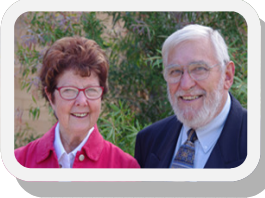




Basis for Calculation of RI and District Dues

For several years now, Rotary International has charged its dues on the number of members on record with RI as at 30th June, and 31st December in each year. We have been told that even if a Club disagrees with the number of members recorded there will be no adjustment. It is up to the Clubs to ensure that their membership number as recorded in the Rotary International data-base is accurate.



The District Treasurer has recently sent out invoices for the District Dues payable by each Club. The District Treasurer uses the number of members recorded in the RI database as the basis on which to charge Clubs for District Dues. Some Clubs have indicated that the figures in the RI database are not accurate and have asked that the amount of the District Dues be modified accordingly.

Keep your Club Up-to date

I should not have to remind Clubs that it is up to your executive to ensure that the membership number as recorded in the Rotary International data-base is accurate. While I have some sympathy with Clubs whose members resign at the end of the half-year and do not foreshadow their intended resignation beforehand, we who are managing the District's funds are trying to stick to a budget and any variation in membership numbers, particularly downwards so that the income is reduced, causes problems.



We would prefer to retain members rather than lose them. However if members decide they no longer wish to be associated with Rotary, we really ask that they foreshadow their resignation to the Club Executive at least a month before the end of each half year so that the club's membership as recorded in the RI database can be adjusted in time and the club does not have to pay either Rotary International dues or District Dues for former members.

Memo to Club Secretaries

For at least a year now, the District Secretary has been sending out a Friday District Notice advising of various things that have occurred and things that are coming up. These notices go to a number of people, including Club Secretaries. However what is in the notices will probably be of interest to many members of Clubs, not just the Executive.



The Secretary maintains a distribution list with the email addresses of members of the Club included in it. There is no reason why, when the District Notices are received, the Secretary should not just forward the whole document (or if there are a couple of parts, each part) to the Club members. There is no need for the Secretary to do anything other than that. The members can decide what they are interested in and read those parts. No doubt there will be other parts which some members will ignore, but they can choose what they want to read.

Remember, not all members have email, the information could be published in the Club Bulletin.

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DISTRICT DIARY

August - 2016

- 08 - DG visit - Cessnock Wine Country
- 10 - DG visit - Kurri Kurri Sunrise
- 10 - DG visit - Paterson
- 11 - DG visit - Cessnock
- 12 - Presidents, AGs and District Chairs Meeting - East
- 13 - Presidents, AGs and District Chairs Meeting - West
- 15 - DG visit - Bourke
- 16 - DG visit - Narromine
- 17 - DG visit - Dubbo West
- 18 - DG visit - Muswellbrook
- 19 - National MUNA Canberra
- 20 - Lake St Claire Charity Bike Ride
- 22 - DG visit - Raymond Terrace
- 23 - DG visit - Salamander Bay
- 24 - DG visit - Williamtown
- 24 - Foundation Fundraiser "Wicked" (Musical)
- 24 - One week for Nominations for District Governor Nomination committee to close.
- 24/25 - YEP briefing
- 25 - DG visit - Greenhills Maitland
- 25 - DG visit - Nelson Bay
- 26-29 - Inbound Student Orientation Seminar.
- 29 - Governors' Elect Training
- 30 - Science and Engineering Super Challenge
- 31 - Nominations for District Governor Nomination committee close.

September - 2016

- 01 - Zone Institute - Penrith
- 05 - DG visit - Toronto
- 06 - DG visit - Toronto Sunrise
- 06 - DG visit - East Maitland
- 07 - DG visit - Newcastle Harbour
- 07 - DG visit - Morisset
- 09 - One week to Applications Close for RYPEN
- 10/11 - RLI West - Two Day Course
- 12 - DG visit - Dubbo
- 13 - DG visit - Dubbo Macquarie
- 13 - DG visit - Mudgee
- 14 - DG visit - Dubbo City Rotaract
- 15 - DG visit - Cobar
- 16 - Applications Close for RYPEN
- 17 - TRF South American Fiesta, Rutherford
- 19 - DG visit - Cardiff
- 20 - DG visit - Wallsend-Maryland
- 21 - DG visit - Newcastle Sunrise
- 22 - DG visit - Lake Macquarie
- 23-25 - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) Weekend
- 24 - YEP Briefing weekend 2017 Outbound
- 26 - DG visit - Rutherford-Telarah
- 27 - DG visit - Maitland-Sunrise
- 27 - DG visit - Merriwa
- 28 - DG visit - Denman

