



Message from the President

Newsletter
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Hi All,

Thanks to the members of The Rotary Club of Planetarium, Liz & Warren. Liz supplied the watches for our Fun Run & Warren the free flight around Brisbane. We presented Liz & Warren with our Fun Run Mugs.

Liz presented the B of Q big cheque to Linda from Think Pink one of our major beneficiaries.

At the meeting it was exciting to be able to read out the others who will benefit from the Fun Run.

Matthew Burke was our guest speaker & it was interesting & informative letting us know of the problems with City Hall & what has to be done to rectify & restore the building, Matthew also let us know he is in charge of overseeing the work & will try to arrange a visit.

Two of our overseas travelers should be back this week & others to follow later in the month of October.

New members don't forget if you need information consult our district directory.

Guess who's coming to Dinner will start on the 31st October & our master chef contest on the 24th.

Conference registration is now open, check the district website, we have about 9 members registered as of last Wednesday.

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News & Rotary News – At Home and Abroad

Rotaractors sound off about future of Rotary

Let's face it: If Rotarians don't succeed in attracting younger members to their clubs, there won't be any clubs to attract members to.

Megan Cotugno, a former Rotaractor who is now a Rotarian, doesn't mince words when she talks about the importance of younger generations to the future of Rotary.

"One thing I've done in the past few years is really advocate for Rotaract as an integral part of the family of Rotary," she says. "Rotaract is the future of this organization. Youth may only be a small percentage of our community, but we are 100 percent of the future."

Cotugno became hooked on Rotary while accompanying her mother, who had just become a Rotarian, on a mission trip to Mexico City in 2001.

Rotaractors like Cotugno represent an important source of future Rotary club members. In honor of New Generations Month, we tracked down a couple of Rotaractors who went on to become Rotarians, as well as some who are waiting to make the leap, to see what they had to say about making the transition from Rotaract to Rotary.

Jonathan Nish, former Rotaractor and member of the Rotary Club of Putney, Greater London, England, since 2006: "The key is for clubs to invite Rotaractors. The relationship between the Rotaract club and the sponsoring club is important. You have to keep those channels open. The more young people who join, the more we sort of tip the scales and make it easier for others."

Nina Kolenc, a former Rotaractor and member of the Rotary Club of Maribor Lent, Slovenia, since March: "My father was a Rotarian, and my mother and brother were in Rotary clubs. I think it's very important that Rotarians know about Rotaract. To be invited, they first have to know you. It is better if Rotarians have some projects together with Rotaractors; it's easier to make those connections."

Vincent Graffeo, president of the Rotaract Club of Birmingham, Alabama, USA: "There is no system in place to transfer from Rotaract to Rotary. Rotaractors are getting out of Rotaract in their 20s and 30s. Your average Rotarian is in their 50s, so there does seem to be an age gap. A lot of our members are interested in remaining in the family of Rotary. There definitely is a benefit for Rotary to reach out to Rotaractors and their clubs."

Jorge Aguilar, president of the Rotaract Club of Chicago: "Rotaractors see ourselves as the next generation. I think it's very important for Rotary to attract younger members -- just look at the demographics. A great tool Rotary has is its educational programs. I was an exchange student in Switzerland in high school. I never would have been able to spend the time abroad as a young person if it wasn't for the [Rotary] Youth Exchange program. What family can afford that? That's how I got involved and what made me want to give back."

Upcoming Events

8 th Oct.	RC Jindalee – Movie Night (Julie & Julia) - contact Gabe Rowling	0407 228 174
11 th Oct	RC Sumner Park Annual Mystery Picnic	
16 th Oct.	Business Lunch & Auction – R.C. Bris. Planetarium – contact Bev	
20 th Oct.	Beefbank Presentation @ Centenary RSL – J Cridland & volunteer (?)	
24 th Oct.	Master Chef (Evening) – contact Bruce Wilson	
30 th Oct	RC Jindalee 30 th Anniversary (Evening)	

Rosters

Duty	30th September
Chair	Bruce Wilson
Duty Officer	Peter Tomlin
Fellowship Officer	Danny Strong
Vocational or Rotary Talk	Tony Russell
International Toast	Stephen Stoneley
Guest Speaker	Dr. Nigel Waterhouse – Mater Medical Research

ROTARY GRACE

Lord, make us more thankful for what we have received;
 Make us more content with what we have;
 And make us more mindful of others who are in need.