



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9780



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH, JUNE 2009.

Hello all, for the last time in my tenure as DG, and a fitting time to remind all members of our District that there is available a number of Recreational and Vocational fellowships for you all to be part of and enjoy.

Rotary International know the genuine advantages that likeminded people can share in fellowship and goodwill, they promote the principles of participation and understanding, and have put aside this month for activities and events to take place so that we may enjoy and further embrace the principles of fellowship..

In 9780 we have 16 such Fellowships, everything from Cricket to the International Fellowship of Railroading. These various fellowships can be found in the District Directory, But if you need further information about these or other fellowships, please contact the chairman PDG Andrew Suggett.

The fellowships extend across the world in some cases the Flying Rotarians, Motorcycle "Bikies", Cricket, Recreational Vehicle Fellowship are just some of those fellowships that can be enjoyed no matter where you are and the help and assistance offered is second to none and on top of that you will have a fantastic time, associating with those people that have the same interests as yourself, thus enabling you to both learn from others while having a great time doing it.

If gadding about, like those daring young men in their Flying Machines, or trying to get around the world in 5 days by Motor Bike, or roughing it in the out of the way places in your Winnebago, is not your style, there is a fellowship to suit, perhaps Stamps, Rotarians on the internet, or Musicians, and if you want to ruin a good walk you can join with the Golfers, along with several other delusional Rotarians. In all seriousness there is an outlet for excitement, fun and fellowship that you can enjoy at any time that suits you, simply by becoming a member of one of the fellowships.

And there is no limit you can join the Golfers, and fly in to play, after sorting out the first day edition Stamps in your collection, the only limit is the time you have to spare, to be part these wonderful additions to Rotary

Remember that one of the major tenets of Rotary is to enjoy, and that old adage comes to mind :All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", or for that matter "Jill a dull girl".

Recently a fellowship of Tennis playing Rotarians was put forward, and we await the result but if there are enough likeminded people, you may wish to apply to begin a fellowship of your own, Rock Climbing, Gliding or Soaring as it is called in some places, perhaps Dancing, might be more in your line. Suggest it in writing to PDG Andrew and he will assist you, you never know you may start and be the founder of another one of these great fellowships. Cattle Breeding, Robotics, Darts, there is no end to the possibilities, Approval must first be gained however.

In closing can I say that fellowship is one of the outstanding happenings in life, in or outside of Rotary advantage of this additional chance to enjoy yourself, we have a great start via our clubs and the fellowships we share there, so this extension is a huge plus, shouldn't be all that tough to put up with, should it?

Regards Ted

ROTARY DISTRICT 9780 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK – PP JUDY DENNIS

Congratulations and welcome to our newest Rotarians.....

Rotarian Robert Creece – Rotary Club of Geelong

Rotarian Bunny McDonald – Rotary Club of Torquay

Rotarian Peter Hehir – Rotary Club of Torquay

Rotarian Jackie Robbins – Rotary Club of Colac

Rotarian Loretta Ashford – Rotary Club of Hamilton

Rotarian Caron Zillwood – Rotary Club of Ocean Grove

Rtn Brian Duncan – Rotary Club of Mt Gambier Lakes

Rtn Jess Thorne – Rotary Club of Ballarat Young Ambition

Rtn Michael Scott – Rotary Club of Mt Gambier West

Honorary Member Margaret Wood – Rotary Club of Charlton

Called to Higher Service

Rtn Jim Gay – Rotary Club of Ballarat East

DISTRICT DIRECTORY CHANGES & ADDITIONS

THE ROTARY CLUB OF QUEENSCLIFFE IS NOW A DINNER CLUB

and meets at Royal Hotel Kings Street Queenscliffe, Mondays 07-00 for 07-30pm

As this is the last DG's newsletter from DG Ted and therefore my last 'From the Secretary'a big thank you to DG Ted for giving me the opportunity to serve the District and another big thank you to Clubs for your co-operation throughout the Rotary year.

My best wishes to DGE Chris & Christine Sims and their team for 2009/2010.

ROTARY DREAM BEARS It is with thanks to the Clubs, that I must announce the District Governors Partners project for 2008/9 has drawn to a close as at the end of May, can I ask for any clubs who have not made their contributions to this project up to now to forward them, as final arrangements now need to be made for the District Change over Presentation, to ROMAC.

Could I thank all the clubs and their members for their assistance in this project over this past 11 months, it has created a great deal of interest, and a lot of fun as well, and will raise funds for the most vulnerable people in society, the children. Thank you for your efforts.

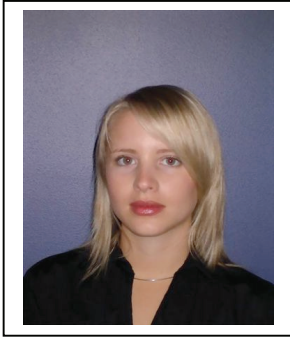
And thank all again, for the kind words, cards and encouragement over my recent illness... Rtn Pat Gaffney

FROM THE DG

Well here we are at the end of our time together, let me say that it has been both an honour and a pleasure to be involved with the District and its members.

