

“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

Firstly a big Thank you to the 435 Rotarians and partners who attended “The Greatest Show on Earth” at Club Forster.

From the emails, cards and calls we have received you enjoyed the program, speakers and social activities put on so capably for you by my club Holroyd.

Thank you to Conference Chair Warwick Tester and each and every member of Holroyd for a weekend that Julia & I will never forget.

April is Magazine Month and the two most notable Rotary magazines that come to mind are of course Rotary Down Under and The Rotarian.

As Bob Aitken informs us in the latest edition of RDU Magazine

“Thirty one magazines in 24 languages carry the responsibility of maintaining effective communication to Rotarians in all parts of the world.

The Rotary magazine Press is the only direct means of communication between the R.I. Board of directors and each individual Rotary member.”

The Rotary Down Under magazine is the approved and prescribed magazine servicing our Zone which includes, Australia, N.Z., Timor Leste, PNG. and all the islands of the South Pacific.

This is our magazine and Bob and his staff like nothing better than printing articles on the activities and initiatives of clubs within the Zone areas covered but also from our own clubs.

When was the last time you or someone from your club sent an article or photo to RDU for publication.

There is no need to fear embarrassment just go to page 22 of the latest issue to see a true example of what I am talking about.

As well as articles clubs should also let Bob know when your club awards a Paul Harris Fellow so that others who may know the awardee are aware.

On a sadder note also let the magazine know of the passing of a member again others will wish to know and sometimes RDU magazine is the only vehicle they may have of being advised.

But what happens when you have finished reading your copy of Rotary Down Under.

Do not just file or heaven forbid throw it away. Use it as a further vehicle to let the world at large know about Rotary.

Many clubs and members take old issues of the magazine to their doctors, dentists or hairdressers. A great way to spread the word.

Other clubs send the magazine to their local schools and libraries and some to service projects and community BBQ’s and give them away.

So what do you do with your old issues? Please make effective use of them, even if

only from now on.

While we tend to think more of the major magazines during this month let us not forget that other great avenue for communication.

The Club Weekly Bulletin.

As anyone who has undertaken the task of producing a club bulletin will know it can be at times a frustrating and thankless job.

This is our bulletin, contribute to it and again use it as an effective medium to promote both your club and Rotary.

PRESIDENTS’ MEETING

The last Presidents’ meeting for the year will be held on Friday 30 April 2010 at Penrith Panthers commencing 6.30 for 7.00pm.

At this meeting District Chairs will give a report on the activities within their portfolios throughout the year.

All are welcome to attend, but let Lyn Tester know if you plan to attend.

Paul



The View From the Other Side

Thank you to all those people who generously contributed to the Sock Tree for The School of St. Jude.

Your generosity is amazing and we have hundreds and hundreds of socks to now send to Tanzania. This will take some time but it will be accomplished.

To those of you who advised me that you still have socks at home you can give them to your President to bring along to the meeting on April 30 or just let me know and I will arrange to collect them.

Thank you to all who supported the raffle at Conference and again through your generosity we raised \$1700 for the School.

A special thank you to Jill Williams from Holroyd Club who made the beautiful porcelain "Clown Doll" for us to raffle.

Through your efforts we are able to make a positive contribution to Gemma and her School.

Julia

Donations In Kind

Assistance required

Since the loss of PDG Ken Nicholls some 18 months ago, DIK has undergone a change in management as well as the implementation of an "Operational Procedures and a Work Safety Programme". What is needed now, is a number of Volunteers to assist with the weekly maintenance of the facility, involving a few hours one day a week.

If you can assist in this regard or would like further information, please contact PDG Alan Grady on 96346026.

Donations In Kind (DIK)

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AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH



BRIGHT YOUNG ACADEMIC AWARDED FUNDING PARTNER PhD SCHOLARSHIP

Remember this name - **Kevin Jia-Jin Loo.**

You may not have heard of Kevin ... yet! However, if his academic record is anything to go by this brilliant young Australian could well become a researcher of renown.

Born in 1989 in Bathurst, NSW, to Malaysian-Chinese parents Kevin moved to Wollongong to start kindergarten in 1995. His father worked at the University of Wollongong as senior lecturer in the Graduate School of Journalism, so Kevin was exposed to the University environment and academic life from an early age.

