

“The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands”

FROM WHERE I SIT; THE MONTH IN REVIEW



D.G. PAUL REID

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9690 DISTRICT NEWS

October is Vocational Service Month and it is the notion of Vocation that sets Rotary apart from being just another Community Service Organisation.

Whilst Julia & I were training in San Diego we had the good fortune to attend an address from Past R.I President Rajendra K. Saboo where he described Vocational Service as the “Forgotten Avenue of Service” and I sincerely hope that for all clubs in District 9690 that this is not the case.

During his address Rajendra said many things that struck a cord with me and I would like to share a sample of them with you. He said;

“Rotary’s doctrine of ethics becomes all the more relevant today than at any time before”.

Rotarians are talented, creative, experienced people. When they share knowledge, they can truly brighten up the lives they touch — brighten up society.

The four Avenues of Service are so placed in order that one leads into the other. Club Service is the organizational structure that comes first. Then comes the Vocational Service avenue, which is the basis — the requirement — for membership.

Thus, Rotary becomes a group of like-minded people from different vocations, and when such people, with clean hands, big hearts, and open minds, extend themselves to serve the community. Acceptability of Rotary in society becomes all the more profound.

If you take out vocational service, Rotary becomes purely a community service organization. And if you take out ethics from vocational service, then vocational service falls flat.

The world is full of non governmental organizations working for humanitarian causes. Then there are many organizations espousing ethics and values. But there are very few that are equally fo-cused on ethics-based profession/vocation on one hand and humanitarian service on the other. Rotary is one such organization.”

Many people today will tell you that ethics are dead and a thing of the past and that all is fair in the ways of business and life and that it is the individual that is the most important think, if you like ‘the time of me”.

Rajendra asks us when you are confronted by these people, Please tell them, “Ethics is not outdated, Integrity and honesty have not been re-defined.” Ethics is not confined to business or profession alone — it reflects in totality and moves in tandem with family values. The fruit never falls far from the tree, and your children will be what you are or what you do.

A story is told of one proud father, one Bobby Lewis who was taking his two little boys to play min-iature golf. At the ticket counter, he was told of the entrance charges, “\$3 for you and \$3 for any kid older than six.”

Bobby said, “The younger one is three, and the other is seven; so I guess I owe you \$6, includ-ing me.”

The man at the counter exclaimed, “Hey, mister, did you just win a lottery or something? You could have saved yourself three bucks telling me that the older one was six; I would not have known the difference.”

Bobby replied, “Yes, that may be true, but the kids

would have known the difference and would have always carried it in their minds.”

At times, I have been confronted by the question “What is ethics?” and so I submit an exer-cise for our actions, the age-old question: “How would we feel if we were in the other person’s shoes?”

- Would we act the same way if we were to be reported on the front page of the paper our friends read?
- Would we do it if our children picked up the same behavior?
- Would we change our mind if the person on the receiving end of the ethical transgression was a loved one?
- And the simplest of all: What would our mother think?”

As I have said to many of you during our club visits I firmly believe that Rotarians are special people, not better than anyone else but people who voluntarily give of their time, talents and in many cases their money all for the privilege of making the world a better place, and most importantly we do so ethically and in living the ethos of The Four Way Test.

This is why the world and your local community trust and respect Rotary and Rotarians, it is our responsibility to always live up to that level of trust and respect.

Paul



The View From the Other Side

Where have the last few months gone? This week we finish our official club visits and I thank all of you for an experience I would not have missed for the world. To all the Clubs, Members and Friends old and many new, Thank you for making this so easy for me.

Now just a few commercials, don't miss the Family of Rotary Pantomime/Concert on Sunday the 8th November. Bring your Family, Friends and/or sponsor a family that due to current circumstances may not be able to afford to come. Information has been distributed to all clubs and it is on the District Web Site.

Also a big Thank You to the Clubs that have contributed to our Literacy Project, and please when distributing your funds keep Book Buzz in mind.

Take care,

Luisa

Rotarians helping Rotarians

Fellows – this special request for a special person came across my desk recently. I contemplated publishing the request/advertisement in RDU but, when you really think about the challenge, it is more applicable to the Sydney area .

