



**RI President K.R. Ravindran shares a personal story of triumph over polio
 at the closing session of the 107th Rotary convention.** Photo Credit: SJ Cho

RI President K.R. Ravindran closed the convention in Korea on Wednesday, 1 June, with a poignant story about his mother's fight to survive polio at age 30.

When Ravindran was 11 years old in his native Sri Lanka, his mother awoke one day feeling weak and short of breath. Sitting down to rest, she found herself unable to move. The polio virus had quickly invaded her nervous system, resulting in paralysis. She was placed in an iron lung at the hospital to enable her to breathe, and was told that her chances of walking, or even surviving without a ventilator, were slim. But most Sri Lankan hospitals were not equipped with ventilators in 1963.

Ravindran's grandfather, a Rotary member, hosted a club committee meeting in his living room the evening after his daughter was rushed to the hospital. Rather than simply offer consolation, his fellow members went to work, using their business acumen and professional connections to find a ventilator.

One of the members was a bank manager who called a government minister to facilitate a quick international transfer of funds. Another member, a manager at SwissAir, arranged to have a ventilator flown in. The next day, it arrived at the hospital. "There was so much red tape at the time in Sri Lanka, but somehow, those Rotarians made it all fall away," Ravindran told the packed audience at the KINTEX Convention Center in Goyang city.

Ravindran's mother spent a year-and-a-half in a hospital bed, but her condition gradually improved. She eventually left the hospital walking -- with a walker, but upright, on her own two feet.

"Fifty-three years ago, my mother's life was perhaps one of the very first to be saved from polio by Rotarians," Ravindran said. "We have saved millions of lives since then. "Tonight, I stand before you as her son, and your president, to say that soon -- perhaps not in years but in months -- Rotary will give a gift that will endure forever: a world without polio."

Ravindran, in his final speech to members as their president, emphasized what it really means to be a Rotarian. "There are people on this planet whose lives are better now because you traversed this earth," he said. "And it doesn't matter if they know that or not. It doesn't matter if they even know your name or not. What really matters is that your work touched lives; that it left people healthier, happier, better than they were before."

Story by Ryan Hyland, 1-Jun-2016.

You are invited to the District 9520 Changeover
Marché Club, Corner Darley and Gorge Roads, Paradise
Sunday 3rd July 2016, 12 noon for 12.30pm.

Complimentary drink on arrival - 3 course lunch - Open bar

Cost: \$55 per person Dress: Business Casual.

RSVP and payment in advance by 12th June 2016 using:

- TryBooking on <https://www.trybooking.com/KYOF>
Or
- Cheque made payable to 'Rotary Club of Mitcham Inc.' and sent with the payment slip to:
Lee Camporeale. PO Box 6045, Linden Park, 5065



Rotary Club of St Peters, Music Awards Night held at
the Norwood Concert Hall on 24th May 2016.

Each year the Rotary Club of St Peters invites local Secondary Schools to nominate one or two students to receive a Music Award from the Club. Recipients receive a cheque and certificate and are invited to perform for Club members and the students' families and friends at the Annual Music Awards Concert.

"The Rotary Club Annual Music Awards Concert has now been running for over fifteen years. This year the Club has broadened its audience

and made it a Community celebration of our Rotary Club" states Club President TuckWeng Kok.

Guests also enjoyed a dinner comprising a South Australian Platter of cold meats, cheese, bread and chutneys from the Barossa Valley plus dried fruits and nuts from the River land and other locally grown produce prepared by Volunteers. Compered by Jane Reilly, the concert also featured a local school trio, RYPEN student Kelly Yun, Honorary Rotarian Sophia MacRae and the Marryatville High School Senior Concert Band.

It was a wonderful evening showcasing the talents of these young people. The Club and Volunteers catered for over 230 attendees.

Nine student soloists performed to an appreciative audience.

Profits (after expenses) from the evening will be donated to Parkinson's SA.



The Riverland Science and Engineering Challenge will be held at the
Lutheran Primary School Gymnasium on Monday 20th June 2016.

The Rotary Clubs of Loxton, Waikerie, Renmark, Berri and Barmera have been the major and most generous sponsors of this important learning program to be presented by the University of Newcastle for the 150+ Year 9 and Year 10 students drawn from the Riverland schools.

