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Welcome Rotarians!



I want to begin my first DG Newsletter by thanking all those Rotarians who have accepted positions of leadership in Clubs or in the District. Rotary depends on you to keep the Rotary wheel turning. Some of you are longstanding and loyal supporters of the Rotary cause and others are taking on roles for the first time. You all play a vital role in supporting the 'Objects of Rotary'. Liz and I went to one of the last District Changeovers, the Rotary Club of Eastwood on 24 July at The Kensi. It was a relaxed and joyous occasion with Andrew Kelly being reappointed President of the Club for another year. Congratulations Andrew. Many Presidents have commented that they are just getting good at the job and then it's time to change!

Not so with Eastwood! Andrew has his hands on the levers for another 12 months.

Club Visits.

Liz and I are now beginning one of the best bits of being a DG, the Official DG Club Visits.

We are starting with RC Berri on July 27 and I am looking forward to meeting President Brett Wright and all his members. Why Berri, you may ask? It is the Club of my DG Mentor Bruce Richardson and he will, no doubt, provide a very stern critique of my performance!

Young Professionals Seminar to be held on August 8.

Mark Huddleston and his crew are working hard planning this new initiative – to be held at Flinders University on Saturday August 8. The Guest Speaker Jason Booth is a young professional optometrist who helped this lady in Nepal.

We want to hear ideas about Rotary and attracting younger people.

I would like to see all Clubs nominate a person or persons who have already had some Rotary connection be it Youth Exchange, RYLA, GSE, NYSF, Rotaract, Interact, other programs we run for non-Rotarians, or through family.

These people can hold the future of Rotary in their hands AND do you know why many of them don't join Rotary?? They have never been asked!!!

The Seminar will also seek opinions of current Rotarians with ideas about membership into the future, so come and join the conversation.

Radio 5RPH 1197AM



Chris Hughes, a retired physician and former member of the RC Burnside, now Friend of Rotary, continues to run a very professional Rotary interview session on radio on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 8.00pm. Each interview is interspersed with 2 tracks of music chosen by his guest.

I had the pleasure of being an interviewee recently. The next series of interviews are listed in The Herald. Chris has provided this marvellous service for many years and is to be congratulated and thanked for his dedication to Rotary.





Cold Plunge

I was hoping that Sunday 16th August might be subject to a massive climate change event to warm the sea at Glenelg but, alas, cold it will be! I have recently returned from a week's scuba diving in Palau – water temperature 29 degrees C. The RC Stirling has 3 “plungers”, Rob Hill, Rob Koehne and the DG!

A notice went around at the last Club meeting and \$150 support was generated by those present.

Thanks to Jessie Vun (RC Glenelg) for introducing this idea in 2014 AND for the repeat performance this year. Also to Ice Berger Sarah Walsh (also RC Glenelg) for helping with the promotion.

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)

Liz and I had a wonderful evening when the Burnside Symphony Orchestra (BSO) performed recently to aid RAM.

RAM Joint Chair Dr Milton Lewis (RC Campbelltown) combined with Committee member Dr Chris Hughes to engage the BSO to make RAM a beneficiary of their July concert.

The orchestra chose for their program:

Butterworth – “A Shropshire Lad”

Schubert Symphony No 5 in D flat major

Dvorak Cello Concert in B flat minor featuring soloist Jonathan Hall.

Conductor Phillip Paine, himself a French horn player with the ASO, had two members of the orchestra with Rotary connections:

Plastic and Reconstructive surgeon Dr Phil Griffin (viola) has just returned from an Interplast trip to Bhutan

Professor Tanya Monro (cello) Chairs the Board of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF).



Rotary International Director (RID) Guillen Tumangan visits South Australia

Following the Rotary Success Conference in Canberra on 5th and 6th September, RID Guillen and his wife Letty will be arriving in Adelaide on the ‘red eye’ on Monday 7th September 2015.

D9520 will be looking after them that day and D9500 DG Doug Layng will take care of arrangements on Tuesday 8th September.

There will be a dinner for Guillen and Letty at Kooyonga Golf Club on the Tuesday evening – everyone is welcome so, if you would like to meet an RID, here's your chance!

