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R.I. PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY

9690 DISTRICT NEWS

“The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands”

FROM WHERE I SIT; THE MONTH IN REVIEW

As the Rotary year continues to roll along August has continued to be an exciting journey for Julia & I.

We are continually amazed and inspired by what clubs are doing within and contributing to their local and the greater community. Whether it be a weekly BBQ, support of Senior Citizens groups, Christmas raffles, participation in local parades and festivals, Pride of Workmanship and police Officer of Year Awards and continued support of the various Youth programs, District 9690 is truly making a positive difference.

As we are hopefully all aware August is MEMBERSHIP MONTH, We had the great pleasure of commencing the month by assisting Springwood club's President Peter Sparkes induct two new members Allen & Lyn Smith. A great personal thrill for me.

I am well aware that we all get a little tired of hearing of the need of increasing membership but today more than ever the need is REAL.

Shortly we will be the smallest District within Australia, not a major problem within itself, however over the past few years we have been unable to substantially increase our numbers.

Imaging how much easier those service tasks would be if there were more hands to carry out the tasks, and younger hands at that.

We all know that Membership is the responsibility of someone within our clubs.

With the theme for our year being “The Future of Rotary is Your Hands”, let that someone be you and me.

As I have said during my visits to clubs, we all obviously have a love of Rotary and gain many positive things from our being members of our respective clubs, otherwise you would not continue to serve as you do.

So be proactive and share that feeling with others whether they are relatives, friends or co-workers. By always wearing a Rotary badge and ready to positively talk up Rotary and offer others the opportunity to share in the experience. We may well see our membership increase substantially.

As I mentioned at the commencement of this article your clubs are very active within your local communities and this is an ideal opportunity to promote and inform people about Rotary.

By now you all will have received your pull-up banners and a supply of “People like you and me” pamphlets, please use and display these at every opportunity and let the public know who and what we are.

Recently Julia & I also had the pleasure to attend a meeting of the provisional Rotary Club of Revesby - Werrimbirra. A vibrant new club for

our District with almost 20 new members already making a substantial positive difference for their local community., and hopefully they will Charter in the next few months.

Being a provisional all Rotarians can now make-up at Revesby- Werrimbirra and I encourage you all to go along and see what an enthusiastic group they are and with an average of age of under 40.

Other good news from our visits was learning that Granville club have chartered an Interact Club at Granville Boys High School . Great work guys and congratulations from all the District.

Also this month saw the interviews for leader of the District's Group Study Team. With twelve people nominating for the position. The selection committee had a very hard task with so many talented applicants, and I am pleased to advise that David Ross from the Rotary Club of Parramatta City was the successful candidate and will lead our GSE team to District 7820 in May 2010.

Lets all keep doing what we do well in serving our local and greater communities and ensure that 2009-10 is a year to remember.

Paul



THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW

What a fabulous time I am having. Thank you to all the Clubs, Members, Friends & Family who have welcomed me so warmly since we started this road show with our first Change-over on the 18th June.

In last months District Newsletter, Paul mentioned his emphasis on Literacy. This is his emphasis, but it is "My Passion". Literacy is a skill we all have and take for granted, But, so many don't have this skill and need our assistance.

We have chosen Indigenous Literacy and with your help we hope to make a difference in the name of District 9690. So Watch This Space!!

Now to get started, Indigenous Literacy Day is Wednesday September 2 2009 and all partner publishers and booksellers will be donating a percentage of their takings on this day to fund literacy in remote indigenous communities. It's Fathers' Day on the 6th September, Just maybe you would like to buy a book.

Take care, and see you on our travels.

Julia

For more information on the "Indigenous Literacy Project" go to www.worldwithoutbooks.org

A quote from our Founder Paul Harris

To attempt to superimpose its views through the exercise of force, is seldom the part of intelligence;

it is frequently the part of ignorance.

Sydney 2014 Rotary International Convention Host Organising Committee

Dear Rotarians,

The 2014 Rotary International Convention is to be held in Sydney. The Host Organising Committee (HOC) is seeking expressions of interest from Rotarians who would like to play a role in the organisation and conduct of the various activities which are the responsibility of the HOC. The skills we need are summarised as follows –

- Finance and accounting
- Promotion and public relations
- Arranging and running special events
- Fund raising
- Recruiting and training Rotarian volunteers
- Organising a business expo
- Organising entertainment
- Catering, arranging and supervising
- Relationships with RI, TRF & Governments
- Security

Organising medical service

Assistance with obtaining Visas

General assistance

Interested Rotarians can obtain more information by contacting the chairman of the HOC at the address shown below. It would be appreciated if responses could be received by **30th September 2009**.

This is a great opportunity for Rotarians to become involved in a very significant Rotary event and we look forward to hearing of your interest in assisting the HOC to make the 2014 convention the best ever.

Yours in Rotary service,

Past Rotary Director/Treasurer Barry Thompson

Chairman Sydney
2014 Rotary International Convention
Host Organising
Committee Inc.



D9690 Attends Birmingham International Convention

The 100th Convention of Rotary International was held recently in the British Midlands city of Birmingham. 11 Rotarians and partners from D9690 attended.

Some, like Carolyn and I, went for the five days of convention and others, like Jennifer Scott, Bob Aitken and John and Susan Wakefield attended pre-convention meetings for the World Peace Symposium, regional magazine meetings and Youth Exchange conferences.

More than 14,900 attendees from 154 countries and geographical areas came to Birmingham. It was the second time Birmingham has held the International Convention, the first being in 1984.

