

District Governor's Newsletter

District
9820

DG Ken McDonald
& Margaret



JULY 2008

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT ALBURY 20 - 22 MARCH 2009

GREETINGS DISTRICT 9820

'MAKE DREAMS REAL' is the theme for the 2008-2009 year ahead. President D.K. Lee's challenge to us in this year is to plan our programs in an endeavour to alleviate the pain and suffering of the under privileged of the world. One statistic President Lee produced in his address to District Governors Elect was that 30,000 children under five years of age die every day. Therefore his emphases for the year are:- Water, Health and Hunger and Literacy.

President Lee also asks that we concentrate on increasing Membership.

This year has seen two major disasters, the Cyclone in Burma and the earthquake in China. Without delay the members of Shelterbox gathered their resources and were the first of Volunteer Aid Organisations allowed into Burma. The response to the disaster saw the placement of 1,700 Shelter boxes where most needed that sheltered approximately 20,000 people in need. SRT Members including some from Australia were in place and assisted the Military in placing the boxes. SRT members from Australia, U.K. and Canada moved into China in wake of the Earthquake and provided shelter for 40,000 who had suffered in the disaster. Assistance is continuing throughout the ravished area. Australia has donated 2,000 boxes this year with \$5 million being donated in the past 4 years. \$2.4 million has been donated this year with the largest percentage from Rotary Clubs.

District Changeover this year was held at lunchtime on Sunday 29th June and by the numbers attending the change to lunchtime was well received. Members from throughout the District travelled from as far as Lakes Entrance and Sorrento and clubs in between. It was most gratifying for Margaret and I to see so many attending. The precedent set last year was again followed with the Past District Governors assembled passing the Chain of Office down the line ending with PDG John Dunn who then inducted me. We had a Youth Theme, which was displayed by a Jazz Trio from St. Bede's College and the Berwick Youth Choir who provided the entertainment.

July is now Fellowship Month and Clubs should take this opportunity to finalise their programs and projects for the coming year. I know that as Rotarians you will give your all to whatever your Club chooses to be involved in. So please have fun whilst you are involved and enjoy the year ahead.

Margaret and I are looking forward to catching up with old friends (not so old) and making new ones. So until we arrive for our "Official" visits take care and Make Dreams Real.

Ken McDonald

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MARGARET'S MESSAGE

Happy Rotary New Year everyone!

I am keen to have a Partners' Project this year. After consultation with PP Ken Peake I have decided to aim at constructing and furnishing a Gazebo at Rotary Centenary House. Residents' families, visiting Rotary Clubs and other groups, such as Ride to Conference, could all use it. I'm quite excited about it! Two clubs have already made substantial contributions and some labour has been promised – what a great start.

I am collecting used stamps so would appreciate it if you save some for me too. I have a stamp buyer who will purchase them from me. The stamp needs to have at least 1cm of envelope around it. Foreign stamps need the whole corner of the envelope, front and back.

When Ken and I are doing the Club visits we will sometimes be away from home for two or three nights at a time. Much and all as I love flowers, I feel Monday's flowers might be a bit sad by the time we get home on Wednesday or Thursday. In lieu of flowers a donation towards the Gazebo would be much appreciated.

I look forward to meeting many of you during this 'Make Dreams Real' Rotary year.

Margaret McDonald

PS - If we were supposed to talk more than listen, we would have two mouths and one ear.

Mark Twain



L to R
Margaret McDonald
Margaret Sansom
Anne McGill

Inner Wheel Kickstarts Rotary 9820 Project

Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren members President Anne McGill and PP Margaret Sansom handed over a huge bag of Used Stamps to Margaret McDonald wife of D.G.. Ken McDonald, District Governor for 2008-2009.

Margaret Sansom has been collecting the stamps for some time from Inner Wheel Members, Local Businesses, family and friends.

The collection of used stamps will raise necessary funds for the Rotary Centenary House in Traralgon which is Margaret McDonald's Rotary District 9820 Project for 2008-2009 .

Any person who wishes to donate used stamps should contact Margaret McDonald on 9558 2776 or Val Nicholson 9704 0087 for collection.

DVD of District Governor Changeover Luncheon:

A DVD, including a video of the proceedings and 170 photographs, has been produced by Daniel Armour. It is available for \$20 plus postage of \$2 (total \$22). Contact PP Don Cumming, PO Box 42, Warragul, or doncum@sympac.com.au

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE REPORT



The planning for the Group Study Exchange to District 7080 Southern Ontario is continuing to gather pace. Team Leader PP Garry Broughton has had a number of meetings with his five member team, including a weekend at Phillip Island so that the team could get to know each other. Here they are at their first meeting.

GSE Team Meeting

L – R Team Leader Garry Broughton, Jacquie Sherlock, Kate Boyer, Kenny the mascot, Heidi Olsen, Tennille Lewin, Keira Haigh.

They have completed their biographies and these have been sent to Canada so that their vocational visits can be organised. The organisation in Canada is going well and the itinerary planning should be formalised within the next four weeks. All the myriad of forms are well under way and the uniforms are close to being finalised. I am not sure how you get five women to agree on a uniform but apparently they have!

The Team have also been adding to their Rotary knowledge with a number of them, along with Garry, being present at the District Assembly and the DG's Changeover (see photo).



GSE TEAM AT CHANGEOVER WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR KEN

Coming events:

Farewell Dinner to be held on Thursday 18 September

Welcome Home Dinner to be held on Tuesday 11 November

Please put these dates in your diaries and support Garry and his great Team. Places and times will be confirmed next month.

