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October was Vocation Month

Rotary is the only organisation where the classification is chosen before the member. Prior to formation, each Club is required to complete a classification survey of the vocations within its area and then match the potential members with one of those vocations.

In effect the member has the vocation on loan for the period of their membership. The statement is often part of the induction of a new member.

As in the formative years of a Club, now is an opportune time to complete a new survey of the vocations from which new members for your Club could be drawn. The number and variety of vocations is huge and changing each year.

Every year, membership renewal is important to the well being and longevity of a Club and, an up to date vocational list may help the identification of new members.

Additionally, now might also be the time to review the vocational projects undertaken by your Club.

A review of vocational projects under the following headings:

- Career Development
- Vocation at Work
- Vocational Awareness
- Vocational Awards is recommended.

Some projects which may not have been attempted in the past are:

- Using members' professional experience to advance youth employment
- Organising career programmes in schools and universities
- Retraining adults for new vocations
- Generating new jobs in your community
- Creating vocational opportunities for the disabled

Rotary Volunteers is another programme which appears to have waned.

On another matter The New Generations Committee held a discussion on the Youth Exchange Programme on Sunday 21st October 2007. Some 200 responses to a questionnaire were received and about 40 Rotarians and their partners attended the discussion. Results will be made available to all attendees and Clubs as soon as the information has been compiled.

DG Ed



APOLOGIES FOR LATE ISSUE

In case you actually missed reading the October issue, I can tell you it was not a figment of your imagination. The reason there was no October bulletin was that I was involved in a very nasty dog attack about 4 weeks ago. What is believed to be a pit bull cross leapt out of a parked vehicle with its window half way down and attacked both of my dogs and in desperate attempts to separate the offending dog, I also suffered some injuries. The owner then fled the scene and to date still has not been caught, though she is well known to the police, just elusive. The offending dog is also well known to the authorities as it has killed another dog previous to our attack. Please support our local government as they attempt to pass legislation to make it a crime to leave a scene of a dog attack with out rendering assistance as well as any further tightening of legislation to ban or control dangerous breeds. Mark.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ITEMS
28th day of the prior month**

ROTARY TO RECEIVE UN ASSOCIATION'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

SPECIAL BULLETIN!!!

The profile of water and sanitation in Rotary International will receive a tremendous boost on October 25th. On that day the United National Association of New York will honour RI and The Rotary Foundation with its 2007 Humanitarian Award, in recognition of Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide.

"In the years since RI has started focusing on water as one of its annual service emphases.... We've learned just how much can be accomplished with relatively little, how a single small water project, perhaps a pump or a filter, can change the life of a community," Says RI president Wilf Wilkinson. *"However, our work has also included participation in many other major water projects."*

The award is presented annually in observance of United Nations Day (October 24). This year's award ceremony focused on the global water crisis. Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and special adviser to the UN Secretary-General, served as Honorary Chair of the event.

This message comes to you from WASRAG (the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group). While under the general auspices of Rotary International, this group operates independently of RI and receives no funding from it. As is so often the case with Rotary, all the members of WASRAG are volunteers and they need funds to help run the day-to-day operations of the Group. You can help them by logging on to www.wasrag.org, clicking on "Sign Up" and becoming either a Charter Member (\$100) or an Annual Member (\$25 per year).

Questions or comments can be directed to their administrative contact: Contact Name: Anna Shepherd E-mail Address: info@wasrag.org

ROTARY USED STAMPS PROJECT

The three WA Rotary Districts have combined to support this valuable project. Stamps collected are packaged into 30 kg. Cartons each containing about 170,000 stamps and sent to Oxfam in the UK and to Ambutar Rotary Club in India. The Ambutar Club supports a local health clinic and have been doing so for many years. Oxfam, which is associated with Community Aid Abroad in Australia, sells the stamps through their 600 odd shops.

Since inception, some 20 years ago, the stamps project has raised approximately \$900,000. A secondary purpose is that the trimming process of the used stamps provides valuable occupational and social therapy to many volunteers of various ages and physical conditions. Physiotherapists value this work most highly and continually seek more stamps to trim.

