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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Exchange Rate for May
AUS0.95 = US\$1.00

Deadline for receipt of items for the
June 2012 Newsletter is:
Thursday 24th May, 2012
To: Peter Sandercock
ppsandy@bigpond.net.au

Thank you to all those Rotarians and partners who attended the District Conference in Mildura over the last weekend. A special thanks to the Rotary Club of Berri and PDG Arthur Manser for their organization and support in the running of the event where nearly 500 attendees were inspired and motivated by the Keynote speakers.

Keynote speakers included: Rotarian Robert Pennicott the first person to navigate Australia in 2 rubber dinghy-sized boats and in doing so raise around \$300,000 towards our End Polio program. Doctor David Mills from Papua New Guinea inspired us with his explanation of his commitment to providing medical services to the people of Papua New Guinea, Gold Medal Olympian Brennon Dowrick inspired us and challenged us to spend that extra few minutes to strive for excellence. Professor Tony Jorm reminded us of the activities of the Australian Rotary Health, particularly Mental Health. Rotarian Rob Wilkinson spoke on ROMAC and its life changing efforts on young people from overseas, Rotarian Miriam Silva inspired us to be strong and believe in what we do and you will achieve success and Tom Bamforth, a Rotary Peace Scholar bought a message of how complex the issues are in the areas of peace and conflict particularly when addressing humanitarian needs.

The GSE team presentation and Long Term Youth Exchange presentations were outstanding.

The dinner in the Hanger at the Mildura airport was truly a special event with nearly 500 attending, lively music and fantastic food. A truly memorable event for all who attended.

During the past month Kathy and I attended many events. The GSE team from District 1440, Denmark arrived on April 11th and has impressed all those Rotarians they have come in contact with during their stay.



GSE team and members of committee
at Airport

We attended the Flagstaff Hill Art show which was a credit to their organization. A Pro Hart painting donated for sale by Rotarian Briony Lyon of the Rotary Club of Unley was sold and raised over \$3,000 towards Operation Cleft Palate.

We also attended the official opening of the 2012 RYPEN camp at Woodside with 57 young people in attendance and the camp was a resounding success.



A quick trip to Broken Hill South Club for their 40th Anniversary dinner with around 90 attending was another highlight of the month.

Photo: Broken Hill
South Charter
members, Bill McLeod,
Eugene Odgers and
Fred Peters

This coming month we will see the Australian Rotary Health "Hat Day" for Mental Health Research on May 18th. I encourage every club to celebrate Hat Day by wearing hats to make the public aware of mental health issues.

I remind you of the upcoming Australian Rotary Success Conference to be held in Canberra, July 20-22 at the Hellenic Club, Woden ACT. Register early.

The District Assembly will be held on Sunday 20th May 2012. Please encourage your new members and club officers to attend the special day of training, at which time the new theme and opportunities exist to learn more about Rotary in our District.

Whilst the month of May is not a designated month of Rotary celebrations let us strengthen our resolve to support our charity of choice, the Rotary Foundation, by making our decisions early as to how much the club will contribute to the fund for both Annual Programs and the End Polio Program before the 30th June 2012.

You are also reminded to plan early for any Paul Harris Fellows presentations, as there are delays if the request for Paul Harris Fellows is left to late.

Let us ***Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*** and continue to make a difference in our communities.

DG Bruce



RYLA/RYPEN REPORT

Our District's Youth Program includes two complementary Rotary based projects, which are held annually.



The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a residential seminar for 18-25 year olds. The focus of RYLA is to assist young people to 'stretch and grow', so as to develop their capacity to achieve their full potential. Last October, 35 young people attended a weeklong RYLA residential seminar at Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair. They participated in a range of formal and informal activities and forums designed to promote leadership skills. Core topics included creative thinking, problem solving, public speaking, conflict resolution and the importance of teams.

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) is a



weekend seminar for young people between the ages of 15-17 years. The principal aim of RYPEN is the communication of a series of ideas, problems and social experiences, which will assist the young participants in forming their own values and moral standards. Recently, in May, almost 60 students attended a RYPEN seminar held at Woodhouse Scout Camp in Piccadilly. (Group Photo below).

The unique experience each participant gains from these programs is enhanced by the development of new friendships, gained through the common bonds of learning, co-operation and friendship.

