



District 9500

Governor's Newsletter

February 2017 Edition



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Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

685 million people are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution

\$142 million has been raised by Rotary to support peace

100 peace fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centres around the world

1,000+ students have graduated from Rotary's Peace Centres program

What can you do

If you know anyone who is studying international peace and conflict resolution who wants to work in a community affected by conflict refer them to

<https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

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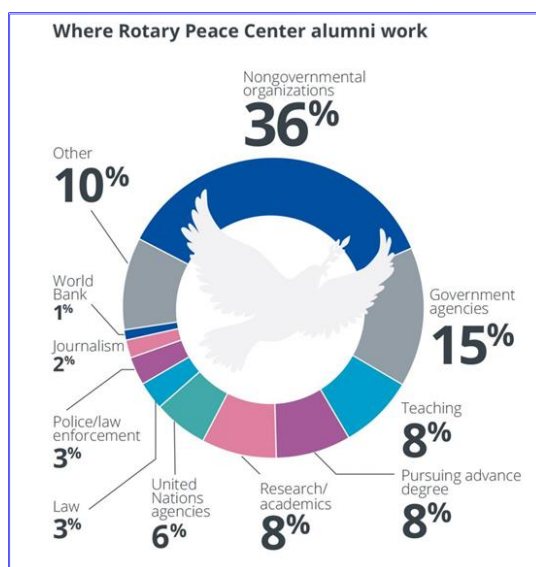
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February Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

From the pages of Rotary International

Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children, and 90 percent are civilians.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.



Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Citizen of The Year Winners

Two of year's award winners are from our Rotary District. There may well be more, but we've not heard from you yet.

DAVID ADAMSON is the City of Tea Tree Gully's Outstanding Citizen of the Year. This was awarded for his 36 year's service at the Tea Tree Gully Road and Cycle Safety Centre.

David also served on the committee at the Kathleen Mellor Kindergarten and on the Governing Council of Tea Tree Gully Primary School, where he was Treasurer for several years. He is also an active member of St. Wilfrid's Anglican Church at Tea Tree Gully.

David has been a member of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth since 2002.

CHRISTOPHER MOORE is someone that leads by example, volunteering his time to the community day or night, and is a very worthy recipient of the City of Salisbury Citizen of the Year award.

Christopher has also been involved in a wide range of other community groups and organisations as he encourages them to work cohesively to achieve shared goals. He has been involved in school councils, church and local charities, advisory boards, Salisbury's Sister City delegation to Mobara in Japan, and he is currently the President of the Salisbury Rotary Club.

MIKE MUNRO, President of the RC of Port Lincoln is a tireless community worker helping those less fortunate. His passion for helping the youth of the city have earned Mike this year's Port Lincoln City Council Citizen of the Year award.

Mr Munro said when he was told he had received the award, he was "a bit taken aback". He said he never expected to receive the award for his contribution and considered it a Rotary award. "I just do what Rotary does, we try to make the community a better place for everyone," he said.

My heartiest congratulations to Peter, Christopher and Mike; three shining examples of Rotarians serving humanity.



The World Needs Us!

by RI World President John F Germ

None of us knows the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make, the opportunities we seize and those we let pass.

But I think we all know that when we choose to do good, good will follow; and that when we choose *Service Above Self* as our life's path, the direction it will take us will be a good one".

We are at the very serious and challenging time for the future of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand

We can no longer rely on just those one or two member who bring in new member, we need everyone to be involved."



It's always time to remind ourselves of Rotary's Four-Way-Test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Some Dates for Diary

23 February
RI's 112th birthday

8 March
Women In Rotary
Breakfast

23-26 March
District 9500 Conference

8 April
Leading Rotary Now & DTA
Alice Springs

29 April
Leading Rotary Now & DTA
Adelaide

6 May
Leading Rotary Now & DTA
Port Augusta

14 May
The Rotary Foundation's
100th Birthday Celebrations

20 May
Membership Forum 3

Your participation at these
events is encouraged



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It is amazing what you can
accomplish if you do not
care who gets the credit.
- Harry S. Truman

Update From The District 9500 Youth Exchange Committee from District Chair, Ian Howelett

Returning from their 12-month exchanges to Europe were seven students who are now settling back into home and school. If you would like one or two of them to come along to talk to your club about their experience, please contact the RC's Golden Grove, Gawler Light, Port Lincoln, Roxby District, Whyalla or Port Augusta.

