



District Newsletter

District 9500 South Australia & Northern Territory

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Rotary International Theme 2013 - 2014



December is Family of Rotary month and most appropriate as we celebrate the completion of the first half of this Rotary year and look forward to 2014. Like you all, I'm sure, I am amazed how quickly the time has gone. The importance of family cannot be understated as we join with our own family members, work colleagues and members of Clubs to enjoy some fellowship during this Festive Season.

I am delighted to announce that Clubs have inducted 50 new members this year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members to the District and I hope that you will enjoy being part of the Worldwide community of Rotary International and your Club will become an integral part of your volunteer life.

8 Clubs have received banners from Rotary International in recognition of their giving to the Annual Programs Fund in 2012-13. Adelaide West, Alice Springs-Mbantua (NT) and Port Pirie received a banner as the top 3 Highest in Per Capita Annual Giving in the district. Only 1,550 clubs worldwide received this honour. Elizabeth, Golden Grove, Prospect Sunrise, West Lakes and Whyalla clubs also received banners in recognition of their US\$100 per capita giving to the Centurion Club and 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club. Congratulations to you all.

The National Ad Campaign is now running across radio and TV. You may have heard the 30 second adverts on radio, which include the voices of Bev Brock and Jonathan Welch. These people are well-known identities and Rotarians who have given their time to advance the campaign – Join the Conversation.

The public website – TimeForRotary.org – is also an area for our Rotary stories to be told. The District had 18 submissions for the Association of Community Service Organisation (ACSO) Awards in October, with 6 of those taking out awards. Please send your stories to Bill Marles bill.marles@katron.com.au so they can be included on the website.

I would like to take this opportunity to hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing, family time over the Christmas period and look forward to a safe and rewarding 2014.

Barbara Wheatcroft

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DG Elect 2014 -15
John Campbell & Julie



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DG Nominee 2015 -16
Doug Layng & Lynne



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Adelaide West
 50th Anniversary Celebration
 Naval, Military & Air Force Club
 Jan 22, 2014
 at 07:00 PM – 10:30 PM

2014 Rotary Foundation / End Polio Now Movie
 Regal Theatre (Old Chelsea)
 Feb 23, 2014

Celebrate India
 Payneham Library
 Mar 01, 2014
 at 06:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Rotary 9500
 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 McCracken Country Club
 Mar 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM
 – Mar 30, 2014 at 04:00 PM

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The 2014 Rotary Foundation / End Polio Now Movie

MONUMENTS MEN; Sunday 23rd February 2014

Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Cate Blanchett

Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history

Regal Theatre (Old Chelsea), 275 Kensington Road, Kensington Park.
Tickets \$20, - Drinks & Nibbles from 3.00pm. - Film Commences 4.00pm



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2014 DISTRICT CONFERENCE REMINDER

Conference Registration form
<http://www.d9500conference.org.au/>



Michael Keelan - Guest Speaker at Conference

Michael is an experienced broadcaster in both the television and the radio industry. He is host of the top rating weekend lifestyle and gardening program "Michael Keelan's Weekend" which is on Radio 5AA Adelaide each Saturday and Sunday morning. He also co-hosts the very popular cooking program "Out of the Blue" on Channel 7.



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Kevin Duggan - Keynote Speaker at Conference

The Honourable Kevin Duggan was a judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia from 1988 to 2011.

In addition to his role as a judge he was the Judge Advocate General for the Australian Defence Force from 1996 to 2001.

He also held the rank of Major General in the Army Reserve and, upon his retirement from the Army, was appointed a member of the Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal.



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Speaking on - Australian Rotary Health

Professor Jane Pirkis is the Director of the Centre for Health Policy, Programs and Economics at the University of Melbourne.

She has undertaken a broad program of work on the epidemiology of suicide and mental health problems, and has conducted a number of large-scale evaluations of suicide prevention initiatives and mental health programs.



Link to Australian Rotary Health website



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Dear Friends of Rotary

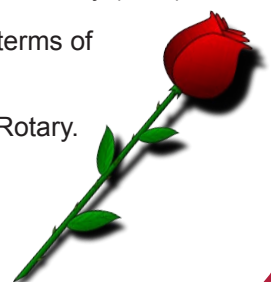
It is with sincere regret that I note the passing of Elizabeth Kirby, wife of Honorary Member PP Ken Kirby (PHF).

Elizabeth was a very long time supporter & Rotaryanne of the Rotary Club of Henley Beach. In terms of a jewel, Elizabeth was an absolute Diamond; always warm, always friendly, always supportive.

