



NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

December is Family Month

District Governor's Newsletter

Rotary International District 9500

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Deadline for receipt of
articles for the December
DG's Newsletter is
25 November.

DIARY DATES

November 27, Tues
9500 & 9520
Rotary Foundation Dinner at
Ming's Palace, Gouger St, City,
\$22ea. Book now!

December 1, Sat
ARHRF Dinner, Woolshed,
West Beach.



Out and about in the District

November is **The Rotary Foundation Month**, the most important theme month in the Rotary calendar. To celebrate, we have TRF Trustee Rolf and Grit Horndler in Adelaide for one night only; 27 November at Ming's Palace, Gouger Street, Adelaide. Seating is limited to 75 from D9500. **Don't be disappointed - seats are filling fast.** Money must be received by PDG Robert Brookes to confirm your booking. The Ming is providing Rotarians with a 7 course banquet for only \$22.00.

The excitement of Roxby Downs continues. A large contingent of Rotarians invaded Roxby for the official launch on 22 October. District Membership Chair Warren Hobbs has set in motion all the ingredients for a successful club. My thanks to the three members of the Rotary Club of Pt Augusta who attended with their exchange student. To PDG Glen and AG Perry Eden from the Rotary Club of Whyalla - your input and support was greatly appreciated.



Above: Rotarians and guests at the Roxby Downs official launch

Left: Kaye Doyle, Warren Hobbs and Perry Eden



This year celebrates the 40th anniversary of Group Study Exchange in D250, 1967 to 1977 and, thereafter, Districts 9500 and 9520. A joint reunion of TRF Alumni, arranged by PP Reg Hutchinson and his Alumni committee, was held on 27 October with over 100 guests attending. Guest speakers included The Hon Dean Brown, a GSE team member in 1973, Josephine Lamshed, a more recent team member and now RC of Adelaide Light member, and PDG Dick and Les Milner, as Foundation Volunteers on no less than 11 occasions. The night proved to be a great success and plans are in the pipeline for the next reunion in 2 to 5 years time.



Cutting the 40th anniversary cake are (L-R) D9520 TRF Chair Peter Sandercock, DG Kerry, D9520 DG Peter Ochota and D9500 TRF Chair Robert Brookes

November 25 is White Ribbon Day, the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. A minority of men are responsible for the problem; a majority of men can stop it! I urge all Rotarians to purchase and wear a \$2.00 white ribbon available from your AG after 1 November.

Since 1987, Rotary has welcomed women into our ranks; today 16% of our membership in Australia is female. Yes, we have a long way to go but we have recognised the valuable contribution women are making and now we can become proactive by supporting 100% of women in our society by simply wearing a WHITE RIBBON.

Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge to not commit, condone nor remain silent about violence against women and children



amnesty international australia
www.amnesty.org.au 1300 300 320

**25 November
United Nations
International Day for the
Elimination of Violence
Against Women**

whiteribbonday.org.au

I encourage all Rotarians that haven't already done so, to make their booking for the Conference (remember it's still compulsory!) and we'd like to know that you are all coming. Accommodation has only been reserved until the end of this month so contact North Adelaide President Russell Green if you are having any difficulties.

The separate options, provided in this Conference, make it possible for Rotarians to invite their non-Rotarian friends to some of those options - particularly the DG's Dinner on the Saturday evening. In fact, if possible, invite them to the whole Conference for an interesting experience in Rotary fellowship and exposure to some of the great work of Rotary.

I urge all clubs to remember the great work of our District Committees and, before giving your funds away to other organisations, spare a thought for how much better they could operate and support **our** District with additional funds. Let's all enjoy this special Rotary Foundation Month!

DG Kerry



Rotary Receives UN Association's Humanitarian Award

The profile of water and sanitation in Rotary International received a tremendous boost on 25 October, 2007.



On that day the United Nations Association of New York honoured RI and The Rotary Foundation with its 2007 Humanitarian Award, in recognition of Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide.

