



Peace Through Service

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Rotary District 9680 Conference

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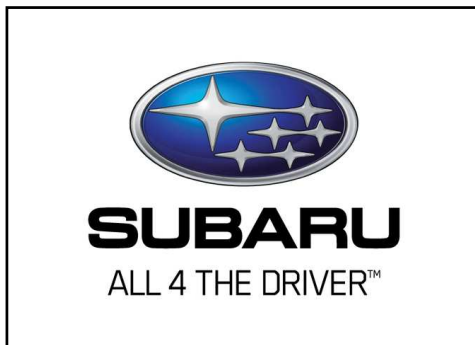
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In addition to being the Major Sponsor for this conference, Subaru has offered Rotarians of District 9680 fleet discount rates for the purchase of any new Subaru. **Follow the link on the District 9680 website for a quote.**



Rotary International President

Sakuji Tanaka

Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan

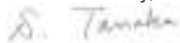
It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2012-2013 District Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians and friends of Rotary to come together for fellowship, inspiration, and celebration of your District's many service projects and programs.

I am certain that this will be a very special and memorable experience for you. Rotary has been part of my life for many years. I became a Rotarian almost by accident. I did not know anything about Rotary when I was invited to join. But I respected the person who invited me, so I accepted. Now, I see **Service Above Self** as a way of life. It means that no individual can live by himself, alone. We are always in a community. At home, at school, at work, and in our countries - we share our lives with others.

It is human and natural to want to share our lives. Whether we are happy or sad, facing success or difficulty, we want to know that we have others close by. And as much as we want other people to be there for us, we each have a need to be there for others.

When we serve our communities - when we go to teach someone a skill, to help paint a house, to participate in an NID - we become more fully involved in our communities. We build connections with others; we give of ourselves. And in doing this, we work toward our real goal: a world of greater happiness, greater contentment, and greater peace. I send you my best wishes for a rewarding and productive District Conference and for a renewed commitment to building **Peace through Service** together.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Tanaka".

District Governor 9680

John Dodd (Janelle)

Rotary Club of Ryde

Rotary is:

“An opportunity for acquaintance between business and professional people with a view to service.”



Opportunity - Take Rotary to your benefit as President Sakuji does, understanding that Service above Self can be a way of life;

Acquaintance - That knowing handshake as you greet Rotarians you see every week, once a year, or those you have just met;

Business & Professional People - Make no bones about Rotary being based upon the worth of vocational service;

Service - The myriad of service work by our Rotarians across their local communities and across the world.

District Conference enables us to experience the best that Rotary has to offer, reinvigorating Rotary Friendships, appreciating the skills, talents and plain hard work those friends bring to their Rotary Service. District Conference also enables reinvigoration to occur in an atmosphere of showcasing the best of Rotary Service and stimulating external presentations, plus a lot of fun and frolics. By the end of the Conference, I expect you will have the exhausted exhilaration that comes from the “wow” factors of the venues, programs, meals and entertainment of the entire weekend.

So, welcome to the last District Conference of 9680 as we **Soar into History**. Make every act of Service a step to achieving Peace.

My enormous thanks to the Rotary Club of Ryde, the Conference Committee led by Bob Kaye-Smith, the Avenue of Service Chairs, our external presenters and our sponsors. You're all in for a great weekend!



District 9680 Conference Chair 2013

Bob Kaye-Smith

Rotary Club of Ryde

Welcome to the District 9680 Conference - the last for our District in its current form.

As we ***Soar into History*** under the District banner, we reflect on all the previous conferences that have been held under District 9680.

Each one has been an outstanding success due to the significant commitment from Rotarians across our District.

The organising committee for this conference - predominantly made up of Ryde Rotarians - has been meeting for the last three years to ensure we continue the tradition of each conference improving on the last. A giant thank you is due to the Ryde Rotarians and their partners for their continued support over this three year period and for assisting to ensure this conference will be the best.

