THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FOCUS



ROTARY DISTRICT 9520

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Have you noticed any changes in the Centurion program lately?

Have you renewed your Centurion membership lately?



December saw a change in the administration and coordination of the Centurion program. After several years of valued support, Margaret Northcote

handed over the function to Sue Piggott of the Tailem Bend club.

Sue has excellent credentials and experience being a past Assistant Governor and is excited about coordinating the D9520 Centurion program.

Expect new innovations and also contact from Sue if you are an existing Centurion member. Sue has some exciting ideas for encouraging new Centurions members and increasing our personal giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Sue's contact details are-

D9520CenturionProgramCoordinatorPP Sue Piggott PO Box 234 Tailem Bend, SA 5260Emailcenturion.rotary9520@gmail.comPh: 0439723998(preferably outside businesshours)

The Centurion program is available for those Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary who contribute AUS\$100 to the Rotary Foundation each year. For just \$2 per week, you can become a Centurion and support the Foundation.

These contributions are personal contributions and provide **additional** funding to that raised by Rotary Clubs in our District. Please note all personal contributions are tax deductable.

For further information down load the forms from the District website at

www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/ Documents/Foundation/2014/Centurion Single donor D9520.doc

"Doing Good in the World"

District Grants

We have now distributed all funds to clubs that sought approval for project funding from the Foundation. Information regarding the next round of grants will be made available at PETS and District Assembly in a few months time.

Our Rotary Legacy Project

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our District along with District 9500 has commenced a joint project to raise One Million Dollars for the Foundation through the Major Donor program and the Bequest Society.

There will be a Million Dollar Dinner held on Saturday, 14th May 2016 at which time contributions to the Foundation will be recognized. We will also have excellent speakers attending from overseas and interstate but more details about those speakers will be made available later.

The Sub committee formed to achieve our District goals in this project is eager to receive names of potential Rotarians or members of the community who would consider setting up a legacy to the Rotary Foundation.

As chair of the organizing committee I would appreciate each President reviewing your membership list as well as your volunteer lists to see if you have any members who may be approached by a member of our committee to discuss a bequest or major donation.

Please note we are not asking you to approach any member but rather give us details for our committee member to make an approach.

Further details of the dinner including booking details and location will be released shortly.

Annual Program Fund / Polio Targets

Each year the Rotary Foundation seeks targets from clubs to determine a project source of funds for future projects.

During the past few years when information has been sought on rotary.org (My Rotary) the level of support from clubs to estimate their planned giving to the Foundation has dropped off dramatically and information needed to record these programs whilst provided to DG Dick Wilson is still not being entered on rotary.org.

Last year our District chose to enter the figures provided to the DG at his official visit, into rotary.org. Several clubs were concerned that method has occurred.

This year 8 clubs out of 50 clubs have entered information into My Rotary in February. The District will again enter the targets for the planned giving to the TRF into rotary.org for each club. You can avoid the targets from being entered by the District by updating your own targets through rotary.org

End Polio program

Tristate Rotary Polio Ute Relay



The Rotary Clubs of District 9520 actively participated in the Tristate Rotary Polio Ute Relay.

The event was the brainchild of Past Assistant Governor Sarah Walsh, and was supported by DGN Bob Cooper, the Assistant Governors plus PDG Wendy Gaborit. The aim was to promote the END POLIO campaign and raise funds by holding a relay across district 9520 and sell raffle tickets. Thank you to Mazda Dealers SA for generously donating the use of the Mazda BT50 Ute.

The relay commenced in Broken Hill on September 26, 2015. It passed through three States, the Sunraysia, the Riverland, Adelaide Hills and the Fleurieu Peninsula then on to the Adelaide Metro area and ended in Kensington Park on October 25, World Polio day.

The Polio Ute Relay achieved its purpose and

more, it raised awareness of Rotary's effort to eradicate Polio worldwide and gave exposure to Rotary.



Along the way, many people shared their own

stories and experiences with polio. The added benefit, was some clubs reported receiving membership enquiries as a result of having a display in their local community.

The raffle raised \$12,000 and participating clubs will receive credits towards their Rotary Foundation Polio contributions.

Current Position with Polio

The latest information as at January 20th, on reported cases indicates 100 cases in 2015. In the year 2014 there were 414 cases.

With the majority of cases located in

- Pakistan 55,
- Nigeria 1,
- Afghanistan 19,
- and other countries 25.

Paul Harris Society



Are you in the position to be able to donate US\$1000 a year (tax deductible) to promote the programs of The Rotary Foundation? 35% of all donations are received from members of the Paul Harris Society.

Currently we have 18 members of the Paul Harris Society in our District.

For further information contact PDG Euan Miller our PHS coordinator.

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Please pass this newsletter to your Bulletin Editor, Club Service Director and Club Foundation Chair to use these messages to help promote the Foundation.

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