



JUNE IS RECREATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MONTH

July celebrates the new Rotary year

District Governor's Newsletter

Rotary International District 9500

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DIARY DATES

June 7, Saturday
9500 & 9520
Quiz Night supporting DIK

June 14, Saturday
Charter Celebrations
Rotary Club Roxby District

June 15, Sunday
Charter Celebrations
Rotary Club Makin EDGE

June 27-29
RYPEN Camp

June 29, Sunday
DG Changeover
Playford Civic Centre

What a wonderful year

June is the month for a grateful District Governor to say THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all Rotarians in D9500 for the great Rotary year which is nearing completion. The support of all Rotarians, Presidents, AG's, Committee Chairs, PDG'S, partners and friends has made this one for me to remember. I have enjoyed every club visit and function, every special meeting and, in particular, the support for the 'compulsory' Conference in the Barossa! I could not have wished for a better year.

The year will conclude on a high with the charter celebrations of our two newest clubs, Roxby District and Makin EDGE on the 14th and 15th of June. If this isn't enough, we will soon charter a new Rotaract Club at the Thebarton Senior School with 25 members and an additional 75 in the wings. Our District membership is currently sitting on 1480 and, after Makin EDGE has its charter approved next week, we will be over 1500 members for the first time in about six years.

Congratulations to the 28 Presidents that have earned a Presidential Citation in 2007-08. All 51 Presidents deserved to be recognised but sometimes little things can block the way. A number of smaller clubs have increased their number sufficiently to earn Presidential recognition, while some of the larger clubs have increased their membership without any special recognition.

Congratulations to all clubs that have achieved a net increase this year.

My year is fast coming to an end so as well as inviting all Rotarians to celebrate the induction of DG Roberta Waterman on 29 June, I would like to invite everybody to my farewell. Coincidentally, it will be held at the same time and place as Roberta's induction. Please join us in celebrating the past and future of our great organisation.

In Rotary we have much to be proud of in our continued support of the youth science programs. The Siemens Science Experience, National Youth Science Forum and the Science and Engineering Challenge are just three. Please look seriously at supporting our future scientists in these programs. Applications are now being circulated to all clubs and schools. Consider placing an advertisement in the local paper so people can see that Rotarians do more than just cook sausages. You may be pleasantly surprised by the paper doing a follow up story when the final students are selected.

The success of ROBIN (Rotary Native Bird Nesting Boxes) in promoting to schools has led to a desperate need for more nesting boxes to be built. If you or your club can assist, please contact Barry Barratt on 8331 9554 and be a part of this great project in Roberta's 'year of the environment'.

I can only conclude as I started.....THANK YOU!

DG Kerry

Wilpena joint meeting

A unique interclub visit took place at the Wilpena Resort on Saturday 17 May 2008 when members from the Rotary Clubs of Adelaide and Port Augusta came together for a great night of Rotary fellowship.

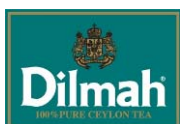
94 members and partners from Adelaide met with a contingent from Port Augusta for the interclub visit. The Guest Speaker for the event was Joy Balusch, the Mayor of Port Augusta, who gave a very dynamic address.

Adelaide President Warren Wilson presented Port Augusta President John Clements, with a cheque for \$2000 for their Club community fund. In addition, the Sergeant at Arms collection of \$310 was presented to President John.

The Rotary Club of Adelaide has an annual interclub visit to a Club in the regional area. Over recent years, the Club has visited Broken Hill, Renmark, Maitland and Peterborough. Next year's visit will be to Port Lincoln.



Left to right: Standing: Pt Augusta President John Clements and Adelaide President Warren Wilson. Seated: Mayor Joy Balusch and Wilpena Resort owner Keith Rasheed



Romeos Retail Group
family owned community minded





History Corner

Another Rotary year is drawing to a close. If all that has happened in that year in our District's Clubs could be put into a book, what a history story it would tell! I think that sometimes, and probably too often, history is looked upon as something from the distant past. History is being created all the time in Clubs and it is so important to ensure that it is not lost.

Congratulations to the RC of Playford, who received the District History Award at our Conference. This is the second year in a row that a small club has won the Award. Last year it was the Elizabeth Club. On both occasions, Club Anniversaries had provided the impetus. This year it was Playford's 10th Anniversary and an occasion to publish a small booklet recording the life of the Club.

I have been very impressed to note in the DG's Newsletter the number of Clubs in recent months that have had special functions to celebrate various Club Anniversaries. With good planning, these

can be very rewarding occasions. Such functions can give meaning to what Clubs are doing to preserve their history and make it known to members.

