

District Governor's NEWSLETTER

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February
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Month

Jerry's Jottings ...

Welcome to the New Year, it is hard to believe that we are halfway through the Rotary year. Briony and I would like to wish every member of Rotary, their families and friends the very best year filled with lots of fun and bringing everything you wish for.

Sadly, we again start with news of Russell Mead's passing, his funeral was held on Tuesday January 13th. It was well attended by family, friends and Rotarians including myself and many of our Past District Governors. Past District Governor Russ

Mead was a long-term member of the Rotary Club of Renmark. He was a Director on the Board from 1967–1969 and elected President in 1974–1975. During this period, Russ and his wife Mary were recognised with Paul Harris Fellows. Russ served on many Club and District Committees, and was District Governor for District 952 in 1989 – 1990.

With the holiday break, this Newsletter will cover events over the last two months.

Early December saw Briony and I, along with Dick and Liz Wilson, Sam and Lee Camporeale and a number of Past District Governors travel to Wellington, New Zealand to attend the Rotary Zone 8 and 7b Institute. This provides a forum for all of the District Governors across the zones to review and discuss progress and resolve any business items. The Institute also provides training for our District Governor Elects and Nominees as they build towards their years. I will not try to cover all of the business issues discussed but if anyone is interested please let me know. Cont. on page 2

Happy New Year
2015

LIGHT UP
ROTARY

District
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Happy
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Year



Jerry Casburn
District Governor



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**HAVE FUN,
ENJOY ROTARY**



Briony and I followed the Institute with some R&R in the Bay of Islands, a beautiful area with lots of Kiwi history, including Waitangi, the key Maori areas and the first European settlements in the country.

The latter part of the month was taken up with rushed planning for Rotary's birthday on February 22nd. The rush was caused by a need to change our plans after original ones fell through. **I would like to encourage as many Rotarians, family and friends to "meet us on the bridge", see the recent issues of the Herald.** I want to thank Bob Cooper (AG for Group 6) and Brian Huffen (President of Brownhill Creek) for their planning and support for the event. I also want to acknowledge lots of support from the Adelaide City Council and their support for the event.

Also in full flight is our Rotary Race Day planning. This will incorporate a Fun Day, please put the date in the diary **May 9th – Derby Day at the Morphettville Racecourse**. This has the full and amazing support of the South Australian Jockey Club. Led by Oleh Bilyk (Brownhill Creek) and Roy Armstrong (Holdfast Bay) there is an amazing team working on this and there will be a lot more information to follow. Watch the Herald for more, this really has the potential to be a great and possibly recurring event.

The second half of the year has heaps going on as we plan not only these events but the hosting of an incoming team of English language teachers from Timor Leste as a Vocational Training Team which will be followed by English teachers from Adelaide running workshops in Timor Leste later in the year. Continue to watch the Herald for more on this. Again my thanks to a great team led by Chandra Sluggett (Unley) who have worked long and tirelessly on our submission to the Foundation. We now wait with bated breath while the powers in Evanston evaluate our submission.

The first half of the year has seen growth in membership, we have recruited well but as the December figures come in we can see that retention is the key issue. The month saw many reductions in membership as clubs updated Rotary Club Central and we went from around 40 plus to a growth of 9 members. This is good progress but it would be great if we could see a higher increase in the last part of the year. Please also remember to update Rotary Club Central to allow us to report accurate numbers. So remember to keep members interested and motivated. We know how to recruit but retention is the key.

Finally do not forget the conference, registrations are being received now and we are currently heading towards 300. We have a fantastic array of speakers, amazing events, tours and fun surprises. Where is it at? **BALLARAT!!!!**

Have a great month, lots of fun and enjoy Rotary.



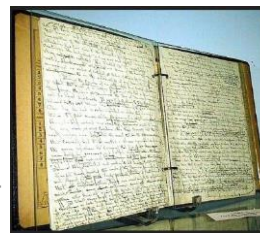
DGE Dick Wilson and Liz in the Airport departure lounge; ready to fly away to San Diego International Assembly



What Paul Harris said:

"Those who have Rotary's interests at heart, trust that we may always continue to view it and its children, the other so-called service clubs, as contributions merely to social progress within our chosen sphere; that we may view ourselves and our work in proper perspective; that we may never become complacent; that we may stand ready to face adversity or prosperity, war or peace; that our thoughts may never become crystallized; that we may ever continue to grow. This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."

