



DG Greg and Chris

RI District 9570

Newsletter



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Rotary Websites:

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

Our District Website: www.rotary9570.org

Rotary Down Under: www.rotarnet.com.au

DG'S MESSAGE

It's my pleasure and privilege to be addressing all Rotarians of District 9570 as your District Governor, for the first time of the 2007-08 year, through our District Newsletter. Chris and I have come through the fear and trepidation phase, and are genuinely looking forward to our visits to all 49 clubs over the next four months.

It would be customary at this point to wish PDG Joe and Denise well in their Rotary retirement, but Joe has taken on an appointment as Zone Coordinator for Youth Programmes, a task that he is extremely well qualified and suited for. Out of the frying pan and into the fire.

Rotary International's President for the year ahead is Canadian, Wilfred (Wilf) Wilkinson. Chris and I have had the pleasure of meeting Wilf and his wife Joan socially on two occasions and for the 15 seconds it took to pose for the "official photograph" at the International Assembly in San Diego. Wilf has selected the theme **Rotary Shares** for this year. While he speaks of the things Rotarians do share with others, he has also noted that it can be turned around to "**Share Rotary**". I feel there are other facets to this theme too. One is the things that Rotarians share, or have in common – those beliefs, values and willingness to serve others that bind us together and to Rotary. Another is the sub-theme that I would like our District to adopt this year - that is to **Share Within Rotary**. In essence this means sharing the work, sharing the fun and sharing the friendship. Wilf Wilkinson's thoughts on Rotary Shares, and my thoughts on Sharing Within Rotary are discussed at greater length following this introductory message.

RI's primary goal remains the eradication of polio. While I'm sure some thought has been given to the "what next" question, RI and The Rotary Foundation do not want us to get enthused about a new campaign, and risk forgetting that the polio task remains unfinished. In addition though, Wilf Wilkinson is continuing the four "areas of emphasis" introduced by past RI President, Bill Boyd. These are clean water, health and hunger, literacy, and the Family of Rotary. I encourage clubs to consider projects in these areas.

As you can see, our Newsletter now has a different look to it, as it is now designed for the large majority who receive it by email and read it on a screen – a column style layout makes this hard work.

Also, from next month, the Newsletter will be produced at the beginning of the month, rather than in the second half. Those who check their club's attendance figures won't find them this month, but they will return in the August edition.

Attendance reports will be published one month late – that is the August edition will contain June's figures. While on the subject of attendance, our new District Attendance Officer, PP Lorraine White will be amending the table to show a "year to date (YTD)" percent attendance and providing advice on how to calculate this. It's the YTD number that is the best indicator of how we are performing in regards to attendance, and I encourage all clubs to monitor their own average.



There are other changes afoot too. In subsequent issues of our Newsletter, I will be describing in more detail what is happening in regards to:-

- The rearrangement of club groupings that is just the start of a move to strengthen and support our rural clubs
- The extension of our TRF Alumni database and intentions to encourage more beneficiaries of Rotary or TRF programs to join either Rotary or Rotaract
- The Rotaract Revival and maintaining the momentum
- Proposed changes to GSE selection processes
- The Club Leadership Plan
- My personal plea to clubs to consider a community project aimed at combating the tragic waste of young lives through the 3D's – drugs, driving and depression
- What the options are for putting accumulated funds from TRF to work if Matching Grants are not utilised
- And lots more.

But we need some continuity too, and in that respect I have essentially maintained the goals established by PDG Joe for 2006-07. In addition I am asking all clubs to plan to achieve a Presidential Citation. The one essential requirement for this award is that a club achieves a net membership growth of at least one Rotarian, over the year.

I also ask that club leaders discuss RI's Club Leadership Plan with their members and make a considered decision in regard to its adoption.

DGE Terry Daley will be keeping you up to date with news on the redevelopment of our website. Please ensure that you respond to Terry's calls for information as they are received. Delays will impact Clubs and Rotarians across the District, as we move to make our website the first port of call for information.

DG Greg

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHANGEOVER

June 30 saw the transfer of the collar of office from District Governor Joe to District Governor Greg. The dinner, hosted by the Rotary Club of Boyne-Tannum at Boyne Island was attended by 105 Rotarians and guests, with a good representation of Clubs from across the District. Of the travelling clubs, Mt Morgan, with four members in attendance, were best represented.