The Conference Committee is to be congratulated for their historical homework. It was discovered that the Saturday of the Conference, 19 April, was in fact the 140th Anniversary of the birth of Paul Harris. But more than that, they also found out that past RI President, Sir Clem Renouf, who was at the Conference, was celebrating his birthday on the same day. "Paul Harris" was resurrected and, together with Sir Clem, cut a beautiful cake at the DG's



Conference Dinner, providing a very meaningful historical interlude. Well done to all involved!!

Has your Club been involved in preserving your history or ensuring that members are periodically informed of past Club projects or activities? How has the Club's photographic record been added to? Or have the more senior members been interviewed for earlier information about their involvement with Rotary? Please let me know so that I can share it with other clubs.

This is the final "History Corner" for DG Kerry's year. I hope that a few ideas have helped Clubs to think about their own Club's history and how to not only preserve it, but share it with the members.

DGE Roberta has requested that I continue the "Corner" in her newsletters, so I am looking forward to the challenge again next Rotary year. Don't hesitate to contact me about your Club's history should you feel that I can help in any way.

PP Colin Brideson OAM

Youth exchange - journey of a lifetime

A group of prospective Rotary Long Term Exchange Students met in early May for interviews at Trinity College, Gawler. The students faced a number of interview panels before official acceptance into the program and their eventual departure in January 2009. The day's program included a 'get to know each other' session and discussions on what the students will face as they embark on the preparation and journey during the next 20 months. The RC Two Wells provided meals on the day and we thank them for their efforts.



L to R: Alex Glen, Samantha Haslam, Victoria Barker, Georgia Arnold, Melina Benson

The following students have made it through the club interviews:

Student	Sponsor Club
Alex Glen	Pt Augusta
Samantha Haslam	Gawler Light
(from Pt Kenny - 2 hours NW of Pt Lincoln)	
Victoria Barker	Kangaroo Island
(from Pt Lincoln)	
Georgia Arnold	Pt Pirie
Melina Benson	Pt Lincoln
Sarah Ryan	Alice Springs

The program has only 6 students leaving on exchange this year (all females), with this being one of the lowest counts of students sent away by this District. It is disappointing that no clubs in the metropolitan area, apart from Gawler Light, are taking part in the program in 2008/09. If you or your club has

any ideas on how to improve these numbers or wishes to be involved in the program in any way, please contact a committee member. The committee has some new members who are looking forward to the challenge of improving the profile of the Long Term Student Exchange Program.

We sincerely thank the following committee members who vacate their positions at the end of this Rotary year. Within this group are many years of service to this committee. The success of the program in recent years is very much due to the work and time that these people have put in: Angela (Chair) and Bill Close - Two Wells, Peter and Joanne Perkins - Barossa Valley, Peter Caveney - Playford, Greg and Karen Patterson - Pt Lincoln.

Indigenous Medical Scholarship Project

This combined 9500/9520 committee met recently and felt it would be great to share our achievements for the year. In February 2008, we interviewed 32 candidates for 18 available scholarships and were able to select 18 students.

The year has been very rewarding and the statistics now are as follows:

2000-2007	a total of 23 graduated students
2008	10 continuing students
2008	18 new students

This totals 28 students this year. From this, six scholarships were from private donors - a brilliant way to go!

If you are interested in a presentation for your club, please contact either Val Kirk on 8254 7103 or Geoff Bailey 8379 2741.



DG Kerry with Dr Aleeta Fejo, an Indigenous Health Scholarship recipient, at the Tanunda Conference, in May

Group Study Exchange to South Korea - May 2009

Team Leader Wanted

Rotarians interested in leading the team should:

be an experienced Rotarian, well informed on Australia and on Rotary assume leadership of the team, formally and informally, particularly on the study tour be willing and able to keep pace with the vigorous program of study planned for the team play an active role in pre-departure orientations with the support of the GSE Committee be the primary contact between the team and Rotary International Travel Service.

Further information is available from <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyExchange>

Rotarians interested in leading the Team are invited to contact David Simpson (GSE Committee Chair 08/09) for any further information on (08) 83530196 (home) or 0403384250.

Applications close on Monday 30th June 2008 and should be forwarded to David Simpson, 8 Keats Grove FULHAM GARDENS SA 5024, dsimpso5@bigpond.net.au

Applications for Team member

Rotary Clubs are asked to seek out and sponsor suitable applicants from their home and professional communities.

Team member candidates must:

- be between 25 and 40 years of age at the time of application
- be employed full-time and have a minimum of 2 years vocational experience in their field
- be Australian citizens and live or be employed in District 9500
- be in good health and have appropriate personal and professional skills

Please note that a Rotarian or former Rotarian or their spouse and children are ineligible to be team members. Further information is available from <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyExchange>

For more information please contact Barbara Wheatcroft (GSE Committee Deputy chair) on 83744270 (home) or 0413511243.

Applications close on August 31st 2008 and should be forwarded to Barbara Wheatcroft, 5/7 Kingston Ave, Daw Park SA 5041, Barbara.wheatcroft@bigpond.com



How lucky we are ...

