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Ladies and Gentlemen of District 9520!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY – 111YEARS YOUNG!

A small but loyal group of D9500 & 9520 Rotarians gathered in Rundle Mall on 23 FEB to celebrate a birthday. Cup cakes were dispensed to the gathering throngs and after 2-3 hours, their work was done.

Thanks go to RI Zone Public Image Coordinator PDG Wendy and her small band of helpers.

GENDER BALANCE JUST RIGHT!



Liz and I attended the Rotary Club of Glenelg on 24 FEB for the induction of two new members, Mariella Hocking and former RC Brighton member Barb Richardson.

It was a significant night in many ways. Our first husband and wife members in Bob and Mariella Hocking heralding our gender balance in membership – we have 42 members, 21 female and 21 male for the first time ever. This, added to recent events with father/ daughter members in Wayne and Michelle Dyson and previously two marriages, a naturalisation ceremony of a member, a baby birth and soon another wedding. It is clear that RC

Glenelg do not let the grass grow under their feet. Thanks to Secretary Wayne Sachs for the information.

Also of note was Glenelg member Glenys Fereday, fresh from her wonderful presentation at RC Campbelltown's 50th Anniversary Dinner on 19 FEB. Glenys' husband Richard was their Charter President and she spoke about the Club history from 1966 -1975.

Sad, however, was the news that Rotarian John Garrett has died. He joined the Club in 1971.



ROTARY CLUB OF CAMPBELLTOWN CHARTERED 50 YEARS AGO

As mentioned above, 200 people attended a dinner on 19 FEB on this most auspicious occasion. President Damian Leach conducted the meeting with the help of MC Lynton Nicholas, who displayed his skills with rare aplomb!

The history was recounted by movie footage throughout the Club's journey, courtesy of Eric Webb with other speakers:

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| - 1976 -85 | Peter Rumbelow |
| - 1986-95 | Ian Reddy & John Schubert |
| - 1996-2005 | Garth Holmes & Margaret Northcote |
| - 2006-16 | Brian Stevens & Jim Silvestri |

Without trying to fill in 50 years of detail, I thought that the Invocation provided by Stephany Martin was a moving tribute to the Club.

This is what she said:

We are thankful.

We appreciate the hands of those who prepared our meal,
Each farmer, chef, and server has done us service
to provide fuel for our future work together.

Gathered here today around these tables we embrace our future.

We are like-minded.

In our desire to serve here at home and around the world,

We thank those who had courage to begin 50 years ago and we thank those who have continued to serve with us in the years between, but we will also be thankful for the future. Because Campbelltown Rotary is not 50 years old, it is 50 years young.

We will all continue

to add our personal gifts to empower the club's future,

to strengthen our work,

to benefit our community,

to share in our laughter, AND

to help bring change to the world.

We give thanks

ROTARY CLUB OF GOOLWA HOST NATALY LOZANO

The Rotary Clubs of Goolwa and Victor Harbor combined for a joint meeting on 22 FEB with Presidents Greg Casson and Rob Williams trying desperately to control their members.

Fun and hilarity abounded and the members and guests were treated to wonderful presentation from New Generations Service Exchange scholar Nataly Lozano.

Nataly will be hosted by Norwood, Edwardstown and Glenelg Clubs following her stay in Goolwa.



PUT SAT 14 MAY 2016 INTO YOUR DIARY

There are not one but two big events that day AND an even bigger gig the next!!!

Rotary Race Day will be held at Morphettville during the day and the **Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner** that evening.

And, if you have not already saved the next day, the **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY** will be held at Unity College in Murray Bridge on SUN 15 MAY.

I have found that there is always something to learn in Rotary so "the more the merrier"!

Do your Club and yourself a service by attending.

FIJI ALMOST BLOWN AWAY BY WINSTON.

A category 5 tropical cyclone wreaked havoc in Fiji with winds measured up to 160 mph.

Much damage was caused and unfortunately loss of life was an inevitable outcome from the force of this disaster.

ShelterBox already has a small reserve of disaster relief kits on the islands with additional stocks being held nearby in Auckland and Melbourne.



A response team has already been to assess the damage and they are talking with Government and relief agencies about how best to help. RAWCS has established a mechanism to receive donations.

Project 46 Fiji Disaster Relief

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Deputy Manager DG Mike Woods (H) 02 4936 1643 (M) 0412 191 888

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The website for all donations is: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=928&ReturnTo=4>

All donations are tax deductible.

As this is a Disaster relief Project, RAWCS will not charge the usual 3% for donations from individuals and corporations. ALL funds will therefore be used to provide aid.

John Dare is the Project Manager and he is establishing an inter-District management team to ensure that funds donated are expended to achieve the maximum benefit for the people to whom they are directed.

