

# District 9650 Weekly mailing update 30

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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 now Saturday 12 June 2010 at Wauchope RSL Club 6.30 for 7 pm.
- ✓ District Governor Nominations for 2012-13 have closed.
- ✓ RYLA nominations are due. Contact Ivana Agapiou , Port Macquarie Sunrise [ivana.agapiou@gmail.com](mailto:ivana.agapiou@gmail.com).
- ✓ Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light 1000<sup>th</sup> Dinner invitation.  
**1000 & GOING STRONG! - Please join us & celebrate our 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting;**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Treloar Park Tennis Club, Napier St, Tamworth 6.30 for 7pm**  
**Dinner \$40pp (Drinks available at the Bar)**  
**RSVP no later than Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 - RCTFL, PO Box 1097, Tamworth NSW 2340**  
**[Bruce.013@decorama.com.au](mailto:Bruce.013@decorama.com.au)**
- ✓ Rotary International Exchange Rates against US\$ remains at \$1.10 for February

### Australian Rotary Health

- ✓ The president of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West, Freya Luick, has announced an initiative that is good news for Australian Rotary Health. Her club has increased the amount that Australian Rotary Health receives in the name of the club's weekly speakers. In a note to regional coordinator Laurie Barber from Port Macquarie Freya said: "You might like to know that we have upped the donation on behalf of guest speakers to ARH to \$ 50.00 - approved at our last board meeting."  
The Port Macquarie West initiative, with all the money going to an Australian Rotary charity, for the benefit of all Australians and those throughout the world waiting on a cure for many types of illnesses, is a challenge to other Rotary clubs in District 9650 and indeed in other districts as well.
- ✓ **District Changeover – DG Neville Parsons**  
I now confirm that DGE Jo Wilkin and I have agreed that the District Change Over will now be held on Saturday 12 June 2010 at Wauchope.  
I note that this is the Long Weekend and that also some Clubs may have already selected that date as a Club Change Over date. I fully understand that in re-scheduling the District Change Over we will impact some Rotarians ability to attend the District Change Over. This is regretted but in the end Saturday 12 June 2010 was the closest Saturday date to the end of June that was suitable to both Jo and I.  
The Change Over will be held in Wauchope at the Wauchope RSL Club with a start time of 6:30pm for 7:00pm. I again apologise for any inconvenience that this required change of date will cause and I ask that you diarise this date.  
I also note that PDG Ken Hall, DGE Jo Wilkin and I will be attending the Montreal Convention and we will be out of the country for most if not all of the period Sunday 13 Jun 2010 to Sunday 27 June 2010.  
I will advise arrangements for Club Changeovers once I have the details and as an incentive for Clubs to get the details to their AG and to me asap I will allocate my own visits in order of receipt of Change Over dates and subject to my availability.  
Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to your Club being represented at the District Change Over if at all possible.

## ✓ **PolioPlus Program – a letter to DG Neville from John F Germ**

Dear District Governor,

Greetings and a warm welcome to 2010! As we begin the New Year, let us remember the promise each of us made to Bill Gates at last year's International Assembly. As District Governor, you have a unique opportunity to ensure that your tenure will always be remembered as the period in which Rotarians raised US\$200 million to eradicate polio. Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge will help us keep our promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio. As of 31 December 2009, we've made great strides, and have raised over **US\$105 million**. I'm attaching your district's latest polio report. I also encourage you to take advantage of Rotary International's birthday, 23 February, to spread the word and reach out to the public to promote Rotary's US\$200M Challenge.

**Here are some important ways that you can help us finish our journey:**

1. **Contribute part of your 2009-2010 DDF to the Challenge** - Districts are encouraged to give a minimum of 20% of their DDF to the challenge. I have enclosed a copy of the 2009-10 DDF Donation form for your convenience. Please consider making a gift of DDF. *Your DDF contribution to the challenge will be matched US\$.50 from World Fund for every US\$1.00 of DDF, up to US\$3 million. First come, first served.* Those districts that donate 20% or more will be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation at the end of the Rotary year. Thank you to those of you who have already participated.
  2. **Has each club in your district set a polio goal for 2009-10?** The minimum suggested goal is US\$2000 per club. We would encourage those clubs that can do more. The following link will bring you to the club goal form. [http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/erey\\_club\\_goal\\_report\\_form\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/erey_club_goal_report_form_en.pdf)  
Please email the completed form to [APF@rotary.org](mailto:APF@rotary.org) Any club that contributes \$2,000 or more this year will receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the end of the Rotary year.
  3. **Become a shining example for your district and enrol today in TRF-Direct.** It's easy, cost-effective, and encourages regular giving to The Rotary Foundation. . Encourage everyone in your district to enrol by completing the form and mailing it to the address listed. The form may be found at [http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/998en\\_usa.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/998en_usa.pdf)
- ✓ The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has demonstrated its high regard for Rotary. We ask you to show your commitment to eradicating polio by working towards its end. **Celebrate Rotary** by fulfilling our promise to eradicate polio and improving the future for the children of the world because, **The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.**  
John F. Germ, Chair - Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee
- ✓ PolioPlus Update—India NID February 2010 - The latest NID occurred last weekend on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February in India, Following on from the earlier NID on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. What precisely happens during a 'National Immunization Day' (NID)? After just six days:
- ✓ 167 million children immunized;
  - ✓ 2.5 million vaccinators;
  - ✓ 200 million doses of vaccine; 1
  - ✓ 91 million homes visited

## **2010 Rotary D9650 Conference**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CLOSED SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010. A \$25 FEE WILL BE APPLIED FROM SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 so PLEASE REGISTER TODAY**

Please find Conference updated program and registration form at website link to online registration here [http://www.decorama.com.au/rotary/conf\\_2010/registration.php](http://www.decorama.com.au/rotary/conf_2010/registration.php)

**Total Registrations to date = 337** from 46 out of 58 clubs. There are 12 clubs with nil registrations.