Kevin was admitted into an accelerated learning program in infants and primary school. In 1999 he was accelerated from Year 3 to Year 5. The 10 year old was then accelerated to Year 7 in 2000 after achieving equal first in a state-wide 'Gifted Education Research Resource and Information Centre' test.

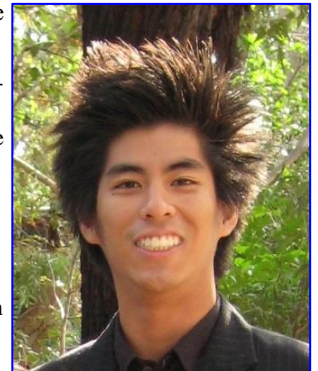
At 16 Kevin completed high school. His keen interest in science and mathematics led to his acceptance into the advanced honours program in Medical and Radiation Physics at the University of Wollongong. He completed his honours thesis with high distinction in 2009. This year, aged 20, he commenced his PhD as an Australian Rotary Health/District 9690 Funding Partner Scholar.

Kevin's PhD studies will focus on improved brachytherapy treatment for prostate cancer, one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in men over 55. His PhD will take 3½ years to complete; by which time Kevin Loo will be 24. Australian Rotary Health is proud to be supporting Kevin's research and we anticipate a brilliant future ahead for this impressive young Australian. Stay tuned!

Your financial support makes it possible to fund scholarships for young people like Kevin. Donations to Australian Rotary Health are tax deductible and can be made online at:

www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or by snail-mail to:
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Parramatta, NSW 2124.

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Gerardine Grace - (02) 8837 1900 or
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ROTARACT NEWS

In January, 8 Rotaractors travelled to Sri Lanka for 2 weeks and worked as volunteers on an orphanage and agricultural farm. The Rotaractors had a great time painting, digging trenches, teaching English and lots more. Plans are in the pipeline for further trips to continue the volunteer work. In February, Rotaractors organised a day for the Youth Exchange Students from our district to go White Water Rafting at Penrith. The weather was good for rafting and all present had a great day.

The busiest month so far this year has been March. The highlight of the month was the charter night for Western Sydney Rotaract Club held on the 12th March, during World Rotaract Week. It is great to see a group of energetic and enthusias-

tic young people who are keen to help out their local community.

I would like to send a special thank you to Wetherill Park Rotary Club for sponsoring this new club. Burwood Rotaract Club assisted Burwood Council in preparing and running sessions for International Women's Day. Rotaractors from all 3 clubs also participated in Clean Up Australia Day, helping to do their bit by cleaning up a park in Westmead.

Look at the great work that Rotaractors from our 3 Rotaract Clubs are doing. Wouldn't it be great to develop more Rotaract Clubs in our district so that Rotaract can continue this great work in our community and help to ensure the future of Rotary.

Alana Wilson District
Rotaract Representative



Successful Conference

Congratulations to Holroyd Rotary Club and district Governor Paul for putting on *The greatest SHOW on Earth*.

The Circus theme had every member and partner that went get into the festivities, (*Some more than others*), and a great time was had by all.

The speakers were top class; we had soul searching that allows one to delve deep within themselves to see how they would have coped under certain circumstances, through to humour that can make us laugh till we cry.

Our R.I President's Special Representative, PDG Robert Crabtree entertained us with R.I Presidents John Kenny's thoughts as well as banter between Australia and Kiwi land.

I think we all learned more about oysters than we previously knew, were enthralled by our Peace scholar and more enthusiastic about St Jude's School.

We were taken on a journey of Rotary through a young lady's eyes and had a totally different perspective about the universe.

Well Done Holroyd on delivering us *The Greatest Show on Earth* (Editor)



RI Rep Robert and Chris Crabtree and DG Paul and Julia

Paul Lumtin, the man who sailed to Hell and back and lived to tell (in his words, the story).



Boy what a story.

PRESIDENTS MEETING

Friday, 30th April, 2010 at Penrith Panthers

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Can Rotary Make a Difference?

I once read that if you want to make a difference in any aspect of your life you need to determine what you really stand for - what you believe in, and then seek out a way you can contribute in your community.