Bob Aitken AM.

Managing Editor RDU

Rotarian Graham Cook of the Rotary Club of Roseville Chase is seeking employment for his beautiful daughter Louisa.

This is a special need as happy, bubbly Louisa is a young woman who is mildly mentally disabled (developmentally delayed). She has experience in office administration and retail - and is looking for full or part time employment in either field.

Louisa can provide references and her advisor at a government sponsored employment agency will assist with one-to-one introductory training at no cost to the employer.

Louisa has a delightful personality, a great sense of humour, loves various sports and relates to people very well.

Prospective employers may obtain Louisa's resume and further information by direct contact with Graham Cook on 0411 165 775 – or email

cookgb@bigpond.net.au



Australian Rotary Health

Australian Rotary Health will turn 28 in October! In 28 years the Fund has evolved from a fledgling supporter of research into cot death to a dominant player in the health outcomes of Australians.

Launched by Mornington Rotarian Ian Scott, the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (Australian Rotary Health) has become the largest non-government funding body of mental illness research in Australia. This astounding growth is a tribute to the vision of one man and the generosity of Australia's Rotarians.

Australian Rotary Health is one of Australia's pre-eminent research funding bodies. While mental health research is currently the primary funding interest, Australian Rotary Health is supporting research across many other areas including a number of different cancers, Alzheimer's disease, spinal injury, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and Malaria.

The Committee advises the Board on grant allocations - in accord with principles adopted by the National Health and Medical Council of Australia - after a rigorous review of grant applications. Australian Rotary Health is indebted to the Committee, to Rotary Clubs and to all who support our mission.

For more information go to

www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to:

Australian Rotary Health, PO Box 3455,
Parramatta, NSW, 2124.



Clothes Pond

Do you have a wardrobe full of clothes that you never wear... a box full of unwanted shoes, bags, belts or ties? How about donating them to the new Mount Druitt College clothing library?

Clothes Pond, is a new service for students who are going to job interviews and who need smart clothes to tide them over in those first few weeks of work. It will be run by the Student Association and aims to be up and running in Term 4. The service will be free of charge to Student Association members.

Clothes Pond needs donations of cleanly laundered men's and women's clothes in all sizes, which are suitable for job interviews.

The **Clothes Pond** is limiting its intake to suits, skirts, blouses,

shirts, shoes, dresses, ties, belts and bags which are in classic styles and/or plain lines. We need brown, black, navy and grey colored suits, skirts, trousers and jackets. All other colours are fine for blouses and shirts. Some stripes and subtle patterns will be OK, but please, no clearly dated styles, brightly coloured patterns, large florals or logos.

All clothing will be catalogued and matched for use.

We would also appreciate any donations of coat hangers, suit bags and clothing bags.

Clothes can be dropped off to Elizabeth Whitelaw-Adams in AG.03 (next to the Bookshop), or phone Liz on 9208 6400

or 0404 084 704

Clothes Pond is part of Mount Druitt College Student Association

GSE News

The GSE Committee is offering **ALL** D9690 clubs an opportunity to share in the enjoyment and benefits of being involved with the hosting of the inbound GSE team.

The inbound team from D7820 Eastern Canada will arrive February, stay for the District Conference on 19th to 21st March and depart soon after. The team will consist of a team leader and 4 team members. Their details are not yet available, as the Canadian selection day is next month.

We are requesting that clubs interested in hosting the team submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). As the vocational details of the team are not yet available, please outline when the vocational sessions will take place in your schedule.

Also attached is an outline of topics to be addressed in the EOI. A suggestion your Club may like to consider is to join together with one or more clubs in your region and work together in preparing an EOI and sharing hosting and vocational preparations. Your region coordinator will be contacting you shortly to determine your level of interest and to assist in any way possible

Expression of Interest

(EOD-GSE Team Hosting-2010)

The purpose of this EOI is to provide the Rotary Clubs of District 9690 the opportunity to host the inbound GSE team from D7820 Eastern Canada during February and March 2010. The hosting period by each Club, or group of Clubs, will be about 5 or 6 days of the 4 week stay by the team. NB The team will be attending the District Conference in Forster – March 19 -21, 2010.

