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Engage ROTARY Change Lives or let's put the OOMPH back into Rotary.

March - Yes we're late yet again. But in this (and next month's) edition we have some fantastic stories to Tell about women in Rotary.

Normally we focus on women and diversity, the skills and attributes women bring to a Club. But this month we will feature stores from women in Rotary and what they have gained from their membership. In many instances it is far more than what they thought they would gain. But, I won't spoil their telling of their stories.

5 March we celebrated International Women's day with a breakfast meeting in concert with District 9500. With 3 weeks notice we managed to pull together an event and get 70 plus women - 80% of them non Rotarians to an event. Imagine what we could do with more time and resources.

With Conference fast approaching time is short, make sure your diaries reflect forthcoming training events - PETS and Assembly.

District Assembly is an opportunity to showcase Rotary to new Rotarians and to ensure that Directors and Committees have access to current and relevant information on their portfolios. This is a MUST DO Activity.

Around the District

**Friendship Exchange District 7010 -
Ontario, Canada**

that friendship can
easily hurdle national
and religious boundary
lines.

~ Paul Harris

**Greetings from
DG Wendy Gaborit**



VOICE OF ROTARY

For the March Program
please click [here](#)

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DISTRICT EVENTS

Go to the



Two busy weeks packed with social and tourist activities saw the group of 22 Canadians wined, dined, travelled around district and exposed to rural, coastal, city, island and nature views.

The Aussie BBQ was a featured event but also some fine dining at the Glen Osmond Golf Club. We shared our famous Aussie hospitality, our homes wine cellars, food and company. They shared their zest for life, experiences, Rotary and at all times friendship.

District Governor Marilyn Hanson was enjoying her third friendship exchange having travelled previously on exchange to Brazil and South Africa. Marilyn was able to tick another three items off her bucket list, a trip to Australia, pat a kangaroo and hold a Koala. She was one very happy girl. She also took home 8 club banners and left behind several IOU's. The parting smile on Marilyn's face echoed everyone else as the group were farewelled at a BBQ with great sunshine and music.

John and I were privileged to welcome Marilyn and Joyce into our homes. John got to play tour guide and revelled in holding court with his "ladies".

My thanks to the clubs, Rotarians and partners who made the exchange possible through their participation. To Trevor McGuirk, Sue Pullens, Lee-Anne McAfee my thanks for their participation and commitment to bringing the exchange from concept to reality. To the club coordinators who scoped out tours and organised the hosts and events across district. We have all walked away from this exchange richer in friendships and shared experiences that will endure long after the planned return exchange in 2015.

Friendship Exchange is not limited to the purvey or whim of the District Governor, The exchange's purpose is to strengthen Rotary and to build cultural understanding through friendship. It is at the heart of who we are and what we do as Rotarians. It provides us with insight into the lives and culture of others... So think about your bucket list, the one place where you would like to go and talk to The G-train, we'll use our contacts across the Rotary world to assist make it happen.

Read more about the Friendship Exchange and see photos:

[Murraylands Hosts Canadians](#)

[When names become faces, then friends](#)

**Pamela St Clair:
An 'Outside the
Square' Thinker**

**Joining Rotary -
Gloria Kelb**

[District Event's Calendar](#)
to see what is happening
this month!

CLUB NOTICES

19th March 2014

Understanding Young Professionals Webinar
Rotary will be hosting a webinar to help members to better understand the perceptions and needs of young professionals.

[Register here](#)

12 Years a Slave

Thank you all very much for attending our movie session and contributing to a wonderful cause.

We made a profit of \$720 and this will go a long way to either rescuing or rehabilitating children who have been held in slavery.

Below are 2 links to Rotarians Against Child Slavery that you may care to use to find out more about our organisation.

[Rotarian Action Group
Against Child
Slavery Facebook](#)

[Rotarian Action Group
Against Child Slavery Web](#)

Thank you again,
Teresa, Val & Russell



Member Recognition



As part of her role as District Chair for Interplast Australia & New Zealand (Interplast) Pam St Claire came up with a novel way to raise funds for this Rotary supported non-government organisation.

She and co-organiser, Ian Milne, spent three days in Mungo National Park last year with 16 friends. Accompanied by a cultural advisor and archaeologist, they were able to appreciate the world heritage listed site in all its glory. Complete with banquets, educational excursions and historical highlights, the innovative fundraising trip, according to Pam, was well worth it: "I remember on the last night we had a great dinner and bonfire under the stars – this time cooking damper while we all relaxed."

Actively involved with other aspects of her club, Past President Pam is just one of the many Women in Rotary who are **doing good in the world**.

[Read more about this story here](#)



I actually became a little lost for a while, thinking that I really need to find somewhere to give some of my time.

I feel very fortunate to have good health, energy, enthusiasm and good work ethics and always believe that it doesn't cost anything to give some of your time to those less fortunate than yourself. I was at our school presentation night when Betty Gebert (President of Merbein Rotary) took the stage to present an award. She spoke of Rotary and what it stood for and how they help the youth in the community amongst other things. I was inspired by this woman and thought, this is for me.