Paul P. Harris,
"This Rotarian Age" page 253,
1935



Hello Rotarians,

I do hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration, spending time with family and friends. Jerry and I had a great time in New Zealand with The Institute and then a week of down time, at The Bay of Islands.

Over Christmas it was busy but lovely and now we are back focusing on the year ahead. We saw off Dick and Liz, who were so pleased to see us at the Airport and now we are heads down planning the upcoming events.

The first to take my attention is The International Woman's Day Breakfast on Wednesday the 4th of March, held at The Wine Centre. It looks to be a ripper of an event with Guest speaker Dr. Sharon Mascall-Dare who is a Journalist, Author and Military Public Affairs Officer.

The Jetty Road Traders are backing us this year with shops promoting our event with flyers, street lighting, donation tins and brilliant table raffles. All proceeds will go to Days for Girls and for those who have been interested in this program, but haven't yet followed through, the Team will be there to get you and your group going. Of course I have checked to see what breakfast we will be having and at \$40 a head/or \$400 for a table of ten, The Wine Centre will do us proud with a Full Breakfast. Parking will be tight, so share a car and The Royal Hotel opposite the Wine Centre has also, generously offered us to use their carpark till 10am(for those who don't start work till late.

So remember to book through My Booking, bring a non-Rotarian friend, book a table for your Club and even better, get your Club to sponsor a woman or two, who may never get a chance to share this wonderful day with us. International Woman's Day is a tribute to Woman all over the world, but any Gentleman who may like to join us is more than welcome. 120 seats are available, don't be disappointed. Book now !!!

Briony's Blog



International
Women's Day

ROAD SAFETY GRANT

Rotary Club of Robinvale - Euston

By Arthur Cassidy



Robinvale and Euston are situated on the banks of the mighty Murray river approximately 90 km north east of Mildura and approximately 130 km north west of Swan Hill. The towns have the enviable reputation of producing some of the country's finest table and wine grapes. Not to mention the areas ability to produce crops of high quality Almonds, Pistachios, Carrots and Avocados. It's Mediterranean like climate, rich Mallee soil and liquid gold water from the majestic Murray river enables the area to avail itself to a horticultural haven.

With such an industry, labour can be a big focus come harvest time. The town's population swells considerably with professional teams following the harvest trail from as far away as Queensland. There are a number of Back Packers who come from all over the world together with teams of professional labour contractors. Harvest in the table grape industry is not for the faint hearted. Long days in the hot sun, its all hands on as each bunch is handpicked using secateurs. The bunch is meticulously groomed then carefully placed into a plastic bag and then into a styrene box for collection.

The influx of different nationalities from around the world certainly gives a cosmopolitan feel to the area. This influx also brings with it an issue of another kind as many of these international visitors, although legally licensed to drive, are not aware of Australia's and in particular Victoria's stringent drink driving laws. Our club, through its membership, identified the potential risk of these visitors "Drink Driving" and with the assistance of fellow Mildura Rotarian, Chris Davis, successfully applied for a Transport Accident Commission Road Safety grant.

With funds secured, a tandem 'A' framed mobile billboard was commissioned



to be built. It was completed with graphics depicting an anti drink driving message and bold wording "Don't Drink & Drive" written in English, Chinese, Malaysian, Thai & Vietnamese languages. This high visibility trailer with the permission of Vic Roads, is now strategically placed on district roadsides. It is periodically moved to high traffic locations, boldly displaying the message of "Don't Drink & Drive" in the aforesaid languages for all to see and heed.

Our club is committed to raising awareness of road safety, as the tentacles of 'Road Trauma' are far reaching, and this has been one way we hope to put the message out there. Leaflets of the artwork on the trailer have also been printed and distributed to all local and district outlets where alcohol is available for sale.