Both programs are currently well supported and successful. The District RYLA/RYPEN Committee is very grateful for the many clubs who sponsor young people to attend RYLA and RYPEN. Special thanks must go to the Rotary Club of Campbelltown, who has generously hosted both recent events.

RYLA and RYPEN undoubtedly broaden each participant's horizons culturally, socially and academically, providing the inner foundation for a strong future.

Peter Hammond,
Acting Chair,
District 9520 RYLA/RYPEN Committee

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Group Study Exchange is a program of The Rotary Foundation which offers a unique cultural and vocational opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 at the date of application. The program provides travel grants for teams of participants to exchange visits between paired districts in different countries. Teams of between 4 and 6 members spend from four to six weeks studying a host country's institutions and ways of life, observing their own vocations as practiced abroad, developing personal and professional relationships and exchanging ideas.

There are three important elements to GSE whereby clubs can be involved.

Hosting a Team

Although The Rotary Foundation assumes responsibility for the cost of airfares for the team and Rotary Australia insurance for outgoing teams, there are other significant costs which should be borne by host clubs. These include home hosting, meals, entry fees to places of interest and program travel costs. Host clubs are also expected to organise a group dinner for the team presentation.

Most club hosting occurs over three or four nights and must include one Vocational Day for team members. Otherwise a balanced and varied program is provided, featuring highlights of the local area. Despite the financial cost and the detailed organisation required, hosts, almost without exception, loudly extol the personal rewards and enduring friendships created under the GSE banner.

Sponsoring a Team Member

Team Members must be between 25 and 40 years of age and must have been employed in their business or profession for at least two years. They must not be a lineal relative of a Rotarian (or ex-Rotarian within the past three years) and must either reside or be employed in the sponsoring Rotary district.

They must be prepared to undertake pre-departure meetings and participate as a member of a team, not an individual within a team. They should also be prepared to learn the language of the host country, if necessary.

GSE Team Members should be personable, articulate, cooperative, motivated team players who are

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (CONT.)

enthusiastic about their vocations. They should seek to gain a maximum educational advantage out of the program as well as be able to fulfil the rigorous demands of international travel and the generosity of enthusiastic hosts.

Sponsoring a Team Leader

A Team Leader must be an experienced Rotarian, preferably with international service, who is well-informed about his or her country and Rotary.

The Team Leader must assume complete charge of the team and act as liaison between the team and host clubs. The Team Leader should remain with the team at all times except for planned individual activities.

The Team Leader should be alert, active, energetic and able to withstand the rigours of a very demanding program. The team leader should assume responsibility for preparing a presentation by team members for the host district clubs. He or she should play a prime role in the team's pre-departure training to ensure the members are well-informed, motivated and cohesive as a team.

Despite the demands of being a leader, ask any past team leader of the value and rewards of this exhilarating task. I am sure you will be convinced.

Our district has just had the pleasure of hosting the delightful Danes from district 1440. Host clubs again have spoken loud praises of the experience. A team has already been selected to exchange with district 3470, Taiwan in 2013. The team will be visiting Taiwan in February/March with the return visit from Taiwan in April/May. Expressions of interest for host clubs will be called later in the year.

Although this traditional GSE format is under some threat after 2014, it is hoped the great value of such a popular program will be recognised for a long time to come.

Dave Mellen
GSE Chair

RDU APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to PDG Peter Sandercock on his reappointment to the RDU Board of Directors.

This is an important role and provides our District with an insight of the RDU operations as well as promotional activities of the regional magazine.



RYLA group 2011 at Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Become a Centurion:

Over 300 Rotarians in the district are now Centurions. Centurions pledge to donate at least \$100 each year to the Foundation. These donations go to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and are used for humanitarian projects sourced from Australian clubs. The donations are tax deductible and individual tax receipts are issued for every donation.

There is no reason why every Rotarian should not be a Centurion. Four clubs already have every member as Centurions – *Eastwood, Magill Sunrise, Norwood and Waikerie*—and a number of others are actively seeking to join them. Some of these clubs use funds already paid by Rotarians during the year to achieve and maintain the Centurion status. One club collects all the fines paid by Rotarians at the weekly meetings and assigns this in \$100 lots to its members as their Centurion contribution. If you are not paying \$2.00 a week in fines then maybe your Sergeant is not trying hard enough! Another club has a compulsory raffle each week and this money is assigned in the same way. These are painless ways that Rotarians can become Centurions.

