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As the world hurtles down the path of modernization, many cultures resist the speed of change. Korea embraces it, yet retains a balance many of us worry we're losing. In Seoul, business-suited fathers patiently escort their children to school. Multigenerational families pause by ponds and brilliant bursts of wild azalea. Each day before dawn, Buddhist monks throughout the land sound fish- and cloud-shaped drums to wake all creatures, from sea to sky. It is a ritual thousands of years old, and in Korea, this rhythm of tradition infuses everything.

The Republic of Korea is home to about 50 million people, half of whom live in and around Seoul, the world's second most populous city. Mountains cover 70 percent of the country, making space precious, and most new buildings tall. This geography informs the entire nation: its commitment to concision, its mindfulness about making the most of its resources, and its dedication to recycling and effective ecological practices. It might also explain why Koreans are wild about hiking.

Walk around downtown Seoul and you see industrious, serious men and women going off to work. You see fit, fashion-forward young people with the smartest of smartphones. You see a world-class city that has taken its place as an economic powerhouse, a center of technological innovation, and the cultural nexus of Asia.

In 2016, you can see all of Seoul for yourself when it hosts the Rotary International Convention from 28 May to 1 June.



Call for nominations to be considered for the next spot in the above sequence.

Rotarians of good standing with at least 7 years of membership, including a full year as Club President, are eligible to be nominated for the position of District Governor 2018-2019. Nominees must also be prepared to attend Governors Elect Training and an International Assembly in preparation for the job of leading our Rotary District during the 2018-2019 Rotary Year.

You may like to nominate someone from your club, or yourself, in writing to DG Dick Wilson, PO Box 139, Burnside SA 5066, by Saturday 20th February 2016. All nominations will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee, as listed on page 13 of the District Directory, and shortlisted nominees will be interviewed on Saturday 27th February 2016.



SETTING AN EXAMPLE

A combination of intense sunlight and poor diet results in a high incidence of eye cataracts for many people in India. During the year 2000 a small Rotary International Grant was setup to finance 480 free cataract surgeries through a hospital in India, addressing a real need for poor people. This service has not only continued during the interim, but has now grown to provide cataract surgeries for 760 people per year.

Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation could be making a similar impact on the lives of needy people.

Photo Alyce Hensen.

Message from Barbara Mifsud, RI South Pacific & Philippines Office.



“Please be advised that there is a phishing/scam email circulating which uses Past RI President Ron Burton's name and Rotary related email address. The email subject is 'Read your Review'. The email contains a link. Do not click on the link. Our Computer Support team and Presidential Services department (on behalf of Past RI President Ron) is aware of the problem.

Can you please assist us by letting members in your district know? Please urge them to not click on the link in the email. If they do, they risk their personal/sensitive information being misused.”

From the Editor.

My prime focus for the “The Herald” during this Rotary Year has been the contributions that individual Rotarians make either locally or on the wider world scene, and the amazing experiences that emerge from events and programs arranged and supported by Rotarians. I can easily choose two articles which spring to mind that illustrate my approach perfectly. Remember the Postie Bike trip from Strathalbyn to Darwin to bring attention to the mental health problem we have, or my other favourite is the Exchange student from Europe shearing a sheep in a woolshed at Lameroo ! Both astounding stories.

I need you my readers to bring at least another 6 of these stories to me before I end my contract in June.

International Women's Day Breakfast

I have been asking, no use the correct word, pestering PDG Wendy Gaborit for some material on Professor Tanya Monro who will be Guest Speaker at the International Women's Day Breakfast in Adelaide on 2nd March 2016. My initial interest was sparked when reading about Professor Monro that her special interest of research was in the field of photonics. As a teacher of physics I was asking what is photonics, and as I read about the topic and the researcher I was amazed. Wendy has now delivered a truly exciting article from a science writer in Sydney, Wilson da Silva, which follows the progress of how Tanya Monro and photonics met each other in the ripeness of time early this century and both have blossomed.

I am not going to attempt a summary of the life and work of a truly gifted person, however if you do have the opportunity to attend the International Women's Day Breakfast in Adelaide, you will meet a very special person with a unique outlook on her life as a teacher, researcher, administrator, mother, musician and whole lot of other interests. If you would like some background reading on Professor Tanya Monro please use the link to "Tanya Monro-Her brilliant career" by Wilson da Silva.

