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The ROTIAC



"The ROTIAC" - Rotarians in Action in 9500

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Preamble:

Please find attached "The ROTIAC" and its attachments for this week.

The following information has been sent to all Club Presidents, Secretaries & Club Executives, AGs, PDGs, DMC, DFC, DG, DGEs, DGNs, Rotaract Clubs and nominated Rotarians.

This publication and past district dispatches are available on the District 9500 website at www.rotary9500.org

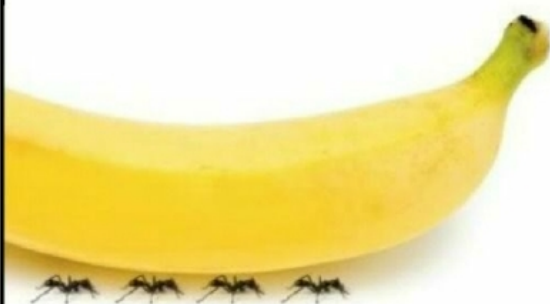
Would the club recipients of these weekly publications please ensure that they are circulated to their club members as this is the principal means of communication between the District and the Clubs? All items for The ROTIAC to be sent to the District Secretary by 4.00 pm Thursdays either by email secretary16-17@rotary9500.org (preferred) or post Rotary D9500 PO Box 6669, Adelaide Halifax St PO SA 5000 (AND allow time for delivery):

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT – No. 2 - ROTARY DISTRICT 9500

ATTENTION—THIS IS A MUST FOR ALL CLUBS – **REGISTER NOW**

If everyone is moving forward together,
then success takes care of itself.

– Henry Ford



DISTRICT 9500

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT 2

*Transformational Change: The Journey So Far
(Working Together to Increase Membership)*

November 19 2016

9.00 am to 12.30 pm

St Michael's College
Mitton Avenue Henley Beach

This will be a highly interactive morning!

Be part of sharing the membership journeys so far...

Registrations:

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/membershipsummit2>

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

This is a must for all clubs at attend – even if you went to the first one – bring more members from your club – THE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP TEAM HAS WORKED TIRELESS TO HELP YOU CLUB GROW MEMBERS.

Register at: <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/membershipsummit2>

Diary Dates – Rotary Foundation, Month – November 2016

Saturday 19 November 2016 – Membership Summit – St Michael's College

Sunday 22 January 2017 – Closing day for District awards

Friday 17 February 2017 – Closing date for nominations for District Governor 2019/20

Saturday 18 February 2017 – Round table AG's, Team Leader & club leaders Training - Adelaide

Saturday 20 May 2017 – Membership Summit – St Michael's College

District Governor's Club Visits for October

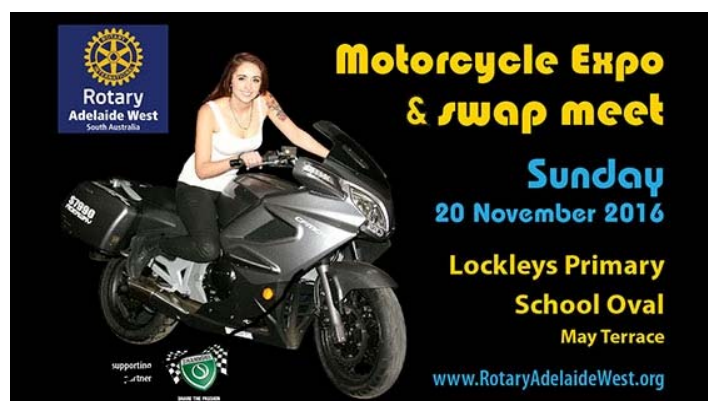
Wed 16 November - E Club of Greater South OZ – LUCKY LAST FOR DG John

District Conference 2017

It's time to consider joining us for a 'Sea Change' at our District Conference in Geelong from 23 - 26 March 2017.

