

“The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands”

FROM WHERE I SIT; THE MONTH IN REVIEW



D.G. PAUL REID

R.I. PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY

9690 DISTRICT NEWS

September is New Generations Month, and is the time for us as Rotarians to focus our attention on our various Youth programs and the role that they play in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

How many times have we either heard someone say or even stated ourselves that “The Youth of Today are our Leaders of the Future”

Although it may seem trite it is undoubtedly true. For how many times have we attended RYPEN, RYLA, MUNA, YEP or any other youth orientated program and not been blown away by the enthusiasm and talent of our young people.

Over the past few weeks Julia and I have had the absolute pleasure to attend ROYA Presentation Night, NYSF Orientation Evening and subsequent visit to Government House and most recently the RYPEN dinner.

To witness first hand the talent and commitment of these young people and what they contribute to their school and local communities is nothing short of amazing and one cannot help but come away with a sense of pride and respect not only for our youth and their parents and families but also for Rotary and OUR Youth programs.

There is also some exciting

news with a new Interact Club having been chartered within the last month at Granville Boys High School with fifteen members and new and interested boys attending each meeting.

This new club had its beginnings when students from Granville Boys High attended RYPEN last year and were encouraged to form a club by students from Meridan School Strathfield.

From there mainly due to the efforts of John & Pat Corey from Granville Rotary Club who have worked tirelessly over the past months to ensure that the Interact club has evolved into an effective avenue for the youth in the school to better serve their community.

Also Blacktown City club has held an information evening with the view of forming a new Rotaract Club in their area. The evening was a success with twelve interested young people attending and they now have fifteen prospective Rotaractors who will have their first meeting this month.

We are very fortunate in District 9690 with our commitment to youth with every club having some involvement in a number of our Youth programs each year.

Whether it be PACE, MUNA, RYPEN, RYLA, RYDA, NYSF or YEP we are giving out young people a chance to learn and grow and to truly become the leaders and hopefully Rotarians of the future.

Membership

Since the start of the Rotary year Julia & I have had the privilege of attending club meetings to witness the induction of a good number of new members.

It is vitally important that club Secretaries and/ or Presidents access the Rotary International web site through member access and record these new members onto the system.

Please also advise District Attendance Officer Robert Feil of the names of these new members so that they can be recognized in this newsletter.

That you all for the fellowship & friendship shown to Julia & I as we travel around the District and remember “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.”

Paul



CARE PACK FOR COUNTRY WOMEN

Margaret Favelle from Rotary Club of Cabramatta has suggested a great Community project of Care Packs for Country Women.

Many country women are the ones who carry the family burden of drought and tough times and this is a great way to shown them that somebody CARES>

The idea is similar to shoe boxes substituting pens & pencils etc for ladies care products such as face cream, moisturizer, shampoo and the like.

With most of our clubs having a connection to Rotary Clubs in country areas, you can simply contact that Club and ask them to distribute the packs for you.

Or better still have a club visit and distribute the packs yourselves.

For further information contact Margaret, her details are in the District Directory.

Presidents meeting

Our second Presidents' meeting will be held on Friday, 16th October, 2009 at Penrith Panthers

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Cost: \$25 per person

Your Foundation & International Directors are invited to attend this meeting.

Attendance at our Presidents' meetings is the way to learn what is new in Rotary and ways to promote your Club in these areas.

For catering purposes, we need numbers of those attending by Friday, 9th October, 2009.

Clothes Pond

Look out next month for news on a program that will help you re-cycle your pre loved clothes.



District 9690 Literacy Project

As most of you have by now heard from D.G. Paul as he has been carrying out his official visits his & Julia's emphasis for the year is Literacy, and in particular Indigenous Children's Literacy.

D.G. Paul and Julia have chosen the following Literacy Project for 2009-10

"BOOK BUZZ"

ILP (Indigenous Literacy Project) Partners

The Fred Hollows Foundation

Australian Booksellers Association

Australian Publishers Association

The BOOK BUZZ project aims to improve the chances of young children living in remote communities of acquiring literacy skills. It recognises that experience with books in early childhood is the key indicator to literacy success.

The development of English literacy skills is important for the life opportunities of indigenous children and youth. Literacy provides them with the necessary skills to interact within mainstream society and

avail themselves of the broadest range of civic, social, education and employment possibilities.

BOOK BUZZ packs are available through the ILP partners and clubs can donate or fundraise (maybe have a special literacy fundraiser) and purchase one or more of the following packs:

One BOOK BUZZ Pack
\$157.00

Two BOOK BUZZ Packs
\$314.00

Three BOOK BUZZ Packs
\$471.00

The funds will be forwarded to The Fred Hollows Foundation at the end of the Rotary year.

Looking forward to working with you on this wonderful project that gives children and youth the opportunity of learning literacy skills.

Irene Little,

District Literacy Coordinator.



