



TO: District Management Committee, Presidents, and Secretaries
FROM: DG Roy Armstrong
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We hope the new format is working for you, please let District Secretary Jerry know if you need or can recommend further changes. In the meantime we hope you ***"Have Fun"***.

Action Items (New Items First)

District Insurance Officer

A reminder that our District Insurance Officer Oleh Bilyk will be undergoing surgery on February 21st and convalescence for 3-4 weeks he will be unavailable from February 18th. During his absence Brian Rainey of Mobilong Rotary will stand in for Oleh, he can be contacted on brian@ria.net.au or Mobile 0408 003 093.

We wish Oleh well with the surgery and a fast recovery.

District Training 2013/14

Contacts: DGE Wendy Gaborit on 0418 858 717 or District Trainer Damian Leach on 0438 294 563

District Leaders Training

District Leaders Training will be held at Flinders University on 24 February commencing at 9:30am. All Assistant Governors, Chairs of Committee and Program Co-ordinators are required to attend. If you are unable to attend please advise the contacts shown above. Committee members are also invited. If you are planning on attending please contact Damian.

Metro President Elects and Nominees Training (PENTS)

President Elects and Nominees are invited to this training session to be held at Flinders University on 6 April. All President Elects are required to attend and we encourage President Nominees to also attend. If you are unable to attend please advise the contacts shown above.

Metro District Assembly (for all Board members, and recommended for all club members)

District Assembly will be held for members of all Rotary Clubs in District 9520 on 7 April 2013. This will be at Flinders University commencing at 9:30 for 10. Further information will be uploaded to the website over the next few weeks.

Broken Hill PENTS/District Assembly

An abridged PENTS and Assembly will be held in Broken Hill on 24 March 2013 at the University of Sydney. Further details will be provided in the next week or so.

Mildura PENTS/District Assembly

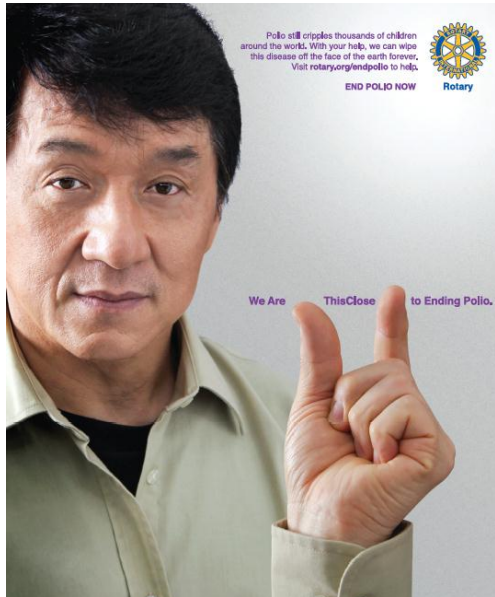
An abridged PENTS and Assembly will be held in Mildura on 25 and 26 May at a venue to be advised. Further details will be provided as confirmed.

For further information please contact District Trainer (2013-14) Damian Leach on 0438 294 563, or email d9520.training@gmail.com.

VOAN Numbers

You will; be aware that Rotary clubs are able to obtain Police Checks for Rotarians and persons involved in Rotary activities where necessary. The South Australian Police (SAPOL) provides this service free of charge when an application form is completed and signed by the current President, a list of whose names has already been provided to SAPOL. The VOAN number is also needed and may be obtained from the District Secretary – Jerry Casburn. To ensure that the service is not abused the number is not published and is held by the District Secretary if you do not already have it.

Pin It for Rotary on Rotary's Birthday February 23rd



PIN IT FOR POLIO sales campaign is struggling this year – and a special public relations program has been developed by the Rotary Club of the Blue Mountains. They will be distributing the striking red END POLIO NOW pins fixed to promotional cards to every 10th train traveler at local train stations.

The promotional card tells of the partnership between Rotary and the World Health Organisation – and the ongoing Polio Eradication Campaign since 1985 ...

