



**Rotary International
District 9500**
South Australia and
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DIARY DATES

March 18, Tues
STAR Meeting
Regal Park Motel, Nth Adel
6 for 6.30pm

March 26, Wed
ShelterBox Dinner
Belair Country Club, \$20
6 for 6.30pm

MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

April is Magazine Month

District Governor's Newsletter

Rotary International District 9500

March 2008

March is Literacy Month: **March is St Patrick's Day!**

What a wonderful gift; the gift of literacy. What greater gift can Rotarians make? As Rotarians we have access to one of the most powerful tools ever developed to improve literacy in third world countries, as well as remote and depressed communities in Australia. Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) or the Lighthouse program was developed in Australia before being taken to Thailand where it became the accepted literacy program. Now this great Rotary International program is being introduced around the world and is playing a major part in raising literacy standards in many third world countries. Learn more about this at the District Conference in April!

All those interested in hearing Rotary ShelterBox founder, Tom Henderson, speak about this project should book early. Seating for the dinner is filling fast; \$20, 6 for 6.30pm, Wednesday, 26 March, at the Belair Country Club. Contact RC Blackwood President Michael McClaren, 83731266, to book.

Presidents and Secretaries should be alert for a Peace Scholar letter and brochure being distributed to all clubs in March. Our highly qualified scholarship committee is working diligently to ensure our District's sponsorship of another successful Scholar to the class of 2009-10.

The last week of February was full of milestones and celebrations: Adelaide EDGE celebrated 100 meetings, Two Wells clocked up 1,000, while Hindmarsh turned over number 1,800.



Charter President Joseph Romeo, President Kelly Wagner and Warren Hobbs (Membership Chair) celebrating EDGE's 100th meeting on 25 February 2008.

Clubs will be receiving a number of Resolutions that are being submitted for the Business Session of the Conference. I ask club boards to consider all Resolutions seriously and instruct your Electors to vote accordingly. It should be remembered that our District was only incorporated after last year's conference and therefore some Resolutions could relate to this change of status.

March Reminders: -

- Matching Grant Applications close
- Presidential Citations are due
- 4 Avenues of Service Citations are due
- District Governor 2010-11 selection
- 17th - St Patrick's Day



Finally, there are still a number of Rotarians that haven't booked for the Conference. Remember - it's still compulsory! The most important thing is to check your booking and make sure it's correct. Lunch on Saturday is inexpensive and the nearest shops are in Tanunda. Most meals are catered for - we will not be able to accommodate last minute changes. Avoid disappointment and make any changes to your booking now, while you still can.

Have a great March - let's do what we can to assist World Literacy and Peace.
DG Kerry

STOP PRESS

Would you like to part of the 'Audio/Visual Technical Team' at the District Conference in April?

Skills in Computer Operation (Powerpoint), Backstage-Frontstage Co-ordination and Speaker Management would be helpful, however the team is headed by a professional in Event Management.

Please contact Graham Fussen: mobile 0412 694 461 or Email: gfussen@profilecom.com.au

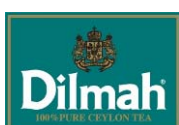


Thank you from DIK

The Donations in Kind Committee would like to thank all clubs in both Districts who have generously supported DIK, particularly over the past two years. This includes volunteer labour at working bees as well as cash donations to cover the cost to send out containers to the underprivileged. The recent "Combined Districts Working Bee" organized by the two District Governors, was a successful event. We are looking for more help in March for volunteers who wish to help us sort out and pack hospital beds to go overseas.

DIK cannot succeed without the Club support you give. Your continued help with cash donations and volunteer labour will help us to assist more underprivileged people of the world.

*Norm O'Flaherty, Chairman - Donations in Kind
RAWCS Central Region*



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Returning to Denmark after 23 years

I was thrilled to be offered, in 1973, the chance to travel from Kadina to Denmark as an exchange student. It was a time when there was no email or Internet and Australia felt like the other end of the world. I knew almost nothing about Denmark so I had little idea about what to expect.

