

Deb's District News



Rotary International District 9630 Inc.

I would like to thank you all for your sympathy and support when Allan's father passed away suddenly. It has shown us how strong the Family of Rotary is in our District. Words can not express the overwhelming support we received from you all. I would also like to thank the Rotary Clubs of Wishart, Jindalee, Brisbane Centenary, Archerfield, Forest Lake, Gatton & Lockyer and Wynnum and Manly who graciously changed their meeting times to allow us to fly to Cairns to be with our family.

However I did hear those little comments when it was mentioned at the Rotary Clubs of Jindalee and Wynnum and Manly that the District Governor would be making her official visit at their Christmas Party. Sorry about that. I will try not to take up too much of the party time.

Our Group Study Exchange Team has returned from their exchange in Ireland and if you are on Facebook you would have been kept up to date with their journey. Team Leader President Louise will be in touch soon booking a spot in your programs to talk about the exchange. Welcome home Team.

While visiting clubs it is very apparent that the main concern is "Membership and Retention". Rotarians are not getting any younger and if we are to see our clubs survive we need to ask people to join. I hear you ask "How do we do that?" As Mark Wallace, Editor of *Rotary Down Under* explained at the recent Membership and PR Workshop we need to be more face to face and ask. Besides the fact of rejection, more often than not we are too worried that the person may ask the question – "What is Rotary?" Develop a short simple explanation (elevator speech) about Rotary. Next time someone asks you "What is that pin?" you will be able to answer confidently and with pride what Rotary means to you.

I would like to congratulate Chairman John Odium, the Public Relations Committee and Chairman of Membership Shirley Mahon for their dedication to their portfolios which helped make the Membership & PR Workshop a great success. Thanks must also go to District Trainer Allan James for his never ending commitment to training in our District.

This being Vocational Month I am reminded of a story President Kaylan told us at the International Assembly about an architect friend of his who had spent his career designing and building homes for a major housing company. President Kaylan's friend went to his boss one day after 35 years of service and said he wanted to retire to spend more time with his family. His boss was sorry to see him go but asked him to design and build just one more house as a personal favour. It would take four to six months. Though his friend agreed, his heart was not in his work. As a result, the design was inferior, the materials used were poor, and the workmanship was shoddy. When the house was done, the boss came to inspect the place. "This is your home," he said to President Kaylan's friend. "This is the company's gift to you for your years of hard work," and then he handed him the keys.

President Kaylan believes "sometimes we build our own lives in just such a distracted way, reacting instead of acting, willing to put up with less than the best. Then, with a shock, we look at what we have created with this lack of commitment and integrity and find that we have to live in a place that could have been so much better. Vocational Service is the Avenue of Service that helps us always do our best, and to help others to excel as well."

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RYTS... A platform to LIFE!

The Missing link between RYPEN and RYLA was discovered in D9640 years ago!

And it's called RYTS.

RYTS was started in 1984 by a group of Rotaractors who felt that young people about to leave school could benefit from a range of additional life skills.

RYTS is not a solid seven days of high school lectures, but a week of interaction with highly qualified people (attendants) who give their time freely to the

camp participants (attendees).

RYTS is also about raucous laughter and sensitive sentimental moments, loud music and some quiet effective times with the other attendees many of whom will become lifelong friends.

Attendees may even shed a tear or two when they leave.

The RYTS team consists of young adults (Rotaractors and RYLarians and the odd Rotarian or two) who have seen the advantages of RYTS and re-

turn annually to conduct this camp for each group of attendees.

RYTS is NOT a camp for religious, political or cultural education.

It is NOT a camp for moralising or insensitive self-assessment, though many attendees do reflect on some aspects of where life is taking them, where they're going, how they will get there and what they'll do when they arrive, and many have cause to revise some of their opinions and attitudes.

RYTS—Regional Youth Transition Seminar

The first District 9630 RYTS camp is scheduled to be held this year at Camp Perseverance from November 26th thru till December 3rd, and the cost of sponsoring an attendee is \$580.

Our goal for the first camp is 35 attendees; we have set a cap of 40 attendees, and so it will be a case of first in, best dressed.

RYTS is targeted at 17 and 18-year olds (Year 11 and Year 12 Students, but primarily targeting school leavers) and we find that Rotarians send their own kids, and/or Youth Exchange Students to these camps.