Tony Spring
District GSE Chairman

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION – OUR FOUNDATION

A word from the Chairman:

You will note the heading of this article includes the words “Our Foundation”.

I am pleased to note that TRF now recognizes that TRF is in fact OUR FOUNDATION and that makes it our charity of first choice, not just because it is a Rotary project but because of the magnitude of the good the foundation does in the world.

As we embark on a new year of Rotary service I can report that in the 07/08 Rotary year a record US\$240 million was donated to TRF for our humanitarian programs by Rotary Clubs throughout the World. Of that figure US\$100million came from the Gates Foundation Challenge to support the Polio eradication program. However US\$115million was donated to the Annual Programs Fund (APF) and we know that by donating to APF we support the programs that are conducted by this District such as GSE, District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants.

The District Foundation Committee with DG Ken's agreement will donate US\$15,000 from our DDF to support the Gates Challenge of matching their \$100 million grant. However there is still a long way to go to completely eradicate this terrible disease and so Clubs are urged to donate funds to Polio Plus as a donation over and above their pledged goal to the Annual Programs Fund.

Of further interest is to note that 50,410 new PHF's were awarded during the Rotary year bringing the current total to 1,119,151.

The APF Goal for the 08/09 Rotary year is US125 Million. DG Ken reports that the Presidents of District 9820 have set and pledged their goal for this District at \$124,000.

Matching Grant application are now open with District Chairman Terry Williams, so please discuss your applications with Terry. I also advise that links to various Foundation information web sites have been established on the District web site by Web Master Robert Pill , so if you would like further information please visit the District web site.

District Chairman of Administration and Programs Ray Howe and members of the committee are available to answer your questions about TRF – Our Foundation

PDG David Loudon
DRFCC - 9820

CENTURIONS ON THE MARCH

As the curtain falls on another Rotary Year, it gives me great pleasure to report that, with many renewal memberships and 62 Rotarians and friends making initial contributions, 2007/2008 has been an extremely successful year for our Centurion Program.

Centurions now march on to what we hope will be an even more successful year with an ever – increasing number of Rotarians and friends taking this opportunity of personal participation and ownership of this significant arm of TRF funding.

At the District Assembly in May, I was delighted to meet many Club Foundation Chairmen, and congratulate them on their commitment to TRF and their ongoing encouragement of Centurion Club membership.

District 9820 Foundation Administration, under the Chairmanship of PDG David Loudon, warmly appreciates the contributions of each and every Centurion Club member and looks forward to their continued support of OUR FOUNDATION.

P.P.Kel. Hobby
D9820 Centurion Chairman.

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ROMAC Dinner

ROMAC is holding its 20th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, August 29, at the Moonee Valley Racecourse Function Centre.

Among our guests will be the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, ROMAC patron, Max Walker, and leading Rotary dignitaries from all 6 districts of Southern Region.

Medical Director of ROMAC, Dr Ric Christie, will talk on some of the remarkable ROMAC stories while many of the world-leading surgeons who provide these incredible medical treatments will be in attendance.

Starting Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Dress: Lounge Suit

RSVP: Friday August 22

Enquiries: Rtn. Richard Groom 9888 4099

Applications: Download form at www.romac.org.au

Cost: \$75 per person

New RI Vice-President

Monty J. Audenart
Canada

Monty Audenart received his doctorate of dental surgery in 1977 from the University of Alberta. He has served as president of two dental societies and as a member of the Peer Review Committee for the Alberta Dental Association. A member of the Rotary Club of Red Deer East since 1987, Monty has served as district governor, task force and committee member, president's representative, and Council on Legislation representative. He has also served as district trainer, RI training leader, and governors-elect training seminar cochair in Zone 22. Monty is the founder of the Rotarian Action Group of Dental Volunteers. Monty and wife Liz, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and charter members of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society. [Spouse: Liz]

CHRISTIE (OAM)----

David (Sandy)

It is with great sadness that the President and members of the Rotary Club of Dromana mourn the loss of their respected foundation member, Paul Harris Fellow (Sapphire) recipient and Past President. He will be sadly missed by the whole community of Dromana.

Deepest sympathy to Merle and family.

District 9820 Attendance Report for June 2008

Club	number of meetings	number of members	attendance percentage
Bairnsdale	4	31	84
Bairnsdale Sunrise			
Berwick	4	69	77
Bunyip/Garfield	4	14	80
Cranbourne	4	35	79
Dandenong	3	31	82
Dandenong East			
Dromana	4	33	86
Drouin	4	59	81
Endeavour Hills	4	25	84
Foster	4	41	81
Frankston			
Frankston /Long Island			
Frankston North			
Frankston Sunrise	4	38	63
Hallam Valley			
Hastings			
Hazelwood			
Heyfield	1	8	75
Inverloch			
Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang		26	71
Korumburra			
Lakes Entrance	4	20	62
Langwarrin			
Leongatha			
Maffra	4	38	84
Mirboo North			
Mitchell River	4	39	57
Moe	4	32	86
Mornington			
Morwell			
Mount Eliza	4	52	85
Mount Martha	4	31	78
Narre Warren	4	22	82
Orbost			
Pakenham			
Phillip Island & San Remo			
Rosebud	4	17	60
Rye	4	14	68
Sale	4	26	79
Sale Central			
Seaford Carrum Downs			
Somerville Tyabb			
Sorrento	4	40	68
Trafalgar		19	81
Traralgon			
Traralgon Central		23	67
Warragul	4	53	65
Wonthaggi			
Yarram			
TOTAL	88	836	