

District 9650 Weekly mailing update 16

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Please Note that all prior editions of this weekly news together with the Monthly District Governors Newsletter are available on the District website at <http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Newsletter.htm>

✓ November is The Rotary Foundation Month. Director PDG Harry Durey

From our International President John Kenny: The playwright George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last you create what you will."

There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future -- we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Two decades ago, we Rotarians made a promise: to make life better for the entire world, forever, by eliminating polio. It has always been an ambitious goal, but it has always been a realistic one. And now, thanks to our Rotary Foundation, we are closer than ever to reaching it.

It is my hope that with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#), there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we have made polio a thing of the past. For if we fail now, we will fail all those who have gone before us, and every child to whom we made a promise. If we fail, we risk our own good name, and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us. We will not fail. We can and we must succeed.

I know that each one of you recognizes that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and that the future of our Foundation is as well.

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

- ✓ The Rotary Foundation has brought hope to millions of people throughout the world as it has worked to fulfil its Mission Statement: **"To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty."** Through a wide range of educational and humanitarian projects lives have been changed and endless opportunities have been opened up to men and women across the globe.

For more details check the RI website: www.rotary.org/foundation

Club Secretary

- ✓ As of Friday, 23 October, club executive secretaries worldwide will have club secretary-level access privileges in [Member Access](#). Previously, this level of access was provided to select club executive secretaries on a trial basis. Club presidents and secretaries can assign a club executive secretary via the Update Club Data page in [Member Access](#) or by sending an e-mail to the RI Data Services Department at data@rotary.org.
- ✓ District Conference Dates 12-14 March 2010 in Port Macquarie: Conference Information and Registration packs will be available by end of November at the latest.
From International President John Kenny: I have invited Ross J. Murray, Past District Governor, D9940, and his spouse, Pamela, to represent us at your district conference. Ross is a Regional Membership Coordinator similar to Rob Wylie last year. D9680 have scored Rob Wylie as there rep the week after our Conference.
- ✓ **Attendance Reports are available for review on the District website at** <http://www.rotary9650.org.au/District.htm#ATTENDANCE OFFICER>

✓ **Greetings from the Data Relations Department at Rotary International!**

We now have a feature in *Member Access* for District Governors to create and print duplicate Semi-Annual-Reports for all their Rotary clubs within their district. <http://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx> To access - click on *View Current Semiannual Report (SARs)*" After report is run you may print, save or view individual reports in PDF format.

As you know, for each Semi-Annual-Report period, many Rotary clubs complain that they have not received or lost their copy. This feature will enable you to assist your Rotary Clubs without the need to contact Data Services or Club/District Support to request a duplicate copy.

When Club Officers (President, Secretary & Executive Secretary) are registered in *Member Access*, this feature is also available to them. Therefore, we highly encourage Rotary Club Officers to register on the Rotary.org website to have *Member Access* ability. Below is the same information for you to pass on to your Rotary Club Officers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at data@rotary.org

✓ Information for Rotary Club Officers

Subject: Downloading Rotary Duplicate Semi-Annual Report from *Member Access*

If the Rotary Club President, Secretary or Executive Secretary is registered in *Member Access* <http://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx> they may create their own duplicate Semi-Annual-Report by logging into Member Access and clicking on *View Current Semi-annual Report (SARs)*" After report is run they may print, save or view individual reports. This will eliminate contacting Data Services or Club/District Support to request a duplicate copy.

Not registered yet? Here is the link <http://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/Register.aspx>

Publicity & Public Relations

- ✓ From PDG Dick Garner re promotional brochures People like You and Me
please consider doing a quick email to your Clubs to see if they would like to obtain some brochures. They could order direct and their quantities can be added into the bulk run. It can be very disappointing for Clubs when they contact me direct, just having found out about the brochures, to be told they have missed out. So please let's give every one a chance of having a good Rotary promotional brochure to use. PR Director Ken Hall will be ordering shortly for District 9650 and Clubs in District 9650 will receive brochures again this year from the District but if you need additional ones then please contact Ken immediately at hallkr@bigpond.net.au or hallkr@tpgi.com.au

International Service

- ✓ From: Ted Lewis OAM, Secretary, You are invited to the ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE: EASTERN REGION.
NOTICE OF THE GENERAL MEETING ETC, TO BE HELD ON 21ST AND 22ND NOVEMBER 2009, AT BLACKTOWN RSL, SECOND AVENUE, BLACKTOWN. For full details contact RAWCS Chair for D9650; Robert White, Woolgoolga relde@msn.com.au