October - 2016

- 04 - DG visit - Dubbo South
- 05 - DG visit - Murrurundi
- 06 - DG visit - Hunter Rotaract
- 07 - Aust Rotary Health Hat Day

Payment of District Dues

Thank you to those Clubs which have already paid their District Dues – Treasurer Bob informs me that quite a few have paid. That is excellent as we have recently received the renewal notices for the premiums on our Insurance Policies. In the Budget we estimated an amount of \$28,000 for Insurance. The total amount required is \$28,155.16, so the difference can be met from the contingency amount also included in the budget. But I do request that those Clubs which have not yet paid, please attend to this issue promptly!

Forward Planning

There seems to be an idea in some Clubs that absolutely nothing can happen in a Club until the new Rotary Year. Nothing could be further from the truth! There is no reason why the Board for a new Rotary Year cannot start planning for its year as soon as it is elected! Planning in advance gives everyone a chance to do their 'homework' to prepare for the start of the Rotary Year - this way each project can 'hit the ground running.'

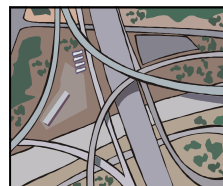


The ideas and activities of a new Board should not detract from ideas and activities of the current Board, in some cases they will be continued.

I sincerely hope the Budget and Projects have been set in place by now.

Planning ahead is critical

Those elected as District Governor also have to plan ahead. I did a rough plan for my Official Visits to Clubs in July last year, just as then DG Adrian was starting his visits. However it is likely there will be changes to any forward plans – last year we lost Nyngan as a Club, and right at the end of the year Adamstown-New Lambton surrendered its charter. But we have gained Singleton Sunrise. Those changes had to be written into (or out of) the calendar. Three Clubs sought and were able to obtain a change in the date of the official visit – one because of long-standing prior arrangements of the President, one because of a health issue within the President's family, and the other because of conflicting local events on the nominated date.



In my original plan for visits, I had decided not to commence them until late in July, to give Clubs a bit of time to get used (in most cases) to a new regime with a new President and Board. As it happens, it was fortunate that I had planned on a later start, as it meant that PDG Janette and I were able to accept an invitation to attend the wedding in Hungary early in July of one of our previous exchange students. We were then able to spend a few extra days in Austria and made arrangements to meet in Vienna with another 3 of our previous exchange students from Europe! Nine-day trips such as that are not really the way I like to take overseas breaks, but it was worth it to be at the wedding, to see the other "family" members, and to come back for a few days recovering from jet-lag before commencing the Official Visits.

Official Visits

Thus far I have visited 11 of the District Clubs. They have all been pleasant times, with a frank interchange of ideas. The one thing that concerns me though, is the average age of the members. With the exception of one club, the average age is in the high 60's or low 70's. How many of the current members will still be in Rotary in 5 or 10 years' time? World Presidents and District Governors for the last five years at least have been



- 10 - DG visit - Singleton on Hunter
- 11 - DG visit - Singleton Sunrise
- 11 - DG visit - Rylstone-Kandos
- 12 - DG visit - Scone
- 14 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs Meeting - East
- 15 - Australian ROTARACT Conference
- 15 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs Meeting - West
- 17 - DG visit - Waratah
- 18 - DG visit - Wellington
- 23 - RLI East Day 1 / two day course
- 24 - DG visit - Myall Coast
- 25 - DG visit - Newcastle Enterprise
- 30 - RLI East - Day 2 / two day course
- 30 - Rotary Down Under (RDU) Graffiti Removal Day
- 31 - DG visit - Belmont
- November - 2016**
- 08 - DG visit - Kurri Kurri
- 13 - RLI East- Day1 / two day course
- 14 - DG visit - Warners Bay
- 20 - RLI East- Day 2 / two day course
- 26 - YEP Final briefing Outbound
- February - 2017**
- 10 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs Meeting - East
- 11 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs - West
- 23 - Rotary's 112th Birthday
- 24 - AGs training
- 25 - AGs and Chairs Training
- March - 2017**
- 05 - Clean Up Oz Day
- 12 - Loop the Lake
- 17 - District Conference
- April - 2017**
- 01 - PETS West
- 02 - District Assembly West
- 29 - PETS East
- 30 - District Assembly East
- May - 2017**
- 12 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs
- 13 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs meeting West
- 26 - MUNA, Muswellbrook
- July - 2017**
- 01 - District Changeover Nelson Bay - tbc

Correct at time of publishing.

