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DG Bernie's Message - **MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH**



We have ambled through some of the programs for youth, mainly while they are at school. In this message, we talk about other projects that are provided to give our youth every opportunity for their development so they can proudly take their place in the community.

These are two worthwhile areas for youth to expand their capabilities once they have left high school are these are summarised as follows.

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a means of fostering community leadership ability and is a leadership training seminar for young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 years. It is an annual District program with no cost for participants where the attendees are sponsored by Rotary Clubs. This residential program is aimed at encouraging and developing leadership and social skills so that awardees can, more effectively, contribute to their communities in a practical manner.

Each Rotary Club is invited to sponsor potential leaders by providing financial support for a seminar of one week's duration and by transporting them to and from the venue. Where possible, awardees should be invited to meet their sponsoring club members prior to the seminar and report back to them afterwards. It is also desirable to maintain contact with the Awardee as they can be a valuable resource for the development of ongoing youth programs.

In our District, a dinner is organised during the week where Rotarians are invited as visitors and the meal is catered by the Awardees who also make presentations that display parts of their week's program. The seminar offers the opportunity of disseminating the Rotary ideal of service to the community as well as creating an awareness of the range of programs available through Rotary sponsorship. Supervision of the week long seminar, held in December each year, is the responsibility of the District RYLA committee.

Rotaract – is a strong international service club for young adults from ages 18 to 30 who have undertaken a commitment to serve their communities, be it at a local or international level. The Club is sponsored and supported by their local Rotary Club and the members of Rotaract seek to develop friendships and professional contacts that will enable them to address the physical and social needs of their communities. At the same time, members develop their own personal skills and knowledge.

It is the responsibility of District to appoint the Chair and committee that will organise new Rotaract Clubs, sustain the flow of communication between Rotary and Rotaract and to support annual training for the District Rotaract Representative who will lead the members in the ensuing year. Meetings are held bi-monthly and a Rotary presence is strongly recommended at each meeting to provide encouragement to the Rotaractors. I also look forward to consideration of joint projects between Rotary and Rotaract. Remember, Rotaractors would be great Rotarians of the future.

While the RYLA participation is very strong, I am promoting the establishment of new Rotaract Clubs in our District and we encourage Clubs to take up the challenge and address this proposal by inviting key persons to your Club to speak at one of your meetings.

Although details are in the District Directory, contact can be made with the following personnel regarding this program.

Rotaract Chair: John Lord (RC Caulfield) 0409 418 744

District Rotaract Rep: Pauline Wong 0402 209 788

Lead the Way for our young adults.

Bernie Walshe
District Governor

SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

RI President Nominee for 2008-09

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee, a Rotary Foundation trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2008-09. He will become the president-nominee on 1 December if there are no challenging candidates.

Lee is chair of the Bubang Co. Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co. Ltd. manufacturing companies in Seoul and formerly served as a trustee of the Bank of Seoul. In 2005, he was appointed an international goodwill ambassador by the president of Korea.

Lee has also served as honorary consul to the Italian consulate in Korea since 1994 and was awarded the Order of Industrial Merit by the Korean government. He and his wife, Young Ja, have two sons and two daughters.

A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served RI as a director, treasurer, district governor, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and membership task force coordinator in Asia. He began his tenure on the Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003-04 and is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

The nominating committee members are Samuel L. Greene (chair), USA; John F. Germ (secretary), USA; Robert O. Brickman, USA; Lynmar Brock Jr., USA; Peter Bundgaard, Denmark; John J. Eberhard, Canada; Neville F. Hackett, England; Peter Krön, Austria; Umberto Laffi, Italy; Yoshikasu Minamisono, Japan; Samuel A. Okudzeto, Ghana; Luiz

Coelho de Oliveira, Brazil; John Michael Pinson, USA; J. David Roper, USA; M.K. Panduranga Setty, India; Sakuji Tanaka, Japan; and John G. Thorne, Australia.

THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING THE RI CONVENTION IN SALT LAKE CITY IN JUNE 2007? DG Bernie has appointed Keith Ryall as "On to Convention" Chair 2007. Please email Keith at kfryall@adesse.com.au to register your interest and keep in touch for District plans

1. **HELP IS NEEDED for NYSF [National Youth Science Forum]** 17 students were selected from some 50 Year 11 students interviewed for the **2007 National Youth Science Forum** to be run in Canberra in January 2007 (with 2 places for a similar Science School in Auckland New Zealand) in January 2007; 10 males and 9 females. Most have been supported by a Rotary Club; however 3 very talented young Year 11 students are still desperately seeking the support of a Club.

