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District Conference 2013

District Events

DUETS - 3rd Annual Gala Charity Concert
State Theatre
Aug 20, 2012 07:15 PM

Massive book fair
Beecroft Cheltenham Scout and Guide hall
Aug 25, 2012 09:00 AM - Aug 26, 2012

National Skills Week
Aug 27, 2012 - Sep 02, 2012

DG's Official Zone Visit - The Hills
Castle Hill Country Club
Aug 29, 2012 06:00 PM

Rotary Club of Umina Beach Portrait Prize and Art
Worthington BMW
Aug 31, 2012 07:30 PM - Sep 02, 2012 04:00 PM

RYLA Timor Leste
Sep 02, 2012 - Sep 08, 2012

DG's Official Zone Visit - North Shore
North Sydney Leagues Club
Sep 05, 2012 06:00 PM

DG's Official Zone Visit - Upper Central Coast
Mingara Recreation Club
Sep 11, 2012 06:00 PM

Seniors & Retirees Luncheon 2012
Pennant Hills Golf Club
Sep 13, 2012 11:00 AM

PDGs Meeting
Sep 15, 2012

DG's Official Zone Visit - Lower Central Coast

Stories

Governor's Message

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 16, 2012

Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

Sometimes it's good to stop and take a "reality check". The first draft of this newsletter was a JWD travelogue of my adventures as DG, but there have been a number of developments that have brought me back to earth.

This morning with PRID John Carrick, PDG Don Durie and Past Foundation Chair Lindsay May, I had the honour of presenting Past District Governor Ken Boyd with his membership of the Paul Harris Society. Ken is a member of the Lindfield Club and an Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Nowra. He is not well and the prognosis is not good.

Ken was a newsagent who operated several agencies of many years. He joined the RC of Kempsey in 1961 and later moved to the Bega and Nowra Clubs. He was DG of 971 (South Coast and Canberra) in 1985/86 (PDG Peter Perry's year), National Chair of Youth Exchange in 86/87 and a member of the RAWCS committee 1987-89. Ken actively participated in International Service joining teams to Indonesia, PNG (twice), Nepal and the Solomons (where he stayed for 3 months helping reconstruction after a cyclone).

With over 50 years of fantastic rotary service and in ill health, Ken contributed (another) $1,000 to the Foundation a couple of months ago leading to the Paul Harris Society membership. We sought to lift his spirits by making the special presentation. He sure lifted mine.

My journey to earth had started a few days ago, with some magic crossing my screen and some special events. There are too many examples to list here (and my apologies to those not mentioned), but here are a few:

- Sue O'Neill (Kenthurst) reported back from her recent 3 week trip to Kenya and Uganda on assisting in slum areas, presenting a $25,000 blood count machine to an AIDS clinic and visiting the Katuuso School for Life Primary/Vocational School.

- Barry Lumby (Dural) has just returned from Fiji where he has been assisting Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation whose Chairman wrote, "Having you as a volunteer giving your time and much more for free has allowed us to extend our work to areas where we could not have gone otherwise due to lack of resources and time".

- Ron Marcus (Castle Hill) and a volunteer Glen Stanyer are off to Ulaanbaator to repair a catheter Xray machine.

- I had the pleasure of presenting PHFs to AG Jayne Mote and Rotarian Barbara Burrell on behalf of Central Coast Rotaract to recognise their great assistance in getting CC Rotaract off the ground.

Everglades Golf Club
Sep 19, 2012 06:00 PM

Rotary Peace Communities International Conference
Wagga Wagga
Sep 21, 2012 - Sep 23, 2012

Victory Ball
Sep 21, 2012 07:00 PM

Graffiti Removal Day
Sep 23, 2012

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Sep 23, 2012

DG's Official Zone Visit - Peninsular
Checkers Country Resort
Sep 25, 2012 06:00 PM

DG's Official Zone Visit - Upper North Shore
Hornsby RSL
Oct 10, 2012 06:00 PM

Presidents' Meeting
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
Oct 12, 2012 06:00 PM

Tri-District Foundation Dinner
Oct 15, 2012 06:30 PM

2012 Police Officer of the Year Awards
Doltone House Darling Island Wharf - Pyrmont
Nov 02, 2012 07:00 PM - Nov 03, 2012

BOLLYHILLS - Bollywood in the Hills
Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Facility
Nov 10, 2012 06:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Roger Woodward in Concert for ROMAC
The Concourse, Chatswood
Nov 17, 2012

Presidents' Meeting (with Partners)
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
Dec 07, 2012 06:00 PM

PDGs Meeting
Dec 08, 2012

International Assembly
San Diego, California, USA
Jan 13, 2013 - Jan 19, 2013

Presidents' Meetings
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
Feb 08, 2013 06:00 PM

