



#### RI President John Germ

##### District Management Team

DG: John Pohl  
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 District Sec: Jeff Cluse  
 District Treas: Colin Davies  
 PP Peter Neal  
 PDG Marie Dorrington  
 PDG Allan Wilson

#### Some Dates for Diary

##### 5 February

Movie Event  
 End Polio Now

##### 15 February

Alumni Reunion

##### 17 February 2017

Closing Date for nominations  
 for DG 2019-20

##### 23 February

RI's 112th birthday

##### 23-26 March

District 9500 Conference

##### 29 April

Leading Rotary Now & DTA

##### 14 May

The Rotary Foundation's  
 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

##### 20 May

Membership Forum 3

Your participation at these  
 events is encouraged

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### January is Vocational Service Month

Happy New Year ~ I trust everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

Well, here we are at the second half of this Rotary Year and it feels like it was just yesterday when I began my year as your District Governor. On second thought, it sometimes feels like it was 100 years ago. As I often say, it depends on the day and whether I'm the dog or the lamp-post!

Thanks to all of you who email me your weekly/fortnightly club newsletters. It's been a little on the quiet side, but I'm sure as we enter the next month, you will be well into the swing of your activities and events which I always enjoy reading about.

### Rotary's New Theme Unveiled

In 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley's theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*.



**ROTARY:  
 MAKING A  
 DIFFERENCE**

"Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."



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## 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 to the District Webmaster, Graham Fussen via email: [grahamfussen@bigpond.com](mailto:grahamfussen@bigpond.com)

## Six Key Numbers In The Fight To End Polio

This article was published just a week ago by John Hewko, General Secretary and CEO at Rotary International.

We are close to eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history. A global public-private partnership has reduced the poliovirus caseload by 99.9% over the last 30 years, but there's still plenty of work to do.

Even before we reach that milestone, the knowledge and infrastructure built to fight polio is being repurposed to take on other global challenges.

- **3: countries where polio is still endemic**  
Fewer than 40 children were paralyzed by polio in 2016, the lowest number in history. This is a dramatic decrease from the estimated 350,000 cases per year in 125 countries that the world saw in 1985—the year that Rotary International initiated a worldwide effort to eradicate this terrible disease.
- **155: the number of countries involved in largest coordinated vaccine switch in history**  
In 1988, Rotary was joined in the effort by WHO, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF (and more recently the Gates Foundation) to create the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI).
- **20 million: the number of volunteers participating**  
Since the GPEI was launched in 1988, Rotary and other volunteers have raised funds, built awareness, and advocated for their national governments to support polio eradication.
- **\$1.5 billion: the amount needed to eradicate polio**  
This may sound expensive, but, in the words of Dr. Jonas Salk, who invented the first effective polio vaccine, “which is more important, the human value of the dollar, or the dollar value of the human?”  
Funding has already contributed to many important successes of our program. In 2016, Rotary funded the work of 52,676 vaccinators and 2528 supervisors in Iraq to keep up strong immunization coverage. Investments made to polio eradication are also contributing to future health goals by documenting the knowledge, lessons learned and assets of the program.
- **\$60 billion: the cost of infectious disease epidemics per year**  
The spread of infectious diseases is consistently among [the world's top 10 risks in terms of impact](#). The eradication of polio will mean no child will ever be paralyzed by this debilitating disease again. However, we must use the knowledge and infrastructure built up over many years by the GPEI to take on other global health threats.
- **4: the factor by which health savings exceed the cost of polio eradication**  
Immunization as a public health investment is incredibly good value. Every dollar spent on vaccinations in the US saves \$3 in direct healthcare costs and \$10 societally. A polio-free world will reap financial savings and reduce healthcare costs by up to \$50 billion through 2035.

You can read the full article here

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/01/6-key-numbers-in-the-fight-to-end-polio/>





### Some interesting thoughts on change

"Change is hard because people overestimate the value of what they have—and underestimate the value of what they may gain by giving that up."

James Belasco  
and Ralph Stayer

*Flight of the Buffalo* (1994).

Change doesn't happen with a single action but with a series of small gestures  
"Unknown"

Making real, lasting change is like plowing a path. The more you use it, the easier it gets.  
"Unknown"

See a rut as an opportunity for change.  
"Unknown"

#### Newsletter Editor

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Please submit any articles and photos by 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication in the next issue.

## A Timely Message From RI World President John Germ

We know that if we want *Rotary Serving Humanity* to become even better in the years ahead, we'll need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward. We'll need clubs that are flexible, so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people. We'll need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations.

As Paul Harris said, and just about every RI president since has repeated, these are changing times, and we in Rotary must change with them. We understand that some of the old rules don't make sense anymore. So we've changed them. Because Rotary isn't about the rules. It's about the service we do — as in *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Looking ahead, we also see a clear need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. As members of Rotary, we're all playing on the same team, working toward the same goals. If we want to reach those goals together, we all have to move in the same direction.

### Attention Alumni!

**It's on again and you're invited!!**

Our next Rotary Alumni Connect will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the Joiners Arms Hotel, 9 Manton Street Hindmarsh - commencing at 5:30 pm.