"In the years since RI has started focusing on water as one of its annual service emphases..... We've learned just how

much can be accomplished with relatively little, how a single small water project, perhaps a pump or a filter, can change the life of a community," says RI President Wilf Wilkinson. "However, our work has also included participation in many other major water projects."

The award is presented annually in observance of United Nations Day (October 24). This year's award ceremony focused on the global water crisis.

Proceeds from the dinner benefit organizations and enterprises working to alleviate water-related problems around the world.



AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND

ARHRF Dinner, Saturday 1 Dec 2007

Enjoy dinner and the opportunity to hear ARHRF International Speaker, Professor Annette La Greca, a world acclaimed expert on young people and their response to natural disasters and terrorism.

The Shores Convention Centre, Military Rd, West Beach, commencing 7pm; \$50 per head which includes a quality 3 course dinner and some drinks on the table.

Why not make up a table (of 10) - book now!
Allan Wilson (08) 8396 0066, allan.wilson2@bigpond.com
Brett McMutrie 0418 826 031, bmcmutrie@adl.mcgees.com.au

Club Reminders

Legal Requirements

SA Laws require all incorporated Rotary Clubs to hold an AGM prior to the end of November. This year RI requires all Clubs to adopt the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and By-Laws, as amended at the last Council on legislation held in April. Please remember that the Constitution cannot be altered except for those required by the laws of the state. RI is currently making those alterations.

RI Parramatta will forward an amended Constitution that complies with the laws in SA, by 10 November.

Presidential Citations

Club Presidents should be well on their way to completing their Presidential Citation Application; please refer to your Assistant Governor for assistance if required.

Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians

This citation provides a means for Clubs to personally recognise a Club Member for outstanding efforts in the Four Avenues of Service. This award provides every Club the opportunity of recognising only ONE member each year for their involvement in Rotary service activities.

Club Presidents can submit their application to RI at any time during the Rotary year with an information copy to the DG. This is an Award in recognition of service and should only be given to very worthy Rotarians. I would find it difficult to name a Club in our District that could not name at least one Rotarian for this Award.

District Governor 2010-11

Early in the New Year the District will be calling for nominations for this vacancy.

Under RI By-Law 13.020.3 the Governor shall invite the clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for Governor. Details of the responsibilities of a Governor can be discussed with members of the District resolutions committee.

All clubs should think seriously about this matter and if you have a suitably qualified and willing applicant, please forward the appropriate documentation to the District Secretary prior to 1 February 2008.

Council on Legislation 2010

Any club wishing to submit proposals to the next council must have it approved by the business session at our Conference in April. All proposals must be submitted to the District Resolutions Committee in accordance with the District rules; please refer to PDG's Geoff Schahinger or Peter Rostron.



DISTRICT 9500 Inc.
2008 CONFERENCE
BAROSSA VALLEY
18 - 20 April 2008

Conference Corner

It appears that most Rotarians are leaving accommodation confirmations until the last moment. This is not really a good idea. Leave it too late and you might be sleeping under a grape vine!

At this point of time, there is accommodation available because we have requested Hotels/Motels/Tourist Parks to hold their rooms specifically for Rotarians. However, **as at the end of November, rooms will no longer be held for Rotarians** and will be open for booking by the public.

Please make your **bookings before Nov 30** (within the next 5 weeks) or risk missing out. Please let them know that you are a Rotarian, coming for the Conference, when you make that booking.

Barossa Motor Lodge	08 8562 2988
Barossa Junction Motel	08 8563 3400
Chateau Barossa	08 8524 4268
Novotel	08 8524 0000
Top Drop Motel	08 8562 1033
Vineyards Motel	08 8564 2404
Vine Inn	08 8562 2133
Barossa Valley Trist Pk	08 8562 1404
Tanunda C/van & T/ Park	08 8563 2784

Full details of accommodation are in your Conference Booklet. If you have misplaced yours, see your Secretary.

