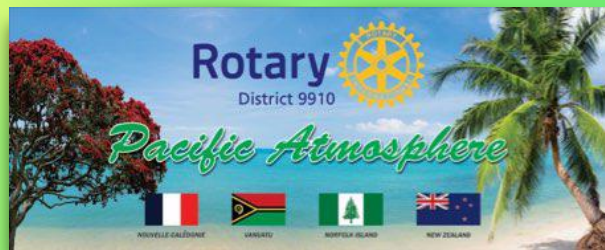




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Whangarei City

District Governor's NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016



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DISTRICT DIARY EVENTS:

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

18 Nov.....Red Nose Day

26 Nov...DMMtg (incl. DAC)

18 Nov - 17 Dec:

IYE South Island Tour (inbounds)

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November is



**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
Month**

December is



**FAMILY
Month**



Reo and I completed all our 41 Club Visits with the final visit to our own Club on the 23rd November.

The biggest and best part was meeting with all Club Board Members prior to the general Club meeting. Initially most Boards would say that they didn't do much, but once they rattled off all the Projects, Collections and Fundraising that they did even they were pleasantly surprised at their Clubs efforts.

My Club Presentation and Strategies were well received. It was surprising the number of people that had an earlier connection with places such as Hikurangi, Hukerenui, Tanekaha or Kawakawa. A copy of my Strategies were displayed in last Month's Governor's Newsletter.

The Winds of ReDistricting / ReZoning are climbing up the Beaufort Scale to a 6-7 level.

To quote Noel Trevaskis "District 9910 and District 9920 becomes one new District. Ongoing discussion on the South Pacific Islands as to whether the new District keeps them or if they are divided up between the other North Island Districts and Australia or just the North Island Districts and possibly the South Island".

We in D9910 have a different view on this. A meeting with D9920 will be held next week to discuss the options. If nothing else comes to fruition, we would have had our say and promoted our thoughts before New Zealand is thrust into maybe 4 Districts.

Our Membership numbers are steadily increasing with a new Club to be formally Chartered next week. It has been a long time coming, but at last Membership and Retention is being given the urgent and sustained attention and action that has been lacking in the past. **In fact our Numbers are +62 compared to year start.**

Australia too hasn't escaped—They will have a District reduction from 21 down to 16. Rezoning will occur at the same time with New Zealand and Australia becoming one Zone.

No matter what the outcome is, after all the dust settles, the fact remains, we need more Rotarians to carry on doing all the good work Rotary does in the World. We must not let up on our quest.

Keep up all the good work as we make this World a better place for our successors.

PC & Reo.

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Club Visits Calendar

All done and dusted including the latest visit to the recently Chartered Rotary Club of Glenfield. A total of 42 Clubs in District 9910 as at the end November 2016.

D9910 Training Dates 2017

15 - 21 January

**DGE David Oliphant
International Assembly,
San Diego**

3 - 5 March

**SPPETS at Waipuna
Lodge Auckland**

21 - 23 April

**District 9910 Conference
Whangarei**

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Chartering of a new club ... Rotary Club of Glenfield

Club Chartered with one Rotarian and 24 new Members.

President Anil Nathoo expects numbers to rise to 35 before year end.

Well done to a well motivated and enthusiastic group of keen new Rotarians.

This Club is showing the way in how to succeed in growing Rotary in our District.



John F. Germ
President, 2016-17

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5 October 2016

Dear charter members of the Rotary Club of Glenfield, Auckland, New Zealand:

It's an honor to welcome the Rotary Club of Glenfield, Auckland, New Zealand into the Rotary family.

The chartering of a new club is always exciting. Your club has been created because all of you have something in common: a need to make a difference through service. Each individual brings something unique to the table in skills, passions, and talent. But it's when we come together as a team that we're able to accomplish much more. You will feel connected not only to your community but to the entire international community of Rotarians, who are Doing Good in the World.

The success of a club depends on many factors, including a strong, active membership base and a desire to serve mankind. The more you achieve, the more good you'll want to do. It's through Rotary that we have the opportunity to make history by ending polio, to educate the children of the world, to feed the hungry, and to meet the needs of local and international communities. By working together, we are capable of accomplishing great things.

The possibilities for a new club are endless. I hope you approach your Rotary membership with enthusiasm and energy, and establish your club within your community as a beacon of service and fellowship. With your help, we can move Rotary forward. Congratulations again to you members of Rotary Club of Glenfield, Auckland, New Zealand. I look forward to your club joining us in the tradition of *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Regards,

John F. Germ
2016-17 President, Rotary International

Establishment of Rotary Satellite Club of Henderson Mahurangi Sunrise



8 November 2016

Chair Martin Howson
Rotary Satellite Club of Henderson Mahurangi Sunrise
Via Email: mandmhowson@gmail.com

Dear Chair Martin

Congratulations on the establishment of the Rotary Satellite Club of Henderson Mahurangi Sunrise, New Zealand which was admitted on 8 November 2016 as a satellite club of the Rotary Club of Henderson.

Your enthusiasm and endeavour has been tireless to bring this satellite club to fruition and we offer our congratulations and thanks. We also acknowledge and thank the Rotary Club of Henderson for their support of the new satellite and look forward to the two groups working together in service.

As your satellite club continues to grow, please let us know when you are nearing charter and we will provide the appropriate charter documentation.

We have forwarded to Rotary Down Under the information for your club members to be subscribed to the local regional magazine as requested.

Please note that your club members will be included on the sponsor club's invoice from Rotary International. The sponsor club will be billed pro-rata for the new members on the next invoice.

