



District Governor's Message



It is hard to believe that we have already enjoyed one third of our Rotary year. My visits to Clubs, gives me confidence that the plans laid at the commencement of the year will be achieved and that we will all enjoy real success in having served our local and international communities. Congratulations to all Rotarians on the excellent progress made to date.

November is Rotary Foundation month. It is the time when we focus on our charity and to this end I ask that all clubs consider and support two projects:

1. A special fund raiser for Polio Plus

There is need for financial assistance as we approach the last stages of this great project.

2. Contribute to a Project for a water management program in Togo, Central Africa. The project will be supported by a matching grant and full details are set out in this newsletter.



Women drawing (unclean) water from open sources in Togo

Women in Togo, returning to their village with water



Our District Rotary Foundation Chairman, Doug Brown, has settled into this responsibility enthusiastically and has planned a Foundation seminar February 2007. It is an opportunity for all members of our District to update themselves on the many and varied projects and activities of the Rotary Foundation. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Doug will be releasing details within the next week or so.

Registration forms for our District Conference to be held on 13 to 15 April 2007 are being mailed this month. They will soon also be available on the District website www.rotary9640.org.

The Conference Committee have arranged an outstanding program of entertainment to make the weekend pleasurable and memorable. I am sure that you will agree that the program is exciting and will inspire you all.

Container for DIK



On Saturday 21 October, the 500th container was despatched by Donations in Kind and was celebrated with in excess of 150 Rotarians at the sealing of the container. All Districts within the Northern Region of RAWCS were represented and the event received outstanding media coverage on ABC TV. I might mention that there is always a real need for donations to DIK to fund container shipping and I encourage clubs to make a donation for this need. Our District has donated \$7,500 for this purpose, but this is only sufficient to meet the cost of freighting only one and one half containers.

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The Grafton Rotary Club again organised the Antiques and Collectables Fair on Friday 27 October, and this was for the sixth successive year. The event was very well organised with some 22 Exhibitors/Vendors and attended by about 1,500 people. The Club reported that it was a successful event and will be again held next year on the last Friday in October 2007.



I would encourage all Rotarians to make an entry in their diaries now and attend the 2007 Fair along with the many other community events of the Grafton Jacaranda Festival.



Incidentally, the President of Grafton Midday Club, Lois Robinson, was seen paddling furiously on both the Saturday and Sunday in a Chinese Dragon Boat on the Clarence River. Oh, what some Presidents will do for their communities!

By the way, Lois and her team were reported to have made the quarter finals of the event

*Lois Robinson,
President of Grafton
Midday Rotary Club*



October has been a great month in our District and I look forward to November being another busy month, including only 3 more official Club visits and the Rotary Institute.

Enjoy your month and enjoy Rotary

*Yours in Rotary service
Douglas*



Rotary to receive Star of Courage Award in Pakistan

Pakistani President Pervez Musharaf will present an award, officially called Sitara-e-Eisar (the Star Award for Courage and Sacrifices), to Rotary International in February 2007. The award is to recognize Rotary's swift response to the plight of survivors of a 7.6-magnitude earthquake, the worst in the country's history. More than 75,000 people were killed and 3.5 million left homeless by the devastating quake that ripped through the North-West Frontier province and Pakistani-administered Kashmir in October 2005.

As soon as news of the disaster broke, local and international Rotary clubs rushed emergency relief to hundreds of thousands of affected people.

District 3270 (Afghanistan; Pakistan) set up a disaster relief account to accept donations from concerned Rotarians and friends. Food, blankets, medicine and tents were among the donated items that Rotarians sent and helped distribute to survivors.

The Rotary world contributed more than US\$5 million in cash and in-kind donations to assist survivors.

Rotary International News

CAUTIONARY NOTE

being District Governor can be damaging to your mail box



Photo submitted anonymously [ed.]

Proposed Matching Grant for Goundoga Village, District 9100 Northern Togo, Central Africa

Expressions of interest are sought for a most effective Water & Latrines Matching Grant Project – **please advise your support by 10 November.**

The project is initiated by the Rotary Club of Ballina-On-Richmond to provide a community water well and ecosan latrines for a very poor village of 500 residents.