For our camp to be a success, we need your help.

See below.



RYTS is a launching pad for young people

RYTS Needs Our Help Getting Off The Ground

There are three levels of support that we need from District Rotarians for this to become a reality.

1. First and most important, clubs who are willing to sponsor one or more attendees who may apply to your club for sponsorship.

2. Identify and talk to Rotarians within your clubs who would be happy to assist by presenting a session at the camp as a guest speaker. A list of topics will be found further in this newsletter

3. Rotarians to become a member of this new District

Committee, ideally this will be someone who has time to attend short planning meetings once a month (mainly 2-hours on a Sunday afternoon), and would be happy to come to the week-long camp and participate. We are only looking for one or two Rotarians.

RYTS Seeking Guest Speakers

The sessions that we may need guest speakers for are:

- ◆ Young achiever – Inspirational talk by a young person who has faced severe difficulties and excelled
- ◆ Police Officer – Talks about Alcohol, drugs and driving, you and your license.
- ◆ Labelling, Self Esteem & Aspirations
- ◆ Nutrition & Drug Awareness
- ◆ Look behind the Mirror – an inner perspective.



Russ Morgan
District RYTS Chairman
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Western Membership and Public Relations Workshop

The first Membership and PR workshop was held at Wacol on Sunday 2nd October. It was attended by more than 40 Rotarians from Brisbane, Ipswich and Toowoomba Clubs.

The western Clubs will be able to attend the next workshop set down for Sunday 30th October at the Club Hotel function room at Chinchilla.

The western workshop will commence at 8:30 for 9am and conclude at 2pm.

Who Should Attend? Club Membership and Public Relations Chairman/Directors, Presidents, Presidents Elect

and any member interested in strengthening their Club.

What Can We Expect? Interesting focus speakers and a practical tool and solution workshop based on best practices and acquired knowledge.

Been There—Done That. Why 2011? Everyone of us is capable of learning something new. Who knows, you may have the one idea that proves to be the answer to a Club's problem. We will learn from each other, while "workshopping" and discussing the existing and new innovative approaches to Membership

and PR.

Is there a Cost? Yes, the training team will be providing morning tea, lunch and notes. A small cost of \$20 pp will be charged.

Prior registration is imperative, please register your Club's attendees with the District Trainer PDG Allan James by Wednesday 26th October.

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Who Is The District Finance Committee (DFC)?

Each year the District Governor works with a dedicated group of Rotarians to help plan and guide the District.

The District Finance Committee (DFC) membership is The District Governor, District Governor Elect, District Governor Nominee and District Governor Nominee Elect (when known),

the Immediate Past District Governor, District Secretary and District Treasurer.

There are also two representatives of the Clubs nominated and elected at the AGM. This year they are PDG Chris Wright and PP John Lipman.

The DFC administers the District budget and accounts for the expenditure of all District committees and activities.

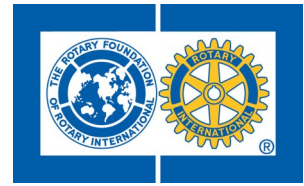
The DLT meets every month at District Headquarters Wacol.

Read more about your DFC in the District Directory.

October 24, World Polio Day

Demonstrate support for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign and promote Rotary in your community by planning an event around World Polio Day, 24 October.

Many Rotarians have already started. Australian club members are working with the Global Poverty Project on a petition drive to persuade world leaders to fully fund the critical work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Supporters can sign the petition online at <http://www.theendofpolio.com/home/>



The Rotary Foundation

Since 1985, eradicating polio has been Rotary's top priority. Largely through the efforts of Rotarians and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the campaign is "this close" to its goal. Polio cases worldwide decreased by more than 40% during the first eight months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010. And India -- one of the four countries where the virus remains endemic (the others are Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan) -- reported only one case during that time.

Check out the Rotary International website for more information. www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Announcements/pages/110929_annnc_poliodayprevu.aspx

Zone Institute Combined Rotary Clubs Meeting



A combined Rotary Clubs meeting will be held on Thursday 24th November at the Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre. The guest speakers for the night will be Rotary International President Elect Sakuji Tanaka and Rotary International Director Stuart Heal. We will have the opportunity to hear from Rotary's leaders as well as meet Rotarians from the three District around Brisbane, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands.