The inbound team will consist of a team leader and 4 team members.

Clubs will need to consider the following:

- A proposed vocational program (more details to be forwarded when we are advised of the team make up)

- A proposed accommodation plan including hosts details (The Rotary Foundation will require full details prior to the team arriving)

- A proposed cultural, entertainment, and social plan

- A changeover plan addressing arrival and departure from /to previous or next hosting club/s (this may be considered at a later date when we decide on the program)

- Arrangements for emergency treatment eg doctor / dentist

- Inbound team presentations to clubs

- Contact details for the host Club or group of Clubs

A statement explaining why you believe that your club /'s EOI should be adopted

Closing date for submissions will be 15th November 2010.

The Secretary - D9690 GSE Committee
Fiona McCulloch PO Box 1023 Penrith
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A quote from our Founder Paul Harris

When an individual, a sect, a clique or a nation hates and despises another individual, sect, clique or nation, he or they simply do not know the objects of their hatred. Ignorance is at the bottom of it.

The Rotary Club of Burwood loses two great contributors:

During September, the Rotary Club of Burwood lost two of its great contributors. Firstly, on 1st September PP Bill Williams passed peacefully in his sleep at Concord Hospital. PP Bill lived the Rotary motto of “service above self”.

PP Bill would become aware of a need in the Community through his Rotary involvement, but would extend his involvement far beyond Rotary into the Community itself, until that need was met

Then on 6th September, a physical partnership of over 73 years was broken, although spiritually it lives on. Lilian Pickett passed away at the breakfast table in the arms of her beloved PDG Harry. As PDG Harry was the patriarch of Burwood Club and indeed District 9690, Lilian was their matriarch. Lilian was PDG Harry’s support, helper and primary advisor for his 50 year Rotary journey.

They will be sadly missed.

Burwood celebrates 70 years.

You are invited to its birthday on 12th December at Burwood RSL, 6:30 for 7:00 \$60 per head and special guest speaker on the night is Past RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna.

Would clubs wishing to attend please collect the money and send a list and cheque.

To Burwood, P.O. Box 93 Burwood 2134

November is The Rotary Foundation Month

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CHANGES TO DIRECTORY

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

Holroyd Golf Day	October 23
Wetherill Park	October 26
Liverpool Greenway	October 30
District Committee	November 4
Tri District PHF Lunch	November 9
Rotary institute	November 9-15
RAWCS Dinner	November 21
YEP Presentation	November 22
Burwood PRISCA Awards	November 23
Rotary Leadership Institute	November 29
President's Meeting	December 4



CLUB	1-Jul-09	Change	30-Sep-09
Bankstown	11		11
Blackheath	16		16
Blacktown City	53	-1	52
Breakfast Point	27	-1	26
Burwood	43	-1	42
Cabramatta	15	1	16
Central Blue Mountains	23	1	24
Chester Hill	13	-1	12
Concord	36	11	47
Granville	20	-2	18
Hawkesbury	17	1	18
Holroyd	35	1	36
Katoomba	22		22
Kurrajong/Nth Richmond	18		18
Liverpool	30		30
Liverpool Greenway	32	-2	30
Liverpool West	25		25
Lower Blue Mountains	56		56
Mount Druitt	18	-1	17
Nepean	27	2	29
Padstow	43		43
Parramatta	27	1	28
Parramatta City	31	1	32
Parramatta Daybreak	15		15
Penrith	34		34
Penrith Valley	44		44
Prospect	8	2	10
Richmond	44	-2	42
Springwood	33	1	34
St. Marys	21	-1	20
Strathfield	63	-1	62
Up Blue Mount Sun	20		20
Wallacia/Mulgoa Valley	12	2	14
Wetherill Park	34		34
Windsor	39		39
Total	1005	11	1016

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.

Bianca Brown	CENTRAL BLUE
Gus Schenk	HAWKESBURY
Joanne Willott	PENRITH VALLEY
Conrad Saldanha	PARRAMATTA
Graeme Burt	PARRAMATTA DAYBREAK
Sue McEvoy	PROSPECT
Katherine Moffett	PROSPECT
Michael Collins	RICHMOND