The end of the financial year is approaching quickly. Apply to PDG Malcolm Lindquist on 08 8276 9380 or 0439 877 511 or by email to

malantlindquist@bigpond.com

for a form to become a Centurion and gain your certificate and special Centurion lapel badge.

Paul Harris Society Dinner:

A dinner is being held at the Morphetville Racecourse on June 9 jointly hosted by D9500/9520, to induct new Paul Harris Society members. At the same time we will thank existing PHS members for their continuing support. Paul Harris Society members pledge to donate USD1000 per annum to the Foundation. We currently have 11 members in the District. The guest speaker is Foundation Trustee and Past RI Director Ian Riseley. Ian will also present the certificates and pins to the new members.

If any Rotarian would like more information please contact Foundation Chair Euan Miller, in confidence.

euan@gdaya.com.au

08 83798515 or 0401 124 387

Euan Miller
Foundation Chair

COMING EVENTS

Sat –Sun 12-20 May 2012

RC of Campbelltown Art Show and Sale

Saturday 9 June 2012

Paul Harris Society Dinner

2012 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The District Assembly provides a great opportunity for you, your Club leaders and members to learn more about RI and District programs. Areas of focus include the Rotary Foundation and International Projects, New Generations, Service Projects, Membership, Promotion and Marketing. There will also be a stream specifically for Presidents Elect, Presidents Nominee, Secretaries and Treasurers. If you have newer members of your Club the stream on Rotary Basics will provide a solid introduction to RI and our District. A draft Program will be sent independently to promote to your members.

If you are still looking for additional incentives to encourage your Club members to attend District Assembly here are ten great reasons:

1. There is always something new to learn - programs change every year.
2. Attend a session you didn't have a chance to attend last year.
3. Your Club has already paid to send members through your District Dues - make the most of it!
4. This is a great opportunity to socialise with your Club members.
5. Meet other Rotarians from the District and find out what they do.
6. Learn more about RI and District Goals for 2012-2013.
7. Hear how the Rotary Foundation Future Vision will affect us all.
8. This is a great way for your Club to support their incoming President and Board.
9. Be inspired and motivated for your coming year by knowledgeable and passionate speakers.
10. Promote one of your Club's programs through the Soapbox session*

*The Soapbox session, held at the end of the day, gives you two minutes to plug one of your projects or events. There is a section on the registration form for you to register your two minute spot. Spots are limited as time is limited so get your registration form in quickly.

Date: Sunday, 20 May 2012

Time: 8.30am registration for 9.00am start

Venue: Unity College, Murray Bridge
(entrance from Owl Drive)

For further information about the District Assembly please contact District Trainer, Kim Harvey, at 0435 014 403 or email kim.harvey@adelaide.edu.au

DGE Roy Armstrong and the Training Committee look forward to seeing you and your team on May 20th.

NB. Training materials from the District Team Training and PETS days are now up on the District website at <http://www.rotarynews.info/2/District/> 9520/1260/

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

Hat Day is fast approaching!



Mental illness affects one in five Australian's every year. Suicide, a tragic consequence of mental illness such as depression, claims over 2,000 lives each year in Australia. Steps need to be taken to halt this tragic loss of life.

Australian Rotary Health supports finding a solution to Australia's mental health crisis through research. Last year we funded more than 40 studies into various areas of mental health but to continue supporting this vital research we need your help.

Last year Australian Rotary Health launched an exciting new fundraising and mental health research awareness event called Hat Day which raised over \$100,000 for mental health research. This event provided an excellent platform to raise the profile of Rotary in the community while supporting a very worthy cause.

This year, Hat Day is returning on the 18th of May, however your Club is free to wear a hat and donate to Hat Day at any day that suits you. We would like your help in promoting Hat Day in your community as one of your clubs PR, membership and service projects to help us support more research into this vital field of health.

Hat Day is a fun day for everyone to find out more about mental health and help raise funds to aid mental health research.