On my first attendance of a Rotary meeting in Merbein, I felt such a connection and found all the members to be happy, welcoming people. I feel I will fit right in and help them to provide services to the community and beyond. I am looking forward to my involvement in Rotary for many years to come.

[Read Gloria's full story here](#)

Paul Harris Society

New Members

Welcome to the following new Rotarians in District 9520:

Sophia Robertson and Karen Hore at RC of Glenelg

Melissa Toupin-Laforge and Joshua Richards at RC of Kent Town

Ian Parsons at RC of McLaren Vale (transfer from RC Noarlunga)

Gloria Kelb at RC of Merbein

Martin Jolly at RC of Victor Harbor

Paul Harris Fellow

Congratulations to the following Rotarian/s, awarded with Paul Harris Fellow:

Karina Cuttle at RC of Onkaparinga

Paul Harris Sapphire

Congratulations to the following Rotarian/s, awarded with Paul Harris Sapphire:

Alan Bartram and Ian Stewart 2 PHF Sapphires at RC of Hyde Park

Malcolm Zeitz, Angus Foulds and Mike McAuliffe PHF Sapphire at RC of Hyde Park

In Memoriam

In Memory of the following Rotarians:

**WEHR ~ Anne
RC of Unley
Valued member of our club since 2004.**

Certified Paul Harris Society Members (12 February 2014)



Paul Harris Society, a member of the Society a commits to contribute US\$1,000 per year as a personal commitment to the Rotary Foundation. These Rotarians are committed to recognising the Foundation as their "Charity of Choice" and understand the power their donation gives to ensuring the work of the Foundation – and its mission to do good.

To those generous members within District 9520 I applaud and thank you for your ongoing support for it is your support in addition to that of Clubs that funds District Grants.

National Youth Science Forum



Hi, Rotarian Tuckweng Kok here and I am the Chair of your NYSF Rotary District Committee. It is our task, with the help of the District Governor, the committee, and all 53 Clubs of District 9520 to identify 20 of the best science- and community-minded students in year 11 from within in our District.

These students will then be sent to NYSF Sessions in either Canberra or Perth, where they will be part of a group of 432 students whom we believe to be the best community-minded science students in Australia, and hence major players in Australia's future.

RC of Burnside - Sizzling in summer



On Monday 3 February 2014, the Adelaide foothills experienced its worst summer wind storm with cyclonic force winds that caused havoc to many homes in the Burnside Council district, with trees falling on houses, cars and power lines.

Two days later some 3000 homes were still without power and likely to be for at least another day. After the cancellation of the Rotary meeting because our meeting venue the Feathers Hotel still had no electricity supply on Wednesday the 5 February 2014, it was decided to contact His Worship the Mayor of Burnside, David Parkin, if

Secretary Sam's Spot



Recently my Rotary Club bought a number of boxes of plastic and metal bits that we were able to assemble and produce artificial hands for use by victims of landmine explosions. This started me thinking about the nature of assistance we give to our neighbours in need.

We live in an affluent country and we can give money, we can give food, we can give emergency shelter, and all of this reflects our compassion towards others but it only solves an immediate problem. We can see the suffering, feel the pity and seek to ease the pain, however we can bring into play a more powerful course of action by changing the skills and circumstances that involve the people in need.

In the above example the injured people can themselves take control of changing their circumstances by having long term use of an artificial hand. For us it involves a passion to address injustice through the people affected, and in the longer term this is more powerful than pity.



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District Website



DG's Email



NYSF has been supported by Rotary since its inception in 1983, and is one of the largest Rotary projects within Australia. It certainly deserves the attention of us all.

[Find out more about the National Youth Science Forum](#)

[Read Emily Grace's Scholar Report here](#)

[Read Nathan Digman's Scholar Report here](#)

our Rotary Club could help with the Eastern Suburbs residents, who were still effected by the power outages.

The Rotary Club of Burnside provided a free sausage sizzle for Eastern Suburbs residents without power as a Club Community Service.

[Read more about RC of Burnside's community service here](#)

Onkaparinga celebrates 35 years



35th Birthday celebrations at Onkaparinga and Karina Cuttle receiving her PHF.

Joining Rotary - Melissa Toupin Laforge



Melissa Toupin Laforge was born and raised in the small city of North Bay, Canada. Her passion for international education was ignited when she studied in France and Spain, during her undergraduate business degree. She began her career in the field in 2006, working in the international office at Nipissing University. Five years later her drive for academic, professional

and personal development led her to embark in the Rotary World Peace Fellowship program. This two-year of graduate degree in Tokyo enabled her to study and embody intercultural education. Based in Adelaide since Sept 2013, Melissa works in the Training and Development Team at Austraining International.

Melissa is tremendously thankful for all the opportunities that Rotary has provided. Rotary enabled her to pursue a master's degree in public policy and social research. It was in Tokyo where she met her fiancé Nelson, who was also a Rotary Peace Fellow. Melissa and Nelson are both Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Kent Town. Together with the support of their Club they are spearheading the Asylum Speakers Awareness Program. Her involvements with the Rotaract Club in North Bay, the Peace Fellowship in Japan, and now in Adelaide have expanded her social circles and enabled her to make positive contributions. Needless to say, Rotary has changed her life and continues to motivate her to impact the lives of others.



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