I lived in Sorø where I quickly settled into Danish life. I became immersed in the culture and within about three months I was speaking Danish all the time. It was an interesting time politically, as those were the days of feminism and student activism. Some of my classmates were stridently communist. I was considered somewhat exotic because I was from so far away in Australia.

At the end of my year I returned to Adelaide but I couldn't wait to go back. After finishing my degree at university I returned for another year in 1979 as an Au Pair. When I returned to Australia I continued to keep in contact with my Danish families.

After 23 years (my last visit was in 1984), I finally went back this Christmas. It was wonderful to be

back. I was very pleased that my Danish had not completely disappeared. I attended a Rotary meeting at the same club that sponsored me in 1973 and they were suitably impressed that I was able to deliver a short speech in Danish. I caught up with everyone I knew - all my host families and their families.

The world is definitely a much smaller place now. With Internet and email the differences and distance between Denmark and Australia have decreased. This was made evident when I visited a friend who had the same IKEA furniture in her sitting room as I do.

Being an exchange student in Denmark has had a profound impact on shaping me. It also gave me an understanding of what it must be like to be a migrant and move to a new culture. I have used these experiences in both my daily life and at work. I am looking forward to further visits.

Francesca Seith, Senior Consultant, Mental Health Unit, Dept of Health SA

P.S. My Student Liaison Officer in the RC Kadina was ex-Premier John Olsen (before he went into state politics)



In the courtyard of my old school looking over a famous well. View across Sorø Lake to my school.

History corner: the history of our District Conference

It's 30 years since the first Dist Conference of District 950 from which of course, our present District 9500 came by the addition of an extra "0".

That Conference was held in Kadina from 6-9 April 1978. It was DG Jack Turner and wife Pat's Conference, hosted by RC Kadina, assisted by the DG's club, Adelaide West. At the time the World President of Rotary was Jack Davis, Hamilton, Bermuda. At this Conference he was represented by James F Conway (Evelyn), a Past World President from Southbury, Connecticut USA. The DG Nominee was Clair Rogers (Dot) of RC Adelaide.

The Conference was opened by the Mayor of Kadina, Mr G Dale Morphett. An opening address was given by the Governor of SA, Mr (later Sir) Keith Seaman. From the records, it was obvious that many Kadina organisa-

tions combined to make the Conference an unqualified success.

Today we have 20 District Awards, but 30 years ago there were only four. They were:-

- Merv Croxton Memorial Award, won by RC of Adelaide East
- Jack Turner Bulletin Award, won by the RC of Hindmarsh
- Brian Croucher Club Attendance, won by the RC of Kapunda
- Adelaide East Conference Attendance, won by the RC of Maitland

It was reported at the Conference that new Clubs chartered in the District during the year were: Rotary – RC of South Salisbury; Rotaract - Kadina and Hindmarsh. The Rotaract Club of Adelaide East had cancelled its Charter.

During the Conference presentations were made on behalf of the District World Community and FAIM Committees. It was also resolved to accept the Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs and Stuart-Alice as part of District 950.

Today we can but imagine the importance of this Conference, which was the first for the new District 950, a part of what had been the very large District 250. On 1 July 1977 that District had been divided into two, with District 950 having 32 Clubs and District 952 with 35 Clubs.

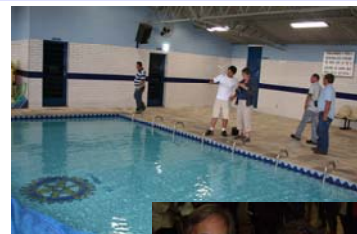
We can look forward to this year's District Conference in the Barossa, which will be carrying on the great traditions established in that first District 950 Conference of 30 years ago.

PP Colin Brideson OAM, District Historian

Friends Reunited

DGE Roberta and husband, Geoff Ellershaw, visited Brazil in January to renew their firm friendship (now adopted son) with past Rotary Exchange Student Lucas Carvalho and his family. Lucas may well be fondly remembered by the many friends he made during his year with D9500 (Woodville) in 2004. His family lives in Tambau which can only be reached by road and is 4 hours south west on Sao Paulo by fast toll roads in a wet farming area which receives 2 metres of rain p.a.. Lucas is now studying for an Environmental degree at a nearby University town, and hopes to revisit us when his studies are completed.