When forwarding your used stamps for trimming, it is preferred that half the envelope is retained and should be sorted as to Australian and others. Please forward to our District organiser, David Donaldson Ph: 9310 1582.

Voyage of Discoverya weekend of innovation, inspiration and information

This was the theme of District 9470's District Governor Robyn Thorpe's Conference held at the Fremantle Passenger Terminal Function Centre on 13th-14th October 2007. Ed and I with our counterparts from District 9450, DG Eli and Ann Quartermaine were welcome guests.

We were able to spend some time with World President's Personal Representative Noraseth Patmanand and his charming wife Nhunying Cholima from the Rotary Club of Bangrak, Bangkok Thailand.

The guest speakers were able to highlight the work of Rotary in their talks. Indeed, if Rotary had not been involved, many of the projects would not have flourished. Two projects of note were the research and study of muscular dystrophy and the PREM bank. The Perron Rotary Express Milk Bank was a finalist in the Centennial project. It is responsible for the dispensing of pasteurized donor human milk to hospitalized and ill babies. It has been operating since July 2006.

The topics of drugs, depression and victimization were presented by those who had experienced major personal trauma. It was heart wrenching to listen to the positive way in which they came to adjust to life but uplifting to hear the role that Rotary played in their rehabilitation.

The emphases that RI President Wilf chose for 2007/8 were all well covered. Some of the topics were The World of Science, Constable Care, A Changing World (integration), Caring for our Youth, All Fired Up (control of the environment by burning) and Building Members.

The youngest speaker (15 years old) gave a very polished presentation on the establishment of an Interact Club. The members have raised funds by conducting a 'giant' quiz night. Education packs were collated to disperse to three primary schools in Bali. We were made to understand that they took f.o.r.e.v.e.r to pack. Some members of the club were able to make the trip to Bali and were well rewarded for their efforts with wide smiles. What more could one wish for?

DG Robyn is to be congratulated on her Conference and fulfilling the promise of a weekend of innovation, inspiration and information a true Voyage of Discovery.

Jean McKinnon

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Rotary International celebrates and promotes the achievements of our Rotary charity – The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International – during the month of November.

President Wilf emphasises there would be **NO** PolioPlus, **NO** Humanitarian Grants, **NO** Ambassadorial Scholars, **NO** World Peace Fellowships and **NO** Group Study Exchange. He states, "Without our Foundation, Rotary would be a very different and less powerful force for good in the world".

In the November issue of Rotary Down Under, there's plenty of required reading including a message from TRF Chairman Bob Scott on page 7, stories on peace scholars (page 14 and 15), Ambassadorial scholars (page 18 and 19), TRF water projects in Fiji (page 16), and sundry other appropriate editorial highlights.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH: Scholar Profile

With the help of ARHRF, Adelaide's Victoria Leitch is investigating a devastating medical condition that affects one in every 2,500 babies.

Craniosynostosis is where the bony plates of the skull fuse prematurely, often leaving the brain without enough room to grow. This can result in visual and neurological difficulties and mental impairment. The only current treatment available is invasive and life-threatening surgery, which often needs to be repeated as the child grows.

"The research is in the very early stages but we are hoping that a protein that has been discovered by my colleagues to be downregulated in people with craniosynostosis might be involved in the premature fusion of the sutures, and that if we upregulate it, introduce more of the protein, it might mean that the problem can be fixed without surgery", said Leitch.

Leitch is working with the Child Health Research Institute and Craniofacial Australia, the premier surgical unit for cranial operations in the Southern Hemisphere, who have established the largest worldwide tissue bank of cranial suture material from over 100 children with craniosynostosis.

"Not much is know about this condition," said Leitch, "and while there are a few other studies around the world, we are the only lab to have both a very large tissue and cell bank to work with."

Working with Craniofacial Australia has given Leitch the opportunity to observe treatment, meet the patients and see what a big impact the condition has on families.