I read that to make a huge difference in the world we need to help only one person at a time.

Melinda Gates said, *"The continuing toll of malaria is a moral outrage—we would not allow it in the U.S., and we should not allow it anywhere. It's time to close the gap in funding, accelerate research, and work together in a more strategic way to strengthen the global malaria fight"*

We as Rotarians need to ponder on what we stand for as Rotarians and how we can make a difference in our own District, in our own backyard.

Rotarians Against Malaria in Australia has set aside 30 April as Malaria Awareness Day. During the week in which that date occurs, that is, from 26 April, we are engag-

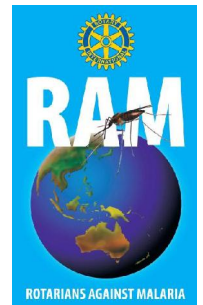
ing in a major campaign to make the general public, as well as Rotarians, more aware of the very serious impact of this dreadful disease.

What will you do during Malaria Awareness Week?

You can choose to be directly involved in a number of ways to raise the awareness of malaria in your area e.g. Instead of presenting the guest speaker with a gift, donate the \$\$\$s towards the purchase of mosquito nets. Provide a gift voucher acknowledging – "A Malaria net has been donated on your behalf."

Remember, one bed net costs just \$10 to buy and can safely last a family for up to five years. Come on Rotarians let's Make A Difference!

PDG Bill Dethlefs,
National RAM
Chairman



FAMILY OF ROTARY PICNIC

This year's Family of Rotary Picnic Day is to be held on Sunday 23rd May 2010 at The Wren Picnic Area, Nurraging Reserve, Doonside commencing at 11.00am.



Come along and join a great family fun day with such activities as sack races, balloon and bubbles blowing and who could miss the District Governors vs the Rest tug-of-war.

Help make this a great fun day, get your picnic rug dusted off and bring along your family, kids and grandkids and give them the opportunity to enjoy Rotary and strengthen for family ties.



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CHANGES TO DIRECTORY

Should you have any alterations to the District Directory details could you please send the correction to D.G. Paul or editor Melvin Gray and they will be included in the next issue of the District Newsletter.

APPOLOGY

Two of our newest members were shown as being from Padstow and they are however very proud members of our newest Rotary Club, Revesby Werrimbirra.

Welcome again to Andrew Duclos and Sandhiya Reddy.

A thought for the month

Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

This of course is the opposite of a Rotary Conference



District Membership

CLUB	1-Jul-09	Change	31-Mar-10
Bankstown	11		11
Blackheath	16		16
Blacktown City	53	5	58
Breakfast Point	27	-2	25
Burwood	43	-5	38
Cabramatta	15	1	16
Central Blue Mount	23	2	25
Chester Hill	13	-2	11
Concord	36	11	47
Granville	20	-2	18
Hawkesbury	17	2	19
Holroyd	35		35
Katoomba	22		22
Kurrajong/Nth Rich	18		18
Liverpool	30		30
Liverpool Greenway	32	-4	28
Liverpool West	25		25
Lower Blue Mount	56	-1	55
Mount Druitt	18		18
Nepean	27	-1	26
Padstow	43	-4	39
Parramatta	27	-2	25
Parramatta City	31	-3	28
Parramatta Daybreak	15		15
Penrith	34		34
Penrith Valley	44		44
Prospect	8	2	10
Revesby Werrimbirra	0	21	21
Richmond	44	-5	39
Springwood	33	1	34
St. Mary's	21	-2	19
Strathfield	63	-4	59
Upper Blue Mount Sun	20	1	21
Wallacia/Mulgoa Valley	12	1	13
Wetherill Park	34	-5	29
Windsor	39		39
Total	1005	5	1010

Welcome our latest Rotarians

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

Andrew Harmer	Blacktown City
Jim Hollier	Blacktown City
Lenore Johnson	Burwood
Lee Miller	Liverpool
Susan Parnell	Lower Blue Mountains
Heinz Kestermann	Penrith Valley
John Curry	Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise
Karen Curry	Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise
Kim Martin	Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise
John Carey	Upper Blue mountains Sunrise