



District Governor's Newsletter

Rotary in July - celebrate the new Rotary year: make dreams real

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Diary Dates

July 11-13
Membership Conference,
Canberra

July 25-27
DGN Training Weekend

August 24
Membership Seminar

August 30
RAWCS Dinner,
Mt Barker Golf Club
\$22 ea

From the District Governor's keyboard

We all have dreams, aspirations and hopes. It seems to me, that D.K. Lee's dream for all of us Rotarians is one that is touching, inspirational and at the same time achievable, even within the time frame of his one year term.

To be passionate about reducing the mortality rate in children world wide is one none of us would challenge, and yet we will readily challenge ourselves in order to minimise the rate. I can confidently say now that together we can do it, and together we will do it. You may lead me/us, or I may lead you in to the steps to bring about this change. That is going to be our major goal.

Other goals that I would like to set the District in 2008-09 are:

- ◆ That Rotarians care and be seen to care for the environment;
- ◆ That all Rotarians contribute to Polio Plus Program. We must meet the Gates Foundation's challenge to match their US \$1million contribution. This will lead to the final thrust to eradicate polio, and also to future contributions from that worthy Trust;
- ◆ That the name of Rotary becomes better known and known for what we achieve. We must increase our public persona through media and community involvement. This in turn will assist our new membership program;
- ◆ That all clubs become involved in a project to reduce the world child mortality rate;
- ◆ That each club participate in the Paired Club 'notion'. We will all benefit

by extending the hand of friendship and fellowship to other Rotarians. This can be done in many simple ways, with simple projects such as home-stays and joint social events;

I have initiated a one way Friendship Program with Pakistan and Afghanistan under the auspices of the Rotary Foundation, to bring a small team similar in size to a GSE group, to Australia with the aim of letting them see how our democracy works, how women are accepted here and to generally sow the seeds of change when they return home. I have support from a Western Australia and a New South Wales District for this project. If they visit our District, as planned in October, I hope you will embrace them and show them true South Australian Rotary hospitality.



Out with the old and in with the new. DG Roberta with IPDG Kerry and Evelyn Brandt-Wilson at the DG's changeover lunch on 29 June

I look forward to meeting and working with you all throughout this exciting year ahead.

Best wishes

Roberta Waterman



WANTED - soft toys

Rotary support for indigenous kids

Last Christmas some indigenous children living in rural areas, missed on Christmas presents. Many families on Centrelink payments couldn't afford transport costs, from remote areas, to major urban centres such as Tennant Creek and Katherine, to use their credit vouchers. These are supplied in lieu of cash to buy Christmas gifts, and can only be used at some of the larger stores, like Target.

Let's help OUR kids celebrate Christmas this year. Donations-in-Kind is accepting donations of soft toys (bought or hand-made) from all clubs in the District. Clubs are also welcome to sponsor freight costs to transport the toys to Darwin for distribution (surplus toys will be sent to other needy children, overseas).

Please contact Norm O'Flaherty (Morialta Club) or members of the DIK Committee for more information.

Introducing some of our Presidents of District 9500



Declan Somerville - Woodville
Sean Holden - Port Augusta



Graeme Boskell - Alice Springs Mbantua
Leanne Clinch - Gawler



Terry Rodoni - Adelaide Light
Greg Patterson - Port Lincoln



Every Rotarian Every Year The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

2007/2008 was an extraordinarily good year for donations to the Annual Programs Fund (APF). Donations should pass US \$140,000, which will be a record for this district. The attractive exchange rate has had a bearing on this. Included in this total was A\$36,000 of personal donations to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust via our District's Centurion Club. More than 400 people have donated to the Centurion Club since its inception in 2003. This past year has given a wonderful boost to our APF which will mean that, for the 2010-2011 Rotary year, our District Designated Funds (DDF) will exceed US\$70,000. Increasing donations to the APF enables clubs to become more involved with worthy Matching Grants and to access more funds for District Simplified Grants. We could also comfortably finance an additional GSE team or even consider funding an Ambassadorial Scholar.

