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District Events

National Skills Week

Aug 27, 2012 - Sep 02, 2012

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

Rodeville Golf Club
Sep 04, 2012 06:00 PM

The Hills Open Gardens - Garden of Secrets

Sep 08, 2012 10:00 AM - Sep
09, 2012 12:04 AM

DG's Official Zone Visit - Upper Central Coast

Mingara Recreation Club
Sep 11, 2012 06:00 PM

Jane Rutter comes to the Northern Beaches

Grand Theatre, United Cinemas
Sep 12, 2012 07:30 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

Everglades Golf Club
Sep 19, 2012 06:00 PM

Rotary Peace Communities International Conference

Wagga Wagga

Stories

Governor's Message

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 30, 2012



Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

Spring has sprung early this year: the August weather has been pleasant; the pollen count is up; and Rotary Clubs throughout District 9680 are putting their plans into action. I have had the pleasure of attending a number of Club events and look forward to many more.

Some Club events I have been able attend over the last two weeks:

- Glenhaven put on the Youth Exchange BBQ at Heritage Park;
- Frenchs Forest had their local Police Awards at Warringah Council Chambers
- West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook had their Trivia Night (Janelle and I will never win these without our brains trust: our children!)
- Brookvale ran their Pub2Pub Run: 5,000+ competitors from Dee Why Beach to Newport – I felt somewhat guilty as I drove passed the runners, particularly as Tony Abbott was a competitor (and he apparently runs home after)
- Epping were selling upmarket sausage sandwiches at the Street Fair
- Beecroft shifted tonnes of books through their Book Fair

All of these events take enormous planning and effort in execution. It's all hands on deck plus whatever Inner Wheel, Rotaractors, Probarians and Youth Exchange Students are available. Many of these events have been successfully run for decades and are an integral part of their local communities. Sure, they raise enormous funds (allocated to local and international projects), but I see the other benefits including:

- Engendering community spirit
- Allowing OTHER groups to do their own fund raising and awareness by participating
- Connecting Clubs to their local civic leaders, the police, schools and businesses
- Having fun and fellowship between Club members
- Acknowledging the value of effort on the part of others
- Involving our youth in worthwhile activities

Then, multiply what your Club is doing by about 34,000 Clubs world-wide, add on country wide programs such as Australian Rotary Health, ROMAC and RAWCS; world-wide programs like Shelterbox; and then the Rotary Foundation, and you get some idea of the impact of Rotary.

Sep 21, 2012 - Sep 23, 2012
Victory Ball Sep 21, 2012 07:00 PM
Graffiti Removal Day Sep 23, 2012
Graffiti Removal Day 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
Exhibition Opening - The Monday Art Group Art Space on The Concourse Oct 15, 2012 06:00 PM
Rotary Foundation Dinner The Epping Club Oct 15, 2012 06:30 PM - 09:15 PM
Tri-District Foundation Dinner Oct 15, 2012 06:30 PM
Art Exhibition - The Monday Art Group Art Space on The Concourse Oct 16, 2012 10:00 AM - Oct 28, 2012 04:00 PM
28th Annual Charity Golf Day Pymble Golf Club Oct 22, 2012 11:00 AM
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
RYLA 2013 Vision Valley Jan 13, 2013 - Jan 19, 2013
International Assembly San Diego, California, USA Jan 13, 2013 - Jan 19, 2013
Presidents' Meetings Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club Feb 15, 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

I look forward to attending as many Club events as I can. Drop me an email advising of your special upcoming events. Don't expect any speeches unless asked. I see my job as encouraging all of those Rotarians putting their talents into serving their communities. These are your Club's events to be celebrated.

Last Sunday, Janelle and I attended the PDGs lunch for District 9690 at Old Government House, Parramatta. I was very pleased to see SEVEN of our PDGs also attending – this augers well for the development of District 9685 out of 9680 and a dozen Clubs from 9690 in 2013. DGE Graeme and Lyn were also present, just before flying out to Timor Leste where they will assist Theo Glockemann and his team with RYLA. Theo managed to convince Woodside Petroleum and its partners on the North-West shelf to contribute \$41,000 to run the whole program. Thanks to Woodside et al for understanding the value of RYLA in this developing country.

For those regular readers of this Newsletter, PDG Ken Boyd passed away a few days after presentation of his PHS. Vale Ken.