Could I also thank the printers of our News Letter, right from day one we have had a great relationship with the team from our printers and they have done a great job. To District Secretary PP Judith Ann, my gratitude, for keeping me up to the mark and for the most part on time with the NL. We have had a couple of nice reports about the NL, and we hope they have been informative and you have enjoyed them over the time, we have tried to keep the district informed, with this monthly NL and with the Secretaries weekly news. Kind regards to all Ted

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH



Julia R Ellis PhD, BSc (Hons) received an Australian Rotary Health Ian Scott Fellowship for Mental Illness Research in 2007.

Dr Ellis' research examined the relationship between the brain's nicotinic receptors – proteins that can affect cognitive processes such as attention and memory - and cognitive function in early Alzheimer's disease.

Dr Ellis was awarded her PhD degree at Monash University in December 2008. She writes:

"This would not have been possible without the financial support and numerous opportunities available to me as an Ian Scott Fellow during my PhD candidature. I would like to thank

Australian Rotary Health for its wonderful work. I would also like to acknowledge the generous contributions and ongoing support of Rotarians from Rotary Clubs all around Australia. In the last four years I have been fortunate to witness first-hand the growth of Australian Rotary Health, particularly its exposure in the medical science community. I have acknowledged the support of the Fund in journal publications on my research. I hope this helps to spread the word about this important research organisation. I am working as a Clinical Research Associate with the International Centre for Therapeutic Research at Servier Laboratories, a French pharmaceutical company. I am working on a clinical trial in Alzheimer's disease and I am really enjoying the work. Next week I leave for Paris where I will attend trial-related meetings and three weeks of intensive training provided to all new research associates."

Australian Rotary Health congratulates Dr Ellis on attaining her PhD and her continuing research on Alzheimer's disease.

For information on research funded by Australian Rotary Health contact Gerardine Grace on (02) 8837 1900 or email: gerardinegrace@australianrotaryhealth.org.au Donations to Australian Rotary Health are tax deductible and can be sent to: PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

MATCHING GRANTS FOR WATER PROJECTS Just over half our district clubs supported applications for clean water projects developed on behalf of DG Ted, and all were approved for funding by the Rotary Foundation. The first in Zambia has been completed and the three in India, are well underway, all four projects are based at Secondary Colleges with approximately 1,500 Students each. Seven Clubs were involved in the Zambian project, where a submersible pump, replaced a hand pump that now delivers water to a large tank on a tower from where the water feeds by gravity to the new science and home economics rooms and the toilets



Two of the Indian projects involve the installation of Reverse Osmosis Units[above] and the third is for a new Toilet block

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE: [G.S.E.] 2009-2010

The District G S E subcommittee, wish to advise all Clubs that applications should now be called for interested Rotarians, to be proposed as Team Leader, and also for members of the community between the ages of 25 and 40 Years as prospective Team members, for the next exchange, this time to District 4520 in Brazil.

District 4520 takes in part of Minas Gerais that covers an area of 588,383 Km², [a little bigger than France] It is the largest Brazilian state with a population of 18 Million, and is the second most populous state after Sao Paulo.

The districts head office is in Belo Horizonte, the capitol of Minas Gerais, and it has a population of 2.5 million, further it is considered to be the city with the best quality of life in Latin America, by the UN, and was recently awarded the certificate of "Model City of Environmental Issues".

This region of D4520is rich in Brazilian Boroque Works, Mountains, Churches, and Museums considered by the UN as Historic Patrimony of Humanity. Besides these wonderful works of Art, the district also offers never to be forgotten gastronomic delights with delicious cuisine.

The state is covered with mountain chains, here are found exciting scenery as well as many species of Flora and Fauna, with access to explore and discover the regions beauty.

Documentation for the GSE 2009-2010 were made available at the recent District Assembly, and we are sure that DGND Brian, will be very happy to answer any questions that you may have on the Exchange at bjtrenery@bigpond.com

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2008-2009 TEAM RETURN

Speaking of things GSE our 2008-9 Team under the leadership of Jerry Leach, Jane Charles, Shana Read, Tim McDonnell and Andrew Matherson , have completed their Exchange, in 5020 USA and Canada.. Congratulations to them all. We have received high praise from D5020, for our team, who proved to be as good if not better as we thought they were, all have done 9780, Rotary and in particular themselves proud, in all areas of the exchange. An extremely well bonded group, of young professionals, who after they settle back down will be asked to speak at many Clubs and other related organizations as well, we are sure.

Again our congratulations to all of the team, and to Jerry who proved again why his knowledge and acumen in this highly specialised field is held in such high esteem.

It would be also remiss of me not to mention the Team that selected the Leader and the Members of the exchange, under the leadership of DGND 'BT' Brian Trenery. Their job in the first place was the selection process and they again have proved to be most astute in that difficult task, my thanks to them and well done everyone , and welcome home to the team.

DG Ted