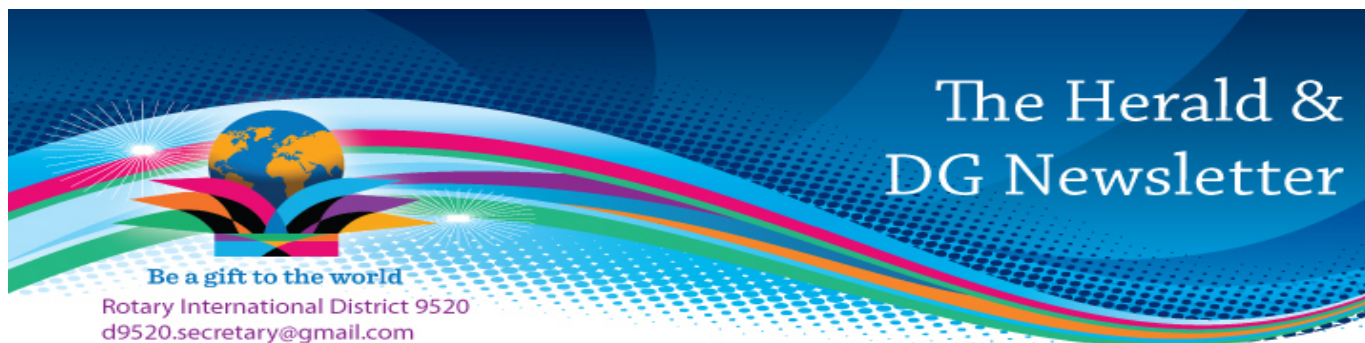




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My Fellow Rotarians!

“Don’t work harder, but work smarter” says our World RI President Ravi Ravindran.

Ravi continues - “Look at your tools, analyze your processes and make sure you are directing your resources in the most effective way.

Instead of focusing on “How can we bring more members into Rotary”, we should be asking ourselves, “How can we add more value to Rotary membership so that more will join and fewer will leave?”

Thank you Ravi

OCTOBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty

All Rotarians know of our Rotary founder, Chicago lawyer Paul Harris.

But do you know of Arch Klumph whose idea it was to start a Foundation on behalf of the Rotary Clubs in existence at that time. He wanted “endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world”.

Arch joined the RC Cleveland in 1911, became President in 1913 and was the 6th President of Rotary International in 1916

Arch had a vision for something great – and were he alive today, he would be delighted with the enormous contribution made by the Foundation to improve the lives of others.

You only have to look at “End Polio Now” and ask, **“Where have all the iron lungs gone?”** to paraphrase singer/songwriter Pete Seeger.

The Rotary Foundation has been the major player in this huge task and we, all you Rotarians, have played a part! Well done Rotary!

Established in Illinois in 1917, The Rotary Foundation has been the humanitarian arm of Rotary for nearly 100 years.

Rotarians and Clubs throughout the Rotary world support the Foundation financially as well as sharing some of their many gifts and talents working on humanitarian projects.

Be a Gift to the World! Support your Foundation with your time, talents and money.

Become a Centurion member with a donation of \$100 or a Paul Harris Society member or a major donor, speaking of which, come and join in

The Million Dollar Dinner

Districts 9500 and 9520 are combining their efforts to find 100 people, Rotarians, friends and anyone who is interested, to make a bequest in their will of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

This project will be launched on MON 23 NOV 2015 at The Naval, Military and Air Force Club with guest speaker Rotary International Director Jennifer Jones.

For further details, contact PDG Eric Russell on ericrussell@adam.com.au

The actual **Million Dollar Dinner** is planned for SAT 14 MAY 2016.

This will be a glamorous occasion with all major donors being guests with the highlight visitors being Rotary International President Nominee Ian Riseley as well as the wonderful orator Past RI President Bill Boyd.

This will be *an affair to remember!*

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 28 APR – 01 MAY 2016 IN RENMARK SA

Renmark is within the District, close to Adelaide, has great weather and is in the heart of 'food and wine land'! What more would you want?