It is reasonable and expected that clubs will deposit monies to the APF when requesting DDF. This ensures certain growth of the APF year on year.

The Rotary Club of Pt Pirie was the stand-out club in donations to The APF in 2007/2008, whilst Gawler Light's commitment to the Centurion Club has again been outstanding. Many other clubs and members have

also given generously to Our Foundation.

As District Chair of the Rotary Foundation I acknowledge, with gratitude, the wonderful support given by clubs and members to this great global charity.

"Our commitment to the Centurion Club has been outstanding"

Many clubs have also given generously to the Polio Plus Partners US\$100M challenge. In 2008/2009 we intend to

mount an Australia-wide campaign to raise funds from the public to help us to finally rid the world of this crippling disease. We do not expect clubs to exclusively fund this challenge, although they will be asked to get involved with their communities.

District Simplified Grants will be available in 2008/2009 and applications will be invited from clubs for approved projects.

We welcome new Centurions for the month of June 2008 Terry Sachse (Barossa Valley); Michael Vorwerk, Pat Cardone (Adelaide Parks); Graham Purbrick, George Gabaretta (Salisbury).

PDG Robert Brookes, Dist Chair Rotary Fndn Committee 2007-2010

Rotarians dig in at Roxby

The Rotary Club of Roxby District celebrated its Charter on Saturday, 14 June 2008 and the occasion was witnessed by many visiting Rotarians who came from near and far. We were also privileged to have exchange students in our midst to help us celebrate and each one of them hoped that we would embrace the Youth Exchange Program. Over 100 people were in attendance and absolute fun and fellowship was had by all.

So many Clubs sent kind wishes and many beared gifts to help us get started - we appreciate all of it! Our parent club is Port Augusta and we thank all of those Rotarians who took the time to come here to assist and mentor us in the lead-up to our charter.

We have an enthusiastic group here in our District and we are looking forward to working with our Community and Rotary. Some of the recent projects that we've been involved in or are still working on include:

- Volunteer gate keepers for the Dirt Circuit Club
- Delivery of pamphlets
- Mitre 10 Project –St Barbara's School
- Elliot's Badge Day and Elliot's Ride BBQ



Kaye Doyle, Charter President, members of the Rotary Club of Roxby District and supporters

The future of Rotary

It took two years to get there, but the Rotary Club of Makin EDGE was finally chartered on Sunday, 15 June 2008. Over 80 guests attended, comprising many supporters of the club, Rotarians, family and friends.

The celebration was opened by President John Trueman, Rotary Club of Tea Tree Gully. DGE Roberta proposed the toast to Rotary International and in so doing emphasised the need to form more Clubs along the lines of Makin EDGE and Adelaide EDGE. These clubs are the future of Rotary, and must be recognised as trail blazers in developing new formats and images for Rotary. PDG Trevor Grasse conducted the charter ceremony. Paul Ridley, who is the Charter President of Makin EDGE, has worked diligently to help set up the new club.

The formalities over, visiting club representatives presented their club banner to the Makin EDGE club. Apologies to the newly formed Rotary Club of Roxby District - the Baby Club Trophy, which they held for about 24 hours, was duly



Makin EDGE Charter Members

presented by Warren Hobbs to the Rotary Club of Makin EDGE.

PP John Gardner, formerly of the RC Tea Tree Gully, but now a member and mentor of the Makin EDGE Club thanked all who had given such encouragement and support to the forming of the new Club. They included DG Kerry and PDG John Rowe, members of the Rotary Clubs in Group 6, members of Adelaide EDGE, District Chairman of Membership Warren Hobbs and a special thank you to the members of Makin EDGE whose loyalty and persistence demonstrated the fact that there are young people in our

community who do want to make a difference. John took the opportunity to praise the new Club in its successful fund-raising programme which had allowed it to make significant contributions to community and international projects.

