



DECEMBER 2010

December is The Family of Rotary Month



December is always a busy time of year. There are projects and jobs to get completed before the silly season starts. There are Christmas parties to attend and maybe preparations for holidays. It is a time for family get-togethers and to renew those relationships. However for some there has been the heartbreak of flooding and loss of crops due to the heavy rains which have come on top of the long period of drought.



Barbara and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and safe holiday season.

In our Rotary Clubs we need to provide support for our fellow members and others in the community who are doing it tough. We need to be aware of the strain these hardships can bring and be aware of any signs of deteriorating mental health among individuals in our Clubs and the community. Recognition of the hardship and a friendly word of support can help.

The Family of Rotary Month is a time to recognise all those who support Rotary both in our Clubs and also the wider Rotary world. This means family members and supporters and those involved in the countless Rotary programs helping our youth and those less fortunate than us in the world.

District Conference – Orange 1-3 April 2011

Be inspired, see the impact of your Rotary at work, meet and hear some great speakers who are doing inspiring work, meet some new friends and have a great weekend.

We have a great line up of inspiring speakers, enjoy the fellowship and the music of the 20 piece Central West All Stars at the Black & White Dinner Dance on Saturday night. Come early and enjoy a round of golf on the magnificent Duntrury League course. Note that the Official Opening of the Conference will be on Friday night, followed by outstanding entertainment.

Further details are on the District website, where on-line registrations are now open. The list of speakers and their CVs will be on the website shortly. Go to the district website to register.

DG Neal

Rotary International President – Ray Klinginsmith

District 9700 Board Members:

District Governor – Neal Fogarty

Governor Elect – Ian Simpson

Governor Nominee – Greg Brown

IPDG - Irene Jones

Dir. Administration - Fred Loneragan

Dir. Membership & P.R. - John Egan

Dir. Foundation – Bruce Barber

Dir. Service Projects – Ian Tooke

District Secretary – Peter Byrne

District Treasurer – Geoff Tancred

Rotary Rounds

President's Forum

The Forum at Grenfell on 14 Nov was a great opportunity for Club Presidents and the District Team to get together. There was representation of most Clubs, we met the incoming RI Director John Boag from Tamworth North and had good workshops on membership, matching grants and initiating overseas projects. There were also plenary sessions on Australian Rotary Health Indigenous scholarships, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Youth Exchange and

Polio. The District AGM was also held and there was strong support for D9700 to be part of the Multi-District ShelterBox Australia project, which will be formally proposed in a resolution to the District Conference in Orange.

Photos:

(R) DGN Greg and DG Neal giving incoming RI Director John Boag the good oil on D9700

(Below R) President Forum workshop session

(Below L) RYLA Directors Angie and Peter selling the benefits of RYLA



Peace Communities Award

District 9700 will be making an annual Peace Communities Award, which will be announced at the District Conference. The District Board recently adopted the following criteria for the Award:

Awarded by the District Governor, following recommendation of the District Peace Communities Committee, to the Club that during the Rotary year has made a difference in the lives of individuals and groups and so contributed to peace within their community.

Group Study Exchange (GSE)

DGE Ian Simpson has announced that D9700 will be sending a Group Study Exchange to D1010 in Scotland from 4 September to 1 October 2011. The Exchange is funded by the Rotary Foundation from funds returned to the District (DDF). The D1010 annual conference will be held during the exchange.

Team Leader applications close with GSE Chair Dennis Bishop on 18 February 2011, with selection interviews on 6 March 2011. Team Member applications

close on 1 April 2011, with selections held on 16-17 April at Young.

Other GSE dates are:

February/March 2011: D9700 Team visits D3830 Philippines.

