



Rotary District 9700 Newsletter



JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

A good year ahead for Rotary in District 9700

Welcome to the District 9700 newsletter.

The new District Governor, Neal Fogarty, is known to many of you. He is a PP of Orange North and has been an active member of Rotary since joining at Cowra in 1984.

Neal and his wife Barbara live outside Orange and have two daughters, one living in Canberra and the other living in New York with her husband and two children.

Neal was a research scientist with NSW Department of Primary Industries, (now Industry and Investment NSW). His specialty is animal genetics and his work with sheep breeding is highly regarded.

Since semi-retirement about 2 years ago Neal has been able to devote more time to Rotary and golf. In the past 12 months he has attended the Intentional Assembly in San Diego and the World Rotary Conference in Montreal Canada.

'I am looking forward to serving all members and clubs during my 12 months as DG for District 9700.

"Our district has many challenges but in the past Rotarians have risen to meet these and our clubs have continued to gain strength serving our communities.

"We have a large and extremely diverse region and our 42 clubs serve a wide range of interests and a number of cultures.

Neal and Barbara will be traveling throughout the District in the coming 12 months and seeing the huge range of community projects in which clubs are involved in.



A Message from DG Neal Fogarty

Welcome to the new Rotary year and theme for 2010/11, "**Building Communities – Bridging Continents**". It captures the Rotary "spirit of service" as well as the organization of Rotary Clubs that share core values of service, friendship, diversity, integrity and leadership. It describes for Rotarians and non-Rotarians, the essence of what we do best.

Welcome to the new Club Presidents and their Office bearers for a great year in D9700. Build your local community and as a member of Rotary International, build communities by bridging continents. Individual Rotarians and Clubs can have a major impact on peoples' lives throughout the world, improving education and health outcomes and promoting international understanding – encompassing some of the Objects of Rotary.

As Rotarians we all need to support the Object of Rotary to encourage and foster the ideal of service. Effective Rotary

Clubs serve their local communities and attain a high profile that encourages other like-minded people to join and further strengthen our Clubs and support for Rotary programs. The Rotary Foundation (Rotary's own charity), along with Australian Rotary Health, and all the other Rotary programs that help those in need and support our youth, provide extensive opportunities for Clubs and members to serve both locally and internationally. Just one example is the 99.9% reduction in polio which is on the verge of total elimination. This was one of the most dreaded diseases in the history of the world.

In the words of Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith "With this amazing record, is there any doubt this is a wonderful time to be a Rotarian? In fact, can you think of any other organization in which you could make better use of your time and talents to make the world a truly better place?"

Rotary International President – Ray Klinginsmith

District 9700 Board Members:

District Governor – Neal Fogarty
Governor Elect – Ian Simpson
Governor Nominee – Greg Brown

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

RI President Ray Klingensmith's Vision to make Rotary Bigger, Better, Bolder

As the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, drew to a close on 23 June, RI President-elect Ray Klingensmith outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Participants also got a preview of next year's big event in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, where the Host Organization Committee has planned fun for the whole family.

Klingensmith will ask Rotarians to apply "cowboy logic" and make Rotary clubs **"bigger, better, and bolder."**

The fundamental principles of cowboy logic are taking pride in your work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and remembering that some things just aren't for sale, he explained during the closing plenary session.

"I believe the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our clubs to be bigger, better, and bolder," Klingensmith said. "The clubs are the life and breath of Rotary. Therefore, it is clear to me that my job is to help



DG Neal and Barbara Fogarty met the new IG Ray Klingensmith at the Rotary International conference held in Quebec Canada.

the district governors to help the clubs.

We can do it, and we will do it, if all of us follow the simple solution of cowboy logic."

Klingensmith also listed improvements that he and the RI Board have already authorized, including revisions to the

RI Strategic Plan to make it easier to implement and evaluate, a realignment of RI committees to fit the revised plan, the recruitment of 41 Rotary coordinators, and a commitment to finding new ways to attract younger members and enable them to serve.

On the Wallaby

News from around the Clubs and District 9700

Off to the flicks at West Wyalong

A few weeks ago, the Rotary Club of Hall handed over an innovative gift to the Rotary Club of West Wyalong.

Elis Hartwig, President of the Rotary Club of Temora and his wife Roslyn along with Stephen and Marie Cooke travelled to West Wyalong to watch a movie on the occasion of the Rotary Club of Hall handing over the Rotary Movie Trailer to the West Wyalong Club.

Some time ago, members of the Temora Club met with the members of the Hall Club to discuss the need for a Movie Trailer. The co-operative effort resulted in West Wyalong taking ownership of the program. The trailer will be useful in smaller communities that "are doing it tough" by encouraging social interaction without the need to travel long distances. The value of the equipment is around \$20,000 so it is a very generous gift from the Rotary Club of Hall.