THINGS TO DO

8th of each month - Attendance Figurers for the month just finished are sent to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com.

The DG would like this Newsletter out by the 14th of the month.



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AROUND THE CLUBS

This section is for all Clubs in the District 9670 to publish any Club event you would like known through-out the District.

Only for events that will attract visitors from the District.

It is not for your 'local' BBQ.

AUGUST

- 7 - Sunday - Winterfest, a paddle event on Lake Macquarie. The Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise
- 20 - Saturday - Lake St Claire Charity Bike Ride organised by the Rotary Club of Singleton
- 24 - Wednesday - Metropolitan Players stage musical "Wicked." Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise Rotary Foundation fundraiser
- 29 - Sunday - Build For a Cure. The Kurri Kurri Rotary Club

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - Saturday - Aberdeen Big Boys Toys. Rotary Club of Scone
- 10 - Saturday - Dubbo Rotary's 80th Birthday Celebration

OCTOBER

- 7 - Friday - Nelson Bay Charity Golf Day
- 22 - Saturday - "Newcastle to Dungog Charity Bikeride." Rotary Club of Newcastle
- 22-23 - Sat-Sun - Murrurundi Train Festival

HUMOR

A blonde was sitting on her porch, when a man approached her with a pad and pencil in his hand.

"Can I help you?" asked the blonde.

"I'm the Census Taker."

"You're the what?" the puzzled blonde asked.

"The Census Taker. We're trying to find out how many people are living in Australia," explained the man.

"Well, you're wasting your time here," the blonde replied. "I have no idea!"

The census taker rang the doorbell and was greeted by an attractive blonde woman. He explained he was from the Census Bureau and wanted to know how many were in the family.

"Let's see now," she said, twirling a strand of her hair, "there's me, my husband, and our children Beth, Steven, Aaron, Janice, Caroline, Will..."

"I'm not interested in names," the census taker interrupted, "numbers will be sufficient."

"Oh, we don't use numbers," she replied. "We haven't run out of names yet!"

pushing the need to increase and retain members, and this year will be no exception. Those clubs I have visited have heard me say, and those I have not yet visited can expect me to say, that we need to be looking for younger members to fill the places of those who for one reason or another cease to be involved. The recently retired, the empty nesters, those new to a Community, people looking for a new challenge, are all people we can approach in an effort to bolster our numbers, and to ensure that Rotary continues into the future. The changes to the way in which Clubs meet and the membership requirements which came about following the last Council on Legislation are things that can help Clubs to prosper while having an enjoyable experience in assisting their whole Community to grow.

The Lucky Country - Science and Engineering in the Future!

The first week in August has seen the Science and Engineering Challenge take place at Newcastle University. The program is run by members of that University but with a lot of assistance in the day-to-day operations from Rotarians in many Clubs in the Hunter Valley. It is an exciting program which aims to expose High School students to Science and Engineering in the hope that the experience will foster an interest in various branches of both fields.



Education in these disciplines is essential if Australia is going to remain in the forefront of scientific innovation and development. During the week 42 schools were represented and more than 1,300 students took part in the Challenge.

Rotarian Paul Griffiths from Williamstown and his team are to be congratulated on having given these students the opportunity of learning about various aspects of these disciplines.

Science and Engineering Discovery Days

Later in the year the Science and Engineering Discovery Days for Primary School students are to take place. These are days where these young people are shown various things which might generate an interest in Science and Engineering. Rotarian Earl Heckman of Maitland Club is the Co-Ordinator for these programs, and would appreciate assistance from any Rotarians who might be able to help.

National Youth Science Forum

Interviews of the 25 students who applied for the National Youth Science Forum have been held in Newcastle and Mudgee recently. The District has been allocated 16 places for the two-week school to be held in Canberra during the Christmas school holidays. A number of applicants will not have been successful. However it is great to see the level of interest in these scientific studies.

