



Rotary International
District 9640 Ltd

Broadbeach Broadsheet



District Governor's Newsletter - Dec 2011

District Governor's Message



• *Chartering St Stephens Interact Club*

December is Family Month and it brings to mind not only the size of our Rotary family but also the many components that are part of it. As I checked out the latest Rotary Down Under, I noted that there are more than 1.2 million Rotarians in over 34,000 clubs in 530 districts in 210 countries. What a mighty force this is for good in the world when we add in their partners and the friends of Rotary who work with many of our clubs. The image is even stronger when I think about what Rotarians in our District are doing for local and international communities.

However that is only the core of our Rotary family. Marion and I were privileged to meet another part of our Rotary family when we attended the Rotary Foundation Alumni Dinner on Saturday November 19. As the name "foundation alumni" suggests these are people who have benefitted from The Rotary Foundation's generous support through Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial scholarships or Peace Fellowships. Thanks to Chair Col Makin for making this alumni dinner a reality and bringing together this part of our family.

In addition, there is the critically important part of our Rotary family that comes under the banner of New Generations. During this Rotary year our District has chartered a new Rotaract club (Southport) and 4 new Interact clubs (Marymount College, Aquinas College, St. Stephens and Maclean High School). This adds more than 100 people to our Rotary family and most



• *Celebration night at RYTS*

• *Catching up at the Alumni Foundation Dinner*



importantly they are the future of Rotary. For many years, Youth Exchange in our District has generated more than 20 inbounders and 20 outbounders. They are potentially a massive part of our Rotary family and I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are proceeding well with the formation of our first Rotary e-club that will draw on previous exchange students as well as other young adults who joined our family through programs like Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Regional Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) and Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN). The list of our Rotary family is almost endless when I think of Model United Nations Assembly and all the science programs like National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Thanks to all the Rotarians in our District who provide leadership and expertise in all these programs.

This special time of the year brings into sharp focus our own families and the loving relationships we share with them. Marion and I take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful Festive season and a very happy and healthy New Year. Let me leave you a thought from Charles Dickens:

"I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it there all year"



• *Lars Olsen-Forget me not children's home*

Marion's Column

One of our guest speakers at our District Conference at Jupiters at Broadbeach on 13-15th April next year is a remarkable young man from Hervey Bay who is doing wonderful projects with children in Nepal and now also in Uganda. Those who attended the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Regional Conference recently heard Lars Olsen talk about his projects. Following

on from a few months teaching English in schools in Nepal at age 21, Lars proceeded to go about setting up a Children's Home there. He and his committee aim to provide a family structure for each of the children and educate them in good schools.

Check out the website www.forgetmenot.org.au

Come and hear more at our District Conference where our theme is BUILDING FAMILIES: MAKING WAVES

The Conference website is www.Rotary9640conference2012.org

Please send articles for the NEWSLETTER to DG Graham at graham.a.g.jones@gmail.com

The deadline is the END of the MONTH BEFORE. January Newsletter articles need to reach me by Friday, Dec 30th



Students make an impact at East Timor school

Maclean High School's Interact Club which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Yamba, recently presented a cheque for \$370 to Jane McCowen to help her fund the running of the Rufagua Primary School. This school is located in a tiny isolated village on top of a mountain near Baguia, seven hours from the East Timorese capital of Dili. There are 135 students at the school and 6 teachers. The Maclean Interact students raised \$270 by selling donated books at the Yamba markets in July and August. The other \$100 was donated by an anonymous benefactor. Yamba Rotary has previously donated a 3,000 litre water tank to the school.

Cluster 1 Clubs:

All five Clubs in Cluster 1 have been actively involved in their communities and all five have increased their membership leading to an overall increase in the Cluster of 12.

Management of each of the Clubs is efficient and positive.

The Rotary Club of Grafton has been active in youth affairs sponsoring 6 students in the RYTS program and hosting a Youth Exchange student from Equador. The Club jointly hosted the YEP visitors to Grafton during the Jacaranda Festival.

Also during the Festival the Club ran its Antiques Fair drawing large crowds and raising some \$4,000. The Club also conducted a successful Golf Day.

Club member Rob Byrne completed his bicycle ride from Grafton to Cairns in November raising some \$50,000 for the "Stop Polio Now" program. Along the way he spoke to 68 Rotary Clubs and increased public awareness in the project. He is now on his way to Melbourne.

Good speakers at meetings have led to good attendances.

Membership has increased by 2.