It was a great afternoon of celebration and, above all, the welcoming of yet another new Club into District 9500.

BIRTHS

ROTARY, MAKIN (nee Tea Tree Gully)

With great joy and thanks, the Rotary Club of Tea Tree Gully would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby MAKIN EDGE on 15.6.08, 3pm approx. at Sfera's on the Park. Thank you to all who witnessed the birth. Special thanks to DG and staff! Please donate gifts to your favourite charity.

Historic milestone

Australian donations exceed \$2.4m in 2007-08

Australian donations have more than doubled this year to an astonishing **\$2.4 million**, after a record \$1.14 million in 2006-07. Even before the tragic events in Burma then China, donations were 30% more than at the same time in 2007, so another record was anticipated.



Donations to **ShelterBox Australia** are approaching **\$5 million** – in only 4 years.

ShelterBox Australia will have provided some 2,000 boxes ... just in this year! That means we will provide vital humanitarian assistance to more than 20,000 people in desperate need in our world. It is a remarkable achievement made

possible not only by the generosity of Australian Rotarians, friends, businesses and other organisations but also the dedicated and selfless work done by our representatives in Australia's 23 Rotary Districts.

The cost of a ShelterBox is \$1,200

Donations can be sent to ShelterBox Australia, PO Box 790, Endeavour Hills VIC 3802.

Tim Klar (Adelaide East) is available to speak to clubs on this worthwhile project, phone 0418 840 301 or email tim@statewidehearing.com.au

P.S.

Penghao Hu is one of DG Roberta and Geoff's adopted Chinese sons. He studied for his PhD in Mechanical Engineering in Adelaide and is now a Professor of his University in Heifi.

In an email to Roberta and Geoff, last month, Penghao Hu, a proud member of the Chinese Government Communist Party, was very excited

to advise that the Chinese Government television station had reported in the news that the first 130 ShelterBoxes from Australia, donated by Rotary, had been sent to the disaster area safely, and that several volunteers from Australia had shown the local people how to use their contents.

He noted that the relief boxes were very convenient and practical, and that a second batch of ShelterBoxes was on its way. Penghao Hu was very appreciative of the donation and the support of his people.



Check out the July edition of RDU to catch up on the latest Shelter-Box deployments in Burma and China.



History Corner

Another Rotary year begins with the changing of Officers and a new President to guide the Club. It may, or may not, be that a new member will take on the responsibility of preserving the Club's history but, whatever your situation, it is always a good idea to think about the year that has finished and what should be done from a club history point of view.

Keeping certain club records is important. As well as board minutes, a set of the year's weekly Club Bulletins should be kept as they provide an excellent source of historical material in years to come. A good method of doing this is to have the set bound by a Book Binder. It is inexpensive and enables the Bulletins to be well preserved and fairly easy to store. I know a club that had two sets bound each year - one for the club and one is presented to the President as an excellent memento of his/her year. I also know of one club that keeps the DG's Newsletters and has them bound every five years.

Another valuable record deals with membership. Pt Lincoln club has done a lot of work in preserving the history of its members. A profile of every member of the club, since Charter, has been created. Details include induction and resignation dates, offices held, awards (eg PHF), plus any other information considered of historical worth. Remember that each member's privacy should be respected and guarded, when recording these details.

A very valuable document is the Club's Annual Report. As the District Historian I appreciate receiving these from clubs as I am then able to keep track of what is being done in the District.

I am only too pleased to help any club with their club history planning or to act as a guest speaker. My contact details are 8298 5400 or e-mail pcbride@esc.net.au. May the 2008/09 year of DG Roberta be a wonderful history year for you.

*PP Colin Brideson OAM
District Historian*

47th Annual Henley-On-Todd Regatta - 30 August 2008

The Territory's longest running iconic event!

Join in, have fun, or just enjoy the hilarity from under the shade of gum trees on the edge of the dry Todd River bed. Everyone is invited to attend and enter events! You could make your own boat and even join in the Grand Parade!

