



PORTFOLIO

ROTARY DISTRICT 9820 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

MARCH 2008

Greetings fellow Rotarians

What a great weekend we had at the 50th District Conference, it was a win-win time. Starting with the Bike Riders covering most of the district for 6 days and being hosted by Rotary clubs on the way, they made their entrance into the Frankston foreshore bright eyed and bushy tailed to a great welcoming and supported by the local primary school choir. We were blessed with the company of our RIPPR, Director Monty Audenart and his delightful wife Liz, from the Rotary Club of Red Deer, District 5360 in Canada and also PDG Ian Pickering and wife Lyn, who had the pleasure of being their aides for four days.

Friday evening we saw the opening plenary sessions and a taste of what more there was ahead of us. Saturday we heard a most motivational and inspirational address from Director Monty after an introduction from another RI Director, in fact the RI Treasurer, Ian Risley. I wonder how many conferences can boast two RI Directors in attendance. Thanks also to the Rotarians who helped welcome Director Monty and Liz and to take the time to chat with them, it's such a great opportunity to show case your District and boast about your achievements.

Our other guest speakers had the Rotarians in the audience either in stitches or wiping their eyes with emotion or swelling with pride. Every Rotary segment had great messages and told of their accomplishments with the GSE teams being one of the many highlights. Phillip Challis the 'laughter lady' had everyone on their feet clapping and laughing and Ken Morgan told a sorry tale of his child hood. Saturday night's gala night was something special, not only with the food but also with the music. It appears we have a hidden talent with one PDG John Dunn, who can certainly throw himself around the dance floor!

The closing segment with the Youth Exchange students was as usual fantastic. What a great bunch of students we have here in 9820.



Harold arriving at the Frankston foreshore with some of his merry band of bike riders



DG Janet McCabon and partner Grant Ellers

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The weather was perfect for 'the longest lunch' down the main straight at Mornington Racecourse, alfresco food at its best.

I have to wonder at the dedicated work by such a small group from the Rotary Clubs of Frankston Long Island and Seaford Carrum Downs who tirelessly and without complaint (well almost) proved that a small group can run a conference. Under the leadership of PP Judy Rebecca (who incidentally took four weeks leave from work) everyone was a star.

But I think for the committee, the most rewarding thing has been the stream of emails and phone calls with incredible compliments about the conference.

I personally believe it was the best conference I have attended.....the gala night was great fun, the meal was superb, then the longest lunch to finish off, wow, what a luscious gourmet meal, so much nicer than grabbing

a lunch box to eat on the way home. Thank you for a fabulous weekend and congratulations.... Your committee obviously put in many hours of hard work into organising this spectacular event.

Grant and I thank the committee and all the attendees for making such a memorable weekend to celebrate 50 wonderful years in District 9820.

We will farewell the fantastic Group Study Exchange team from District 2980 in India very soon and it appears they have had a tremendous time while here and have experienced the total differences and the similarities between our two countries in the same manner that the team from 9820 experienced when they visited India a couple of months ago.

Till next month
Janet & Grant.



Above: Aimee Carter after receiving a standing ovation after her remarkable story and then being awarded her PHF



Above: The golfers getting ready for a great game of golf at Long Island Country Club



Above: GSE teams with a couple of YEP students



Right: The Bumble Bees relaxing at last - late Sunday afternoon

Youth Exchange turns 50



Fifty years ago an Australian District Governor came up with the concept of expanding the short term exchange program, then mainly between Europe and the USA, into a full year program with the first overseas student coming from the USA to Mytleford in Victoria..

To recognize those who have developed this concept and worked to make it into what is now the most respected and acclaimed youth exchange program, covering 80 countries world-wide, the National Rotary Youth Exchange organization plans to celebrate the event Australia wide.

District 9820 is planning a reunion of its' exchange students, from a very early student **Yoko Miyayaki** who came from Japan to Rosebud in 1962, to the current group of inbounds and Rotex students now in the district. Several students from overseas have indicated that they will return for the reunion and former 9820 students will return from all over Australia.

