



TO: District Management Committee, Presidents, and Secretaries

FROM: DG Roy Armstrong

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Welcome to this week's issue of the Herald. Hope you are all ***"Having Fun"***.

RYLA - 2012 Graduation Dinner

A resounding thank you to all those who, over the last few weeks, have helped to get registrations for next month's seminar beyond the critical level. Planning for the Graduation Dinner is now well underway. And what better way is there for your club to say "well done" to your nominee than to send a group from your club to the dinner. Or you could do what some other clubs do – cancel your weekly meeting and bring your whole club.

Details for this year's event are as follows;

Where: Belair Country Club
When: Thursday, September 27, 2012, 6:45 PM.
What: 2 course meal, with cash bar.
Cost: \$32 per head.

Full details will be sent out in the next 2 weeks, but in the meantime, if you wish to reserve some space for you club please email me.

Peter Poulton, Chair, RYLA/RYPEN Committee.

(Phone: 0439 805640, or email poultonpj@internode.on.net).

ROMAC – what is ROMAC and what does it do?

Group 1 Clubs are invited to attend an information meeting at the Mildura Workingman's Club on Tuesday September 4th 2012. This meeting will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Irymple and will commence at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.

Oleh Bilyk Chair of ROMAC for District 9520 will be the guest speaker.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Group 1 Rotarians to be inspired about the wonderful work undertaken by the ROMAC Committee.



Sunday, 12th August 2012





SAFE WATER SAVES LIVES

Urgent Need for Funds

Fellow Rotarians

Thanks to the generous donations of Rotary Clubs and other donors, since 2009 Aquabox , a project of the Rotary Club of Eltham and a District 9790 Project, has prepared and distributed over 1100 Aquaboxes capable of producing almost 5.2 million litres of clean water to disasters victims in our region. The water is critical to the survival of the victims who are extremely vulnerable to water borne diseases such as cholera.



Currently more than 90 Aquaboxes, capable of providing over 500,000 litres of clean water, are being prepared to send to Manila. The shipment follows an urgent request from the Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, Manila for the Aquaboxes, after monsoon rains overflowed dams and rivers criss-crossing Manila and surrounding provinces killing at least 23 people. More than 1.2 million people have been affected, including 783,000 who evacuated their homes. Foremost among the needs of the people are sources of potable water and there is severe difficulty in obtaining bottled water. The Rotary Club of Loyola Heights distributed Aquaboxes during the 2009 floods and is again providing aid during the current crisis. The current shipment of Aquaboxes will help but they need more. The monsoon season in the South East Asia region has commenced and there is an urgent need of more Aquaboxes, but unfortunately we have insufficient funds at this time to prepare more.

The Central Region, Safe Water Saves Lives (SWSL) committee has already forwarded a cheque to get things moving.

Clubs who feel compelled to support this cause should forward their cheques to the RAWCS Central Region treasurer:

Geoff Irish, 24 Bedford St., Salisbury East, SA. 5109, with an explanatory note and clearly marked "SWSL-Aquaboxes" when it will be forwarded on. This way the donations are correctly attributed.

Gordon Wilkinson,
Chair, RAWCS Central Region, SWSL Committee, D9500 & D9520.
Em: gordon.wilkinson@ozemail.com.au Mo: 0413614644

Rotary Hat Day

Australian Rotary Health will be promoting Mental Health Awareness by holding a National Hat Day on Friday 12th October 2012. Our clubs will be asked to raise awareness of Mental Health and raise funds to support mental health research at a Hat Day event.

Could you please let me know what programs you have planned for this year as our committee would like to be support your event by advertising them to our clubs, selling tickets or helping at the event?

Kay Dowling

Chair Hat Day Committee:
kdo30083@bigpond.net.au



Directory Changes

MARION (Meets Alternate Weeks)

6.00 for 6.15pm (TIP: Always check details via Google calendar on Home page of Club Website)
Marion Hotel, 849 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park.

Chandra Sluggett – Change of eMail - chandsluggett@tpg.com.au

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Wheelchair Foundation of Australia

For those interested information on changes to the Wheelchair Foundation of Australia has been sourced by Goolwa Rotary.

The Wheelchair Foundation of Australia has been taken into our Club, Gosford West, to save on all the overheads. These are now covered by Rotary Insurance/Accountant etc. We are now called Wheelchair Australia (a project of Gosford West Rotary). We are still operating on a smaller scale; the attached flyer will give you details.