If you could fit the entire population of the world into a village consisting of 100 people, maintaining the proportions of all the people living on Earth, that village would consist of 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 Americans (North, Central and South) and 8 Africans.

There would be 52 women and 48 men; 30 Caucasians and 70 non-Caucasians; 30 Christians and 70 non-Christians; 89 heterosexuals and 11 homosexuals

Six (6) people would possess 59% of the wealth and they would all come from the USA; 80 would live in poverty; 70 would be illiterate; 50 would suffer from hunger and malnutrition; 1 would be dying; 1 would be being born; 1 would own a computer; 1 (yes, only one) would have a university degree. If we looked at the world in this way, the need for acceptance and understanding would be obvious.

But, consider again the following:

- ◆ If you woke up this morning in good health, you have more luck than one million people, who won't live through the week.
- ◆ If you have never experienced the horror of war, the solitude of prison, the pain of torture, were not close to death from starvation, then you are better off than 500 million people.
- ◆ If you can go to your place of worship without fear that someone will assault or kill you, then you are luckier than 3 billion (that's right) people.
- ◆ If you have a full fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are wealthier than 75% of the world's population.
- ◆ If you currently have money in the bank, in your wallet and a few coins in your purse, you are one of 8 of the privileged few amongst the 100 people in the world.
- ◆ If your parents are still alive and still married, you're a rare individual.
- ◆ If you are reading this, you're extremely lucky because you don't comprise one of those 2 billion people who can't read.

WELCOME TO ROTARY

Bill O'Brien (Local Government Administration) and Andrew Amos (Engineering Software) were inducted to the Rotary Club of Kapunda by President Bill Robertson on Monday, 26 May 2008.

ROTARY DISTRICTS 9500 AND 9520 QUIZ NIGHT

Proceeds to Donations-in-Kind

SATURDAY 7 JUNE, 7PM FOR 7.30 START

Golden Grove High School,
Adey Place, Golden Grove (off The Grove Way)

Perpetual Trophy (and bragging rights)
to be awarded to the winning Club

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Modbury
(Inaugural winners 2007)

\$10 PER HEAD – TABLES OF 10

BYO eats and drinks

Phone PP Mel Hopgood 8389 3246 for bookings



THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROXBY DISTRICT and Charter President Elect Kaye Doyle

INVITATION

Rotarians, family and friends

OUR FORMAL CHARTER NIGHT

A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Saturday, 14 June 2008

6:30 pm for 7:00 pm – 'til late

Roxby Auditorium, 1 Richardson Place

\$40 per head

(Includes 3 course meal and welcome drink)

Special thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Port Augusta
(our sponsoring club), Kidman Park and Whyalla

Please RSVP: Kaye Doyle 0419 935 316

kayedoyle@roxbydowns.net



Attendance and Membership April 2008

Club	Members 31.3.08	%	Rank
Adelaide	183	52.95	36
Adelaide East	47	59.12	33
Adelaide EDGE	33	65.16	30
Adelaide Light	47	64.00	31
Adelaide Parks	22	78.20	18
Adelaide South	30	70.00	26
Adelaide West	28	71.52	25
Alice Springs	50	NR	
Alice Springs Mbantua	22	59.00	35
Barossa District	19	92.50	3
Barossa Valley	60	75.28	23
Charles Sturt-Grange	18	79.40	15
Clare	48	80.46	13
Elizabeth	12	NR	
Enfield	11	79.12	16
Flinders Park	8	62.50	32
Gawler	56	90.12	4
Gawler Light	33	78.00	19
Golden Grove	12	73.00	25
Henley Beach	31	NR	
Hindmarsh	11	81.82	9
Kangaroo Island	12	78.00	20
Kapunda	12	77.26	21
Kidman Park	25	NR	
Largs Bay	25	81.70	10
Maitland	31	NR	
Mawson Lakes	18	79.80	14
Modbury	19	74.23	24
Munno Para	11	100.00	1
North Adelaide	38	68.90	28
Nthn Yorke Peninsula	19	83.00	7
Peterborough	24	82.00	8
Playford	14	93.33	2
Port Adelaide	32	76.42	22
Port Augusta	26	64.14	32
Port Lincoln	60	64.00	33
Port Pirie	59	80.50	12
Prospect	46	68.87	29
Prospect Sunrise	23	NR	
Regency Park	21	83.33	6
Salisbury	22	81.50	11
Stuart-Alice Springs	24	NR	
Tea Tree Gully	23	NR	
Thebarton	23	59.10	34
Two Wells	21	NR	
Walkerville	21	78.83	17
West Lakes	31	84.28	5
West Torrens	12	69.96	27
Whyalla	22	NR	
Whyalla Norrie	7	NR	
Woodville	26	47.50	26
DISTRICT TOTAL	1528		