- The village is in a very dry area where the women walk miles daily to get dirty unclean water from glorified mud puddles.
- Water is not seen as a Government function.
- The people are very peaceful and there are no local wars.
- This follows on from a successful project of last year in nearby villages.

The well will have these benefits for the village:

- 1 Improved health**
- 2 Improved food production**
- 3 Better standard of living**
- 4 Improved education**
- 5 Improved livestock retention**
- 6 Sanitation for the community**

Our Matching Grant Partners from District 5500 visiting Togo. They are contributing US\$1000



The Goundoga community will benefit by;

- The help of the Rotary Club of Dapaong with rules for operation and maintenance of the well.
- The water committee oversees operation and maintenance.
- Users pay a small, small, small fee towards maintenance.
- Rotary Club of Dapaong will conduct training in basic health and education.

Please join in – pledge now by 10 November:

Any contribution over US\$100 will make a big difference in Goundoga.

Please contact Matching Grant District Chairman Pat Fleming at 0438 436 704 or patf@proudaccountants.com.au



Our District Secretary, Steven Gill

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

It is great to report that matters within the District are generally proceeding smoothly and that clubs are outward looking – seeking better ways to function as a club, changing venues to best suit the membership and generally being co-operative within Rotary and within the community.

The formation of new clubs such as Interact and Probus also speak well for the future of Rotary within our district.

A little earlier this year I asked for assistance with the repair of District property which is currently in the care of David Armstrong at Boonah.

Due to time and supply pressures, we were unable to complete the work at that time. This repair work, which involves painting and carpentry, is now scheduled for Saturday December 2, 2006, and will be carried out at Boonah.

We are in need of 6 to 8 people who will insist, including 2 more Rotarians from costal areas. If you can assist in any way, please call me.

In other news the District now has a permanent storage facility for District records. If you are in possession of District records please advise and forward them to me for storage.

Finally, the corrections to the District directory for club entries are as up to date as possible and will be sent out to Presidents for distribution to club members.

If you do have any further changes please let me know so that these can be passed on. Many thanks

*Yours in Rotary
Steven Gill
District Secretary*



9640 Rotary Foundation

News



November is Rotary Foundation Month so this page is devoted to your Foundation and its activities.

Firstly, though, I am honoured to be your Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman and I look forward to promoting RF work throughout our District. The District Rotary Foundation Committee and I stand ready to assist DG Douglas and all Club Presidents to achieve their goals for this year.

Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees for 2006-07, Luis Giay, has set a target of US \$120 million of contributions for this year. This equates to US \$100 per Rotarian and, if achieved in our District, would satisfy our goal of US \$150,000.

Donations can also be made by corporations and the general public through the RF Trust Fund via our Clubs. Keeping this in mind, DG Douglas urges all Clubs to hold a community fundraiser in this or an ensuing month, to support the Foundation's major project, Polio Plus. This could be a sausage sizzle, a 'pancake for breakfast' or any event that involves non-Rotarians in the general community. It could also be a direct donation from Clubs using traditional fund-raising efforts — raffles, auctions, sergeant fines etc.

POLIO PLUS

On the subject of polio, four nations are still declared endemic — India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. To reach children in these nations, we have to overcome the lack of awareness that polio can be prevented, plus the remote travel and hostilities. Rotary and its world health partners are still pursuing their goal of a polio-free world. The battle is not over and funds set aside by the RF are still desperately needed for Polio Plus Partners. Your assistance in Rotary Foundation Month will be greatly appreciated.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

Our district this year has approximately \$13,000 set aside to support service and humanitarian projects in our communities and/or abroad. Clubs are encouraged to apply for these grants before 31 March 2007. These grants are an ideal way to "put

back" RF donations into our district — Rotarians can identify local projects and then administer the grants to best effect.