I feel truly blessed to have known and shared many occasions with Elizabeth & Ken through Rotary. Her funeral was held at the Florey Chapel, Centennial Park on Monday 6th January 2014.

May the Lord Bless her Soul.

Yours in Rotary Anthony Masson
President RC Henley Beach





Sometimes the world seems so unfair it makes our chests burn with anger, but there's a chance to turn that feeling into hope -- start a petition on any issue you care deeply about, send it around and watch your hope for a different future catch fire! The best petitions will be emailed to 10,000 Avaaz members and offered up to \$10,000 to fund impact.

Click below to get started now:

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When Julia Yank and a team of Rotary members and health workers entered Kaduna, Nigeria, to immunize children against polio they expected to encounter some tough situations.

They found one in a mother of three who stubbornly refused to have her children vaccinated. "She argued with us for over 15 minutes," says Yank, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Clair County Sunset in O'Fallon, Illinois, USA.

After the team explained to her the importance of what they were doing, she finally agreed to allow her children to be immunized.

"We were told later that she only consented because of the presence of the Rotarians. That moment, I realized the impact we can make," says Yank.

This type of persistence by Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has helped reduce the number of polio cases in Nigeria by half, as compared to this time last year. Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan are the only countries in the world where the transmission of polio has never been stopped.

Overall, polio cases in the three countries have decreased by 35 percent -- thanks in part to Rotary's advocacy with government and business leaders, PolioPlus grants, and mobilizing support on the ground.



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Rotarians from around the world to join us in Sydney for the 105th Rotary International Convention.



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Postions Vacant for RYLA RYPEN.

The committee is looking for a 'camp Mum & Dad' to assist with the

RYPEN Camp 4th – 6th of April 2014
and the RYLA Camp 12th – 18th of July 2014

Please contact Paul Valente pvalente@myacn.net.au 0405 640 805



Rotary speaker available

I really enjoyed speaking to Rotary Clubs several years ago when my first book was published, and would like to offer my services again, this time about the background to my fourth novel.

If you email me, I can send you the information about my availability as a guest speaker for clubs in South Australia, with an indication of the topic, and also an attachment of the cover of my book.

Many thanks Valerie Volk email: vjvolk@bigpond.net.au

ATTENTION: ALL DISTRICT 9500 CLUBS RE DISTRICT AWARDS 2013-14

Submissions for 2013-14 District Awards

It is DG Barbara's intention to present the 2013/14 District Awards to successful clubs at the Victor Harbour District Conference in March 2014.

Clubs are advised that, where submissions are required, the closing date for submissions to the District Secretary - Kay Dowling, PO Box 6669, Halifax Street, Adelaide, 5000, or by email to secretary2013@rotary9500.org is **SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY 2014**. The Awards and the requirements for submission, where applicable, are listed on pages 70-72 of the District Directory 2013-14.

Tony Robins Chair
District 9500 Club Administration Committee



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Peter Pearce reports Philippines Disaster - January 2014

- So far in total the ShelterBox Response Teams working in the Philippines, since the Typhoon struck, have distributed 202 boxes, 1,500 standard tents and 16 midi tents, helping 1,718 families in total. 225 toolkits have also been distributed in Leyte, enabling families to begin rebuilding their lives.
- The shipment of 576 tents, 1,000 midi tents, 200 boxes, 400 mosquito nets and 400 Thirstaid water filters has arrived from our headquarters in the UK to Manila in Philippines and is currently being loaded by the Philippines Navy to be transported to communities in need. All of the tents are heading to Cebu and the remaining aid is being sent to Tacloban.
- Response Teams changeover tonight and tomorrow and there are seven teams working across seven areas – base in Cebu, Logistics in Manila, Comms/assessment across several areas, distributions in Leyte, Bantayan and Tacloban.
- There is a good affiliate representation in the current Response Teams including members from ShelterBox Australia, Norway, Germany, Canada, UK, and USA.



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The Voice of Rotary

Broadcast on 1197AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00 pm

From each Wednesday the broadcast program
can be heard on-line at
www.rphadelaide.org.au



January 2014

- Jan 7th** Rtns. Nelson Sanz Cadena & Melissa (R.C. of Kent Town)
Peace Scholars in Japan 2011-13
- Jan 14th** Jeremy Urquhart
"The Big Issue"
- Jan 21st** Pr. Elect Peter Kennedy (R.C. of Noarlunga East)
"White Ribbon Ambassador"
- Jan 28th** Roy Ramon (Rotaract, Singapore)
"Rotaract International"

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