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May 31, 2013 06:30 PM

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Governor's Message
Posted by Haran Ramachandran on May 30, 2013

Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

I was really upbeat about compiling this newsletter until a few days ago, but now I am a bit down. The upbeat factors are easy to enumerate between visiting Clubs and their events, watching the email traffic and reading Club magazines. What struck me was the wide range of projects undertaken by Clubs and the cooperation between different Clubs. Assume every place name below is a Rotary Club; I won't try to summarise what I've read in the magazines – it would be too much.

Gosford North's Madagascar projects (where there has been extensive flooding) has included support from Terrigal (new laptop computer), Kenthurst (medical equipment), Brookvale ($2,000 for transportation), Carlingford ($1,000), Taree ($2,000 plus books and manpower), Dubbo (hospital beds with free delivery), Antananarivo and Toliara Clubs of Madagascar (incountry hosting, translation, transport, manpower and customs assistance) and Gravesend Club in England (funding through running in the London Marathon). What a fantastic effort of International cooperation!

In the last two weeks I have been to Ryde (Junior Public Speaking Competition), Berowra (36th Birthday – see below), Glenhaven (20th birthday – sorry, too much talking and not enough notes taken), North Ryde's country students IT program presentation (with input from Ryde, Inverell, West Wyalong and Forbes), Hunters Hill (US Consul General's presentation – Gladesville and Ryde members in attendance), Gosford and Gosford City (18th Central Coast Bands Concert), Erina Cycle Classic (with help from Kariong/Somersby), a PDGs meeting and a Foundation Committee meeting (see below). You get an idea of the wide range of people Rotary assists and brings together!

Then across the emails: Erina has a member coming up to 50 years of Rotary Service (and at Galston I was introduced to a fellow coming up to 60 years of service and was one of the instigators of FAIM!), the GSE Team to Turkey has returned and reported back in vibrant terms (and will be presenting at the District Changeover on 5 July – book now!), Bill Gates visits Australia and pries another $80 million out of the Australian Government for End Polio Now (on top of the $50 million allocated in 2011 and with the Press Release crediting PRIP Sir Clem Renouf and RI as the leader of this international effort), and North Rocks getting RAWCS approval for a Summer Literacy Camp in Mongolia.

Feel like you are running out of puff? But like the K-Tel salesman: there's more!

I mentioned the Foundation meeting above under the Chair PDG Tony Castley. My brief for Tony and his team was to demystify the workings of the Foundation and assist Clubs to make applications. I requested the maximum amounts possible for Matching Grants and Simplified Grants and I am pleased to advise we have allocated every last cent.

District Simplified Grants for projects between $2,000 and $12,000 have assisted projects by Chatswood (Toilets in East Timor), Mosman (water project in East Timor), Beecroft (Indigenous Health in Brewarrina), St Ives (SES project in St Ives),

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

District 9680 "Changeover"
Castle Hill RSL Club
Jul 05, 2013 07:00 PM

DG's Official Visit - Rotary Club of Kincumber
Rotary Club of Kincumber
Jul 08, 2013 06:30 PM

"Meet the Mayor" visits commence
Jul 09, 2013

Presidents' Meeting
Castle Hill RSL Club
Jul 12, 2013 06:30 PM

Committee of Association Meeting
Thornleigh Office
Jul 19, 2013 04:00 PM

Team Meeting
Thornleigh Office
Jul 19, 2013 06:00 PM

PDG Meeting
Thornleigh Office
Jul 20, 2013 10:00 AM

TRIVIA NIGHT - Rotary Club of Rouse Hill
Rouse Hill Anglican Church Hall
Aug 10, 2013 07:00 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

Chatswood/Kincumber (rubbish collection in East Timor), Winston Hills (Christmas parcels in Condobolin), Brookvale (Village in East Timor), Wahroonga (security and hot water for women's refuge), and Gosford (toilets in South Africa).

But that's only the small amounts! Matching Grants for projects ranging in value from $13,000 to $75,000 have included Chatswood/Wahroonga (Toilets in Nepal), E-Club/Ku-ring-gai (Solar Power in Uganda), St Ives (2036 school desks in India), Lindifeld (Cleft Palate program in India), Castle Hill (Mewsic Bus with Brett Lee Foundation in India), Hills/Kellyville (Water tanks in India), Galston (eye Operations in India), Gosford West (fighting rabies outbreaks in The Philippines), Northbridge (school fit out in Nepal), Lane Cove (Education in Nepal), Norwest Sunrise (Vocational program in Ukraine), Wahroonga/Turramurra/St Ives/ Gerard Cross (UK) (Bus for Hornsby PCYC) and Wahroonga/Gerard Cross (Youth Programs in North Sydney).