The Rotarians in Tambau have recently completed some ambitious projects to aid the needy in the town, and these were completed with assistance from Matching Grants. One (seen pictured) is a heated, fully tiled, indoor 25 metre swimming pool which is used to help rehabilitate members of a Community Club for Disabled.



Clubs working together for the community

Schools in the City of Tea Tree Gully welcomed a generous donation of drug education books by local Rotary Clubs to celebrate Australia Day 2008. Entitled 'Golden Haze', by author Jade Lewis, the books carry a strong drug prevention message and class sets were presented to school representatives at an annual Australia Day Breakfast hosted by the RC Tea Tree Gully on 28 January 2008.

The Rotary Clubs of Modbury, Tea Tree Gully and Golden Grove joined forces to purchase a series of the class sets of 'Golden Haze' and, together with Drug Free Australia, have arranged distribution to secondary schools in the area. The initiative was conceived at a meeting of Group 6 club Presidents in October 2007 as a means of concentrating the resources of the clubs in a project with potential for local community benefit.

AG Keith Rendell, who coordinated the initiative said, "The book 'Golden Haze', is an important story to be told for young people and parents about drug addiction. It shows how, at 16, Jade, a well-adjusted teenager, who was a straight 'A' student and budding Olympic athlete from a loving family, innocently became introduced to drugs. This is an excellent book to put into the hands of any young person. It serves as a warning to some that may be tempted by the drug scene and will give hope to anyone with a serious life-controlling problem".

Drug Free Australia's Executive Officer and Modbury Rtn, Jo Baxter added, "We are very pleased that 9 out of the 11 secondary schools in the City of TTG have taken up our offer to donate the books as class sets. Teachers plan to use them in Health and English classes – they will be an important catalyst for discussion and should impact positively on middle school students and their future choices about drugs'.



Representatives of schools and students at the book presentation at Pine Park

Ryan Hidden, Director of the Recovered Drug Users' League of SA and Drug Free Australia's Youth Advocate acknowledges that, as with others who suffer addiction, Jade's health was the first to be adversely affected, as was her relationship with those closest to her - her family. Jade acknowledges that she is one of the lucky ones – and understands completely that 'prevention is better than cure' especially where illicit drug use is concerned'.

Group 6 clubs are hopeful that this project may be considered for adoption by other Rotary Clubs, now that it has been successfully implemented in Tea Tree Gully.

The Voice of Rotary March

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.

- **March 4** Rtn Graeme Hall (RC Marion) *The Beach Bonanza*
- **March 11** Linda McCarthy, *Experiences with Rotary of an Adelaide entertainer*
- **March 18** Rtn Neil Hawkless (RC Salisbury) *Business Breakfasts*
- **March 25** Carmen Walker-Galpin (RC Adelaide South) *Pride in Workmanship*

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



Rotarians Carolyn Trimboli and Hans Graf "Getting with the Force" at a recent sausage sizzle day, in partnership with the McGuinness McDermott Foundation, at an open day of a new house they are to auction at Mawson Lakes.

COMING EVENTS

ROTARY CLUB OF PLAYFORD

Celebrate the club's 10th birthday
Saturday, 5 April 2008, 5.30pm for 6pm start
Blacksmith's Inn, One Tree Hill \$35pp
RSVP: Gladys Lehmann 0414 069 221

ROTARY CUB OF MARION

Beach Bonanza Treasure Hunt
Jetty Rd, Glenelg, on the beach. Sunday, 9 March.
Register 11am for 12pm start

WIN A TRIP FOR 4 TO THE GOLD GOAST
Plus 499 "Bonanzas" to be found!
\$4.00 adults and \$2.00 children



Reverse culture shock!

Students on exchange in the Northern Hemisphere returned home to Australia in January and met for a debriefing seminar on 3 February. Emily Dawson, a Rotex student, who returned from Finland a year ago also joined us to help the returning students focus on the issues that they face back in their 'normal life'. Current exchange students, Laura Bischoff, from Germany, hosted by Pt Lincoln, and Anika Marten, hosted by Golden Grove, also spent time with the returning students.