MUSIC HALL 2015

Booking online at www.tailembendmusicchall.com

Tickets are available from:

Hughes Newsagency 68 Railway Terrace Taillem Bend.

Murray Bridge Newsagency, 29 Bridge Street Murray Bridge

Tickets are Adults \$15, Children \$5 for Sunday and Wednesday.

All tickets \$20 for Friday and Saturday.

See full sized advertising flyer in The Herald Issue 2 Page 5.



YOUR ARTICLES ARE NEEDED FOR PUBLICATION

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DonateLife Week 2nd August 2015 to 9th August 2015

Support a national campaign along with 1100 Rotary Clubs across Australia to encourage Australians to register for tissue and organ donation.

"Australia is a world leader in organ and tissue transplants. But we depend entirely on the compassion of ordinary Australians who make a decision which enables us to change lives." Professor Jonathan Craig from Westmead Children's Hospital Sydney.

Jack who is the face of this campaign, had a kidney transplant at age 21 months. This operation meant a return to normal eating, and boundless energy for Jack.

Some resource ideas <http://www.donatelife.gov.au/get-involved>

Visit www.donatelife.gov.au and:

- Discover the facts about organ tissue donation.
- Decide and register on the Australian Organ Donor Register.
- Discuss your donation decision with family and friends.



Special Guest Speaker at Young Professionals Forum

Last year Rotarian Jason Booth, an optometrist, gave up his time to participate in a Rotary Eye Camp in Nepal, where 6,166 people were given eye tests in 8 days, gave away nearly 6,000 pairs of optical glasses and arranged 200 cataract operations.

Jason will be our special guest speaker at the Young Professionals Forum on 8th August 2015.

We want to showcase what young professionals can achieve with Rotary, and this is an amazing story we want you to hear. A story of what Rotary can achieve, with the help of dedicated young professionals like YOU!

It's a story you'll only hear if you register for the Young

Professionals Forum.

PLEASE REGISTER NOW! www.trybooking.com/HCPP

Young Professionals Forum Program

9.30am	Registrations -Tea & Coffee Available		
10.00am	Opening Session overview of Rotary Age Demographics.		
11.30am	Guest Speaker Jason Booth – Rotary Eye Camp in Nepal		
12.00pm	Lunch. 1.00pm	Breakout. 2.20pm	Where to from here?
3.30pm	Close		



Young Professionals Forum, Science Innovation Learning Centre, Physical Sciences Road, Flinders University.



Sparkling Sapphire for Stan at Strathalbyn.

Stan Schofield a member of Rotary Club of Strathalbyn for 47 years, was awarded a Sapphire pin to his PHF for service to the Club.

On good authority I am advised a normally verbose Stan was lost for words as DG Dick made the presentation.

Rotarians set off to Canada

In February 2014, 21 Rotarians from District 7010, Toronto, Canada, visited Adelaide on a Friendship Exchange visit initiated by PDG Wendy Gaborit and Marilyn Hanson (D7010). Finally the time has arrived for the return visit to Toronto to commence.

Officially, the contingent of Rotarians and partners from D9520, are scheduled to arrive in Toronto on Thursday 3rd September for the 2 week visit during they will participate in many excursions and activities arranged by Elizabeth de Groot , exchange coordinator, District 7010.

A visit to Canada provides the opportunity to see much of this beautiful country - both west and east coasts and including regions of the US. The Inside Passage, the Rockie Mountains, Alaska and New York will be some of the places to experience and most members of the contingent are heading off soon.

Front Row: Lee-Anne McCaffer, Bev Scarvelis, Kaylene Pilkington

Second Row: John Scarvelis, Fran Maidment, Carol Darwin, Pam Maxwell, Barry Gardner .

Back Row: Gordon Wilkinson, Peter Kennedy, Jim Pilkington, Keith Harris, Craig Maidment, Suzanne Harris, Nereda Wilkinson, John Darwin, Meredith and Peter Ochota. Participants not in photo: Debra Kennedy, Rob Elliott, Lorraine Elliott Malcolm Menadue, Sue McKay



GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATION

The Swellendam Hospital in South Africa needs an upgrade for the X-ray machine.

PDG Bruce Richardson is helping President Mike Galea and his Rotary Club of Strathalbyn prepare an Application for a Global Grant to help fund the X-ray machine.