[Click here for the Registrations page on the Conference Website.](#)

MOTOR BIKE EXPO – Rotary Club of Adelaide West



Motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to attend the Rotary Adelaide West Motorcycle Swap Meet on **20 November** from **8am**. Please spread the word amongst any of your friends, family or colleagues that you know love motor bikes.

Full info available here :

<http://rotaryadelaidewest.org/events/motor-bike-expo-and-swap-meet>

Please share our event on Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1759276017681827/>

Motions to be submitted to District AGM

The District AGM will be held at the District Conference in Geelong next March.

Clubs are asked to submit any motions for discussion at this AGM to the District Secretary, Jeff Cluse, by Friday 16 December.

The Rotary Foundation – Zone 8 News Letter

Please download, TRF Zone 8 Newsletter

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ADJUDICATION OF DISTRICT AWARDS 2016/17

ATTENTION: ALL DISTRICT 9500 CLUBS RE DISTRICT AWARDS 2016-17 Submissions for 2016 - 17 District Awards

It is the intention to present the 2016/17 District Awards to successful clubs at the District Conference in Geelong in March 2017.

Clubs are advised that, the closing date for submissions is SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY 2017 to the Adjudicators listed below, via email.

The DETAILS for each award and the requirements for submission, where applicable, are listed on pages 67 - 69 of the 2016 – 17 District Directory.

District Award	Club Submission Required?	Adjudication By	Submission to	Email
Club Performance	Yes	DG or delegate	DG John Pohl	jemp@senet.com.au
Rotary Foundation	Yes	Chair, TRF	IPDG Doug Layng	doug.layng@bigpond.com
Australian Rotary Health	No	Chair, D9500 ARH Director	PDG Barbara Wheatcroft	barbara.wheatcroft@bigpond.com
Public Relations	Yes	DG or delegate	DG John Pohl	jemp@senet.com.au
Conservation	Yes	DG/Chair Community Service	Frank O'Neill	foneill1@bigpond.net.au
Youth Activities	Yes	DG/Chair Youth Services	Robert Eley	eflatcoat21@bigpond.com.au
Club History	Yes	DG or delegate	DG John Pohl	jemp@senet.com.au
WCS (International Service)	Yes	DG/Chair RAWCS	DG John Pohl	jemp@senet.com.au
Community Service	Yes	Chair, Community Service	Frank O'Neill	foneill1@bigpond.net.au
Vocational Service	Yes	DG/Chair Voc. Service	Rod Bish	rod@whycani.com.au
Interact/Rotaract	Yes	Chair, Youth Services	Robert Eley	eflatcoat21@bigpond.com.au
Club Bulletin*	No (see Note1)	DGE	DGE Peter Schaefer	jenpe@bigpond.com
Club Membership Improvement	No	Chair, Membership Development	DGN David Egan	dcegan@esc.net.au

Note 1.Clubs must have provided copy of each Club Bulletin to DGE throughout year.

The Rotary Foundation – Peace Fellow Scholarship

Hi Everyone

We would like to share some exciting news with you in regard to the announcement of this year's Rotary Peace Fellow scholarships. Given that there are 540 Rotary Districts in the world, and that only 94 Scholarships were granted, our region has been outstanding in the number of scholarships granted.



Master's Degree

D9710 to Bradford
D9670 to Duke/UNC
D3780 to UQ

(Australia to UK)D9810 to Duke/UNC
(Australia to USA)D9455 to ICU
(Philippines to Australia)

(Australia to USA)
(Australia to Japan)

Diploma Course (Thailand)

D9600 (Australia) D3820 (Philippines) D9800 (Australia) D9710 (Australia) D9920 (New Zealand)

Congratulations to D9710 in achieving a RPF in each category.

Mark Anderson Senior Coordinator | Fund Development Rotary Foundation
mark.anderson@rotary.org

Youth Exchange Request for Info

I am a senior lecturer in Japanese Studies at the ANU and am participating in a conference to be held at the University of Queensland in late November this year. The goal of the conference is to explore Australia Japan relations from a variety of perspectives. I was the first Australian Rotary Exchange student from Australia to go to the small town of Imabari in Shikoku Japan sponsored by Warners Bay Rotary Club in Newcastle in 1980. It proved a complete turning point in my career and shifted my focus from the sciences to the arts and Japanese studies.