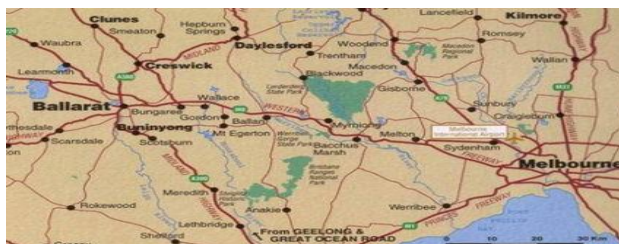


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Visit Conference Web Site:

<http://www.rotary9520conference.org.au/index.html>

How to Register

Registration Opening and Closing Dates

- Registrations opened on 1 October 2014
- Early Registrations close on 15 January 2015
- Standard Registrations close on 28 February 2015
- Late Registrations are from 1 March 2015
- Registrations close on Monday 6 April 2015

What Full Conference Registration Includes

- Welcome Reception on Thursday 16 April
- Plenary Sessions on Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 April
- Morning Teas on Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 April
- Box Lunches on Friday 17 and Saturday 18
- Conference Dinner on Saturday Night 18 April

Check-out and Book Tours and Coach Transfers

- [See the Coach Tours page](#) for details of sight-seeing tours and coach transfer options.
- Some of the tour options include admission to Ballarat attractions, such as Sovereign Hill.
- If you respond "Yes" for coach transfer to/from the Conference Dinner but haven't secured accommodation as yet, please advise the Conference Registrar of your accommodation details at your earliest convenience. You will be notified regarding the location of your coach pick-up point.

Complete a Registration Form

- [Download](#) and print a copy of the Registration Form.
- Complete **all** required parts of the Registration Form.
- Be sure to tell us if there are any included Conference events you won't be participating in.

- Post or email your completed Conference Registration form together with your payment to the Conference Registrar.
- Be sure to include all your bookings for optional tours and coach transfers, particularly the coach transfer to the Conference Dinner.

Confirmation

- Confirmation of your Conference registration will be posted or emailed to you within 10 days of us receiving your Registration Form and payment. You will be advised of any under/over payments.
- Please contact the Registrar if you do not receive confirmation of your registration and bookings.

Cancellation

- Registrations may be cancelled by providing written notice to the Registrar by 6 April 2015.
- A Cancellation Fee is payable on any cancellations after 6 April 2015.
- The cancellation Fee is \$25 plus any unrecoverable payments made for booked tours, coach transfers and Conference social events.
- Contact the Registrar
- If you have any queries about your registration or payment, please contact the Conference Registrar:
- Post: Mrs Melda Hammond, 8 Hall Crescent, Burton SA 5110 Tel: 08 8280 6314 Email: hammond.melda@hotmail.com
- General enquiries regarding the Conference can be emailed to rotary9520conference@rotaryclub.org.au.



Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

It's An Honour ! Australia Celebrating Australians! Congratulations to Joe and Rita ! By PDG Geoff Simpson

Joe and Rita Meuris of the Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill have each been honoured with an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the 2015 Australian Honours List for service to the international community through humanitarian aid programs in Fiji.

They have both spent approximately 10 weeks a year living and working as a team on projects in Fiji since 2005. In 2014 they completed their 12th trip making a total of 120 weeks spent there. Fantastic! Their work has been centered on the Koroipita Village near Lautoka which provides cyclone proof housing and welfare for poor and homeless local people. Many of these are single mothers or grandmothers supporting young children. Not

only does this basic housing provide shelter for struggling families, but also a sense of community and belonging. The village was established by Fiji Rotarian Peter Drysdale in 2003.

Funding has come from The Rotary Foundation, Rotary Clubs, and the New Zealand Government. Help has come from many Rotary Clubs and from students of St Peters College, Adelaide. So far 157 houses have been erected housing 450 people and more houses are planned.

Joe's contributions have been many and varied. He has supervised up to 200 volunteers at one time, improved house-building techniques by making a steel template to accurately locate the house stumps and arranged the pre-cutting of timber. Joe has constructed bridges, arranged water and electricity supply, designed and installed a sewage system, established a waste transfer facility, repaired cyclone damage, and generally made things happen.

In addition to his Fiji work, Joe has worked as a volunteer on the refurbishment of an Education Centre Kitchen at Bomana, Papua New Guinea in November 2013. He has also worked as a volunteer on a Sanitation and Water Project in Atabae, Timor Leste, for 4 weeks in September, 2014.

Joe has been President of the Flagstaff Hill Rotary Club and has been made a Paul Harris Fellow on two occasions.

Rita established in the Koroipita Village a kindergarten which was recognised by the Fiji Education Department in 2007, and recently a second kindergarten. Now 60 children enjoy a pre-school education. She has taught local women skills including: sewing, knitting, crochet, plus bag, jewellery, and card making, to create an income for the women. 47 ladies attended her latest craft sessions. Rita has helped to organise two catering groups that provide food for visitors.