To the attendees: thank you for your support! I know you will have a fantastic time over the weekend and I look forward to seeing you.



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Rotary International President's Special Representative (RIPPR)

Bhichai Rattakul

Rotary International President 2002-03
Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Thailand

Bhichai Rattakul was educated in Bangkok and Hong Kong and received an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science from Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok and Kensington University in California.



A Member of Parliament for nine terms since 1969 and Leader of the Democrat Party, he has served his country as Foreign Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Parliament. He has also led many Thai delegations to the United Nations. Bhichai Rattakul is Honorary Vice President of the Thai Scout Council. He has also served as Chairman of the Anti Corruption Commission and the 13th Asian Games Organising committee.

He has been decorated with Special Class Honour from the King of Thailand and honours from the Emperor of Japan, Presidents of the Philippines, Korea, Austria and Nicaragua. He was also awarded the highest International Olympic Award and the Asian Olympic Award by the International Olympic Committee.

Bhichai Rattakul joined the Rotary Club of Dhonburi in Bangkok as a charter member in 1958 and has served Rotary International as District Governor, International Assembly group discussion leader, committee member and chairman, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Rotary International. He served as President of Rotary International in 2002-03.

Mr Rattakul and his wife Khunying Charoye Rattakul have three children and five grandchildren. He enjoys gardening, golf and reading.

District Governor 9680**John Dodd (Janelle)**

Rotary Club of Ryde



As a teenager John joined Ryde Rotaract and was Rotaract 9680 District President in 1979-80. He was invited to join Ryde

Rotary in 1985 and has been Director of International, Youth (twice), Vocational and Club (twice) Service, Rotaract Chairman, Red Shield Area Director (three years) and Youth Exchange Chairman (three years). He has served twice as President in 1992-93 and 2001-02. John's Rotary service has been acknowledged by his Club twice with a Paul Harris Fellow and sapphire pin.

John and Janelle have been heavily involved in Rotary Youth Exchange with Janelle being an outbound student to Japan, sponsored by Epping Rotary Club. They have hosted nineteen inbound students and their three children have participated in the program.

At District level, John has served as Administration Adviser for two years (2008-10) and Insurance Officer for four years (2007-11). In 2010-11, he served as Assistant Governor for the Northern District Zone. John has spoken at many District Training events and conducted Ethics "hypotheticals" at many clubs.

John began his legal career as a Judge's Associate in the District Court while still studying and after admission was employed by Hunt & Hunt Solicitors for four years. He has practiced continuously at the Bar since 1984, specialising in personal injury, insurance and commercial law. Outside the law, John and Janelle have been owner/operators of Childcare Centres since 1988.

In 33 years of marriage, John and Janelle have two daughters - a solicitor and an interior architect - and their son is studying software engineering and business. John enjoys tennis and relaxing on his part-owned yacht.

District Governor Elect 9685

Graeme Davies (Lyn)

Rotary Club of Kincumber



Graeme Davies became a Rotarian when he was asked to join the Rotary Club of Griffith (D9700) in 1990. He was President in 1994-95, highlighted by celebration of the Club's 50th Anniversary. He and his wife Lyn, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Griffith Central, were members of the District Youth Exchange Committee for many years and escorted students to New Zealand and the USA as well as being host parents on numerous occasions.

The family moved to the NSW Central Coast in 1999 where Graeme joined the Rotary Club of Kincumber. Across both districts, Graeme has held most Board positions at Club level. He has been a member of D9680 Australian Rotary Health Committee (2002-10), editor of the DG Newsletter and member of the District Conference Committee (D9670 1995-96), Assistant Governor in 2007-08 and again in 2009-10, DG Special Representative (2008) to form the Rotary Club of Gosford City, D9680 Community Service Chairman in 2010-11 and D9680 Administration Director in 2011-12.