"Because we are a specialist centre we get a lot of children coming for operations from interstate and overseas. Many of the children are from Asia and sponsored by charities to come here," said Leitch.

Victoria's scholarship is co-sponsored by Hansen Yuncken through the Corporate Funding Partners Program. Rotary clubs and corporates can choose a health area of their choice to research and ARHRF will match the funds to provide a research grant or scholarship. For more information go to: www.arhrf.org.au. Donations to ARHRF are tax deductible and can be sent to: ARHRF, PO Box 779, Parramatta, NSW, 2124. Telephone (02) 8837 1900 or email arhrf@arhrf.org.au



DISTRICT 9460

ORGANISATION 2007 - 08

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DG Ed McKinnon

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DGE Zaki Dorkham

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DGN Keith Hopkins

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DGE Zaki Dorkham

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PP Graham Wheeler

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PP Malcolm Wills

Youth Exchange:

PDG John Simmons

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PDG Jim Trotter

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PP Keith Quayle

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\$4.5 Million for Rotary WA Cord Blood Bank

Rotary WA Cord Blood Bank now has \$4.5 million cash available and is ready to start the building phase.

Thank you, Rotarian Stan Perron for a tremendous show of faith in Rotary and your fellow Rotarians. Stan has given his personal guarantee to back the outstanding pledges and provide the cash to enable the building phase to proceed. This guarantee of \$1 million dollars covers the corporate pledges, pledges from Rotary Clubs and the charity homes being built at Meve by the PRM Group and by the Rotary Club of South Bunbury in Australind.

Thanks to the work of Rotarian Mike Berman and PDG Hugh Langridge the St George Bank has joined the project. This will enable deposits through any branch or agent of St George Bank and will allow us the reach out to the public. The bank will also provided publicity in their branches.

Thank you Robyn Thorpe, for arranging a wonderful public launch and presentation of the Lotterywest cheque by Hon Alan Carpenter on Wednesday. The Premier showed he was well aware of the good works of Rotary and fully supportive of our project. The launch was well attended by media and gave Rotary further exposure to the corporate world.

Our fundraising campaign is continuing until we reach the promised \$6 million dollars net to ensure operating funds are available for four years.

Thank you to everybody for the efforts so far and I am sure we can count on you until we cross the finish line.

John Iriks
Chairman Rotary WA Centennial Ltd
Rotary WA Cord Blood Bank



ROTARY SHARES

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

NOTICES

Club	Mtgs	Members # + / -	Month %	Mthly Rank	Prog %	Prog Rank
Albany East	No Report		0.00	37	69.82	29
Albany Port	5	26 1	86.00	5	85.36	4
Applecross	4	39	84.70	8	76.91	15
Attadale	4	34	83.10	9	81.49	7
Booragoon	4	22 -1	86.40	3	82.85	5
Bridgetown	4	12	57.08	33	72.73	24
Bunbury	4	40	68.00	31	74.99	20
Bunbury Cent	5	40	74.00	22	58.08	36
Bunbury Lesch	5	38 -1	76.80	15	78.33	12
Busselton	4	13 -1	73.20	23	76.90	16
Busselton G'bay	5	26 1	70.51	27	79.98	11
Cockburn	5	26	68.50	28	69.48	31
Collie	5	34	77.21	14	81.83	6
Esperance	4	43	80.80	10	77.26	14
Esperance Bay	5	38 -1	71.00	26	73.68	22
Fremantle	5	28	68.01	30	63.61	35
Fremantle City	5	28 1	33.10	36	48.47	37
Fremantle Port	4	8 1	85.00	7	70.14	28
Gnowangerup	3	12	61.00	32	64.50	34
Harvey	4	29	80.50	12	80.52	10
Katanning	4	27	80.70	11	75.82	17
Kojonup	5	35	74.20	21	71.26	25
Kwinana	4	28	85.47	6	80.63	8
Mandurah	4	44	76.12	16	69.55	30
Mandurah City	5	24	74.32	20	80.57	9
Mandurah Distr	4	16 1	75.00	17	73.33	13
Manjimup	4	39	72.10	25	70.74	26
Margaret River	4	33 -1	55.31	34	68.49	33
Melville	4	40 1	89.70	1	87.57	2
Mosman Park	4	26 -2	86.10	4	86.21	3
Mt Barker	3	14	88.00	2	90.28	1
Narrogin	4	18	77.94	13	75.01	19
Palm Beach	5	25 -5	73.00	24	68.94	32
Pinjarra	5	36	75.00	17	75.08	18
Rockingham	4	23 2	68.50	28	74.89	21
South Bunbury	5	54 1	74.75	19	72.73	23
Wagin	4	16	50.00	35	70.41	27

