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International Dinner Night

Thai Tucker
May 03, 2013 06:30 PM

PDGs Meeting

May 18, 2013

Century Challenge

All details and registration at
centurychallenge.com.au
May 19, 2013

Manly Scenic Fun Run

South Steyne beachfront
opposite Corso.
May 19, 2013 08:00 AM

Novus Gala Dinner

May 25, 2013

Eat A Meal - Save a Child's Life

Boxhill Nelson Community
Centre
May 25, 2013 07:00 PM - 11:00
PM

Presidents' Meeting (Awards)

Stories

Governor's Message

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on May 02, 2013



Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

I have often remarked on my amazement at the projects effected by our Clubs. On this occasion, I'd like to focus on some individuals. Such an approach is fraught with dangers: getting details wrong; NOT referring to many others doing much in their own fields. However, being DG brings me into contact with so many inspired and inspiring individuals – you can tell by the glint in their eye – that I might example a few.

The first is with sadness to record the passing last week of PP **Helmut Buss** PHF of Lindfield and Roseville Chase Clubs. Helmut was feisty and opinionated and we crossed swords more than once. We also laughed our heads off at ridiculous situations. But you could not fault Helmut's love and dedication to Rotary and Probus. He served his Clubs in just about every role and was instrumental in the success of projects from GSE to Youth Exchange to Clean up Australia.

Helmut also held many District positions, particularly District Treasurer in 2002-3. In recent years, Helmut's passion was Probus and I was pleased when he continued as my District Chairman. Helmut wanted to establish and nurture Probus Clubs as he could see the great benefits of the organization. He had told me a while ago that he was gravely ill, but was intent to establish the Probus Club of Roseville Chase before he died: which he succeeded in doing.

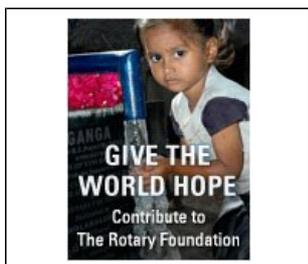
My sincere condolences to Judith and their family. I will join many Rotarians at Helmut's funeral on Friday, 3 May at 2.30pm at Macquarie Park cemetery.

On a lighter note, I was visiting Manly Rotary last week for their Anzac meeting. The usual suspects were there, but I was surprised to be sitting next to **Tamara Sloper** - Harding of Pittwater Club. I was more surprised to see her wearing a bunch of medals (thought they must have been her dad's) and that she was the guest speaker. I really am dumb sometimes.

Tamara gave a fantastic presentation which should be repeated in front of much bigger audiences. Those medals are hers, earned from 19 years in the Navy, rising to be an intelligence officer and completing many tours of duty. One of those was to be part of General Cosgrove's peace keeping force in East Timor in 1999 with Tamara kitted out with camouflage fatigues and rifle. In her presentation, she drew the analogy between serving your country and serving through Rotary.

Some years and four children later, Tamara wanted to keep serving the people of East Timor to whom Australia owes significant debts.

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The Great Gatsby - A Movie Event Roseville theatre Jun 02, 2013 06:30 PM - 09:30 PM
Rotary International Convention Lisbon, Portugal Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013
Rotaract Changeover Jun 29, 2013
Changeover - D9680 to D9685 The Lyceum, Castle Hill RSL Club Jul 05, 2013 06:03 PM
17th Rotary National MUNA Museum of Australian Democracy Aug 16, 2013 - Aug 18, 2013
National Skills Week Aug 26, 2013 - Sep 01, 2013
Hat Day Oct 11, 2013
Aust Rotary Health Awareness Race Day Hawkesbury Race Club Oct 13, 2013
RYLA Vision Valley Jan 12, 2014 - Jan 18, 2014
2014 District Conference The Concourse Feb 23, 2014
Umina Rotary Youth Exchange Weekend Mar 22, 2014
Rotary International Convention Sydney, Australia Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014



She chairs (and runs) the Pittwater Friends of Soibada, a tiny village in east Timor. She has worked through the Pittwater Council, local schools and her Rotary Club to raise funds for education and health programs implemented in conjunction with the elders of that community and visited the area a number of times.

I was blown away by the professionalism and passion of Tamara's presentation. To turn an experience from one's vocation of service into a continuing service to those needy people must be very satisfying (and probably exhausting!). It was clear Tamara had found her passion and was seeking Peace through Service. Please support her as she prepares another concert in support of this project.