Over the past 45 years District 982/9820 has exchanged students with 27 countries and it is hoped to have either inbound or Rotex students representing each of those countries present at the reunion.

The 9820 reunion will be held at Morwell on May 31st and the 33 clubs who are attending are busy selecting their students.

As part of 9820's 50th anniversary celebrations a database is being prepared hopefully listing EVERY exchange student to and from our district.

Currently this information rests only with clubs and individual Rotarians and the District YEP committee **needs your help** to track down the students and consolidate the information. This will be used partly to track down students for the reunion but also to provide a permanent District 9820 history of its' involvement in Youth Exchange.

Can any club or individual Rotarians who have any details of any students, whether or not they are participating in the reunion, send the names, Rotary Club, year of exchange and country to or from to:

PP Darryl Chambers
email: chambersd@hotmail.com

Rotary Foundation news

From the Chairman

Let us reflect on the words of the sixth President

Youth Exchange needs you!

DGE Ken McDonald is seeking help from any Rotarians who may be interested in assisting with the District 9820 Youth Exchange Program for 2008/09

If that is you then please contact DGE Ken at: kenmac@dingley.net or Lynne Westland on lwestland@tobinbrothers.com.au

of Rotary International, and founder of The Rotary Foundation, Arch C. Klumph, who had the dream "to do good in the world". He said:

"No one can tell us what rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is inevitable; what rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what we rotarians do today"

Today The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International honours that vision by doing its utmost to alleviate the ravages of illness, poverty, and illiteracy. The Foundation's programs address the international community's need for peace, education and training, and adequate food and water through an array of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Contributions from generous Rotarians and their families go directly to the Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs.

Join with the founding members of Rotary International and envision:

- A world without hunger
- A world with new ideas
- A world where disease is defeated
- A world that respects all faiths, races and cultures
- A world where peace flourishes.

Your ongoing support is crucial to the fulfilment of the Rotary vision and Arch C. Klumph's "dream", and is greatly appreciated at every level.

PDG David Loudon
DRFCC 9820

A record year for The Rotary Foundation

There are a million reasons – 103 million in fact – why contributions to **The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund** topped US\$100 million for the first time ever, reaching \$103 million in 2006–07.

The largest ever number of Paul Harris Fellows

**Group Study Exchange
District 7080
Southern Ontario Canada
2nd to 30th October 2008**

Team Members sort

Applications for team members to comprise the District 9820 GSE team to District 7080, Southern Ontario Canada are now being sort.

District 7080 is located in south central Ontario, covering an area west of Toronto.

The District has 51 Rotary Clubs with approximately 2000 members. The communities in the District range from small, rural communities to the large metropolitan City of Mississauga. The population of the Rotary District is about 2.7 million.

There are a variety of industries in the district including information technology, manufacturing, transportation, pharmaceuticals, environmental technology, government and agriculture. There are four universities and three community colleges within the District's boundaries.

Nominations for Team Members (non Rotarians) by Rotary Clubs should be considered at this time. If you have a suitable candidate in mind and who will be between the ages of 25 and 40 on the day of signing the application form, please encourage them to make application for this wonderful opportunity.

The closing date for Team Member applications is: **Tuesday 1st April 2008**

Team Member selections will be conducted over the weekend of: **12th and 13th April 2008**

For further information please contact:

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Additional information and application forms are also available at:

www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational

– 57,190 were recognised in 2006–07, along with 40,462 Multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

The real success stories however, are spelled out in the Foundation programs funded each year that help save and change lives. The Foundation spent a record US\$44.8 million on humanitarian programs and US\$22.3 million on educational programs in 2006–07.

A true Centurion



Centurion Davidius Forstus Maximus* travelled all the way from IX VIII X Province to encourage members to become Centurions or renew their Centurion Club membership. His very humorous presentation was delivered in “Latin”—well, sort of !!—and certainly left a lasting impression on us all.

* (DGN David Forster , D9810)

Polio Plus Partners

The Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Partners program allows individuals, Rotary Clubs, and RI districts to support the logistical activities associated with urgent social mobilisation and surveillance projects submitted by Rotarians in polio – endemic, importation and high risk countries.