At this point in time, there is no provision for membership changes of the satellite to be reported via My Rotary. If you would like to add or terminate satellite members please email these direct to our Data Services team: data@rotary.org

Though satellite members will not be able to see information specifically relating to the satellite club, we would encourage your members to register for My Rotary in order for them to take advantage of the wide range of Rotary information available such as in the Learning & Development module, Rotary Showcase, Rotary Ideas and so much more.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Mifsud
Coordinator, Club and District Support

cc: Peter Smith, Governor, District 9910, Rotary International
President Ian Foster, Rotary Club of Henderson

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Friday evening and Saturday Morning

Late Registrations and Online Registration pack “pick-ups”

Saturday Morning

Official Opening

Powhiri/Cultural Performance

Mayoral Address Rotary International Rep - Jennifer Coburn

Presentations

Guest Speaker - Lindsay Ford

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker Sarah Brown

Presentations

Key Note Speaker Shane Reti

Lunch

Town Basin Loop walk for Alzheimers (bus available to and from starting point)

Dinner - Ticket Entry

Evening dinner and entertainment

Sunday Morning

Conference Formalities

Presentations

Morning Tea

Rotary Moments

Key Note Speaker Dr Lance O'Sullivan

Rotary International Representative - Jennifer Coburn

Wrap Up

Lunch

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The following is from Ron King of
Kumeu Rotary

**Club
News**



Kumeu Club above the waves

Enthused by a guest speaker on the subject of 'Drones' Kumeu Rotary could see a way of a "drone" assisting to locate a person/s in life threatening or distress, at a surf beach or similar. Our speaker also was a manufacturer of Drones, plus an advocate for aviation regulations for safe Drone operations

Recent Television documentaries of "Piha Rescue" highlighted the difficulty of locating persons in distress in the surf and waves, is what also enhanced the Kumeu Rotary Project.

Discussions between a Kumeu Rotary committee, Muriwai Surf lifesaving Club, and the Drone manufacturer, established a requirement to operate a drone within a salt water spray environment, a real time video from the drone to the base operations, an automatic go home operation of the drone to prevent loss of the drone, and GPS settings register.

Kumeu Rotary will sponsor the development of a suitable drone, Muriwai Surf Lifesaving is deemed to be the recipients, plus a system of training operators and understanding Aviation regulations will be put into place.

STOP PRESS

UPDATE ...



Following a successful trial flight of the drone out at Muriwai, pilot training has started for those chosen to fly it. Each pilot will receive 20 hours of training which will enable them to operate the drone safely and efficiently, and within Aviation parameters.

It is believed there are many Surf Clubs and Beach safety Clubs in NZ, and maybe this Kumeu Rotary project could be the forerunner to many lives being saved.

Kumeu Rotary offers to share this project with others and offer an email contact of brettconnolly@xtra.co.nz

The following is an excerpt from
The Kumeu GRAPEVINE, President Brett

**Club
News**

Kumeu Rotary

After members decided to support the **Waimauku Lions** in their efforts to provide a playground for youth in the area I'm pleased to advise that a cheque for \$5,000 has been sent to them from our club. I was at a function with their president on Friday and they were very appreciative of our assistance.

The Board have also approved the following grants to assist organisations in our area.

1. **\$1,500.00 to the South Kaipara Youth Charitable Trust.** This Trust provides positive activities for at risk young people in the community.
2. **\$1,000.00 to the Moutara Waimauku Scouts** so that their leader can undertake a First Aid Training course. All Scout leaders now need to have this training to ensure that the scouts are well looked after when on outdoor activities.
3. Our sergeant has decided to provide 10 \$50 dollar Pak n Save food vouchers to our local **Waimauku Woman's Refuge Trust** When the women arrive at the safe house they are often in need of help and these vouchers will be most welcome. The funding for this will come from the Sergeants Fund which, thanks to your generous support has funds available.



My thanks go to the members for their generous support of **The Norwest Community Patrol** at our last meeting. Tom sold all his raffle tickets and the sergeant raised a further \$155 which also went to the Patrol. Well done to all members who were present at the meeting.

Newsletter items for DECEMBER DG Newsletter
to Margaret Cebalo cebalobam@extra.co.nz
by the 20th of December 2016





The following is an extra from

Browns Bay Bulletin

A ROTARY MINUTE FROM MURRAY ALLISON

Every month in a year has a specific Rotary focus & November is Rotary Foundation month.

Nearly 100 years ago in 1917 an eminent Rotarian had the idea to create a Foundation to help fund humanitarian projects from local service efforts to global initiatives.

So we as a District & specifically this Club within the District can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects such as the dental project in Vanuatu. So we support the Foundation work through our Club giving or personal giving. The main thrust is that this is our 'charity of choice' & all giving is tax deductible.

A board of trustees at Rotary International manages the funds, invests them, & in 3 years time we can get the funds back into the District multiplied for a specific project we might need finance for. So we get Rotary international funds in conjunction with District funding. Also with considerable help from Korean Rotary we can multiply that as well.

Altogether we have had the ability to multiply by 10 times for various projects. A classic example was for the medical aid we as a District provide for children from Vanuatu, or Fiji or East Timor needing life saving surgery. A few years back Clubs gave \$27K for this and after Korean Rotary help, and various grants the total was \$270K which allowed 10 children to come here for surgery at Starship or as in a few cases surgery at Waikato hospital.

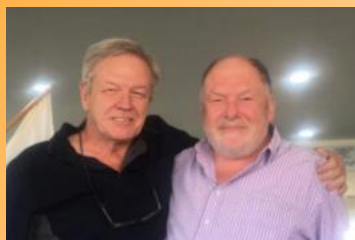
District grants are intended to support smaller activities & projects, which can be local and/or international. Foundation, with the help of the Gates Foundation.

As an add on to this our Rotary project to rid the world of Polio is also part funded through the Now the NZ Centurion Fund is another way to assist the RI Foundation through Rotarians giving \$100 a year, tax deductible and it would be good for this Club to increase the number of 'Centurions'. Paul Mees is promoting this in due course.

The following is an excerpt from Milford Bulletin

Club News

A significant event in this year of 2016-2017 for our Rotary Club



For many many years Derek and Sally Evennett have been staunch members of The Rotary Club of Milford.

As a Past President of our Club and as just a normal member of both our club and our community on the North Shore, Derek has always been at the forefront of goings on in our club and the Community.

Always a wise voice in the affairs of our Club, Derek has been and indeed remains a Trustee of our Charitable trusts.

The members of our Club have also been with Derek and Sally in their journey on the Shore and watched with admiration their achievements and the milestones in their lives.

We have seen them build homes and a business and also been with them through the lives of their blended family and children. They have often shared many facets of their lives with the Club.

We have witnessed the arrival and passing of Monty, joined in his fun and sadness, and now we share the life and tales of his doppelganger; Ritchie.

