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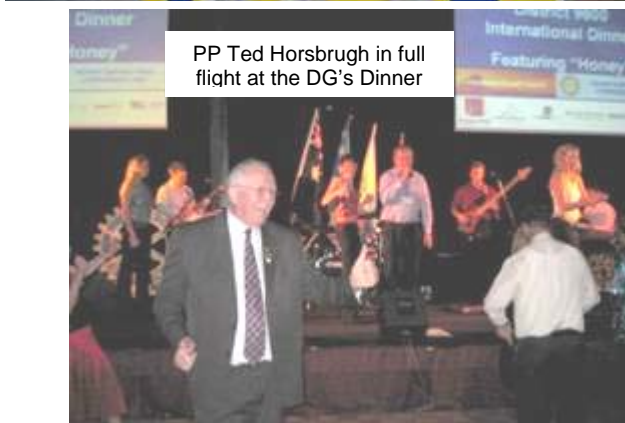
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Conference Happy Snaps
Images of Rotary display in the Queen St Mall.
Part of the Conference publicity.



PP Ted Horsbrugh in full flight at the DG's Dinner

Notification of Nominee for District Governor 2008-2009

The Nominating Committee for District Governor interviewed eligible candidates for the position of District Governor on Monday 3 April 2006.

The Nomination Committee has notified me that Wayne Morris of the Rotary Club of Honiara has been selected as District Governor-nominee for the rotary year 2008-2009.

I am now formally notifying all Clubs in our District of the candidate selected as required by the relevant RI BYLAW in the Manual of Procedure 2004.

Similarly, the RI BYLAWS provides for 'Challenging Candidates' and 'Concurrence to Challenges'.

Accordingly, I advise that any challenge must be received by me no later than Friday 21 April 2006, and must comply with the procedural requirements specified in the RI BYLAWS.

In the absence of a Challenging Candidate I shall declare that Wayne Morris to be the Governor-nominee for 2008-2009.

Yours in Rotary Service
Charles Guesdon

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The following is of interest to Australian Rotarians.

The RI Board:

- agrees to proceed with the tentative selection of Seoul, Korea as the host for the 2009 RI Convention on 20-24 June 2009, subject to the general secretary's successful negotiation of an appropriate block of hotels rooms, and adequate space in which to hold all convention activities;
- agrees that the tentative selection of Seoul is still subject to a thorough review of the tax implications of holding the convention in Seoul, Korea;
- requests the general secretary to proceed to contract ITS as the hotel reservation agent for the 2009 (Seoul) RI Convention;
- tentatively selects Sydney, Australia as the host for the 2014 RI Convention subject to the general secretary's successful negotiation of an appropriate block of hotel rooms, adequate space in which to hold all convention activities, and any other agreements necessary to memorialise the proposal from the host area as evidenced by a new 2014 proposal from Sydney;
- requests the general secretary to contact the Rotarians and tourism offices in Sydney, Australia and Seoul, Korea to inform them of the Board's decisions regarding Sydney and Seoul;
- requests the general secretary to provide additional status reports on the 2009 (Seoul) RI Convention and the 2014 (Sydney) Convention at its November 2006 meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE WORLD

Ambassadorial Scholars' Night at the Boulevard gardens in Indooroopilly saw over 100 Rotarians and friends recognise the efforts of eight inbound Ambassadorial Scholars and one outbound Ambassadorial Scholar. The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the world's largest, privately-funded international scholarship program with about 1,100 scholarships worth up to US\$25,000 each awarded every year.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship is awarded to a young professional to travel to another country and undertake studies at a Masters Degree level in their vocational area. DG Charles Guesdon and Rosemary attended the night along with Russ O'Malley, the Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Committee.

The Scholars present on the night included:

- Gina Chen from Taiwan
- Jana Greenwich from USA
- Hope Herron from USA
- Kerri McMurtry from USA
- Eric Powell from USA
- Audra Santa from Canada
- Clare Wood from England
- Winnie Yeh from Taiwan, and
- Kate del Mar from Australia who will be travelling to Florence in Italy, later in 2006. →

Each Scholar made a small presentation about their career so far, the studies they are undertaking and their career objectives. The Scholars also provided a raffle prize each which reflected their home city and country.

The event was a night of Rotary fellowship with over 12 Rotary Clubs represented and the nine Scholars from around the world. All had responded to the invitation of the four host Rotary Clubs – Indooroopilly, Karana Downs, Mt Coot-tha and Kenmore. Don't miss out on this invitation next year – it showed Rotary sharing knowledge and building international goodwill!