Around 45 crew members from the HMAS Arunta will visit Alice Springs in August to participate and join in the fun at this year's ASSA ABLOY Henley-On-Todd (HOT) Regatta.

The Henley-On-Todd Regatta is run entirely on a volunteer basis by the three Rotary Clubs based in the Alice. The HOT Board are working hard towards making this 'mad cap' event better than ever, and look forward to welcoming visitors from far and wide, especially Rotarians from District 9500.

If you intend to visit Alice Springs for

HOT, please book your accommodation now. We have caravan parks, many hotels, motels, serviced apartments and backpacker's hostels available.



Don't forget to check out our web site!

www.henleyontodd.com.au

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

The large District Theme banner (it was hanging overhead at the DG Change Over) is available on loan to any Club in D9500 for special occasions. It can be collected from Waterman's Furniture, 647 Port Rd Woodville Park, which is open 7 days - Friday won't deliver this!

Call (w) 8345 3731 to arrange prior.

District Directory Changes

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37 PDG Allan Wilson, incorrect address - delete
82 Ian Collins, ijsm@activ8.net.au
82 Barossa District, ijsm@activ8.net.au
98 Hugh Wearing, mirrabooka4@internode.on.net
98 Maitland, mirrabooka4@internode.on.net
100 Mawson Lakes, mfmorton@adam.com.au
131 Josephine Lamshed, delete business phone no
135 Ed Stattmann, edstattmann@internode.on.net

Request from District 3100

Agra, India

I have received a very nice letter requesting that clubs from D9500 be involved in a project to reduce child mortality in that Rotary District. This is a rural area which has a 70% mortality rate in children to 5 years of age. Even 40% of mothers die due to the non availability of timely medical aid.

The letter, from DG Yogesh Gupta, says they want to establish a Blood Bank to combat these horror statistics. Land has already been procured by a donation from an educational society. Equipment will cost US\$1.05M and building and furniture US\$2M.

He asks clubs for donations in multiples from US\$100 or towards specific equipment which can be listed. Further details are available from me.

Could this be your first project towards realising D.K. Lee's Dream?

DG Roberta

RAWCS RECOGNITION DINNER



Saturday, 30 August

Mt Barker Golf Club
Bald Hills Rd, Mt Barker
7pm - \$22 per person

Hosted by RC Mt Barker

This annual dinner recognises clubs and project volunteers who have made a significant contribution to RAWCS in the previous 12 months.

Cheques made out to RAWCS Ltd should be sent C/- PDG Euan Miller, 26 Purnana Ave, St Georges SA 5064. For further information contact Euan on 8379 8515 or 0401 124 387.

GSE Brasil – uma experiencia maravilhosa!

Our team, all from Adelaide, was varied in vocations and interests: Anthony (Insurance), Richard (Town Planner), Alys (Ecologist), Brett (Environmental Officer) and Julie (Physiotherapist).

Our destination, Mato Grosso is a new, large state of Brazil. Most cities we visited have been established for around only 30 years. It is an agricultural state for soy, cotton, cattle and sugar cane.

During the visit, our team was home-hosted. We made 13 presentations. Very few people speak English and, although we had prepared with a crash-course in Portuguese, we struggled with our 'Pigeon-Portuguese'. Richard had been an exchange student in 1986 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and speaks fluent Portuguese - he was extremely valuable to our team and for communicating with our hosts. He was the key player during our numerous television and impromptu newspaper interviews.



Meeting with Mato Grosso's President of Assembly

Our team members were wonderful ambassadors for D9500. We had many fantastic experiences and were treated like royalty by our many hosts. A highlight was our 2 day visit to the Pantanal Wetlands which included horse riding in swamps, fishing, river paddling and trekking. Rotary in Brazil is very different (but with the same values) – younger, family oriented, music, dancing...

Our exploits on and off the Rotary field were many and varied and we can be well pleased and proud of our GSE team – congratulations to each of you. If you wish to know more about our daily ventures, please visit www.gsebrasil2008.blogspot.com. I am sure each team member will have achieved considerable personal and professional development from their Brazil experience – some life changing and some thought provoking.