Russell Green,
Conference Accommodation Co-ordinator

ARHRF CHRISTMAS CARDS

GREAT VALUE • INEXPENSIVE • ROTARY PROJECT

For your Christmas cards this year, why not support the ARHRF

- Packs of 10 cards for \$10.00
- Religious, non religious and mixed cards available
- Also Birthday, Anniversary, Sympathy and All Occasion cards

Contact the Rotary Club of Waverley Inc
Rtn Ken Pollard 03 9807 6871
nanpol@bigpond.net.au

PUT YOUR MONEY BACK INTO ROTARY AND SAVE



Developing your Club History - part 2



Last month we looked at the process of starting a Club history, with a general overview of what should be retained and how to store it. This month we examine those resources which are very valuable in a club's historical collection.

Both the weekly club Bulletin and Board Minutes are very valuable sources of club information and should be stored either electronically or by hard copy. It's a good idea to have the printed copies bound yearly.

Most correspondence won't have much historical value. Keeping certificates and awards are important historical documents.

Photographs of club activities add interest to any club history but it's fairly meaningless unless details such as place, date and names of people in the photograph are recorded.

Keeping the above seems to be the basics for a club history. From these a great amount of club history can be gathered and used for special occasions but there is much more that can be done.

The history associated with membership can be a very fertile area. There are some clubs in our District who have spent considerable time recording profiles of all who are or have

been members of the club. Some of these have been very detailed including dates of induction, resignation and birthdays as well as any position held. Again this information can be very valuable when publishing a history of a club for a special anniversary.

Creating lists of Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Directors, Youth Exchangees, Paul Harris Fellows and the year of appointment are very valuable. A list of Guest Speakers from a club's inception can also be a worthwhile exercise.

Celebrating club anniversaries add interest to club programmes, so the development of a Club History will help to make these occasions much easier to organize.

Each Rotary Club develops its own traditions either through a particular project or through special presentations such as a song written for each meeting. Keeping a historical record of these is very important in the life of a club. Some of the above ideas may help you recognise the part that your history can play in the overall life of the club.

Do not forget to contact me if there is any way I can help with your club history.

PP Colin Brideson OAM, District Historian
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Rotary Shares Through Revegetation

In March of this year one of the speakers at the International Emergency Management Conference, held in Adelaide, posed the question, "How do we know that what we are doing is right? And where is the evidence?" Early in August, a few Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Walkerville, together with some year 9 students from Wilderness School and some friends of Rotary, ventured to Pt Lincoln to plant trees, two years after the disastrous bush fires. In the few days we planted over 2000 trees. The project was incorporated into the school's geography studies and also formed part of Rotary's rehabilitation efforts. The girls enjoyed being involved with the planting and their enthusiasm was obvious.

Disaster recovery is about helping communities to re-establish themselves as quickly as possible. This requires a fair amount of resilience. It is also essential that communities have the confidence to rebuild. In the aftermath of a disaster we enter response, then recovery and finally into rehabilitation. The property where we planted was amongst the hardest hit, with a loss of three family members, substantial property and stands of trees. Very few trees remained after the fire and the property owner had



Year 9 Wilderness School students with the trees they both propagated and then planted at Port Lincoln

spent some time on revegetation, planting several hundred trees. But he always had so much else to do. Our efforts have helped to build on their already strong resilience and given them encouragement to continue the rehabilitation work. While natural revegetation has been good, there are still many areas and farming properties that require rehabilitation work.

On departing, both the farmer and his wife thanked us and reminded us that it was not what we had done, but the fact that we were there, that was important. Rotary shares and Rotary cares.

From Walkerville Club Bulletin, 15.8.2007

G'day SA ...

I've recently been on a school trip to the Sthn Flinders Ranges on a 4 day hike. We walked about 40 km with a backpack weighing more than my suitcase did when I arrived in Australia to stay for a whole year. The scenery was what I had expected Australia to look like – brownish and dry, but still pretty. When we were walking in Alligator Gorge I felt like I had stepped into a postcard. Everywhere was green and lush. Unfortunately we didn't see a lot of wildlife - not even the bloodthirsty drop bears our teacher was telling us about! The night sky was bright and seemed much bigger than in Finland.