March/April 2011: D3830 Team visits D9700

March/April 2011: D9700 Team visits D5770 Oklahoma

March/April 2012: D5770 Team and D1010 Team visit D9700

Peace Fellows selected

The Rotary Peace Fellows to commence studies at the various Rotary Peace Centers around the world in 2011 have been selected. There were an inspiring pool of 264 applicants and the selected Fellows represent the most promising peace builders from across the globe. Their average age is 32 years with an average of 7 years of professional experience. A third of the selected Fellows are coming from work with a Non Government Organisation and another 20% come from backgrounds in education or peace building. They are from 44 different countries ranging from Australia to Haiti to South Africa, with 44% from low-income countries.

Applications for 2012 Rotary Peace Fellowships close on 1 July 2011.

Rotarians For Fighting AIDS (RFFA) – extracts of letter from CEO

RFFA sends you greetings in honor of WORLD AIDS DAY (December 1). There are millions of people on every continent in the world that have either died of this disease or are trying to survive. RFFA focuses on providing support for the 17.5 Million orphans and vulnerable children who are the tragic consequence of the AIDS pandemic.

What does it mean to be an orphan child in Africa? No food! No caregivers! No place to live! No one to love them or provide them with any guidance! Their fear of uncertainty is extreme while dealing with the depression of losing their Mom and/or Dad. They are prime prospects for child prostitution or membership in terrorist gangs! They grow up with a warped attitude on life and continue the awful cycle of poverty, illiteracy and disease, with no hope for the future.

Education is the only foundation of hope for these children.

\$450 USD pays for one child's school fees, school uniform, school supplies, a treated bed net, and some nutritional support for one year. The children are grateful for whatever you can provide via our website at www.rffa.org.

Warmest wishes,
Marion Bunch – CEO RFFA

Zone 8 Rotary Institute

The annual Institute is an opportunity for current, future and past Officers of Rotary International to learn about, review and contribute to the latest initiatives and programs of Rotary. Prior to the Institute all the current Australian Governors discussed a range of current issues in an open forum and there were training seminars for DGEs and DGNs. A highlight of this years Institute in Perth was the World President Ray Klingensmith, with other keynote speakers being former Governor General Michael Jeffery and mining entrepreneur Andrew Forrest. I also attended the AGMs for the Australian Rotary programs: Rotary Down Under (RDU), Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), Australian Rotary Health (ARH) and Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC).

Photos: (R) PRI President DK Lee presenting DG Neal with a certificate recognising D9700 contributions to Rotary Foundation in 2009/10. (Below) D9700 team with RI President Ray Klingensmith at the Institute Dinner



Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Another successful RYPEN camp was held at Borambola Wagga Wagga recently. This weekend camp provides an enriching and challenging experience for Year 9 students. The camp is a balance of social interaction, adventures and speakers to assist the students in developing life skills. Some 50 students attended from all across the District and participated in abseiling, archery and kayaking as well as the aboriginal cultural experience.



Photos:
(Top Left) Fifty, year 9 students from throughout the district attended the RYPEN camp held at Borombola.
(Top Right) Abseiling was just one of the activities to challenge students at the Borambola camp.



On the Wallaby

News from from Around the Clubs in District 9700

Orange Calare - Community Awards Night

Worthy citizens of Orange were recognised recently at the successful Community Awards Night initiated by Orange Calare Club. Over 200 people from the community attended, with 40 nominations in six categories: Pride of Workmanship, High School, TAFE and University students, Community and Volunteers. Dr David Howe and Mrs Susan Kuter (Sapphire pin) were each awarded a Paul Harris Fellow recognition by the Club.

Calare President Fay Layton said "The Club felt honoured to have been able to recognise and support the endeavours and achievements of both the Rotarians and volunteer community members for their commitment and what they have achieved in our community."

Photo: PHF awardees Sue Kuter and Dr David Howe with President Fay Layton, AG John McKenzie and PP Paul Cox.



West Wyalong - Rotary Bike Ride a Huge Success

President Kevin Tough was very happy with the inaugural charity bike ride held recently. Local cycling enthusiasts approached the Club for support to run a charity ride to encourage all ages to participate. The local Community Transport group benefited from the funds raised by the Club.

