

District 9500 Governor's Newsletter



September 2016 Edition



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September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

What is literacy?

Literacy is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows you to communicate effectively. The power of literacy lies not just in the ability to read and write, but rather in a person's capacity to apply these skills to effectively connect, interpret and discern the intricacies of the world in which they live.

Many literacy programs focus on early childhood, teaching children the basics, from learning their "ABCs" to forming sentences, comprehending and reading aloud.

As Rotarians around the world discover innovative ways to bring basic education and literacy to children and adults in developing countries, my Newsletter Editor, Lynne, has written a piece which might give you another way in which you could helping someone with literacy closer to home. See it on Page 3.

New Members

Welcome Rotarian George Fomba, the newest member of the RC Mawson Lakes. Here's George with his happy family!

We have not received notification of any other members being inducted. Please tell us!!



If your club has inducted a new member since the beginning of this Rotary Year, please let me know; and don't forget to enter that new member's details on the District Website! It is automatically transferred to RI.



With AG Fran Neylon



HOT GUYS Peter Hoey, Paul Hinkley, David Eckerman, and John Dimet



Denise Brooks & Peter Kaye

Check out some of the great videos of this year's event here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>HenleyonTodd</u>

My visit to Alice Springs Henley on Todd - 2016

What a great time I had with members of the three clubs in The Alice, spending a day at the iconic Henley On Todd event. I took the opportunity to go up a few days earlier than my scheduled meetings with the three clubs there, to experience my first HOT.

Henley on Todd is held annually in Alice Springs. The Rotary Clubs; Alice Springs, Stuart Alice Springs and Alice Springs Mbantua put on a varied program of races and a major ship 'battle' in the dry river bed of the Todd River.



Flour bombs fired from over 40 mortars carried on the 'battle ships' and the water cannons fired at each other help to turn the crews into dumplings. The crews do not need wind to propel the vessels. This is done by 4 wheel drive vehicles hidden under the superstructures.





Crewed by an assortment of Vikings, Pirates and Naval ratings, the 'battle ships' pound each other until one of them is disabled or stops or the Commodore of the Fleet calls 'time'.



This year's event, the 55th annual event, was a huge success with over 4,000 people lining the banks of the Todd. HOT raises over \$20,000 annually for local charities. This year, the Eye Clinic of the Alice Springs Hospital was the charity of choice. The money raised will go towards the purchase of a state-of-the-art ultrasound that will allow a much more precise means of diagnostic assessment of the eye.

Over 200 Rotarians and volunteers worked over the weekend on various aspects of HOT – it is a great event and if you get chance, go to The Alice and experience it for yourself.

WATCH THIS VIDEO Give the gift of Giving.

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=4i7nNzdnkJU

Volunteers

are not paid because they are worthless, they are not paid because they are **Priceless!**



Want to be a Hero? By Lynne Layng

With this month's Area of Focus being Basic Education and Literacy, many clubs look to helping children in developing countries with some clubs designing new programmes or continuing those already established.

Have you ever thought what you could do as an individual to help someone much closer? Perhaps someone aged 17 or older? Someone right here?

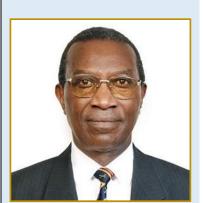
There are adults around us, right here in your own suburbs; those we see in everyday life, who cannot read or write. Many of them hide it well, but they do struggle with even the most basic things, such as reading street signs, filling in forms, reading a menu in a restaurant. Going to the supermarket can be a real trial. It can be incredibly frustrating for them.

Education in our country is not free, and those who need numeracy and literacy skills the most, are often the people who cannot afford to pay for it.

Some of them will ask for help to do simple things. If you know someone who is struggling, offer to spend an hour a week with them to help them learn some of the basics.

Keep in mind that some of the smartest people on the planet couldn't read or write until they reached adulthood. Some of them went on to great things because someone else saw the need and took the time.

Look around. You could be someone's hero, simply by asking, *"Would you like some help with that?"*





2018/19 RI President Nominated

The 2016-17 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International has unanimously nominated Samuel Frobisher Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, to be the president of Rotary International in 2018-19. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Owori says he sees in Rotary *"an incredible passion to make a difference."* As president, he plans to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

Owori's chief concerns as a Rotary leader are membership and extension. Since he served as district governor, the number of clubs in Uganda has swelled from nine to 89. He urges past, present, and future leaders to work together to engage more women, youth program participants, alumni, and community members to increase Rotary's membership in the coming years.