DG Charles Guesdon and Rosemary were welcomed to the top table by Kenmore President Michael Fitzgerald.



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars assemble with DG Charles, PDG Russ O'Malley and Presidents of the host clubs.

Working Together RAM in Solomon Islands

National Rotarians Against Malaria have initiated a USD200,000 Health Hunger and Humanity 3-H Grant application to The Rotary Foundation to continue the very successful previous malaria work in Solomon Islands. The Rotary Club of Honiara has embraced the proposal which will focus on Guadalcanal where the malaria incidence is in excess of 300 cases per 1000 population per year.

Several Australian Districts have expressed keen interest in being involved with funding plus support through Project Volunteers to build malaria clinics. Whilst some work is in forward planning the actual application is in its infancy as it now awaits approval by the Trustees of Our Rotary Foundation for the application to progress to the next stage.

In the interim please continue your support with your contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of Our Rotary Foundation through the Every Rotarian Every Year program.

CYCLONE LARRY

Following is the Home Page of District 9550 which gives an update of work being undertaken in the clean-up phase of Cyclone Larry.

www.d9550.rotary.org.au

Clubs can give to a Disaster Fund managed by the Commonwealth Bank in Townsville. Account details are given in the Home Page.



Greetings From The Governor.

April is Magazine month.

In the RDU mailout to club presidents and secretaries last month is a Survey Form. This survey is conducted every four years and is aimed at obtaining Rotarian feedback on magazine content and format.

Please ask for a copy. Complete the Form and return to RDU. If more convenient for you go to the Questionnaire on the Rotarnet website: www.rotarnet.com.au

2005 - 2006 Presidential Citation.

My request for clubs to nominate for the RI President's Citation has been overwhelming. Those submissions and a nomination for Best Cooperative Projects award are a highlight for any governor. Congratulations to all clubs.

Conference 2006.

District Conference was undertaken over the weekend of 31 March - 1/2 April. What a great weekend! What a treat to have representatives from both SI and PNG. You asked for a conference with a difference and it was. My public thanks again to RC Brisbane Mid-City, the organising committee, sponsors, and all attendees for making conference so successful.

Other Activities.

Rosemary and I are back in full flight revisiting clubs to meet individual requests whilst keeping up with the usual 50 emails per day and attendance at district committee functions. It was our delight to host both the male members of the visiting GSE team at our home following their arrival from Taipei. What a delightful group!

We will attend the PNG/SI training Forum for incoming presidents and secretaries to be held in Lae during the long weekend 28/30 April - 1 May.

We will then travel to Honiara and Gizo for the Official visits to those clubs.

RI and TRF Recognitions.

Congratulations to PDG John Lawrence for his recognition by RI for the Service Above Self Award. John's recognition was initiated by his previous district for service over many years to youth in the Golden Triangle area of Asia.

Congratulations to PDG Russ O'Malley for his recognition by TRF for the Meritorious Service Award. →

Extract from DG Glen Kinross' Newsletter.

Conference 1974

The weekend of 22nd - 24th March loomed large. The Thursday preceding the conference looked disastrous. It was raining heavily in Maryborough, another cyclone was just off the coast, but miraculously Friday morning brought sunshine and clear weather. People from all parts of the district began to arrive and the conference opened on schedule at 2 p.m. with 625 people in attendance for the opening ceremony. I am happy to report that every club in the mainland part of our district was represented and three of the PNG Clubs.

The conference had its high notes and the high notes for each person were not the same. One thing was certain - the chords of unanimity and purpose could be heard throughout. For some, the Presentation of Flags and narration by P.D.G. and Past Director of R.I. Clem Renouf held special significance, as indeed it did for me. For others it was the contribution brought by R.I. President Bill Carter's Special Representative, Jim Bennett, from North Wales. For some, the address "Australia - Improving its Quality of Life" by Rt. Hon. J.D. Anthony, for others, the address "What Should be the Aim", by D.G.N. Ray Sadler, or the address "Projects, Projects, Projects" by P.P. Brian Eggleton had particular appeal and inspiration for them. Jim Bennett had a special word of praise for Brian Eggleton's address, and I remind you here that it and all of the other addresses will be available on tape in the near future.

There were those whose dedication to Rotary was spelled out at the conference by their participation in practical terms in F.A.I.M., work teams and World Community Service projects. For them "Rotary is International - Is your Club?" by P.D.G. Brian Knowles, or "Whose Unfortunate Neighbour are we?" by P.P. Doug Keen and P.P. Frank Heaton would have been of special significance.

