



Rotary International District 9640
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www.rotary2003.org

From the Governor's Desk

I wrote last week about New Year Resolutions and how we might approach them in our work "doing good in the world" as Rotarians.

I will leave these for our personal reflection as we refresh ourselves for the coming half Rotary Year.

Have you ever heard...

- "If they paid me more, I would work harder."
- "If they treated me better, I would be nicer"
- "If I had a better car I would keep it cleaner."
- "If I had a more expensive house, I would mow the lawn."
- "If I went to nicer places I would wear nicer clothes."
- "If I was in a better relationship, I would work harder at it."
- "If I was richer, I would give more stuff away."

Some questions?

- If you worked harder would you get paid more?
- If you were nicer would you get treated better?
- Would you have better relationships if you were a better person?
- If you look after the things you have now, would you be more likely to attract more beautiful things?
- If you wore nicer clothes would

- people take you to better places?
- If you give more, would you attract more?

Apologies to Rowena Szeszeran McEvoy.

And finally, after the pleasantries of the festive season - a quote from one of my favourite celebrities to keep us slim(er) in the New Year:

"Never eat more than you can lift!"
Miss Piggy

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2003/04 Cultural Ambassador

The Rotary Club of Runaway Bay has nominated our District Cultural Ambassador for 2003/04 -
Sofia Horvatt.

Sofia is completing a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communication at Griffith University.

She is a Graduate of Coombabah State High School on the Gold Coast.

Her parents were both migrants - her mother from Quito, Equador and her father from Zagreb, Croatia. They met in Australia, married in South Africa and started a family in Sydney.

Sofia plans to study in Spain in Spanish, not only because it is the second most spoken language in the world but also because it is part of her heritage.

She wishes to become a writer with a publishing or broadcasting firm.

We look forward to hearing of her experiences as she plans her study and certainly on her return.

Special Rotary Awards 2002 / 2003

RI President Bichai Rattakul has sent nomination forms for two special annual awards.

Recognition plays a vital part in motivation of service activities. Do consider having your club apply.

Ask District Awards Chair PDG Keith Robson later in the year for a nomination form.

These awards will be presented at the District Changeover in June 2003.

Significant Achievement Award
 Best community project in our District.
 Closes 14 March 2003

RI Public Relations Award
 Only one club per District per year can receive this award.
 Closes 15 May 2003

New Members

A warm welcome to:
Shirley Stanford
 RC of Coomera Valley
Peter Sutton
 RC of Broadbeach
John O'Brien
 RC of Broadbeach
Paul Hare
 RC of Broadbeach

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The following is an excerpt from Hansard presented by the Premier of Queensland. It relates to the Rotary International Convention to take place in Brisbane 1, 2, 3 & 4 June 2003. I believe it is instructive to understand how significant the State Government considers this important event in our Rotary calendar.

QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Rotary International World Convention

Hon P. D. Beattie (Brisbane Central ALP)

Premier and Minister for Trade (9.45 a.m. - December 3, 2002

"While we are talking about major events, I am delighted to advise the House that preparations for the Rotary International Convention are going well. Next year Brisbane will host (the) Rotary International World Convention. Attracting this convention is a coup for Queensland. Over four days in June next year we will have the opportunity to showcase Brisbane and Queensland. Rotary expects up to 25,000 delegates from 28,000 clubs around the world. The Queensland Events Corporation has estimated the economic impact of the convention to be \$60 million.

I would encourage delegates to spend time not only in Brisbane but to discover what Queensland's diverse regions have to offer visitors. Later, today, at lunchtime, I will be addressing a Rotary International function which will be attended by members of the Brisbane North Rotary Club, the Brisbane Rotary Club and the Brisbane High Rise Rotary Club. I will be telling them that we are right behind this convention and will do everything in our power to make sure the rotary International World Convention delegates enjoy a warm Queensland welcome.

As members of this House who are associated with Rotary would know, the organisation was founded in Chicago in 1905 by Paul Harris, a lawyer. He founded Rotary to encourage high ethical standards and promote a world fellowship of business and professional workers. His ideals are as relevant to the Smart State today as they were almost a century ago.

Delegates to the Brisbane Convention will enjoy Rotary fellowship and a host program organised by the Rotary Club of Brisbane. The Rotary Convention combined with Rugby World Cup and the Air New Zealand World Rugby Golden Oldies will make next year the biggest year ever in terms of events-linked international visitation to Queensland. It will be the biggest year in terms of economic spin-offs and the busiest events program in the Queensland Events Corporation's 13-year history. I would encourage as many Rotarians as possible to come to Brisbane and say G'day in 2003."