MATCHING GRANTS

A reminder to all Clubs that Matching Grants for a minimum of US \$5,000 are available from the Foundation for humanitarian projects between clubs in two countries. Clubs may combine their contributions to reach the US \$5,000 minimum. RF will match \$0.50 for every \$1 of a cash contribution and \$1 for every \$1 from the District Designated Fund, which can greatly help in leveraging a Matching Grant. Applications also close 31 March 2007. Applications for both Grants should be forwarded in writing to Rotarian Pat Fleming of the Rotary Club of Ashmore, for submission to the Grants subcommittee.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Outbound team leaders and members have been selected to visit Hawaii and Atlanta in April 2007.

ANNUAL GIVING

The humanitarian programs of the Rotary Foundation (Polio Plus, Grants etc.) and educational programs (GSE, Ambassadorial Scholars, University Teachers etc.) are funded from voluntary contributions by Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and the general public.

At this stage, the District Rotary Foundation Committee would like you to consider your participation in donating to the RF. This can be through the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" initiative, which is a contribution of US \$100 and then becoming a *Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member*. (US\$100 is approx. A\$132) Or you can become a *Rotary Centurion* by contributing A\$100 annually.

Forms for either contribution are available from David Vickers-Shand of Murwillumbah Central Club. Both types of donations through The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust are tax deductible.

Rotary and its world health partners are still pursuing their goal of a polio-free world.

FOUNDATION VISITS

During Rotary Foundation Month, your Club will be visited by your Assistant Governor, who will show the Rotary Foundation's thought-provoking DVD production, "One Blue Sky" and promote the Foundation's Benefactor scheme. We will also have RF representatives available to speak on Foundation matters at your Club in the next few months.

ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

Plans are underway for a District 9640 Rotary Foundation seminar in early February, depending on venue availability, etc. Watch this space.

Finally, do remember the Rotary Foundation is *your* Rotary charity as we serve above self throughout this November. Please give thought to the efforts of building the goodwill and peace that Rotary International and its Foundation have created under the one blue sky.

Doug Brown
DRFCC



STOP PRESS : The new Interact Club of Benowa High School has now been formally endorsed by Rotary International.

LISMORE WEST CATERS FOR FLYING RESCUE SERVICE



Presentation of a cheque for \$8,000 to the LismoreWestpac Life Saver-Rescue Helicopter Service, being proceeds from catering for the Lismore 4WD-Caravan Camping Show, held at the Lismore Showground from 14 to 16 July 2006.
(L. to R.) P.P. Ian Mulligan (Community Service Director); President Gary Frith; Nyree Epplett-Higgins (Business Development Manager, Lismore Helicopter Service); President Robyn Arnett (Rotary Club of Lismore); P.P. Merv Bryant (Organiser of the Catering)

BROADBEACH ROTARIANS VISIT SISTER CLUB IN JAPAN

A group of Broadbeach Rotarians visited Japan in September to attend the 50th Anniversary celebrations of their Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Kasaoka.

They were joined by a group of Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Tauranga, New Zealand which is part of a three-way Sister Club agreement.

The Sister Club agreement began between Tauranga and Kasaoka following a GSE between the respective Districts and was instigated by the late Ken Allan who was then a member of Tauranga and the team leader.

Ken and Carol Allan and family later moved to the Gold Coast, where Ken became a member of Broadbeach and he was instrumental in arranging a new three-way Sister Club agreement that included Broadbeach.

The Sister Club relationship has thrived, with joint projects that include matching grants and student exchanges, as well as regular visits between all three clubs.

Carol Allan has been involved in all Sister Club activities from the outset and has maintained her involvement and support despite Ken's untimely death from cancer.



Carol responding after receiving her PHF and Sapphire with (L to R) RI Director Yoshimasa Watanabe, PP Neil Jones (Broadbeach), PP Bill Holland (Tauranga), President Bill Waller (Broadbeach) and President Atsushige Yagyū (Kasaoka)

At the Kasaoka 50th anniversary celebrations, the three Sister Clubs jointly presented Carol with a Paul Harris Fellow and Sapphire for her contribution and support of the three-way agreement. The presentation was made by Yoshimasa Watanabe, Director of R.I. 2006-2008 who attended the anniversary celebrations.