We have seen Derek enjoy his family and his toys, seen cricket grounds come and go, and seen his devotion to family and friends around him, both within and outside of Rotary.

We are aware of his standing and his reputation both as a business leader and as mentor and pillar of our society.

But through all this comes a generosity of spirit and a kindness that are possibly his most worthy attribute. At our meeting on the 8th of November Derek asked for a few minutes to address the members present.

During his chat he told us of his decision to sell out of his business Clearlite and the decision to retire from that operation.

He and Ian Beatson took that company from almost a basket case and made it into the iconic brand that it now represents in New Zealand.

Derek told us of his plans to acquire a small shack on the beach up at Orewa... and we were thrilled to

learn that this has now come to fruition and that Ritchie is now free to wander the beaches at will.

At the conclusion of his few minutes Derek took the opportunity to present a cheque to the Milford Charitable Trust, with the express desire that the funds donated be given towards the Wairau Valley Special School Project. The amount on the cheque represents a very large portion of our target.

I must confess that the emotion of this gift to the School and to our Club really blew me away. The members present were equally caught up in the moment.

Derek was emotional and so was I, and I possibly did not say all the things that needed to be said at the time. So I'm saying it now. Derek and Sally, We are proud to be your friends and we are hugely grateful for your support, wisdom and generosity.

Don't you dare retire just yet.... There's heaps to be done!! Thank you both.

A Special effort by Taharoto Sunrise ... we can help ...

Taharoto Sunrise [our satellite club] is collecting surplus ladies handbags and any unused Travel/Hotel style shampoos, soaps, hand lotion, toothpaste, tissues or similar items, to put into the bags and give to Women's Refuge this Christmas.

We have had donations already... even from our Guest last week.... So please keep this effort rolling

The following are excerpts from Westhaven View Bulletins

★ Foundation Dinner

★ November 15th Meeting

The president of Henderson Rotary Ian Foster joined us for breakfast and shared his clubs progress and plans for the future.

Waitakere High School recently became a corporate member. Ian sees this as an important part of increasing membership and challenges other clubs do the same.

This new relationship will see senior staff members from Waitakere College regularly attending Henderson Rotary meetings to learn more about Rotary and to let the club know more about what's happening at the School. Ian said they see this as a win-win for both organisations.

Alexis Sawyers - Fund Raising Team Leader

★ Auckland City Mission

The Club presented Alexis with a cheque for \$7000 raised from our Cash and Can Winter appeal.

Alexis was impressed how active our small club was, in getting out into the community and asking for action. She thanked us on behalf of the Mission It takes over \$5 million a year to run the ACM of which \$4.4 million is from fund raised in the community. They also get grants, bequests, private donations and corporate donations in kind.

The Xmas appeal is their largest fundraiser bringing in 1/3 of the funds needed. Being a time of giving, people are very generous either from Mail outs to the Mission or the Street appeal.

With so many worthy causes to support, the ACM have attempted to personalise their champagnes such as Become Someone's Angel and Online donations which are growing in popularity.

Going out to the schools and making the children aware of the reality of living in poverty helps towards the future.



Dame Diane's legacy still continues with many of her projects still progressing.

Alexis never ceases to be amazed at the generosity of the community. All of which makes for a very rewarding job.

The Rotary Club of Henderson teamed up with other West Auckland Clubs—Kumeu, Waitakere and New Lynn to celebrate 100 years of the Rotary Foundation. A group from Westhaven Rotary enjoyed the evening which was well organised and fun. Rotaryman – Evan Burrell from Australia was the guest speaker.



Westhaven Wahines having fun exposing Rotaryman

A very exciting young Rotarians, and quite possibly the most Social Media Active Rotarians in the World. He spoke about ways to attract younger members by using social media in a fun and entertaining way.

★ Earthquake Donations

We have all been shocked at the recent earthquakes that has distributed and changed many lives forever. Our thoughts go out to all concerned. One of our members Clair and partner Bino were in Wellington at the time. Their quiet, relaxing weekend turned into an odyssey but fortunately all safe. If you wish to Donate here are some ways you can go about it.

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The following is an excerpt from "Wot's the Haps"

Mahurangi Sunrise Rotary

ClubNews

Wot's the Hap's

From six members initially to a membership of 16 at present. **Mahurangi Sunrise** club members are very enthusiastic about getting new members and have prospective members about to join. The press articles in the Mahurangi Matters and Rodney Times have been very helpful. Prospective members will be encouraged to get involved with our projects.

Our activities have included a **Reading Project at Snells Beach Primary** which was well received and will continue next year when the weather gets colder. We help with the **Food Rescue** and had a stand at the local **Kowhai Festival**. We raised over \$700 and this will be handed over to the **Coast Guards, Animal Rescue and Home Builders**.

Our main current event is the **Wharf Dinner to raise money for the Warkworth/Wellsford Hospice and the Mahurangi River Restoration Trust**, to take place in **11 March 2017**. This a joint project with the **Warkworth Lions Club**.

The following is an excerpt from New Lynn Newsletter

ClubNews

Pink for A Day

Well, I'm slowly learning about filipino time. Tables were set, decorations were up, lots of busy people organising. It was a great crowd of over 54 people eventually. Brunch turned into lunch, but Pilar, Desmond, Geoff and Rose, all managed to fill the time in with welcomes, speech's, advising on what Rotary is, and who we all are. Gillian gave an excellent speech about the Breast Cancer Society, changes MEN and woman should be looking for, not just a lump. She then went on to tell her story. A true survival story, when we know of so many that do not see changes, and the cancer is found too late.



Thank you to the fundraising committee, raising \$1,212 for a worthy cause. Great food, and nice music - thank you Frankie. Lots of laughter, dress up, and socialising. Thank you to everyone who helped, turned up or just gave a donation.



The following are excerpts from East Coast Bay Bulletins

Club
News

Morgan's Message (01.11.16)

One of the strengths of Rotary is its ability to reach out globally. You will be heartened to know that ECB Rotary Club has recently done just that, by reaching out to Haiti in the form of no less than 3 ShelterBoxes. One was funded by the Club, another by our members Keith and Robyn Young, and the third by through the Company of past member Bruce Westbrooke.