It is also an opportunity to browse the extensive Rotary Showcase prior to the meeting.

Enjoy the fellowship and learn about the future directions of our organisation. For more information contact DG Debbie or P John Paskin, The Rotary Club of South Brisbane.

Golf Anyone?

The 2012 Conference Committee has been able to negotiate a great deal for the Conference Golf Day. It will be an excellent opportunity to play on a Royal Pines championship course.

Places are limited so make sure you secure your tee-off by registering for the Conference. Don't forget to make your accommodation bookings with the Resort.



Quarter Time! How's Your Plans and Goals



We have just started October, that means we have just completed quarter time in this year's game.

How are your plans and goals

for the year travelling? Take time out to assess the progress, maybe your need to consider the following

◆ Reassess your goals

- ◆ Check the progress of your teams
- ◆ Re-motivate your Members

See you at half time!

Attendance Report

This area of the District Governor's Newsletter is usually reserved for the attendance/membership report.

This year, following the lead by Rotary International, District Governor Debbie is establishing a new method of determining the engagement of Clubs and Rotarians.

Engagement will be measured on an aggregation of points accumulated by measuring the following and expressed as a value per member of the Club

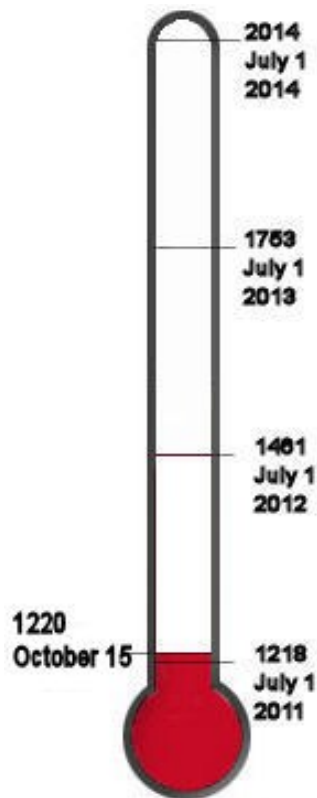
- Meeting attendance
- Service hours
- Foundation contributions (Club and personal)
- Attendance at PETS and District Assembly
- Attendance at District Conference
- Attendance at Seminars and Workshops
- Public Relations activities, utilisation of electronic and social media
- District involvement

A formula to best represent this new measurement of engagement is being devised and will be circulated to all Club Presidents shortly. It is envisaged that the collection of this information will be done quarterly.

This is the second time the engagement criteria has been published. If you wish to make comment, please email DG Debbie.

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District Snippets

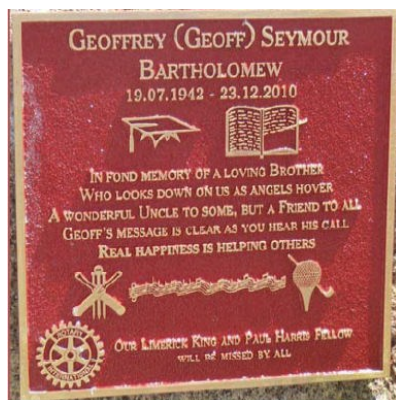
Key Dates to Note

- 23 October—RLI Stage I
- 30 October—Western PR & Membership Workshop at Chinchilla
- 13 November—RLI Stage II
- 24 November—Combined Rotary Club meeting at the Convention Centre
- 4 December—RLI Stage III
- 18 & 19 February 2012—PETS
- 23—25 March—District Conference at Royal Pines
- 20 May—District Assembly at Springfield
- 17 June—Western Assembly
- 7 July—District Changeover

A Missed Rotarian

The plaque shown was recently placed in memory of PP Geoff Bartholomew late of the Rotary Club of Rocklea.

For many years Geoff was involved in the District Literacy



Committee and was the District Chairman of that committee until his passing in December last year.

Geoff championed the CLE method of literacy education and was involved in the formation of "LITRAG" - the Literacy Rotary Action Group

Geoff personal mantra was "**Real Happiness is Helping Others**" and he embodied the true spirit of a Rotarian.

In direct contrast to his teaching career and his love of educating, Geoff's life as a Rotarian may be summed up by the words of Paul Harris

"Rotarians are very much more favourably disposed toward action than they are towards words"

PP Geoff Bartholomew PHF