Neil Jones
Chairman District 9640 Conference Committee
Rotary Club of Broadbeach

DG VISITS IN OCTOBER



Coomera, Parkwood and Hope Island Clubs were in the pink when they got together for a bra night on 16 October



Linda Jackson of Beaudesert Rotary Club received her Paul Harris Fellows Award in October from DG Douglas (R) with Beaudesert President Mark Bermingham (L)



A couple of Kyogle Rotarians discussing a wild turkey



9640 District Board meeting



AG Peter Brown and fiancée Coralie make an engaging couple at Goondiwindi

At Mt Warning a DG's visit is as good as Cup Day



Rotary District 9640

Membership & Attendance Sept 2006



ROTARY IN CHINA

Rotary Club of	Attendance		Membership		
	Sep-06	Yearly	1.07.06	30.9.06	
Allora	70.00	79.00	11	14	3
Alstonville	87.50	88.40	24	22	-2
Ashmore	91.00	88.66	38	39	1
Ballina	90.80	81.46	34	35	1
Ballina-on-Richmond	60.00	67.27	25	25	
Beaudesert	91.00	92.33	26	28	2
Boonah	81.75	82.69	42	44	2
Broadbeach	62.50	63.71	54	54	
Broadwater-Southport	68.82	75.93	28	31	3
Burleigh Heads	56.15	61.36	31	33	2
Byron Bay	85.00	80.00	9	9	
Casino	63.91	69.63	22	19	-3
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	82.50	73.61	24	21	-3
Coomera Valley	61.00	59.67	26	25	-1
Glen Innes	71.74	73.48	31	31	
Goondiwindi	85.00	75.10	26	22	-4
Goonellabah	90.00	80.33	24	24	
Grafton	83.40	84.47	28	26	-2
Grafton Midday	76.14	69.60	26	25	-1
Hope Island	66.89	63.78	39	40	1
Iluka	72.50	87.17	11	10	-1
Jimboomba	65.74	68.56	27	26	-1
Kingscliff	84.37	83.33	13	13	
Kirra Currumbin	82.00	78.75	12	12	
Kyogle	79.75		13	13	
Lismore	82.50	84.80	22	21	-1
Lismore Central	65.50	70.76	16	16	
Lismore West	98.68	98.93	44	44	
Maclean	90.30	87.59	48	48	
Mermaid Beach	71.00	74.50	24	24	
Mt Warning AM	92.93	86.20	26	25	-1
Mudgeeraba	72.50	77.08	24	24	
Mullumbimby	73.80	78.50	21	21	
Murwillumbah	80.00	74.25	36	36	
Murwillumbah Central	100.00	99.77	38	34	-4
Nerang	95.00	91.00	20	20	
Palm Beach	79.16	77.18	23	24	1
Parkwood	61.00	59.67	24	26	2
Robina	81.00	82.66	9	12	3
Runaway Bay	66.97	76.23	42	38	-4
Southport	68.00	70.33	43	43	-1
Southport North	59.70	68.08	22	22	
Stanthorpe	69.87	73.4	44	44	
Summerland Sunrise	71.25	71.25	19	17	-2
Surfers Paradise	61.21	59.43	38	36	-2
Surfers Paradise Central	61.11	59.09	53	54	1
Surfers Paradise West	68.00	74.66	31	28	-3
Surfers Sunrise	69.33	72.45	30	29	-1
Tamborine Mountain	78.03	72.52	11	12	1
Tenterfield	78.9	80.56	21	22	1
Tweed Heads South	91.2	76.1	17	17	
Warwick	64.6	69.6	17	17	
Warwick Sunrise	74.5		18	18	
Yamba	81.25	73.67	16	12	-4
Totals			1441	1425	-16



Douglas Brown presents President C-C with a gift from DG Douglas at the Rotary Club of Shanghai.

During a holiday trip in China, fellow Rotarian Milton Preston and I, along with our partners, had the privilege of doing a make-up visit at the Rotary Club of Shanghai, one of the two clubs in China.

