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Mar 16, 2014

by Maxwell Chapman

Date: May 17, 2014 at 02:30 PM - 05:30 PM

Enjoy an elegant afternoon in magnificent gardens at Max & Sue Chapman's place.

This is YOUR Newsletter

Jul 23, 2013

by Geoff Tancred

I advised the Presidents' Elect at the District Assembly **"this is your Newsletter not the Governor's"**. Therefore the Newsletter will be only as good as your input.

Please forward articles which you consider to be of interest together with photographs to **DG Geoff**

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Posted by John McKenzie

Bettye and I together with twenty other Rotarians and friends have recently returned from Nepal where we inspected the work of the Teacher Training Team and Literacy Program being conducted at Maidi Village some 4 - 6 hours drive north west of Kathmandu. What a fabulous project - a great example of Rotary "doing good in the world". A full report will be published in next month's Newsletter.

Oh, what a Conference we really had. Numbers may have been down, but the speakers, food and entertainment outstanding. Read all about it in Wagga Wagga Koorringal's article later in this Newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that Michael Milston has been selected as District Governor for 2016 - 2017. Michael is a member of the Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak, a former Assistant Governor and current District Secretary. Congratulations Michael.

May is Bowelscan Month. Please support this life saving program. Further information can be obtained from District Coordinator David Swallow by phoning 02 6361 2322, mobile 0407 908 081 or John Rae on mobile 0418 637 465. Click [here](#) to view the results of last years program.

DG Geoff Tancred

PARTNERS PROGRAM - ROMAC

I would like to thank all who bought or sold tickets in my raffle - the beautiful Patchwork Quilt pieced by Maria Banks.

The lucky winner was Doreen Brown from Lake Cargelligo.

The amount raised from the ticket sales, an amazing \$6,415.

To date just over \$21,000 has been donated to ROMAC from District 9700 Clubs.

ROMAC Eastern Region Co-ordinator Rob Wilkinson is very grateful and most appreciative of our District's generosity.

Once again my sincere thanks for your support.

DG Partner Bettye Tancred

ROTARY CONFERENCE ORANGE 2014

Posted by John McKenzie

The Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Koorringal produced a special bulletin reporting on the District Conference in Orange.

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Seated from the left are

Councillor John Davis OAM, Mayor of Orange, DGN Gary Roberts & Marilyn, DGE David Kennedy, Bettye & DG Geoff Tancred, Sonal & RI President's representative, Kamal Sanghvi.

President of Orange Calare RC, Conference Chairman and MC, Paul Cox introduced the dignitaries for the conference.

Then Paul invited the exchange students to participate in the flag ceremony. In the picture above an animated DGN is telling the MC he still has 2 flags in the wings awaiting introduction – our YX student Fiona Koeck with the Austrian flag & a student from Orange High with the Aboriginal flag.

Accompanied by his wife Sonal, the Rotary International President's Representative, PDG Kamal Sanghvi of District 3250, India was provided with a number of opportunities over the weekend to address conference attendees. Each of his speeches was thought provoking as well as inspirational and motivational.



At the Breakfast for Presidents and Presidents-Elect, the focus of Kamal Sanghvi's address was about dreaming and creating a path living your dreams. PDG Sanghvi advised us to live our dreams passionately, to walk the talk and to lead a life guided by ethics and morals. He urged us to use these to create a vision and to put goals to that vision, saying 'Worse than being blind is not to have vision.' He encouraged us to be enthusiastic with an analogy comparing club members to matches and the club to the matchbox – "If you are lit, be on fire. Be like the match that when returned to the matchbox still alight, fires it up! Have a blast!"

In his opening address of the conference, PDG Sanghvi again used an analogy involving light – a candle reflected in the mirror, asking - 'if you cannot be the light of the candle... be the mirror reflecting the light, spreading it further.'

Some thought provoking comments he made –

If you educate a man, he is educated for himself.

If you educate a woman, the entire family is educated. / Lead a life of dignity. / Every 15 seconds, a child dies of a waterborne disease. / Half the world's people drink contaminated water.

Remember if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for yourself and the other for helping others.

To close the conference, PDG Kamal Sanghvi referred to several of Rotary Areas of Focus particularly health and literacy of people, particularly children, across the world. However, as part of this address he again provided even more 'food for thought'. (March is Literacy Month)

Gems such as these:

You can be your own best friend or your own worst enemy. Be a friend!

Magic of Rotary - Caring makes you a better person and the world a better place.

Have discipline: when you accept a challenge, see it through.

The greater the obstacle the more glory there is in overcoming it.

Better to light the lamp than to curse the darkness.

Quote 'Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.' Josh Billings

Think outside the box as Rotarians have done in their aim to eradicate polio and bring it closer to reality ending it worldwide.

The Rotary Foundation is the temple of joy. Enjoy the fruits of giving.

