

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

D9670



October is Vocational Service Month

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DG Greg's Reports.....

Welcome to October which is Rotary Vocational Service month.

We as Rotarians have a wonderful opportunity to use our vocations as an instrument to improve the lives of others in our communities. High ethical standards in our business and professional lives are paramount in our day to day dealings with our fellow man. It means putting that which is correct before that which is convenient.

We have recently witnessed our District clubs putting this avenue of service to the fore with projects such as Vocational Service Awards and Vocational Visits along with assistance to students with mock job interviews and Try a Trade being only some of the examples where our clubs have contributed. In some districts around the world Vocational is the forgotten avenue, but not in District 9670.

Friends, may we direct our thoughts to all those people in our region who have suffered enormous loss in the face of natural disasters. Folk from the Philippines, Samoa, Taiwan and Indonesia are all facing incredible loss and tragedy. It has been very heartening to witness the number of club that have lent generous support to these poor souls in real need. One significant source of assistance has come from Rotary Shelter Box Australia which has provided enormous assistance to those in areas where housing has been obliterated. Rotarians all around Australia have shown great sensitivity and generosity in their support for Shelter Box and donations of goods. Please continue that wonderful Rotary Spirit.

October is again a very busy month in our District with many of our youth programs in full swing.

Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee conducted their first briefing weekend at Tocal where all inbound, outbound students and their parents met for the weekend to receive excellent information and guidance from our District Chair Peter Bentley-Howard and his dedicated committee. Our youth exchange program has been the hallmark that many other districts have copied over a long period of time.

On the same weekend we witnessed the commencement of our District Rotary Youth Leadership Award where 20 young people will receive a life changing experience. This program originated in Australia and is now offered world wide with incredible results. We thank each and every club who supported this program as you are certainly making a great difference to the students future and community that they serve.

Mid month the district will present Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment at Myuna Bay for students aged 14-17. This program is pitched at a level for those who may be a little lacking in self confidence and self esteem. The enrichment of

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these lives through the program is fantastic and has to be experienced to be believed. A close friend of mine has had three children attend the program and they are living testimony as to the value of RYPEN.

Our hearts were saddened recently with the passing of PDG Jack Latter. Jack was our District Governor during 1988-89 and served our district with distinction. He graced this earth for over eight decades and gave of himself so freely during that time. He was a great supporter of youth and loved the Rotary programs which benefited young people. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with his lovely wife Joan and their family. He will be sadly missed.

Lorraine and I have now almost completed our Governor's visits to each of our district clubs and we thank you sincerely for your welcome and acceptance that you have offered. It is incredible to see just how much time, effort and resources are so freely given by our clubs to making each community a much better place. Please continue in this vein as you will find that you obtain far more from Rotary than you ever outlay.

And remember **“The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”**

Your friend in Rotary

Greg Bevan

District Governor 2009-10

PS Don't forget our Rotary Foundation Seminar to be held at Singleton RSC on 21 November. Please make every attempt to have some of your club members attend this very important event.

RI PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY IN NEWCASTLE

by Bob Aitken AM

In a historic first for Rotary Institutes in Australia, the current President of Rotary International John Kenny and his wife June will be guests of honour at the Rotary International Zone 8 Institute to be held in Newcastle from November 13 to 15, 2009.

Rotary Institutes provide a yearly training/education/information opportunity for past, present and future Governors of Rotary Districts – and the Australian staging is one of a network held around the world during the next six months.

Traditionally, the President Elect of Rotary International is the guest of honour at Institutes to prepare for a demanding year in office during the following 12 months. However, although John Kenny was present at the combined Zone 7 and 8 Institute in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2008 as President Elect, he has decided to break with tradition and attend the Australian Institute this year. His presence provides a special opportunity for contact with Rotarians in the Hunter Valley of NSW.

Whilst Rotary leaders and partners from all over Australia will gather in Newcastle to take part in the official Institute program, President John has also expressed a desire to meet regional Rotarians achieving the amazing service throughout the area.

