

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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January is Rotary Awareness Month

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DG GREG'S REPORTS.....

Welcome to January which is Rotary Awareness month.

Here we are at the dawning of a New Year where we have made our annual promise to ourselves that we will do things a little differently and a little better during 2010. In Rotary we are at the mid point of our year which gives us the opportunity to stand at the crossroads and look forward and to look back.

As we look back on the past six months we do so with complete amazement at the amount of service that our District Rotarians provide for each of their communities. On our visits we were able to gain a comprehensive view of the multiplicity of projects being carried out and how they brought great benefit to those in need.

As we look forward it gives us the opportunity to take toll and evaluate as to how our efforts and our goals have aligned. Are we to the point where we would like to be and what needs to be done to fulfill our aspirations for the complete Rotary year.

I am very confident from what I have witnessed over the past six months that you will complete those projects and achieve your goals.

Looking ahead we have our Membership Seminar in Singleton on February 14. One of our major goals for 2009-10 was to ensure that each club has more active members in June 2010 than when we started in July 2009. I encourage each of our club Membership Chairs and all Rotarians to take this opportunity to attend this very worthwhile seminar next month.

Looking a little further brings us to March on of course the "Spirit of Rotary" District Conference, 19-20-21 March. What a wonderful time this will be. Come and Learn more about Rotary, be entertained and above all inspired in the ways our great organisation

Planning is going along very smoothly with all major venues and Keynote speakers locked in. By now each of you should have received your Conference Brochures and the corresponding Registration form. Sporting activities have been organised for the first day with a magnificent evening in the Vineyards on Friday night. Plenary sessions will take place in the modern Cessnock Performing Arts Center and The Governors Dinner on Saturday night will be conducted at East Cessnock Bowling Club. On the back of the brochure you will find a number of accommodation opportunities which have been set aside for Rotarians. Remember to book early as these bookings can only be held until February 7. So book now.

Then in April we have the very important period where our President Elect Training Seminar and District Assemblies will take place in Singleton. I encourage each President Elect to ensure their attendance at PETS as this is so beneficial in your preparation for your year as President. Similarly it is just as important for club directors elect to attend the District Assembly. There is so much valuable information disseminated to assist you in the smooth operation of your portfolio.

As we now look forward to a very successful second half of our Rotary year, I thank you for the service that you have given and the service that you will provide over the months that lay ahead.

And remember "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"

Your friend in Rotary

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Diary Dates

19 February

Presidents and Partners Meeting at Maitland

21 February

Presidents and Partners Meeting at Narromine

27 February

District Chairs and AG's Training Singleton

17 -18 April

PETS and Eastern Assembly Singleton

1 May

Western District Assembly Dubbo

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

14 February, 2010

RSC Singleton Heights

10am – 3pm

Inspiring speakers !

Develop membership strategies
for your club!

Contact Wilma Simmons

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Assistant Governors

Continuing our series to promote the recognition of our Assistant Governors, this month we highlight a Rotarian from our Singleton on Hunter Club, Wendy Mason Jones. Wendy is in her very first term as an Assistant Governor and has warmed to the responsibilities beautifully. Wendy and her partner Andrew have been so supportive to their new clubs in the Hunter Valley.

Wendy joined the Rotary club of Singleton on Hunter in 2000, and has served as Director for Vocation, International, Community, Club Treasurer and during her year as club President Rotaract recommenced in Singleton. She has also served on three District Conference committees, chairing the most recent in 2009 at Forster.

Wendy has hosted many exchange students from various countries. Her daughter was offered an exchange in Michigan USA five years ago which continues to bring friends and visitors to Singleton.

She commenced her career as a Registered Nurse and Midwife, then completed a Diploma in Nursing Education, Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree in Health Management

With her six children now successfully settled in to their various careers. Wendy concentrates on her business Taxico logistics and is also the Health Service Manager in Singleton.

In her spare time she is a member of Singleton Theatrical Society, Arts and Musical Society and is a very keen gardener.



"Some Leaders are Born Women"

"Some Leaders are Born Women" is the theme for Salamander Bay Rotary Club's International Women's Day Luncheon. The event will take place on March 8th 2010, and is celebrated on this day each year around the globe – attempting to encourage women and to make the nations aware of the unique difficulties and discriminations that women face. The speaker will be Bronwyn Bishop MP and the lunch will be held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club at a cost of \$42.00 per person.



Please ring Joanne Windeyer for more information on 0401 599 729
or email her at jowindeyer@bigpond.com

St Jude's Coming to Australia



Happy New Year! From everyone at St Jude's, we hope you have had a safe and relaxing holiday period.

My promotional tour around Australia is fast approaching. I will be jetting off from Tanzania in four weeks time for three months, and can't believe how quickly it has come around! I would love to hold a few events in each city, larger town and so if you are willing to help organise a hall for me (and a computer/screen for my slide show) then please email me so I can slot in a time.

In my latest newsletter I have exciting updates on all the events and activities at St Jude's including World AIDS Day celebrations and my recent meeting with the Australian Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd. Read all this and more by following this link: <http://bit.ly/stjudenews>

You have the added bonus this month of Kim's newsletter wrapping up her awareness raising trip to greet many of our great supporters in the northern hemisphere. Meet many of them by following the link: <http://bit.ly/stjudenews> also.