Rita is a Paul Harris Fellow.

It has been a magnificent sacrifice of time, talents, and resources by Joe and Rita, given as a gift to people in need overseas. The OAM recognition is well deserved.



**PDG Malcolm Lindquist
Reporting**

Nepal Orphanage School ... Full Steam Ahead



The school project inspired by the late David Rusk is reaching its final stages with the grand opening planned for Sunday 22nd February 2015.

This wonderful project has been funded with the support of friends and family of David and the wider Family of Rotary spearheaded by the Rotary Clubs of Brownhill Creek and Blackwood. Significant contributions have been made by students of Pulteney Grammar School and Unley High School.

The plan is to support the orphans at the orphanage run by Rajan Bishwokarna (Mother Rajan) and her Dalit Mahalia Utthan Kendra (DMUK) women's uplift organisation

Many Rotarians and clubs have contributed to raise approximately \$200000 which will construct the four story building and provide the furniture as well. The undertaking is a Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project, being managed by Zone 8 Rotary Coordinator PDG Malcolm Lindquist and the Rotary Club of Dillibazar in Kathmandu. Preparations for the opening are in full swing with a party of 11 sponsors and family of David planning to attend the opening.



Full steam ahead with the DMUK orphanage on the left and the school on the right. This photo was taken in late December.
The February deadline will be tight!



*Mother Rajan and Ishwor Ghimire;
Ishwor was sponsored by Pulteney Grammar School*



Rotary Theme for 2015-16

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA.

"You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done." He said.





Investing in the future of your club...

How well resourced is your club's promotional department?

In addition to stepping into the role of District Membership & PR Chair in July, I was also appointed to the same role in my own club. One of my priorities this year at Edwardstown has been to complete an audit of our promotional resources, and I found there were a few areas that needed attention. I want to give a bouquet to the club's board members, because they have supported every request I have made 100%. There has been no procrastination, I've just been told, "go and organise it". In the last six months we have had new club fliers printed, a new pull-up banner, new display boards, new pens and new promotional bags.

What were the bags for? I'm glad you asked! In December we participated in a local "Welcome to Australia" event where new arrivals were invited to participate in sports and meet local community groups in an effort to better integrate into the community. It was a great opportunity to tell our Rotary story. OK – we cooked some sausages as well! It crossed my mind that everyone attending would end up with fliers and handouts from the participating groups, and they might appreciate a bag from our club to take away with them. No-one ever throws out these bags, they end up getting taken to the supermarket or given to friends, and as a result, the Rotary wheel gets seen over and over again.



But I know there are many clubs where these decisions appear a lot harder to make, because these things all cost money. Try not to choke on your cornflakes when I say this, but **it's OK to responsibly spend a portion of funds you raise to promote your club**. I know this concept may seem foreign to many Rotarians, but in fundraising circles, it is completely normal.

When we conduct our fundraising initiatives such as sausage sizzles, we obviously have to deduct expenses such as sausages, bread, sauce, gloves, etc from our takings before we can declare a profit and pass on those funds. Everyone understands that. The point I'm trying to make is that **promotion and advertising should be considered a legitimate expense**.

According to the American Institute of Philanthropy, it is considered "reasonable for most charities" if 60% of the total funds raised are spent on charitable programs, with the remaining percentage being spent on fundraising and general administration (I'm not necessarily endorsing that ratio). Many of the most recognisable charities worldwide spend over 10% of total funds raised on promoting themselves: including Doctors Without Borders (11.8%), World Wildlife Fund (20%), World Vision (10.2%), Oxfam (15%), PETA (14.9%) and Greenpeace (10.3%)*. It makes complete sense to me, because if they don't promote themselves, how do they expect to raise the funds they need to pay for the work they do? Who do you think pays for the TV advertising you see for these charities? The donors of course!

*source: www.charitynavigator.org

Likewise, **if we don't promote ourselves, how do we expect to attract the members we need to do the work we do?**

Our members already pay subscriptions (to cover administrative costs for the running of our clubs, district and Rotary International). It's not reasonable to ask **members** to pay again out of their own pocket to promote their club to the wider community. Money spent on club promotion needs to be seen as an investment, an investment that will bring us a return. By all means be responsible in your spending, but be innovative, and be prepared to invest in the promotion of Rotary and your club.