Thus, at 6.30 pm on Thursday, November 12, the Rotary Clubs of Newcastle, Cessnock, Nelson Bay, Singleton, Muswellbrook and Murrurundai (all of which meet on a Thursday night) will join forces to host an open club meeting at Panthers Newcastle – and Rotarians and partners from all surrounding clubs are welcome!

Contact Ted Lewis (4957 1095 or email – lewisted@ozemail.com.au) for bookings – and be warned that whilst the meeting venue has a capacity of 500, a bumper crowd is attended and the event is certain to 'sell out'. Cost is \$35 each. For further information, please refer to the splendid special meeting newsletter already distributed to ALL Rotary clubs by Ted Lewis.

John Kenny is an acknowledged world class, inspirational speaker and his programs have ignited the Rotary world this year.

In his own words ... “Everyone who believes in the future of Rotary in this part of the world will be at the Institute – and similarly, this open club meeting.

“Remember, the responsibility of Rotary is yours. Take pride each day in the decisions you make and the actions you take because these choices are determining the course the course of Rotary for us all,” he said in a special message to the Institute organisers.

The Rotary International President will be accompanied by Vice Chairman of The Rotary Foundation, John Germ and his wife Judy. The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's own special charity and the funding arm of all major Rotary programs and projects.

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A further bonus for Rotarians throughout the Hunter Valley and beyond came with RI Director John Lawrence's decision to open the Institute plenary sessions at the Newcastle City Hall to allow Rotarians from outside the organisations senior leadership group to attend as observers.

INSTITUTE SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL ROTARIANS

Institute sessions are normally reserved for past, present and future District Governors and partners only.

Director John said that the Newcastle City Hall offered such a splendid viewing facilities that it would be a pity not to expose the world class institute program to all interested Rotarians, partners and friends.

He said the 2009 Newcastle Institute represents the commencement of a new era for Rotary in Australia and organisers, under the leadership of chairman Phil Lacey, have focused aspects of the program and the interactive workshops on the topic of the moment – the environment.

Such recognised international authorities as Larissa Brown – Australia's young environmentalist of the year in 2008 – and Newcastle's own local authority, Associate Professor Steward Franks from the University of Newcastle, head a very impressive speakers' list. Professor Franks has expertise in such diverse topics as El Nino, La Nina, drought, flood, storm events, climate studies and weather – including climate impacts on water resources.

Entertainment has not been forgotten at the Institute and Australian musical legend, Don Spencer AOM – founder and director of The Australian Children's Music Foundation, heads the list. Don has been a popular personality on Australian radio and television for decades and is best recognised as the face of the ABC's Play School. His commitment to disadvantaged children is long standing and he has been awarded the Heart of Variety Award for services to charity.

Another show stopper will be the 2006 Young Australian Social Entrepreneur of the Year, Tania de Jong AM, co-founder and artistic director of Australia's top musical cabaret group Pot-Pourri and Music Theatre Australia. Tania will be the final keynote speaker at the opening plenary session of the Institute on Friday afternoon – prior to another certain to be magnificent Institute performance with her colleagues in Pot-Pourri

NATIONAL TRAINING FOR ROTARY SENIOR LEADERS

Whilst the Institute proper is scheduled from Friday to Sunday, November 13 to 15, Rotary's senior leaders and partners gather in Newcastle from Tuesday, November 10, for specialist training and discussion sessions.

More than 100 Rotary District Governors, Governors Elect, Governors Nominee, partners, trainers and officials will assemble for this important annual exercise – an event that will pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into Newcastle's economy.

Such training and discussions sessions are absolutely vital to ensure Rotary's world wide push to eradicate Poliomyelitis, along with promotion of other significant humanitarian campaigns involving education and literacy, fresh water, avoidable blindness and other causes continues.

Institute Chairman PDG Phil Lacey heaped praise on the local District 9670 organising committee – under the leadership of District Governor Greg Bevan and Local Area Chairman PDG Don Whatham.

