



TO: District Management Committee, Presidents, and Secretaries

FROM: DG Roy Armstrong

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This week's Herald, hope you are all *"Having Fun"*.

Action Items (New Items First)

Specialist Training – Important

As many would be aware, Specialist Training and discussion is being held on **2 June 2013**.

These sessions are targeted towards club officers and club members with an interest in the following topics

- Membership;
- Public Relations;
- Social Media (Facebook);
- Website;
- Risk Management and Insurance; and
- Youth Protection.

In many of these cases there have been changes or enhancements of our processes with district (or internationally), so if you are responsible for any of these areas in your club please attempt to attend.

It is being held at St Francis of Assisi School, Newton Road, Newton. We have extended the registration date to **26 May 2013**.

Below is the program and attached a club registration form (See Attachment 1). If you have any questions, please contact me on d9520.training@gmail.com or 0438 294 563.

Please ensure you liaise with the person responsible in your club about attendance.

8:30am to 9:00 am	9:00am to 10:30an	11:00am to 12:30pm	12:30 to 1:00pm	1:00pm to 4:30pm
Registration	Public Relations	Membership Attraction, Retention and Development	Lunch / Registration	Website Development
				Social Media (Beginners session)
	Insurance and Risk Management			Youth Protection



National Youth Science Forum

Applications to attend the January 2014 NYSF 12 day residential program, close on 31 May 2013

This is just a reminder that applications to be selected to attend the January 2014 National Youth Science Forum, close on 31 May 2013.

Encourage your club to consider nominating/ identifying and nominating students to apply for an opportunity to attend this unique and life changing program.

Who can apply?

- all Year 11 students interested in a career in science, engineering, technology or a related area, and who are:
- planning to study science, engineering, technology or a related course at an Australian university
- an Australian citizen or who has permanent residency status
- achieving good marks in science, but also demonstrating overall excellence in their studies
- showing potential for future achievement in science or engineering for themselves, the community and the nation

We are not just looking for students with top marks in science. We are seeking students with a wide range of interests both inside and outside school, and who have strong positive connections within their community.

Attendance at the NYYS is an opportunity to learn more about the sciences, careers and study opportunities, helping students to make informed decisions and develop networks that can help them into the future. NYSF also focusses on the development of students' personal skills, including leadership, communication and team skills.

Interested students need to go on line to apply, at <http://www.nysf.edu.au/applying> and to contact a local Rotary club for nomination support.

Nominations and the selection process for attending the January NYSF residential session as you know is conducted through Rotary Clubs and your Rotary District, and selection to attend the NYSF is a competitive process.

We have reminded all schools that they need to be identifying students and contacting Rotary Clubs so that students don't miss this wonderful opportunity. We have heard from District NYSF Chairs that application numbers are quite low compared to previous years.

See attachments NYSF 1 to 3.



District 9520 – Strategic Plan

For the first time, the District has a Strategic Plan. The G Train (DG, DGE, DGN) have tried to keep it short and to the point. Comments would be welcome. To see a copy visit the District Website:

http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/District%20Docs/2013/District_Strategic_Plan_2013-2016.pdf

Student Journalist Prize

On Wednesday May 22 the STUDENT JOURNALIST PRIZE for School of Communication, International Studies & Languages, and UniSA was launched. This District 9500 and District 9520 initiated proposal is designed to encourage emerging journalists and communications students to write or produce news stories (suitable for all media types) about Rotary projects. This will then be available for your club (or District) website, newsletter, local or social media or any other use you may have. It may also be a prize-winning entry for the student!

This Project is being funded by the two Rotary Districts for 3 years – and prizes of \$700 for each of the best stories will be awarded for three media streams – Broadcast (TV/radio); Press; and Online/Social Media.

How will it work? Students will contact Rotary Clubs to gather information to write an article, media release or news item.

When contacted by a UniSA student, please welcome their interest in your club, invite them to a meeting and support them in their endeavour.

More details next week!

Other Items (New Items First)

Polio Plus

Just letting you know that I recorded an interview on Channel 44 the community television station which is national last night and was able to plug Rotary and Polio Plus.

The interview goes to air on Monday 1st July at 7.30 pm with repeats on Wednesday 3rd July at 1 pm and Friday 5th July at 4.30 pm.

Cheers, Penni Hamilton-Smith – President RC Mitcham

Member Access

Rotarians have a very special place on the Rotary International website and it's called Member Access. To access this exclusive part of the RI website, you need to register and once you've done that a whole new range of options is available to you. You can access:

- Rotary Showcase – Share successful service projects
- Rotary Club Central – Set and track club goals
- Learn – Get free online training
- Convention Registration – Attend our annual international gathering
- Update your information – Manage your own account details
- Apply for grants – Manage your Foundation grants online
- Contribute – Support The Rotary Foundation with tax deductible contributions in Australian dollars

Here's how to get started:

1. Go to www.rotary.org/memberaccess
2. Select "Create Account"
3. Enter and confirm your email address*



**Creating a member Access account requires a unique email address (shared or club addresses can't be used). If your email address is in the RI database, your account will be created immediately. If not, RI will contact your club to confirm your membership.*

Links to Prior Herald Articles Which May Be of Interest.

Action Items

Rotary Club Membership Information and July 2013 Semi-annual Report **(Important)**

MAXIMISE THE EXCHANGE RATE FOR FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS THIS MONTH

DONATIONS FOR SANGLUAIA PEACE FELLOW VISIT NEEDED THIS MONTH

Shelterbox

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/46-May19t.pdf>

D9520 Conference – Warrnambool – March 2014

Foundation contributions

Your Rotary Moment

Service Club Week 2013 13 – 19 October Semi- Annual Reports

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/45-May12t.pdf>

An Invitation for 100 Volunteers to join 10 School Refurbishing Teams in PNG during June to November - Your Opportunity to Volunteer on an International Project

Ride to Conquer Cancer

Cancellation of Website training

BAROSSA CONFERENCE - HOW TO DOWNLOAD YOUR PICTURES FROM BAROSSA CONFERENCE

RYLA/RYPEN – Would you like to work with our future community leaders?

Yellow Brick Road

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/44-May05.pdf>

Sangluaia Peace Fellow Dinner postponed

Mildura Deakin Rotary

End Polio Now – Speaker

South Australian Volunteer Awards - NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATION!

Rotary Foundation – Become Centurion

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/43-Apr28.pdf>

Other Items

Club Speaker (Southern Cross Care)

Mitcham Rotary – Film Night in Aid of Operation Cleft

Hyde Park Rotary – Business Breakfast – Tuesday June 4th (See Attachment 2)

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/46-May19t.pdf>

THE OTAGO YOUTH ADVENTURE TRUST - ROTARY CLUB OF MILTON TRAMPING CLUB INC

Barossa Conference – Sharing the Moments

LEADERS' LEARNING EVENT – 30 May 2013

Post Office Grants

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/45-May12t.pdf>

New campaign launched to boost membership at 5,000 service clubs around Australia

Disaster Aid Newsletter

Flagstaff Hill Rotary – Peace Forum

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