Through this Rotary Foundation program, support is provided by providing the tools of immunisation and eradication where they are most needed – in countries actively fighting the disease.

Polio Plus Partners helps purchase and distribute:

- Battery-operated megaphones, radio and television advertisements, coloured balloons and lollipops to attract families and children to immunisation sites
- Vaccine carriers, vial monitors, and cold boxes for vaccine maintenance and delivery
- Bicycles, boats, four wheel drive vehicles, and any method transportation that ensures that every child will be reached for immunisation or surveillance activities
- Specimen containers to ensure the integrity of stool samples from children who are suspected to have polio.

Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians who have an active interest in the eradication of polio should consider contributing to the Polio Plus Partners program. The Polio Plus Partners Open Projects list, on the R.I website, is update monthly, and is the primary source of information for projects.

Called to higher service

PHF Russ Smith of The Rotary Club of Frankston passed away on 6th February, 2008, aged 92.

Russ was a Charter Member (1st November, 1968) and Past President of The Rotary Club of Dandenong East.

He held a wide range of positions in the Club and had a significant involvement, at District level, including Chair of Youth Exchange and Pride in Australia Committees.

Russ Smith was inducted into The Rotary Club of Frankston on 9th July, 1987. He was passionate about Rotary, with over 39 years of membership and he recorded 100% attendance pins on 35 separate Rotary years. He attended many International Conferences, accompanied by his wife.

Russ was awarded was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his services to Rotary and to business.

District 9820 Attendance Report for February 2008

Club	number of meetings	number of members	attendance percentage
Bairnsdale	4	31	80.00
Bairnsdale Sunrise			
Berwick	4	68	71.67
Bunyip/Garfield	4	15	88.30
Cranbourne	4	35	78.50
Dandenong	4	32	64.00
Dandenong East			
Dandenong Central			
Dromana	4	37	75.00
Drouin	4	56	74.54
Endeavour Hills			
Foster	4	35	75.71
Frankston			
Frankston /Long Island			
Frankston North	4	37	81.00
Frankston Sunrise	4	42	64.29
Hallam Valley			
Hastings			
Hazelwood			
Heyfield	2	8	94.50
Inverloch			
Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang	4	23	75.00
Korumburra			
Lakes Entrance	4	21	70.00
Langwarrin			
Leongatha			
Maffra	4	35	82.80
Mirboo North			
Mitchell River			
Moe	4	32	87.69
Mornington			
Morwell			
Mount Eliza	4	51	81.43
Mount Martha	4	32	89.30
Narre Warren	4	21	84.52
Orbost	4	26	82.00
Pakenham			
Phillip Island & San Remo	4	32	69.53
Rosebud	4	20	64.00
Rye	4	14	78.00
Sale			
Sale Central	4	30	66.67
Seaford Carrum Downs	4	15	80.00
Somerville Tyabb	4	19	76.00
Sorrento	4	41	87.50
Trafalgar	4	21	76.00
Traralgon	2	37	82.00
Traralgon Central			
Warragul			
Wonthaggi	5	29	70.48
Yarram			
TOTALS	101	819	



“Does this count as a “makeup”?”

DGN Brian Norris and PP Kerry Schmidt both of Rotary Club of Sale Central were married on Saturday 8/3/2008 at St Pauls in Sale. Members of the Rotary Club of Sale Central, Canberra Sunrise were in attendance.



Mt Eliza
Rotary Club



Invites you
to a fund-raising
Lunch and Musical Program
by Singers from *Opera Australia*

Opera in the Roses

At
Morning Star Estate Winery
1 Sunnyside Road, Mt Eliza Melway 105, A7
Thursday, April 3rd

All proceeds to support the Maternity Ward
Kimbe Hospital, PNG
(around 10,000 annual births)

Donations gratefully received ~
**baby soap , shampoo, disposable nappies,
maternity pads, breast-feeding pads**

Tickets: \$95 lunch and musical program
Students \$10 musical program only [limited places]

Bookings: 9788 6610 Wednesdays & Fridays