"We will have access to this trailer if we want to host functions in our Shire, such as at Arianah Park, Springdale, Narraburra, Trundle Hall etc," Elis said.

Community contributions at Yenda

Awards for this Rotary year were made recently to five people who have made contributions to the community as part of their employment or from an altruistic viewpoint.

Father Neru, Rotarian Allan Gyles and Super Mum and tireless community worker Cathy Murphy, were honoured with Community Service Awards from The Rotary Club of Yenda.

Nikki Hardie, a teacher at Griffith High School, was awarded a Pride of Workmanship Award as was Darren Grant, Post Master at Yenda. Both award recipients are people who go beyond the level of service expected of them in their chosen fields of employment.

News from RAWCS

For the past few years, John Roberson has very professionally directed the Rotary Aust. World Community Service (RAWCS) as Project Coordination for Eastern Region.

Now John has accepted the position of National Project Coordinator.

PDG Bill Little was elected as Eastern Region Coordinator and so all queries relating to projects should be directed to him. Ted Lewis remains Secretary,

Successful District Simplified Grants

Congratulations to the following Clubs that were successful in their applications for Funds through the Rotary Foundation for a District Simplified Grant: The funds available depend on the District contributions to the Annual Programs of the Foundation and it was pleasing that we had 5 Clubs applying this year, and the successful projects are:

- * Cowra – US\$3,605 for a new shelter shed at Europa Park
- * Lake Cargelligo - US\$1,790 Data projector for their Youth Centre
- * Parkes - US\$3,605 for plants for their Arboretum project

If your club has news or information on projects, let us know so we can tell the world!
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Experience of a lifetime .. Go with GSE

Lead a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to Oklahoma USA or The Philippines. GSE is a cultural and vocational exchange with a District in another country, funded by The Rotary Foundation. We send teams of four young non-Rotarian business and professional people, with a Rotarian Team Leader, to a District in another country for four weeks and host an exchange team in return.

Applications are called for 2 Team Leaders and Team Members (applicants can nominate for either or both teams):

Team to The Philippines D3830
(approx. 26 Feb to 25 March 2011)

Team to Oklahoma D5770 (approx. 21 March to 19 April 2011)

We will be hosting the GSE Teams from The Philippines D3830 from 7 March to 4 April 2011. The GSE Team from Oklahoma will be hosted from 4 March to 11 April 2012.

GSE team member applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 40, not be a Rotarian or directly related to a Rotarian and be fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field

Applications for Team Leaders and Team Members close Friday 6th August 2010.

Further information and application forms from GSE Chairman Dennis Bishop 69263022 ; 0404834884 email dennismbishop@bigpond.com

A date to remember... Australian Rotary Conference - Canberra 21-22 August 2010

All Rotarians are invited to attend. The Conference will focus on ways to achieve a stronger Australian Rotary, with speakers and discussion groups.

R.I. President Ray Klingensmith and R.I. Director Stuart Heal, supported by Zone 8 Rotary Coordinators Rob Wylie and Rob Crabtree, and Public Image Resource Group Coordinator Richard Garner will lead discussion by Rotarians from all levels of our organisation within Australia.

This is an opportunity to share ideas and best practices on how we can make Rotary better.

On line registration is available at <http://rotarydownunder.com.au/australianrotaryconference>.

9700 Donating to RFFA



Several of the Rotarians For Fighting Aids (RFFA) Committee members at launch of the Orphan Rescue Distribution pictured here with beneficiaries in Mathare slums in Nairobi, displaying their school fees cheques and uniforms



D9700 was the largest donor for RFFA's Orphan Rescue Kir (ORK) in the Rotary World in 2009/2010.

The monies raised gave 1,200 orphaned and vulnerable children from the slums a chance to get back to school. In addition to this donation, 450 children in Cote d'Ivoire received a sizable donation in early 2009.

John Glassford, Aust representative on RFFA from the Coolamon club, said that great credit should go to PDG Fred Loneragan and Rae who carted the ORK box around D9700.

"In addition to these donations, we still have the monies from the Kilimanjaro Climb 28/8 plus DDFs to send to RFFA.

"My sincere thanks to all the members in the clubs around D9700 who contributed to the ORK project. I would love to be able to thank each and every one of them in person one day," John said.

Photo: RFFA – RFFA Chairman PDG Mark Doyle (D9250 South Africa), RFFA CEO Marion Bunch, RFFA Board member John Glassford – at the RFFA stand at the World Conference Montreal 2010

District 9700 Changeover

A great night with over 170 attending from across the District for the combined District 9700 and 40th anniversary and Changeover of the Rotary Club of Orange North.