Starting with a 'Welcome to Renmark' event on THU 28 APR and closing with a BBQ included in the registration for SUN lunch, there will be plenty to see and do.

The Conference proper will have a broad array of interesting and entertaining guest speakers.

The Conference Dinner on SAT night will be a winner in an outstanding venue.

Visits to Calperum or a trip on the PS Industry are among the many opportunities available during your free afternoons!

And...**ACCOMMODATION** – please telephone the venues rather than going on-line to book.

Nearly all accommodation has been reserved for Rotary and you need to declare that you are attending the Rotary Conference.

This declaration is **NOT** possible on-line and some people have been told that there are no rooms available when, in fact, there are, but they have been reserved by Rotary.



DG CLUB VISITS.

I never cease to be amazed by the great work in the name of Rotary delivered by Clubs in District 9520.

From the smallest to the largest, from the oldest to the youngest, their effort, ingenuity and 'service above self' is to be admired.

Among the Clubs visited in October, it was a pleasure to return to my father's Rotary Club, Renmark, which he joined shortly after it was chartered in 1956.



Renmark suffered the ravages of the "56 Flood" that year and the town itself was lucky to survive. Mind you, there was plenty of flood damage to many of the outlying areas.

Renmark Rotary is in good shape and President Barry Hurst and the members have already proved invaluable support to my Club in the planning of the District Conference.

Liz and I managed to fit in lunch at Rustons in Renmark and Banrock Station at Kingston-on-Murray

We have just returned from a 'working week' in Sunraysia. We visited 5 Clubs; 4 were 'DG visits' and on WED for breakfast, we joined the RC Mildura Deakin, where we could just sit back and enjoy!

Our visit to the oldest Club in the District (chartered in 1933), RC Mildura, proved to be scary! Liz and I were greeted with several Rotarians dressed for Halloween accompanied by two young children who played "trick or treat" in lieu of a sergeant's session. Everyone present willingly paid up!



Naturally, I took my bike and managed to get lost in the back blocks near the Mildura airport on my 20 km ride, which soon became a 35 km ride! Next time, Michael Jobe from RC Irymple accompanied me and he acted as my 'domestique' and looked after me very well.

He, with other fellow Rotarians, completed the Australian Rotary Health "Ride for Research" from Mildura to Warrnambool in 2014 and Ballarat for the 2015 Conferences. A ride is planned from Mildura to the Renmark Conference in APR 2016.

INTERACT WEEK , 02 – 08 NOV 2015

Rotarian David Price from RC Murray Bridge is making sure that he mentors some young students from Murray Bridge High School in their interest in forming an Interact Club.

All interested parties – the school, the students, the District and RC Murray Bridge will be present at a joint meeting on TUE 10 NOV 2015.

David sprang to Rotary prominence before he even became a Rotarian!

He was selected on a Group Study Exchange in 1972-73 along with Peter Rumbelow, now a member of RC Campbelltown.

NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE

District Secretary Sam Cozens has circulated some information about this new and exciting program.

The District is planning to host Nataly, an architectural student from Mexico for 3 months around JAN to APR 2016.

My thanks to Youth Director Peter Poulton and Youth Protection Chair David Binks for their industry in getting NGSE up and running.

It is designed for 18 – 25 year old people who are interested in doing a cultural/humanitarian exchange in another country.

ILLUMINATE 11

District Chair Mark Huddleston and his team executed another superb performance at Flinders University for Illuminate II.

No-one left without some new thoughts and ideas buzzing around in their heads!

Guest speaker RI Director Elect Noel Trevaskis was impressive in presenting his views on Rotary going forward whilst Simone Collins, a young social media Rotarian specialist from Perth, was equally impressive.

Thanks to all involved with bringing this afternoon to fruition.

DG DICK



President Mike Galea and Rotarian Mary Galea were pleased to welcome DG Dick and Liz Wilson to their Strathalbyn Club visit. DG Dick told the gathered members, "It is somewhat of an emotional experience coming back to Strath after all these years and to stand before you once again as the District Governor is an incredible moment." DG Dick was inducted into the RC of Strathalbyn in 1973, and later moving to the Stirling Club.