After the meeting, I was cheeky enough to finally ask her why she wears all those hats. That was a story in itself: blow dryers don't work on frigates and it would be a pain to look presentable on shore leave – her crew cutted shipmates bought her a hat to cover up and continued the tradition in every port – she now has many hats!

We will be well served in the District leadership in the future. DGE **Graeme Davies** has completed his District Training with a successful Assembly and is ready to go, DGN **Ian Scott** is well groomed for the following year, and we now have PP (and current President) **Gina Growden** selected as our DG for 2015/16. All three have that glint in their eye of a passion for Rotary and we can look forward to continued success. Congratulations Gina!

One PDG well known for her Rotary passion (particularly the Foundation and End Polio Now) is having far too much fun at the Council of Legislation. **Monica Saville** successfully maneuvered through a motion from this District to rename "New Generations" to "Youth Service" and opposed a proposal for the District Assembly to be renamed the "Club Leadership Training Seminar" (for an obvious reason taking into account our penchant for acronyms).

Passionate Rotarians serving through successful Clubs.

Yours in Rotary

John Dodd

District Governor 2012-13

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Are Rotary Fellowships part of Rotary?

Posted by Les Walsh on May 02, 2013

"During the many years that I have been a member of the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF), I have never once wavered from my firm conviction that there is an enormous intrinsic value in being a member of this Fellowship.

Why, then, are some Rotarians not convinced of that, and even scorn the fellowship because "it is not a part of Rotary International."

A brief survey of all of the Rotary Fellowships reveals the fact that all of them are fully independent of Rotary International and that none of them belongs nor has any connection with Rotary International; however, they are all officially approved by Rotary International ...

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Bipolar study

Posted by Les Walsh on May 01, 2013





Do you have BIPOLAR DISORDER?

Are you 18 to 65 years of age? If so, are you interested in volunteering for an exciting new study at the CADE Clinic (Department of Psychiatry, Royal North Shore Hospital) which aims to understand more about the effects of brain functioning in bipolar disorder and how lithium may impact on this?

You do not need to be taking lithium to participate.

Participation will involve:

- A telephone call to make sure you meet the study criteria
- A diagnostic assessment with an experienced doctor
- Computer based cognitive tasks
- A few Questionnaires

It may also involve:

- A brain MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) scan
- And if you are taking lithium it may involve a blood test

If you would like more information please contact Dr Genevieve Curran on (02)9446 9900 or email gcurran@mcscath.health.nsw.gov.au

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May's message from RI leaders

Posted by Les Walsh on May 01, 2013

Rotary International President

We hear the word peace every day. But most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is.

[Click here for the full message from RI President Tanaka](#)

Foundation Trustee Chair

Every Rotarian, every contribution, and every project makes a difference every year. Through The Rotary Foundation, we can all do our part to work toward global peace from the ground up. Has your club worked on a humanitarian or educational project through the Foundation? And if not – why not?

[Click here for the full message from Foundation Trustee Chair Wilkinson](#)



Urgent assistance wanted

Posted by Les Walsh on May 01, 2013

In the next two weeks Peter Headley (Turramurra) is laying the concrete for a school in East Timor. The school is prefabricated metal and so once the concrete is cured we need to erect the parts.

Peter (who is currently in East Timor) is after someone in or outside Rotary who has experience in erecting rural sheds and the like to help him put the building up. It is 18 metres long and 12 metres wide including 5 metres of verandah.

If you wish to assist and can do so immediately, please contact Ian Salmon (Turramurra) urgently.



Ummm?

Posted by Les Walsh on May 01, 2013

During the research phase, Siegel+Gale, the company guiding Rotary International through its rebranding initiative, asked, "What is Rotary?" The number one response from Rotarians...

including some senior leaders...was "Ummm." An audible pause ... a hesitance.

This underscores the importance of being able to quickly and consistently portray what "Rotary" is, not only in our personal relations but in public information, at the International Assembly and the Coordinators, Presidents-Elect, and Governors-Elect Training Seminars.

This is the start of an article in May's edition of Rotary on the Move.

[Read more here](#)



Resources to help you plan vocational training activities

Posted by Les Walsh on May 01, 2013

Under the Rotary Foundation's new grant model, Future Vision, Rotarians may support vocational training activities using district, global, or packaged grants. All districts will begin using the grant model beginning 1 July.