Please note also that the District has a huge collection of banners and signs if you're planning a big event and need that extra splash of Rotary. To enquire about the free use of these promotional aids, please contact Bob Grant on 0428 834 044.





PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD Rotary Club of Robinvale Euston

By Rosalie Handreck

After an 11 year break the current President of the Rotary Club of Robinvale -Euston, Peter Nooy, chose to re – institute the Pride of Workmanship Award Program this year.

October is recognized as “Vocational Service” month on the Rotary calendar and during October 89 letters were distributed to local businesses in and around Robinvale-Euston inviting them to participate by nominating an employee worthy of this award.

The purpose of this award is to recognize employees, having the motivation and the sense of responsibility to do a job well. This is an intangible benefit to the workplace and to our society.

It is essential that the nominee be an employee who in the eyes of his or peers and fellow workers goes “above and beyond” both in workmanship and personal attributes. This award applies to all levels of skills and professions within the workplace.

The Presentation dinner for 64 attendees was a most enjoyable and memorable occasion held on Tuesday, 18 November 2014 at the Robinvale Golf Club with accolades to the chef, Jan, for her meal presentation and Jim Priest for his endless joke collection.

The fines session generated \$223.00 which will be directed to the “Movember” appeal.

**The motto of the
program is:**

**“Do it once, Do it
well...Build a better
Australia”**

The 13 businesses who participated in this year’s program with a nomination were:

- ✓ Euston Riverfront Caravan Park & Café – Leanne Morris
- ✓ Hammet’s Robinvale Butchery – Chris Moore
- ✓ Pioneer Ford – Ronald Manapsal
- ✓ O’Connor Harvesting Contractors – Bradley Hocking
- ✓ Central Takeaway – Amanda Moloney
- ✓ Krasna Motors – Kim Lane
- ✓ Moore Street Plumbing & Hardware Supplies – Tahlemah Togo
- ✓ Bargain Basement – Tara Parish
- ✓ Work N Wear – Prue Barker
- ✓ Nooy’s Cakes & Hot Bread Shop – Una Lainivou
- ✓ Robinvale / Euston Taxis – Joe Bulzomi
- ✓ Bruce Ginn Jewellers – Cathy Albanese
- ✓ Macquarie Agricultural Service – Desmond Davidson

Guest speaker for the evening was CEO of the Robinvale Golf Club, Colin Pearce, who used the motto of this program in his talk, highlighting the variety of workplaces he and his partner Jan have worked in throughout Australia.

Each nominee was presented with a framed certificate to display in their workplace and for some their presentation came as a total surprise !

The Rotary Club of Robinvale - Euston are indeed thankful to the 13 businesses who supported the campaign to encourage “Pride of Workmanship” in our community and to all who attended this special occasion.



Rachel White Young Citizen of the Year! Rotary Club of South Mildura



Rachel White has certainly crammed a lot into her young years, showing commitment to our community in many ways. Rachel recently completed the Northern Mallee Leaders Program and her blossoming leadership skills are being put to good use in her roles with a number of community organisations. Rachel is a member of the Rotary Club of South Mildura.

"Rachel's commitment and community involvement is what really set her apart from the other applicants this year," Cr Milne said. "She is demonstrating leadership qualities far beyond her years and should be acknowledged as a role model for young people throughout our region."

"Rachel is a very busy young person, currently the Treasurer of the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, a member of the South Mildura Rotary Club and is

the Marketing Officer of the Mildura Young Professionals Network. On top of all those commitments, she completed a Bachelor of Accounting at La Trobe University, graduated from the Northern Mallee Leaders Program and also gave her time to the Merbein Football Netball Club."

A quiet achiever, Rachel is certainly someone who has proven herself to be a valued member of a number of organisations and someone who is helping to make a difference in our area.



Arch Klumph Society New Member

We are delighted to announce that Roger Lang, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Norwood has joined the Arch Klumph Society (AKS) of the Rotary Foundation.

This prestigious society is named after the Cleveland Rotarian who initiated the Foundation in 1917.

Membership of the AKS is restricted to donors who donate USD250,000 or more to the Foundation. Roger joins only 3 other AKS members in Australia and the first in D 9520 and South Australia.

Roger and his partner Janet, will be invited to Evanston for the presentation celebration which extends over 3 days. As well as the presentation ceremony, it includes a VIP dinner with present and past trustees of the Foundation and a video interview for the interactive history display at RI HQ.