John Rowe, District Governor at the time the students were farewelled, welcomed the students home and presented them with a certificate acknowledging their time on exchange. The program included forums for the parents and students with the students focusing on what is known as 'reverse culture

shock' and working out how best to overcome this phenomenon. The feedback from both groups will help the Exchange Committee in their future endeavours.

The following students returned from overseas after a year on exchange:

Student	Host Club	Country
Taryn Baker	Pt Augusta	Finland
Mallory Smith	Pt Lincoln	Finland
Kateena Humphrys	Kangaroo Is	France
Jasmine Boyce	Pt Lincoln	Denmark
Tristan Astley-Turner	Gawler Light	Germany

The Rotary 'Long Term Student Exchange Program' has unfortunately reached a low ebb with only 6 students leaving recently on exchanges for the 2008 year. If your club has

any ideas on how to improve these numbers or wishes to be involved in the program in any way, please contact one of the District committee members.

John Clements, Publicity Officer



(l to r); Taryn Baker, Mallory Smith, Kateena Humphrys, Emily Dawson, Jasmine Boyce, PDG John Rowe, Tristan Astley-Turner, Anika Marten, Laura Bischoff



District 9500 Attendance Report January 2008

Club	Members	Rank	
31.1.08			
Adelaide	183	51.89	43
Adelaide East	48	70.33	30
Adelaide EDGE	38	57.89	42
Adelaide Light	45	76.71	19
Adelaide Parks	22	69.70	31
Adelaide South	30	63.00	39
Adelaide West	28	81.80	12
Alice Springs	50	NR	NR
Alice Springs Mbantua	22	65.00	38
Barossa District	19	78.90	13
Barossa Valley	60	67.24	34
Charles Sturt-Grange	18	76.47	20
Clare	48	72.58	16
Elizabeth	19	74.97	25
Enfield	11	NR	NR
Flinders Park	9	66.70	35
Gawler	57	90.63	4
Gawler Light	32	68.00	33
Golden Grove	12	73.00	27
Henley Beach	31	78.00	14
Hindmarsh	11	77.28	17
Kangaroo Island	13	77.68	15
Kapunda	13	69.44	32
Kidman Park	43	77.00	18
Largs Bay	27	90.60	5
Maitland	33	84.50	9
Mawson Lakes	15	84.71	8
Modbury	19	63.30	39
Munno Para	12	95.00	1
North Adelaide	32	50.00	44
Nthn Yorke Peninsula	19	83.00	10
Peterborough	12	74.25	26
Playford	15	92.31	3
Port Adelaide	32	60.71	41
Port Augusta	26	76.00	22
Port Lincoln	60	72.50	28
Port Pirie	56	76.20	21
Prospect	45	66.60	36
Prospect Sunrise	22	NR	NR
Regency Park	20	88.75	6
Salisbury	22	75.60	24
Stuart-Alice Springs	24	NR	NR
Tea Tree Gully	24	NR	NR
Thebarton	24	81.80	11
Two Wells	10	NR	NR
Walkerville	21	71.43	29
West Lakes	31	75.88	23
West Torrens	12	86.86	7
Whyalla	22	66.60	37
Whyalla Norrie	7	94.00	2
Woodville	26	40.00	45

DISTRICT TOTAL **1530**

INVITATION STAR MEETING

Tues, 18 March, 6 for 6.30pm start,
Regal Park Motel, North Adelaide
Cost \$19.50

Guest speaker: Graham Fussen, RC Tea Tree Gully, who will be speaking on "Safe Water Save Lives". Graham will be bringing a "water purifier" for us to see.

Please invite your new club members to attend this informative meeting.

Please advise PP Geof Irish (RC Playford) of your attendance at retired@bigpond.net.au for catering purposes

The Rotary Foundation

February was World Understanding month, yet for just one month in the year we as Rotarians do not turn off from the challenge of projects and programs that emanate from world understanding. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in "doing good in the world" makes funds available to enable clubs to meet these challenges.

