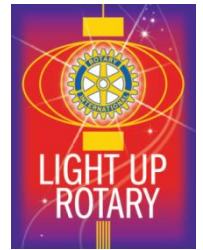


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IMPORTANT DATES

Mark Bouris (RC Pakenham)
August 5th. For details go to
www.facebook.com/RotaryclubPakenham

District Leadership
August 10th

Avenues of Service Forums
Berwick: August 24th
Churchill: October 5th

GSE applications close
September 27th (Leader)
October 10th (Members)

GSE interviews
Leader: October 11th
Members: October 25-26

District Conference
March 27-29, 2015

AGM / Foundation Seminar
November 16th

From DG Charlie: Wow what a start to the Rotary year. We had a great changeover with over 170 people travelling across the District to Traralgon in very wet and blustery weather conditions to share some fine Gippsland produce, great fellowship and hear a report on the great past Rotary year. I would like to thank PDG Ken McDonald for performing the induction. Immediate Past District Governor Tim acknowledged the analogy of his International Rotary

President Ron Burton, who

in his concluding remarks at the Sydney Convention, reminded us of a saying in Oklahoma that it is better to leave the Woodpile a little higher than you found it. Obviously this analogy talks about using some wood but replenishing the supplies, so there is



some for the next person. Certainly as I have moved around the District and experienced changeovers at more than 50% of the Clubs, I have seen and heard of many Club activities that Engaged Rotary and Changed Lives. The woodpile is in good shape and well stocked to Light Up Rotary in this coming year. A big thank you to Tim and Jane for their commitment, enthusiasm and leadership over the past 12 months in this District to ensure that Rotary was able to make a difference to the local, regional and international community of which we are all a part.

One of the challenges for a District Governor is to be able to get around the District and to join the Conversation about Rotary goals, challenges and activity, and to assist in making a difference. I am looking forward to the DG Club visits and catching up very soon with those Clubs I missed during Club Changeovers. The past few months have been about preparing for the year ahead as we prepare to light up Rotary. Now we are through the Changeover activity it is time to get on with the job, or as RI President Gary said in his comments to the Governors Elect in San Diego on the final evening, we have been waiting at the red light with our foot on the brake and motor ready to spring into action, so now we have a green light and it is time to ignite the candle and light up Rotary.

Rotarians I look forward to a great year of service as we put our diverse range of plans into action at an Individual, Club and District level to make a difference as we 'Light Up Rotary.'





MEET OUR NEW ZONE DIRECTOR –

GUILLER E. TUMANGAN (Rotary Club of Makati West, Philippines)

RI Director Guillier has been a Rotarian since 1988 and has served RI as RI President's Representative, International Assembly Training Leader, Council on Legislation Representative, Committee Member, RI Training Leader, Zone Coordinator, and District Governor. He is a Major Donor, Benefactor, and a member of the Paul Harris Society of The Rotary Foundation. He also is recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award, as well as RI's Service Above Self Award and the Presidential Citation.

In 2013 he and some other current, incoming and past district governors from the Philippines set up a non-stock, non-profit corporation established primarily for the

reconstruction and rehabilitation of schools damaged by typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda.

RI Director Guillier and his wife, Leticia were married 12 September and have three children and four grandchildren.

See July message – “www.district9820.org”

From the Rotary International President

GARY C K HUANG

I find many traditional Chinese values reflected in Rotary: values of service and responsibility, of respect for family and for others. Sometimes I call Confucius the world's first Rotarian, because even though he died 2,500 years before Rotary was founded, his ideas are very much Rotary ideas. And one of the things he said was: 與其抱怨, 不如改變.

In English, you say, "It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness."

I think that one line sums up the way we in Rotary approach the problems of the world.

There is so much difficulty. There are so many people who need help. Many people look at this and say, "There is nothing I can do." So they do nothing – and nothing changes.

But this is not the Rotary way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one candle, you light one candle – and so do 1.2 million other Rotarians. Together, we can do so much more than we could ever do alone. Together, we can light up the world.

In 2014-15, I am asking each of you to light your own Rotary candle – and LIGHT UP ROTARY!



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE – 2015 – DISTRICT 2430, TURKEY



From the D2430 GSE Chair – Bulent Erbor. “District 2430 has a total of 85 Rotary Clubs spread over Turkey, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Kirghizstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. Our district is geographically one of the largest Districts in the Rotary world, and from North to South – from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean almost 2/3 of Turkey is in our District. Turkey is one of the biggest countries in Europe with a population of 75 million and has very different climatic conditions. Temperatures in summers are hot (up to 40°C) and winter temperatures can be as cold as 35°C with lots of snow, changing on the

different geographic areas. Sunny beaches, snowy mountains and friendly people are expecting the exchange team. Ankara, Turkey's capital, is in the District.