"This group – comprised mainly of Past Governors from throughout District 9670 – have provided outstanding support and organisational skills. They have left no stone unturned in their efforts to ensure the 2009 Institute is one of the most memorable events of all time – and that will certainly be the case!" he said.

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We have been informed that unfortunately due to illness John Kenny will be unable to make it to Newcastle.

BELMONT'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY



On Monday 30th November 2009 the Rotary Club of Belmont Inc will be holding a 60th Anniversary Dinner at the 16 Footers Sailing Club, Belmont. All Past and Present Rotarians, their Partners and Friends of Rotary are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ern Alchin, tel. 49657674 or email

ern.alchin@hunterlink.net.au

CLUB	Current	SEP	SEP
	M'ship	%	RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	29	77.60	14
BELMONT	26	72.02	21
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0.00	#N/A
BOURKE	0	0.00	#N/A
CARDIFF	10	90.00	3
CESSNOCK	26	77.50	15
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0.00	#N/A
CHARLESTOWN	32	66.41	27
COBAR	0	0.00	#N/A
DENMAN	15	85.00	6
DUBBO	28	77.78	13
DUBBO MACQUARIE	25	81.00	7
DUBBO SOUTH	40	74.50	19
DUBBO WEST	38	86.90	5
DUNGOG	0	0.00	#N/A
EAST MAITLAND	47	71.69	23
KURRI KURRI	19	63.16	28
MAITLAND	34	77.87	12
MAITLAND SUNRISE	39	71.68	24
MERRIWA	20	76.50	16
MORISSET	30	80.00	9
MUDGEES	20	60.00	30
MUDGEES SUNRISE	0	0.00	#N/A
MURRURUNDI	0	0.00	#N/A
MUSWELLBROOK	21	72.50	20
MYALL COAST	24	59.09	31
NARROMINE	0	0.00	#N/A
NELSON BAY	60	75.50	17
NEWCASTLE	0	0.00	#N/A
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	29	70.00	25
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	22	55.00	32
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	22	80.00	9
NYNGAN	0	0.00	#N/A
PATERSON	0	0.00	#N/A
RAYMOND TERRACE	19	75.00	18
RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	27	87.91	4
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	14	63.00	29
SALAMANDER BAY	29	71.70	22
SCONE	0	0.00	#N/A
SINGLETON	44	70.00	25
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	22	81.00	7
TORONTO	0	0.00	#N/A
TORONTO SUNRISE	25	93.60	1
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	20	90.45	2
WARATAH	18	80.00	9
WARNERS BAY	15	51.10	33
WARREN	0	0.00	#N/A
WELLINGTON	0	0.00	#N/A
WILLIAMTOWN	0	0.00	#N/A

Also from the District Governor

- Please keep in mind:- return your Attendance figures to Attendance Officer Tim Holmes
- Please forward your Bulletin to our Bulletin Assessment Officer Bruce Wilson and Me.
- If you can see your way clear to make a small donation to the "Stryker Drill Appeal".
- NYSF Chair John Bennetts is ecstatic with the quality of Students in the program this year.
- Our membership Seminar will be conducted by our wonderful District Membership Chair Wilma Simmons in February 2010. This will be well worth your time to attend.



District Newsletter

This newsletter is your way of communicating with a wide audience of Rotarians and Partners in the district. Send information on club events to the editor by 8th of the month (MS Word or Text, Photos in JPEG) Publicise your events Let us know about your success

DISTRICT WEB SITE

Read this newsletter. Check club and District events. Check Club member information. Link to RI, RDU, YEP, RYLA. See the District profile. ALL AT www.rotary9670.org.au

Please note the change of mailing address for the editor. Email address remains the same.

District 9670 Conference Cessnock—19 to 21 March 2009

Hi folks, As you may be aware the District Rotary Conference in 2010 will be held in Cessnock from Friday 19 March through to Sunday 21 March. The Conference Committee is asking for your participation, if your Club can assist, to make this a Conference to remember.