As I'm sure you know hurricane Matthew ripped through Haiti as a category 4 hurricane on

October 4th. This means wind speeds of between 209 to 251 km per hour which will damage even well built NZ homes let alone modest dwellings in Haiti. Some areas are reportedly 90% destroyed and the death toll has

been estimated at nearly 900. It is also estimated that over 350,000 people need help, with cholera now taking a grip. Among ShelterBox's suite of aid is a water filtration device to give a household safe drinking water (and afford some protection against cholera), as well as mosquito nets to combat the spread of other diseases.

As I reported in our meeting of 10th October, a ShelterBox Response Team, including New Zealander Mike Peachey, has been deployed. You can see some of the ShelterBoxes (the green boxes) in the accompanying photo. Haiti is one of the world's poorest countries and was only just starting to recover from the catastrophic earthquake in 2010 so this is very much a double blow for Haitians.

Another strength of Rotary is undoubtedly its youth programmes. So how about supporting our very own.

Morgan's Message (22.11.16)



Last Monday saw ECB Rotary Club gain a **new member**, namely **Jenna Tuuta**. I'm sure Jenna will be a real asset to the Club and I encourage you all to get to know her. Jenna was inducted into the Club by our own PG Peter Garnett, and Peter will also be Jenna's mentor.

Peter was of course our guest speaker for the night, in his capacity as District Foundation Chairman. Peter gave us a very impassioned and informative talk on the work of the Foundation, with particular emphasis how the Foundation's six areas of focus actually work and what they mean in practice.

In this Centennial year of the Foundation, I encourage you all to consider becoming a Centurion. We currently have 17 members in the Club who are Centurions, this simply means that they donate NZ\$100 per year to the Foundation. This can be done very simply by completing the special application form and then paying either by direct debit monthly, or by one annual payment. The donation is of course fully tax deductible, and as Peter pointed out, is equivalent to roughly the cost of one cup of coffee per fortnight! I have attached the application form and challenge those of you who are not already Centurions (like myself!) to act now! (*see next page*)



Tola received her end of year report from Rangitoto College. She was received 1's for Esol, Generic Computing, International Tourism and a 3 for Design all at Year12 Level. A '1' equates to some work at excellence level and a '3' is at achievement level. This is a very good report. Well done Tola!!

The following is an excerpt from

Onehunga – One Tree Hill Inc. Bulletin

The Club's Annual Christmas party was held at Eden Gardens at 6 pm on Monday evening. The weather was fine and gave early arrivals the opportunity to look at the gardens. 41 people attended, including Val Hall, Daphne Wood and friend and her son Rex Wood and his partner Chalita.



The function room had been decorated in advance by Lloyd with assistance from Barry and Gwyneth. A good choice of refreshments was available for guests. A good meal, including ham and chicken, was provided followed by a pavlova style dessert.

Entertainment for the evening came in the form of the first raffles under the New Year's 70s' Club. There were extensive contributions of readings, poetry and limericks. A singing session was then held with Alistair available on guitar and with voice assistance from Bill Appleton (Alistair having lost his voice).



There were also prizes awarded for the best dressed male (won by your President) and female (won by Katherine Albiston) and best overall limerick/ contribution (Bill Appleton).

The evening ended at 9.00 pm and appeared to be enjoyed thoroughly by all.



Rotary Club of New Lynn



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Rotary Club of New Lynn
Major 2017 Fundraiser



Friday 17 February 2017

6:30 till late

at

Sky City Convention Centre

88 Federal Street, Auckland City

Dinner, Entertainment & Live band

Cash Bar available • Formal Attire

Silent Auctions and raffles during the night

Door Prize: Night for two at Sky City Hotel

\$120 per ticket

\$1200 per table (10 tickets)

Corporate Naming Rights

\$1450 = 10 tickets

Includes 10 tickets, table naming rights, power point displays and advertising throughout the evening

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What Is Happening In Vanuatu

Warmest Congratulations...

What a momentous meeting we had this week..!

Not only were we honoured Wednesday lunchtime with the presence of district governor Peter Smith – who provided great interest with his presentation, most especially his humorous observations regarding growing up on a dairy farm in rural New Zealand.

Peter's home club is Whangarei, which is New Zealand's most northerly city with a huge and beautiful natural harbour, where NZ's largest oil refinery, Marsden Point is located.

Peter has been a long serving Rotary member – and the family tradition of 'service' has been continued by his wife and 2 daughters - who are all involved in various organisations whose aim is to provide better opportunities and outcomes to many of the worlds less privileged individuals.

During Peter's stay in Vanuatu he was exceptionally well looked after by our club stalwart Richard Purdy – both by visiting various Rotary projects, by attending a meeting at our sister club in Santo and – we have little doubt – by the exceptional hospitality offered by Vila Chaumieres resort. (Conveniently owned and managed by Richard - and his lovely wife Ursula)

Paul Harris Fellowship Awards

However, the undoubted highlight of our lunchtime meeting was the presentation, all richly deserved, of not just one – but THREE Paul Harris Fellowship memberships.

Paul Harris was the original founder of Rotary International in Chicago – way back in 1905.

A Paul Harris award is only given to those individuals that have shown the most outstanding commitment – above and beyond the call – to the ideals of the Rotary International organisation.

The three recipients were:

- **Doctor Annette Garae** – resident paediatrician at Port Vilas hospital children's ward. Annette is such a remarkable young woman that we will devote a complete page to her and her team's vital work – hopefully in next week's issue.

- The aforementioned **Richard Purdy** – long time Rotarian and the local 'go to guy' for all matters Rotary. Richards's brief bio was featured in a previous article in this publication.
- And lastly – but by no means least – our esteemed club president **Roly Mortimer**

Born into a family with a tradition of community service, Roly feels compelled to contribute to the health and welfare of those less fortunate - he says: "Being awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship is an honour, it means someone has overestimated my contribution, but it confirms I am heading in the right direction and I will try and live up to it."

Vanuatu is a pleasant change from where he started his professional career as a mining engineer working underground in some of the world's deepest mines. At one stage he was Mine Captain of the worlds biggest mine shaft in South Africa and ended his mining career managing a gold mine on the top of a mountain in Papua New Guinea.

Now Roly and his wife Brigitte work together in their own business, A2Z Services, in which they do everything from A to Z.