The night also saw Terry Daley step up to the District Governor Elect's position, and John Lamb firmly locked in to the succession process as District Governor Nominee.

Greg and Chris hosted a traveller's breakfast on the Sunday morning, and this provided a further opportunity for fellowship for over 30 Rotarians and "better halves".

DG Greg and Chris have commenced the Official Club visits and are currently out west visiting the Barcaldine, Blackall and Longreach clubs. They expect to finish in mid October.





IT'S NOW TIME TO SHARE THE SPIRIT OF ROTARY

When asked why he picked the theme ROTARY SHARES, Wilfrid Wilkinson, Rotary International, World President 2007–08 said

“If one strong common thread exists among our 1.2 million members (worldwide), it is our willingness to share.”

When asked what ROTARY SHARES stands for, Wilfrid Wilkinson, Rotary International, World President 2007–08 said

We share our time
We share our talents
We share our money
We share our kindness
We share our love.

More than a theme, Rotary Shares is a call to action. The 2007-08 theme Rotary Shares will act as a daily reminder of what ordinary people can accomplish through the extraordinary work of Rotary.

As Rotarians, we don't just sit back and talk about loving other human beings. As Rotarians, we demonstrate that love, and we share that love, through helping each other. In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself. Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others.

Sharing Rotary does more than strengthen Rotary; it ensures that Rotary continues a second century of service. Rotary Shares means inviting people to join your local Rotary club. In the year ahead, a great deal will be asked of Rotarians, said Wilkinson. “I ask you all, this year, to share Rotary freely and fully. Work hard, and work with love. And remember that everything you do in service to others is part of the magic of Rotary, the magic that allows ordinary people, like you and me, to do absolutely amazing things.”

FINAL PREPARATIONS for the YEAR AHEAD

By now incoming Boards should have completed the Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs. Please ensure that you provide two copies to your Assistant Governor. One of these will be sent to DG Greg who will be discussing each club's plans during his meeting with club President's and Board members.

Once handovers are completed, implementation planning should get underway as new Directors and committees swing into action.

A useful resource for club presidents is “The Club President's Checklist” It's a month-to-month calendar, for the club president and president-elect, with reminders about important club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation program due dates.

It comes as a downloadable PDF file that you can connect to at http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres_checklist.pdf.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Newsletter submissions are welcomed so long as they are pertinent to the district, and of a size that can be accommodated. Any District or Club Officer who wishes to contribute to the newsletter, should submit a copy by email to our Newsletter Editor, Narelle Litherland, by the 20th of each month.



DISTRICT 9570 GOVERNOR'S THEME 2007-2008

Share Within Rotary

RI President (Elect) Wilf Wilkinson has selected the theme, Rotary Shares, for the coming Rotary year. He addresses this in terms of the things that Rotarians give to others less fortunate than ourselves. Specifically he mentions money, time, expertise and friendship. Wilf stresses that he is not referring to sharing things we have in abundance, but sharing that involves a degree of personal sacrifice.

RI President Wilf's theme is more complex than it seems. At first glance it appears to be a simple statement of fact – of course we all do those things he asks of us. However let's consider sharing within Rotary. We share a set of values and we share a sense of pride in just being part of this wonderful organisation. But we must also share the work, share the sacrifices and share the fun and fellowship, before we can claim to be Rotarians in the true sense of the word. However getting the balance right is equally important. Trying to do too much, albeit with the very best of intentions, is not good for self or club either.

I ask each of you to think about these questions:-

- Am I doing my share for my club, and, if not, am I willing to do more?
- Have I been holding on to a club position for a number of years, and, if so, am I depriving other members of a service opportunity?
- Am I allowing others, particularly my club leaders, to do too much for too long?
- Am I trying too hard and doing too much, rather than sharing the load and involving others?
- Am I willing to help clubs, other than my own, by sharing my Rotary knowledge and experience at a District level?

Rotarians of District 9570, I encourage you to share what you can with the needy, as RI President Wilf has asked us to do. Additionally I ask you to share within Rotary, but to make sure that you have your own balance right.