Our last container went to Cambodia and we have another going in a couple of weeks. This is being distributed through an orphanage run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and with your generous donation we now have sufficient for a third one to the Sunrise Children's Village which will distribute in Phnom Penh, and share with the Lutheran Church which has helped us with taxes etc.

We have sent smaller containers of 110 wheelchairs into the Solomon Islands, East Timor and Cambodia last September, with another one due early this year. The wheelchairs will be distributed through organizations such as hospitals, missions, civic clubs, and other responsible groups located in the country in the South Pacific where the wheelchairs are destined.

The gift of a wheelchair is more than a gift of mobility. It is a gift of hope that gives the recipients a feeling of purpose and self-sufficiency. It is a gift of life.

The chairs are now \$AUD 150 and we still send out a Certificate with a photo.

We are updating our website to reflect we are the Australian contact and to buy through us, who in turn buy as we always have from WFA in the United States.

The Rotary Club of Gosford West
PO Box 234, GOSFORD, NSW, 2250

New PHF Folders

In an effort to reduce the cost of PHF recognition throughout the Rotary world, the current PHF recognition folder has been replaced with a less expensive cover. This change will come into effect immediately and PHF certificates from this office will now be enclosed in the new folder.

For your information, donor recognition comprises approximately 10 percent of the Foundation's annual Fund Development budget. Approximately 60,000 Paul Harris Fellows are recognized each year and moving to this heavy card blue folder will represent a minimum cost savings of US\$125,000 annually. This ensures more of the money contributed by Rotarians goes to support the many incredibly effective humanitarian and educational programs implemented by The Rotary Foundation and it would be fair to say none of us could argue about the wisdom of that. There is little doubt that the new folder will not have the 'feel' of the padded folder but again it comes down to how we best use our limited funds. Many Rotarians frame their original certificate making the folder unnecessary while some keep the certificate in the folder for all time. The new folder is still a classy item and will look good in any company.

Rotary Foundation Newsletter

See the latest issue: www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/newsletter/2q012/2012.0801.127.pdf

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Opting out of Paper SARS

By this time, all Club Secretaries and Presidents with updated email addresses would have received their Semi-Annual Reports electronically. We would love to receive your feedback on this. Please feel free to correspond to the Grace Ramirez, Finance Supervisor at Grace.Ramirez@rotary.org to do this.

If Club officers do not opt out of receiving the paper version, they will be receiving their SARs in both electronic and paper form. This causes duplication and does not achieve one of the ends for which it was intended which was to save on significant costs both economic as well as environmental.

It is for this reason that we would like to enlist the help of our District Governors in reaching out to the clubs in their district. If Club officers are happy with receiving the E-SAR, the secretary, president, or executive secretary/director to take the following steps to opt out of the receiving the paper version:

Login to [Member Access](#)

Click "Update Club Data"

Go to the section marked "Semiannual Report Preferences"

Click the check box next to 'Check this box to remove your club from receiving the Semiannual report paper copy'

Click "Save" button.

Once a club opts out, their preference remains in effect for all future SAR periods. However, they may resume receiving paper copies by unchecking the opt out box prior to 01 December or 01 June of any SAR period.

Polio Update

The push towards a polio-free world is steadily moving head and the July 25th figures from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are very, very encouraging. From a position of 286 cases at the same stage last year, and 650 for the full year, we are now sitting on just 100 cases world-wide year-to-date.

India remains polio-free and Pakistan and Afghanistan are making good progress. The last case in Pakistan was June 22nd and that's a very encouraging sign. At this time last year, the non-endemic countries had generated 190 cases but this year those same countries have only reported 5 cases. Nigeria continues to be a problem and maximum effort is going into the most affected regions in an attempt to bring about significant change. Chad is the only other African country to have reported cases (5) this year.

Our challenge is to help finish the job we started. The funding shortfall is still significant and while we may have achieved our objective as far as the Gates Challenge is concerned, we need to keep the pressure on. Dollars are needed to finish the job once and for all and we need to be a big part of the getting the job done.

Speakers for Meetings

Don't forget that we would like to promote suitable speakers for Rotary meetings. So let Jerry Casburn (jerry@thecasburns.com.au) know if there is someone you can recommend. **Please make sure that you have the speaker's permission to publicise their name.**

That's all for this week.

Peace through Service – The Challenge of Change – Have fun.

DG Roy Armstrong.

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