The Rotary Club of Grafton Midday completed its "Biggest Loser" competition with 75 participants who cumulatively lost a combined 126.7kgs. The winners donated their prize money of \$1,000 to the Grafton Hospital's oncology unit.

The Club's involvement with youth continues with an Exchange Student in residence, with the awarding of a \$1,000 scholarship to a university student and the hosting of 21 YEP students visiting Grafton for the Jacaranda Festival.

Four Club members have recently completed a Rotary Friendship Exchange to the USA.

Membership has increased by 2.

Rotary Club of Iluka-Woombah has increased its membership by three and continues to be very active in its community. It is involved in the Iluka Markets and has again presented its Review which ran over four days with members displaying faultless miming, excellent stage craft and fine cooking skills. The Review raised \$10,000.

The Club's annual Youth Awards recognised academic and sporting skills of young people while a Halloween night raised funds to support an Australian child's education through the Smith Family.

The Club recently conducted a friendship meeting with the Rotary Club of Sawtell, has conducted Sunday BBQs for members, friends and prospective members.

The Club has also been active in local activities and projects.



• Maclean High School Interact Club 2011

• Jimboomba's 25th Anniversary



The Rotary Club of Maclean is the largest in the Cluster with two new members taking its total membership to 40. Meetings are well attended.

The Club coordinated the annual RYDA program assisted by other Cluster Clubs. The Polio Plus campaign received a boost from a fund-raiser Dinner & Movie night while the annual Book Sale and Charity Golf day were both successful.

The Club hosted the Maclean High School's public speaking competition while members joined Rotarians from Lismore West, Iluka-Woombah, Alstonville and Ballina for dinner at New Italy.

The Human Brain Research Program is also a beneficiary from the Club's fund raising.

The Rotary Club of Yamba has increased membership by three and remains a very active Club. It is hosting two YEP students, one from the USA, the other, in conjunction with Maclean Rotary, from Belgium.

A Service Club directory for Yamba was given clearance by Council and will be completed early in the new year. A Resuscitation Safety Board is planned for the popular Turners Beach.

A number of activities have been undertaken or are planned. These include a Family Fun Day in January involving sand castle building featuring a professional modeller; continued support of the infant Interact Club at Maclean High School; support for Jane McCowen's East Timor project; and participation in the RYDA program.

Meetings are well attended.

David Morgan AG

Our Newest Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to all recipients named below and the sponsor Clubs for their continued support of The Rotary Foundation

Jim BULLEN- Sapphire [50 years in Rotary]- Palm Beach

NEW MEMBERS

District Governor Graham extends a warm welcome to our new members:

Karen WIBBERLEY- Ashmore
Mark Andrew WARRICK- Ballina
Matthew McDERMOTT- Summerland Sunrise
Niall MULLIGAN- Summerland Sunrise

District 9640 Rotary Foundation News

Annual Giving

Club Boards and members are reminded of one of DG Graham's key goals, to provide their TRF Annual Giving of US\$100.00 per member, in this calendar year.

So far, more than twenty clubs have responded, therefore we urge the other clubs and all Rotarians, to consider their response this month. This especially so, as the RI conversion rate for December is at parity, i.e., A\$1.00 = US\$1.00.

PolioPlus Update

The US\$200 million challenge to match the Gates Foundation commitment of US\$355 million, which commenced in 2007/08, has now passed US\$190 million. It is well within reach of its target by the end of 2011/12.

Our District's response over this period has been very commendable. Clubs so far, have donated over US\$240,000. The District has also allocated out of its District Designated Fund shares a total of US\$44,350. This means we have a combined contribution of US\$284,500 for the polio eradication cause over these past five years or an average of just over US\$57,000 per year. This is marginally better than the TRF Trustees goal of US\$1000 per club per year.

Well done everyone, truly a great effort in supporting our No.1 priority.



• Kay Danes at the Nerang Foundation Night.

Rotary Theatre Night

Unfortunately, we were unable to fill the Gold Coast Little Theatre at its Rotary charity performance of "Twice in a Lifetime" for us. However, it was still a good fellowship night and everybody attending would have enjoyed this energetic and amusing production. We raised over \$600 each for ROMAC and PolioPlus.

I would like to thank Phil Rosenberg of the Gold Coast Club, who initiated discussions with the theatre for this night, for including the Foundation in this event.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the District's Rotary Foundation Chairs and their respective committees, may I extend to all Rotarians and readers, our best wishes for a joyous and safe Festive Season.