Let's make 2007-08 a memorable Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary Service

Greg Bailey
District Governor 2007-08
Rotary International District 9570 Inc

2007-2008 MONTHLY THEMES:

July	New Rotary Officers month.	January	Rotary Awareness month
August	Membership and Extension month	February	World understanding month
September	New Generations month	March	Literacy month
October	Vocational Service month	April	Magazine month
November	Rotary Foundation Month	May	Club Goal Finalisation month for incoming Club presidents.
December	Family month	June	Rotary fellowship month



DISTRICT GOALS 2007-08:

- A net GAIN of 1.5 - 2% on Membership, as established by payment of District dues in July.
 - Clubs to plan for and achieve a Presidential Citation as a demonstration of respect for the RI President's goals
 - Revitalise ROTARACT in the District. There are two Clubs at present and a new model for Rotary support has been established.
 - Increase Club and Student participation in YEP (12 outbound selected in 2006-7).
 - More Clubs sponsoring Interact Clubs. There are 13 Clubs at present.
 - Promote RYPEN and RYAG participation more vigorously.
 - Clubs within Groups to apply collectively for Matching and other Grants.
 - Clubs to seek more applicants for Ambassadorial and Ambassadorial Cultural Scholars. One Cultural Scholar Outbound 2007-08.
 - To improve Rotary knowledge and participation at Club and District level through increased support for Group assemblies
 - To provide support to our smaller and more remote Clubs via joint Assemblies, projects, social/fellowship activities and the help required to ensure they remain active.
 - To make Rotary more attractive to younger people and women via promotion and presentation to the community.
 - To increase giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).
 - Club Leadership plan implemented in four clubs with another 10 committed to adoption in 2008-09
 - To foster involvement in Friendship Exchanges.
 - Promote and foster Group 'Matching Grant' projects. The District will consider how unused funds can be best put to work for the betterment of our world.
- and don't forget

'KEEP ON HAVING FUN IN ROTARY'

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

2007:

July 31	Payment to District Treasurer of District dues.
July 31	Payment of Rotary International dues.
July 31	RDU payment due.
Sept. 30	GSE team to D1220, England, departs.
October	District AGM, District Officer and AG training Seminar.
Nov 30-Dec 2	Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation.
Dec. 31	Notification to RI and District, 2008-09 Club Officers.

2008:

January	Nominations for DG 2010-2011 called.
January	International Assembly, San Diego, DGE Terry and Debbie attend.
March 8-9	PETS.
March 22 – 29	RYLA Retreat.
April	D1220, England GSE Team arrives.
May 16-18	District Conference Gladstone.
May 18	D1220 GSE Team departs.
June 28	District Changeover.



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:

The District GSE Committee Chaired by PP Danny Mattson interviewed four Team Leaders and seven Team Members over the weekend of 21-22 April to select the Team that will travel to D1220, England in April of 2007. This is an early departure, necessary to fit around the timing of the District Conference in D1220. Planning is well advanced.

The successful applicants are:

Team Leader: PP Judith Henderson sponsored by Emerald Sunrise
Reserve: Greg Cole sponsored by Mackay North

Team Members: Sharee Lewis sponsored by Sarina (Senior Sergeant of Police in charge of training for Mackay district)
David Batt sponsored by Bundaberg Sunrise (Sergeant of Police and Branch Manager of the Bundaberg PCYC)
Peter Hocking sponsored by Bundaberg Sunrise (Sustainability & Natural Resource Management in Horticulture with Bundaberg Fruit & Vegetable Growers)
Tanya O'Shea sponsored by Bundaberg East (Compliance Manager at IMPACT Make Your Mark)



Thank you to those Rotary clubs who nominated applicants.

Judith Hendersen, GSE Team Leader

ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT MORGAN

50th ANNIVERSARY AND HANDOVER DINNER

The 23rd June 2007 saw our club celebrate our 50th anniversary and handover dinner.

On behalf of members, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend and I hope you all enjoyed the night. A special thanks must go to DGN Terry and Debbie Daley, PDG Gerry and Christine Meijer, the clubs in group 2 that attended in such huge numbers, the two visitors Dale and Robin from Gladstone Midday and Wayne and Judy Campbell from Sarina.

