

District 9650 Weekly mailing update 28

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Please ensure this information is available to all interested members of your Club.

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>



February is World Understanding Month.

Secretary

- ✓ Reserve the date: District Changeover 2010 date is Saturday 3 July 2010
- ✓ District Governor Nominations for 2012-13 will close at 4pm on February 19.
- ✓ RYLA nominations are due. Contact Ivana Agapiou , Port Macquarie Sunrise ivana.agapiou@gmail.com

Incoming Presidents and Secretaries

A message from Jo's Directory editor.....Please ensure that your contact details are correct. Every Rotarian in the District Directory has been emailed with their current details. Please let Di Hall if they are accurate or need changes. dihall58@hotmail.com

Some clubs have not yet informed of the Presidents and/or Secretary for 2010-2011.

An update from Ken and the team in India

Gday all on an interesting Saturday morning

We had a long but very interesting flight across to Hyderabad yesterday. I was in at Brisbane airport by 7am. The touring group all met up at around 7.30 for the flight out to Singapore which left at 9.30 and got into Singapore about 3.30pm local time.

Had quite a wait at Singapore - the Sydney plane coming in with Reg and Meg Pierce and Ken Raison at 5.30pm and then left for Hyderabad at about 8.30pm. Airports are great places to kill time but with the whole group there time went quickly.

Got into Hyderabad at about 11.30pm local time, then a 1 hour bus trip to the hotel which is quite magnificent.

Today we are off to their District conference for the day and night and tomorrow we have an early leave at 6.15am for immunisation.

Very smoggy here - Hyderabad is the IT capital of India so I am connected here at the hotel by wifi. About to go for a walk with Col Barnes around the hotel before they come and pick us up at 9.30am for the conference.

Position Vacant

Volunteers - one at the coast and one inland perhaps - of Rotarians prepared to be District co-ordinators for Shelter Box for 2010-11.

It continues to be a popular project in many clubs, so we will need someone. The role as I see it will be:

to promote the program to clubs and members

to co-ordinate the process of contributing

to co-ordinate the use for display and promotion purposes of the Shelter Box belonging to the District. Please contact DEGE Jo Wilkin asan

District 9650 Conference Information

Greetings Club Presidents and Secretaries,

Can I ask that, at your Club meeting this week and over the next few weeks, you encourage your members to come to the 2010 District 9650 Annual Conference at Panthers Port Macquarie, Thursday 11 March to Sunday 14 March. That's just over 5 weeks away!

Would you please go to the District 9650 web page at www.rotary9650.org.au and click on the District Conference link to find out all about the Conference including how to register. Would you then speak to your members about how to register and how easy it is. It would be a great relief to our Registrar if your members register very soon and not leave it to near or after the closing date (when a late fee kicks in) so our Registrar can promptly and efficiently process the registrations (and also get enough sleep each day!).

Here's a few points you may like to make to members:

Note the Keith Abraham special Friday seminars "The Leader Within" – Keith is a top-line Nevin Award winning professional speaker and author. DG Neville has personal knowledge of Keith's entertaining and inspirational style. Click on the "Seminar" link for comprehensive information on the seminar and the man. Excellent value-for-money!

Guest speakers for Saturday and Sunday come from New Zealand and many parts of Australia and their topics relate to our Rotary International President's themes of clean water, literacy, health and hunger.

There are 2 accommodation links on the Conference web page that detail over 80 resorts, apartment buildings, hotels, motels, B & Bs and caravan parks in and around Port – something for everyone! But there's a lot on in Port around that time so members needing accommodation are urged to book early.

I do hope you will be at the Conference in Port in March. Please help us by promoting the Conference to the members of your Rotary Club.

Trevor Gilson
Conference Chairman

CALL FOR ROTARY PEACE FELLOW APPLICATIONS

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION INVITES ALL DISTRICTS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2011-12 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS. COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION BY 1 JULY 2010.

Contact rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org for further information or click below:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Donations for Haiti

On behalf of PDG Maurice Hill, Chairman of The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust (TARFT), I am pleased to announce that The Rotary Foundation (TRF) through TARFT will accept direct donations for the Haiti relief effort. The RI regional office just received approval from the Australian Tax office to be able to give tax deductible receipts for donations.

Important to note

* The donations will be tax deductible for Australian taxpayers. Donors will receive a receipt.

* The donations will not accrue PHF credits or count towards becoming a Major Donor.

Donations to the Haiti fund-raising will not be recorded as a part of the club or district Annual Program Fund contribution and, of course will not be part of our \$200m Polio Challenge. This is something above and beyond club and district commitments to OUR Foundation.

Please send your remittance by :-

1. Post - Cheques should be made out to "The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust "

Please mail to - PO Box 1415

Parramatta 2124 NSW

Please indicate in your accompanying letter/document that you wish this contribution to go to Haiti

2. Credit card details to email: risppo@rotary.org (The contribution form is attached (in "word" and PDF) . Please indicate that your contribution is for Haiti)

3. By Fax - 02 9689 3169 02 9689 3169. (Again the contribution forms are attached)

Please indicate in your correspondence that you want this money to go directly to the Haiti relief efforts of The Rotary Foundation. Please do not add any other words to the cheque. We will account for Haiti contributions separately and transfer them on.

Regards

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