Then a quick synopsis of what Berowra (a Club of 13 members) has been up to over the last 36 years: raised over $650,000 mainly though their Arts and Crafts and Plant sales; had 38 in/out bound Youth Exchange Students; sponsored 4 Probus clubs; sponsored Crosslands Rotaract Club (now coming up to 10 years old); helped build a hospital in PNG through a FAIM project; supported an orphanage in South Africa; sponsored 8 students to NYSF; recently sponsored 4 RYLARians; and been involved in RYDA, MUNA, School Citizenship awards, the Foundation, Merry Makers, Cochlear Implants, Pride of Workmanship Awards and the Rural Fire Service – and had plenty of Rotary Fellowship on the way!

After all of those "lists" of great things, you can imagine I have been pretty upbeat (and exhausted). However, I have some sad news to relay. The Rotary Club of Manly is winding up at the end of this Rotary year. This is a Club with a 75-year history of great Community and International Service. Various attempts have been made to assist the Club to remain afloat, with a view to "reinventing" it in the new year, but these have not been successful. I've tried various tactics to assist (some probably pretty clumsy), but to no avail.

This is an example of a Club that had not moved with the times and had not adapted to changes in society. It is a salient warning to us all. I hope that many of the Manly members stay within Rotary or Probus. I have every intention of launching a new Manly Rotary Club in the new year under DG Graeme.

My sadness at the loss of this great Club is mixed with a foreboding for the future of Rotary. All that great service work set out above MUST be augmented by ACTION for renewed membership, adaption to trends, leadership, education of members, marketing and a watchful eye to the future. We should approach these aspects of CLUB Service with the same energy and organization we put into service for others.

Yours in Rotary

John Dodd

District Governor 2012-13

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Tasmanian bushfires update
Posted by Les Walsh on May 29, 2013

The fourth edition of the Bushfire Bulletins issued by the Rotary Tasmania Bushfire Relief Committee has been released. The Chair of the Committee, IPDG Peter Murfett, has provided a detailed report on where the District is with our response to the 2013 bushfires.

Go to the D9830 website to read the latest newsletter

Have you got your discount?
Posted by Les Walsh on May 29, 2013

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Ask Graeme Davies about his recent acquisition - click here if you haven't seen that story

Further Australian Support For Polio Eradication

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on May 29, 2013

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Foreign Minister Bob Carr today announced further funding to help eradicate polio – a debilitating disease that continues to strike the world's most vulnerable people, especially children.

Australia will provide $80 million over four years from 2015 to 2018 to help finish the job and achieve worldwide polio eradication.

This contribution follows a $50 million commitment to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative from 2011 to 2014 announced by the Prime Minister at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth in October 2011.

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Eat A Meal - Save A Child's LIFE - ROMAC Fundraiser

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on May 29, 2013

Last Saturday night nearly 70 people came to the Progress Association Hall at Box Hill to enjoy a night of Indian and Sri Lankan cuisine, entertainment and to raise funds for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children. The night was the initiative of Haran Ramachandran from The Hills-Kellyville Rotary Club, which supported this venture. Haran and his family provided all the delicious food for the night.

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The Jan and Joan Show is well under way in Mongolia

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on May 29, 2013

As we reported last week, Jan Cameron and Joan Giacometti are now in Ulaanbaatar to visit the Lotus Center orphanage for whom they have been working since last century with their Didi's Bridge Day (this year, the last, on September 27).

In recent years they have been there with sewing machines for the girl orphans to learn sewing and be able to earn money with their products and this year, Jan and Joan are extending their teaching to the making of clothing and other saleable items.

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The Novus Dinner – another star-filled night

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on May 29, 2013

The club's Big Night, the Novus Dinner, was again a smash hit, or in the words of the Chairman of the Board, Phil McCarroll, "the Shooting Stars Gala Dinner had it all!".

From a great MC in Paul Martell, phenomenal entertainment with Darren Carr

and his assistant Tony the Builder (Tony Sukkar of Buildcorp) to great food, company and music, we are still revelling in what was a tremendous night.

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What is Wisdom? What does it mean to be Wise?
Posted by Les Walsh on May 28, 2013

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a wise person? What characteristics make one person wise and another not so wise? How do you even know if a decision you make is wise or not? And why do we want or need to make wise decisions anyway?

If you are interested in becoming involved in defining wisdom, read more at this link.

Become a Friend of Australian Rotary Health... or maybe it's time you upgraded your Friendship status?
Posted by Les Walsh on May 28, 2013

As the financial year draws to a close, we are asking Rotarians to consider making a donation to Australian Rotary Health. Help us to fund 'today's research, tomorrow's cures'.