The program gives students an opportunity to experience the practical aspects of Science, Technology and Mathematics in a different manner, and hopefully encourage many students to pursue further studies in these subjects, leading to career opportunities that are available in our national economy.

Rotarians Mike Woosnam and Sam Cozens.



Support for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Australia.

With support from the District Governor Dick Wilson, the Rotary Club of Robinvale- Euston invite all clubs in District 9520 to consider raising the awareness of Rotary's contribution to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. (RFDS). The proposal is to aggregate the existing contributions donated by clubs in the District, and seek support from as many additional clubs as possible to contribute to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. By aggregating the donations, Rotary District 9520 will be a more visible supporter of the RFDS within District 9520. The Rotary Club of Robinvale–Euston Club offers itself to be the facilitator in the project, reporting to the District Board. The funds donated by clubs are tagged so the RFDS is able to direct the aggregated funds to the relevant RFDS operational area, e.g. South Australian funds are sent to the South Australian operational area.



The funds are spent on capital items such as new aircraft. Accountability is covered by the receipt issued by RFDS that identifies the amount and the club that donates. The District Board also will receive milestone reports. The Rotary Club of Robinvale-Euston have been a long term major supporter of the RFDS, and this project is not a fund raiser for our club.

It is a District and possibility a broader National Program to highlight Rotary's donations to the RFDS.

For each \$7500.00 raised, a position becomes available for a Rotarian's car to be part of the RFDS Outback Trek. Support cars are modern four wheel drives and would be part of the existing Trek team that is associated with the Rotary Club of Robinvale-Euston.

A Club does not have to donate \$7500.00 to achieve a position, as the fund grows to each level, notice from the Rotary Club of Robinvale-Euston club will go to all clubs. Arrangements can then be coordinated and the Trek entry details sent to the interested Rotarians. All running costs e.g. fuel, meals and accommodation are covered by the participants, leaving 100% of the club donation for the RFDS. Any club that is already donating to the RFDS and redirecting those funds to this project, the funds will go to the RFDS South Australian operations. Looking forward to some support and I am willing to travel to speak to this subject. Regards, Brian Englefield. RFDS Facilitator and member of the Rotary Club of Robinvale-Euston.

WANTED – Rotarians who like to travel!!!



Interested in visiting India? Then join the District 9520
Rotary Friendship Exchange to India.

When: February 16th to 27th February 2017.

Experience the fellowship and companionship of a Friendship Exchange to District 3040.

Visit the Golden Triangle of India consisting New Delhi, Agra (Taj Mahal) and Jaipur.

For further details of how you can join the team contact

Trevor McGuirk, Chair RFE D9520 on 0488 797 378

or email: tmcguirk@chariot.net.au

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SURVEY

President Rod Cooper of the Rotary Club of Stirling has composed a survey to gather responses from members who attended the District Conference in Renmark.

Please distribute to your members who attended the Conference, requesting they use the link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQWYYM7> to complete the survey after using the password **d9520**.

Information gathered will aid the planning for future Conferences.



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in the Asia Pacific region

CALL FOR AN INTERPLAST COORDINATOR

Interplast sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.

We do this in partnership with local organisations, including hospitals, universities and local NGOs. Our mission is to 'repair bodies and rebuild lives' and we do this through providing surgical services to those who could not otherwise afford or access these, and by building the capacity of local medical systems through our training and mentoring programs.

Integrally involved in the establishment of Interplast in 1983 with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Interplast is supported by Rotarians in clubs and districts throughout Australia and New Zealand. A central thread throughout the organisation, Rotarians are equal members of the Company, have equal representation on the Board of Directors and form the Rotarian Committee, which advises the Executive and Board on Rotary matters.

Since 1983, Rotarians have raised significant funds to support Interplast in repairing bodies and rebuilding lives. Over 70 Rotarians have accompanied teams as observers and have returned to act as ambassadors of Interplast by spreading our word, voicing their experiences and sharing our secret.

Interplast needs a Rotarian to act as the Interplast Co-ordinator for District 9520. If you have a passion for helping others in need and have a desire to become more actively involved in promoting this wonderful work, please contact DG Elect Sam Camporeale on 0401990936 or samcam@internode.on.net



There are now 14 clubs in our District who have taken the step of Integrating District records in ClubRunner with RI records in My Rotary. The most obvious advantage is that any changes in club membership can be entered in ClubRunner and this automatically synchronises with My Rotary.