I have played footy and rugby league. I find there are more opportunities for tackling in rugby than there is in Australian Rules footy, but I'm not sure if I understand the rules though I think I am not the only one. I think I would have enjoyed the game a lot more if the boys would have been game to tackle me. Perhaps the Australian boys are a bit too gentlemanly to play with girls. Now the footy season is finished maybe I'll be trying cricket this term. I'll keep you informed!

I had a great time during the school holidays: went to Ballarat, the beach, cinema, and generally had a good time. One of my friends drinks Up&Go and he read on the packet about Finnish customs like 'wife carrying' and 'endurance saunas'. Hem! Hem! Anyhow he challenged me to an endurance sauna match and I WON!! My tactic was to not show my suffering even though I was close to death when he finally gave up after nearly an hour.

Next weekend I'm going off to Maitland with the rest of the Rotary exchange students in SA but that will be another story.

To be continued...

Tiia Seeve, from Finland
 Rotary Exchange Student,
 hosted by the Rotary Club of Gawler Eight

Edited from an article published in *The Bunyip*



INVITATION TO ALL ROTARIANS

Join us at the Joint District
 Rotary Foundation Dinner
 Tues 27 November, 6.30 for 7pm

Ming's Palace Restaurant
 157-159 Gouger Street, Adelaide
 for a Chinese Banquet, \$22 per person

Guest Speaker is Rtn Rolf Hörndler
 from Nürnberg-Fürth, Germany,
 Trustee of the Rotary Foundation (2004-2008)

SEATS ARE FILLING FAST
 Payment must be received to confirm bookings

Please book early and send payment to
 PDG Robert Brookes,
 PO Box 171, Lyndoch 5351 (Ph 8524 4656)
no later than Tuesday 20.11.07

District 9500 Attendance Report September 2007

Club	Members 30.9.2007	%	Rank
Adelaide	181	NR	
Adelaide East	34	69.45%	27
Adelaide EDGE		NR	
Adelaide Light	48	61.70%	36
Adelaide Parks	19	62.10%	33
Adelaide South	32	65.00%	32
Adelaide West	27	69.45%	12
Alice Springs		NR	
Alice Springs Mbantua	22	62.00%	34
Barossa District	18	83.30%	7
Barossa Valley	62	74.00%	20
Charles Sturt- Grange	20	70.45%	24
Clare		NR	
Elizabeth	19	67.86%	28
Enfield		NR	
Flinders Park	9	75.00%	18
Gawler	54	90.27%	2
Gawler Light	33	66.50%	30
Golden Grove	12	75.25%	17
Henley Beach	34	72.60%	22
Hindmarsh	11	75.00%	18
Kangaroo Island	13	85.70%	5
Kapunda	13	77.40%	15
Kidman Park	43	75.75%	16
Largs Bay	31	81.88%	9
Maitland	31	66.25%	31
Mawson Lakes	14	78.84%	14
Modbury		NR	
Munno Para	12	87.50%	4
North Adelaide	37	50.33%	38
Nthn Yorke Peninsula	22	64.50%	32
Peterborough	23	NR	
Playford	14	97.92%	1
Port Adelaide		NR	
Port Augusta	24	71.87%	23
Port Lincoln	51	62.00%	34
Port Pirie	56	73.05%	21
Prospect	44	69.54%	26
Prospect Sunrise	20	89.47%	3
Regency Park	18	82.57%	8
Salisbury		NR	
Stuart-Alice Springs	22	70.44%	25
Tea Tree Gully	23	75.00%	23
Thebarton	24	84.07%	6
Two Wells		NR	
Walkerville	21	58.33%	37
West Lakes	32	79.92%	11
West Torrens	12	80.75%	10
Whyalla	25	66.75%	29
Whyalla Norrie	7	79.00%	13
Woodville		NR	
DISTRICT TOTAL	1270		

RI President Nominee

The 2007-08 Nominating Committee of Rotary International in 2009-2010, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated:

JOHN KENNY
of the Rotary Club of
**GRANFEMOUTH, CENTRAL,
SCOTLAND**

For the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2009-2010.