Roly specialises in architectural services, mainly landscaping, including outdoor features: decks, fences, walls and fares and overseeing construction projects. With the cyclone season approaching, as a qualified horticulturist, he is busy overseeing tree pruning to safeguard houses and garden structures.

Meanwhile his wife Brigitte is a linguist translating and teaching English, French and German. She can communicate in many other languages too which makes multi- cultural Vanuatu a lovely country for her and Roly to raise their children Pierre and Elena.

Should you wish to contact Roly – he can be reached on 771 8983

D.G. Peter Smith with Paul Harris recipients – Richard, Annette & Roly





What Is Happening In Vanuatu

Inspirational Nabanga Pikinini...

Local resident and education enthusiast Pauline Grindley has a passion for reading – and a desire to ensure that all Vanuatu children have access to appropriate books and associated learning resources too...

She has named this project Nabanga (meaning Banyan tree) Pikinini and embarked upon producing her 'shell' books.

Shell books are a system of printing a book without including the story line inside but rather at the back of the book – lines are on each page thus enabling teachers to translate the stories from the Bislama version at the back and write onto the blank pages in the language used in their school.

The first book was produced in 2012, being translated into Japanese by Seiichi Naka. However, it took many years and a cyclone for Mr Naka to find funding for the printing of his translation.

In June 2015 after Cyclone Pam two Rotary clubs in Japan funded the printing of 2,000 copies. These were sold in Japan with some copies being donated to libraries and schools.

Later that year Mr Naka accompanied PDG Osamu Kometani (from Kobe South Rotary club) and Dr Shingeyasu Mizutani (from Takarazuka Mukogawa Rotary International district 2680) on a trip to Vanuatu to present the Japanese version of Nabanga Pikinini book 1.

The proceeds from the sale were presented to Roly Mortimer - president of Rotary Club, Port Vila.

At this time - when many schools had nothing left after the cyclone - Pauline used the money to produce a set of 5 small shell books as well as 3 different wooden games for the kindy schools.

A total of 1,200 copies of each book were printed - and 600 of each of the wooden games were produced.

These puzzle type games were cut with printed pictures supplied so the teachers made the games themselves. Over the years teachers have been struggling using cardboard to make their games and it is now hoped that plywood and pinewood will replace the cardboard - thus making the games more durable.

Local teachers with the help of Liz Atallah - a Peace Corps volunteer - made up the games. Liz says...

"Recently I set up a game table for the students to play games during free time before school starts and during lunch.

They love the dominoes and matching games! The block puzzle is also popular. I have made some of my own games to add, since there are always so many students eager to play!.."



Students from Quatui School East Ambae with block puzzle

Following successful production of book 1 Mr Naka - with the backing of the same Rotary clubs in Japan – has now translated Nabanga Pikinini book 2 into Japanese.

The funds from the sale of this book will go towards the setting up the 'Vanuatu Nabanga Pikinini Friendship Association' in Japan.

The Associations main aims will be to 'promote the exchange of young people of Japan and Vanuatu; contribute to the tourism development of Vanuatu; promote cultural exchange between young children; and - if funds allow - to accept trainees from Vanuatu...'

Pauline would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rotary clubs in Japan and Port Vila for their support in these wonderful projects.



L – R Yoko (Mr. Naka's wife), Dr Shingeyasu Mizutani, Mr. Naka, PDG Osamu Kometani & Roly Mortimer

Dental Project In Aneityum Island Vanuatu

Report From Liz Webb

Provided by Robert Schroder

Here is a report that Liz Webb sent me as I said I would try to get publicity for her by Publishing her report in the Travel Trade Media.

There are 92 Cruise visits to Mystery Island in the next twelve months by P & O Australia, Carnival Cruises Australia, Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean Cruises and Celebrity Cruises.

As a coincidence, after negotiating with Holland America Cruise lines I was able to take 70 Rotarians on board one of the cruise liners last January, for a tour and lunch. The money raised (and increased) with matching grants will go towards this project.

Report from Liz Webb

Dental Project Aneityum Island Vanuatu

Thank you for the opportunity to describe my current project work and some important findings which may be of interest to you and your colleagues with regards to Mystery Island, Vanuatu.

Background

Enrolled half time in a doctoral study at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, my thesis explores the burden of oral disease in children continuously exposed to differing volcanic fluoride levels in three embedded case studies in Vanuatu. With no oral health records existing for this population, it was necessary to create clinical data sets (1020) in five remote locations in Vanuatu. At the same time, I led and coordinated teams of dentists and dental therapists to these areas for oral health relief of pain. I successfully organised all logistics and funding for these trips. It is expected that my thesis findings will inform inaugural oral health policies in Vanuatu.

Aneityum Island

My final data collection site was remote and isolated Aneityum Island, home to Mystery Island which as you know, is visited regularly by P&O Cruise Ships. I first visited Aneityum Island in 2014. Upon meeting the local primary school children, most had pain with their teeth, which they did not brush and it was evident that this group would have the highest decay rate of any of my participants. An immediate return

was required to treat the pain I saw. Cyclone Pam delayed the planned April 2015 visit until July 2015, when I returned to Analcauhat Village with a team of five other oral health professionals from New Zealand. We were given full access to the Yorien Helt Senta – a strong building recently completed with funding from P & O. I triaged children from the main primary school, secondary school and the kindergartens in Analcauhat to the Helt Senta for the team.

Extractions and ART (Atraumatic Restorative Technique - a method used when soft tooth decay is removed and filling material placed when access to dental hand pieces is not available) were performed on community members using local anaesthetics. Adults attended with children as treatments were carried out and community members translated for team members when necessary. Due to the high treatment needs presenting from community members in July 2015, not all treatments required for relief of pain, tooth maintenance, prevention and education were able to be carried out.

Project Aneityum - Oral Health Initiative - Brown's Bay Rotary Club

As I flew away a new project was designed, not to be part of my thesis, but an opportunity to provide improved oral health outcomes and improved quality of life. I was determined that this would not be another one of those fly in/fly out/treat emergency oral health conditions to a group of extremely vulnerable people who have no choice but to wait for help.