The application process requires local cultural experience so here we see Bruce taking part in a meal typical for South Africa, potjie, a type of casserole, and bobotie, which is curried mince served with flavoured yellow rice. We will wait with anticipation to see if this approach is successful !!

ICE THE COLD HARD FACTS POLICE AND COMMUNITY FORUM

Wednesday 26th August 2015.

Cornerstone College, 68 Adelaide Road, Mount Barker.

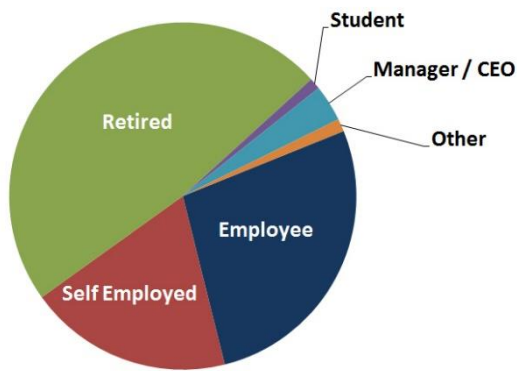
6.30 pm to 8.30 pm



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE



- Hear about illicit drugs and how the use of drugs is impacting on the local community and how you can help reduce its impact.
- Find out what services and supports are available for those affected from addicts, friends, family or professionals.
- Learn about the dangers associated with the drug and how easily addiction occurs.



It's time to take the CLASS out of our CLASSIFICATION system.

Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran's speech to District Governors Elect at the International Assembly in San Diego earlier this year included the following quote:

"I believe that we have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club."

I have always believed the intent of our classification system was to ensure diversity within our ranks. So I'm not about to question the intent of our classification system, but I am about to question the way it is often interpreted and applied when recruiting

members into our clubs, some of which hold up our classification system as some sort of benchmark, and even a barrier to entry.

The average millennial (born between 1977 and 1997, now aged between 18 & 38) is expected to have 15 – 20 jobs over their working life. Can you comprehend how absurd our classification system must appear to our next generation of Rotarians?

I want to introduce a term that I will be using in recruitment conversations this year, and that term is "Vocational Diversity". The way I see it, our classification system seems to identify a horizontal plane of professions into which Rotary wants us pigeon-holed. Picture if you will, a line of professions: Doctor, Architect, Teacher, Retailer, Public Servant, Accountant, Police Officer. It's true that many of us do already fit into one of these or similar professional groups, or what Rotary calls "classifications".

But now I want you to think of a vertical line, which better describes the **stage you are at** in your career, than **the career** itself. That line may include student, apprentice, employee, supervisor, manager, CEO, self-employed and retiree. It might even include "stay-at-home parent". We also have representatives of all of these groups within our ranks, but the Rotary classification system struggles to cope with **this method** of identification, which is why I think "Vocational Diversity" is a more contemporary concept. I see the classification system solely as one of horizontal diversity, but if we want to grow into a truly diverse organisation, I feel we need to be far more accommodating of diversity on that vertical plane as well.

I recently conducted a club membership survey across the district, and included a question on the employment status of members. The result is the pie chart pictured. One of the myths we happily peddle is that Rotary is an organisation of CEOs and powerful business people. The statistics would suggest in fact that we are an organisation of retirees, although it's reasonable to assume that some of those retirees were once from big business.

Retirees are an extremely valuable group within our organisation. They have more spare time to contribute and the life experience to act as mentors to our younger members, but they often lack the current business and professional networks to further our recruitment efforts.

Executives, CEOs and managers of big business seem to lack that available time to contribute to Rotary. Perhaps the best lesson to learn from this is that rather than targeting specific groups such as executives and "big business", **we would be better off targeting the sort of people that will make the best Rotarians**, i.e. recruit on personality type and motivation, rather than employment status.

I would like to leave you with a quote from another organisation that we Rotarians could learn from: ***"We define our leaders by the way we think, not by our title."*** Mark Huddleston, District Membership Chair



Additions to District Directory. The Rotary Club of Kent Town now meets Tuesday 6:15 pm for 6:30 pm at The Kent Town Hotel, 76 Rundle Street, Kent Town 5067.