It's a great venue, close to the city, with ample off-street parking.

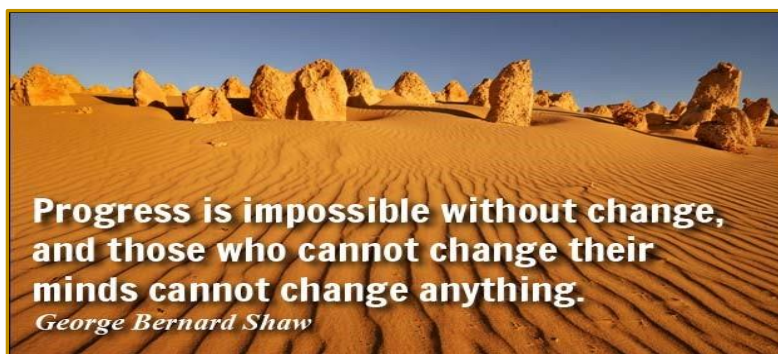


A BBQ will be available for \$30pp, with a cash bar. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends at a very relaxed event.

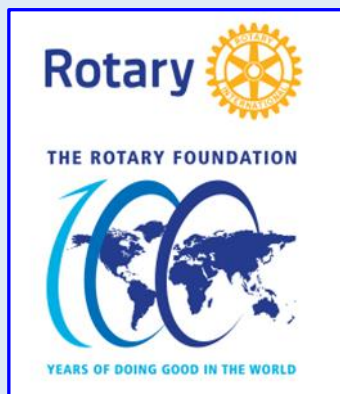
Please share this invitation with other Rotary Alumni in your network. We hope you can join us! Bookings (Essential)

Contact Peter Hammond at [peter\\_h@bigpond.net.au](mailto:peter_h@bigpond.net.au)

RSVP Friday, February 10th 2017



It's the Rotary  
Foundation's 100<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday!



To celebrate,  
District Governors  
Sam Camporeale  
and John Pohl  
invite you and your family,  
friends and work colleagues  
to join them for a special  
fundraising event.

See the movie trailer and  
book on line using the links  
opposite.



# SPECIAL MOVIE EVENT TO END POLIO NOW

How close are we to eradicating polio from the  
face of the Earth?

**We are THIS CLOSE!!!!**

With your help, we can do it!

Come along to a special pre-release of  
a new movie

## “Hidden Figures”

at 4.00pm on Sunday February 5  
at the Piccadilly Cinemas, North Adelaide

Tickets are \$20.00 each

When you purchase your tickets, the amount in full  
will go towards our  
END POLIO NOW Campaign.

Click here to see the official movie trailer”

<https://youtu.be/hLETpnWS8vQ>

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK**

[http://e.mybookingmanager.com/E12  
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See you at the movies!



## The Voice of Rotary

is broadcast on  
**1197AM 5RPH Adelaide**  
every Tuesday starting from  
7:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

**3 Jan**

PP Greg Love,  
Rotary E Club of  
Greater South Oz;  
"ShelterBox"

**10 Jan**

Pres Lis Beltrame,  
Rotary Club of  
Adelaide Innova;  
"What is Adelaide Innova?"

**17 Jan**

PP Lynton Nicholas  
Rotary Club of Campbelltown;  
"RYWELL"

**24 Jan**

Alicia Callisto, Maylands;  
"To London for A&E  
Experience  
with Rotary Help"

**31 Jan**

Rtn Tawina Kamanga,  
Rotary Club of Burnside;  
"Helping the Women of  
Malawi"



## The Latest News From Australian Rotary Health

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kidman Park received praise at their club meeting on Tuesday December 20, for their meritorious service to Australian Rotary Health (ARH).



ARH District 9500 Representative Richard Johnson with President Tom Bunnik

ARH District 9500 Representative Richard Johnson attended the meeting and presented the ARH Certificate of Achievement to President Tom Bunnik, who accepted the award on the Club's behalf.

The Rotary Club was granted the award for attaining a level of Australian Rotary Health contributions equivalent to \$250 per member.  
Well done Kidman Park!

## Rotary District 9500 Conference - Geelong

23 - 26 March 2017

The District 9500 Conference in Geelong is rapidly approaching and will give you a fantastic opportunity to visit this fabulous region, have fun and hear interesting and informative speakers...

This District Conference will be memorable not only for inspiring speakers, but informative Rotary updates and ideas, fun tours, breathtaking scenery and the chance to visit Barwon Heads where the TV series *Sea Change* was filmed!

The venue is magnificent with exemplary meals and views galore as you gaze out over the water during breaks. The sunsets over the bay are not to be missed.

If you have not already done so, please Register as soon as possible and begin your planning for a great Conference in a picturesque region with many and varied experiences....and be in the top 10!

Register and pay online at  
[e.mybookingmanager.com/Geelong2017](http://e.mybookingmanager.com/Geelong2017)

Enjoy the New Year and have fun!

Kind regards

*DG John Pohl*