I wish all incoming presidents, board members and club members a successful rotary year.

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of our *Celebrating 50 years of Rotary in Mount Morgan* book, please contact me on 49382755 or mtmorganrotaryclub@bigpond.com.au to place your orders. The cost is \$6.00.

Barry Lollback, President





CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES: DO YOU KNOW... ?

Information Resources for New Club Officers

Do you know that the Club and District Support (CDS) staff at Rotary International serves as your primary contact at the RI Headquarters? They are ready to answer almost any question you may have about Rotary, and can provide you with advice on such topics as club elections, constitutional matters, club operations, and RI Board policy.

Our CDS representatives are Joy Walker (Supervisor) and Dele Riley (Co-ordinator). They are based at the RI South Pacific and Philippines Office (SPPO) in Parramatta.

Phone 02 9635 3537
Email joy.walker@rotary.org
dele.riley@rotary.org

Member access

If you have not registered for this facility on the RI website, then you are doing things the hard way. There is an excellent E-learning presentation on the RI website about Member Access. Learn how you can make changes to your club's membership records, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, pay your club's dues online, and report next year's club officers on-line. Here is the link http://www.rotary.org/training/elearning/member_access.htm.

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Email: supplies@rotarydownunder.com.au
Web: www.rotarydownunder.com.au

Photos from District Governor's Changeover



Terry and Debbie Daley



John and Claire Lamb





NEW WEB SITE

The revised web site should be operational by the time this publication is aired.

Some changes are:

The front page contains a link to all the E-Clubs of the world - to do a make-up on line, click on "E-Club", choose a club and complete a make-up. Most sites will notify your club secretary that you've done a make-up with their E-Club. Most sites also request that you pay an equivalent amount that you would have paid as if you'd attended your own club.

There is a history section containing the Past District Governors, who the RI President was that year and the Theme for that year. All PDG's can add and or should review the information provided. I don't have them all yet but we're close. Also a big thanks to PDG Len Roles for correlating the District History that this information was taken from.

All District Officers (including AG's and/or Chairman) will have a page dedicated to their portfolio. From the Directory page click on the Icon beside their name and it will take you to their page.

Thanks to those who have provided us with the information required, if you haven't yet please get it to us ASAP so the site can be posted.

All clubs are invited to either list a link to their own web site or have the District post any information they wish on their own page.

The site is very basic at the moment, but it's your site and we welcome suggestions and/or information to enhance the site. It is intended to contain relevant and up to date information. Much is designed to be generic so an upgrade is not going to be as traumatic as this has been. Please phone, email, snail mail any information to the DG or myself.

We will be building the site in earnest over the next couple of months so please bear with us as it comes together.

DGE Terry Daley

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



The Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul has set four dreams for this Rotary year. The first of these is for us to focus on the ERADICATION OF POLIO.

Since 1988 when Rotary embraced the concept of ridding the world of poliomyelitis a great deal has been achieved with our partners WHO, UNICEF, CDC (USA) and many national governments.

There are now only about 1% of the number of new cases each year that there was when we began this enormous project. And there are only 4 countries (formerly 210) where the wild polio virus still circulates freely. About 2,000 cases of polio occurred last year – down from 350,000 cases of paralysis each year before 1988. To date Rotarians have spent some



\$US581m. and governments, in response to the Polio Advocacy Group, have contributed some \$US 2.6b.

However, the remaining 1% presents a formidable challenge! Despite the use of a new vaccine and better diagnostic procedures, it is estimated that it will take a further \$US1.2b and 2 years to complete Rotary's promise to the children of the world.

Your club can assist by helping to fund a Polio Plus Partners project in support of a National Immunisation Day. Open projects are listed on the TRF website at www.rotary.org/foundation. Your donation will be matched 1:2 by "Our Foundation".

We MUST succeed in stopping the transmission of the wild polio virus – the alternative would not only waste the funds committed to date, but would once again see the wild polio virus rampant throughout the world. This put our children and grandchildren at real risk of contracting this potentially lethal virus.

Will you accept the challenge?

For more information go to: www.rotary.org/foundation

Photos from District Governor's Changeover