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Our Foundation newsletter
Posted by Les Walsh on May 28, 2013

Click here for the current newsletter.

Past issues are found here.

Read more...

Crows Nest & Phoenix House
Posted by Les Walsh on May 22, 2013

This year Crows Nest's major local focus is on disadvantaged youth in its lower north shore area.

Phoenix House, based in the centre of Crows Nest in Holtermann St was identified as an important organisation within the local community, struggling under the burden of demand and limited resources, and needing support in a number of ways.

The Hon Joe Hockey is Patron of Phoenix House and has agreed to be the guest speaker to raise awareness of Phoenix House and assist them by participating in one function only for Rotary this year.

This will be on Friday 21 June at the Kirribilli Club 12.30pm - 2pm at a cost of $130 per person

It is a great opportunity to hear Mr Hockey speak and to be able

to ask questions.

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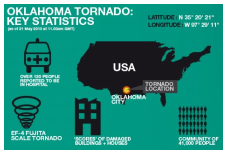
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
Posted by Les Walsh on May 22, 2013

RLI is a three part interactive training program that assist leaders and future leaders to gain Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. It is used in over 300 districts around the world and has been running for 20 years.

The full course costs $105 and this is charged to your club. Most clubs are more than willing to pay this for their members. Participants will receive tea on arrival, morning tea, lunch and course materials.

If you wish to register please contact Michael Schwarcz on mschwarcz@gmail.com or Barry Philps on bphilps@bigpond.net.au

ShelterBox monitors tornado-hit Oklahoma in USA
Posted by Haran Ramachandran on May 21, 2013

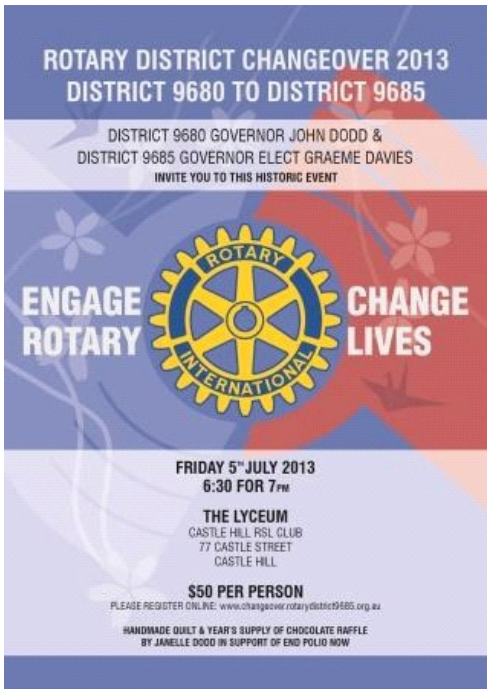


A devastating two-mile wide tornado has torn through Oklahoma City suburbs in USA with winds of up to 200mph (320km/h), destroying neighbourhoods and schools. ShelterBox Operations department is monitoring the disaster and in contact with one of its affiliates, ShelterBox USA, for the latest updates.

'We are talking to our affiliate in USA to get the most recent information on the disaster area,' said ShelterBox Operations Coordinator Alice Jefferson. 'We are also looking into which ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members are available in the country closest to Oklahoma to carry out a needs assessment, enabling a rapid response to support rescue efforts and help families in need.'

Click here to read the full story

Register for our Historic District Changeover
Posted by Les Walsh on May 07, 2013



Register at changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

2014 District Conference seeking sponsors

Planning for the 2014 District Conference is underway. The objective is to have a very affordable conference leading into the Rotary International Convention so attendance from our district at both events is maximised.

Various **sponsorship packages** are available. Our Conference Team will be very pleased to present the opportunities to those keen to sponsor the events planned for 23 February.

If you or your organisation would like to consider the opportunity, please **express interest** by email to sponsorship@rotarydistrict9685.org.au. If you know someone who might have interest, we would also like to hear from you.

The 2013 District Changeover will be historic!

It is the last changeover for D9680. The changeover will launch Rotary District 9685 - one of only two districts covering the Sydney metropolitan area.

From the Mountains to the Sea north of Sydney Harbour, reaching across the Hawkesbury River and north to Toukley on the Central Coast. The Blue Mountains define its western boundary, beautiful beaches define its eastern border, and rural communities make up its western and northern borders. The District will contain 79 Rotary Clubs and over 2,260 Rotarians.

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Share your club's news

At our ***Club News & Events in Rotary District 9680*** site provides an avenue for Rotary & Rotaract clubs to contribute articles and news of interest to Rotarians in our District.

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.

If you prefer Facebook , don't forget to message Rotary District 9680. Alternatively, simply send your copy in an email to editorial@rotarydistrict9680.org.

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