



The Governors Newsletter



RI President : Frank J. Devlyn

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District Governor: Ray King



Message from DG Ray

Half of the Rotary year 2000-2001 has already passed and the time has come to assess our progress against the five goals and three projects that I set as targets in July. It seems so long ago and I think that we have done so much. In the January Newsletter I will present a report card on our achievements.

You will remember that in my November newsletter I had a photo of the low cost shelters that many clubs have sponsored as part of the Orissa Matching Grants Project. I am very pleased to report that the grants for 10 shelters have been approved and these will be built in Banakrishnapur, Hooghly District, West Bengal. The District Governors of D9910, and D3290 are collaborating with us in this wonderful opportunity to change the futures of people deprived of their homes in a devastated area in the world.

I would like to thank those clubs who have already contributed to this deserving project and to ask that those who are planning to do so, send their donations as soon as possible to PDG Maurice Hill (198 Parker St Devonport, Tasmania 7310).

What a privilege it is for Rotary in Australia to be able to improve the life chances of deserving people in another country. This is truly a Christmas message and one that illustrates the joy of fellowship in Rotary. May I wish you all a happy Christmas and a *CREATIVE, ACTIVE*, New Year.

Ray and Clare.

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DON'T FORGET THE CHILD PROTECTION ACTS AND ROTARIANS' COMPLI- ANCE

The due date for signatures to the declaration is January 3rd but since one can take four weeks after receiving the document to sign it, it seems that 3rd February would be the last day for handing in the signed form.

Would Club Presidents please ensure that the forms are given out and make arrangements for them to be collected. Please make a list of any members who have decided not to sign the form and send this to me. The legislation says that these members should not be approved to work unsupervised with chil-

Interact Clubs

**October 30 to
November 5th
was the second
annual World
Interact week.**

Interact is Rotary's oldest youth program. It takes its name from the words *International* and *action*. It has 161,000 members in 6992 clubs in 105 countries. Seventeen of the twenty-three Rotary Districts in Australia have Interact clubs.

College of Governors Meeting



Rotarians attending the College of Governors meeting in Young were PDG Wal Bruest, DG Ray King, PDG Eric Copeland, PDG Jack Aubin, PDG Peter Walsh and PDG Henry Gardiner.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

RFE District Chairman Ken Stone, advises that a number of Rotary Friendship Exchanges are currently in the planning process and the assistance of clubs is urgently needed to host incoming teams.

Rotary Friendship Exchanges involve Rotarians in international visits which are reciprocal, District-to-District or Club-to-Club. This is one of the few Rotary programs where Rotarians and their partners get to meet one another, one-on-one, to further international friendship, understanding and goodwill.

The first RFE is expected to be with District 1070, (UK) Leistershire and Northamptonshire) with an inbound group from D1070 visiting us in April 2001.

A club-to-club exchange between our Temora club and Lake Taupo, NZ (D9930) is being organised directly by these two clubs. RFE committee representative Geoff Cowan also advises that a club-to-club will possibly be arranged with a club in Turkey.

Arrangements are presently being negotiated for an RFE between D9700 and D7710 in North Carolina USA for incoming and outgoing visits in Spring/Fall of 2001.

Negotiations are underway with D1020 for an RFE which would see a team from D9700 in Edinburgh, Scotland in August 2002 to attend the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, with a reciprocal visit from the Scots to follow. It is hoped to conduct a combined inwards return visit to D1070 in conjunction with the D1020 visit.

Overtures have also been made to Brazil to determine the prospects for a South American excursion. D9700 urgently requires interest from clubs ASAP to Ken Stone (Work 69381175 and Home 69262421 email marganken@bigpond.com), who want to participate in the hosting of the visiting D1070 team, arriving in April. This is a great opportunity to meet with overseas Rotarians, to show them true Australian hospitality and to welcome them to your place. Great Rotary PR opportunities also! RFE is a reciprocal program and there will be home-hosted return visits to overseas clubs in the offing.