We also hope that 2012 will continue to be rewarding and gratifying, as we continue to promote the object of Rotary throughout our communities.

Doug Brown
DRFCC

From our ambassadorial scholar Hannah Wills at Oxford



• Hannah-Windsor Castle

It has been a busy time as usual! Classes have been going full steam ahead and we have covered many more topics, mostly in relation to human embryology. We have some truly amazing lecturers who are experts in their respective fields. What I find most impressive is that despite their considerable knowledge, they are still able to communicate complex topics in an accessible way. This week we will be studying the development of the zebra fish. These fish are great models to study as they share many genetic similarities with humans. They go from fertilisation to being fully functional, swimming fish in just 3 days. This, and some of the other practicals we have done, are just amazing and I constantly feel like I am being challenged.

Although it's not yet December, Christmas is omnipresent in Oxford (a phenomenon referred to as 'Oxmas' around here)! There are Christmas trees in many of the college courtyards and Christmas carols to be heard! This Thursday is the Teddy Hall Christmas dinner, where I will be singing with the choir in the quad as the audience eat mince pies and drink mulled wine. (It will feel like Winter too as it's predicted to drop to 1C that evening!) Afterwards the College will have its Christmas dinner in the Hall. Yesterday was the Carols Service in the Chapel -

so it's all feeling very festive! I will still need to knuckle down for a few more weeks yet, as I have another fortnight of classes left, and then my qualifying examination on the 16th of December.

Last weekend the Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton organised for all the Oxford Ambassadorial students to travel to Windsor and Eton. In the morning, we walked around Windsor Castle rooms and the grounds - I've never been before and I was very impressed! In some ways, it seemed more impressive than the few other Castles I've been to. I felt more overwhelmed by the wealth and grandeur in Windsor than I did at Versailles a few years ago - perhaps it is because the rooms are still in regular use by faces that I recognise. I've attached a few photographs from the Castle. Later in the day, one of the members who works at Eton College took us around the school for a tour. We started with lunch in the dining room where the boys eat, and then wandered around the grounds and into the classrooms, some of which date back to the College's inception in 1440. Again, this was very impressive and I certainly feel very fortunate to have had such an opportunity!

After my exam, I will spend a week or so in Oxford. I am going to a Carols in the Village service with my host counsellor, Charlie. I will then be going to France for a week with 7 other friends. We have booked a house in a village in the south called Annecy. It looks absolutely beautiful and I am hopeful that we will have snow for a white Christmas! I plan to return to Oxford for New Years Eve, and spend the following two weeks of my vacation doing some local trips, including to London. I have a few talks at local Clubs scheduled then so it will be great to meet some more Rotarians as well!

I send very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year with special thanks to my sponsor club of Lismore West.

Hannah



Rotary Club of Palm Beach: SILVER ANNIVERSARY ANTIQUES FAIR

Don't forget - the 25th Rotary Antiques and Book Fair - from the 5th to the 8th January, 2012 at Jupiters Casino, Gold Coast Highway, Broadbeach. It will be a wonderful experience of beautiful things from a by-gone- era and the chance to buy something to add to your collection, or just something delightful to cherish.

The Antiques Fair is brought to you by the Rotary Club of Palm Beach (who else!!). It is a fund raising project with proceeds to charity.

We hope to see you all at our Antiques Fair at Jupiters Casino. A wonderful way to start the New Year!

Patricia Price - Rotary Club of Palm Beach Inc. [(H) 07 5525 0535 email: priceles@tpg.com.au]

TRAINING ACTIVITIES:

DGE SANDRA DOUMANY

Please note in your calendar all of the following training activities during the first six months of 2012:

Assistant Governor Training

19th February 2012

Twin Towns, Tweed Heads

Leadership & District Chair Training

26th February 2012

Quality Hotel, Mermaid Waters. Gold Coast

PETS

10th & 11th March 2012

Queensland College of Wine Tourism, Stanthorpe.

District Assembly 1

20th May 2012

Scots College, Warwick

District Assembly 2

27th May 2012

Trinity Lutheran College, Ashmore, Gold Coast

For further information, please contact DGE Sandra Doumany: srmd@bigpond.net.au

SUPPORTING YOUNG MINDS

Most people look back on their youth with pleasant memories. For some, however, the teenage years can be a very challenging time of life.

Studies have revealed that within a 12 month period, 7% of Australians aged between 0-17 years and 26% aged between 16-24 years were experiencing mental health problems. Other studies have found that only one quarter of these young people had received professional health care for their illness.