[Use this link](#) to check out these resources to help you plan now.



You could be on a RAWCS project team

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 30, 2013

Join 99 other Australian Rotary Volunteers in ten consecutive teams enjoying a school refurbishing project which will run from June to November.

The planning and logistics are huge, but so will be your rewards.

Read more and then act fast - [download the flyer](#)

An Invitation for **100** Volunteers to join to School Refurbishing Teams in PNG during June to November



Your Opportunity to Volunteer on an Intl Project

RAWCS is organising ten teams to travel to Keaga Haus (a school) near Bomana (Pt Moresby), PNG to refurbish several buildings for the Lasallian Foundation - a De La Salle non denominational NGO which supports education for the empowerment of youth.

Each Team will consist of ten members and the duration of each team will be two weeks. All teams require one leader who must have led or been a team member previously, and one designated cook.

The work is quite suitable for women. Tasks are painting, tiling, repairing guttering and timber work; building & fitting cupboards to a kitchen and bathroom plus cleaning, plumbing & electrical work. We will be training local people working alongside us.

Volunteering is the experience of a lifetime. As usual, Volunteers will enjoy the ambience, the culture, the mateship and the experience, yet know they are contributing in a project to change lives.

Travel Dates are

(1) 10th - 22nd June (2) 22/6 - 6th July (3) 6th - 20th July (4) 20/7 - 3rd Aug (5) 3rd - 17th Aug (6) 17th - 31st Aug (7) 31/8 - 14th Sept (8) 12th - 26th Oct (9) 26/10 - 2nd Nov (10) 2nd - 16th November

Cost Will be approx. \$1,300 per person ex Brisbane all inclusive (food, travel visa, accomodation). Out of pockets extra. Be Passport ready.

For more details contact PDG Terry Daley (e) tddaley@bigpond.com

RSVP Expressions of Interest by May 14th latest and a RAWCS Application form will be sent for completion.

This is a registered RAWCS NR Project No 11/2013-14

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd

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Vale : Helmut Buss

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 30, 2013

From the Roseville Chase bulletin, The Parrots Perch 30 April

Vale Rtn Helmut Buss PHF PP



The devastating news last Wednesday of the sudden passing of Helmut Buss on Tuesday night 23 April 2013, was received with shock and disbelief by Club members and partners. We were aware of his recent ill-health and failing condition, but very few understood his passing would come so suddenly.

Helmut was a member of our Club from July 2001 to 31 December 2004, and then again from 1

August 2006. He was always an involved and dedicated Rotarian.

Helmut held the offices of Treasurer, Community Service Director, International Service Director, Vocational Service Director and assisting the Sergeant-at-arms (some of them more than once), and received the President's award in 2002/3.

Helmut also held many District positions, including District Treasurer in 2002-3, Assistant Governor and District Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) Chairman, to name just a few.

Additionally, Helmut was a Paul Harris Fellow and PP of Lindfield Rotary Club.

Over the last couple of years he had devoted much of his time and efforts to the Probus Organisation as Rotary District Probus Chairman for Rotary International District 9680. Ironically he held an inaugural meeting for the Roseville Chase Probus Club just three weeks before his passing. The deepest sympathy and sincere condolences of the members and partners are extended to Judith and Helmut's family.

President Julian added:

You know, you don't become a Paul Harris Fellow just by talking a good Rotary game. Helmut Buss knew he was dying and with a determination that was such a part of his character he resolved that he would establish the Probus Club of Roseville Chase before he died. He did. Right to the end he was determined to do things not just talk about it. Ross Symonds and Greg Muldoon have provided a great valediction of his time in Rotary. For me it was perhaps more about his contribution as a member. Yes, occasionally his language skills or even his stubbornness could irritate us (spare a thought for Judith here) but in equal or greater measure his sense of humour as Corporal could have us all falling about with laughter. His willingness to participate – to say "yes" and to honour his undertaking was without peer. I remember him at Rotary Driver Awareness days, driving Group Study Exchange Students around, hosting Exchange Students, harassing us to participate in Clean Up Australia Day – and despite truly atrocious weather still turning up and doing the clean-up on his own. I am sure we can all add to the list.

I also remember – and this may well be a first – he was our guest speaker at one ANZAC Day meeting: talking about his time as a conscript in the German Army.



Disaster Aid Australia

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 29, 2013

The latest newsletter from Disaster Aid Australia [may be downloaded here](#).