In July this year, I implemented Project Aneityum, a community owned oral health initiative. I gained the funding required for this unique project from Rotary Browns Bay/Rotary International. This Project is a permanent, sustainable oral health solution with community endorsement and buy in. With the second stage of this project already implemented (September 2016), it is exciting to see the community eager to discuss long term individual oral health plans and progressions for themselves and their children while enjoying immediate relief from dental pain with choices of dental treatments. This project is also ensuring that two community members, who were nominated by Aneityum Chiefs, continue to train to treat and meet the oral health needs of their own people.

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This empowerment has enabled this community to nominate a building in their biggest village and are currently raising funds to renovate it into their own dental clinic which will serve the whole island's population. Some early evaluations of this Project delight not just the Chiefs of Aneityum but the 12+ volunteer oral health professionals from New Zealand which I lead and manage as well as the funders and the New Zealand and International companies who have donated considerable quantities of high quality consumables and equipment. One of the ways the Aneityum Helt Chief asked me to evaluate the Oral Health Project was in vatu saved by community members. In September 2016 alone, the community saved approximately NZD49, 000 in emergency dental treatments by a NZ team providing these for free. They also saved individuals spending a total of NZD69, 000 in travel costs to Vila which is the closest place for them to receive treatments of the same standard.

Cruise Ship Visits - Mystery Island



Mystery Island houses the local airport/grass strip and has an idyllic tropical Island setting. It is otherwise empty except for "Cruise Ship Days". During my July 2015 visit, a

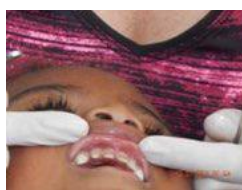
P & O Cruise ship came to Mystery Island and the main village of Analcauhat emptied. We ventured over to Mystery Island to discover how the community earn from these regular visits.

Under the shade of coconut palms, Mamma's stalls were selling and serving food, beverages and souvenirs with others introducing and selling diving/boating/turtle experiences to visitors who arrive at the Island via tenders. Groups of children sang while their kindergarten teachers played guitars seated under shady trees, newly leafed, post-Pam. It is my understanding from the beginning of 2016, that the community now have many more "Cruise Ship Days" so the frequency of "western gifting" has also increased significantly.



It is obvious that some of the cruise ship tourists wish to provide small treats and gifts for the local community. This generosity is so warmly appreciated by the community

as closest town for buying of quality goods is Port Vila, two plane rides away and not normally afforded by rural Ni-Van. I watched while a group of passengers called over a group of small children and presented them with dolls and new clothes. Other children had been given very large bags of sweets and lolly pops and I saw a teacher thanking a visitor for some donated school stationary items.



Western foods and ways of life appear to be idolised by Ni-Van, but it is my opinion, that the community needs to have more information on the long term impact this adopted lifestyle has

on their health, wellbeing and life expectancy. Education via culturally appropriate awareness with support is required so they can make informed choice. There is no doubt in my mind that the availability of cariogenic foods given to children on "Cruise Ship Days" (and bought at the two local shops with Mamma earnings) impacts not just on the oral health of the children, but on the general health of the community as a whole.

It is not my place to speak for this community about what should be gifted to them but I would feel comfortable however, that some guidelines could be given to cruise ship visitors and of the impact excess

sugar has on oral health and type two diabetes for instance. An opportunity also exists for gifting and perhaps even your own branding of useful items which would improve quality of life, especially for the women and children in this developing country. It is also extremely hard to receive quality goods in these small remote islands and delivery by P &O could help solve this problem. Below are a couple of suggestions perhaps for items I know the community have appreciated in the past.



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Luxident Oral Health Packs

Toothbrushes and paste.

Luxident New Zealand personalise tooth brushes which could be branded with Travel Agency/Cruise Ship detail or have a health message provided?

Aneityum Island (population 1600) has other remote Islands nearby – Futuna, Aniwa and Erromango which are not visited by tourists. These islands would also benefit by excess oral health packs gifted to them regularly by their Aneityumese friends. These Island communities often share excess. (For example, Analcauhat Primary School in Aneityum recently sent Futuna School library books that they had excess of).

To contact Luxident – www.luxident.co.nz Peter Campbell, MD

0064 9 8175229 email sales@luxident.co.nz

Mamas LAEF Sanitary Packs

Reusable cloth sanitary pads A grassroots project newly established in Port Vila – manufacturing for supplying to NGOs and individuals reusable cloth sanitary pads. Modelled loosely, from the Global icon – Days for Girls, this new roject employs Ni-van women in Port Vila. Packs could be bought/ gifted to the woman in the Aneityum region (and other regions). Ten of these packs were received by some very excited Ni-Van women at Analcauhat village when visited by us in July 2016.

This project has been designed by and is managed by Belinda Roselli of Nelson. Further information can be found on a recent article in the NELSON MAIL:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/85102061/empowering-vanuatu-women-to-educate-youth-about-menstrual-health> To contact Mamas LAEF - Belinda Roselli Belinda@lavkokonas.com www.lavkokonas.com

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District 9910

Rotary International Youth Exchange

Outbound Students

"On the Move" for 2017



Rotary Club of Whangarei City member Sandra McLean-Woods and her husband Craig, will be chaperoning our 13 District 9910 IYE Outbound Students along with 17 plus other students from the other 5 Districts in NZ to Europe for their 12 month exchange. They will leave from Auckland International Airport mid-January 2017.

All students travelling to South America depart with their Chaperones at a later scheduled date.

The Europe team will have their traditional 3 day stop-over in Los Angeles where they will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Westchester. They then travel on to London and from there the students continue on their own to their host districts and country.

Sandra was a Rotary exchange student to Texas as a teenager and has been a member of the District IYE Committee for several years and is looking forward to accompanying the students on their journey of a lifetime.