Roger has asked for his donation to be made to the Annual Programs Fund and spread over 3 years. This will mean clubs of this district will benefit from a significant increase in District Grant funds in 3 years' time.

If other Rotarians are interested in making significant donations



PP Roger Lang

to the Foundation, all of which are tax deductible, they can contact, in strict confidence, the Paul Harris Society Chair, PDG Euan Miller on 0401 124 387 to discuss the options.



Arch C Klumph, RI President 1916-17, who created the Rotary Endowment Fund later renamed to the Rotary Foundation of RI.

Apart from the AKS there are three other options recommended:

Paul Harris Society membership USD 1000 or more a year. This can now be done by a monthly direct debit of AUD100. This eligible for Paul Harris Fellow points which can be presented as PHFs or sapphires to people of the donor's choice. Recipients receive a chevron to be worn under their PHF lapel pin. Again if the funds are directed to the Annual Programs Fund, half will be returned to district clubs.

Major Donor USD10,000 or more. Existing donations to the Foundation can be added to, to reach the USD10,000. The donor receives a diamond lapel pin and a crystal ornament with the donor's name engraved on it. Many donors make their donations as couples so both names are engraved on the crystal. Again funds can be directed to Annual Programs Fund so clubs directly benefit from the half share that comes back to the district. Also PHF recognition points are earned.

Bequest Society USD10,000 or more. If you make such a provision in your will, you will be admitted to this society for the rest of your lifetime. Recipients receive a diamond pin and crystal like Major Donors. There is no benefit to the district or PHF points because the money is not transferred to the Foundation until after your death. The bequest goes into the Permanent Fund which doesn't offer points nor does the interest earned directly benefit District Designated Funds.

Recognising David Jarman -- Citizen of the Year City of Marion



Satish Gupta
Reporting

My good friend David Jarman is a worthy recipient of the Award because he has been active in the local community since 1970s, when he helped raise funds for the establishment of Marion Elderly Citizens Club, now called Cooinda.

David Joined the Rotary Club of Marion in 1970 and was its president in 1982. He was involved in the local as well as

international projects like RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and the Ambassadorial Scholarships programme.

He worked at Westminster School for 40 years where he was instrumental in establishing a concert band which performed at various Rotary functions, including once in front of the RI President at the Mitsubishi canteen.

David is passionate about the local community and since retiring has been active in local projects, including his membership of the Marion Probus where he also served as president.

David also researched on the history of "Oaklands Estate", and has written a book on this wonderful old mansion entitled "The History of Oaklands and its Tragic End." It is already on its second edition. He is also an excellent speaker, and has been in demand to speak on various topics, especially on the history of Marion.

Congratulations David and Jeannette.



Secretary's Corner Peter Hammond



This month we will be celebrating Rotary's birthday, and it's a big one! One February 23rd it will be exactly 110 years since Paul Harris started Rotary in the Unity building in downtown Chicago in 1905. From a small beginning with just four members, Rotary has grown to a worldwide membership of 1.2 million in 34,600 Clubs across 220 countries.

Birthdays are an opportunity to reflect on past achievements and Rotary has much to celebrate. In the last century, a vast number of humanitarian projects have significantly improved the lives of millions of people in communities around the world. But there is still

much more accomplish. High on the list is the fight to end polio, which is so close to achievement and there are many other projects requiring Rotary's support.

Locally, our District is planning to celebrate Rotary's 110th birthday with a special event on Sunday, February 22nd. The location is Pinky Flat on War Memorial Drive, North Adelaide. This picturesque park is near the Adelaide Oval and the new footbridge and overlooking the Torrens.

A family picnic event is being planned for the late afternoon, with entertainment provided by a band, jugglers and face painters. Rotary Clubs will provide catering, project displays and membership handouts. At dusk, Rotarians and the public will assemble at the nearby Adelaide Oval Telstra Plaza.

The State Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, will make the official declaration of Rotary International's 110th birthday anniversary and there will be a release of 110 Rotary branded balloons. A Light Up Rotary video will be shown on the large TV screens above the Plaza, and then bagpipers will lead Rotarians carrying electronic candles and international flags onto the footbridge. On their return, the video will be replayed and the Adelaide Oval will light up with Rotary colours.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and promote Rotary – see you on the Bridge!!