Open your hearts and your pockets. After all, coffins have no pockets.

He reminded us to nurture the youth of our world as they are our tomorrow. Our youth are ambassadors of peace, tolerance and love.

Click [here](#) to see a summary of conference presentations

MURRUMBURRAH-HARDEN WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Posted by John McKenzie



On Monday 24th March, the Rotary Club of Murrumburrah-Harden celebrated a milestone achievement with the induction of seven new members. With DG Geoff and wife Bettye, fresh from the District Conference, in attendance, the new members were inducted throughout the regular dinner meeting.

Our new members, Robert Scott, Nicole Sommer, Suranjana Jennifer Rahman (Jennifer), Katya Catalinac, Stan Catalinac, Ishrat Jahan and Nadim Shaker Rony boast a varied ethnic and professional background. Click [here](#) to see short bios of the new members.

Each of our new members offer a great deal to our club, and a big thankyou goes to Membership Director John Horton, who is not afraid to knock on doors to spread the Rotary message. The membership of the Murrumburrah-Harden Rotary Club has grown from 33 since the beginning of the Rotary year, and we aim to have 40 by the next changeover.

Pat O'Connor

President

Murrumburrah-Harden Rotary Club

PEACE CEREMONY

Posted by John McKenzie



The Combined Rotary Clubs of Wagga Wagga held the 22nd Rotary Peace Day Ceremony on Sunday 23 February, with the host club being Murrumbidgee Rotary Club. The ceremony was

there to celebrate peace and acknowledge members of the Wagga Wagga community who contribute to peace.

The current Rotary Peace City/Town project started on November 1990 when the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Koorinal agreed to support the project to dedicate Wagga Wagga as a Rotary Peace City and to erect a peace monument in the city. The project was officially launched in Wagga Wagga in October 1991 inspired by Past President Rajendra Saboo's theme Look Beyond Yourself with the symbol of the dove of peace flying over the world taken as the official Peace City/Town emblem. On February 23 1993 the first peace monument was unveiled by Past World President Royce Abbey and the then Mayor Pat Brassil declared the City of Wagga Wagga the first Rotary Peace City in the world. It was with deep regret that it was announced the passing of the Past World President Royce Abbey earlier in the week of the Peace Awards.

School Community Service Awards:

Member for Wagga Wagga Mr Daryl Maguire presented the awards to representatives of each local High School after they had made their presentation.

Wagga Wagga City Council Award:

Each year the Wagga Wagga City Council nominates a person to receive an award for their contribution to the well being of others. The Mayor of Wagga Wagga Mr Rod Kendall made this presentation to Frank Newah-Jarfoi.

Rotary Clubs Community Peace Awards:

Five of the Rotary Clubs of Wagga nominated a recipient for the awards this year.

- Rotary Club of South Wagga - Bernadette Wilson
- Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga - David Crowweller
- Rotary Club of Koorinal - Auntie Flo Grant
- Rotary Club of Wollundry - Dr Barbara Ferguson
- Rotary Club of W Murrumbidgee - Louise Blackett

Helen and Peter Walsh Memorial Community Peace Award:

Each year one prestigious award for community service is presented by the six Combined Rotary Clubs of Wagga Wagga in memory of Helen and Peter Walsh. The District Governor of Rotary International District 9700 Geoff Tancred presented this award to David Crowweller.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH CHALLENGE

Posted by John McKenzie



Can we make D9700 the top donating District in Australia?!

PDG John Egan, Australian Rotary Health Board member writes:

Late last month I put out the challenge to our clubs to donate to Australian Rotary Health.

Most clubs do support us with Donations and Hat Day funds, but not all. *If your club doesn't donate at present*, the challenge is to make 9700 a totally supportive District. Not necessarily the highest amount, but with the greatest number of participating clubs!!

It doesn't have to be a huge donation; \$100 would be fine.

Let's see if we can do it. You can send your donation through me at:

59 Galing Pl, Wagga Wagga, 2650 or direct to ARH, PO Box 3455 Parramatta 2124!

West Wyalong leads the way.

The first ARH Preventing Mental Health Problems seminar in Australia was held in West Wyalong on April 9th!

It proved to be a wonderful evening with professional guest speakers outlining the circumstances that often lead to depression. These can range from illness to financial and family problems, and can be recognised if you know what to look for. You may find these in yourself, or in others. The message was never to be afraid to ask for help, nor to reach out to someone who might need it.

Congratulations to all who made this possible. It was excellent, and with it we will be rolling out further seminars. If your club is interested in putting one on in your community, please get in touch and I will steer you in the right direction.

PP Dom Drady Memorial Indigenous Scholarship.

It is with great pleasure that we can now announce the establishment of this scholarship in memory of Dom. A great Rotarian with a strong feeling for the less privileged, Dom spent many years on the Youth Exchange Committee. He was also a dedicated teacher with a great love for his pupils.

