TO: District Management Committee, Presidents, and Secretaries

FROM: DG Roy Armstrong

Date of Issue: 23rd December 2012

Welcome to this week's special issue of the Herald. Hope you are all "**Having Fun**". We lied and told you there would not be a Herald until January 7th. **However tragedies occur that do not recognise peaceful holidays** and we thought we should get some information out. As the Herald is going out we are also taking the opportunity to keep you abreast of other items.

Action Items (New Items First)

Fiji and Samoa Disasters

All District 9520 clubs should be aware that the decision has been made to allocate \$5,000 of the District Designated fund to District 9920 to help relieve some of the suffering being undergone in this part of the world. The following report was received from our colleagues in New Zealand:

"Cyclone Evan has struck Samoa causing havoc and destruction. Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) prepositioned in Apia are being distributed to those most affected and back up supplies are being shipped from Fiji.

Cyclone Evan will hit Tonga and Fiji in the coming days and reportedly is intensifying.

We have prepositioned ERKs in Fiji and Rotarians and their supporters are on standby. Rotary is working with Disaster Management Agencies in all three countries and we anticipate that as well as ERKs, food, water and clothing will be needed."

We would like all clubs to consider donating funds, via District, to increase support. Contributions may be sent to District Treasurer Darrell Wise at Post office Box 37, Oaklands Park, SA 5046. If each club were to donate \$300 or more, we would be able to send a further \$16,000.

Newtown Connecticut Massacre

Ashlee Leach (supported by the Rotary Club of Campbelltown, and the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan, NSW) is currently collecting letters of compassion and support for the students whom have survived the massacre at Sandy Hook Schools. The letters will be from same aged children.

At this stage, these will be sent to the Rotary Club of Newtown, Connecticut at the end of this year. This would be a good activity for local schools, holiday care, children, grand-children etc.

For further information, the Facebook page is www.facebook.com/shslettersoflove.

Coverage in Canberra can be seen here: http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/students-reach-out-to-shattered-town-20121220-2bpyw.html

Sunday, 23rd December 2012





Joint District Peace Forum - (Saturday Feb 23rd 2013)



District Governors Marie Dorrington and Roy Armstrong have taken up the challenge of conducting a Peace Forum in our area as requested by RI President Sukuji Tanaka. PDG Malcolm Lindquist is convening the event. Our event is one of many that are being held world-wide including Berlin, Hiroshima and Hawaii.

The details of our forum are as follows

Date Saturday 23rd Feb 2013
 Time 1pm until 4.30pm
 Venue Members dining area Adelaide oval.
 Cost Free but attendees will be asked to register on line

The MC for the event is Radio Personality and journalist Peter

Goers and one of the keynote speakers will be the Lieutenant Governor of SA Hieu Van Le. RI Director John Boag will be representing Rotary International.

In addition there will be a Peace Dinner and Celebration of Rotary's 108th Birthday on the same day and at the same venue.

Details are as follows

Date Saturday 23rd Feb 2013
 Time 6.30pm until 10pm

Venue Members dining area Adelaide Oval

Cost \$55 per head. Attendees will be able to register on line

Guest Speaker Local Radio and TV personality Mark Aiston

We are planning to cater for 400 people at each event. It is possible to attend one or both of these events.

The purpose of this letter is to enlist your assistance in ensuring that all avenues of Rotary are represented at the forum (and dinner). We already have a commitment from some of the Global Peace Schools to provide candle bearers, traditional costumes and to make Peace Cranes.

The committee would like to have a similar commitment from

- Rotary Exchange students (past and present)
- Rotaractors
- NYSF Students
- RYLA and RYPEN Awardees
- Interactors and Members of Junior Interact clubs
- Members of Rotary, Probus and Rotary friends





You can assist in two ways

Firstly

Contact and enlist the support of members of the above groups and facilitate their attendance at the Peace Forum. The entrance to the Oval will be via the Pennington Terrace entrance and we hope to have parking available in the adjacent park land.

Secondly

Can clubs consider the sponsorship of one or more of the young people to attend the dinner? It would be great to have all generations present at the dinner but we are aware that cost may be an issue. Sponsorship can be a way in which more distant clubs can show that they support Rotary's declaration of Peace whether it be international, local or inner peace, even though it may be difficult for members to attend personally.

Attached is a copy of the brochure and a Response Form (ForumSponsorreply.docx) which you are asked to return to your District Secretary asap. Alternatively book online at http://e.mybookingmanager.com/E122021111585833

We need your help!

Cinema Advertising Campaign

The campaign has started and we are on screen. If you would like to see our advertisement showings commenced on December 1st and run until February 2013 these are as follows:

Digital:Event	Marion	Cinema Number 1, 3, 4, 10, 17, 21
Greater Union	Arndale	Cinema Number 1, 2, 3, 7
Hoyts	Norwood	Cinema Number 1, 2, 5
Hoyts	Tea_Tree	Cinema Number 2, 3, 7, 8
Palace Nova	East End	Cinema Number 1, 2, 4, 7, 10

United Airlines Charity Miles



Help Rotary win more miles

United Airlines is once again giving away 10 million miles to its charity miles partners as part of a year-end gift. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive through 25 December. Your vote could help Rotary win a greater share of miles.

