



District 9690

The Rotary Foundation



2011/2012 District 9690 Rotary Foundation Newsletter No. 1

Greetings to Club Foundations Directors and District Foundation Committee Members

This newsletter is to provide you with the latest information from around our District and beyond.

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange program this Rotary year is with District 1410 in Finland.

The Inbound team from Finland will be in our District during March, 2012. The GSE committee will be seeking support for hosting etc during their stay. Please encourage your Club and its members to consider this enjoyable part of Rotary prior to the District Committee's request for support.

The Team Leader for our Outbound Team is Liz MacKintosh from Parramatta Club, and team member selections will be held on Sunday, 11th September. Congratulations Liz.

District Simplified Grants

District Governor David has allocated some funds from The Rotary Foundation for use as District Simplified Grants. If your Club has a project, now is the time to request support, provided it meets the criteria of Foundation funding. Graham Wilson is our District Simplified Grants Chair, so see page 39 in your District Directory for his support contact.

Ambassadorial Scholar

Kate Cornford will soon commence studies at New York University. We wish Kate well in her endeavours and look forward to hearing from her on her return.

Presidents' Meeting

The next Presidents meeting is on 21st October at Panthers, Penrith. Rotary Foundation Directors and International Directors are invited to attend.

This meeting will include an expo and information of Foundation programs, with displays and District personnel to discuss their area of service for the Foundation for your information.

It will be great to see all of you in attendance.

A message from our Parramatta RI Office

WIN 1,000 EXTRA RECOGNITION POINTS by registering on Member Access

From 14 September to 14 October, Rotary club members are eligible to win 1,000 extra Rotary Foundation recognition points simply by [registering](#) on Member Access on the Rotary International website.

New registrants will be entered into a draw and the winner will be announced after mid-October.

Start the registration process by using a valid e-mail address to create an account. You may be asked to provide additional information to help us determine your relationship with Rotary International and match you with your record in our database. Within 24 hours, you will receive a verification e-mail with a hyperlink that will connect you to a Member Access screen to complete your registration. If you do not see the e-mail in your inbox, check your spam/bulk/junk folder.

If you have questions, just contact Rotary Centre at Parramatta on 8894 9800 or risppo@rotary.org

Polio Update

At 24th August, there is still only one recorded case of polio in India – and that was on January 13th. What a great feeling to know that one of those four endemic countries may soon be removed from the list. While progress is still being made in the endemic countries, problems are continuing to crop up in areas previously declared polio-free.

Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo are two such countries where their combined cases have increased numbers by 154 against the same period last year.

On the credit side, Tajikistan looks like it's clear again and Afghanistan and Nigeria are holding steady with just 38 cases between them year to date. There should be good news from those two countries within a year or so and then it will be down to one. The key to stopping the spread is clearing polio from those four endemic nations and once that's done the job will be all but done. Total cases so far this year amount to 333 versus 618 at the same time last year.

Presidential Citation

This year's Presidential citation requires 100% participation from your members by giving to the Annual Programs Fund. They require a personal donation from every member of your Club as an essential part of the citation, which means an amount from every member between 1st July, 2011 and 31st March, 2012.

Also \$100US minimum per capita in Club contributions to the Annual Programs fund.

Changeover Award

Your President will have details of this award, but there are two Foundation activities that can assist your Club receive this award.

1. Organising a fundraising initiative in your community to support Polio Eradication. Or
2. Participate in the Rotary Foundations educational and humanitarian service program

Become a Centurion

\$100 Australian per year by giving to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust. These donations are tax-deductible. Any member who donates to the Centurion program is already making a personal contribution to TRF, and will be fulfilling your personal obligation to this year's Presidential Citation. For further information or contribution forms contact Lyn Tester.

Paul Harris Fellow Luncheon

You are invited to attend this luncheon, which is open to all Foundation, Centurions, Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Members, Foundation Major Donors, Rotarians and Guests.

Guest speaker will be Skuji Tanaka, President Elect of Rotary International for 2012-2013.

Date: Tuesday, 29th November, 2011

Place: Waterview, Bicentennial Park (entrance off Australia Avenue)
Sydney Olympic Park

Time: 12noon to 2.15pm

Cost: \$65 per person (includes wonderful food, wine and fellowship)

RSVP: By 21st October, 2011 to DGE Keith Roffey



The information in this newsletter is for your information and for the members of your Club. I look forward to seeing you at the Presidents meeting on 21st October.

If I can be of help to you during your year, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also if you are looking for information on any area of The Rotary Foundation contact me or the Sub-Committee Chair and we would be only too happy to help you or to come and speak at your Club. We are all here to help and make your year successful.

REMEMBER ---- The Rotary Foundation is our own Charity – support it.

PDG Warwick Tester

Rotary Foundation Chairman District 9690, 2011-2012