IF YOU ARE A MUSICAL PERSON

you will know of Jane Rutter (FLUTE) AND David Helfgott ("Shine" pianist). Well on **Sunday 11th February next year, 2001**, the Rotary Clubs of Padstow and Lower Blue Mountains will be holding a concert in the Sydney Town Hall at 4pm. It will feature both these famous musicians. BUT THERE IS MORE. Also performing will be the internationally famous vocal group Pot-Pourri whose members have been great supporters of Rotary over the years. Admission is \$50 and the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is the main beneficiary. If you buy tickets from the Blue Mountains Rotary Club, your Club will be credited with your share of the proceeds as a donation to OUR HEALTH FUND. Tickets are available from the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains, P.O. Box 60, Glenbrook NSW 2773. Give a couple of dozen to your friends or family as a Christmas present, why don't you?

Membership and Development

RI is asking clubs to send in the names of the Presidents and Secretaries for the World Directory. The general membership data will accompany the January 2001 club billing statement. Clubs will receive a special form asking for the information that is required. **REMEMBER IN INDUCTING NEW MEMBERS TO PRESENT THE NOMINATING MEMBERS WITH THE RED DISK THAT IS WORN BEHIND THE LAPEL BADGE.** The disks are available from me or from Thomas Graham or Cathy Bowman (page 42 of the District Directory).

Recruitment

Ian McDonald and Joanne (Leeton Central), Garth Perkin and Margaret (Coolamon), Eleanor Lewis and John; and Bob Macphillamy (Forbes), Kerry Myers and Jenny (Orange Calare), Paul Bethune (Junee). Suzanne Cashmere (Orange Calare), Jennifer Littlewood and Denis Murphy (Orange Calare).

Our total of new members (based on the cards I have received) is now 40. New Rotarians don't forget to come to the District 9700 Jubilee Conference in Orange March 30th to 1st April, 2001.

Recognition

The President of the Rotary Club of Lockhart has received resignations from John and Dawn Smith. The Smiths are well known throughout the District (and overseas, especially since their last tour), for their contribution to Rotary. Their unbounded enthusiasm has led them to play a major role in many of the activities of their Rotary Club and in the District. Dawn's contribution to the decorations for the Peace Conference dinner will be remembered and John and Dawn worked hard on the preparation of the District Directory. John will continue to be Attendance Officer for the District. Our thanks to John and Dawn for their contribution to Rotary and our best wishes for any enterprise that they intend to undertake.

PDG Henry Gardiner has been elected to two Institute Committees: National Youth Science Forum Liaison Officer (1 year appointment) and RYPEN (3 years). Congratulations Henry.

Vale

We are saddened by the death of **Domenico Salvestro** who was a member of the Rotary Club of Griffith for 43 years. Domenico made a very substantial contribution to Rotary in Griffith and he will be remembered with fondness by those whose lives he influenced. Past President **Kevin Thomas Worsley** PHF, a member of the Rotary Club of Orange, passed away on Friday November 10th, 2000. His family and his many friends in and out of Rotary will sadly miss Kevin.

Retention

After 12 years of Rotary Service, Walter Jenkins has left the Orange Calare Rotary Club and moved house.

ROMAC - DICK KAPIKEN from VANUATU



Dick (left) and Thomas at Ed Chenerys' home.