If your Club is in the position to be able to offer any part of the overall fee of \$1,725 (\$500, \$750, \$1,000 or \$1,500 are the amounts typically provided by a Club), could you **please contact Keith Ryall URGENTLY - Keith Ryall**, Rotary Club of Carlton D9800 NYSF Chair: (w) 03-9347-3988 (m) 0418-589-144 Email: kfryall@adesse.com.au

2. **REMINDER - DISTRICT 9800 FOUNDATION SEMINAR SATURDAY 7 Oct, 2006** (9AM to 12P. District Foundation Committee invites all Club Foundation Chairman (in particular those unable to attend the District Assembly) Presidents Elects, New Rotarians and any other Rotarian interested in gaining vital information relating to the many new aspects and opportunities presented from our Foundation.

A panel of experienced Rotarians will be present to assist you with any specific inquiries you may have relating to any aspect of our Foundation. Further inquiries should be directed to **PDG John Wigley**.

3. **Kevin Baxter:** DG Bernie on behalf of all Rotarians joins with members of the Rotary Club of Essendon North in expressing deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Kevin Baxter and his partner Debbie. Kevin was President Elect of the Club and passed away suddenly and unexpectedly
4. **DISTRICT AWARDS REMINDER:** Another reminder to share your great ideas and projects with other Rotary Clubs of the District. Gain recognition and at the same time record your club's history by submitting an entry to District Awards.

NEED INFORMATION?

All your club projects are relevant. A description of the project, who was involved and some photos are the basic requirements. Your entry does not have to be a 'Best Selling' book! Check that the presentation of your project matches the criteria. [Click here to download Criteria](#)

Contact District Awards Chairman, Lyndon Joss if you are unsure of the criteria. This can be emailed to you. Phone / Fax: (03) 9885 0473 Email: d9800awards@optusnet.com.au; 1 Harold Avenue, Glen Iris Vic. 314

CRITICAL DATES: JUNE 1, 2007 – All submissions due (**HARD COPY ONLY**)
JULY 1 – AWARDS PRESENTATION (at District Governor's Changeover Dinner)

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The Seminar is to be held in the Old Royce Abbey Room, International House, Carlton on Saturday October 7th 9AM to 12PM.

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6. **Attention:** all users of the [Royce Abbey Room](#) (International House) The "new" Royce Abbey Room is currently undergoing renovations and, until further notice, all meetings scheduled for the "Royce Abbey Room" will be held in the "old" Royce Abbey Room in the Greycourt building.

7. **ARHRF Newsletter:** [Click here](#) to read the latest news from ARHRF

8. **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS**

RC Albert Park: Rotary Club of Albert Park invites you to their **Annual Footy Grand Final Breakfast** - Wednesday 27 September 2006 6.45 am to be seated for 7.00 am sharp - at Richmond Football Club Social Club, Punt Road Oval (free parking available on site - entry from Punt Road (Mel ref 2G) Special Guest Speaker **Kevin Sheedy** **\$30/head** includes hot breakfast - tables of 10 available Lucky Door Prizes, Mini Auction, Raffle and lots more fun **bookings** : JOAN 0418 351762 or PAULINE 0418 337840 by **SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

RC Brighton: There is a date change for the **Royce Abbey Oration** - now [Thursday October 19th](#) at Molina's Brighton Beach, 6.00 for 6.30pm conducted by the Rotary Club of Brighton. Cost \$25 drinks at bar prices. Special guest speaker, The Hon Tim Fischer, former Minister of trade and Deputy Prime Minister and now Chairman Tourism Australia.

Bookings: Past District Governor John King. email jwking@hotmail.net.au or phone 95929120, fax 95929278.

RC Richmond: As of 11 September RC Richmond will meet at Rydges River Walk (soon to be called Amoro Hotel Riverwalk), 649 Bridge Road, Richmond. 1st and 3rd Mondays 6.30 for 7.00; 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays 12.30 for 1.00pm

RC Tullamarine: On the 14th and 15th of October the Club will be running its annual 24 hour Mega swim for MS. For more information go to the web site www.msswim.com

New Members: No new members reported this week

RI Exchange Rate: The September Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is 1.31

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