“Children in Australia and New Zealand have been polio free for more than fifty years. However, the next case of this crippling disease is only a plane ride away. In 1985, there were more than 350,000 cases of poliomyelitis in more than 100 countries worldwide. Today, there are less than 1,000 cases annually concentrated in four countries – India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria – and India has been polio free for over a year! The children of our world will never be safe until

polio is eliminated forever. Help Rotary International and its campaign partners finish this vital challenge. **DONATE NOW TO END POLIO – visit ‘Rotary.org/endpolio’**

- Movie star Jacki Chan has thrown his weight behind Rotary’s “We’re this close’ campaign and posters like this are spread throughout the world featuring personalities like Bishop Desmond Tutu of South African, golfer Jack Nicklaus of the USA, and Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates of the USA.
- The Pin It For Polio promotional card.”

Could clubs in D9520 do something similar? Could your local newspaper promote such an event? Be sure to order your pins from RDU, just \$300 for 300 pins, they will be delivered in time for February 23rd.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Please note that the recently promoted RLI training is now full. We encourage all clubs to watch for future sessions and encourage attendance from any in your club who have not completed the programme.

Yet Another Scam

One of our clubs recently received an email, purporting to be from Rotary International; clearly RI would not do this. Please warn club members. It starts:

Dear club member,

You are required to update your membership status for the year 2013. Click the following link or copy and paste to update your membership information:

Australian Rotary Health – Indigenous Health Scholarships

The program is a cooperative project between Rotary and the Governments in each State or Territory and the Commonwealth Government. The purpose is to provide a \$5,000 annual scholarship to assist indigenous students to gain an education which will enable them to use for the benefit of other indigenous people, particularly in some of our more remote areas.

Why the need for such scholarships?

Rural areas, small townships and Aboriginal communities have great difficulty in attracting and retaining doctors. Aboriginals have a better understanding of, and better empathy with, their own people.

There are Indigenous people prepared to make sacrifices to study and qualify in their chosen field; and then go on to work in health in remote Aboriginal communities to administer their knowledge and skills to their own people.

Many are mature age and married with families to support.

They are Indigenous Australians who want to help Indigenous Australians. This program enables Rotary to provide that help.

Some facts

In 2000 the Rotary Club of Mitcham, D9520, sponsored a student in her studies toward a medical degree. Soon the scheme spread throughout the country, leaving Districts 9500 and 9520 to combine and manage the South Australian Student applications, their selection and subsequent funding through support from generous Rotary Clubs.

In 2003 the SA Committee asked ARH to take over the promotion and administration of the programme and now, ARH, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Government, provides funding and administration from one central location.

The combined District 9500 and 9520 committee's record is admirable. Since 2000 we have had 53 South Australian students graduate. There are another 23 part way through their courses and?? New students this year. This record is proof that given an opportunity, Indigenous students have a better record of achievement than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

How can a Club participate in the program?

A scholarship for one student costs a club \$2,500 and is matched in kind by the SA Government. A Club, or Group of Clubs, is required to subscribe \$2,500 a year for each year of the tenure of the scholarship. Cheques should be made payable to "ARH Indigenous Health Fund". If the Clubs in each Group in the District combined to share the cost, then there would be funds available for 10 scholarships annually.

What are a participating Club's responsibilities?

Clubs are encouraged to treat a student very much the same as they would an exchange student – but without the hosting – to maintain contact through a mentor and to invite their student to the occasional Club function whenever their studies permit.

When you set your club's goals for the year could you please consider the Indigenous Health Scholarship Project and make a point of telling the responsible Director of the appropriate committee of your wishes. If your club is already a donor we thank you and look forward to your continued support. If not, please let 2012/13 be the Rotary year to consider our project.

Speakers are available to talk to your club if required. They can be contacted by phone on 83702961 or 0412440843 and by email sandhams@chariot.net.au

South Australian Police Officer of the Year - *Choosing the best of the best*

Thanks for a job well done!

Every day in all sorts of ways officers of the South Australian Police are involved in outstanding acts of courtesy, courage, kindness, understanding, compassion and devotion to duty that goes way beyond the expected.

The **Police Officer of the Year Award** is the Rotary Club of Unley's way of highlighting on behalf of the wider community their special qualities.