In the Conference program we are setting aside a number of 3 minute spots for Rotary clubs to present a comedy skit to entertain the attendees and earn your Club some money. The winning skit, judged by the RI Presidents representative at the Conference, will earn that club \$300. To participate we would need a DVD or video of your skit in order to judge its suitability by the end of November. You can add final polish later!!

There are also a number of 10 minute (max.) slots in the program for Rotary clubs to make a presentation about a special project the club has carried out this year, or in the immediate past period, that would be of general interest to those attending the Conference. This is an opportunity to let our Rotary District know what clubs are doing by way of special projects. Again we need the details by the end of November to allocate the spots.

Please discuss these matters with your clubs ASAP and assist us to make this Conference one to remember.

If you have any questions re these matters please contact me at this e-mail address, or by phone at 0409986102. Mail can be sent to PO Box 4070 Fingal Bay 2315.

Yours in Rotary, Bill Flett, Conference Secretary.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

The NYSF needs Rotary Aunts and Rotary Uncles for the January sessions in Canberra and Perth.

Sandra Meek, Operations Manager for NYSF, sent the following message to all Districts on 9th September.

"I have had a reasonable response to the request for Aunts and Uncles but still need a few more. Attached are the Rosters for both Perth and Canberra. For Perth I am looking for either a local or someone that knows Perth well enough to get around easily. For Canberra I am looking for new Rotarians who haven't seen the program yet, it is easier for me if they are couples but It can be sorted if they're not.

Ideally I would like to get the roster filled within the next few weeks." Still available are:

Canberra: 4th to 9th and 8th to 13th January, also 26th to 30th January 2010.

Perth: 16th to 23rd January 2010.

Aunts and Uncles do not present the program. Their contribution is to assist with the cuts and cares of the participants, about 170 in total.

This is certainly the best way to get to know how this excellent program really works. All accommodation and meals are provided. Ilga and I have twice done this and found it busy and enjoyable.

First in, first served, so don't wait!

Contact John Bennetts on 0407724095 or jben5797@bigpond.net.au OR
Sandra Meek, 02 6125 2777 or nysf@nysf.edu.au

From D9670 District Chair, Summer Schools Committee.

Stryker Drill Appeal

Thank you to the clubs who have supported the Stryker Drill Appeal for Goroka Hospital, it is much appreciated by the staff and the community.

See below the problems that arise for the people of the Eastern Highlands Province when there is no Stryker Drill.



This fellow is crippled and this is the only way he can move around, carried by a neighbour.

Cost of Drill \$9000.00. Current tally of received funds are \$3,000.00

Rotarians care – Please help 9670!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mental Health on the Airwaves

Radio station 2NUR FM (103.7) approached the Toronto Sunrise Rotary Club to participate in its 'Wellbeing' program, following the club's success with a recent Mental Health Forum in Toronto.

The weekly interview format looks at a different health and wellbeing topic of general interest to the community each Tuesday between 1.00pm and 1.40pm. Past President Jeff Jansson, who is also a member of the District Committee for Australian Rotary Health will be interviewed on behalf of the Club.

The interview is programmed to go to air on Tuesday **3 November**, 2009.

Assistant Governors

Continuing our series to promote the recognition of our Assistant Governors, this month we highlight a Rotarian recently inducted to the position, Peter Raynor from the Rotary Club of Warners Bay. Peter has been on District committees for only a short time but his contribution has been significant. A man of real character with enormous energy and desire to serve Rotary. Peter and his lovely wife Margaret make a tremendous team.

Peter spent his early years in Sydney where he attended South Strathfield High School and Sydney University. During his school years, an interest in sport saw him participate in rugby league as a referee and become an accomplished ice skater. In later life, sailing has become his favourite sporting interest.