[Visit their website](#)



Council on Legislation concludes

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 28, 2013

The 2013 Council on Legislation has concluded its sessions which approved a US\$1-a-year increase in per capita dues, removed limits on e-clubs, and changed the name of the Fifth Avenue of Service to Youth Service.

Highlights of the Council's decisions include:

- 1 Creating the office of vice governor
- 1 Increased the number of clubs that can take part in pilot projects to 1,000
- 1 Allowed Rotarians to receive an electronic version of their official Rotary regional magazine
- 1 Changed the name of Rotary's Fifth Avenue of Service from New Generations to Youth Service
- 1 Allow each district to have an unlimited number of e-clubs
- 1 Approved satellite clubs
- 1 Defeated two measures that would have allowed clubs to meet less frequently

[More detail here](#)

The Great Gatsby

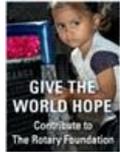
Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Apr 25, 2013



The Rotary club of Lindfield invites you to join it for Baz Luhrmann's movie The Great Gatsby.

The Great Gatsby is an upcoming 2013 3D romantic drama film. An adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel of the same name, the film is co-written and directed by Baz Luhrmann, and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan, Joel Edgerton, Isla Fisher and Jason Clarke. It follows the life and times of millionaire Jay Gatsby and his neighbour Nick, who recounts his encounter with Gatsby at the height of the Roaring Twenties.

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Doing good in the world is now much easier

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 24, 2013

We live in a hi-tech world and working on-line for things such as contributing to The Rotary Foundation should be a simple task – and it now is. The massive changes made to the contribution facility on the RI website now allow contributions to be made in Australian and New Zealand currencies, and processing the contribution through those two local banking systems ensures that tax deductibility is provided.

Rotary Direct saves in a number of ways:

Time – Sign up once to give continuous support. You can make a 'one off' payment or schedule payments on a regular basis

Money – Lower administration costs mean more money for the programs

Lives – Give to The Rotary Foundation to keep doing good in the world

The great thing about this system is that contributions go directly to The Rotary Foundation, resulting in faster processing and achievement of club and personal charitable goals. It can also minimize work for the donor or the club's leadership by setting a schedule of contributions that count towards, Centurion, Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society and Major Donor recognition.

The system is a safe and very secure way to contribute to The Rotary Foundation. It requires Rotarian donors to register for [Member Access](#) on the RI website which is very simple task. One that's been done, just click on the "Contribute to Rotary Foundation" line in the bottom left-hand corner of the [Member Access](#) home page and you'll be on the way.

Call Bruce Allen on 02 8894 9840 for further information or email bruce.allen@rotary.org



Fight dementia

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 24, 2013

Alzheimer's Australia NSW is bringing the fight against dementia to people's tables nationally this June, through Bring it to the Table; a get-together with a difference. Invite your club members to host events, such as a high tea or a board game dinner, while raising much needed funds for Alzheimer's Australia NSW.

[Find out more here](#)



Our Foundation newsletter

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 24, 2013

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Looking for new ideas?

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 23, 2013

The latest additions to our Speaker bank are waiting your viewing!

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Rotary District Governor for 2015/16 announced

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 22, 2013



DGs Keith Roffey and John Dodd are pleased to advise that President **Georgina (Gina) Growden** of the Rotary Club of Terrigal has been selected by the Nominating Committee as the District Governor for District 9685 for 2015-16.

This nomination is subject to a 15 day challenge period. Failing any challenge within that time, we will advise RI accordingly.

We wish Gina all the best as she faces the challenges ahead.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee chaired by PDG George Papallo who was faced with the difficult task of deciding among exceptional candidates.



Subaru has offered Rotarians of District 9680 fleet discount rates for the purchase of any new Subaru. Wherever you see the Subaru logo on the District website or in E-News, click on the image to follow the link to obtain a quote.

District 9680 E-News is reviewed weekly for publication on Thursday at least every two weeks.

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Clubs are able to submit news about the club or its events [on-line](#) with a view to publication on the [District website](#) and in the District Governor's E-News. [Take a look and publish your stories there.](#)

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- 1 Review the details in each section, and click on 'Edit' to make any necessary changes. Save the changes.
- 1 To change your password, select 'Change My Password' from the main Administration Menu after logon, under "For Members"
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- 1 Have a good look around the administration site

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