Article by John Campbell (abridged)

Dr. Tim O'Carrigan was very happy with the healing of the scars and the infection in Dick's leg. He removed all the stitches from his leg and was happy that the hardness in the muscle area around the wound had disappeared. He will perform the operation on Dick as scheduled on the 15th December 2000, which means that Dick and Thomas have to be transported to the Sydney South West Private Hospital for Dick to be admitted at 2.00pm on Thursday 14th December 2000. Thomas is okay to stay with him

Dick should be in hospital until about the 22nd December 2000 depending on his recovery. He will wake up with the leg apparatus on him. The apparatus will have two rings around his leg towards the knee and two half rings around his leg towards his groin. This will mean he will not be encumbered with the apparatus for showering or for toiletry. Sitting will be OK except that his leg will be as straight as it is now. Dr. Tim felt that whilst his legs will eventually be the same length he would never have the same flexibility in both legs because of the effect on the muscular development of his thigh and knee. There would be no need for admission to the Bathurst Rehab until at least the 15th January 2001. Dr. Tim felt that the only rehab required after his release from hospital until perhaps the middle of January will be the requirement to remove the two pins from his leg four times a day to exercise his leg with some swinging of the leg and then the replacement of the pins. This will be demonstrated at the hospital.

From Rotary's point of view a very big thank you should be given to the Meek family. Maxine Meek feels they also are advantaged by this arrangement and all are enjoying the companionship.

RI Southwest Pacific Service Centre – Parramatta

Now that the Southeast Asia Service Centre has closed, our Service Centre has responsibility for clubs and Rotarians in the Philippines as well as Australia and New Zealand. Here is a revised list of current staff and email addresses:

Administration

Manager	Harley Tarrant	tarrant@rotaryintl.org
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Finance

Supervisor	Charles Morrison	morrisoc@rotaryintl.org
Coordinator	John Jiang	jiangx@rotaryintl.org
Coordinator	Wendy Tran	tranw@rotaryintl.org
Assistant	Carolyn Hooper	hooperc@rotaryintl.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYPEN

Once again, RYPEN has proved a wonderful success, Griffith East Rotary Club took the responsibility of hosting RYPEN and Roger McKenna has excelled himself again in his last RYPEN year. Roger will be passing over the reins to David Mills. The best recommendation for any Rotary activity is an unsolicited thank you from a participant. I am printing this to show how Rotary can change the lives of young people. Congratulations to all the RYPEN crew for 2000.

Hello

My name is Bronwyn Joyce from Orange and I just attended RYPEN at Griffith. This was the contact address for our district. I'm not sure if this is who I should be writing to, but if it isn't I would be extremely grateful if you could pass it on. I had the best time ever at RYPEN. I was a little worried about going at first as I only knew one boy going, and I didn't even know him well. When I caught the bus from Cowra I was shy and nervous, but by the time we stopped at West Wyalong for lunch we were all best buddies. I totally loved RYPEN!!!! It was awesome. I made a heap of new friends, learnt new things, had great experiences and was totally motivated to give absolutely anything a go in life, just to go out and give it your best shot. I would do it over and over again if I could, I wouldn't change a thing. I would like to thank you for running such a great program on behalf of everyone that was there. I'm sure the others feel the same way. Thanks again.

Bronwyn

Is it Matching Grants month?

I think that this month is matching Grants month. PDG Nevin Hughes' grant number 14,610 has come through for a literacy program in Thailand, PDG Peter Walsh (Centurion Club) has had his grant (no. 14,900) for impregnated (wait for it) mosquito nets in PNG approved and of course the clubs in this District have had 10 low cost shelters also approved so far. **(31 to go!). Congratulations to PDGs Nevin and Peter.**

RYLA is here again

Have you selected your 18 – 25 year old nominees? Please send the names of your nominees to Bob Pardey (63317549 or 63528300). The course starts on 16th-April, 2001 at Bathurst.



9700 District Banner

Our district banner is now available. The graphic on the left is a reasonably close representation of the actual banner. Colours are light blue, dark blue and black. It will be a collector's piece. The cost is \$7.50 a banner with a reduction for the purchase of ten or more. Get your order in while there are still numbers in stock. Call DG Ray at 6926 3432.

