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DG Bernie's Weekly Message

The Changeover season is nearly finished with a few Clubs still to formalize the necessary moves. I congratulate everyone who has taken up the responsibility this year of ensuring the continuity of the impact of Rotary on both the membership and the world in general. It is a busy time of the year but a time that brings members and their families together in that bond of fellowship that is the essence of Rotary.

Fellowship is the glue that has held Rotary together over the past 100 years and it was the centrepiece of the luncheons enjoyed by Paul Harris and his colleagues.

Today, we still see the vibrant Clubs that foster fellowship and fun among its members usually achieve constantly in their quest to improve community life. It is also noticeable that these Clubs are also able to retain members and, because of the excitement of belonging and that infectious attraction, can usually induct new members to swell their ranks. Members look forward to exciting atmospheres and usually drift away from boring meetings.

One of the principal objectives in our District this year is to foster fellowship and fun in all our Clubs and activities. We will still concentrate on things that matter, i.e. projects, good works, charitable support and the many programmes of Rotary and, I believe, all these will blossom because of our positive attitude.

Enjoy Rotary and Lead the Way!

Bernie Walshe

Governor

Calendar of Events:

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The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

1. **CLUBS ON THE MOVE**
RC Bacchus Marsh will in future meet at [Bacchus Marsh Avenue Motel](#) (Budget) 272 Main St. in B/marsh (still Wednesday at 6.30pm for 7.00pm). However on 26 July the meeting will be Fredericks Restaurant 980 Mt Alexander Rd Essendon 6:45 for 7:15 start. 25 August will be at Witchmount Winery, Rockbank.
RC Hawthorn has changed meeting venue to [Hawthorn Receptions](#) at 555 Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn. Meetings will continue at 12.30pm for 1.00pm on Tuesdays except for the second week of the month when it will meet on Wednesdays.
2. **Calling History Buffs:** Marc Fookes (RC Glen Eira) is planning to write a history of District 9800 from its beginning. This will be a large undertaking over a fairly long period of time and needs a small but enthusiastic team of Rotarians with experience in this type of work to help.
If you have knowledge in the field of research and feel this is valuable to our district and you are prepared to help write this important manuscript please contact: MARC FOOKES

Paul Harris Fellows:

Changeover time has brought with it a great many Paul Harris Fellow recognitions. Congratulations to all of the recipients and we are delighted that the Rotary Foundation has benefited significantly as a result:

RC Brighton Beach

PP Alan Thomas

RC Brighton North

PP Phil Wheatley (Sapphire)

RC Brunswick

PP Doug Walsh

Greg Sewell (3rd Sapphire)

RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

Keith Frampton (2nd Sapphire)

Bernie Gerlinger (4th Sapphire)

Terry Cocks (2nd Sapphire)

Herb Greenwood - Hon Member (Sapphire)

RC Flemington

PP Jason Marston

Michael Bolton

Assistant Governor, Olga Hilton (Sapphire)

RC Southbank

Ian Gibson

RC Werribee

Peter Sandlant

Tom O'Brien

RC West Footscray

Ian Johnson

Ron Palmer (Sapphire)

Laurie Fisher

Other Awards

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3. **About to be a Bride or still a Bride at Heart?** Something for Lady Rotarians and Wives/partners of Rotarians. The Rotarian Action Group Of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness is Holding a **Wedding Gown Fashion Parade** Fundraiser: Sunday 17 September 12.00pm - 3.30 pm. Lunch followed by fashion parade of six decades of wedding gown fashion. 44 gowns ranging from 1947-2006. [Click here for details](#)
To learn more about MS go to <http://www.rotary-rfmsa.org/FellowshipNews.htm>
All money raised will go towards MS research.
4. **Family Weight Loss Challenge:** Without reflection on any individual Rotarian the ARHRF has identified an opportunity for a Club perhaps to help tackle a 'growing' issue in a fun way.
[Click here](#) to check it out.
5. **District Simplified Grants (DSG)** [Click here](#) for details from District Foundation Chair Chris Don of the DSG process and applicable conditions.
6. **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS**

RC Southbank

Paul Ruff – Rotarian of the Year
Andrew Jones – Royce Abbey Award

New Members

Welcome to the following:

RC Collingwood

Barbara Busk
Pamela Ho
Meka Ho

RC Kew

Jill Forsyth
Barry Minster

A note from last edition: The members of RC Gisborne were surprised to learn that Charles Galea had joined their Club but not as surprised as Charles and the members of RC Point Gellibrand where he was actually inducted. Sorry Charles but surely RC Gisborne will now have to be an early make up for you.

Changes to RI Exchange Rate

The July Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is 1.37.

Don't forget - you can always check the back issues of Weekly News if you missed something: 2005-2006 [Issue](#)

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RC Toorak: invitation to a breakfast with the Hon. Peter Costello MP, at 7.am on Wednesday August 23. Sure to be well attended!

[Click here for details](#)

Profits will be donated to the Rotary District 9800 Royal Children's Hospital Video Monitoring Service.
Enquiries:

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7. **District 9800 RoCan Dinner** to be held on the 12 August. Some readers were unable to open the attachment last week so a less graphically challenging version is attached this week

[Click here](#) for details.

Speakers Bank Update: [Click Here](#)

District 9800's website: www.rotaryd9800.org