

Firstly DG Andrew has a District wide plan for all clubs and now is a good time to start thinking about what you might do

He wants all clubs in D9980 to have a collaborative day whereby clubs work together or have a social day with another club sometime during the coming year. It could be a project, or some social time together, especially with a club you haven't worked with before. The idea is to think outside the box and create some awesome Rotary Fellowship and team building among the clubs in our District.

You will be hearing more from DG Andrew about this.

The District speech contest needs your support. It has been challenging to get our Secondary schools engaged with this excellent project over the past few years.

Lynne Guy needs you to get in touch with your local school to get them on board with this contest.

This is an excellent way to introduce young leaders to Rotary and the prizes alone are worth something.

There are copies of the forms and rules available on the District website
Please, ask someone in your club to lead this and help to give the Speech Contest a real lift.

Saturday September 8 is World Literacy Day. Do you have plan to take this into your community.?

This is a great way to engage with your primary schools and a simple and effective way which has worked in other clubs, involves Rotarians 'going back to school'. The activity they undertake is to read some of the students favourite books to the junior classes. Experience shows it goes down a treat and Rotarians get a buzz from it as well. Contact your local school and see if this may be a fit for your club to celebrate World Literacy day.

Friday September 28 is Red Nose Day which is the day where we all support the Cure Kids charity. You will know that Cure Kids was a Rotary initiative and is an amazing organisation helping our children in need. Please get in behind this and make it a success.

This year we will again be participating in the District wide Blood Pressure Campaign and is being coordinated by Drew Carruthers. It is planned for **Saturday October 6** and will be held in conjunction with New World and St John. There has been some pushback from St John around asking their busy volunteers to help out with this campaign and we hope that this can be overcome this year. Drew will be in touch with you in the next few weeks to seek your support

Rotary's big push continues to be the demise of Polio. World Polio Day is

Wednesday October 25. We really need you to again get out into your communities and tell them that the world is almost Polio free. We need to keep the momentum going and not 'drop the ball' as the consequences are not acceptable. Please keep the message in front of your club and help the get the job done.

Saturday November 10 needs to go in your dairy as our Assistant Governors are planning a fun social day in Cromwell for everyone in the District. I understand that it will involve among other things a visit to the Highlands Motorsport Park, where there will be some amazing things to do. More details to come, but suggest you book accomodation now and make this a "ripper of a day"

Please get on board with these important national and local projects working to improve the lives of others.

If I can help in any way or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
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