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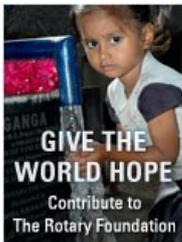
Rotary District 9680 Conference

15-17 March 2013

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Nowra

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International Assembly
San Diego, California, USA
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Youth Exchange Weekend
Feb 22, 2013 - Feb 24, 2013

Rotary's 108th Birthday
Feb 23, 2013

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Governor's Message

Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 13, 2012



Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

John Lennon was an unsettling character as he challenged society and its norms. Good. We need people who can provoke us into reassessing our lives. He was gunned down by a psychopath 32 years ago who wanted to be famous (by tacit agreement, the killer's name is never mentioned to deny him that fame). At only 40 years old, Lennon did not get to see his son Sean (then 5) grow up as he had wished (as we all would wish) in his song, "Beautiful Boy":

*Out on the ocean sailing away,
I can hardly wait
To see you come of age
But I guess we'll both have to be patient
Cause it's a long way to go
A hard road to hoe.*

Perhaps Lennon's most famous song is "Imagine", but I find it somewhat humorous that many nod along when it envisages a world without heaven, hell, countries, religions or possessions, "Nothing to kill or die for." It ends with,

*You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will live as one.*

As we approach Christmas, the radio stations will drag out Lennon's "Happy Christmas **Happy Christmas (War is over)**" and we'll join in the choruses with the kids' choir ("War is over, if you want it). However, it starts with another "challenging" lyric:

*So this is Christmas
And what have you done?
Another year over
And a new one just begun.*

As Rotarians, I think we can answer that challenge. We can look back over the last year at the myriad of projects accomplished by our Clubs

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

MUNA
Knox Grammar School
Mar 23, 2013 - Mar 24, 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

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Aust Rotary Health Awareness Race Day
Rosehill Gardens
May 11, 2013

PDGs Meeting
May 18, 2013

Novus Gala Dinner
May 25, 2013

MUNA
Ravenswood School
May 28, 2013 - May 29, 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

Hat Day
Oct 11, 2013

2013 Multi-District Conference
Oct 18, 2013 - Oct 19, 2013

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Sydney, Australia
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and think of all of the lives we have helped shelter, feed, medicate, immunize, educate, provided water and sanitation, improve, or just given recognition to their hard work or challenging vocation. It was Sir Clem Renouf who dreamed of a polio free world and we've been joined by the whole world to bring that to fruition. When the new year begins, India will have been polio free for two years.

When we talk about Peace through Service, it's not some idle slogan, but something that Rotarians have been building towards for over a century. It's been 10 years since the commencement of the Peace Scholar program and we now have hundreds of well qualified, passionate young professionals working across the globe towards peace. This year's Peace Forums in Hawaii, Berlin and Hiroshima will bring poignancy to the quest for peace.

At his two week "Bed In" (bit like a sit in) in 1969 with his new bride, John Lennon was asked why he was doing it and responded, "All we are saying is give peace a chance." Later FROM the Bed In, that was recorded as the song, "Give Peace a Chance". Over the Christmas and holiday season, maybe we should follow his lead: relax with our loved ones and consider what service we can do in the new year to give Peace the best chance.

Janelle and I wish you a safe and **Happy Christmas** and look forward to catching up with you in the New Year.

Yours in Rotary

John Dodd

District Governor 2012-13

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Final days to secure your tickets to Carmen
Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 11, 2012

The Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise (Bella Vista) is now in the final week to secure tickets to CARMEN.

If you want to join the club's group on Friday 5 April 2013 to see the performance of CARMEN on the floating stage off Mrs Macquarie's Chair, please complete [this order form](#) and send it off without delay.

This offer for Rotary, will close midnight, 17 December, no extension can be given.

Remember, tickets to Carmen would make a wonderful Christmas present for family and friends, particularly those that have everything!

Please feel free to contact President Bruce Robinson if you need further information on 0410 468 230.

Seasons Greetings to all our readers
Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 10, 2012





Publicise your club Events & News

Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 10, 2012

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To include your club's announcements or other news for the District, please submit your article, announcements or letters by Tuesday evening to the Editor. An email to editorial@rotarydistrict9680.org with your copy text, media, and photos is all that is required.

So ensure you get the publicity you desire. Check your club calendar for the next six months or more and send the material to us. Your submission will then be considered for immediate publication on the District Website and in the next edition of E-News.

Our next issue is scheduled for 17 January.



Need a Santa Suit?

Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 10, 2012

Santa Suits for sale. 3 sizes XLarge, Large and Child.

Any Club involved in market stalls etc., is welcome to try and sell them. The originating organisation - a NFP on the Central Coast - had them made in China and would be happy to cover costs (\$5.00 per suit).

If any interest, please contact Jayne Mote or [complete this enquiry form](#).



Central Coast Rotary pulls together on Aldi Food Drive for Coast Shelter

Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 10, 2012

A first? The whole Rotary family on the Central Coast – every Rotary Club plus Central Coast Rotaract - provided manpower for a single project. What a fantastic achievement!

Three Rotary clubs looked after a store each and the other eleven clubs and the Rotaract club worked together at the remaining stores. It was a great example of co-operation between clubs.

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Rotary on the Move

Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 03, 2012

Read all the latest news in the [December edition of Rotary on the Move](#)



Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 30, 2012

The invitations to the District's Annual Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner on 8 February next are out.

[All the details are available here](#) - make sure you and your club are attending



6 ways to ensure your email gets read

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 30, 2012

If you're like a lot of us, you get so much email every day that you might spend as little as 15 seconds

scanning a message to determine how it applies to you. Now, imagine that other people are reading your email the same way. If they can't quickly identify the purpose of your message, they'll probably delete it or leave it in the Inbox for "later"—if later ever comes.

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Carols in the Common on 16 Dec

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Oct 31, 2012



Carols in the common is Sydney's second biggest carols event.

On behalf of the Rotray Clubs of Macquarie Park & North Ryde, invites all Rotarians, their family and friends to the [Rotary Carols on the Common](#) at the [North Ryde Commons](#).

Apart from providing a great night of entertainment this event helps raise money for [ROMAC](#).

Where: [North Ryde Common](#)

When: December 16 From 5:30pm

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