Conferred each year since 1978, the award can be made to an individual or group be they male, female, uniformed or plain clothed and regardless of rank. Last year, Murray Mallee Crime Prevention Supervisor Sergeant Caroline Bristow received the award for her outstanding contribution to policing and the community.



Nominations are now open for the 2012 award, and organisations, service clubs, community groups and individuals from any area within the State are invited to make a submission by Friday 29 March 2013.

Nominations should be via written submission [see website www.unley.rotaryclub.org.au for the downloadable nomination form] detailing the reasons for the nomination and forwarded to:

'The Police Officer of the Year'

c/o Rotary Club of Unley

PO Box 18

Unley SA 5061

or email to pooty@rotaryclub.org.au

The 2012 winner will be announced at a ceremony in Rundle Mall at 12.30pm, Tuesday 21st May. Unley Rotary in consultation with the Commissioner of Police selects the recipient.

Any assistance that you can give in promoting this Award would be greatly appreciated:

Stephen Baker, POOTY Coordinator, Rotary Club of Unley, PO Box 18, Unley SA 5061

Website – www.unley.rotaryclub.org.au T– 8379 7105 M-0403 687 015

District Conference

A reminder that the earlybird promotion of the conference finishes on February 28th, if you want the cheaper registration. **BOOK NOW!!!**



Please also note that the Friday Frolics are limited to 250 people, so book in now.

Rotarians and Friends at Work

This is a great initiative and one that your club can become easily involved with. For much, much more on the Rotarians and Friends at Work initiative, go to: <http://www.rotariansandfriendsatwork.org.au/>.

Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment - R-YPEN 2012 launched to Schools and Clubs.

R-YPEN is Rotary's introductory leadership training program for young people aged 15 to 17, and this year's program will be held from April 19 to 21. We are now seeking applications from young people with leadership skills and an inclination to serve their community.

The Flyer attached to this week's Herald has been mailed to all High Schools in the District, and most of them have also received an email advising details of this year's program. The intention of these contacts is to encourage School Counsellors to either approach specific students who they consider to be suitable, or to at least make some effort to

let the relevant age group know about the program. Unfortunately, history suggests that many will do nothing, as they already have enough to fill their day. This is where local clubs can seize the initiative, for history also shows us that the clubs that sponsor the best students are most often the clubs who have taken the trouble to make contact with School Counsellors to personally promote the program. When School Counsellors know that their local Rotary Club is actively soliciting nominees, they generally make the effort to encourage their best students to apply. And once your club has created a relationship with a good student, it has the opportunity to maintain contact through programs like RYLA, Youth Exchange and GSE. If you care to look at the increasing numbers of young Rotarians, you'll notice that the vast majority have progressed through at least a couple of Rotary's New Generations programs.

So, the suggested action for your club's New Generations Director (or other responsible club officer) is as follows;

- Actively engage with your local school(s);
 - Read the attached flyer so you know what School Counsellors have received.
 - Review the R-YPEN website so you know what students will be reviewing on-line. (address is <http://www.rotarynews.info/2/District/9520/987/>)
 - Contact your local school or schools and let the Counsellor know you are keen to sponsor good applicants
 - Once you make contact with suitable students, please process applications as outlined on the website.
 - And please be sure to interview your student (s) to satisfy yourself that they are suitable.
 - Encourage your club members to put forward suggestions from the young people they know – children, grandkids, relatives, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, etc.
 - Interview the applicant and ensure suitability
 - Follow instructions for applications on website.
- Please note that for clubs sponsoring more than one applicant, the cost drops to \$230 for the second and subsequent applicant.

If you have any queries, please contact;

Peter Poulton District 9520 Chair RYLA & RYPEN Programs

Mob: 0439 805640 Email: poultonpj@internode.on.net

Applications for District Governor 2015-16

Applications are currently being sought for the position of District Governor for the year 2015-2016! **These will close on March the 15th 2013.**

Applications are available on the District Website, go to the dropdown box under "Our District" then go to District documents (DG Nomination form). **Upon completion these should be sent to District Governor Roy Armstrong.**

District Peace Forum – (Saturday Feb 23rd 2013)



District still seeks support for this event.

