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March is Water and Sanitation Month

Clean water and sanitation is a human right. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.



\$24.00

is all it takes to provide one person with safe water

23 million

people now have safe water because of Rotary

21 million

people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects

2030

is the year Rotary hopes to finish providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene



Rotary aims to:

- Strengthen the ability of communities to develop, fund, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems.
- Provide equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support career-minded professionals' studies related to water and sanitation.
- Create tools and resources that facilitate, measure, and enhance high-quality water and sanitation projects worldwide.

What can your club do? Find a "Water & Sanitation" Project to join, or start one of your own. Apply for a Global Grant. To find out how, click the link!

[A Guide to Global Grants](#)

Some Dates for Diary

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
Postponed until October

20 May
Membership Forum 3

Your participation at these
events is encouraged



Since more and more seniors are texting and tweeting there appears to be a need for a STC (Senior Texting Code).

ATD: At The Doctor's
BTW: Bring The Wheelchair
BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth
CBM: Covered By Medicare
SCGU: Shit! Can't Get Up
CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center
DWI: Driving While Incontinent
FWIW: Forgot Where I Was
FYI: Found Your Insulin
GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!
GHA: Got Heartburn Again
HGBM: Had Good Bowel Movement
IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?
LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out
LOL: Living On Lipitor
LWO: Lawrence Welk's on
OMMR: On My Massage Recliner
OMSG: Oh Migawd! Sorry, Gas.
ROFL... CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing...
And Can't Get Up
SGGP: Sorry, Gotta Go Poop
TTYL: Talk To You Later
WAITT: Who Am I Talking To?
WTFA: Wet The Furniture Again

District Grants

Attention Presidents' Elect. If you have a project which needs a cash injection, District Grants can help.

Have a member attend Leading Rotary Now which includes a session on District Grants, how it works, what you need to do. See dates opposite.

Last year, there were more applications than money available so start planning now. Grant Applications can be lodged between July 1 and 31. More information will be posted on the District Website very soon.

District Grants are available for local and international projects, providing they meet one or more of The Rotary Foundation's Six Areas of Focus.

Remember, this money is available to you because YOU and/or YOUR CLUB made donations to the Rotary Foundation. When you're making your list to decide to whom your hard earned fundraising dollars will go, put our own Foundation at the top.

Membership Development

Earning the [Presidential Citation](#) is an honor and one that RI President John F. Germ hopes all clubs strive to achieve. The time limit for achieving the citation goals for the 2016-17 Rotary year is approaching rapidly. To earn the citation, please complete all activities and enter your accomplishments in Rotary's database by **30 June**.

How Can I See My Club's Progress?

Any member who has a My Rotary account can view their club's citation dashboard by signing in to My Rotary. Then, under **Manage**, in **Club & District Administration**, go to **Reports** and look under the "Awards" section. If a club member who isn't an officer wants to record citation progress in Rotary Club Central, you can [delegate your level of access](#) (PDF) temporarily to allow them to do that.

Are Rotary Club Central Goals Different From Citation Goals?

Some of the goals in the 2016-17 Presidential Citation are tracked in Rotary Club Central. These are clearly marked in the [Presidential Citation brochure](#) (PDF). It is your responsibility as a club leader to ensure that you record your club's achievement of these goals in Rotary Club Central on time.

What About The Citation For Rotaract And Interact Clubs?

View these reports in the same location. Rotaract Club Presidents can view their dashboard report and make updates on [Rotary.org](#). In order to be nominated for the Presidential Citation, Interact clubs must also have their achievements reported to RI. In May, sponsor Rotary clubs will receive instructions for reporting Interact clubs that qualify for the Presidential Citation. RI cannot accept nominations by email, mail, or phone.

Where Can You Find More Information?

- View this [how-to video](#) to learn more about citation reporting (available only in English and Spanish)
- See tips on achieving each goal from the [citation achievement guide](#)
- Get new metrics in the Members in a Club report on [Rotary Club Central](#), which lists:
 - Members who have joined discussion groups
 - Members who have updated their skills and interests in their My Rotary profiles
 - Members under age 40

Learn more by joining these discussion groups, and achieve one citation goal by doing so:

- [2016-17 Presidential Citation and RI Awards](#)
- [Rotary Club Presidents 2016-17 Worldwide](#)
- [Membership Best Practices](#)

If you have questions about the citation or these resources, write us at riawards@rotary.org.

New members

Congratulations and welcome to Michael Potts, Erwin Chlanda, and Fran Kilgarff who have joined The Rotary Club of Alice Springs.

Congratulations also to Mark Smeaton who joined the Rotary Club of Gawler. Welcome to Rotary.

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



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"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"
- Martin Luther King, Jr

"Don't Knock Sausage Sizzles!"

Article by PDG Malcolm Lindquist, Zone 8 Rotary Coordinator

We often ask members of the public if they are aware of the nature and work of Rotary in the community and are surprised when one of the major responses (sometimes the only response) is that Rotarians are involved in "sausage sizzles".

In an atmosphere where clubs are starved for recognition the catering experience is an excellent way of interacting with the public at large. Whether it be sausage sizzles at the local Bunnings or BigW, gourmet breakfasts, donut vans or coffee supplies at special events, there is always the opportunity to promote the work of Rotary to the public at large.

But do we take advantage of the opportunity to promote our service activities?

I know there are some customers who are there for the solely for the food and beverage but it is also amazing the number of people who are willing to chat and find out about our work as Rotarians.



How do we make the most of our brief period of interaction? Not rocket science but the following are some of the ways in which I have seen clubs promote themselves at sausage sizzles.

- Display the club banner
- Hand out What is Rotary pamphlets
- Promote club projects
- Include Rotaractors
- Invitation to visit the club or attend a club promotional activity
- Past Rotary magazines for distribution to interested people
- Encourage people with disabilities and carers to assist

As well as the obvious benefits, such as the funds raised there are a variety of knock on effects that appear to be evident at most catering events.

- Rotarians have fun
- Rotarians are a diverse group including women and many cultural backgrounds
- Site owners are prepared to be sponsors or donors for other club events

For many small clubs and country clubs the sausage sizzle is an excellent way in which a small group of members can raise a significant amount of money to carry out visible community projects without members having to dip into their own pockets.

Also for many clubs it is a cheap method of promotion that if marketed well can be a source of effective advertising of all those other wonderful projects of Rotary. So, make the most of the sausage sizzle, don't knock it!

[Footnote: We know that Bunnings BBQs sites are slowly being "corprotised" to have all their sites look the same. It is unfortunate that Bunnings will not allow our signage, or any promotional material, but that doesn't mean we can't engage with those who love our "sausage sizzles". Ed]

Safe travels to all who are heading to Geelong this week.

I look forward to bringing you news of our District Conference in my next newsletter.

In the meantime, enjoy your Rotary.

Kind regards
DG John Pohi