

1. OBJECT OF ROTARY

To encourage and foster the ideal of service (via the new “five avenues of service”)

2. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME

Rotary International President (2010 – 2011) Ray Klinginsmith has challenged us with the theme of “Building Communities – Bridging Continents”. Ray Klinginsmith said he arrived at the theme after reviewing RI themes of years past. He noticed that only a few spoke to non-Rotarians. As a result, he decided to search for a briefly stated theme that would fulfill two objectives: the first to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, and the second to validate our work as Rotarians.

Based on this theme the Rotary Club of Woden plans to continue to build our Club as a “community” based on strong fellowship and with a commitment to service that builds bridges with our Rotary District, our non-Rotarian local Canberra community, the wider Central Australian Indigenous community and with an international link via our on-going support to Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus.

3. DISTRICT 9710 THEME AND GOALS

DG Bill Seelis has identified his Theme for the District as “New Decade – New Horizons” and he has set out his Goals for the 2010 – 1011 Rotary year as follows:

3.1 Rotary Foundation (RF)

- Contribute to the \$200 million worldwide Polio Challenge via a contribute of \$1,000 per Club
- Contribute at least US\$140,000 (or \$2,857 x 49Clubs) to the Rotary Foundation Annual fund
- Every Rotarian to contribute (something) to the Foundation each year
- Award 15 new Paul Harris Society memberships this year

3.2 Utilisation

- Support an Ambassadorial Scholar
- Support a Peace Scholar
- Support Polio Plus Initiative
- Support Matching & District Simplification Grants

3.3 Membership

- Increase Club membership by 2 members as compared with membership at 1st June 2010.
- Every Club to reduce their average age
- Every Club to conduct a Membership Survey (Keith Avent - done)
- Every Club to adopt a Membership Recruitment Plan (John Widdup – done)

3.4 Youth

- Each Club to nominate at least 1 participant to any TWO of the following youth programs (RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF, Youth Exchange, etc.)
- 33% of Clubs to host/send a YEP student
- Charter 2 new Interact Clubs in the District
- Charter 1 new Rotaract Club in the District

3.5 Leadership

- All Clubs to develop a Club Leadership Plan
- Support Potential Rotary Leadership Service (PRLS) for all Rotary Leaders
- 33% of Clubs to complete Visioning Plan

3.6 Extension

- Charter at least 1 new Rotary Club

4. ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN GOALS**4.1 LONG TERM CLUB GOALS (2 – 5 years)**

- To ensure that the Club continues to grow and improve in terms of fellowship, service, planning & membership
- Service projects - Develop a major, long term project (2 – 5 years), plus 2-3 one year projects and for most members to be involved in planning & implementing these projects or their supporting activities
- Develop a long term Club Strategic Plan covering the next 3 - 4 years with an emphasis on full membership involvement & continuity of Club leadership

4.2 ANNUAL CLUB GOALS (1 year)**(a) Rotary Foundation (RF) & International Service**

- Keep members informed of the role & activities of RF (on-going)
- Support RF activities primarily via financial donations (eg US\$1,000 Polio Plus, US\$1,500 Rotary Foundation) (October 2010)
- Award 2 Paul Harris Fellowships (May 2011)
- Encourage existing members to be Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, Sustaining Members, etc. (on-going)
- Identify (at least) one international service project and investigate the possibility of seek a “partner Club” to help support and/or implement the project (April 2011) eg Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children Ltd (ROMAC), Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), Fourth Avenue in Motion (FAIM) projects, Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), Shelter Box, etc.
- Participate in 2 of the following Rotary International Programs - Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, World Peace Fellows, Matching Grants, etc. (on-going)

(b) Planning Activities

- Develop & document Leadership Plan (via full consultation) by July 2010
- Develop & implement a training program for Board members & future Presidents (March 2011)
- Continue to implement the Club’s orientation plan for new members (on-going)
- Continue to implement Club PR plans to promote Rotary & Club major activities eg Western Desert Project (on-going)
- Continue to implement Club membership recruitment & retention plan (on-going)
- Review all Club by-laws (July 2010) & major Club Plans (May 2011)