Over 50 riders of all ages from a wide area participated in the 20 km ride. The club was especially pleased to see many children have a go and draw their parents away from a sleepy Sunday sleep-in.



Molong – Successful Community Trivia night

A wonderful team effort proved a great success for the Trivia night recently. President Margaret Dean and her small team from the Club worked hard to get outstanding support from local businesses and the community. The night raised over \$3300 for Rotary and local charities.

It was an excellent opportunity to do some PR about Rotary, starting with the new club brochure, Polio Plus and Shelter Box.

Grenfell - Science and Engineering Challenge triumph

Nicole Johnstone and Sophie Hancock spoke to the Club about their Henry Lawson High School triumph in winning the state final of the Challenge. They went on to come 8th out of 800 schools from all over Australia in the national final. Both girls spoke exceptionally well about the competition, the trip and the experience gained. A letter to the Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald observed that “the development of young minds is about creativity, imagination, the ability to think laterally, the ability to make ethical decisions and to work co-operatively and inclusively with others”. Among the problems tackled were: building a balloon-powered golf buggy, designing an Eco-House for Antarctica, building a remote-controlled Zeppelin and building the lightest and strongest bridge.

Koorinal – National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Alice Bauer attended the NYSF in Perth WA in January and from there was selected from the 300 students attending to go to South Africa to further her science experience. Alice has just completed year 12 at Koorinal High School and hopes to study Zoology. Alice thanked the club for sponsoring her to attend NYSF and described some of the highlights of her trip including:

- Flight over Antarctica en route to South Africa
- Pretoria Aquarium and forensic lab
- Safari/Cultural village stay
- Game reserves including Kruger National Park
- Shanty Towns
- Visits to Botswana, Zambia and Victoria Falls during the dry season.



Blayney - Rotary Black Tie Dinner

Another successful business and community dinner was staged at “Athol” with over 60 diners attending this year. The dinner raised about \$5000 from the auction, dinner and other donations.

Orange North – Memorial Wall



The Club recently held paper bag dinner meeting at Rotary Park in Orange to dedicate a plaque to the late member Tony Lewis. The Park was originally constructed over 25 years ago by the combined Orange Clubs and has recently been renovated. The memorial wall contains plaques for all Rotarians in Orange who have passed to higher

service. Tony’s wife Jan and daughter were present for the dedication. Proceeds from the paper bag dinner were donated to Polio Plus.

Photo: Jan Lewis with President Roy Ferguson

Leeton – Past Youth Exchange Student returns to Denmark

Amy Tabain, a past Rotary exchange student to Denmark 15 years ago and now a teacher from St Francis College, was sponsored by the Diocese to attend the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop. After the ceremonies in Rome she had several emotional reunions with her host families in Switzerland and Denmark, including an address to her host Club. Amy surprised herself with the amount of Danish she still remembered although she had difficulty in speaking. They held a special meeting for her to attend and were very interested in Australia and Leeton. She was fortunate that one of the Rotarians had experience with farming and was able to translate irrigation farming terms. She found the time in Denmark a very positive and rewarding experience and wished that she had gone back sooner. Amy visited her school and met with some of her teachers and was amazed that they remembered her. She had the chance to address some of the classes.

Leeton Central and Griffith Avanti – Dr Elaine Dietsch in the Congo

Doctor Elaine Dietsch recently spoke of her experiences in the Democratic Republic of Congo to combined Rotary meetings in Leeton and Griffith. Dr Dietsch is Midwife Courses Co-ordinator at Charles Sturt University and she talked about her work in the Congo as a representative of the Mission in Health Care and Development. Elaine and her husband John have, over the past six years, travelled to and from Congo, where they became involved in humanitarian work, mainly in the field of women's health. This small land locked country is rich in natural resources and minerals but it is the most dangerous place on earth, with 4.5 m people killed in recent years of war, despite a considerable United Nations presence.