The Centurion Club of the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust was set up almost 5 years ago in this district. Since then 317 members have personally contributed and around 250 of these have continued to make an annual donation.

Letters will soon be sent out to all current members asking for you to continue your support for the 2007-08 year. If you are able, please send in any time. If you are seeking a tax benefit in the current year, please have your gift posted to Robert (PO Box 171, Lyndoch 5351) prior to the end of May 2008.

The Peace Scholarships Committee will be

interviewing applicants soon to put forward one name to Evanston for selection in the 2009-11 Peace studies. We already have one successful graduate in Christina De Angelis who will speak at this year's district conference in the Barossa.

The Polio Plus Partners challenge is going very well. All clubs need to do is send at least US\$1000 (currently \$1,120 Australian) to The Foundation Chair (address above) earmarked for the Annual Programs Fund, and US\$750 will be allocated from Our Foundation District Designated Funds to PPP. The World Fund then matches this contribution with 50 cents in the dollar, which means that Polio Plus Partners will benefit to the tune of US\$1,125 for every US \$1000 contributed to the APF.

Welcome to new Centurions for the month of February: Fai Chivell and Alistair Stevenson, RC Whyalla. Since the beginning of this year Whyalla Club has sent in applications for 5 new members. Well done and thank you.

Robert Brookes, District Chair TRF

Volunteers for Vanuatu

During two weeks of June this year, five members of the RC of Salisbury will visit the island of Tanna, Vanuatu, to work on the refurbishment and restoration of a school building, cyclone-damaged in 2002. They are travelling as a RAWCS Project Volunteer Team and **have room for more team members**. The team will have excellent accommodation in a Resort complex with food included in the cost and provided by the resort.

The cost will be about \$2500 per member. The whole amount is tax deductible as a donation to Rotary Overseas Aid. Rotary Clubs may wish to support team members by contributing to their costs.

Anyone with reasonable handyman/building skills is welcome to join the team. Rotary funding has been provided to take an apprentice from the building trades who will surely benefit from this valuable experience.

Interested - any ideas? Please contact Roger Dennis, RC of Salisbury, 82896091 or roggloden@bigpond.net.au



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

CONFERENCE CORNER

Your Conference is nearly upon us and we've had a phenomenal response from District Rotarians with nearly 500 registered so far, ensuring excellent fellowship and Rotary camaraderie.

Another reminder, because of its location, if you haven't booked for lunch there are no other facilities other than a trip into Tanunda and the local Bakery will have difficulty in catering for a rush of hungry Rotarians.

Your Conference Dinner is being held in the Tanunda Showgrounds Hall, site of some memorable Barossa functions, and we are utilising chairs and round tables for your convenience. You're all invited to join in the German flavour of the evening, however, the attire needs to be 'warm comfortable', remembering the earthen floor. We're also providing a dance floor. Why not invite Partners and Friends for an enjoyable evening. The location is now shown on the map on the Dist website.

Your House of Friendship will be warm and welcoming with about 30 Display Booths portraying all the wonderful Rotary work done by Clubs and District Committees. Be prepared to stroll around them and pick up some ideas for your Club.

The Rotary Club of North Adelaide, as the Host Club, with tremendous support from both Barossa Clubs, are all looking forward to welcoming you to the Barossa in 6 weeks time.

Reg Hutchinson, 2008 Dist 9500 Conference Chairman



Exchange student, Sandrine Folly, from Switzerland, is being hosted between the Rotary

Clubs of Gawler and Two Wells. She has been in SA for 6 months and is currently staying with Rtn Robin Trevilyan (Two Wells) and his family. Already this year, Sandrine has helped out at the DIK shed, helped to lay pavers for the Two Wells Rotary Walkway and showed her skills at an annual lawn bowls night supported by the Rotary Clubs of Two Wells and Kapunda.

P.S. The Rotary Club of Regency Park welcomes Sam Lengas as its newest member. He recently arrived from Sydney, was offered a lift by a Rotarian one morning, invited to the club and subsequently joined and has been an active member. Welcome, Sam, to the family of Rotary.