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NEWSLETTER

**Newsletter of the Rotary District 9700 Peace Communities
Program November 2011**

**2012 Rotary Peace Communities
International Conference**

21-23 September 2012

***“Co-operative Community Action for Peace
and Harmony”***

Work on the conference is well under way. We have already signed up 13 speakers and two are yet to come on board.

We are very fortunate in having Rotary World Peace Fellow Joseph Hongo currently working in Kenya, as one of our speakers. He was assessing the causes of conflict in Kenya's Pokot District during a 2005 fact-finding mission and was selected for a fellowship at the University of Queensland in 2009. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mombasa, Kenya and District 9200 in East Africa. He completed the course in 2010 and returned to Kenya.



Many former Rotary Peace Fellows are at work around the world, promoting Peace in their communities through education. Some

are creating their own programs aimed at achieving far-reaching goals.

The foundation Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland where Joseph Hongo completed his studies, was Dr Kevin Clements. Professor Clements now holds the parallel position at the University of Otago, New Zealand. He is also the Secretary General of the International Peace Research Association.



Professor Clements has agreed to be a plenary speaker at our conference.

On the international scene

We are looking at Bangkok being declared a Rotary District Peace Community (RDPC) in celebration of next year's World Rotary Convention in Thailand.

We are also negotiating with Boracay in the Philippines to declare Boracay as a Rotary Peace Community. Geoffrey Little, our Ambassador at large, returned in July to follow up this proposal. The attached photo is of Geoffrey Little with the incoming President and Executive of RC Boracay examining the Program and Formation Kit. The Rotary Club of Boracay was inspired to adopt the program after members attended a Rotary District Conference in the Rotary District Peace Community of Zamboanga City, which has a magnificent black marble Peace Monument standing right beside the Zamboanga Airport Terminal.



R to L: Incoming President R C Boracay
D3850 Gen Assis. PP Jimmy Coscolluela, VP
Prime Dizon and Geoffrey Little

Quote from "OUR FOUNDATION"

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Because of your support, Rotarians at home and around the world are eradicating polio, working for peace, providing access to clean water, assisting with basic education and literacy needs, improving the health of mothers and children, and building new opportunities for economic and community development. **What a commendation for people hesitating about joining Rotary!**

Monthly Diary

November 2011

Preparations are already in train for the traditional Peace ceremony in Wagga Wagga to commemorate Peace day and the 23rd of February founding of Rotary. In 2012 the ceremony will be held at the Wagga Peace monument on Sunday 26th February. No doubt, as in previous years, Peace communities around the world will be also celebrating this very important occasion.

The District Peace Communities Committee faces similar problems to other District committees, that is, involving members from various geographical areas. Chairman Bruce is initiating a Skype connection for members to facilitate communication.

Monthly meetings of the District Peace Committee are held at 14 Rowe Street in Wagga Wagga from 12.00 to 2.00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Ring Chairman Bruce Duffy on 0412906592 or 69225835 or Secretary Reg on 69263310 (and see DoveTales Mailbox). The Peace Committee chairman and members are committed to making the International Conference another success as was the first International Conference in 2000.

"Peace is when people choose tolerance and understanding instead of violence" Rotary International Past President Charles "Chuck" Keller.

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