November is The Rotary Foundation Month (TRF)



Of all the projects of Rotary in its 103 years, the establishment by Arch Klumph of “**an endowment fund for doing good in the world**” was the greatest of them all. The Rotary Foundation has provided over \$US 1.68 billion in aid and humanitarian programs and ranks among the world's premier charitable organisations.

The Mission Statement of TRF is “*to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the elimination of poverty*”.

It is fundamental to recognise that TRF is here **to serve Rotarians** in their quest for worldwide understanding, goodwill and peace. However, to take full advantage of this tool there are two things that must occur.

Firstly, Rotarians must use the tool! Like any other tool, it will not serve any useful purpose if it is left on the bench. It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to understand the TRF programs and know how they may be applied. Whether we are referring to Polio Eradication, to Educational or Humanitarian projects of “OUR” Foundation we can't use them if we don't understand them!

Furthermore we must actively seek nominees for, in particular, GSE and Amba-

sadorial Scholarships when they are called for. Your active seeking of appropriate nominees will ensure that the most outstanding are selected. This, in turn, ensures that both the host and sponsoring districts achieve the maximum benefit from the programs. And of course this also enhances the image of RI, “OUR” Foundation and your club.

Similarly, the wise and appropriate application of TRF Humanitarian Grants will ensure that worthwhile and life-enhancing projects can be carried out in needy communities.

The Foundation's largest project, Polio Plus is, of course, the pre-eminent program and is the major focus of TRF resources at present. Although so much has been achieved, the overall success of the whole project depends upon the elimination of the last 1% of cases. A huge amount of work is still needed to achieve this and much funding is still required – but we dare not fail.

- Polio must be eliminated.
- Polio will be eliminated.
- We will ensure that it is.

For more information go to:
www.rotary.org/foundation

We welcome our newest Centurions of The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust, for October. Thank you for your contribution.

Neil Angus Ross (Alice Springs)
Neil Kohlhagen (Maitland)

TRACTOR PULL

CHARITY EVENT



Saturday, 10 November, 2007

Gawler Trotting Track

Gates open at 10am.

Competition from 2pm to 8pm,
followed by an after-event concert

Adults \$20.00, 5-13 \$5.00, under 5 free.

- Helicopter Rides ▪ Kid's Entertainment ▪
- Food & Drinks ▪ Ute Muster ▪

A fun day for the whole family!



Hosted by the
Rotary Clubs of
Gawler and Gawler
Light

Contact Wayne Murphy 08 85245510,
Steve Barilla 08 85232133
or visit our website
www.gbtractorpullsa.org

The Voice of Rotary November Program

Broadcast on 1197am RPH Adelaide from 7.30 to 8pm each Tuesday and presented by Malcolm S Elliott (RC Adelaide).

The broadcast program can be heard on-line at www.rphadelaide.org.au.

- **November 6**
Past Pres. Mark Abbott (RC Mawson Lakes)
“Signs & Sausages”
- **November 13**
President Beverley Stephenson (RC Barossa Valley)
“Youth Driver Awareness Program”
- **November 20**
President Dale Manson (RC Mobilong)
“The Rotary Club of Mobilong”
- **November 27**
Jerren Heng, “Plans on being accepted as an Exchange Student”

Contact Malcolm on 08 8271 4979, 0412 865 972 or email: mse@picknowl.com.au

Carpentry/Building Skills

Anglicare is looking for somebody with the above skills to run a Talking Timber program each Friday between 9.30–11.30 during school terms. This program assists young men and women with disabilities and mental issues. If you have any interest, please contact Pranee Sae-Teng or Charmaine Lowe at Anglicare: 8305 9214