920 2018-2019 President Elect training with DGE Ingrid Waugh in Suva, Fiji on 26 May



## Small Steps to Progress



It's not easy...

**... looking after your family** in the islands of eastern Indonesia. Irregular rainfall, steep hills and lack of fresh water add to the strain of rural life. If you can spare the kids from the farm and find them a shirt and shoes, you just might be able to give them a basic education. The **Rotary Small Grants Project Indonesia** gives **Small grants** to farmers and schools for projects such as water tanks, toilets, school furniture and libraries. Last year we donated **\$20,035** to support 53 small projects. All projects are monitored and we are on our way to making 2018 another successful year, but we are not there yet. Just \$500 could furnish a school. \$1000 could mean a water tank, toilet and fencing package for a family farm.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!**

### **Water-Sanitation-Public Health-Education**

Please visit our Facebook Page and donate or contact PP Chris Curtis on 0417049335 or email [curtiscnj@gmail.com](mailto:curtiscnj@gmail.com).

**UPCOMING EVENTS****World Press Photography Exhibition**

Jun 30, Auckland, NZ

**Club Changeover, Auckland Harbourside (Inc)**

Jun 30, Auckland, NZ

**Combined District Leadership Meeting**

Jul 02, TBA

**Club Changeover, Howick (Inc)**

Jul 03, Auckland, NZ

**2018 District Governor Changeover**

July 07, Parnell, NZ. Flyer included.

**DG's visit to RC Parnell**

Jul 18, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Auckland**

Jul 23, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Auckland East**

Jul 23, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Otahuhu**

Jul 24, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Botany East Tamaki**

Jul 30, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Manukau Sunrise**

Jul 31, Auckland, NZ

**UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd...****DG's visit to RC Auckland Harbourside**

Aug 01, Auckland, NZ

**Rotary Clubs' Q&A Panel on Zoom About Membership, Rotary Foundation, Publicity & Other Topics**

Aug 02, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Pakuranga**

Aug 06, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Pukekohe**

Aug 07, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Auckland South**

Aug 09, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Drury**

Aug 13, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC St Johns**

Aug 16, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Ellerslie Sunrise**

Aug 17, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Suva East, Suva North, Suva Peninsula (Joint Meet)**

Aug 22, Suva, Fiji

**DG's visit to RC Suva**

Aug 23, Auckland, NZ

**DG's visit to RC Remuera**

Aug 27, Auckland, NZ



**YOU ARE INVITED .....**

**TO DISTRICT 9920 DISTRICT GOVERNORS' CHANGEOVER 2018**



**Date:** Saturday 7th July 2018  
**Time:** 5.30 - 7.30pm  
**Location:** Quality Hotel, 20 Gladstone Rd, Parnell  
**Cost:** \$30 per person

The Rotary Club of Parnell and DGE Ingrid Waugh and John would like to invite you to join them to say thank you to DG Malini Raghwan and her team, to celebrate the past year's achievements, and to introduce the Rotary District 9920 team for the 2018-19 Rotary year.

Come and join your fellow Rotarians for an evening of fun and celebration. All Rotarians are invited.  
There will be a welcome drink on arrival, nibbles throughout the event and a cash bar will be available.

RSVP the names of those attending to:  
District Governor's Secretary Peter Barron at : [pbarron@extra.co.nz](mailto:pbarron@extra.co.nz)  
By Monday 1 July 2018

Please make payment to : The Rotary Club of Parnell (Inc)  
123037041451800  
Ref: C'over/name

If you have specific dietary requirements (vegetarian, gluten free etc.) please let us know in your RSVP email.