The Club was only re-chartered in February of this year; however, it had been meeting as a Provisional Club since 2001. It had 50 members but on the night, President Chee-Chin Wu Inducted a further six new members.

The Club meets at the five-star Regal International East Asia Hotel and dinner fees were 200 yuan each (about AUD 32.00) for a three course meal with drinks. There was no Rotary Grace or loyal toast; however, Rotarians and guests recited the Four Way Test in both English and Chinese.

Is it the Truth?

Shi Zhen De Ma?

We exchanged banners with President Chee-Chin (or CC as she prefers) and also presented her with a letter and gift from DG Douglas on behalf of District 9640.

The Club does not have recognition from the Chinese Government so its various service projects are funded internally by members, one of which is the Gift of Life, which subsidizes part of the cost of open heart surgery at a local hospital. This meant that the fine session is the major fund raiser. Fines were 100 yuan (AUD 16.00) and visiting Australian Rotarians were included in a session that raised 5700 yuan or just short of \$1000.

Needless to say, we won't complain about local fines again.

PP Doug Brown, Surfers Paradise



Let's celebrate our Rotary Foundation

Dear Rotary family,

November is Rotary Foundation Month, a time when Rotarians worldwide celebrate their Foundation's achievements of the past 90 years. They pay tribute to the Foundation and offer their personal contributions. It's a time of happiness and joy.

If the Foundation must be measured by the success of its programs, the programs themselves are the best measure of its success. For example, 10 years ago, in 1996-97, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation made a significant decision to help the world become a safer place. As the world became more globally connected, we saw more violence, more tribal conflicts, more difficulties in finding a shared vision of world peace. What could we do about it?

The purpose of our programs has always been world understanding and peace, but we wanted to do something with a more practical, tangible effect. Thus began the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Five years ago, on 11 September 2001, I was in New York City and witnessed the attacks on the World Trade Center towers. Like the rest of the world, I was appalled that anyone would do such a terrible thing. It convinced me of how necessary the Rotary Centers program was going to be. A few weeks later, the first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows was chosen.

Since then, we have graduated more than 230 Rotary World Peace Fellows. Thanks to their course of study, these individuals understand the complexity of deep-seated conflicts. They bring comprehensive analytical skills to bear on the most difficult problems. As you read this message, Rotary Centers alumni are in the field around the world working to prevent and resolve conflicts at the community, national, and international levels. These members of the inaugural 2002-04 class are just a few examples:

Bautista Logioco (Duke University, USA) is a specialist with the Department of Crisis Prevention and Special Missions, Secretariat for Political

Affairs, at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. He has been to Central America many times, where he has helped negotiate border disputes and overseen free elections. He specializes in matters related to Colombia.

Francesca Del Mese (University of Queensland, Australia) is a legal officer with the Office of the Prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. She possesses extensive experience in war crime tribunals, due in part to the international internships she completed during her fellowship.

Jan Nemecek (Universidad del Salvador, Argentina) is an assistant to a Czech member of the European Parliament, working with the EU's Environment and Public Health and Employment and Social Affairs committees.

The success of these and many other fellows has led the Trustees to convene the first Rotary World Peace Symposium, which will focus on the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. The symposium will be held 14-16 June 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, just before the RI Convention. It will be a rare and exciting opportunity for you to meet many of our Rotary World Peace Fellows and alumni. The Rotary World Peace Symposium will focus on their accomplishments, their plans, and their strategies for making the world a safer, more peaceful place.

This is Rotary's vision. Through this program, we are creating a cadre of people trained in the practical skills of negotiating peaceful resolutions. This is an entirely new idea, and Rotary is leading the way.

I hope you will join me in Salt Lake City for the Rotary World Peace Symposium. I assure you it will be an enlightening experience for everyone as we show Rotarians — and the world — how deeply committed Rotary World Peace Fellows are to Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace. We look forward to seeing you to celebrate our Rotary Foundation at one of the most important events of the Salt Lake City convention.

Sincerely,
Luis Vicente Gay
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2006-07