Some of the achievements of the District in 2009/10 highlighted by DG Irene included:

- Royce Abbey Scholars Delphin and Kiteni
- Participation of over 3,000 students in RYDA
- Hosting the GSE Team from South Korea
- The quality of the speakers at the District Conference
- Total contributions from the District to the Polio Challenge of \$US145,000

District Awards presented at the Changeover were:

- John Clough Membership Growth Award - Yenda
- District Australian Rotary Health Award - Parkes
- Bruce Gruber Outstanding Rotarian of the Year Award for Contribution to Rotary International - PP Tony Thurling
- The District Governor's Award to the Rotarian of the Year PDG Peter Chivers
- International Service Award - PDG Bruce Barber

Other District awards that were announced at the District Conference were:

- Nevin Hughes Outstanding New Project - Forbes
- Alf Gillespie Community Service Award - West Wyalong
- Graham Barber Vocational Service Award - Blayney
- Allan Josey Youth Service Award - Lake Cargelligo
- District Conference Attendance Award - Henty
- Best Club Bulletin - Orange Daybreak



1. PDG Bruce Barber & PDG Irene

2. DGE Ian & Jean Simpson, PDG Irene Jones and DGN Greg & Lyn Brown

3. DG Neil Fogarty and the 9700 Assistant Governors (absent Con Bunnik)

4. DG Neil Fogarty and 2010/2011 9700 Board.

RI World Convention Montreal



The crew from District 9700 enjoyed a fantastic time at the IR Convention held in June in Montreal, Canada.

Back: Lesley Scott (WW Sunrise), John Glassford (Coolamon), Nan Stevenson (Orange Daybreak); Front: Colin & Alison Wiese (Lockhart), Denise Flockton (WW Sunrise), Neal & Barbara Fogarty (Orange North)

The Rotary World Convention had some inspirational speakers, great workshop sessions and many opportunities for fellowship and learning about projects around the world from the more than 20,000 delegates.

One of the highlights for one of our D9700 members, PP Nan Stevenson (Orange Daybreak), was meeting HM Queen Noor of Jordan following the Queen's presentation at the convention.

Nan has had a long term connection to Jordan, and the Royal family. She nursed King Hussein on two occasions whilst he was receiving medical care in London and in 1969 Nan accepted the position as nanny/nurse to his two sons, Prince Abdullah, (now King Abdullah), and Prince Feisal.

Nan remained in Amman for another 3 years, resuming her nursing career as a commissioned officer in the Royal Jordanian Army Nursing Corps. Since her return to Australia in 1974, Nan maintained contact during the ensuing years with His Majesty King Hussein up until 1999 and also with HRH Princess Muna Al Hussein which continues today.

"Those four years in Jordan made such an amazing difference to my life and whilst those years are now long past, the memories of such a special and genuine friendship are always much treasured".



Nannette (Nan) Stevenson, PP RC Orange Daybreak, with HM Queen Noor of Jordan at the RI Convention in Montreal.

Congratulations to New Paul Harris Fellows

This is recognition of a contribution of \$US1000 by a Club or individual to The Rotary Foundation:

Don McGregor, Brian Munro – Leeton, Stuart McKinnon – Orange, Gaye McClure, Gary Taunton – Bathurst Daybreak, John Schache, Debbie Schache (sapphire pin) – D9700, Kevin Roben, Graeme Finney - Wollundry Wagga Wagga, Jim Barber (sapphire pin), Neville Lane, Greg Brand – West Wyalong, Michael Tindale – Orange North, Sr Margaret Gandy, Jock Donaldson (sapphire pin) – Griffith

Welcome Our New Members

Gill Williams – Forbes Ipomoea, Graham Denney – Orange Daybreak, Max Kershaw – Murrumburrah-Harden, Darren Wallace – Wollundry Wagga Wagga, Suzanne Glennon-Martyn – Oberon

Important Diary Dates

If Clubs have Diary Dates, please notify Newsletter Editor - Ian Davison - email caa@cirruscomms.com.au

30 July 2010	Leeton Rotary Debutante Ball	28-29 Aug	GSE Team Member selections – Young
6 Aug	GSE Team Leader and Team Member applications close	11-12 Sept	Youth Exchange – outbound student briefing – Bathurst
14 Aug	Leo Callinan Memorial Musica Internationale – Young	14 Nov	PRESIDENT's FORUM & District AGM – Grenfell
15 Aug	GSE Team Leader selections – Young	1-3 April 2011	District 9700 Conference – Orange
21-22 Aug	Australian Rotary Conference – Canberra		