- Vote for Rotary
- Learn more about the contest





District Conference

If you have tried to book your place at the conference using the District website you may have encountered problems. These have now been resolved and you can either view the information and/or book at:

http://www.d9520conf2013.rotaryaust.org/index.php or print the attachment to this Herald.



GSE Team from Taiwan

Wanted: Clubs to host Taiwan Group Study Exchange team

The District GSE Committee has opened Expressions of Interest for Clubs in District 9520 to host the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from District 3470 Taiwan. The Taiwanese team will be arriving in District 9520 on April 9th 2013 and with us through to May 11th, 2013.

Applications to host must be received by our District no later than Friday January 11th, 2013. For more details and an Application form go to http://www.rotarynews.info/3/District/9520/7656/

Rotary Convention – Lisbon 2013



Thinking of European Travel in 2013?

• Some Fabulous Airfares now can make this happen

Ever attended a Rotary International Convention?

- How about combining the two & attending the 104th Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, between 23-26 June 2013.
 - It is possible to fly direct from Adelaide to Lisbon!

Want to know more?

Download brochures from :

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c13_promo_piece_en.pdf http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/Downloads/Pages/ridefault.aspx Think about it!

• Over 20,000 Rotarians from all over the world, including District 9520 will be there.





Pin It for Polio (February 23rd 2013)



Clubs are encouraged to adopt the END POLIO NOW pin sales as a fund raising exercise associated with other activities on Rotary Day next February – community awards nights, community main street barbecues with appropriate signage, school walkathons or swimathons, and Polio information days at local schools are just a few ideas. Any event that may attract community attention – and awareness of the need for continuing immunisation of the children of the world – is important.

For your order online go to:

http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/pinItForPolio/index.asp

or print out the attached pdf "Pin it for Polio"

Polio Eradication in Pakistan and Attacks on Health Workers

Here is a statement from Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott concerning the attacks on health workers in Pakistan:

Rotary International joins the Government of Pakistan and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in condemning the recent attacks that have killed and wounded health workers in Pakistan. The shooting victims are among the thousands of health workers and volunteers -- including members of Pakistan's 151 Rotary clubs -- who are committed to saving children by stopping the transmission of polio in Pakistan, one of three countries where the crippling virus remains endemic.

The attacks prompted the Government of Pakistan to temporarily suspend the vaccination campaign due to concerns over the safety of health workers. Rotary is deeply concerned that such attacks deprive at-risk children of basic life-saving health care services, including polio vaccinations. I know that Pakistani Rotarians, supported by Rotary members worldwide, will continue to do their utmost to create a safe environment so that these dedicated health workers can reach the nation's most vulnerable children with vaccinations and other vital health interventions.

Polio eradication has been Rotary's highest priority since 1985, and we are on the brink of making history by beating polio once and for all.

On behalf of Rotary's 1.2 million members, representing 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and areas, I extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims. Their dedication and sacrifice further inspire us to continue moving forward toward our goal of a polio-free world.

Robert S. Scott, Chair - International PolioPlus Committee

Email Scam (Advice from Joy Walker – Manager South Pacific and Philippines Office)

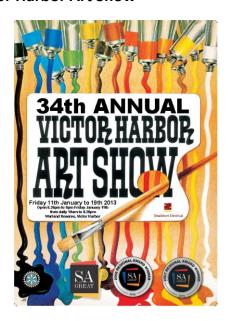
We have received enquiries from a number of Rotarians regarding an email that is circulating purporting to be from the Rotary Club of England. It appears that a 'Mr. Bernard George' from The Rotary Club of England has been creating and sending fraudulent emails regarding registrations for the International Convention. If you receive any questions from Rotarians, please advise them that all communications from RI will come from and email with the extension '@rotary.org'. They will not be mailed from a private Gmail account, and Rotarians should disregard.





Other Items (New Items First)

Victor Harbor Art Show



Friday 11th to 19th January 2013

6.30pm to 9.30pm Friday 11th, then 10am to 8.30pm daily

Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor.

Visit the Facebook site:

www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfVictorHarborArtShow

Flagstaff Hill Rotary Mungo National Park Outback Experience



Four Day Trip – 5th-8th April 2013 Al proceeds to Interplast For further Information contact Pam St Claire on 08 8322 0444 or <u>pstclaire@adam.com.au</u>

In closing I want to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I thank you for all your support and friendship and let's enjoy the Rotary journey.

That's all for this week. Peace through Service – The Challenge of Change – **Have fun!!**

DG Roy Armstrong.

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