ROTARY HEAVIES AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

D9520 has been extremely lucky to secure the services of two esteemed Rotarians who will be attending the Renmark Conference.

The Rotary International President's Personal Representative is past RI Director Stuart Heal. Stuart had the same position for PDG Roy Armstrong's Conference in the Barossa in 2013 where he proved to be a brilliant and at times, controversial speaker. He is Chair of the New Zealand Cricket Board so it will be rugby rather than cricket when it comes to discussing sport.

And, July 2016 will see new Director Noel Trevaskis assume his position on the RI Board. Noel was Special Rep. at PDG Malcolm Lindquist's Conference in Bendigo in 2011 and he also gave a most moving address at the Broken Hill Conference in Arthur Manser's year 2006.

ROTARY SPECIAL MONTH MARCH – WATER & SANITATION

Ponder for a moment on how we take clean water and sanitation for granted.

Our property in Summertown has no town reticulated water supply and no deep drainage or sewerage.

We save rainwater, we irrigate using a bore, we have a waste water treatment system called Envirocycle and usually, with a press of a switch, we are provided with all our water and sanitation needs.

To see women having to walk for hours to collect a meagre supply of often contaminated water is depressing.

Once back in the village, there are no toilets so one can imagine how the sanitation system works! Find a patch of ground that hasn't already been used!



And, the guest speaker at RC Glenelg was Susanne Harris, wife of RC Flagstaff Hill secretary Keith. Susanne spoke about "Days for Girls"!

Just imagine how you would manage your personal hygiene without toilets or a water supply!

Water and Sanitation is one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus.

Check out "Safe Water Save Lives and WASRAG – Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Groups.

Their aim is to supply potable water to communities in developing countries, by planning systems of water catchment, storage and reticulation.

RIDE FOR ROTARY with Stuart O'Grady and Patrick Jonker.

The Herald featured a rather unflattering picture of the DG riding in the "Ride for Rotary" thanks to Editor Secretary Sam. The event was beautifully organized by Shirley Sunter from the RC Encounter Bay and every participant received a prize! I like races like that.

ARE YOU AN ALUMNUS???

Another great occasion was the first Alumni get-together, held at the Joiners Arms Hotel on WED 17 FEB.

It was good to see alumni from all Rotary fields represented, especially Tobias Adams, who was a RYPEN attendee last year and is currently in Year 12. He was sponsored by the RC Mt Barker. At short notice, he spoke about RYPEN and his future aspirations -what an ambassador for Rotary he will be!

JOKE OF THE MONTH!

IRISH TEXT MESSAGE – "Mary, I'm just having one more pint with the lads. If I am not home in 20 minutes, read this message again"! DG DICK 25 FEB 2016

DISTRICT CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MONICA HALL

Former TV and Film Producer and Writer Monica is a wife, mother of school aged children, ChiBall Instructor and Person Living with Parkinson's. She is undertaking a Bachelor of Visual Arts in her quest to, adapt to and continue to live well with the complexities of Parkinson's Disease.



D9520 END POLIO NOW UTE RELAY

Use this link to watch a 2 minute presentation of the Ute Relay prepared for your interest by Robin LeGallez.

<https://vimeo.com/156623001>



ACCOMMODATION AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

There are still a number of rooms available on the houseboats that have been arranged by Jerry Casburn.

All the rooms are doubles and are luxury presentations and the cost is \$428 per couple for 3 nights.

Book with Jerry at 0407 646 396

View the boats "Extreme" and the "Riverstar" at <http://www.magnumhouseboats.com.au/location.php#>

Travelling Rotarian Insurance

Effective immediately

Rotarians, dependants and partners travelling overseas for Rotary purposes are covered by Rotary Insurance.

However, please notify John Rix johnrix@riverland.net.au with details of your travel, plus **you must** get a letter from your Doctor stating that you are fit to travel, **regardless of your age**. Do **not** forward the letter to John but keep it in a safe place as it is only required to be submitted in the event of a claim generated during the travel.

Kind regards Nigel Woolmer,
District 9520 Risk Management Officer



VACANCIES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) D9520 Committee is looking for a number of new Committee Members due to pending retirement of long serving members.

In most cases starting is immediate, - or if preferred 1st July 2016. This is a great opportunity for Rotarians to be part of an active and committed committee supporting and promoting Australian Rotary Health – Research for Mental Health within the District.

All inquiries please to

PDG Roy Armstrong Chair ARH Committee – D9520

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Nataly Lozano from Mexico Guest speaker at Goolwa Rotary Club.

Nataly is the first participant in New Generations Student Exchange program for our District 9520. She is a 23 year old architecture student from Merida in Southern Mexico and previously spent one year in Germany on a Rotary Youth Exchange.