At a special appearance at the opening plenary session UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Rotarians for their work in advancing social justice. Ban called Rotary the heart and soul of the worldwide polio eradication effort

and pledged the UN's continued cooperation and support.

Listening to Mia Farrow describe her work as a Unicef and UNHCR ambassador to tell the world of the plight of the people of Dafur was also inspiring. We know these things are occurring yet we are not forceful enough with our governments and leaders to ensure a solution is found. It is being able to talk to Rotary at a convention like this that brings hope.

DGN David Cook



Welcome our latest Rotarians

Congratulations and welcome to each of you. May your membership with your new clubs be exciting and full of great fellowship.

Gloria Armstrong (Burwood)
Laura Fitzpatrick (Gunargarang Rotaract)
Vera Liondas (Holroyd)
Peter Quirk (Nepean)
Mary Preston (Wallacia/Mulgoa Valley)
Brian Rees (Nepean)

George Roman (Cabramatta)
Kay Rosano (Wallacia/Mulgoa Valley)
Conrad Saldanha (Parramatta City)
Gus Schenk (Hawkesbury)
Allen Smith (Springwood)
Lyn Smith (Springwood)
Maurizio Vespa (Burwood)

Welcome our newest Rotary Club, The Rotary Club of Revesby - Werrimbirra

Charter date: Wednesday 21st October 2009 More details on their charter night will be sent to clubs.

Their meeting details are:

Revesby Workers Club, 2b Brett Avenue, Revesby. 2212

Wednesday 6.30pm for 7pm

Meal optional from Club Bistro or cafe

Phone contact: 0406 185 404

Email: revesbywerrimbirrarotary@hotmail.com

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH RESEARCH FUND AWARDS

At the President's meeting held at Penrith Panthers on 14 August 2009 ARHF District Chair Susan Wakefield presented eight Banners recognising significant per member contribution milestones reached by these clubs. Susan thanked all clubs within District 9690 for their continued generous support of ARFH advising that the District had contributed a total of \$1,618,026.50 to date.

Those clubs recognised were;

Katoomba \$500 per member
Blacktown \$1000 per member

Kurrajong/ North Richmond \$1000 per member
Wetherill Park \$1500 per member
Burwood \$2000 per member
Concord \$3000 per member
Liverpool West \$5000 per member
Parramatta City \$7000 per member



Membership Growth

The RI President's Theme "The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands" is very appropriate for the month of August which is "Membership" month.

Without new members coming into our Clubs there will be no "Future for Rotary" and this is particularly so for Clubs in our District.

Your membership committee is available to provide support and advice, as required, to meet the District's goal of achieving a net increase of at least 10% for the year but we need a person in your club to take the responsibility of leading your club to achieve this goal.

This is a big ask but there are prospective members in almost every club area who need to be identified and invited to become part of our wonderful organisation.

Please join us in our endeavors to meet the challenge of increasing our District membership by at least 10%.

Bob Bensley

Membership Chairman

September is New Generations Month

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CHANGES TO DIRECTORY

Katoomba Club now meet at Carrington Hotel 6.00 for 6.30pm still on a Monday

Hawkesbury Club now meet at The Sebel Resort & Spa Clarendon 7.15 for 7.30am still on a Thursday

PDG Jack Elliot should have been listed as serving beyond District 9690. He continues to serve as Treasurer for RAWCS Eastern Region

Omission

in the Directory on page 21

Sunday 11 July 2010 **District Changeover** The Richmond Club, Richmond

Alana Wilson D9690 District

Rotaract Representative 2009-10

new email is
alanaw2@tpg.com.au

We have become aware of a number of incorrect phone listings in the Directory. Should you wish your correct phone contact advised please send the correction to D.G. Paul and he will include it in the next issue of the District Newsletter.

District Governor's Calendar

Cabramatta	August 17
St. Mary's	August 18
Blackheath	August 20
Liverpool	August 24
Wetherill Park	August 25
Penrith Valley	August 26
ROYA Awards	August 27
NYSF Orientation	August 28
Burwood	August 31
Central Blue	September 2
Katoomba	September 7
Upper Blue	September 8
Lower Blue	September 8
RYPEN	September 11
RPYEN	September 12
GSE Selection	September 13
Parramatta City	September 14
Strathfield	September 16
Nepean	September 21
Richmond	September 21
Padstow	September 22
Liverpool Greenway	September 23
Parramatta	September 28
Kurrajong/ North Richmond	September 29
Windsor	September 30

District Membership

Club	start of year	plus for month	minus for month	current status	Club	start of year	plus for month	minus for month	current status
Bankstown	11			11	Mount Druitt	17			17
Blackheath	16			16	Nepean	28	2		30
Blacktown City	53			53	Padstow	44			44
Breakfast Point	27		2	25	Parramatta	32			32
Burwood	43	2	2	43	Parramatta City	31	1		32
Cabramatta	15	1		16	Parramatta Daybreak	16			16
Central Blue Mountains	23			23	Penrith	34			34
Chester Hill	13			13	Penrith Valley	44		1	43
Concord	47			47	Prospect	8			8
Granville	20		2	18	Richmond	44			44
Hawkesbury	17	1		18	Springwood	33	2	1	34
Holroyd	36	1		37	St. Mary's	21			21
Katoomba	22			22	Strathfield	63			63
Kurrajong / Nth Richmond	18			18	Up Blue Mount Sunrise	20			20
Liverpool	30			30	Walacia / Mulgoa Valley	12	2		14
Liverpool Greenway	32			32	Wetherill Park	35			35
Liverpool west	25			25	Windsor	39			39
Lower Blue Mountains	56			56					
					Total	1025	12	8	1029