(c) Club and District meetings & activities

- Ensure strong fellowship and information sharing are key factors in all Club activities, particularly service items (on-going)

- Ensure all members have defined roles in the Club activities and adequate opportunities to discuss key issues (on-going)
- Encourage members to be active in District meetings & activities (eg District Assembly, District Conference, District Rotary Foundation Seminar, District Membership Seminar, District Leadership Seminar) (on-going)
- Ensure attendance of incoming & existing Board members at President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) (March 2011 in Sydney)
- Work actively & constructively with District and Assistant Governors (on-going)
- Allocate all members to Club service and/or administrative activities (July 2010)

(d) Club Administration

- Focus monthly Board meetings on key issues rather than process (on-going)
- Develop & monitor a Budget covering all Club activities with particular emphasis on Service Projects (August 2010)
- Ensure 70% of meetings have a key note speaker (on-going)
- Ensure Club has (at least) 4 “Club Forum” meetings per year (on-going)
- Ensure Club has (at least) 4 social activities in the year (on-going)
- Plan at least one Club meeting with a focus on Rotary Foundation programs (November 2010)
- Invite Club alumni to attend at least one key Club meeting eg Christmas “get-together” (December 2010)
- Invite families/partners to appropriate Club meetings (on-going)
- Ensure that the weekly Club bulletin (The Raven) continues to have its primary focus on Rotary and Club information. (on-going)
- Ensure that the Club’s Web site is updated at least twice per year (eg July 2010 & January 2011)
- All District and Rotary International reports will be completed in a timely manner (on-going).

(e) Membership

- Increase membership by a net 2 people per rotary year (at 1st June 2010 current membership = 35 made up of 27 males & 8 females) (on-going)
- Seek to reduce average age of Club – average age as at 1st June 2010 = 66.6 years (on-going)

(f) Community Service Activities

- Complete & formally launch 5 years Western Desert Program. Carry out Evaluation Plan (December 2010)
- Plan next long term project (ie undertake Needs Assessment, identify possible Club Project(s), initiate Club discussion (and agreement), develop draft Timetable & Budget, appoint Project Committee, prepare Fundraising Plan, develop & begin Implementation Plan) (May 2011)
- Develop & implement at least 3 one year Club service or fund raising projects that focus on Canberra with an emphasis on the Woden Valley (September 2010)
- Examine the feasibility of sponsoring a new Probus Club (November 2010)
- Undertake fund raising to support these service activities via Thoroughbred parking, Show parking & Spring Cycle Ride, Matching Grants, etc. (on-going)

(g) Youth Activities (undertake at least two of the following)

- Rotary Youth Exchange Program (YEP) - Liaise with the Canberra College (or other Canberra colleges) re appropriate applicants for YEP (Host and/or sponsor (1-2) people)
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) – Liaise with the Canberra College re nominating one person for at least 1 RYPEN camp
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) - Liaise with the Canberra College re nominating one person for at least 1 RYLA camp
- Stuart Garnsey & Arthur Holder Awards - Liaise with the Canberra College re awarding one student nominated by the College staff for each of these awards
- Existing Rotaract & Interact Clubs – Invite existing members to a Club meeting
- Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) – work with the Canberra Rotary Club to achieve a successful RAIC program (May 2011)
- Examine the feasibility of supporting applicants for 2 or 3 of the following Rotary youth programs: National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), Model United Nations (MUNA), the (formally Siemens) Science Experience Foundation, Four Way test Speaking Competition, Honeywell Engineering Summer School, Murray Darling Schools of Freshwater Research.

(h) Vocational Service

- Examine the feasibility (via PP Tonia Barnes - Canberra East Club) of the Woden Club supporting a Rotary Literacy program for adults and children with an emphasis on Indigenous people in the Canberra region