Total Members: 1,034 Month of August 2007

During my travels I have been asked about the method to calculate attendance percentages.

Attendance: Page 46 of the 2007/08 9460 Directory indicates the method by which attendance percentages can be calculated. There is one change since the article was written - the attendance requirement was reduced from 60% to 50% at the last RI Board meeting. This change also amends the 30% referred to in the statement to 25%. Members on "Leave of Absence" are to be shown as absent unless they make up in accordance with RI requirements. Members who have been "excused" from attendance are not included in the calculations. To be excused please refer to the conditions on page 241 of the Manual of Procedure.

DG Ed McKinnon

INNER WHEEL

The 39th Annual Inner Wheel Conference held in Leura, 'Blue Mountains' was undoubtedly a great success with much work carried out by their sister District A53 and the Conference Committee. Fifteen members of District A40 travelled to attend and were suitably blown away by the scenery and hospitality received. The two eminent speakers were Pat McDermott who writes for 'Women's Weekly', and the NSW Deputy Coroner Jacqueline Milledge who both gave them plenty to think about.

We sadly farewell one of their younger Clubs this month, however hope that they will continue their association with Inner Wheel by joining other available Clubs in their area. Their Extension Officer Maureen Betts has been very busy talking at Rotary Clubs about Inner Wheel and should your Club wish to request a talk, contact Maureen on

bmbetts@westnet.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Herewith the Rotary Family "**McKinnon**"; DG Ed (Melville), Jean (Booragoon), PP Alan Wright (Cockburn) and P Ray (Cockburn).

Plus P Ray and DGE Ed inducting a new member (Hugh McCracken) into Cockburn. Ray's shirt at least went well with the painting.

If there are any other similar Rotary "families", I would love to include in future issues. Please send details and photo to the Bulletin Editor.



GSE VISIT

Our District is involved in one group study exchange tour during the 2007/2008 period to District 1010, Scotland. The Team from Scotland is due to arrive around **15 February and leave 19 March 2008**. Scotland has already chosen their team and consists of 6 members, including the Team Leader. We invite Clubs to register their interest in hosting for a 1 week period in 2008.

In undertaking a hosting the Club would be expected to provide a representative to attend the GSE committee meetings to co-ordinate the stay and to arrange vocational activities (as this is a vocational exchange, each Club is expected to organize 2 vocational visits for each member during their stay), home stay accommodation and provide Club mentors to assist with transport to vocational visits and social activities.

The District Foundation Committee has determined that the selection of Clubs for hosting will be based on a longstanding matrix which records when Clubs have been previously involved in GSE and whether the Club is a current contributor to the Rotary Foundation. Please respond to the District GSE Chair, David Porter by 30 November 2007.

KEY EVENTS & TRAINING DATES

President Elect Training Seminar, Bunbury	14 March 2008
District Conference, Bunbury	14-16 March 2008
District Assembly, Collie	4 May 2008
International Convention, Las Angeles, USA	15-18 June 2008
District Change Over Dinner	30 June 2008

A full list of events can be found in the District Directory.

LAST WORD

The commitments we make to ourselves and to others, and our integrity to those commitments, is the essence and clearest manifestation of our proactivity.
- Stephen R. Covey