Article written by Monica Webb (District IYE Outbound Coordinator)



Listed below are our students on heading overseas:

Name	Sponsor Club	College	Country
Megan Palmer	Albany	Rangitoto College	France
Ebony Johnson	Henderson	Westlake Girls	France
Alexis Tavener	Norfolk Island	Norfolk High	Brazil
Shannon Robinson	Orewa	Rangitoto College	Belguim
Nick Goeldner	East Coast Bays	Pinehurst School	Norway
Koralan Crofskey	Takapuna North	Rangitoto College	Denmark
Luka Radford-Park	Whangarei Sunrise	Huanui College	Finland
Sabrina Naseem	Takapuna	Rangitoto College	Austria
Jessica McLean	Dargaville	Dargaville HS	Sweden
Misheala Simpkins	Kumeu	St Mary's College	Switzerland
Grace Barry Campbell	Whangarei City	Te Kapehu Whetu	Germany
Hineira Tipene-Komene	Whangarei City	Te Kapehu Whetu	Switzerland
Aotea Parata	Whangarei City	Te Kapehu Whetu	Brazil

THE CLASS OF 2017

Our district is delighted to be sending out a top notch group of young ambassadors in early January. They are each high achieving students and we are expecting big things from them. They have also come together well as a team in the lead up to their departure. In order for all of these young Kiwis to have this opportunity, our district will need to receive an equal number of inbound students in 2017. We are counting on our clubs to give their full support to these outstanding young leaders and give their counterparts a warm welcome. We can't do it without you! From your district IYE team - a very big thank you!



Megan Palmer
Rangitoto College to France
Sponsor Club: Albany



Ebony Johnson
Westlake Girls to France
Sponsor Club: Henderson



Alexis Tavener
Norfolk High to Brazil
Sponsor Club: Norfolk Island



Shannon Robinson
Rangitoto College to Belgium
Sponsor Club: Orewa



Nick Goeldner
Pinehurst College to Norway
Sponsor Club: East Coast Bays



Koralan Crofskey
Rangitoto College to Denmark
Sponsor Club: Takapuna North



Luka Radford-Park
Huanui College to Finland
Sponsor Club: Whangarei Sunrise



Sabrina Naseem
Rangitoto College to Austria
Sponsor Club: Takapuna



Jessica McLean
Dargaville High School to Sweden
Sponsor Club: Dargaville



Misheala Simpkins
St Mary's College to Switzerland
Sponsor Club: Kumeu



Grace Barry Campbell
Te Kapehu Whetu to Germany
Sponsor Club: Whangarei City



Hineira Tipene-Komene
Te Kapehu Whetu to Switzerland
Sponsor Club: Whangarei City



Aotea Parata
Te Kapehu Whetu to Brazil
Sponsor Club: Whangarei City



rotary youth leadership awards

Information 2017

**Sunday 23 April to
Sunday 30 April 2017**
*Muriwai Beach Surf Club
Muriwai Beach, Auckland*

*"Simply the best, most varied, challenging,
innovative leadership forum I've ever had the
privilege to attend.
Incredible speakers, seamlessly organised,
I have cherished every moment." Lauren*

Rotary International District 9910

What is RYLA -

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA is a Rotary organised programme promoting youth leadership and catering to young aspiring leaders aged between 20-28. Since its inception in 1960, thousands of young people around the world have benefited from RYLA. Many have gone on to be outstanding leaders of their families, their businesses and the communities in which they live.

Delegates are sponsored either by a local Rotary Club, a local business, the business for whom they work or by private arrangements. We encourage businesses to promote their young leaders with a RYLA experience as the benefits are numerous and embrace all areas of the young person's lives.

The varied, one week live in RYLA programme has proved extraordinarily successful for many years. It provides an environment in which young people can develop their leadership, team work and communication skills. Many RYLA graduates have referred to the experience as "the week that changed my life". Often the friendships made during the RYLA week develop into life time networks, benefiting the delegates in all areas of their lives.

Administered by Rotarians and facilitated by professional trainers, it targets young people aged 20-28 who may still be at university or already working. They do not need to be in a leadership role at this time.

The interactive programme is focused on:

- Leadership theory and skills.
- Leadership in practice.
- Team situations to apply the skills learned.

Where young people develop:

- Self-awareness and Self-reliance.
- An attitude that enables delegates to lead with confidence in any situation.
- Communication and networking skills.

While not an Outward Bound experience, there are physical aspects involved that are well within the reach of all young people with an average level of fitness.

Barry Larsen

Chairman - RYLA Governance Team

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*"RYLA expands your horizons both mentally and physically –
A fantastic group of people – Gives hope back to the world.
An amazing, life changing, deep experience." Ben*



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The RYLA Mission is to:

Create a leadership experience combining theory with experiential learning situations to promote the skills and behaviours required of leaders by utilising outstanding facilitators and inspirational leaders to share knowledge and modern leadership practice with delegates.

Objectives

1. To bring together young people aged 20 to 28, who have shown leadership qualities and will benefit from the programme of lectures, discussions, activities and interactions during a week long seminar.
2. To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for young people.
3. To provide information, instruction and experience on a wide range of subjects of interest and benefit to the delegates, utilising appropriate industry and community leaders and experts as presenters.
4. To equip, instruct and encourage promising young people from differing cultures and backgrounds, to better serve their communities and countries.
5. To encourage leadership of young people by young people.
6. To recognise young people who are providing service to their communities.
7. To provide delegates with an experience they will not forget and that will benefit them well into the future.
8. To provide an environment for young leaders to build relationships that develop into lifetime friendships and networks.

"RYLA was an incredible experience that armed me with practical leadership tools I wouldn't have otherwise gained. I was so inspired by the people I met, presenters and facilitators." Beatrice

**Alcohol and recreational drugs
ARE NOT PERMITTED**

Selection

Each Rotary Club in district 9910 seeks applications to attend RYLA from suitable young people that meet the established criteria. Applicants do NOT need to be from the Club's own area.

- Applicants should be between 20 and 28 on 1st April 2017.
- People still at school are not eligible.
- A standard application form must be completed by each applicant.
- The Rotary Club will interview all applicants, advise them of the criteria and qualities of delegates being sought, then make a selection of the number of delegates the Club wishes to support.
- Sons and daughters of Rotarians are eligible, so long as they meet the criteria laid down and pass the selection process.
- Clubs forward their selected delegates' application forms, together with a cheque for \$1050.00 ea (GST included) made out to:
"Rotary International District 9910 INC." and send to The Treasurer RYLA 2017, Mark Harris, 80 John Downs Drive, Browns Bay, Auckland 0630 by **28th February, 2017**. Applications made after this time will be subject to places available and a late fee of \$150.00.
- The maximum number of delegates able to attend is **38**. In the event of more than 38 applications being received, the governance team will select the 38 delegates from the applications.
- Delegates will be sent an information pack and will only require a small amount of money for the week of RYLA.