The aim of my paper is to explore the history of the Japan-Australia exchange program and the role participants have played in Australia-Japan relations on their return to home. By reviewing data collected through interviews with returned exchange students and hosting rotary clubs I examine the grass-roots contribution this program has made to Australia-Japan relations.

I am attempting to collect statistics on the numbers of outgoing Australians to Japan and the incoming Japanese to Australia from the 1970s to the 1990s.

I have been in touch with the Australian Rotary office and unfortunately there is no national collection of this data and so they have recommended that I speak to each district individually.

Would you be able to provide me with the year and number of students for that time period? Also if you have any members of your clubs who were exchange students I would love to have their contact details.

I realise that there is not much time left in November and apologise for my haste, I'm afraid the life of an academic at the end of the year is very time poor.

Dr Carol Hayes | Deputy Director, ANU Japan Institute | BAS Convenor

Senior Lecturer, East Asian Studies | School of Culture, History and Language

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Shelter Box – The Haiti Story – one month on.

Over 1,600 deaths, delivery of thousands of shelterkits, and one woman's inspiring story

Despite civil protection officials taking to the streets to warn people, many on Haiti's southern peninsula were unaware of the approach of Hurricane Matthew. It caused the greatest loss of life of any Atlantic Hurricane for eleven years. It is one month on tomorrow (Friday) and UK disaster relief agency ShelterBox is still there helping Haitians to pick up the pieces. And they met one inspiring lady who opened her hotel to hundreds fleeing the approaching storm.



Hurricane Matthew wrought widespread destruction and loss of life during its journey across the Atlantic and Caribbean, including parts of Haiti, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Lucayan Archipelago, the SE United States, and the Canadian Maritimes. Over 1,600 deaths have been attributed to the storm, making it the deadliest Atlantic hurricane in more than a decade.

As soon as the airports re-opened, a ShelterBox response team from the UK, US, Germany and Canada arrived in Haiti, some of whom had experience of the 2010 earthquake response. The team's geographical focus has been on the hard to reach areas in the Sud-department around Port-a-Piment and Chardonnières, with Les Cayes harbour as one of the delivery points for seaborne aid.

The team's emphasis will be on the distribution of thousands of shelter kits, allowing the weatherproofing and repair of damaged homes. ShelterBox tents were found to be ideal for use as clinical space, to provide shelter and privacy for patients of the overstretched healthcare facilities. ShelterBox is also providing solar lighting for families where power is down, and mosquito nets, via its Rotary contacts. Water filters will also be in country soon to guard against the spread of waterborne disease.

ShelterBox is working in partnership with Handicap International and a new partner charity 410 Bridge to identify areas of unmet shelter need.

The thousands of shelter kits and non-food items now inbound will help families to cope in the interim.

ShelterBox is also keeping a weather eye on the prospects for Haiti as work continues. Heavy rains cause further flooding and deterioration of road conditions.

The charity has been touched by the resilience and compassion of the Haitian people, and their pride in helping one another. The team shares the story of Madame Mimose Felix who embodies the 'Haitians helping Haitians' self-help spirit.

They met Mimose when they used Les Cayes as a delivery harbour for seaborne aid, and a hub for aid storage and delivery towards the worst-hit areas.

Madame Mimose's story:

In the deep of the night on 4 October Madame Mimose Felix, owner of the Villa Mimosa hotel in Torbeck, Haiti, first heard the sound of people running. She says, **'The storm got really bad at around 4 am. But I had left instructions for the security gates to the hotel to be left open, so people could come here if they needed to.'**

'I looked out of my window, and I saw everyone running. Women with children, pregnant women. They were all running.'

Mimose Felix ended up housing over 300 people in her hotel in the days following the hurricane. In the weeks since Matthew made landfall here she continued to help her community with food donations.