ClubRunner is a very easy software package to use.

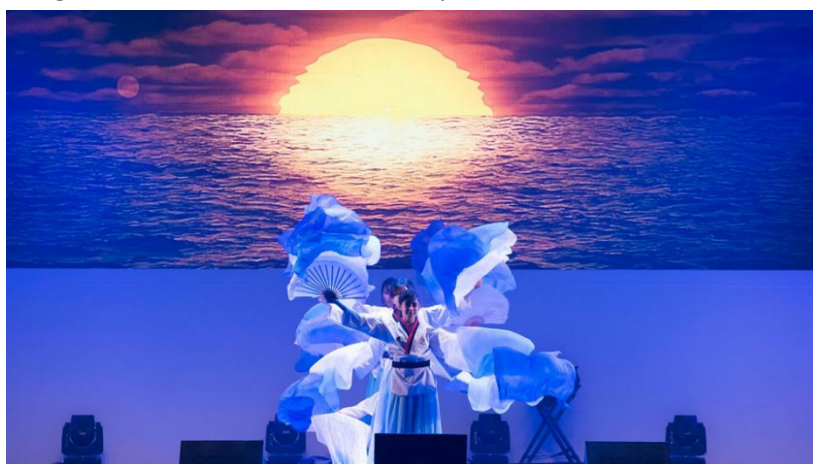
Another advantage is that all Rotarians in our District 9520 can edit their own Member Profile in ClubRunner when changes in contact details are required, or when additional information is to be recorded. Again this enables all information stored in My Rotary to be automatically updated to be accurate at all times.

Clubs do not need to have their own copy of ClubRunner as the District copy is accessible to all clubs and all members in our District. Encourage your current Club Officers to take the steps to Integrate ClubRunner with My Rotary. You still have three weeks to use me to help you with this process. District Secretary Sam.



From Korea

My foreign correspondent Liz Wilson has sent this photo of cultural dancing and I await the associated story!



Here is a spectacular Fan Dance.

Rotary Leadership Institute.

Rotary cannot rise above the quality of our club leadership. The future of Rotary and the service we give to our community locally and internationally depends on strong club leadership.



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a two-day fast-paced, interactive course offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business, professional and community leaders who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and Rotary club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for RLI annually. Students return to their club with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the club.



The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots-training program to help future club leaders prepare for their club and community leadership role through a quality training and educational experience. Membership growth is dependent on the quality of Rotary clubs, as clubs with good leadership are more likely to involve their members in exciting service activities and programs and, consequently, to retain their members and attract new ones.

An explanatory brochure about the Rotary Leadership Institute training program has been sent to the Secretary of each Rotary Club in our District for use within the clubs. Photos above are of some recent graduates of the course.

The contact person for RLI information in our District is
Damian Leach d9520.training@gmail.com or 0438 294 563.

RLI Course Dates 2016-17

Part 1: Saturday August 27 2016: 8:30am to 5 pm

Part 2: Sunday August 28 2016: 8:30am to 5 pm

Where: Flinders University

Part 1: Saturday October 29 2016: 8:30am to 5 pm

Part 2: Sunday October 30 2016: 8:30am to 5 pm

Where: Renmark/Mildura (TBC)

Part 1: Saturday February 18 2017: 8:30am to 5 pm

Part 2: Sunday February 19 2017: 8:30am to 5 pm

Where: Murray Bridge (TBC)

Part 1: Saturday May 13 2017: 8:30am to 5 pm

Part 2: Sunday May 21 2017: 8:30am to 5 pm

Where: St Francis of Assisi, Newton

**Completion of Day One is a prerequisite for attending Day Two.*

Only 15 Places available each course.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select **at least one candidate** for RLI annually.

Participants return to their Club with:

- Confidence
- Enthusiasm
- New contacts
- Fresh ideas
- An increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians
- And valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the Club

Change of meeting venue for the Rotary Club of Glenelg

Commencing 15th June 2016, the Rotary Club of Glenelg club meetings will be held at the Holdfast Bay Hotel which is on the corner of Brighton Road and Pier Street in Glenelg.