Our thanks go to GSE Chair Marie Dorrington and her hard working, pro-active GSE Committee as well as IPDG Kerry for setting up the exchange location, The Rotary Foundation and our D9500 Sponsor Clubs.

There will be many emails of thanks and friendship sent to our new found hosts and friends from District 4440.

Tchau e obrigado

*Warren Hobbs, Team Leader,
D9500 GSE to Brazil*

Well deserved twin sapphire

DG Kerry 'Chief Lottabull' firstly presented a PHF Sapphire Pin from the District to a somewhat stunned Reg Hutchinson (RC Henley Beach) for his contribution to the District and to the success of the Barossa Conference - then, to cap it off, Kerry then followed with a presentation to Reg of a second Sapphire Pin which was personally presented from himself and his 'Squaw' Evelyn, so that Reg 'joined the ranks' of those with 'two Sapphires' for his dedicated support to them both throughout the past 2½ years of preparation and back-up during Kerry's role as DG.

Reg has since asked to pass on to everyone, and particularly to Kerry and Evelyn, his sincere thanks and appreciation. His only priority was that the full value of Rotary was able to be enjoyed by all.



Membership and Attendance May 2008

Club	Members 31.5.08	Attendance %	Rank
Adelaide	184	57.54	41
Adelaide East	45	60.57	39
Adelaide EDGE	40	67.67	32
Adelaide Light	45	67.27	33
Adelaide Parks	22	66.40	34
Adelaide South	33	65.00	35
Adelaide West	28	NR	
Alice Springs	50	59.97	40
Alice Springs Mbantua	19	69.00	30
Barossa District	20	84.20	10
Barossa Valley	59	77.70	19
Charles Sturt-Grange	18	82.07	12
Clare	47	82.03	13
Elizabeth	12	NR	
Enfield	12	85.40	8
Flinders Park	8	72.50	25
Gawler	56	90.13	4
Gawler Light	32	80.34	16
Golden Grove	12	79.00	17
Henley Beach	31	NR	
Hindmarsh	11	81.82	14
Kangaroo Island	12	92.00	3
Kapunda	14	86.35	7
Kidman Park	43	72.00	27
Largs Bay	24	81.70	15
Maitland	31	NR	
Mawson Lakes	18	NR	
Modbury	20	76.10	20
Munno Para	11	97.23	1
North Adelaide	35	55.60	42
Nthn Yorke Peninsula	19	83.00	11
Peterborough	24	74.99	23
Playford	14	89.59	5
Port Adelaide	32	71.77	29
Port Augusta	26	68.00	31
Port Lincoln	62	65.00	36
Port Pirie	60	71.84	28
Prospect	43	62.69	37
Prospect Sunrise	23	78.00	18
Regency Park	21	93.75	2
Salisbury	22	87.50	6
Stuart-Alice Springs	24	NR	
Tea Tree Gully	22	75.00	22
Thebarton	23	72.70	24
Two Wells	21	NR	
Walkerville	22	60.20	39
West Lakes	31	72.32	26
West Torrens	12	85.37	9
Whyalla	22	76.10	20
Whyalla Norrie	7	NR	
Woodville	26	55.00	43

DISTRICT TOTAL 1548

The Voice of Rotary

5RPH (1197AM) - 7.30pm to 8.00pm Tuesdays
Presented by Malcolm S Elliott (RC Adelaide)

- July 1 DG Roberta Waterman (Woodville)
My year ahead leading District 9500
- July 8 Rtn Sue McKay (Magill Sunrise)
& Valerie Browning
Life among the Afar nomads of Africa
- July 15 Rtn David Perry (Gawler Light)
The Siemens Science Experience
- July 22 Chris Champion
KidsMatter
- July 29 Rtn Malcolm Elliott (Adelaide)
A roundup of Rotary