This was made possible by her own local not-for-profit organisation *Groupe d'Action pour l'habilitation Economique et Sociale de la Famille Haïtienne (GRAFHES)*. This remarkable social enterprise trains and helps Haitian communities, improves living conditions in agricultural areas, and for almost a decade has been working in this southern area providing 13,000 students with hot meals throughout the year. They have also established ten processing units for women's groups to produce peanut butter and cassava for sale to the school meal programme.

Little wonder then that big-hearted Madame Mimose flung open her gates to everyone as the hurricane roared towards Haiti. She is the embodiment of the 'Haitians helping Haitians' philosophy, known locally as 'konbit', which helps this Caribbean country to survive every setback that weather and seismology throw at it. Konbit grew from the shared toil of community farming, but has now come to represent a broader spirit of working together and helping one another in times of hardship, and a common goal of improving everyone's lives.

Mimose is a former agricultural economy Minister in the Haitian Government. When her mother, sisters and brothers left to begin a new life in the USA fifty years ago, she remained with her father because she is passionate about Haiti.

The village of Torbeck, where Mimose runs her hotel, is just outside Les Cayes. Areas to the west of here were among the worst hit by Matthew's 145 mph winds. That is a wind speed you can't stand up in, where roofs fly off and masonry collapses, where vehicles tip over.

ShelterBox's Response Team has been based in Les Cayes and Port au Prince, as they work to find ways to help Haitian people recover, rebuild, re-energise. As is typical in responding to major disasters ShelterBox is working with partner aid organisations, both global and local. This time a local partner is 410 Bridge, who build sustainable communities in Haiti. The Les Cayes Rotary Club is also helping to identify what kind of aid is needed, and where. A long-established alliance with major humanitarian player Handicap International is also strengthening ShelterBox's arm.

ShelterBox response team member Andre Bloemink says, **'I have been really encouraged by the level of coordination between agencies and the active role that the various government departments are taking. There is a real desire to fully plan a thorough response, to ensure that no community is left without support.'**

'The response overall is also very much focused on early recovery, as opposed to solely working on the immediate relief of need, making Shelter Kits the ideal response. There is a real desire for longer-term, Haitian-led planning for recovery, and ensuring that potentially unintended impacts of aid are fully assessed and mitigated.'

'All this takes a lot of effort, but I am encouraged and heartened by the level of commitment to this from our partners and aid colleagues.'

Local experts say that this hurricane may have longer-term effects on vegetation, livestock and wildlife than even the 2010 earthquake did, and worse than Hurricane Hazel in the 1950s.

In an uncertain future, which will no doubt contain more hurricanes and storms for Haiti, one thing is certain – Matthew will never return. When a storm is particularly deadly or costly, its name is removed from the list by the annual meeting of the WMO Tropical Cyclone Committees. Matthew, having claimed over 1,600 lives, will now be consigned to history like Haiyan (Philippines 2013), Sandy (USA 2012), Katrina (USA, 2005) and Tracy (Darwin, 1974).

Photos above show Madame Mimose with local children, and hurricane destruction in the Les Cayes area. Photos ©ShelterBox

Review of previous items

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT – No. 2 - ROTARY DISTRICT 9500

See first item and register today – it's free and only half a day.
Help your club growth.


You are not alone out there – the District is here to help

**REGISTER AND RECEIVE A PRIZE – YOU MUST BE
THERE TO RECEIVE IT.**

Comment of the week;

"The best way to improve your children's education is to pull a few wires – ignition, television, radio and telephone".

"If you get kicked from behind you know you must have been in front."



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

NOVEMBER IS
ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH!

Have you sent your AU\$100 (or more) to D9500 Team Centurion yet?

Send your donation (with the application form) NOW to
Ken Dorrington, Team Centurion, PO Box 383, PROSPECT SA 5082

Application forms available on the District website or from kennethdorrington@bigpond.com

A strong Rotary Foundation means a strong Rotary!

Reminder that this publication requires information from you – please send me your information about your club activities.

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