The Voice of Rotary - June

- Jun 3 PE Andrew Sullivan (Adelaide Edge)
A young Club, young members
- Jun 10 Anaelle Lemasson
Rotary Exchange Student from France
- Jun 17 Pres Paul Ridley (Makin EDGE)
A new Rotary Club – two days old
- Jun 24 DGE Peter Shipp (Holdfast Bay)
My year ahead - District 9520

Broadcast on 1197am RPH Adelaide, 7.30pm each Tuesday, presented by Malcolm Elliott (Adelaide). Listen to the program on-line at www.rphadelaide.org.au. Contact Malcolm on 08 8271 4979, 0412 865 972 or email mse@picknowl.com.au

Every Rotarian every year

THINK ABOUT IT – EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR.

The other morning I was reading *The Advertiser* and the headline on page 44 hit me, "I JUST HOPE GOD LETS HIM LIVE. I HAVE ONLY TWO CHILDREN LEFT." – Ethiopian Mother, Ayantu Tamon. This mother had lost a child to hunger every year for the past four years and now cradles her severely malnourished and weakened son in her arms.

Reports like this are common; they certainly tug at the heart strings – 'What can I do?' The easy answer is nothing. It is someone else's problem. If it was one of my grand children I know there would be an immediate reaction and a pouring out of love and energy to try to fix the problem.

I looked into my wallet; yeah plenty of cash. I'm okay for a couple of weeks – so, out went another \$200 for The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust (TARFT). I know we can't fix the world's inequities and problems in one fell swoop, but every little helps and I know, like you, that fixing one problem at a time will make this world a better place.

I know what we can achieve through The Rotary Foundation when we give of our time, talent and money. So many projects have been successful. Rotary does make a difference. Peace, equality and happiness for all are possible. Yes, we should be very thankful for our quality of life.

I wish to thank everyone who has personally contributed to the Rotary Foundation and will continue to do so. Since 1 April 2008 more than A\$12,000 has been donated to

TARFT via the Centurion Club in this District. For as little as A\$100 per annum, (more if you like!) you can become an active Centurion.

New members – please download an application from the district website and send your donation now. **On-going contributors** - simply send monies, name and brief details (Club No. and personal RI number if known). All donations should be sent to PDG Robert Brookes, PO Box 171 Lyndoch SA 5351.

FOR DONATIONS MADE BETWEEN 10 JUNE – 30 JUNE 2008: IF YOU WISH YOUR DONATION TO BE PROCESSED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, PLEASE SEND DIRECT TO GAYE SMALL, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, PO BOX 1415 PARRAMATTA, 2124

Welcome to New Centurions

(to 19 May 2008):

Keith Sichler (Whyalla), Mark Graetz (Barossa Valley), Jim Davies (Adelaide Parks), Bronwyn Szabados (Kidman Park), Trevor Smith (Maitland), Craig and Sandy Sumsion (Roxby District), Dianne Altus (Mawson Lakes), Carola Sanders (Flinders Park), Terry Rodoni, John Campbell (Adelaide Light), Christopher Richer (Walkerville), Colin Barratt (Whyalla Norrie), Mavis Dutschke, Carol Walsh (Prospect), Bert Coomber, Keith Stuart, Neil Hawkless, Gerrit deVries (Salisbury), Kaye Hutchinson (Henley Beach), Geoff Schahinger (Hindmarsh).

Finally, Clubs that have still to make a generous donation to the work of The Rotary Foundation, please do it now! Your contribution should be earmarked for THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND.

Robert Brookes, District Rotary Foundation Chair



The gift of hope

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND

All of us have known people affected by illness such as cancer, depression, diabetes, psychosis, anorexia, Alzheimer's, heart disease or kidney failure.

Many of us have had these conditions ourselves or known the anguish of caring for a loved one who is sick.

Still fewer reading this would know of the distress and pain caused by rare disorders such as Huntington's disease, motor neuron disease or craniosynostosis.

Australian Rotary Health funds much-needed research into all these conditions and many more.

Thanks to medical research people diagnosed with many types of cancer have much brighter prospects than in the past. Children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes or kidney failure are given the opportunity to live relatively normal lives, when in the past they would simply have died.

Unlike many charities, *Australian Rotary Health* does not rely on marketing campaigns to raise funds but on the generosity of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. Being a Rotary program supported by all Rotary Districts in Australia means that nearly all of the money donated goes to the cause of health research and is not swallowed up by advertising and administrative costs.

Help *Australian Rotary Health* continue to fund research that will lead to better treatments, better methods of diagnosis and prevention and even cures for both common and rare health problems. It might even be your own life that is saved through our research.

Donations to *Australian Rotary Health Research Fund* (ARHRF) are tax deductible and can be sent to: ARHRF, PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Optical Illusion - GOOD or EVIL?

