

District 9500



Governor's Newsletter December 2016 Edition



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In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries and crippled or killed 350,000 children each year. In 2016 so far, there have been just 27 cases, and the disease has been confined to three countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.



RI World President 2016-17,
John Germ with
Vice President 2016-17,
Jennifer Jones

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November is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

During my round of visits to clubs, I have been made well aware of many projects being carried out both locally and internationally which deal with this particular Area of Focus, not the least of which is the eradication of polio.

The untiring work of our volunteers around the world who travel long distances into some of the most dangerous places to deliver the vaccine, has not gone un-noticed by our partners in this fight, namely CDC, UNICEF, WHO and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Your work here, supporting the eradication of this disease through your generous donations to the Rotary Foundation will help us reach our goal by the end of 2017. Yes, we are THIS CLOSE.

I encourage you to read the story about a boy who could be one of the world's last victims of polio: <http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-global-afghanistan-polio-snap-story.html> PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

Re: New Members

When your club inducts new members, please make sure their details are entered on the District Database.

If you lose a member, this information also needs to be updated via the District Database.

If you don't know how to do this, please contact the District Webmaster, Graham Fussen via email: grahamfussen@bigpond.com

CENTURION

Save 50 x \$2.00 coins easily with this!
Cost is just \$5.00



If you'd like one of these very hand coin holders, please email IPDG Doug Layng at doug.layng@bigpond.com

Contact D9500 Centurion Club representative Ken Dorrington kennethdorrington@bigpond.com for details on how make your contribution.



Just some of the many toys made by our Toy Boys volunteers

New Members

Inductions we know of since our last Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Playford

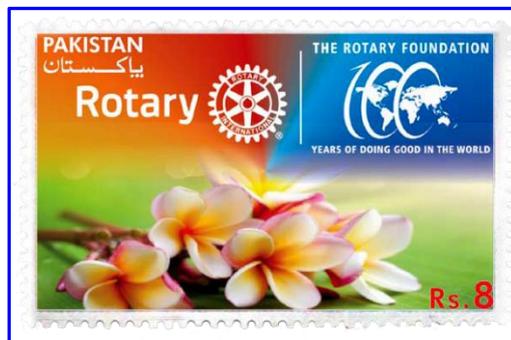
Lyn Vears had been a valued member previously but left for work and family reasons. However, she has always supported the club such as at barbecues and selling raffle tickets. President Geof had much pleasure in inducting Lynn 'back to the fold' and presented her with a new badge.



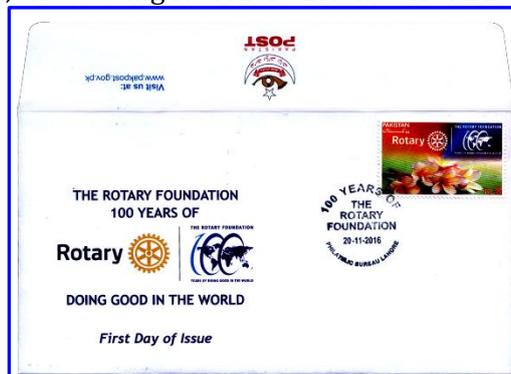
Postage Stamp Honouring The Rotary Foundation

Rotary International District 3272, Pakistan

Recently released is a commemorative Postage Stamp issued by the Pakistan Postal Services as a tribute to celebrate and recognise the services rendered by The Rotary Foundation to humanity at large for the last 100 years.



This Commemorative Stamp has the huge potential for building the Public Image of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as it travels across the world, showcasing ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY.



This stamp was designed by Rotarian Mahru Arif Ali a member of the Rotary Club of Lahore Model Town, who is also the first lady of 2016-17. If you should receive mail with this stamp attached, please tell DG John.

Rotary Club of Charles Sturt Grange Delivering Joy at Christmas

The annual toy distribution by the Toy Boys took place on 30 November in front of a large crowd of recipients and well-wishers.

The Rotary Club of Charles Sturt Grange is the driving force behind this great project and over 150 toys were distributed to several local charities. DG John, local government representatives and members of the recipient charities all praised the work of the members of the project team. A team of students from Findon High School served morning tea after the presentations.



President Dannielle presented Norm with his memento



DG John presented Sonya with a third PHF Ruby



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Some Dates for Next Year's Diary

15 February

Alumni Reunion

18 February

Round Table AGs, Team Leaders and Club Leaders Training

23 February

RI's 112th birthday

23-26 March

District 9500 Conference

29 April

Leading Rotary Now & DTA

20 May

Membership Forum 3

Your participation in these events is encouraged.

RC Port Pirie

Brian Condon – 57 years as a Rotarian

Excerpt of text and photos by Greg Mayfield, RC Port Pirie

A tribute evening to Brian Condon was nominated by the long-serving Rotarian as his greatest moment with the service club.

The event featured a message from RI World President John F. Germ, who recognised Mr Condon's achievement in notching up 57 years with the Rotary Club of Port Pirie as its longest-serving member. He said that Mr Condon remained a member because of his passion for service and commented that his dedication had helped make Rotary "such a great force for good in the world"

Mr Condon, 90, said the celebration of his life in Rotary was the highlight of a "million" great moments in the club. *"It was the culmination of 57 years. To have the District Governor John Pohl come up to present me with a letter from the Rotary International President ... gee, how much better does it get?"* he said.