Using a PowerPoint Nataly introduced her family, two older sisters, her father and her 2 pets, (a ferret and a bulldog), plus many others. Nataly's father is a

Rotarian, a member of the Ciudad del Carmen Rotary Club, and an engineer involved with the petroleum industry. Oil production from the Gulf of Mexico provides the major basis of the current Mexican economy.

Nataly spoke in detail of the ancient heritage and modern history of her area, with the former Mayan and Aztec civilisations followed by the conquest of the country by the Spanish in the 16th Century.

These ancient civilizations had calendars of their own, introduced the concept of zero as a number, understood astronomy and aligned their temples with the solstices and equinoxes. They worshipped a collection of gods and once practised ritual human sacrifices.

The insignia in the middle of the Mexican flag (the coat of arms for Mexico City) features an eagle with a snake, perched on cactus, sitting on a rock in a lake. This comes from their mythology, as a sign the early people had been given to look for when deciding where to build their city, Mexico City. Mexico City was initially built on a rock in the middle of a lake which has since been reclaimed.

Mexico gained its independence from Spain in 1810 with only the language and colonial architecture remaining as links with the past. Around Nataly's home town are numerous ancient pyramids dating back for thousands of years, and each one different in style from the others. Many of the old colonial buildings and the cathedral were built by the Spanish conquistadores using stone taken from the Mayan structures. By contrast with these old structures Mexico also has modern housing, large cultural and commercial buildings. Beneath the relatively flat land in the Yucatan Peninsula there are many deep limestone caves which provide a water supply for the surrounding cities. They also serve as spectacular attractions and recreation areas for both the locals and tourists.



Voice of Rotary

Each programme goes out on air each Tuesday evening at 7.30pm

It is also available from the following day on the 5RPH website and remains on the site until the following Wednesday when it is replaced by the next programme.

The Voice of Rotary download is at www.rphadelaide.org.au/Webcast.html

To download a programme, simply right click on the "Voice of Rotary"

and "save link as". We also keep a file of past programmes. Should you want one from further back, just let Jock Thornton know on johnjan4@gmail.com and he'll send you a copy. This week, Tuesday 1st March, Robert Koehne will speak about the District 9520 Conference at Renmark, and he will play two of his favourite songs.

The Rotary Club of Morialta is presenting a PAR 3 GOLF DAY

Thursday 17th March 2016 at the Lochiel Park Par 3,
James Street Campbelltown.

Tee off at 9.30am

\$25.00 for 9 holes, sausage sizzle, drinks and great prizes.

For registration and more information ring 0400 632 829

PROCEEDS TO AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH.





FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

The Rotary Club of St Peters
is presenting a Fashion Extravaganza which will feature Nepalese
fashions, selections from the Rotary Op Shop, and from
Swish Boutique.

Payneham Uniting Church Hall

Friday 13th May 2016 for a 7.00pm start.

\$10 per person includes supper, with proceeds to a local charity.
Tickets available from Romaine Dawson romaine1@gmx.com or
Julie Anne 83641224

Rotary Friendship Exchange.

Expressions of interest are invited from Rotarians who would like to
take part in a Friendship Exchange with District 3040 in India. The
Secretary of your Rotary Club has a descriptive flyer of the event
being planned between November 2016 and February 2017 for an
outgoing contingent. District 3040 is located in central India and
offers a rich culture, heritage and cuisines of India.
Contact Trevor McGuirk tmcguirk@chariot.net.au or 08 8379 7378
or 0488 797 378 for further information.



TOUR OF ITALY

Pauline Hill, charter member and Past President of the Rotary Club
of Magill Sunrise is taking a leisurely tour through Italy in September
with Rotarians, Honorary Members and friends/family, and there are
a few spots left for anyone wishing to join us.

The tour beginning in Milan on 15SEP and finishing in Venice 01OCT
will stay in Milan, the Italian Lakes area, Cinque Terre, Lucca,
Florence, Rome, the Amalfi Coast, Perugia, Ferrara and Venice.
There is the option of a 7 night MSC cruise from Venice on the
01OCT visiting Bari, Katakalon, Mykonos, Pireaus/Athens and
Dubrovnik.



To receive a full itinerary with all the inclusions, costs and special highlights please contact Pauline on 8361-2742
or by email hill@baonline.com.au

HIGH TEA FUND RAISER

to aid projects aiming to end human trafficking.

Varapodia Estate

60 Sturt Highway Buronga NSW

Sunday 28th February 2016 2.00pm

\$55 per person



More information and tickets at <http://highteamildura.eventbrite.com.au> or contact Rachel White 0401 084 244