So one could continue reviewing the total programme, segment by segment, and I trust it will be fully reported to each club by those members who attended.

Rotary is fellowship and service. A conference wouldn't be a conference without its fellowship activities. Will you ever forget the Music Hall Dinner and the Country and Western Barbecue? The Maryborough people are great hosts, hospitable to the point of excellence. They planned it so with all of us as their special guests for the weekend. I have never before experienced such co-operation and helpfulness as was shown by the Rotarians and Rotaryannes of the host clubs over an extended period of months leading up to the conference. The conference was a memorable success and it was because so many people gave of their best effort to make it so.

Russ's recognition resulted from his exemplary service to our charity during his tenure to date as chairman of the District 9600 TRF Committee.

Our District also recognised Elaine and Noel Morgan with a Sapphire to their PHF for their services to ROMAC.

We also recognised The Wesley Hospital with a Certificate of Appreciation for their services to ROMAC.

What a wonderful year to date. Thanks for your support.

Yours in Rotary
Charles and Rosemary.



BRIGIDINE COLLEGE ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

The recent UQ/Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge saw about 500 Year 9 and 10 students from twelve schools in the Brisbane area, competing in activities which tested their natural ability with mathematical and scientific issues. Most importantly, all the students found that these subjects could be fun and they were not as hard as they thought.

Brigidine College was one of the secondary schools to accept the Challenge and came out the overall winner. However all students thought they were winners as they spent a day away from the classroom and their teams of four addressed eight challenges over the day. These included such exciting subjects as ElectraCity, Back to the Future, HeloRescue or Escape from the Lost World, which required the students to build a helium-filled balloon flying machine and fly it through a maze. The climax of the Challenge was testing the bridge sections to destruction and identifying the top scores.

The Challenge is a new community partnership between Rotary Clubs in the western suburbs and the University of Queensland to address the decline in students enrolling in the enabling subjects for science and engineering. A Rotary Dinner hosted by St Lucia Rotary introduced the sponsors and volunteers from Rotary, Young Engineers and Young Scientists to the program. The concept was developed by the University of Newcastle and is being adopted across Australia with the support of governments, private industry, Rotary Clubs and Engineers Australia. The two top schools in the Challenge go to a Super State Challenge in Toowoomba in August with the possibility of qualifying for the Grand National Challenge in Newcastle in November.

Any clubs interested in working with this successful program to build Australia's capability in science and engineering should contact Geoff Haigh on 0417 750 585. A Science & Engineering Challenge is coming to a place near you – Hervey Bay on 3/4 June and QUT on 21/22 July.

CLOSING DATE FOR ARTICLES FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

Closing date for items will be the **3rd week** of every month. The main part of the Newsletter is put together around the 4th week, then pieces are added. It will be published on the web the 1st week of the following month. (i.e. Items sent in April are for the May Newsletter).



Teacher Helen Farrelly and part of the Brigidine College Team with the winning hovercraft.



Brigidine College accepts the trophy for the UQ/Rotary Science & Engineering Challenge from Mike Marley, Professional Engineer of the Year and Richard Morgan, Queensland President of Engineers Australia.

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Col's Comments

When the February returns closed on 17 March there were 30 clubs still missing out of 72. Why does this always happen? There were 30 for each of August and September, 31 in October, 28 in November, and 29 in December and January.

As of today, 17 April, there have been 15 further reports (some arriving "naturally" and others chased), thus resulting in the 15 "No Returns" for February as listed opposite. There are still nine clubs yet to report for January, six for December, five for November and four for as far back as October (one in SI and three in PNG).

Assuming no change in membership for the 15 clubs yet to report, the membership at the end of February was 1939, a drop of seven for the month of February and for the year-to-date it is 51 below the "start" figure (end of June 2005) of 1990.

Over the past 10 years the average of the 30 June totals was 2170 and the average of the 28 February totals was 2111, both figures much higher than the present membership but nevertheless reflecting a typical drop of 59 members or 2.7%. This year the equivalent drop is just a little less than that, 2.6%, so the picture is perhaps not quite as bleak as would otherwise appear.

Statistics show that the district membership tends to rise between now and the end of the Rotary Year. It didn't happen last year 2004/05. Can we make it happen this year 2005/06?

Welcome to New Members

As of today, 17 April 2006, there have been 11 new, rejoined or relocated members advised by clubs since the DG's March Newsletter was prepared on 4 March 2006. All of these refer to the current Rotary year 2005/2006. During the same period there were five termination notices received, again all for 2005/2006.