Peter began his working life in the wholesale meat industry and at 18 was appointed as a Depot Manager for Riverstone Meat Company. After a number of years, he moved to the Passenger Transport Industry, the last 15 years being in senior management roles including marketing, sales and operations. It was also during this time, Peter was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Bus and Coach Superannuation Fund, a position he held for 10 years. The highlight of Peter's 30 years in transport was his participation in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games as Operations Manager for Glenorie Bus Company, responsible for a Sydney Northwest Spectator Route.

In 1997 Peter and Margaret married. Peter has 2 daughters, Jennifer-a Geriatric Nurse and Julie-a Music Teacher. Margaret has 2 sons, Rodney-a Mechanical Engineer and Steven-an Electrician. Together they have 5 grandchildren ranging from 3 to 18 years of age.

The decision to slow down and take a sea change in 2001 brought Peter and Margaret to Warners Bay where they purchased the Kiwi Ice Creamery. In the local community, Peter is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and has also served on their Executive. Additionally, he is always available to assist in his capacity as a Justice of the Peace.

An invitation to join the Rotary Club of Warners Bay was a life changing experience and today, Peter's love of Rotary and the ideals it promotes has enabled him to fulfil his desire to assist people from all walks of life. His Rotary Service has included Club Service, Youth and International Director, Loop the Lake Co-ordinator for 2 years and a term as President in 2006/7. In 2008 Peter and Margaret participated in a RAWCS Project on Tanna Island, (Vanuatu) working on School, Hospital and local community projects.

At the end of Peter's Presidential year he was made a Paul Harris Fellow for his contribution to Rotary, his Club and the community.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS MEETINGS

Invite from District Governor - Greg Bevan

An invitation is extended to all Rotary Presidents, Assistant Governors and Partners.



MAITLAND PARK BOWLING CLUB
Friday 30th October 2009—6:30 fro 7:00pm
Cost \$20 per person

We have to book meals at this venue and need numbers



DUBBO WEST BOWLING CLUB
Sunday 1st November—10:30 for 11:00 am

It is proposed to have lunch at approx. 12:30pm at your own expense

DISCUSSIONS ON THREE ROTARY TOPICS
INTERNATIONAL—MEMBERSHIP—YOUTH

RSVP or further details to District Secretary Bill Flett—0409 986 102

Shelterbox Reacts to Pacific Disasters

Over this past week, ShelterBox has distributed more than \$1.2 million of emergency shelter to our disaster struck Pacific neighbours who have endured earthquakes, tsunamis and flooding. Add this to a previous month where ShelterBox responded to earthquakes and typhoons in Indonesia and the Philippines; massive flooding in West Bengal; a typhoon in China; hurricane in Mexico; and flash flooding in Niger.

In total, over the past five weeks, ShelterBox with the assistance of our fully trained ShelterBox Response Team members (SRT), Rotarians and their Clubs have assisted with the distribution of more than \$2.6 million in emergency shelter to those most in need.

ShelterBox Australia SRT members and Rotarians Keith Robins, Hans Van Dyk, Gary Bidner, Mike Greenslade and Peter Pearce have all volunteered their time and expertise over the past six weeks to assist those who have lost everything.

Sumatra ShelterBox SRT members Mike Greenslade (Aus) and Andy Holland (UK) have been busy making initial assessments in the Pariaman district, the epicentre of the devastating earthquake to the north of Padang, West Sumatra. Co-ordinating with local government, Mike and Andy report that the latest assessment from UNOCHA estimates more than 83,000 homes are severely damaged and most will be demolished making the task for our ShelterBox team a very daunting one.

It is estimated at this time the need for 900+ ShelterBoxes to assist those who have lost everything. ShelterBox has 200 boxes in country with another 400 arriving this Saturday plus another 224 ex-Dubai arriving over this weekend.

“There are many NGO’s working here covering all aspects of disaster relief and it’s important we all work together to achieve the most effective outcome” Mike Greenslade said. “There is a big job to be done and by sharing resources and more importantly information, we can make sure our efforts are not duplicated

Andy Holland (SRT) who has been in Indonesia since the beginning of September dealing with the earlier earthquake in Java said: “Our resources will be bolstered to assist those most in need with the addition of another two SRT members over the weekend”. “The rainy season has started and it is imperative we get help to those in need quickly” he said.

