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*"Ideas have unhinged
the gates of empires."*

- Paul Harris

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

Reflections – at my desk and I think back on the conversations had this past month. With some 27 of 53 clubs visited I am constantly inspired by the initiatives and projects undertaken by Rotarians within District, by the generosity of spirit of Presidents and members who are willing to share their knowledge and experiences and by the CAN DO attitude when it comes to getting things done.

September was New Generations Month (YOUTH SERVICE) and I am taking this opportunity to showcase two programs. This past week saw the celebration of RYLA 2013, a cast of 40 young adults supported by an exceptional team of Directors and an incredible array of speakers (see below photos). I won't steal RYLA Chairman Peter Poulton's thunder but it was an exceptional seminar, and Peter and his team are to be commended. My thanks to the clubs who nominated and supported an awardee and to those clubs who took up Peter's challenge and agreed to sponsor an awardee. Comments from Awardees at Graduation bore testament to the value of this program, new friends, new experiences, skills and confidence.

A special mention to President Betty Gebert, Merbein who accepted Peter's challenge to sponsor Xing Ting an International Student at Adelaide University. Betty and Trevor travelled to Adelaide especially to attend and share graduation with Xing Ting and to confirm a speaking date in December.

Saturday 28th saw the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge head north on their annual "Go Bush with Rotary" a program which invites children to join in on a camping holiday in the outback. Into an environment with few modern facilities, no "switch on" entertainment, where the participants are encouraged to exercise their imaginations, to communicate with each other and adults in a relaxed environment. The program aims to provide children who would not otherwise be able to have a bush holiday, reinforce social values and help children develop strategies in situations where they may be placed at risk, to encourage communication and trust. Provide positive adult role models, and provide situations where interpersonal and social skills can be developed. Now in its 10th year this program continues to change lives.

Have a great month, don't forget to tell us your special stories...

Wendy



Greetings from
DG Wendy Gaborit



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DISTRICT EVENTS

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this month!



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Around the District

Vocational Service Report



In the Rotary calendar, October is the month that Rotary Clubs are urged to focus on Vocational projects and activities. By now many clubs will have something planned to emphasize Vocational Service. There is still time to arrange an event highlighting a Vocational theme in October.

When asked by a Rotarian or a member of the public, what is Vocational Service, what do you tell them? Vocational Service can be expressed in many ways, for this reason it is often misunderstood.

It connects with the other Avenues of Service (Club, Community, International and Youth Services), but is a unique concept based on Rotarians' diverse skills and commitment to integrity.

Click [here](#) to read more about vocational service.

Think BIG and make dreams real



Inspired by the stories of Dr Hamlin and her life work to give dignity back to thousands of women injured during child birth. Who she describes as "the poorest of the poor, alone in the world without hope, without friends. They bear their sorrows in silent shame. Their miseries, untreated, are utterly lonely and lifelong. Rotarian Sue McKay commenced a journey that would give meaning to the year's theme - make dreams real.

Two years later and with the advent of Global Grants Sue and the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor have delivered a successful project which will provide the funding for three (3) midwifery degrees, ensuring the continuance in high quality medical care during childbirth and funds to provide corrective surgery to 20 women afflicted by fistula.

To read more of this story, please click [here](#).

Soccer will never be the same!

This photo shows Jonathan Dos Santos (centre) who is a long term youth exchange student from Brazil, hosted by the Rotary Club of Lamerloo, celebrating the senior colts premiership with some of his team mates including his host brother Edward (right).

After practising continually pre-season, Jonathan quickly adjusted to the game, and was named in the best players after his first match, he continued to rate highly throughout the



Member Recognition

New Members

Welcome to the following new Rotarians in District 9520:

Karen Davies at RC of Brighton

Roy and Kath Coccetti at RC of Encounter Bay

Peter Baur at RC of Mount Barker

Brian Englefield at RC of Robinvale-Euston

Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to the following Rotarians, awarded with Paul Harris Fellowships.

Stephen Green at RC of Brighton

Stephen Miller and Moya Caught at RC of Holdfast Bay

Geoffrey Chapman, Sarah Walsh and Keith Driscoll at RC of Noarlunga East

Paul Harris Fellows - Sapphire

Congratulations to the following Rotarians, awarded with Paul Harris Sapphire Fellowships.

Mike Kelly at RC of Encounter Bay

Lance Meaney at RC of Holdfast Bay

Retired Members

The District 9520 Rotary Family would like to thank the following members for their service:

Su Corless and Jan Faehrmann at RC of Noarlunga East.

Mara Richards at RC of Robinvale-Euston

In Memoriam

In Memory of the following Rotarians:

**DONNELL ~ Brian Federick OAM
RC of Noarlunga East
Much loved and valued member.**

**BRADLEY ~ Wally
RC of Encounter Bay
Much loved member and
Charter President.**

season.

Hearts in Fiji



There are times when a Rotary project captures the hearts and minds of those volunteering that original goals are exceeded and enlarged and subsequent benefits to the community grow beyond its original plans.

Koroipita Village near Lautoka, Fiji was first established by Rotarian Peter Drysdale to provide housing and welfare for poor and homeless local people.

Not only does this basic housing provide shelter for struggling families, but also a sense of community and belonging.

To read more about the RC of Flagstaff Hill's involvement in this Project please click [here](#).

Becoming Australian



Glenelg Rotary's newest member becomes a naturalized Australian citizen at a lovely intimate ceremony in Partridge house, Glenelg, presided over by Mayor Ken Rollond on August 30th. Giovanna hails from Peru and is married to husband Lucas, an Australian.

In Giovanna's own words here one of the reasons why she wanted to become an Australian:

"...it gives me a sense of belonging; I feel that I can now fully participate in Australian life. Through the Rotary Club of Glenelg I can contribute to the Australian community."

To read Giovanna's other reasons and the full story please click [here](#).

Supporting Days for Girls



"Empower women and girls worldwide with more dignity, health and safety through quality sustainable menstrual management. Every woman by 2022"

Days for Girls International, believe that every girl in the world deserves education, safety, and dignity and have put their support behind Days for Girls. A not for profit organisation that empowers Days of education. Days of health. Days of safety. Days of dignity.

Secretary Sam's Spot



Rotary as a worldwide organisation operates through a complex linking of Management Groups Rotary Clubs and Committees. Within our District the links from Clubs to centre management is provided by the Assistant Governors, and each of the many Projects we have in our District is represented by a Chairperson. Together with the administration members this is the basis of the District Management Committee for District 9520.



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They do this by direct distribution of sustainable feminine hygiene kits with many nonprofits, by raising awareness, by helping other organizations start their own programs and importantly, by helping impoverished communities start their own programs to supply kits and training.

PP Allison Rogers and husband Mark manage the Husqvarna Sewing shop on Sturt Road, with a ready supply of materials, Sue engaged a pool of sewers and is not only making a difference but is changing the lives and opportunities of young girls.

Visit their website [here](#) for more information.

DMC meets formally on 4 occasions during the year to review progress and developments of Club and Project activities. Each member on the Committee reports and invites discussion on their area of responsibility. This activity is often a recognition of significant progress being achieved, or it is an appeal for specific directions, or a sharing of information of interest to a wider audience.

District Management Committee can manage initiatives which require coordinated action by leaders across our District, or dissemination of specific information from Rotary International, and recognition for and celebration of achievements.



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