He and Lyn (Assistant Governor 2011-12) have had a long association with MUNA. In 2009, 2010 and 2011 they worked with a RAWCS team from D9680 to establish RYLA in Timor Leste. Both are Paul Harris Fellows and Centurions.

Graeme was principal of Griffith and Kincumber High Schools. As well as working with students with a disability, especially the hearing impaired, Lyn was also a school principal in both the Riverina and the Central Coast. They have three children: Jon, Bronwyn and Stuart, and two grandchildren, Kobi and Isla. They both enjoy travelling and have a range of other interests including reading, canoeing and boating.



District Governor Nominee

Ian Scott (Jennifer)

Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains

Ian has been a member of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains since 2003, serving in many Club positions, including President 2006-07. He is currently the Secretary and Webmaster. Ian has served District 9690 on the Family of Rotary Committee, was District Trainer since 2009, Club Representative for the Committee of the Association and an Assistant Governor for the Blue Mountains Zone. He is a charter member of the D9690 Leadership Institute. Trained as a facilitator and mediator, he facilitated at the 2010 Australian Rotary Conference in Canberra, and the 2010 D9690 Membership Seminar, and has designed the facilitation for the 2012 Australian Rotary Success Conference.

Ian served in the RAAF full time and in the Reserve since 1968, firstly as a radio technician and then as a navigator, mainly on transport aircraft. He has held command at all levels, and along the way he managed to acquire an MBA and an MA (Strategic Studies). He retired with the rank of Air Commodore in 2005 from the position of Chief of Staff at Headquarters Air Command. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1996 for his service at 37 Squadron and continues to support ex-Service organisations.

He is married to PDG Jennifer, a senior lawyer involved in alternate dispute resolution, and a member of a number of Rotary Boards. Ian and Jennifer are Paul Harris Society members, Bequest members and Major Donors. They have two daughters who have both been involved in various Rotary sponsored New Generations programs, and three terrific grandchildren.

Ian's other interests include travel, scuba diving, flying, listening to music and bush walking.

Master of Ceremonies

Chris Joscelyne

Rotary E-Club One



Chris Joscelyne has been a Rotarian since 1973 when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kings Meadows in Launceston, Tasmania. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Grafton, and a Past President, and current member, of Rotary E-Club One of District 5450 Colorado, the first Rotary club chartered to meet on the internet.

Chris is a former Group Study Exchange team leader to England, and he is deeply committed to Advanced RYLA, which he introduced to the US from Australia. Chris is multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and he is a recipient of The Donald M. Carter Rotary Service Award presented to him for outstanding application of the ideal service in his personal, business and community life.

In his professional life, Chris is an international leader in IT security, involved in projects in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States. He was a co-founder of the Australian IT Security Forum. He has served as the Australian spokesman at the Global e-Business Forum at the United Nations in Geneva, and as the leader of the Australian industry delegation in bilateral talks with the United States on the protection of the National Information Infrastructure. He has also served on the IT security advisory board of the Defence Signals Directorate in Canberra.

Chris is Vice-President of the Australian Red Cross, a trustee of the Lizard Island Research Foundation and the Australian Museum, and an Honorary Associate of the School of Government at Sydney University. Chris is in regular demand as an international keynote speaker at conferences and forums around the world.



18:00 Conference Doors Open - Pre-dinner Cocktails in Foyer
/ Delegates are encouraged to wear Club shirts

18:40 Auditorium Doors Open
/ Entertainment by **Stefan**

19:00 WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome to Shoalhaven / **Asst. Deputy Mayor Allan Baptist**

Conference Welcome / **DG John Dodd & Janelle Dodd**

Loyal Toast / **DGE Graeme Davies**

Toast to Rotary International / **IPDG David Rands**

Response to RI Toast / **PRID John Carrick**

Introduction of MC Chris Joscelyne

19:40 Dinner

SESSION 1: Group Study Exchange

20:10 Introduction of Group Study Exchange (GSE) Teams

20:45 Dessert & Coffee
/ Entertainment by **Stefan**

21:00 Guest Entertainer:
/ **Richard Saunders**

22:00 Adjourn to Piano Bar
/ Entertainment by **Stefan**



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Guest Entertainer

Richard Saunders

Australian Skeptics Inc.