For full reports - go to www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au

Regards

Scott Jarman

Rotary Club of Nelson Bay

Shelterbox representative district 9670

Early Notice

District Governor, 2012-2013 Rotary Year

This is an early reminder that we will soon be starting the process of nominating the Rotarian to lead District 9670 in the 2012-2013 Rotary Year. Why nominate and not elect, well the confirmation of the various DGs for all districts is part of the formalities at the International Convention. The DGs for 2010-2011 were confirmed at the International Convention in Birmingham this year.

Members of the Nominating Committee will be sort in the near future. This Committee will be confirmed in March 2010 at the District Conference in Cessnock, with a call for nominations for DG 2012-2013 being made shortly after. Now is the time to consider which Rotarian in your Club should be the one to lead the District or to be one of the Nominating Committee. Any Rotarian wishing to be considered for the position of DG for 2012-2013 should not be a part of the Nominating Committee, the structure of the Nominating Committee is listed below.

Structure of the Committee

Membership of the District Governor Nominating Committee shall be structured as follows:

The District Governor and the Immediate Past District Governor at the time of the election of the committee.

The District Governor for the ensuing year.

A representative, elected from each of the ten Zones of the District.

If an Assistant Governor is to be interviewed for the position of District Governor, then he/she shall not be member of the District Governor Nominating Committee.(refer RI By-Law 10.030)

IPDG Alex McHarg

Convenor DG Nominating Committee

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Our Foundation

Over many years, a large number of Paul Harris Fellow recognitions have been presented to Rotarians in each district and generally, a club has financed this honour as an acknowledgement of the Rotarian's worth to both club and community.

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Having said all that, The Foundation's generation of funds has to keep pace with the escalating needs of the world and perhaps we could consider increasing our level of activity in the area of personal giving. Many Rotarians are already personally contributing but the vast majority have not contributed. If your club has given you the great honour of PHF Recognition, and you haven't yet started the process of personal giving to the Foundation, why not consider starting now. It can be something as simple as becoming a Centurion at a cost of A\$100 per year, a Foundation Sustaining Member at US\$100 per year, or a Paul Harris Society Member at US\$1,000 a year. Some Rotarians might like to consider the possibility of becoming a Major Donor or a member of The Bequest Society.

Make yourself part of the magical things Rotary does to make this world a better place for the countless millions desperately needing our help. **Every Rotarian, Every year.**

VISION FACILITATION

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Vision Facilitation District 9670

This is an exciting and engaging approach supporting Rotary clubs to look into their futures and achieve continued success in their communities.

The District 9670 Vision Facilitation Team conducts Vision Facilitation Sessions that allow participating clubs to define the Vision of where they will be in Five Years. During this four hour session we define the top three Club Objectives in each of the areas identified below.

What does our Rotary Club Stand For:

- Club Size in Five Years
- Attributes of our Rotary Club
- Four Avenues of Service
 - Community
 - Vocational
 - Club
 - International
- Fundraising Needs
- Rotary and Club Foundations
- Leadership Development

In addition to the expected outcome of the club members developing the Vision, our team assists with the preparation of a presentation to the membership of the Club. Further our a District Vision Facilitation team member works with the Rotary Club providing Mentorship in preparing a step by step Multi-Year Action Plan.

So far in this District, three clubs have undertaken the process and are developing their plans and have started to implement them. Another clubs have confirmed its Vision events in October and another 5 Clubs are considering a Vision Facilitation after an introductory presentation.

If you are interested in your Club being involved in this exciting process, contact Pam or Wilma to organize an introduction for your members. Pam and Wilma can attest that this is not your usual planning seminar – you will achieve great things for your Club and for Rotary as a whole.