<https://cosmosmagazine.com/physical-sciences/her-brilliant-career> Writer Sam Cozens, photo Wikipedia.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Isaac Lomman Hypnosis Show at Goodwood Institute Saturday 6th February 2016.

District Leadership Team meet at Loxton Sunday 14th February 2016.

Applications for DG 2018-2019 close Saturday 20th February 2016.

Incoming District Leadership Training Sunday 21st February 2016

International Women's Day Breakfast in Adelaide Wednesday 2nd March 2016

President-Elect Training Seminar Sunday 10th April 2016.

District 9520 CONFERENCE Renmark Thursday 28th April to Sunday 1st May 2016.

District Leadership Team meet at Stirling Saturday 14th May 2016.

District Assembly Sunday 15th May 2016.

- Rotary members are responsible leaders, both socially and ethically. We define leadership by mindset and approach, not labels or titles.
- Connecting with each other and our communities will always be the driving force behind Rotary.
- Rotary affects local communities on a global scale to create lasting change.

DISTRICT 9520 AWARDS



Each year a number of Awards are offered to promote specific activities within our District through our Clubs. Many of these Awards are presented during the District Conference.

The District Awards will be decided on the criteria given under each heading in conjunction with the following general criteria:

- (a) Project planning
- (b) Publicity/Feedback
- (c) Relevance/Need
- (d) Innovative Aspects
- (e) Club Members' Input
- (f) Community Impact/Involvement

Please note that awards numbered 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12 will be based on written submissions forwarded to the District Governor/Secretary at least four weeks prior to the District Conference.

All projects are to be commenced or completed in the two years prior to the District Conference at which they are entered for competition, and which they have not previously won that award.

Written submissions may be supported by a visual presentation displayed at the Conference. The quality of the visual presentation will be taken into account when making these awards. These displays will also automatically be entered for the Stan Fereday Award – Best Displayed Club Project (No. 5).

1. Best Conference Attendance.

Attendance x kilometres from home club, divided by club membership.

(Donated by the late PDG Arthur Hart)

2. Best Community Service Project.

(Donated by the Rotary Club of Mitcham)

3. Best Vocational Service Project.

(Donated by the Rotary Club of Noarlunga East)

4. Best International Service Project.

(Donated by the Rotary Club of Irymple)

5. Stan Fereday Award – Best Displayed Club Project.

Judged on the success of the display at the Conference, not necessarily the best project. Emphasis will be placed on the story of the project i.e. a combination of the pictorial and printed message conveyed on the project's development, as well as the aesthetic aspects. *(Donated by Stan Fereday, Rotary Club of Glenelg)*

6. Bulletin of the Year.

Relevance, readability, aesthetics, suitability to the Club's situation and comprehensiveness will be taken into account.

(Donated by PDG Alan Williams)

7. Membership Improvement Trophy.

For the highest percentage increase, year to date, based on the membership at the start of the current Rotary year.

(Donated by the late PDG Harry Allen)

8. Most First Attenders.

At the current year's District Conference

9. Rotary Foundation Contribution – Fred Claridge Memorial Award.

To the Club with the highest contribution per member in the previous year.

(Donated by Mrs. Margaret Claridge)

10. Best New Generations Project.

(Donated by the late PDG Bill Rufus)

11. **Best Fundraising Project.**
(Donated by PDG Kevin Parkinson)
 12. **The Ivor Lewis Trophy for Public Relations.**
For the project which best attracts good public attention and recognition during the previous calendar year.
 13. **Australian Rotary Health – Bernie Jones Trophy.**
For the highest per capita contribution made by a Club during the previous February-to-February period.
 14. **Australian Rotary Health District Achievement Award.**
For the most significant assistance given to ARH since the last District Conference. Projects reflecting innovativeness, effective public relations or local implementation will be considered.
 15. **Best Environmental Project.**
According to the goals set out in the Preserve Planet Earth program of Rotary International. To be judged on the basis of a visit to the project site by the District Preserve Planet Earth Committee.
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This young student uses safe running water at a wash station at her school in Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala, that was made possible by a Rotary Foundation grant and a number of contributions from Rotary clubs.

These Rotarians are a gift to this young person.

- Rotary joins leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations.
- Rotary exchanges ideas, bringing our expertise and diverse perspectives to help solve some of the world's toughest problems.
- Rotary takes action to bring lasting change to communities around the world.