See <http://www.rotarynews.info/3/District/9520/7775/>

Please Register Today

District Awards 2013

It is DG Roy's intention to present the **2012/2013 District Awards** to successful Clubs at the Barossa District Conference in April this year. Clubs are advised that where submissions are required, the closing date for submission to **District Secretary Jerry is Sunday 3rd March 2013**.

The Awards and the requirements for submission, where applicable, are listed on pages 38, 39, and 40 of the 2012 / 2013 District Directory.

Please note that a new award - a **"Having Fun" - Award** will be presented this year! -

(Based on photographic proof of this event!! - further information on this award to follow) – The event needs to have occurred in the current Rotary year.

Other Items (New Items First)

Sunraysia Charity Ball

Supported by the Rotary Clubs of Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Mildura Deakin, Red Cliffs, Robinvale –Euston, South Mildura and Wentworth, tickets are now on sale for the Inaugural Sunraysia Rotary Charity Ball, to be held on **Saturday 16 March 2013** at Club Da Vinci, Mildura. Tickets include a 3-course meal with full table service, wines/beers, and fabulous entertainment provided by local dance band, Grab Ya Cat – no matter your age, you will not be able to resist the urge to get up and dance when this band starts to play. There will be an auction on the night, raffles throughout the evening and lots of prizes to be won.



All proceeds raised from this ball will be donated to the Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group, ensuring that all funds raised go back to our local community. Kristen Veltmeyer, an experienced learning support and Special Needs teacher and Autism Spectrum educator, will be a guest speaker at the Ball, and will also be conducting educational workshops throughout our community during her stay in Mildura.

Get a group of ten friends together to form a table at this exciting event. Dress is Formal or Black Tie. Tickets are \$100 per person, and are available from Hammerton's Jewellers in the Langtree Mall in Mildura, Char-Flair Hair & Beauty in Wentworth or Carla Jane's boutique in Langtree Avenue, Mildura.

For more information contact Vince Marciano on 0438 342 576 or Fiona Weir on 0428 230 604 or Julie Blore on 0427 273 565.

St Peters Rotary – 53rd Gigantic Jumble Sale


COME TO THE 53rd
ST PETERS ROTARY CLUB

GIGANTIC JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY MARCH 2ND 2013

HELD AT
 DUNSTONE GROVE RESERVE
 STEPNEY STREET, STEPNEY

SALE COMMENCES 7.30 am THROUGH TO 12 noon

BRING THE CHILDREN
 GET A BARGAIN AND HAVE FUN

The Rotary Rummage Shop
 Shop 42, Marden Shopping Centre
 North side car park

OPEN
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
 Saturday 9.00 am – 12 noon

Saturday March 2nd

7.30am to 12 Noon

Dunstone Grove Reserve

Stepney Street, Stepney



Australian Rotary Health Photo Competition – 26 Jan to 25 April

ARH launched their inaugural digital photography competition on 26 January, 2013. The aim of the photography competition is to inform the general public about Australian Rotary Health and in return motivate the community to share their concept of who Australian Rotary Health is and what it represents.

See the link: <http://australianrotaryhealthphotocomp.org/>

Links to Prior Herald Articles Which May Be of Interest.

Action Items

District Disaster Support

Port Lincoln Bushfire Support

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/31-Feb03.pdf>

Easter Saturday 30th March to

Sunday 7th April

Riverside Precinct, Goolwa

Open Daily

Semi-Annual Dues on Member Access (SARS) and Member Access Updates (Message from RI)

Humanitarian Grants UPDATE – Matching Grants & Future Vision

District Awards 2013

Pin It for Polio (February 23rd 2013)

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/30-Jan27.pdf>

District Conference

<http://www.d9520conf2013.rotaryaust.org/>

Rotary Convention – Lisbon 2013

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c13_promo_piece_en.pdf

Other Items

Blackwood Rotary Second Hand Booksale

Goolwa Rotary Art and Photographic Exhibition

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/31-Feb03.pdf>

Hyde Park Rotary – 30th Anniversary – Celebration Dance and Quiz

Glenelg Rotary – Breakfast on the Pat

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/30-Jan27.pdf>

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

DG Roy Armstrong.