A big welcome, then, to the following new, rejoined or relocated members:

Aspley: Richard Kent.
Brisbane: Wayne Maxwell.
Brisbane Planetarium: John Harris.
Caboolture: Jean Kennedy and Mike O'Hara.
Gympie: Frank Blom.
Gympie-Cooloola: Judy Arthur and Allan Hanson.
Kippa Ring: Anne-Maree Rolley.
Redcliffe Sunrise: Christopher Mortimer.

D9600 Membership and Attendance Report January and February 2006

Club	Club Membership			Attendance Percentages	
	30/6/05	31/1/06	28/2/06	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Albany Creek	33	36	36	78.91	79.69
Albion	15	16	15	66.67	87.49
Alexandra Headland	24	25	25	81.11	No Return
Ashgrove /The Gap	44	42	42	71.95	81.71
Aspley	42	43	45	67.93	86.41
Bardon	16	13	12	66.67	54.35
Bribie Island	23	23	25	91.36	93.10
Brisbane	69	67	67	58.86	48.91
Brisbane 4069	23	23	23	86.36	No Return
Brisbane High-Rise	46	52	50	63.40	72.82
Brisbane Mid-City	59	59	59	70.44	72.60
Brisbane North	36	34	33	70.98	73.86
Brisbane Planetarium	78	76	75	76.62	80.67
Buderim	24	24	24	65.00	84.00
Caboolture	30	30	31	76.80	74.20
Caloundra	31	26	26	70.80	76.92
Caloundra Pacific	34	32	34	76.34	76.61
Coolum-Peregrin	12	10	10	75.00	No Return
Cooroy	31	31	30	100.00	81.41
Deception Bay	11	—	—	—	—
Fortitude Valley	48	49	50	74.14	66.84
Geebung	15	13	14	76.92	78.85
Glass House Mountains	21	19	17	70.18	80.39
Gympie	54	54	54	76.00	No Return
Gympie-Cooloola	47	46	46	80.96	76.70
Hamilton	56	51	51	72.61	77.38
Indooroopilly	17	17	17	66.18	73.53
Karana Downs	22	23	22	62.22	78.41
Kawana Waters	20	13	12	76.92	83.33
Kenmore	49	47	48	68.35	70.00
Kingaroy	27	22	20	61.25	65.00
Kingaroy-Taabinga	17	16	16	81.25	60.94
Kippa Ring	11	14	14	97.62	No Return
Maleny	40	38	37	79.12	81.67
Maroochydore	37	38	37	No Return	70.90
Mitchelton	24	25	23	79.17	80.53
Mooloolaba	52	50	51	72.61	72.52
Mount Coot-tha	16	15	14	82.22	85.70
Murgon	17	20	20	No Return	No Return
Nambour	36	34	34	69.57	63.04
Nambour 76	30	32	32	No Return	No Return
Newstead	20	14	13	77.78	65.71
Noosa	42	37	37	76.52	76.56
Noosa Heads	43	41	41	72.58	66.13
Noosa Heads Daybreak	43	32	32	65.40	79.03
Nundah	22	19	19	72.22	100.00
Paddington/ Red Hill	15	13	13	67.31	No Return
Pine Rivers	19	19	19	69.74	84.21
Pine Rivers Daybreak	18	15	15	72.41	78.67
Redcliffe City	50	47	50	89.36	89.21
Redcliffe Sunrise	19	16	16	73.07	79.12
Samford Valley	36	37	37	81.98	80.41
Sandgate	19	18	18	83.33	79.41
St Lucia	22	22	19	61.36	80.70
Stafford	18	19	18	77.62	82.43
Strathpine	17	17	17	77.27	84.78
Toowong B'ne West	19	20	21	76.25	72.40
Windsor	17	19	19	80.26	73.68
Woombye Sunrise	19	21	22	86.44	93.67
Boroko	26	28	28	96.43	83.14
Bulolo-Wau	4	5	5	60.00	No Return
Goroka	10	10	10	No Return	No Return
Huon Gulf	16	19	20	63.16	80.00
Kavieng	3	13	13	No Return	No Return
Kokopo	5	6	6	93.33	91.67
Lae	9	14	14	No Return	No Return
Madang	14	12	12	47.22	62.50
Mount Hagen	13	15	15	No Return	No Return
Port Moresby	43	46	46	46.74	45.65
Rabaul	6	7	7	89.29	71.41
Wewak	5	5	5	No Return	No Return
Gizo	7	8	7	43.75	42.86
Honiara	34	34	34	No Return	No Return
Totals/Averages	1990	1946	1939	74.02%	76.03%