Rotary clubs in Turkey, in our District, are located in the major communities of various populations ranging in sizes between 30.000 to 6.000.000 people. There is a total of 87 clubs with 2400 Rotarians.”

If you know of any young professionals aged 25 – 40 who would benefit from this incredible vocational and cultural opportunity, please go to the District website for application forms and information

Likewise, if you have someone in your Club who has been a President and would fit the criteria in terms of leading the team, please, once again, go to the District website for those forms.

Interviews for the Team Leader will be held on October 11th and for the team members on the weekend of October 25-26th with the Saturday being given over to interviews and the Sunday to “callback” group activities, etc

Go to D9820 website – “www.district9820.org”

2014 – 2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCE, SHEPPARTON, MARCH 27-29

The website is up and running; speakers including Steve Monaghetti, Steve Bradbury, Air Commodore Christine Tolson, author Ross McMullen, DIK's 'man on the ground' in Timor Leste, Daryl Mills, and Brooke Squires from the Royal Melbourne Zoo, are locked down and will be supported by a number of well known local project speakers. The D2430 (Turkey) incoming and outgoing GSE teams, as well as the returned team from Ohio will be reporting to us as well. Planning for the Saturday evening entertainment and theme is well under way. Golf on Friday, the Ride to Conference welcome, Friday evening at the McIntosh Centre and a very different Friday tour with wineries, boat cruise, etc should set the scene for a fantastic Conference full of fun, fellowship and learning about Rotary,

For further details and registration forms please go to Conference website- www.district9820conference.org



TRARALGON

ROMAC – **SOUTHERN REGION**

Nauruan infant Otto Kepae has arrived in Melbourne for heart surgery at the Monash Medical Centre

*For full story go to website -
“www.district9820.org”*



CONGRATULATIONS

To all those who received Paul Harris Fellowship recognition over the Changeover period

To Doug Hellenen (Rosebud-Rye) on his Order of Australia Medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours

To Chris Angerer for all the work he put into selecting the entries in Humanity in Motion – the wonderful presentation of Australian Rotary projects published for distribution at the Sydney Convention

For full story see website – “www.district9820.org”

The District 9820 web site can be found at –

www.district9820.org



Fellowship of cruising Rotarians

I am part of a small team who want to establish a Fellowship of CruisingRotarians. The Fellowship will be a Facebook-based info kiosk for Rotarians who enjoy cruising and those who'd like to find out more.

Before we can get the Fellowship off the ground, we need to have the names of interested Rotarians, and this must include Rotarians from at least three countries.

If you're interested in being a member, or know fellow Rotarians (including overseas) who might be interested in membership, please email me on cruisingrotarians@gmail.com
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D9820 GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS

At the recent Foundation Committee meeting the pleasing announcement was made that three Global Grants have been approved – Timor Leste's building project (volunteers needed), the Tonga gardens project and an Indian eyecare project (Tamil Nadu). Many Clubs in D9820 have contributed to these projects and we look Forward to updates. PDG and Foundation Chairman Ray Martin has also given us an example of how Clubs can band together to get the money for a grant, as was the case with the RAM project in Timor L'Este.

For full details see website – "www.district9820.org"



International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians Membership Drive

The Yachting Fellowship is the oldest Rotary Fellowship having been launched in the waters of Britain in 1947. If you are interested in becoming a Yachting Mariner of the Gippsland Fleet then please contact Commodore John Crawford at: john crawford1@wideband.net.au or by phone: 03 5153-2897. I may also be contacted for fellowship enquiries relating to the Victoria Fleet and other regions at: bill@wcinnovations.com.au or phone on: 0410583532. We welcome your interest and look forward to your participation. There are Fleets in each Australian State with Victoria having two. The Victoria Fleet currently covers the Port Philip and Westernport Bay regions while the Gippsland Lakes Fleet accommodates members generally from Sale eastwards to the NSW border as well as a few residing between Berwick and Sale. Rotarians from across the State are eligible to join either of these Fleets

for full article please see website – "www.district9820.org"



FOUNDATION FACTS:

Did you know that giving to Polio Plus attracts Paul Harris Recognition points?

Did you know that your personal contributions increase your PHF recognition amount to the same value AND give you PHF points at the rate of one point per dollar which can be transferred to create a new PHF or PHF level

Did you know that personal giving to the Rotary Foundation is tax deductible via the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust?

Did you know that your Club can get a Rotary Foundation grant to fund a project in the local community?

Did you know that the PHF is a recognition not an award? It is a recognition that a contribution of US\$1000 has been given to the Rotary Foundation in your name

Did you know that 50% of the combined giving to the Annual Fund comes back to your District Designated Fund three years after it was given?