Australian Rotary Health has this year commissioned seven new projects that will be funded in the year 2012, all of which will centre on Australian Rotary Health's new focus; the mental health of young Australians.

The studies vary in focus from an in-depth look at the social costs of young Australians with mental illness and self based self-help intervention for young people experiencing suicidal thoughts, to a look at intervention strategies for young people witnessing a parent undergo cancer treatment.

The studies will also look at known associations between mental ill health and drug and alcohol abuse and new treatment therapies for first episode psychosis patients who subsequently develop post traumatic stress disorder.

Mental illness is the leading cause of disability in young people worldwide. The success of these studies will help relieve the burden placed on young Australians by mental illness.

For more information about these new projects or to find out how your club can be involved in funding a research project, contact **Australian Rotary Health** on (02) 8837 1900, or visit www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au.

9640 Membership & Attendance: Nov 2011

ROTARY CLUB	THIS MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		START	PRESENT	CHANGE
	%	RANK	%	RANK			
Allora	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	16	16	-
Alstonville	67.31	35	75.06	21	24	23	-1
Ashmore	92.00	6	90.50	5	41	42	+1
Ballina	71.20	28	70.20	28	37	33	-4
Ballina-on-Richmond	86.00	=11	83.75	11	21	19	-2
Beaudesert	0.00	=43	62.50	40	23	22	-1
Boonah	0.00	=43	54.90	42	38	38	-
Broadbeach	70.74	32	70.24	27	49	51	+2
Broadwater-Southport	65.80	39	68.89	30	42	38	-4
Burleigh Heads	61.00	41	65.25	36	25	24	-1
Byron Bay	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	11	11	-
Casino	86.11	=11	85.81	9	10	10	-
CoolangattaTweed Heads	66.00	=36	63.30	39	26	27	+1
Coomera River	74.60	26	67.40	33	19	17	-2
Coomera Valley	75.44	=23	79.14	14	24	24	-
Fassifern Valley	65.20	40	66.91	34	21	19	-2
Glen Innes	71.01	30	73.71	23	40	41	+1
Gold Coast	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	17	61	+44
Goondiwindi	87.50	10	21.88	45	34	34	-
Goonellabah	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	24	24	-
Grafton	70.00	33	68.75	31	22	21	-1
Grafton Middy	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	23	23	-
Hope Island	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	41	41	-
Iluka - Woombah	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	14	14	-
Jimboomba	100.00	1	100.0	1	22	23	+1
Kingscliff	88.00	=8	78.25	15	9	9	-
Kirra Currumbin	75.00	=23	72.25	25	13	16	+3
Kyogle	0.00	=43	64.88	37	9	9	-
Lismore	88.00	=8	69.38	29	11	9	-2
Lismore Central	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	14	14	-
Lismore West	94.65	2	95.69	2	38	40	+2
Maclean	83.52	15	81.13	13	38	40	+2
Mermaid Beach	89.50	7	88.25	6	28	28	-
Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah)	84.88	14	88.21	7	31	31	+2
Mudgeeraba	94.00	3	93.75	3	25	22	-3
Mullumbimby	70.80	31	73.50	24	19	18	-1
Murwillumbah	80.50	=17	76.88	17	32	34	+2
Murwillumbah Central	65.94	38	70.47	26	16	15	-1
Nerang	76.00	=20	85.31	10	18	19	+1
Palm Beach	59.00	42	58.13	41	17	17	-
Parkwood	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	18	18	-
Robina	80.00	=17	86.75	8	21	15	-6
Runaway Bay	69.30	34	67.80	32	25	28	+3
Southport	73.00	27	65.50	35	42	42	-
Southport North	82.50	16	83.08	12	17	17	-
Stanthorpe	85.70	13	76.18	18	41	42	+1
Summerland Sunrise	76.00	=20	50.93	44	13	13	-
Surfers Paradise	66.36	=36	73.90	22	23	22	-1
Surfers Sunrise	77.93	19	75.73	20	44	35	-9
Tenterfield	93.50	4	90.51	4	28	27	-1
Tweed Coast	93.33	5	63.71	38	18	18	-
Tweed Heads South	75.00	=23	75.75	19	17	16	-1
Warwick	0.00	=43	0.00	=46	15	15	-
Warwick Sunrise	76.00	=20	53.75	43	20	21	+1
Yamba	71.10	29	78.04	16	25	26	+1
Totals	1374	+25					