"There are many places which need Rotary and numerous potential members who have never been invited," he says. "The problem is Rotarians who got in and closed the doors." Since becoming a member in 1978, Owori has served Rotary as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, RI Representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat, and RI director. He has been a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee.

Most recently, Owori served as trustee of The Rotary Foundation, chair of The Rotary Foundation's Finance Committee, and a member of the Investment Committee. Owori is a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and he and his wife, Norah, are Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows.









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Meet Two More of Our Assistant Governors

ROBERT GUNN ~ AG Group 1

I have had both a long and short history with Rotary. My wife Bev Clark was a member and President of the Rotary Club of Adelaide South 15 years or more ago. I was an active Friend of Rotary for those years and then joined the club as a member 4-5 years ago. My working life has been half Restaurants and Hotel Management and half Legal services, as a business manager.

At the Rotary Club of Adelaide South I have held the position of Community Services Director, Web Master and ran the RYDA program until becoming President for the past 2 years. We have some worthwhile Projects both in local community and internationally and have always had a very good representation of PHF's.

Adelaide South meets at lunch and we are very representative of the changes to Rotary. We have a shrinking membership and an aging membership and are unable to retain or attract younger people to fill the gaps. We haven't given up, we are trying different approaches and are hoping we will be able to successfully get some new members to work with us.

As AG you will find me to be an advocate of changing our format as promoted by the International Committee. I totally agree we need to reduce the meeting frequency, and we must be more appealing to a multicultural younger membership. To be more attractive we may well have to shake off the traditions that made Rotary attractive when it was new. We must remember that most people want to do Charity work but not every week. Robert looks after the Rotary Clubs of Adelaide, Adelaide Light, Adelaide Parks, Adelaide South and Adelaide West.

STEPHEN LYNCH ~ AG Group 7

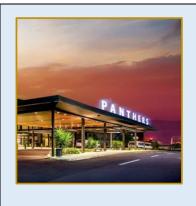
Charter President of Rotaract Club of Port Pirie, I joined the RC of Port Pirie in 1980. Positions held include; District Conference Chairman 1984, Director/Committee Chairman – 3 terms, Club Treasurer 5 years, Club President 2000/2001, Club Secretary 4 years, Vice President – 2 terms, District Conference Treasurer 2007, Paul Harris Society member, RI Four Avenues of Service Citation 2016.

My father-in-law (now deceased) was a proud Rotarian. I joined his business in 1974 as business manager. I've been Managing Director of my family crash repair and mechanical repair business since 1982. We have 12 employees in the business including 2 apprentices.

Debra and I married in 1972 – She is a PHF! Debra works in Finance Department of Port Pirie Regional Health Service.

We have hosted 18 Rotary Exchange Students – currently hosting Sigrun from Faroe Islands. Our son Christopher (42) was an Exchange Student to Japan in 1990. He currently works in hotel management in Sydney. Our son Nathan (41) is a Motor Mechanic by trade and works in the family business. Our daughter Penny (34) is a full time mother with a great partner and 2 beautiful boys living in Port Pirie

Stephen looks after the Rotary Clubs of Maitland, Northern Yorke Peninsula, Peterborough and Port Pirie.



NEXT RLI COURSE

October 22 & 23, 2016 Put it in your diary now!

Cost \$150.00 Morning Tea, Lunch and Materials provided

Clubs are asked to support Rotarians interested in attending, especially Presidents Elect, aspiring leaders and new Rotarians.

ENQUIRIES to D9500 RLI Registrar PP Jane Owens at janeowens@internode.on.net

Venue: St Michael's College 15 Mitton Avenue Henley Beach

To REGISTER click below http://e.mybookingmanager. com/rli1016



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

Zone Institute and Governor Elect Training 28 August to 3 September

The annual training sessions for District Governors Elect were held prior to the Zone 7B and 8 Institute Conference at the Panther's League Club in Penrith, about an hour's train ride from Sydney. This training ran from 28th – 31st August and covered a wide range of Rotary topics.