Club President Dannielle Camporeale presented Mr Condon with a plaque containing his original membership application form. She also handed him a crystal clock.

District Governor John Pohl said Mr Condon had contributed thousands of dollars to the club's charity, the Rotary Foundation. This is particularly important to Mr Condon because the Foundation is helping fight to eradicate polio worldwide and Mr Condon lost a boyhood friend to the disease.

DG John presented Paul Harris honours to members of Mr Condon's family, Sonya Caddy and Evette and Sam Arnold, including a third Paul Harris Ruby to Sonya. Congratulations, Brian!

RC of Clare

Our Clubs Are In The News Again



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Rotary at a glance

Rotarians	:	1227197
Clubs	:	35521
Districts	:	534
Rotaractors	:	223169*
Clubs	:	9703
Interactors	:	474720
Clubs	:	20640
RCC members	:	211370
RCC	:	9190

As on October 3, 2016

Source: Rotary News India

Youth Exchange Program Outward Bound Briefing

A final briefing day for the six outward bound students and their parents was held at the Port Augusta School of the Air on 27 November. A variety of topics were presented by YEP Chair, Ian Howlett and committee members Helen Davies, Greg Jones and Anthony Masson, ably assisted by some of the current students who shared their experiences.

Our outward bound students leave in January for their European destinations and are all now in count-down mode. DG John presented the students with their blazers, business cards and back-packs.

Outbound in 2017



Madeline Osborne – to Finland, Katarina Zanet – to Denmark,
Abigail Nicholls – to Switzerland, Mia Pansini – to France,
Georgia Tiller – to Germany, Aaron Harder – to Belgium



Some people are so poor,
but so rich by heart



Abigail and Madeline are sponsored by RC Port Lincoln, Katarina is sponsored by Whyalla and Whyalla Norrie RC, Georgia and Mia are sponsored by Port Pirie RC and Aaron is sponsored by Northern Yorke Peninsula RC.

The committee is now planning for next year's inbound students who are due to arrive on July 17 and would very much like to hear from Rotary clubs that are willing to act as hosts for these young people.

Please talk to Ian Howlett, Chair YEP, Clare RC, mob 0448 229 571 or email Ian on ian.howlett1@bigpond.com.

Current Inbounds



Juliane Beitler – from Germany, Maurus Wirth – from Switzerland,
Jeanne Lave – from France, Sigrun Abrugv – from Denmark,
Julie Wallen – from Finland, Lisa Rasmussen – from Denmark
Absent: Louis Cools - from Belgium

We look forward to welcoming these young people to District 9500.

THE GREATEST GIFT YOU
CAN GIVE SOMEONE
IS YOUR
TIME.
BECAUSE WHEN YOU
GIVE YOUR TIME,
YOU ARE GIVING A
PORTION OF YOUR LIFE
THAT YOU WILL NEVER
GET BACK.

RCs of Kidman Park and Henley Beach Celebrate

Norm Lewis turns 100 on Christmas Eve



Frank Schirripa welcoming
Honorary Member, Norm Lewis



Norm Cutting his Birthday cake
assisted by his daughter, Jo

On 24 December 2016, Norm Lewis was born in Adelaide and grew up in Maylands. He attended Wellington Road School (Now Trinity Gardens Primary School), then Norwood High School.

An active member of Rotary during his working life, he was the Founder of the RC of Kidman Park in 1984 and is still involved on a regular basis.

Norm was inducted into Rotary at the RC Mt Gambier in 1966, and then Henley Beach in 1972 where he was President in 2005-6 and 1981-2, as well as Director, Honorary Secretary for eight years, a Student Counsellor. He has been the DG's Special Representative for the formation of the Rotary Club of Kidman Park, District Presentations Officer, RYLA Seminar Administrator and a member of the RYLA and Membership Committees for several years each.

Norm was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Kidman Park in 1985 and a PHF Sapphire by Henley Beach in 1994. He is currently an Honorary Member of both clubs.

When asked what his secret is to his long life, Norm smiles and says,
"Keep breathing!"

Here's to you, Norm! Congratulations!

An Extraordinary Achievement by RC Modbury

PDG Barbara Wheatcroft visited the RC Modbury recently, there in her capacity as current Director of Australian Rotary Health to present the club with a framed certificate acknowledging '*significant and meritorious service to Australian Rotary Health by attaining a level of contributions equivalent to \$500 per member.*' Well done!



PDG Barbara with
President Keith Rendell

Rotary District 9500 Conference - Geelong

23 - 26 March 2017

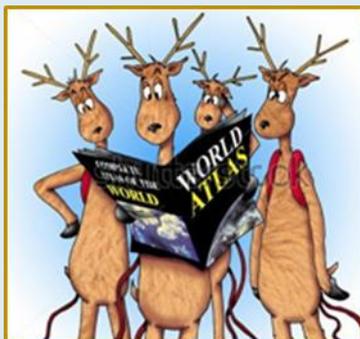
The 2017 Rotary District 9500 Conference Team have been very busy preparing a Conference Program that will be inspiring, exciting and rewarding.



[Register Here](#)

*To you and your loved ones, I wish you a
joyful Christmas, and
a Happy & Healthy
New Year*

DG John Pohl



Four lost Reindeer