ROTARACT NEWS

September is New Generations Month and it is a busy month for Rotaractors within our district. Burwood Rotaract Club held their first Mental Health Forum for youth in their local area at the beginning of the month. The night was a great success and congratulations to Burwood for helping to increase awareness of mental health issues for youth. Gunararang Rotaract Club are continuing fundraising efforts through organising a trivia night to raise money for their Sri Lankan Project. Club members are planning to travel to Sri Lanka in January next year to work at an orphanage and agricultural farm. Rotaract has also continued its participation at RYPEN this month with many Rotaractors volunteering their time over the weekend.

Congratulations to The Rotary Club of Blacktown who held a successful Rotaract interest meeting for youth aged 18-30 in the Blacktown area at the end of last month. It was great to see that a core group of interested youth made plans for

another meeting later this month to further discuss Rotaract and the development of a club in the Blacktown area. Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Wetherill Park have also been actively involved advertising and seeking interest in developing a new Rotaract Club in their local area and have an interest meeting organised for later this month. If you know of anyone who is 18-30, lives or works in these areas and would like to be involved in Rotaract email District Rotaract for further details.

If your club would like to find out more about Rotaract, Rotaractors are available to come along and be guest speakers at your Club. To organise a guest speaker please contact district Rotaract via email at

rotaract9690@yahoo.com.au

Alana Wilson

District Rotaract Representative

District GSE Team Selected

The District GSE Committee, ably assisted by partners, club members and returned GSE team members held interviews on Sunday 13 September. We have chosen a team we should be proud of and one David Ross, our Team Leader, can work with to develop into an outstanding group of four young professionals to represent us and DG Paul in District 7820 next May.

The successful candidates were

Catherine Thomson, Secondary Teacher, sponsored by Strathfield

Lisa Quirk, Social Worker with Residential Aged Care Services, sponsored by Holroyd

Colin Wilkes, Sales Representative, sponsored by Springwood

Shannon Tonkin, Journalist, sponsored by Richmond

and **Suzanne Wright**, Social Worker with Salvation Army Employment Plus, sponsored by Central Blue Mountains.

Those unsuccessful candidates were

Shabnam Tavakol, Liverpool West

Lauren Abel, Hawkesbury

Brad Billett, Prospect

Katrina Parker, Prospect

Daniela Santucci, Revesby Warrimbirra

Michael Khoury, Parramatta City

Laura Weiss, Prospect - Laura was a late withdrawal due to work commitments.

Clubs should be congratulated on such a high standard of applicant. It made the selection so much harder.

With regard to the incoming team from District 7820, Eastern Canada, clubs will soon be sent details requesting expressions of interest for hosting the team next February/March. Please give it some early consideration now. Clubs are required to host the team for 4-5 days for social, vocational, cultural and club activities. There will be four or five people in the team and each will need a family to host and at least one vocational day whilst with you.

GSE is a real, hands-on way to get involved in International Vocational Service and an ideal way to encourage your members to participate. Those clubs who put up their hands to host, often plan to do so regularly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information, or seek out more details on the R/I website at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/Fellowship/groupStudyExchange/pages/ridefault.aspx>

and follow the download link to Program Guide for Rotarians

David Cook
GSE Chair 2009/10

If you are a Paul Harris Fellow, a Foundation Centurion, Paul Harris Society member, you are invited to this special dinner to be held at Rosehill Gardens on Monday 9th November.

The guest speaker will be John F. Germ. Director of RI 2003-2005, Vice President RI 2004-2005, Vice Chairman TRF 2009-2010, trustee TRF 2008-2012



For those wishing to attend the luncheon please go to the District website under District Activities to download your registration form.

October is Vocational Service Month

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District Governor's Calendar

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
Breakfast Point	October 1
Blacktown City	October 6
Wallacia/Mulgoa Valley	October 7
Concord	October 12
Penrith Valley	October 14
Holroyd	October 19
Revesby/Wirrimbirra Charter Night	October 21
Hawkesbury	October 22

District Membership

CLUB	1-Jul-09	Change	30-Aug-09
Bankstown	11		11
Blackheath	16		16
Blacktown City	51		51
Breakfast Point	27		27
Burwood	42		42
Cabramatta	14		14
Central Blue Mount	23		23
Chester Hill	13	-1	12
Concord	31	13	44
Granville	22	-4	18
Hawkesbury	17		17
Holroyd	36	-1	35
Katoomba	22		22
Kurrajong/Nth Rich	18		18
Liverpool	30		30
Liverpool Greenway	32		32
Liverpool West	25		25
Lower Blue Mount	57		57
Mount Druitt	17		17
Nepean	27	2	29
Padstow	44	-1	43
Parramatta	29		29
Parramatta City	31	1	32
Parramatta Daybreak	16		16
Penrith	35	-1	34
Penrith Valley	44		44
Prospect	8		8
Richmond	44		44
Springwood	33	-1	32
St. Mary's	24	-3	21
Strathfield	64	-2	62
Upper Blue Mount Sun	19	1	20
Wallacia/Mulgoa Valley	13	-1	12
Wetherill Park	35	-1	34
Windsor	39		39
Total	1009	1	1010

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.

Janice Calder (Breakfast Point)

Gita Naglot (Breakfast Point)

Bianca Brown (Central Blue)

Katherine Moffit (Prospect)

Sue McEvoy (Prospect)