If you would like to know more, please see your Club President, call 1800 781 878 or email to info@hatday.com.au for more



AWARDS

Sapphire Pin (Triple)

Mobilong

Brian Rainey

WELCOME TO ROTARY TO NEW MEMBERS

Burnside

Wesley Miles

Campbelltown

Stephany Martin

Holdfast Bay

Wendy Dixon

Holdfast Bay

Wayne Hoban

Noarlunga East

Suzann Corless

Norwood

Peter Anderson

Somerton Park

Sandra Nelson

Somerton Park

Masamao Moriya

**Club Membership**

July 01 Mar 31
2011 2012

Barmera	8	8
Berri	19	17
Blackwood	39	40
Blakiston	10	10
Brighton	21	20
Broken Hill	18	19
Broken Hill South	25	23
Brownhill Creek	41	40
Burnside	31	34
Campbelltown	73	74
Coromandel Valley	25	26
Eastwood	23	23
Edwardstown	35	33
Encounter Bay	42	43
Flagstaff Hill	23	24
Glenelg	38	40
Goolwa	39	46
Hallett Cove	13	11
Holdfast Bay	26	27
Hyde Park	32	32
Irmyple	37	41
Kent Town	14	14
Lameroo	13	9
Loxton	28	29
McLaren Vale	8	8
Magill Sunrise	27	32
Marion	13	13
Merbein	22	22
Mildura	40	36
Mildura Deakin	18	18
Mitcham	42	43
Mobilong	36	33
Morialta	36	37
Mt Barker	28	30
Murray Bridge	51	53
Noarlunga	11	13
Noarlunga East	30	24
Norwood	22	21
Onkaparinga	25	25
Red Cliffs	11	13
Renmark	30	31
Robinvale Euston	14	16
St Peters	34	34
Somerton Park	31	29
South Mildura	14	13
Stirling	39	36
Strathalbyn	24	22
Tailem Bend	25	24
Unley	33	31
Victor Harbor	34	36
Waikerie	33	34
Wentworth	10	11
Yankalilla	11	10

Balance **1425** **1432**

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Rotary Club of Merbein
Harold Bennett

WHY AM I HERE?

By Frank Orlando—RC of Campbelltown



I am here because I choose to be.

I am here because some of my best friends are here. Friends whose company I enjoy.

I am here because Monday night it's my time and it's my escape.

I am a Rotarian because we change the lives of people whether it is in our backyard or somewhere overseas.

We are part of the world's first and one of the world's largest non-profit organisations. A distinguished group comprised of 1.2 million professionals in over 32,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries. Our Rotary motto "Service above Self" inspires each of us to provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world.

We fund club projects and sponsor volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, job training, and education to millions in need. We have provided more than 47,000 students from 110 countries with the opportunity to study overseas. I am not here to reinvent Rotary or become someone that I am not.

I am not here to break records. I don't get upset if we raise \$10 or \$10,000 at any event. I am here to make my own contribution, and yes, I could always do more and we could always do more.

Knowing that I have been part of this organisation has sparked interest from my family and friends who now know what Rotary does. If it wasn't for Rotary we'd probably be home on a Monday night with the television looking at us.

Just the thought of coming to meetings makes it interesting in itself because you can catch up on friends over a meal.

Why am I here?

Because I want to be!

CHANGE OF MEETING VENUE

Could you please update your records and website to show that the Rotary Club of Unley, SA now meets at -

The Barton Room, Unley Park Sports Club,
8 Northgate Street, Unley Park

THE VOICE OF ROTARY

Broadcast on 1197 AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday
7.30-8.00 am

From each Wednesday the broadcast program can be heard
on-line at www.rphadelaide.org.au

May 2012 Program

Presented by Chris Hughes (RC of Burnside) and John Cox (North Adelaide),
with technical assistance by Antony Craven and Richard Parkes

May 1st	Pres. Les Dennis (RC of Regency Park)	"Children of Prisoners"
May 8th	Rtn Barbara Wheatcroft (RC of Adelaide Parks)	"Rotary—A Woman's View"
May 15th	PP Ron Watts (RC of Elizabeth)	"Modern Communication"
May 22nd	PP Bob Brigden (RC of Norwood)	"Internat. Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians"
May 29th	Rtn Milton Lewis (RC of Campbelltown)	"Rotary Against Malaria"

Information from : Chris Hughes 8379 4633; 0418 835 977
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Top row L>R: RI President's Representative PRID Barry Thompson giving his address; MC John Rix deep in concentration; DG Bruce, Nettie and Ian Parsons and Dick Wilson who rode their bicycles to the conference from Murray Bridge.

Far right: DG Bruce presenting a Sapphire pin to Rtn Barbara Saunders RC of Norwood, who had just celebrated her 90th Birthday.



Rotary District 9520 Conference 2012



Mildura, Victoria, Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th April 2012

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