END POLIO NOW NEWS

Photographer Pam Vaughton captured this group of Rotarians from the Rotary Club of St Peters at the Linde Reserve, Stepney, serving a tasty meal to many curious visitors to the Ute Rally Event.



BREAKING NEWS

The Rotary Club of Glenelg is pleased and proud to announce their first father/daughter membership combination for their Club.

Congratulations

President Wayne Dyson and Rotarian Michelle Dyson.

WILD DOG PROBLEM

Carrieton livestock and wool producer Geoff Power was named the new Livestock SA president mid December last year. Mr Power brings extensive experience to the role. He is a past-president of WoolProducers and has been an executive member of the organisation since 2005. He has also been a member of the South Australian Sheep Advisory Group and is a current chair of the State Government's Wild Dog Action Group.

Rotarian John Yard was concerned about the problem of wild dogs getting through the dog fence along the north of our State, and causing considerable damage to sheep flocks in many parts of our State, with the attendant impact on rural communities. John arranged guest speaker Geoff Power to address the Rotary Club of Somerton Park, and arising out of this meeting the Club is discussing ways to bring the attention of this problem to a wider audience in South Australia. While immediate problem of wild dogs killing large numbers of sheep of course is felt by the farmers and their immediate communities, there needs to be recognised the wider impact on the economy of our State which does affect us all, and deserves our notice.

The initiative presently being considered is to have a video of Geoff Power's presentation produced in association with Rural Reporter Ian Doyle, and be distributed through Rotary Clubs and at District Conference as a means to raise awareness. Estimates of the production cost at \$4,000 for a professional product provide some idea of the scope of the project. Both Districts 9500 and 9520 border the dog fence and both District Governors are in favour of doing something to address the problem.



Rotarians who have an interest in pursuing the ideas further should contact President Michael Garland mga48876@bigpond.net.au or 0417 827 594

"I have come across some interesting and innovative projects in my time in Rotary but when I met with Somerton Park President Mike Garland and member John Yard and heard about "Wild Dogs", the problem was brought home to me. I have spent time up north on various cattle drives over the years and have seen the 'Dog Fence' first hand. This story needs telling and my good friend Ian Doyle is the man to do it." DG Dick Wilson.



This is your last chance to take part in this ground-breaking road safety initiative aimed at creating safer roads, safer drivers and safer communities. The **Rotary Club of Blakiston** has arranged with **Adelaide BMW** to provide an advanced driving assessment to be available free to Rotarians and their friends. With research stating that over 90% of injury crashes are caused by driving errors, they think it is time to make ALL drivers safer, smarter and more skilful.

If you would like to be involved in this driving course to improve your safety on the road, all conducted in a luxury car, contact Darren Davis at enquiries@savealifeaustralia.com.au

The last day for this activity is Saturday 7th November. Of all the people at the last District Conference who thought it was a good idea, only 1% have done something about it so far.



MOCK ACCIDENT – Rotary Club of McLaren Vale.

On Friday, 23rd October, 2015, the Rotary Club of McLaren Vale in conjunction with the staff of Willunga High School arranged for their annual Mock Accident event to be staged in the Main Street of Willunga.

It required road closure arranged with local authorities when 'two vehicles were involved in a head on collision which resulted in a fatality and various injuries to both drivers and passengers'.

To maintain authenticity of the event, the support of the local SA Police, SA Ambulance Service, local CFS units, towing service, a Funeral Director, a Judge, Court staff, Police Prosecutor and defence Lawyers for the 'trial' of the 'drivers' charged with various offences were invited to be involved. Support from Year 12 Drama Class students from Willunga High School acted out the various parts such as drivers, passengers, bystanders as victims.

The event is arranged annually for the benefit of students from years 10 – 11 for the past 15 years with an estimated 1500 - 2000 students having observed the 'accident' over that time as well as parents, teachers from Willunga High School and other interested visitors.