The current DGs and DGNs from Australia and New Zealand had concurrent sessions facilitated by experienced trainers, amongst whom was PDG Marie Dorrington, our District Training and Development Leader. A series of presentations from RISPPO and sessions on Child Protection and Insurance issues kept the participants busy.

In addition, the Future Leaders Conference was held in the same venue and Lucia Gauci from the RC of Prospect attended this event and gave it a good report. The venue was excellent with a range of purpose built conference rooms, restaurants and even a fully equipped casino.



The Zone Institute opened on the Wednesday with a series of AGMs of Rotary organisations such as ARH, RDU, ROMAC and RAWCS. For the next 3 days a varied program of speakers entertained and informed the 400+ attendees. We were privileged to hear from incoming RI President Ian Riseley and Past RI President Ron Burton.

A wide variety of displays and a lot of group dinners completed a very good Zone Institute. A big thanks must go to RI Director, Noel Trevaskis, and his staff for a sterling job of organising the event.

Upcoming Membership Webinars for 2016-2017

Learn more about the ways you can strengthen Rotary by participating in these membership focused webinars. Hear how other clubs have adopted new club structures, increased membership, raised diversity, enhanced member satisfaction and raised the profile of Rotary in their communities. And understand more about the resources available to support you in your efforts to strengthen Rotary.

Each webinar features guest panellists with direct experience, as well as a host of useful ideas and tips for Rotarians. Webinars last forty minutes, and are recorded for wider distribution. No special software is required to participate in a webinar; just **register via the links provided**.

Considering corporate membership? Monday 26 September 2016, 5.15 pm (AEST) Register:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3940989799813652228

Focusing on retention: Strategies to enhance member satisfaction Tuesday, 22 November 2016, 8.15 am (AEST) Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3308538616889128707

RI Director's Update, RI Director Noel Trevaskis Thursday 8 December 2016, 5.00 pm (AEST) & Monday 12 December 2016, 8.15 am (AEST) Register: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1913432084078720513</u>

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 updated via the District Database.

If you don't know how to do this, please contact the DG's Newsletter Editor, Lynne Layng lynnelayng5@bigpond.com

Next Membership Summit Saturday 5 November 2016

> Venue: St Michael's College 15 Mitton Avenue Henley Beach

Link to Register coming soon



http://d9500geelong.org.au/ welcome-2/

Emorgo Transplant House

South Australia has a wonderful success record for kidney transplants. More kidney transplants are performed at the Royal Adelaide Hospital per head of population than in any other state in the nation. South Australia also provides kidney transplants for the Northern Territory.

To further support this program, Kidney Health Australia (KHA) which is the peak body in the country for those suffering from kidney disease, is currently building Emorgo Transplant House located close to the new RAH.

Receiving a new kidney involves a six day hospital stay followed by daily visits early in the morning for the next 14 days to check medications and to monitor progress.



For patients living outside Adelaide this means staying in hotels/motels for three weeks, an expense many cannot afford.

Emorgo Transplant House will provide a self-catering facility for patients and their carers during this crucial time of early recovery but at minimal cost.

KHA, through its own fund-raising efforts, is paying for the erection of Emorgo Transplant House, a wonderful asset for South Australia. However, to furnish this unit will require an additional outlay of around \$25,000.

KHA is asking the people in South Australia to please assist. As a Rotarian, and a member of KHA's South Australian Consumer Committee, I invite Rotary clubs to consider financially supporting this initiative. I am very happy to come to your club as a guest speaker to talk about kidney disease (the silent killer) and the Emorgo Transplant House.

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Rotary District 9500 Conference - Geelong 23rd - 26th March 2017



A thought provoking line up of keynote speakers along with lively entertainment, the 2017 Rotary Conference will be held in Geelong's spectacular Conference Centre, The Pier. Based on the theme of 'SEA CHANGE' (the Australian TV series was largely filmed near Geelong) the conference will challenge your thoughts and encourage a sea change in the way your club approaches the issues that confront us all.

It will be memorable for inspiring speakers, Rotary updates and ideas, fun tours and sun, sand, breathtaking scenery and the chance to visit Barwon Heads. 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. Book Now: <u>www.d9500conference.org.au</u>

Do Something Extraordinary! Have fun and enjoy your Rotary DG John Pohl