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A Rotary District 9500 weekly publication

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Preamble

"The Rotary Horizons" & links for this week which has been sent to all Rotarians.

This publication and past dispatches are available on the District 9500 website

at www.rotary9500.org

All items for The Rotary Horizons to be sent to the District Secretary by **12.00 noon** Thursdays either by email secretary17-18@rotary9500.org (preferred) or post Rotary D9500 PO Box 6669, Adelaide Halifax St PO SA 5000 (AND allow time for delivery)



Diary Dates – Rotary Making a Difference, Month – July 2017

Mon 24 to Wednesday 26 July 2017 – RI President Ian Riseley visit to Alice Springs.

Fri 29 July 2017 – Accounts sent for District Dues

Fri 4 August 2017 – Closing date for District Grant Applications.

Sat 26 & Sunday 27 August 2017 – Regional Membership Conference – Flinders University.

A message from Rotary International and World President Ian Riseley

Important news about RI President-elect Sam F. Owori

Dear fellow Rotarians,

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I share the sad news that the President-elect of Rotary International, Sam F. Owori, died last night as a result of post-operative complications from a planned surgery.

In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family, and Sam's millions of friends around the world in your thoughts.

Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community, and the world. We will provide more details on plans to celebrate his life as they become available.

From the perspective of Rotary leadership, we will share information on the impact and the path forward as a result of Sam's passing. In addition, we are establishing a memorial fund in Sam's honor and will provide further details soon.

With enormous sadness,

Ian Riseley

President, 2017-18

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From my desk.

That's very sad news from RIP Ian (above). A great loss for Sam's family and friends and also a loss to Rotary and humanity.

It was a busy week in 'my' Rotary world last week – we had a RYLA camp and Dinner (see pics), I attended 2 Changeover dinners and visited 4 Clubs for official visits, we had a District Management & Finance Committee meeting and I attended the D9520 DG Changeover. On Sunday I'll be attending a Conference planning meeting.

I can report that the RYLA attendees had a great week of self-discovery and leadership awareness. All were biting at the bit with enthusiasm as the camp drew to a close. I believe we might see some new Rotaractors come from the group.

My sincerest appreciation goes to the Clubs who's support made the Camp possible. My thanks also go to the extremely dedicated and talented support team who gave up their week for the benefit of the attendees and the Program. Well done.

Cheers, PeterS

Special Note

Secretary Bev Stephenson from the RC of Barossa Valley has had a fall and is unable to carry out her Secretarial duties for some months.

Please send all correspondence to President Keith Adams at sad09523@bigpond.net.au until further notice.

Changes to the "Vade Mecum" – District Resources & Reference Guidebook (was the Directory)

Northern Yorke Peninsula – President is John Carbone – see President Elect for contact details.

Prospect Sunrise - The Rotary club of Prospect Sunrise now meets only on the **first and third Wednesday** in the month the first meeting for the new rotary year is on **Wednesday July 19, 2017**, 7 for 7.15am at the Meridien Hotel, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide. We now meet in the back of main dining area & breakfast is optional.

RLI Faculty – Note - the Chair is DGN & AG Jane Owens & AG Dannielle Camporeale – please remove Tony Robbins

Whyalla and Peterborough – Presidents photo are incorrect.

All corrections will be updated on the web for 1st August 2017

World Robotics Challenge.

Playford Club recently help sponsor a team of Trinity College students, the Trinity BaCoNeers, compete in Houston Texas in the “FIRST” Tech Challenge world championships earlier this year. They were required to build their robot within strict guidelines to complete a series of designated tasks. On their return, they were the guest speakers at our Tuesday evening meeting. Salisbury Club also attended. They were successful, winning the “Incredible team” award and were also runners up in the “Motivate Award” section. They came 31st overall out of 64 finalists after starting as one of 6000 applicant teams. I asked them if there was another team from Australia. The answer was a team from Melbourne. The obvious next question was “who came out on top” “We did” was the response. This group of future technology engineers, if there is such an occupation, is again on the move with another trip to compete in the “FIRST” Global Challenge in the USA representing Oceania. This time in Washington. The club thinks our \$2000 donation was put to good use. FIRST stands for “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology”

Geof Irish IPP.

BaCoNeers Enjoy World Championship Success



Emergencies Services – Mock Excercise

On Sunday 22 October 2017 the Emergency Relief Functional Support Group (ERFSG) in collaboration with Australian Red Cross and further ERFSG participating agencies will organize a mock exercise on KI to simulate the opening and management of a relief centre before the arrival of ERFSG staff on the island.

More details will be sent out in September.

A message from Rotary's new world President – Australia's Ian Riseley

Dear fellow Rotarians,

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability.

Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us.

One way I'd like for you to contribute in our quest for sustainability is through my tree planting initiative. I ask that you have one tree planted for each member of your club sometime between now and Earth Day, 22 April 2018. The [Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group](#) is a [great resource](#) that can help you get started. Share your progress online by using #pledgetoplant.

I hope that the result of this effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring, which is itself most worthwhile. I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility, not only to the people on our planet—but to the planet itself on which we all live and on which we all depend.

During my six presidential conferences this year, environmental sustainability is one of many topics up for discussion. Each conference will focus on how peace relates to one of Rotary's five other areas of focus. My hope is that attendees are inspired take action after attending a conference and will develop new initiatives. [Learn more](#) about each of the conferences and [how to register](#).

As I mentioned to you all earlier this year, Rotary Peace Fellow Marie-Paule Attema has already begun her studies and has shared her first blog post, which you can read [here](#). I'm pleased to report that my home country of Australia has welcomed her with open arms and we all look forward to reading her next post as her journey progresses.

Beginning this Rotary year, the [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) program has been expanded to include both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, with an emphasis on including young professionals on exchanges. These exchanges are a unique chance for cultural immersion and interchange, as well as an opportunity to build global understanding and boost vocational and leadership skills.

If you're interested in participating, [contact a district Rotary Friendship Exchange chair](#). Find exchange partners through the [Rotary Friendship Exchange Matching Board](#). Contact the [Rotary Service team](#) for more information.

Report volunteer hours and service project contributions in Rotary Club Central

Please ask each club to accurately track the hours and the money they spend on their service, so we can get those important year-end numbers.

[Download your copy of the 2017-18 presidential citation](#) for more information.

There's a great deal of work ahead of us, but it's only when we come together that we are able to embody *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Sincerely, Ian Riseley Rotary International President, 2017-18

RYLA CAMP – JUST COMPLETED



Where's Wally Schaefer?



RYLA dinner with DG Peter Schaefer hiding in the back (Pick where's Wally Schaefer)



Just to show they had a great time.

This week's Comments:

A little boy went up to his father and asked: 'Dad, where did my intelligence come from?'

The father replied. 'Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.'

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week,'

'That's very fair, your honour,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

An old woman goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse she has been living with for the last 40 years.

The Wizard says, 'Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you.'

The old woman says without hesitation, 'I now pronounce you man and wife.'

While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice.

'What do you think?' I asked. 'Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?'

'Better get a bikini,' he replied. 'You'd never get it all in one.'

He's still in intensive care.

Reminder that this publication requires information from you – please send me your information about your club activities.

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