Supervision

Experienced adult leaders are appointed as resident supervisors at the seminar for the week, including residential directors, programme directors, course administrators and counsellors. Medical needs will be attended to.

Although delegates are treated as responsible young adults, adherence to basic rules and a Code of Conduct is expected.

"My perception of the world has changed this week – it was amazing." Natasha
"Opportunities can disappear in the blink of an eye, seize this one." Nicole

Programme

A varied programme is being prepared. It will include lectures, activities and group discussions. A wide range of topics and presenters is a feature and high quality presentations and relevance to leadership development is assured throughout the week.

The programme topics will be based on the following themes:

- Leadership and You - Hopes and expectations
- Leadership in the Work place
- Leadership in the Outdoors
- Leadership through understanding
 - Wisdom and perspectives
- Leadership in the Community
- Leadership in Business
- Leadership in the Family
- Leadership through Communication
 - Planning and Organisation
- Leadership through Team Work
 - Group Dynamics

Time will be allocated for recreation and organised trips to places of special interest.

The Club based selection ensures delegates cover a wide cross section of vocations and backgrounds. The common denominator is all delegates are selected because they have leadership qualities and / or skills.

RYLA is a wonderful opportunity for all clubs in our district to collectively recognise, inform and inspire worthy young people from our local district community and to enhance their futures.

"If you think you already the best, RYLA can make you better." Jason

"A week full of energy, inspiration and eye-openers. Absolutely incredible and life changing." Olivia



Rotary International District 9910

RYLA
2017

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"RYLA was the most inspirational course I have ever been on. I learnt a lot about myself and I took away a range of tips and tools to help me successfully navigate life." Alana

"RYLA will expand possibilities and opportunities beyond what your mind can fathom." Jasmine

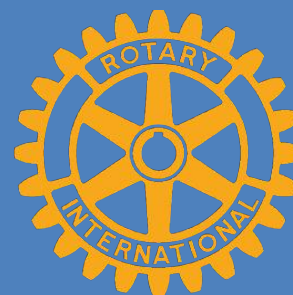
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Miles to End Polio

Rotary Voices

Everyone should be protected from Polio

By Dave Stumpf, Rotary staff

On one of my travels for Rotary, I visited our offices in New Delhi, India, in 2002. One image has always stuck with me since – that of a little girl begging on a train platform.

She was clearly afflicted with something terrible, impacting her ability to stand much less walk. My local hosts explained that she likely had polio. Now, I have my own 12-year-old daughter, and to know that she is safe from the scourge of polio, just because she had the good fortune to be born in the United States [Read more of this post](#)



*Dave Stumpf
during a training ride*

104 miles? I got this!

By Nora Zei, Rotary staff



Nora Zei, right, and fellow team members Christian Pepera and Courtney Drew near the halfway mark of an 80-mile training ride. We are "This close" to ending polio -- and the Wisconsin border.

When I was selected for the Miles to End Polio team, I was both nervous and excited. I've loved cycling since I was a kid. But the longest ride I'd ever completed in a single day was 60 miles. I signed up to do 104 miles? Yikes!

But I've learned a little fear actually helps me, driving me to take my training seriously. [Read more of this post](#)

Pedaling for polio in three countries

by Christian Pepera, Rotary staff

In true Rotary fashion, my training for the Miles to End Polio ride has been an international affair. During the last three months, I have logged more than 700 miles. By the time we reach Tucson, I will have pedaled my way through five U.S. states (Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin), along the shores of two Great Lakes (Michigan and Ontario) and in three countries (Canada, Spain, and the US). [Read more of this post](#)



Dave Stumpf and Christian Pepera during a training ride at the Wisconsin border.

REGISTRATION MONTH HAS STARTED
FEES GO UP \$75 AFTER DECEMBER 15TH



This is the time when Atlanta Convention Registration gets very serious. Right now, there are **30,000 Rotarians** registered for the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. Based on that number, which is six times bigger than any this far out in the past, the Centennial Celebration of the Rotary International Foundation at the 2017 Convention could set an all-time record for Rotary Convention attendance. That is the best statement we can make in support of the great work done by Rotarians worldwide. This is our party but it also is when our leaders come together and recognize that "service above self" is far more than a few nicely chosen words. Historically, about half of the registrations for any Rotary Convention come in between November 15 and December 15, the deadline for early registration which means the price goes up \$75. Let's make sure that holds true this year too. If you haven't registered, register now.

There will be plenty to do and plenty of ways to celebrate. Go to www.rotaryconvention2017.org and check out all the Host Organization Committee events that have been arranged to make the convention more enjoyable than ever.

These include the giant Saturday night "[Blue Jeans and Bluegrass](#)" festival in Centennial Olympic Park, right across the street from the Georgia World Congress Center and in the heart of Atlanta's entertainment district. There will be plenty of entertainment, headlined by Grammy Award winning artist Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder - lots of food options and lots of fun. If you have never tried Mountain Clogging, you will get your chance. Each day and each night there are special events – dinners at the [College Football Hall of Fame](#) and the [World of Coca-Cola](#), a festive [Centennial Celebration Block Party](#), a [3K Peach Run/Walk](#), a [Candle Lighting to show Rotarian unity against slavery](#).

A special [Strike Out Polio Night at the Braves](#) is in the works for the Thursday evening before the start of the convention. There are also host hospitality events being put on by my local Rotary Clubs in the Atlanta area. Check out the website and information and how to buy tickets will be updated weekly. There is no doubt that this will be the greatest Rotary International Convention ever. Hartsfield Jackson International Airport makes the City of Atlanta more accessible to the world than any past convention, and the location of the Georgia World Congress Center Register before the price goes up. You will love what you experience when you come to Atlanta. Great fellowship with Rotarians, great speakers and programs, fun events, and the best House of Friendship of any convention. Y'all come to Atlanta. You will love it. Go to the following link to register for the convention and also to purchase tickets to the great Host Committee Festival Events that will showcase Southern Hospitality.

Register with me robert@mondotravel.co.nz to take advantage of the best airfares when they come available. I also have access to the best accommodation rates from seven sources including Expedia and Hotel.com

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