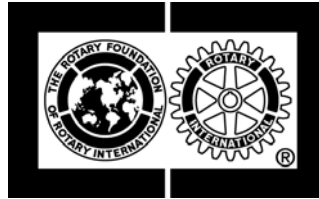


THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Our Charity



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The following Rotary Foundation information has been taken from the Regional Newsletter from the RI South Pacific & Philippines Office.

Get to know The Rotary Foundation's 2009-10 Goals



Keep the promise to eradicate polio.
Work through the Foundation to achieve a better world, through the six areas of focus in the Future Vision Plan.
Implement the Future Vision Plan, which will help revitalize and strengthen the foundation so it can adequate support another century of Rotary service.
Support Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund.

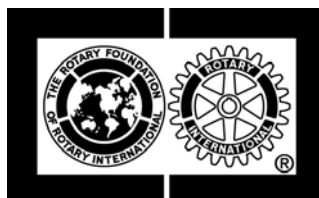
A Foundation thought about EREY



Every minute of every day, someone's life is being improved by our Rotary Foundation. Water wells are being dug in India, blind children are using Braille typewriters in Brazil, toilets are part of improved sanitation in Sri Lanka, and dental treatment is available in Nepal. In a world where the divide between the haves and the have-nots is growing, we as Rotarians must do our part and "do good in the world". Every Rotarian, every project, and every contribution makes a difference every year.

Club access to Foundation Reports now available

The Club Recognition Summary, EREY (\Every Rotarian Every Year) Eligibility Report, and Monthly Contribution report are useful tools for verifying contributions to the Foundation. Recently, the Foundation extended access to these reports to club Foundation chairs or directors and club treasurers. To provide access, the club president or Secretary should go to www.rotary.org and click on Member Access in the upper right hand corner and login, then enter the name and e-mail address of the club Foundation Chair/Director and the club Treasurer.



Rotary Australian World Community Service Eastern Region

Nagamangala Project no 50/2008/9

Rotaplast Nagamangala India 30th August-13th September 2009



Rotary Districts represented were D3190 (host District) D5180 (sponsoring District) D5180 D9670.



The Team was made up of 27 medical and non medical volunteers from the United States of America and Australia. The Mission was sponsored by Rotary District 5180 and the present District Governor Barry Kalar was one of the non medical volunteers.

Ten Rotarians on this mission represented 9 Rotary clubs.

Nagamangala is a rural city in southern India 100kilometers north of Bangalore. A very poor area where the health service is very limited for the lower cast.

We were accommodated in the students housing adjoining the hospital. The first day was spent setting up a pre-op clinic and meeting with local dignitaries and the Swami (spiritual leader) and familiarising with local customs.

On Clinic day 180 patients were seen but many were classified unfit for operation because of malnutrition and underlying health problems. 83 patients did manage to be treated and of these we did a combination of 133 procedures. The mission was primarily organised to do Cleft lips and Palates but there was many of these patients required skin grafting and release of contractures. The hospital facilities were very basic but the local staff was very keen to learn and be involved with all procedures.



The local Rotary Club of Bangalore North were great hosts and made sure that all our needs were met and that our visit was memorable.

I know that we all returned to our homes feeling very satisfied that we did make a difference and did put smiles on faces of people less fortunate than ourselves.

Photos of this mission can be viewed on the Rotaplast Website –on the mission blog.

Wonderful friendships were made and great Rotary connection created.

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Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise



Rotary Club of Newcastle Harbour





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Well done and thanks to all concerned!



October is Vocational Month

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Rotary's Four-Way Test exemplifies an open-hearted, compassionate spirit.

Other tips to keep in mind (from *The Rotarian* January 2009 page 24):

- Be generous.** Do more than your share and volunteer in your community.
- Be expressive.** Smile at others, and show your appreciation for them.
- Be responsive.** Promptly answer messages, and send thank-you notes.
- Be inclusive.** Invite that newcomer to lunch, and draw in the shy person.
- Be considerate.** Arrive on time, and let people talk without interrupting them.

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