The funds for this scholarship have been provided largely by the Forbes Club and the Murrumburrah-

Harden Club, along with several direct donations from his friends and family. An indigenous person will now have funds to continue with all important medical study. Did you know? Australian Rotary Health is the largest non-government provider of Research Funds for mental health in Australia.

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NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF IN THE PHILIPPINES

Posted by John McKenzie



The cyclone that hit the Philippines was much greater than the one which devastated New Orleans, and did nearly as much as damage as the Tsunami a couple of years ago.

Many clubs donated to ShelterBox and Disaster Aid Australia, as well as donating directly to the Philippine fund, which was really good as it gave some immediate assistance.

Now it is time to rebuild, and this is where we can be effective too. We as a District could combine our resources and donate towards the rebuilding of this country.

A priority of the Philippine Rotarians is to get the kids back into school.

Classrooms cost anything from \$45000 upwards for a block of two or three.

Ablution blocks begin at around \$6000

I have enclosed a couple of photos which will give you an idea of the effect the storm had on the people.

Our response to the tsunami was amazing, and we gave very generously towards the rebuild of those areas affected.

A new classroom from this District is certainly not beyond us and will go a long way to helping these people recover.

PDG John Egan

RYDA 2014 BATHURST EAST ROTARY CLUB

Posted by John McKenzie



The Bathurst RYDA Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Road Safety Education program held at Mount Panorama over 4 days in Month was attended by 526 year

11, 16y to 18 year old students from 8 high schools and colleges from within in the Bathurst District.

The program that is designed to highlight the road safety message and provide an accessible and affordable program for all our young students in our community was conducted by the combined Rotary Clubs of Bathurst Oberon and Blayney,

Volunteer Facilitators included Const. Matt Holden, Chifley Youth Liaison officer- NSW Police (Road Choices). Headspace (Plan B), Reliance Credit Union (My Wheels), Matt Irvine - Panorama Road Safety (Hazards), True Value Driver Training and Abercrombie Driving School (Stopping presenters), Mrs. Margaret Kennedy and David Paton (Crash Survivor)

By participating in RYDA Road Safety Education program the schools have furthered their commitment to educate the "whole student" providing them with the opportunity to learn

essential life skills. Students were encouraged to take greater responsibility for themselves and their friends before they face the challenges of driving solo or as passengers of a new driver. We thank the School Principals and teachers for their commitment.

"I have no words to describe the grief of the parents who survive the crashes that claim the lives of their children, but those images stay with me. No parent should experience that. No Child should ever experience that", said A/Prof Brian Owler AMA, (NSW) President, Vice Patron, Road Safety Education Foundation. (You may know him as the surgeon with the blue hat asking you to choose wisely and don't rush on our roads TV add's, billboards and print on line) Weather you are a driver or passenger it effects us all.

Rotary's high profile role and association with the RYDA Program is a shining example of Rotary's commitment to their "new generation's avenue of service" whilst working with the local community. Our Motto is "Let's keep them alive till 25" if we save one life it's been worthwhile.

Next years RYDA PROGRAM WILL BE HELD FROM THE 13TH TO 20TH MARCH 2015

Brian Burke, Bathurst East Rotary Club, Chairman, and Co-ordinator. RYDA and RSE, Bathurst

POLIO NEWS

Posted by John McKenzie

"On March 26, 2014, the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) is expected to certify India as a polio free country, marking more than three years since the last case of polio there."



The following article in Forbes magazine gives a great insight into the eradication of polio in India and the success for Rotary in the campaign around the world over the last 3 decades. Rotary started the job

and inspired other partners to help in completing the task.

An interesting conclusion in the article is that while the eradication of polio from the world is and will be a tremendous achievement, an even greater legacy is the confidence that such a big task can be achieved in other areas using the knowledge and infrastructure that has been developed in the fight to eradicate polio. Rotary has inspired and shown what can be achieved.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/devinthorpe/2014/03/15/the-secret-to-polio-eradication-in-india/>

The article is a great read.

PDG Neal Fogarty

START ASKING PEOPLE TO YOUR ROTARY CLUB TODAY

Posted by Geoff Tancred on Mar 16, 2014



Over the last couple of years we have made a concerted effort to increase membership. A lot of Clubs have become more focused on membership as they realise the challenges ahead for their Clubs if they don't start to do something now for the future.

Membership has to be an ongoing plan and strategy for us as an organisation; it has to become part of our DNA. We need Rotarians from across the District to not only talk about membership at every opportunity but also to be constantly identifying potential Rotarians in their towns and localities.

Let's be enthusiastic about getting new members, start asking people to your Rotary Club today. Let them get involved with Rotary as you have; so they too can **Engage Rotary and Change Lives**.

DG Geoff Tancred