ROTARY CALENDAR

DECEMBER is the month all AGMs should be completed and re-registration of incorporated clubs with the Department of Fair Trading. Have a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** (three months to 9700 Jubilee conference)

JANUARY is Rotary Awareness Month. This month brings the semi-annual reports (SAR) to secretaries of Clubs, the confirmation of GSE 2001-2002 district pairings and 3-H grants preliminary proposals. (Two months to 9700 Jubilee Conference)

FEBRUARY is World Understanding Month. 5th-11th is Family Week, International Assembly held at Anaheim 18-25, World understanding and Peace Day is held on 23rd which is also Rotary's 96th Birthday.

Rotary Peace communities should hold their celebrations on this day. (One month to 9700 Jubilee Conference).

MARCH 12-18 is World Rotaract Week. This is the month of our Jubilee Conference in Orange 30th to 1st April.

APRIL is Magazine month. This is the month when Presidential Citation award applications must be sent to RI. I hope we get 41 this year.

MAY is the month for the District Assembly and President Elects' Training Seminar.

November Attendance and Membership

CLUB	July	Nov	Mtgs	Percent	Rank
Bathurst	32	29	4	89.5	8
Bathurst Daybreak	22	20	5	81.0	15
Bathurst East	30	30	4	90.0	6
Bathurst Macquarie	23	23	5	80.0	16
Blayney	25	23	4	75.0	30
Boorowa	11	10	5	77.5	23
Canowindra	13	12	5	90.0	7
Condobolin	13	11	4	72.7	35
Coolamon	25	26	4	51.0	40
Cootamundra	19	19	4	85.0	12
Cowra	60	60	5	91.8	5
Forbes	28	27	4	48.0	41
Grenfell	33	34	5	80.0	18
Griffith	53	52	4	80.0	17
Griffith Central	21	21	4	63.6	38
Griffith East	34	34	5	76.0	26
Hay	23	23	4	74.2	32
Henty	26	27	5	77.8	22
Junee	7	9	4	97.3	4
Lake Cargellico	18	20	5	76.0	27
Leeton	45	45	5	80.0	19
Leeton Central	23	23	4	85.8	9
Lockhart	8	6	4	85.4	10
Molong	8	9	4	75.3	29
Murrumburrah-Harden	25	26	4	68.3	36
Narrandera	26	25	4	79.4	21
Oberon	25	24	5	100.0	1
Orange	40	39	4	76.5	24
Orange Calare	20	21	4	97.5	3
Orange Daybreak	30	32	5	98.8	2
Orange North	48	45	5	83.7	13
Parkes	45	44	4	75.4	28
South Wagga	48	50	4	76.1	25
Temora	29	29	4	73.7	33
Wagga Koorinal	53	53	5	67.7	37
Wagga Sunrise	44	44	4	75.0	31
Wagga Wagga	54	54	5	73.6	34
West Wyalong	16	16	4	60.0	39
Wollundry Wagga	57	56	4	81.3	14
Yenda	24	24	4	85.2	11
Young	38	38	4	79.6	20
TOTALS	1222	1213		78.9	

CAP Update (Community Assistance Program)

RI has informed me that 10% of the money donated by clubs in this district to the Rotary Foundation last year amounts to US\$3,060.97 (A\$5,570.96). This money will be available for CAP grants during my Rotary year. However I am also informed that the minimum award for any one project is to be A\$1,820.00. RI advises that "Brochures and applications will be distributed to all districts in December 2000 and the Foundation will begin accepting applications on January 1, 2001. This timing is very tight since clubs are less active during December and January. A selection committee has to decide which projects will be recommended to RI.

A number of clubs submitted applications for humanitarian projects within the District. These applications were well thought out and were good proposals. Since the rules have only recently been made available, the selection committee returned the applications and asked that they be rewritten to be consistent with the new rules. I hope that these clubs do take the time to revise their applications and return them as soon as possible. Since no grant is to be less than \$US 1,000, the selection committee can award up to three grants.

Congratulations Oberon

Note: Attendance reports by every club!