We've just seen six local students sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Northern Yorke Peninsula, Port Pirie, Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Whyalla Norrie jet away to start their exchanges.



Currently there are 20 Expressions of Interest from students to go on overseas exchange from our District in 2018. Interested students still have three months to place their applications. The Youth Exchange Committee will direct these students to their local Rotary Clubs, seeking their club's sponsorship as the initial step. You are asked to seriously consider sponsoring these students.



WELCOME JULIANE. EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM GERMANY.
Juliane was welcomed to Pt Lincoln last Thurs by an enthusiastic group of Rotarians and Host Family.

Seven **Inbound students**, are being hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Salisbury, Clare, Gawler Light, Port Augusta and the E-Club of South Australia. The students are enjoying their hospitality, the Aussie culture and way of life. These students are also available to come and talk to your clubs. They will be here for another six months and will also be with us at the District Conference in March.

There will be new arrivals in July who will need hosts for their stay. If your club would like to host a student or are interested in hearing more about the details and 'costs' of hosting an international student, (or even co-host with sharing with another club) the District Committee would love to hear from you.

Finally, our District Committee is composed of a number of Rotarians who are keen to sponsor the youth within our District in these educational and cultural exchanges. They too, are available to speak at clubs about Student Exchanges. We are always looking for new members to join our committee and if you or any of your club members are interested in joining us I would be pleased to hear from them. It does not involve a lot of time or money, but an interest in the wellbeing of our youth is essential.

Find out all about Rotary's Youth Exchange Program here:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3445/SitePage/rotary-youth-exchange>

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

Links which will be helpful to every Rotarian

Rotary International

<https://www.rotary.org/en>

My Rotary

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en>

Please log on soon and find out more about
YOUR ROTARY



New members



RC Clare: President Bill Singleton, proposer, Jim Scott, with newest member, Sharryn Daly



RC Alice Springs Pres. Neil inducted Nicole Walsh, with Rotarian Damien Ryan looking on

Congratulations RC Port Pirie Interact

President Dannielle Camporeale and her members are to be congratulated on the formation and charter of The Interact Club of Port Pirie. This is the first Interact Club chartered in our District for many years.

This investment in the younger members of the community will undoubtedly produce great rewards in the future.



Dannielle was so excited, she forgot to sign the certificate before she sent it to us for publication in this newsletter.

My congratulations and admiration to the members of the RC Port Pirie who are looking forward, engaging local youth to help them reach their full potential and cultivating our leaders of tomorrow.

**If You Haven't Visited
Rotary.Org Recently,
You're Missing Out!**

Our public-facing site has a fresh, contemporary look that clearly answers the often-asked question: "What is Rotary?" For many people, our website is their introduction to the impressive work that Rotary members do to improve lives around the world.

It's meant to create an emotional connection that inspires potential members, donors, and partners to get involved. The latest changes to the public site do that, and more. (And work is underway to improve My Rotary as well.)

Here are five reasons that you'll appreciate our new public site. Visit Rotary.org to see all the improvements and share the news with your clubs and community.

- Better Organization
- Improved Readability
- Compelling Storytelling
- Prominent Calls To Action
- Enhanced Metrics

[Go there!](http://www.rotary.org)
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RYDA up North

by Coordinator, Jan Rogasch

The RYDA program, run by the Rotary Clubs of Barossa Valley, Barossa Districts & Kapunda, were nominated and won a Community Event of the Year Award through The Barossa Council.

The Barossa Council decided to nominate the program for the South Australian Community Event of the Year, for which they received a Commendation. Well done!

Neither of these awards would have been possible without the help of many dedicated Rotarians throughout SA who give up their valuable time to present this very worthwhile program. I just wanted to thank you all very much for your support, and could you please share my gratitude with your Clubs.



I've also included our wonderful facilitators, as I feel you are all key factors in presenting this program and getting the message through to our students. We feel you have all (Rotarians and facilitators) received this award, as it is very much a team effort, so thank you all.

We look forward to another busy year with RYDA. We already have six RYDA events booked in, so I encourage you all to think about making your booking as early as possible.

Rotary District 9500 Conference - Geelong 23 - 26 March 2017

The District 9500 Conference in Geelong 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!

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)

Do something extraordinary!

Kind regards
DG John Pohl