ConocoPhillips Science Experience

In addition to the NYSF program there is another science program - the ConocoPhillips Science Experience. It is a 3 or 4 day program, and is a lot cheaper than the NYSF program. It is not reasonable to compare the two programs because they are so different, but what each does is to introduce young people who have an interest in science subjects to a new scientific world.

As with NYSF, all secondary schools have been sent information about ConocoPhillips. The program is available to students who are in Years 9 and 10 in secondary school.

It is suggested that Club Youth Directors contact the Science Head Teacher at their local secondary schools to confirm that information about CPSE has been received and to see whether any students are interested in participating in the program.

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"The program for the ConocoPhillips Science Experience later this year is:

1-3 November, 2016 - University of Technology Sydney,
5-7 November, 2016 - University of NSW Kensington,
11-13 January, 2017 - Macquarie University Sydney,
11-13 January, 2017 - Sydney University,
17-19 January, 2017 - University of New England, Armidale,

Interestingly it has recently been reported that the Federal Government is making additional funds available to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) so that it can employ more scientists to carry out research into climate change. This may be an area in which budding scientists have an interest - after all, it will be their world to protect in the future!

Till next month,
DG Stephen

DG's PARTNER'S PROJECT



DG's Partner, PDG Janette Jackson, launched her project for the current Rotary year.

The project is centred on raising funds for the Rotary International effort to rid the world of the dreadful disease of poliomyelitis.

This disease has been around for centuries, but with continued involvement of Rotary and other agencies, this century could see THE END!

Rotary Partners are asked to make a very big effort to boost the 'End Polio Now' Fund, with contributions.

Contributions can be small (every cent helps), or partners may organise events (the more fun the better!), and send the proceeds in to the District Treasurer, Bob Wood.

I look forward to hearing from our hard working Rotary partners over the next several months.

Janette Jackson
2011-12 DG, District 9670
Phone – 0419 42 11 54.



REMEMBER

All new Club Presidents and Secretaries should visit the District Web Site (www.rotary9670.org.au) and keep your Club's information up-to-date.



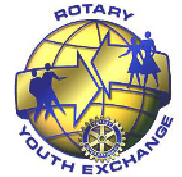
PUBLICATION INFORMATION

DG'S Newsletter will be published by the 14th of each month.
Only information relevant to the entire district will be published.
Share your 'big' event.

INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION SEMINAR

The District 9670 Rotary Youth Exchange Program Committee will be holding the annual Inbound Student Orientation Seminar from **Friday 26th to Sunday 28th August 2016**.

We consider that the inclusion of this seminar in our program an essential component of our 'Duty of Care' responsibilities to the recently arrived Inbound exchange students.



Rotary International has made training for Club Counsellors, Club Youth Directors, Child Protection Officers and Host Families an essential requirement.

The session for Club Counsellors, Youth Directors, Child Protection Officers and host families will be held on Sunday 28th August at Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton starting at 9:15am and concluding at 3:00pm.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the YEP Committee at no cost to the participants. It would be appropriate that all those involved in the youth exchange program in your Club attend this valuable training session.

Could you please ensure you provide **ALL** your host families with this information. The program for host families has always been of great value to them, particularly if they are non-Rotarian families. There will be ample opportunities for general discussion during the day.

The program for **Inbound Students** will begin from **Friday 26th August until Sunday 28th August**. Arrangements will need to be made by your Club (or first host family) for your Inbound student to be taken to Glenrock Scout Centre, Off Burwood Road, Kahibah on Friday 26th August at 6:00pm, and for the student to be collected from Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton on Sunday 28th August at 3:00pm.

It is compulsory that your Inbound student attend this weekend seminar. The Host Families, Club Counsellors and Child Protection Officers are strongly encouraged to attend on Sunday 28th August and will be most welcome.

Please advise The Chairman, Denise Parkes at deniseparkes39@gmail.com of your Club Officers' and Host Families' attendance before 20th August 2016 to indicate the numbers attending for catering purposes. Phone contact: **0417 263 303**.

We look forward to your attendance.

Yours in Rotary
Denise Parkes
Chairman
D9670 Youth Exchange Program Committee

HUMOR

A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the school toilets. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done.

She called all the girls to the toilets and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the maintenance man who had to clean the mirrors every night.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers....and then there are educators!!!!!!!!!!!!!!