Youth Exchange Weekend
Feb 22, 2013 - Feb 24, 2013

District Conference (information)
Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Mar 15, 2013 - Mar 17, 2013

District Conference 2013
Mar 15, 2013 - Mar 17, 2013

PDGs Meeting
Mar 18, 2013

Presidents' Meeting
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
Apr 19, 2013 06:00 PM

Council on Legislation
Chicago, Illinois, USA
Apr 21, 2013 - Apr 26, 2013

PDGs Meeting
May 18, 2013

Presidents' Meeting (Awards)
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
May 31, 2013 06:00 PM

Rotary International Convention
Lisbon, Portugal
Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

Changeover - D9680 to D9685

- The Rotaractors ran a great Trivia Night on 11 August and I think they had every Central Coast Club in attendance (it was won by a bunch of PDGs because they bought the most answers!)

- I visited Donation in Kind where President Miriam Jacka (Winston Hills) gave a guided tour followed by intense discussions with DGE Graeme Davies and International Chair Lyn Davies on how we might get Foundation funds to assist in transport costs (PDG Tony Castley, Foundation Chair will run the idea to Evanston).

- Vocational Chair Peter Kirkwood organised a terrific Presidents Meeting on 10 August, addressed by Brian Wexham, Chair of National Skills Week and CEO of SkillsOne TV.

- My daughter Kathryn (now a member of Ryde – Architectural Design) ran the City to Surf in under 2 hours with Rotaract District Representative Brett Sham, Jaqui Fogarty and "Black Rob", raising awareness and over $4,000 for End Polio Now.

- Membership AG Roseanne Gallo reported on her visits to Eastwood Club giving them an outside view on how to increase their membership and PR.

- Helmut Buss (District Probus Chair) and President Graeme Peters (Wyong/Tuggerah) inaugurated the 151st Probus Club in the District at Berkley Vale (apologies I could not make it).

- At the Official Visits at the Beaches and Northern District Zones, I have heard of Balgowlah getting a roster together to transport a mother and sick child from the Spillsted Centre to Westmead; Dee/Why Warringah embarking on an Indigenous Mentoring Program; Manly looking to assist Bo Hospital; Manly Sunrise furnishing the Pioneer Clubhouse; Beecroft embarking on an indigenous project in Brewarrina; Carlingford marking its 40 years by allocating $40,000 to a local family where the mum has MS; and many more.

So, I'm playing my role as DG by lots of talking, dealing with zillions of emails, encouraging, leading and putting ideas together. I've never been as busy or as tired. But, the REAL work gets done by Rotarians (like Ken Boyd) and their Clubs in so many facets: some local, some international, some helping other Rotarians do their work better. I see my role as helping that happen.

One of our initiatives this year has been to try and form Coffee Clubs as a different way of experiencing Rotary that might be more amenable to younger members. We are starting with some pilots, but that should not restrict the plan. Please click on the link for PP Mike Hallen's latest – it might be an idea that could work in your area.

Yours in Rotary

John Dodd

District Governor 2012-13

Read more...

Launch of TAFE developed low power consuming computer.
Posted by Haran Ramachandran

North Ryde Rotary take pleasure in inviting you to the launch of a new computer system designed for schools without readily available power. This is a really unique development which shows what cooperation between Rotary and TAFE can really produce.

Read more...

Hornsby RSL Club
Jul 05, 2013 06:00 PM

Rotary International Convention
Sydney, Australia
Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014

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Rotary International President for 2014/2015
Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 10, 2012

District 9680congratulations Gary C.K. Huang, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei, on his selection by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2014-15. We take this opportunity to send our best wishes to Gary and Corinna Yao.

Click here to read the full article

Tom Slingsby breaks gold drought
Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 07, 2012

Tom's dad David Slingsby was a member of a D9680 Group Study Exchange team that visited D9350 Namibia and South Africa in 1976. Tom is an 8 times world champion and after a disappointing Beijing Olympics where as reigning Laser World Champ he finished 22nd, but has since worked incredibly hard over the past 4 years adding 3 more Laser World crowns and now Olympic Gold. An inspiration to all ages.

BRITANNIA may well rule the waves but there is a stretch of water off the south coast of England that will be forever Australia's.

Click here to read the full article

RI President's Monthly Message
Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 07, 2012

Dear fellow Rotarians,

What is Rotary? When I ask Rotarians this question, they often give vague answers. And when I asked myself this question, I had to think about it. August is Membership and Extension Month in Rotary, and I want all Rotarians to be able to send a unified message about what Rotary is and why they joined.

The key to increasing membership is for every Rotarian to be convinced that it's good to be a Rotarian, and to convey that passion to others. In Rotary, we have a tendency to be humble and keep our achievements to ourselves. But we must share them with those around us and with the world.

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