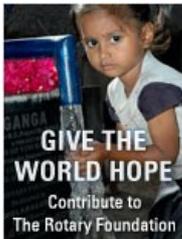




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District Events

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
Sep 21, 2012 - Sep 23, 2012

Victory Ball

Sep 21, 2012 07:00 PM

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

Stories

Governor's Message

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 13, 2012



Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

I started writing this with my usual "I've been really busy and tired" routine, showing how wonderfully important I am. However, two things this job teaches you is to take stock from time to time and not take yourself too seriously.

I am particularly reflecting on those dedicated Rotarians serving for weeks on end in difficult places across the world. Let me give you a few CURRENT examples:

- PDG Tony Castley (E-club) and Sandra are running a SewAid project in the Phillipines having shipped two container loads of material up there, including 36 sewing machines, leading a group of volunteer teachers to teach the local women sewing skills so they can provide for their families;
- PDG Pam Pritchard Turramurra is back in Banda Aceh in Indonesia for more work on the orphanage built after the 2004 tsunami;
- a team is going to Nepal to do essential dental work;
- Big Theo Glockemann and Angelo Ravesi have run another successful RYLA in East Timor with help from (amongst others) the Davies and Peter Kindred;
- DGE Graeme and Lyn Davies (International Chair) were helping with their educational talents in East Timor and then proceeding on to Tony's team in the Phillipines;
- Phil Isaacs (North Ryde) is heading up to PNG to assist setting up low powered computers he has devised with the help of local TAFEs;
- Gosford North has had a team of 5 unloading a container of school supplies in Madagascar (and have had to go back again to get the job done);
- a group of teachers from PLC recently did some teacher training in PNG.

The list above is not meant to be exhaustive and my apologies if I have left out obvious contenders or mis - summarized. But you get the idea of the fantastic work being done on many fronts and the massive input by volunteer Rotarians of their talents, time and money. Puts my talking head role into perspective.

This is not to leave out all of the other service projects across the board. Janelle and I have now had nine Official Visits and those who attended would know of the enormous breadth of service work being performed across our District. Clubs are regularly participating in 30 to 50+ projects.

Art Space on The Concourse
Oct 15, 2012 06:00 PM

Rotary Foundation Dinner (Tri-District)

The Epping Club
Oct 15, 2012 06:30 PM - 09:15 PM

Art Exhibition - The Monday Art Group

Art Space on The Concourse
Oct 16, 2012 10:00 AM - Oct 28, 2012 04:00 PM

Hornsby PCYC Dinner Dance

Hornsby RSL
Oct 20, 2012 07:00 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

District 9685 Team Gathering

Kiosk, Kincumba Mountain Reserve
Nov 18, 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
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

So, with such a great story to tell, why do we struggle to increase our membership? I think the idea that you do good work and publicising it will bring members just does not work. We can obviously "connect" with those who need our assistance who are amazingly grateful for our work. However, we don't reach out to our business and professional counterparts sufficiently to encourage them to join.

I feel we have become insular and comfortable. Obviously not in helping those in need, but we feel reluctant to engage with those at our level who are professionals or running their own business. It is easier seeing the same familiar faces, rather than taking the time and energy to inculcate new Rotarians. We only invite those we already know, rather than accepting that the person who is a professional or business owner (or, a RETIRED business or professional person) has the likely qualities to be a Rotarian. If they turn out to not share our ideals, they will soon be weeded out.

When you look at all of the great service we do, it would grieve me to think that Rotary is passed its use by date, not by being irrelevant to the needs of the world, but by a failure of us to look outside our Club and into our communities for members. Please work with Membership Chair Mark Anderson and your Membership Mentors to put this into practice.

Some FANTASTIC NEWS for our Conference in the Shoalhaven next March. The RI President's representative can be a PDG from anywhere across the world and we have had some inspiring visitors. However, I am so pleased to announce that the RIPPR at the District 9680 Conference is Past RI World President Bhichai Rattakul and Charoye from Thailand. Bhichai is renowned for his friendliness and approachability and who can forget his theme, Sow the Seeds of Love. Bhichai had his World Convention in Brisbane and has been very involved in the recent successful World Convention in Bangkok. Come to the Conference for your opportunity to meet him.