Richard Saunders is best known as an international expert on skepticism and one of the stars of the top rating paranormal TV show from Australia “The ONE”, where he takes the role as the “Skeptical Judge”.



He is President and life member of Australian Skeptics Inc., a fellow of the Centre for Inquiry USA, and a past judge for the Eureka Prizes - Australia's top science awards. A podcaster since 2005, Richard is the producer and host of “The Skeptic Zone” with thousands of listeners world-wide. He also produces science documentaries and TV shows, notably, “The Mighty Mitta Muster Water Divining Test” in 2002 and episodes of “Theories of Everything” for community television.

An author and origami expert with 30 books and 1 DVD published, he is also the creator of “Origami Pigasus” for James Randi and enjoys being an amateur musician. Richard is also founding member of the “Mystery Investigators” live science show for schools.



Group Study Exchange - Inbound Team

District 2440, Turkey



PP Gul Kircil / Training & Management Consultant

Team Leader Gul (50+) has been a member of the Izmir Bostanlı Rotary Club for 17 years. She loves plastic arts, literature and cinema as well as exercising for her health. She is particularly interested in visiting training departments of companies, vocational training centres and primary schools to get an understanding of the educational system in Australia.



Cem Güzeloğlu / PhD, Graphic Designer & Lecturer

Cem (31) is an award winning cartoonist, football athlete and decorated former member of the Turkish Armed forces. He likes to barbeque, the occasional cigar and scotch whisky, and is also curious about rugby and would like to see a match (and get a jersey).



Ceren Bilgili / Mechanical Engineer

Ceren (25) specialises in Rack Systems & Supermarket Shelving Systems. A Rotaractor, Ceren's work roles cover all aspects from analysing the projects, to developing ways to reduce the researched production costs.



Sinem Kökten / Illustrator - Artist

Sinem (34) has particular skill in illustrating and painting. She is interested in visiting contemporary and traditional Aboriginal and local art collections, galleries, art museums, as well as attending workshops and meeting with artists.



Tuba Alpyildiz / Lecturer-Researcher/Textile Engineer

Tuba (36) is a full time lecturer on knitted structures and knitting technologies for clothing, technical textiles and textile reinforced composites. She is keen to visit textile manufacturing companies and textile engineering departments of the universities (especially to have an idea about their research facilities).

Group Study Exchange - Outbound Team

District 9680, Australia

Ian Garrard / Corporate Executive

Team Leader Ian has been a member of Roseville Chase Rotary Club for 13 years and a director or member of all its operational committees. Ian is a corporate executive, with over 25 years' international, public and private sector experience in environmental and natural resource management, land use and development planning.



Liesl Duffy / Director of Operations

Liesl (31) is the Director of Operations at the Schizophrenia Research Institute. Her role oversees the day-to-day management of the Institute, its research program, and its administrative, financial, and HR needs. Liesl has a background in mental health research and enjoys indoor rock climbing and sailing.



Alisha Olsen / National Manager

Alisha (28) is the National In-Store Demonstration Manager for Woolworths. Her work in retail marketing allows her to identify and track trends and innovation in a variety of industries. Outside of work, Alisha is a wake-boarder and skier, and has a passion for car racing.



Warwick Kells / Relationship Manager

Warwick (37) is a Relationship Manager at Computershare Communications Services, responsible for business development account growth, business consultation and client engagement. Warwick has recently taken up four-wheel driving.



Samantha Gibbs / Freelance Editor

Sam (32) is a freelance magazine editor and writer with a love of outdoor and adventure sports. Sam's publishing topics include health, sports, fitness, travel, and adventure magazines and websites. She is a casual blogger and photographer.