There are now some positive assistance programs in place; a micro finance program to purchase seed to grow Amaranthus (high in iron and vitamins), rabbits, pigs and other goods that put the people on to a self sustaining income stream. A water pump was installed in the village of Karohoro in 2009 to provide clean water. Leeton Central Club have supported the work over several years and Karohoro now has a school with over 200 students.

Photo: Dr Elaine Dietsch with Griffith Avanti President Merveen Sjollem



Henty - New Generations Spelling Competition

The Club recently conducted a very successful Spelling Competition for students from Years 7 and 8. The winning team from St Paul's College won with a magnificent score of 98/100. President Noelene Bedgood made the presentations and congratulated all eight teams on their participation.

Photo : Amber McPherson, Brianna Allan, P Noelene Bedgood, Sophie Howard & Emma Schulz

RDU MERCHANDISE

have moved!



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Club Attendance

OCTOBER 2010

Club	Members	Change	Attend %
Bathurst	22	0	78.75
Bathurst Daybreak	27	1	83.00
Bathurst East	21	1	61.90
Blayney	26	0	81.40
Boorowa	16	0	84.35
Canowindra	12	0	74.37
Condobolin	14	0	85.71
Coolamon	17	0	51.00
Cootamundra	18		
Cowra	54	0	79.30
Forbes	23	-1	65.25
Forbes Ipomoea	8	1	66.67
Grenfell	30	0	62.00
Griffith	60	1	84.00
Griffith Avanti	27	-1	87.39
Griffith East	31	0	72.57
Hay	4		
Henty	18	0	89.01
June	7		
Lake Cargelligo	19	0	80.26
Leeton	42	0	80.20
Leeton Central	25	1	64.00
Lockhart	13	0	78.84
Molong	7	0	96.43
Murrumburrah-Harden	27		
Narrandera	21	0	91.65
Oberon	18	0	76.00
Orange	37	-2	83.00
Orange Calare	25	0	97.00
Orange Daybreak	41	-1	72.50
Orange North	50	0	70.50
Parkes	37	-1	80.21
South Wagga Wagga	35	-1	83.00
Temora	27	0	84.00
Wagga Wagga	49	-1	71.28
Wagga Koorringal	34	0	75.86
Wagga M'bidgee	19	0	90.27
Wagga Sunrise	40	0	57.00
West Wyalong	13	0	66.00
Wollundry-Wagga	71	-2	74.70
Yenda	28	1	79.30
Young	39	1	66.88
Total	1152	-3	76.99

Dates for your diary

15 December – Early bird Registrations World Convention, New Orleans
 6 February 2011 – Youth Exchange – rebound student debriefing – Grenfell
 18 February 2011 – Applications for GSE Team Leader to D1010 Scotland
 23 February 2011 – Rotary Birthday & Polio film night “CONVICTION”
 26-27 Feb 2011 – President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) – Young
 6 March 2011 – Selection for GSE Team Leader to D1010 Scotland
 7 March 2011 – GSE Team from D3830 Philippines arrives Wagga Wagga
 1 April 2011 – Applications for GSE Team members to D1010 Scotland
 1-3 April 2011 – District 9700 Conference – Orange
 11-16 April 2011 – RYLA – Parkes
 16-17 April 2011 – Selection for GSE Team members to D1010 Scotland
 18 April 2011 – Nominations close for District 9700 Governor 2013-14
 1 May 2011 – District Assembly – Grenfell
 21-25 May 2011 – World Rotary Convention – New Orleans
 2 July 2011 – District 9700 Changeover – Orange

Congratulations to the new Paul Harris Fellows in District 9700

Sue Kuter (sapphire pin), Dr David Howe – Orange Calare
 Lyall Amos - Cowra

It's a great pleasure to welcome New Members

Helen Berger, Bronwyn Hills – Wagga Wagga Sunrise
 Tim Barter, Ray Pankhurst – Wollundry Wagga Wagga
 Bruce Chant, Mark Zordan – South Wagga Wagga
 Leslie Weston, Paul Weston – Coolamon
 Anna Cieslak – Orange Calare

Welcome to Rotary!