At the recent event overseas tourists who happened to be there on the day were so impressed that they wanted information to take home so they could present the idea to their local community schools and spread the word on the Student Road Awareness project and the unfortunate consequences to young people which can result when newly licensed and driving and/or travelling in a vehicle. Ian Parsons. Rotary Club of McLaren Vale Inc.

GOING BUSH WITH ROTARY

Each year about 12 students from Primary Schools in the Murray Bridge area are taken on a week long camping program by a group of Rotarians and friends from the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge. The focus of this project is to provide experience of living and communicating with others, being aware of the influence of their behaviours on the well being of others, and developing a positive self image. The adults on this camping adventure in the lower Flinders Ranges provide specific opportunities to engage the students in activities which develop interpersonal and social skills.

Last week the **Going Bush with Rotary** program was recognised through the Premier's Awards by receiving a first in the Youth Award section.

Here we see Rotarians Barb and Ian Elston proudly displaying the Award at the ceremony organised by the Association of Community Service Organisations Inc SA, at the Glenelg Golf Clubrooms.



MEN'S HEALTH SCREENING AT PT ELLIOT SHOW



Eighteen members of the Rotary Clubs of Encounter Bay, Victor Harbor and Strathalbyn conducted the Rotary Men's Health Screening project at the Pt Elliot Show on Saturday 10th October. The PitStop project is to address the disparity in men's health issues and reduce the incidence of preventable illness among men. Pit Stop is a mechanical health check for men, using the analogy of the male body as a car. We challenge men to haul their bodies over the pits to see if they can achieve REGISTRATION (road worthy, or be issued with a YELLOW STICKER (defect notice)

Twenty-seven men and 3 ladies took the opportunity to have the free health check. Of these, 26 participants were issued with a Rego sticker while 4 received a defect notice and lots of information for further action. The average age of participants was 44.

HELENA GOLDIE HOSPITAL



At the Premier's Awards Presentation Luncheon conducted by the Association of Community Service Organisations, the Rotary Club of Burnside was awarded the Civic Improvement Award for the upgrade of the Sanitation project at the Helena Goldie Hospital in Solomon Islands. The Helena Goldie Hospital is in the remote part of the Western Province of the Solomon Islands at Munda, which is located on the island of New Georgia approximately 1.25 hrs flying time NW of Honiara. After a tsunami in 2007 the island

dropped into the sea by 0.5 of a metre. The hospital septic tanks were overflowing into the hospital grounds and the flowing into the sea water. Not a very healthy situation for the hospital staff and patients.

A request for help came from the Hospital Administrator Dr Graham Longbottom, who wrote a letter the Rotary Club of Burnside as we had been involved with the Hospital over the past 10 Years. An AusAid Water Engineer designed a drainage system to disperse the grey water into a treatment area where in the future the fruit trees will be planted to soak up the nutrients. This system is now in operation.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2016: ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS

The accommodation options available for the Conference are listed on the Conference website, accessible through the District website - <http://www.rotarynews.info/district9520/r.i>

The availability of rooms is being regularly updated, as indicated in the "Status" column of the list.

The Rotary Club of Stirling, the host club for the Conference, has made block bookings in the name of "The Rotary Club of Stirling", of most of the accommodation venues (all those that it has been able to) – to ensure that Rotarians attending the Conference will have places in which to stay.

Stirling's John Stoddard, the Accommodation Coordinator, has briefed the respective accommodation providers on how they are to respond to Rotarians enquiries about accommodation – to avoid the ludicrous situation which arose, in earlier isolated cases, in which Rotarians were told by inexperienced staff that "sorry, accommodation has been fully booked" (yes, by Rotary!). It is highly recommended that Rotarians TELEPHONE the accommodation venues and NOT try to book on-line. When telephoning, advise the venue that you are a Rotarian and that the accommodation has been reserved by Rotary for the District Conference. Any queries please contact John Stoddard on mob: 0417 850879, or email: jstod@bigpond.com.au