Yours in Rotary

John Dodd

District Governor 2012-13

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PhD Scholars find break-through in health research

Posted by Les Walsh on Aug 30, 2012



Australian Rotary Health has provided almost \$28 million worth of funds to medical research as a result of its kind supporters. This is achieved through a range of scholarships and research grants including PhD Scholarships.

It's Ian Scott Scholars have studied the effects of globalization on suicide rates around the world, determined the priorities for depression and bipolar disorder research, and one PhD project provided strategies for tackling eating disorders which contributed to the curriculum in the youth version of the Mental Health First Aid program.

Funding Partner Scholarships have financed the development of ...

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Have you checked our photos?

Posted by Les Walsh on Aug 30, 2012



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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
Hornsby RSL Club
Jul 05, 2013 06:00 PM

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

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New speakers added

Posted by Les Walsh on Aug 30, 2012

The District's Guest Speaker Bank now has an additional three speakers listed - a comedian, a wildlife photographer, and a CEO seeking to improve awareness and seek possible partnerships for his organisation.

[Click here to check it out now](#)

Former South Coast Rotarian honoured.

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 28, 2012



Fifty one years in Rotary was recognised with Past District Governor Ken Boyd joining the Paul Harris Society.

Ken, as a newsagent, joined the Rotary Club of Kempsey in 1961. In 1966 he moved to Bega and continued his Rotary membership there for 25 years serving in many capacities including Secretary and President. In 1985-86 he was District Governor for the NSW far south coast District 971

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Tree of Life - Stories of refugee experience

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 27, 2012

Young refugees in Western and South Western Sydney perform their own stories on stage in a 90 minute performance.

These amazing young people love to share their stories – the performance provides validation and understanding. Some stories are sad, some are shocking and some are very, very funny. Last year we sold out the Ensemble at Kirribilli, but this year we have two performances to fill.

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WorldSkills Australia

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 27, 2012



WorldSkills Australia is a dynamic national organisation that has been actively celebrating and promoting the standards and status of vocational training and skills excellence since 1981.

WorldSkills Australia not only showcases skills for the economic prosperity of Australia, we also equip young Australians with the skills to compete in the globalised economy of the future. Through our programs of competitions and international pathways, WorldSkills Australia is inspiring excellence in skills and instilling confidence in young people to succeed.

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Police Recruitment & Community Engagement Day 2012

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 23, 2012

Saturday 8th of September 2012 10am - 3pm

" There are so many various opportunities in this day all rolled into one site; this is a chance for the Police and community to talk with each other because we are part of the community, our friends can see what the Police do for them, what skills we have and how we work. Highway Patrol, Scientific, Riot Squad, Marine Command and our Air Wing are all on display plus more.

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[Hands Up for Volunteer Work in Sydney](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 23, 2012

Rotary Club of Sydney Cove is a diverse group of passionate and like-minded business people with the common goal of giving back to the community. We come together to help with hands-on community projects – volunteering our time to help people in need.

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[The Hills Open Gardens - The Garden of Secrets](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 23, 2012



The Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville will hold a fund raiser to support the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind and other projects.

The home was built in the early 1950s and its original owner was Sir Ronald Irish who was awarded the OBE in 1963. Sir Ronald Irish was the Chairman of Rothmans of Pall Mall. And for many years the house was referred to the “Rothmans House”.

The larger gum trees and date palms are the original trees planted.

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[28th Annual Charity Golf Day Gala Dinner and Auction](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 23, 2012

The Rotary Club of Chatswood will host the 28th annual charity golf day gala dinner and auction to support Lifeline.

I’m sure you will enjoy Mikey Robins as our guest speaker and Stuart Gregor as our MC and Auctioneer.

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[Membership month challenge](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 23, 2012



Share your passion for Rotary with your family, friends, and community during August, Membership and Extension Month.

This year you’re invited to take part in the [Rotary Membership Challenge](#). The challenge is designed to help you remember why you joined Rotary, what keeps you coming back, and why others should join.

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[2011-12 Annual Report](#)

Posted by Les Walsh on Aug 19, 2012

Rotary International District 9680



Annual Report 2011-2012



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SUPPORT your District Project ROMAC

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Aug 17, 2012

SUPPORT your District Project ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and enjoy an afternoon / evening of classical music



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