



Rotary International District 9640

Governor's Letter

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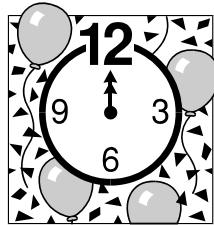
From the Governor's Desk

"Failing to plan is planning to fail".

The New Year's emergence affords us the time to reflect on the past and to plan for the future - looking back and looking forward: using the rear vision mirror whilst heading onwards.

Fortunately, as Rotarians, we are afforded the luxury of having our year only half over at this time in the calendar.

Let me prompt each and every one of us with the following practical questions:



Have you visited another club this year?

Have you donated blood this year?

Have you been involved in a Mental Health Forum in any way this year? (Remember ARHRF funds clubs to plan and carry these out at no cost to the club.)

Have you been involved with a youth project in any way?

Have you been to the District Conference this year?

Are you planning to be involved in the International Convention in Brisbane in June? What have you done about it?

Have you sold Christmas Cakes, Puddings, Cards to support various Rotary projects?

Have you discovered and nominated a young person for a youth program this year?

These are all practical means of being personally involved in Rotary.

More broadly, for Rotary's continued success RI President Bhichai Rattakul asked our clubs to work in the following five areas:

- Membership retention
- Membership development
- Organisation of new clubs
- Contribution to the Rotary Foundation and the polio Eradication Fund Raising Campaign
- Activities in each of the Four Avenues of Service.

Each club has been asked to establish goals and strategies to drive each of these areas forward.

Do review your personal commitment to Rotary's work in the world and your personal part in it as well as your clubs organised approach to making this happen.

Set out each week to make something happen - after six months, 26 things have happened!

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Correction

District Leaders 2003/2004
16 February 2003
Cedar Lakes

(not January as previously advertised!)

Rotary Foundation Giving 2001/2002

TRF Trustee John Kenny presented the 2001/2002 Rotary Foundation Banners to those clubs who gave the most to the foundation last year - in total and per capita.

It is with much pleasure that I announce these below.

Total D9640 Foundation Giving 2001/02 Top Three Clubs

#1: \$US 2,919.50
RC of Coomera Valley

#2: \$US 2,332.40
RC of Surfers Paradise

#3: \$US 2,139.20
RC of Runaway Bay

Per capita D9640 Foundation Giving 2001/02 Top Three Clubs

#1: \$US 166.67
RC of Byron Bay

#2: \$US 112.29
RC of Coomera Valley

#3: \$US 84
RC of Nerang



Rotary 2003 International Convention

HOST ORGANISATION
WORLD CONVENTION 2003 INC ABN 17 721 890 143

IMPORTANT POINTS FOR REGISTERING NOW

- The Convention is now just six months away; and provides us, direct to our own “door step”, access to the whole Rotary International – **live and in full living colour** – with internationally renowned guest speakers and presenters.
- **You save money now when you register with the special early bird rates.**
- It costs us only about A\$60 a day for a Rotarian and partner without the additional costs for travel and accommodation that our international guests have to meet.
- **This is the cheapest Convention we will ever attend.**
- Registration fee secures free admission to most of the not-to-be-missed Host events as well as all sessions and the House of Friendship with over 350 Rotary project and other commercial booths.
- **Host Events except sporting activities and the Experience Australia event are free!**
- Delegates will meet new people and make new life-long Rotary friends from around Australia and across the world; who we will be able to visit in the future.
- **Rotary International relies on us to all be hosts for the rest of the world's Rotarians within our Host Area; just as we have been hosted at previous Rotary Conventions.**
- We all need to be part of the Convention for our own experiences and enjoyment, as well as “duty” as a Host. It goes without saying; each one of us will enjoy different experiences and pleasures.
- **RI will refund our Districts approximately A\$500,000 if we achieve approximately 3,750 Host registrations, including partners and Rotaractors by 31 December. This is a benefit that none of us can not afford to miss out on for the work of Rotary in our Districts and Clubs!**
- We are all ambassadors for Brisbane and our Host Area, and for the International Convention.

HOST HOSPITALITY NIGHT

- The Host Hospitality night is an extremely popular and sought-after event at every Rotary Convention; and it is **the opportunity to fulfil our duty and pleasure of being a Host!**
 - We have the opportunity to entertain international guests in our homes and provide them with a real slice of Australian life.
 - It's a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from around the world.
 - It's not expensive, but the rewards are everlasting. Our guests want to experience a simple family meal or perhaps a BBQ.
 - Many long-term friendships have started from the home hosting experience.
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