Yours in Rotary

John Dodd

District Governor 2012-13

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Youth Exchange – host families needed

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 10, 2012

Rotary Youth Exchange is in constant need of host families.

- If you have hosted before and would be interested OR
- If you have never hosted a student and would be interested.

We want to build up a data base of suitable Rotarians to host, whether your Club is currently hosting a student, that doesn't matter. We can then match you to a Club that may be in need of some assistance.

Contact Alison Bowland (Secretary of YEP) on alisonbowland@gmail.com or phone on 0438212506 for further information.

End Polio Now - A Message from RI President Sakuji Tanaka

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 10, 2012

In May 2012, the World Health Assembly declared polio eradication a global health emergency. Thanks to the generous contributions of Rotarians, the number of polio cases is declining, but the current funding shortfall of US\$945 million and uneven political commitment puts the program at risk. Rotarians made a promise to the



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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world's children that no child ever again would suffer the crippling effects of polio and we must increase our efforts in collaboration with our partners WHO, UNICEF, US CDC and the Gates Foundation to realize our dream.

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[Reflecting on the Rotary World Peace Fellow experience June – Sept 2012 - Sophie Ford](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 10, 2012



I have just finished a whirlwind three months studying at the Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Being part of Class XIII was a truly wonderful experience. I learned an incredible amount; from the classes with passionate lecturers, the interesting field trips and most of all from my

fellow classmates from all over the world.

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[Public is aware of Rotary, but unsure of what we do](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 10, 2012

Do your friends and co-workers know that you're a Rotarian? Do you tell acquaintances about your club's good works in the community or internationally?

Did you know that talking about your involvement in Rotary could significantly enhance the organization's image and boost public awareness? It's up to every Rotarian to tell the world what Rotary is and does.

[Why not read the article here](#)

[Road Safety Education](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 10, 2012

Road Safety Education Limited's new and greatly improved website is now live. Please visit us at www.rse.org.au. We have invested a lot of time and energy to develop a website that is informative, interesting and easy to navigate – we would be pleased to receive any comments or observations on the new site.

Our latest Newsletter is also up online. The August Newsletter outlines recent events and developments with Road Safety Education Limited (providers of the RYDA Program) in Australia and New Zealand. We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues and friends. [View the Newsletter here](#). Hard copies are available upon request.

[Rotary Motorcycling Fellowship](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 04, 2012

The Australian Chapter of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) is the largest in the world with about 150 members spread across the nation. IFMR had its genesis in District 9520 in 1991 and is active in some 20 countries. There are still very many motorcycling Rotarian's in our district who might find this a subject of interest.

Download and read the current newsletter of the IFMR Australian Chapter.

[Rotary on the Move Newsletter](#)

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 04, 2012

Did you get the September edition of the Rotary on the Move Newsletter for Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific Islands?

If not download the newsletter here now.

If you would like to receive future editions of this Newsletter please e-mail Noel Trevaskis at n.trevaskis@bigpond.com asking to be added as a recipient.

RI President's Monthly Message

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 01, 2012

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Many of you know that we now have five Avenues of Service in Rotary. The fifth, and newest, is New Generations Service. There are many ways to serve through this avenue, and you will read about some of them in this month's issue.



All of the work we do to educate children, to improve maternal health, to help families live healthier lives – all of this is service to New Generations. We also serve New Generations by working to eradicate polio, helping to ensure that future generations of children will be born into a polio-free world.

[Click here to read the full message](#)

A Different way of "doing Rotary"

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Sep 01, 2012

One of DG John's goals for this Rotary Year is to charter at least 2 "Coffee" Clubs (for "Coffee" also read "Cocktail" or "Tea" or any other quick, tasty beverage).

PP Mike Hallen (Castle Hill) has been appointed Club Extension Chairman working with District Membership Chairman, Mark Anderson to investigate and form clubs of this type as soon practicable in this new Rotary Year.

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