Good news also is that due to demand we are running an additional June tour to the school. You can access the information by clicking on the following link <http://bit.ly/8WwSzs>

We still have a few of our colourful St Jude's Calendars available to purchase. These are full of amazing pictures of our students and our beautiful school so click on the following link <http://bit.ly/4BECeU> if you would like to start your new year with a cheerful addition to your wall hangings!

Best wishes for 2010,

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 Inc
DISTRICT PRESIDENTS MEETINGS

Invite from District Governor - Greg Bevan
 An invitation is extended to all Rotary Presidents, Assistant Governors and Partners to attend these functions.
 The function venues will be:

MAITLAND PARK BOWLING CLUB

Friday 19th February 2010 - 6.30 for 7.00pm.
 Cost \$22 per person.

ROTARY TOPICS & SPEAKERS WILL BE
 Public relations, Public image, RDU --- Pam Wellham

Youth activities ----- Alan Barr
 We have to book meals at this new venue & need numbers.

RSVP by Monday 15 th . February please

**NARROMINE UNITED SERVICES
 MEMORIAL CLUB**

Sunday 21st. February, 2010 - 10.30 for 11.00Am

PROGRAM OF DAY
 DISCUSSIONS ON FOLLOWING ROTARY TOPICS

Public relations, Public image of Rotary, RDU, Youth activities.

It is proposed to have lunch at approx. 12.30Pm at your own cost

FURTHER DETAILS

Contact District Secretary Bill Flett - 0409986102

CLUB	Current M'ship	DEC %	DEC RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	31	87.70	4
BELMONT	26	75.96	17
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0.00	#N/A
BOURKE	11	64.00	25
CARDIFF	9	88.88	2
CESSNOCK	26	76.60	16
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0.00	#N/A
CHARLESTOWN	35	80.80	12
COBAR	11	75.00	18
DENMAN	0	0.00	#N/A
DUBBO	28	72.84	19
DUBBO MACQUARIE	25	81.00	10
DUBBO SOUTH	0	0.00	#N/A
DUBBO WEST	40	85.42	6
DUNGOG	0	0.00	#N/A
EAST MAITLAND	0	0.00	#N/A
KURRI KURRI	17	78.87	13
MAITLAND	0	0.00	#N/A
MAITLAND SUNRISE	0	0.00	#N/A
MERRIWA	20	86.75	5
MORISSET	28	78.00	14
MUDGEE	21	66.10	24
MUDGEE SUNRISE	19	84.00	7
MURRURUNDI	0	0.00	#N/A
MUSWELLBROOK	21	60.00	26
MYALL COAST	22	68.52	22
NARROMINE	0	0.00	#N/A
NELSON BAY	0	0.00	#N/A
NEWCASTLE	60	50.00	27
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	0	0.00	#N/A
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	0	0.00	#N/A
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	25	81.00	10
NYNGAN	0	0.00	#N/A
PATERSON	0	0.00	#N/A
RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0.00	#N/A
RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	28	81.67	9
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	14	72.00	20
SALAMANDER BAY	29	69.40	21
SCONE	9	88.00	3
SINGLETON	0	0.00	#N/A
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	0	0.00	#N/A
TORONTO	38	68.33	23
TORONTO SUNRISE	26	84.00	7
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	20	89.47	1
WARATAH	18	77.80	15
WARNERS BAY	18	0.00	#N/A
WARREN	0	0.00	#N/A
WELLINGTON	0	0.00	#N/A
WILLIAMTOWN	0	0.00	#N/A



ROTARY FOUNDATION MATTERS



The new calendar year marks the start of the second half of the Rotary year, and a time to take stock of progress toward our goals for 2009-2010.

The \$200m Polio challenge has passed its half way mark – which is wonderful news, but there is still much to do. Has your club done its bit by seeking contributions from your local community? By doing so we are obtaining funds from other than Rotarians' pockets and, in addition, we will be informing the wider community about Rotary and its promise to the children of the world.

On the other hand our support of the Annual Programs Fund has been slipping. Because we are supporting the Polio Challenge does not reduce the desperate needs of the hungry, the thirsty and the sick and the illiterate.

The looks of joy and hope on the faces of those who benefit from Foundation funded projects to meet those desperate needs are sufficient reward to those who commit through Every Rotarian, Every Year to giving just \$100 per year – less than a cup of coffee a week. The unspoken 'thankyou' in a mother's eyes is more than sufficient to express without words the real value of our small contribution to a child's health and welfare through "OUR" Foundation.

Your gift and mine at this level (or a little more if you are able) can make the difference between life and death, or health and sickness, or between a sound educated mind and a wasted life. We, who have so much, can offer hope to those who have so little through actively supporting "OUR" Rotary Foundation.

"TRF Direct" forms from your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (or from PDG Bruce Allen at RI Parramatta) will enable you to make a regular (tax-deductible) monthly, quarterly or annual contribution from your bank account or credit card.

So little can mean so much.

For more information go to www.rotary.org/foundation

DISTRICT 9670 CONFERENCE CESSNOCK

19th - 21st March 2010

"THE SPIRIT of ROTARY"

Featuring programs of Clubs in the District and Rotary International
Guest Speakers

Reserved accommodation will be held until 7th February

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