



Rotary
District 9910



Governors Newsletter

July 2015

District Happenings

5 July	District Management Meeting Whangarei
6-8 July	Northern Sci-Tech Whangarei
8 July	Whangarei 90 th Birthday
17 July	Whangarei Sunrise 25 th Birthday
19 July	Trainers Meeting - Wgtn
31 Jul – 3 Aug	IYE Orientation Weekend
1 August	Northcote-Glenfield 50 th Birthday
16 August	Rotary Leadership Institute Whangarei
21 August	Red Nose Day
21 August	National Science Forum Application close
30 Sept	District Grant Applications Due

Club Happenings

10-11-12 July	Northcote Glenfield Club's Annual Book Fair Northcote College Hall Onewa Rd Northcote
July 24 th	Takapuna – Bingo Night Ph Jenn 021562536 for tickets
27 July	Browns Bay – Trivial Pursuit Night Contact m.allison23@xtra.co.nz
14 August	Waitakere – Bledisloe Cup Luncheon - Tickets www.bledisloecuplunchon.co.nz



Dear Rotarians,

Welcome to our first newsletter for District 9910, 2015-16.

Our congratulation go to **PDG Bruce and Christine for their leadership and commitment** during the past year. Their wonderful efforts to “Light up Rotary” have made a difference in our District.

At San Diego in January, our **President "Ravi" Ravindran** said that becoming Rotary International President for 2015-16 was the **"most significant moment of his life."** I join Ravi in saying that becoming your Governor is a very significant moment in my life.

I thank you all for having the confidence in me to lead our District during 2015-16. As your Governor I want to be approachable and I will always be available to serve all of you in the best way I can. You have an open invitation to contact me at any time. If I can help you in **your Rotary journey, I will be there.** I am here to serve.

During this year I will be challenging all of us to look at our clubs. The question I believe we are struggling with is **“how our clubs look to future Rotarians?”** We need to listen to our communities and take the actions required for us to be attractive to new people to join. For these are the people who will continue the story of Rotary into the future. **Paul Harris said “If Rotary is to survive, it must change faster than change itself.”** We are all responsible for the future of our organisation, we must continually change to reflect the values of our community.”

Fellow Rotarians, the time for talking has passed! **We need to be prepared to take action!**

We need to be prepared to make the changes needed **for Rotary to remain relevant** in District 9910!

Let us make this our goal this year, let's each of us be a star, **“Be a Gift to the World”**

Governor Peter

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World Rotary President 2015-16 K.R. Ravindran (Ravi) & Vanathy

Before he gives a speech, K.R. Ravindran doesn't like flowery, adulatory introductions. They make him uncomfortable. The 2015-16 Rotary president would rather keep a low profile and share the credit. If it were up to him, you probably wouldn't even be reading this article.

Negotiating Days of Tranquility during the Sri Lankan civil war so that health workers could administer drops of polio vaccine? Although it was on his desk that the

agreement landed, he says, a lot of people worked to make that happen.

Rebuilding 23 tsunami-damaged schools for 14,000 children? He merely led the committee. Taking a label-printing business from a small outfit operating in a space

K.R. Ravindran's life was molded by family, country, and Rotary. Serving as Rotary president is his way of giving back to each of them.

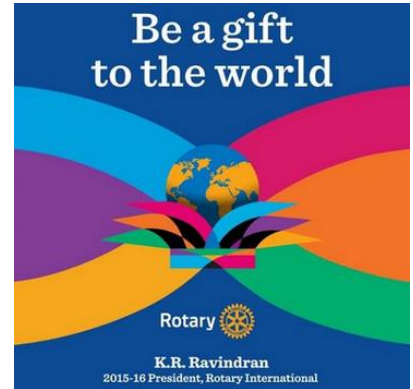
the size of a garage to a global powerhouse in the packaging business that has helped change the value-added tea industry in his country? Well, he simply happened to be in the right place at the right time.

"I'm sometimes introduced as a self-made man," says Ravindran, a member

of the Rotary Club of Colombo. "You've got to be utterly egocentric to believe you are self-made. Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are.

One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate," he explains. "The only way you can is by helping others. When the people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone else in return.'"

For Ravindran and his wife Vanathy, paying it forward isn't a fad, it's a way of life. His theme for this Rotary year, *Be a Gift to the World*, also summarizes his personal philosophy.



Family life for Ravi; his son Krishna, armed with a management degree from Georgetown University, Washington DC, and having worked for J P Morgan for a while in New York, joined his father 7 years ago. But Ravindran believes that while inheritance is by birth, management positions have to be earned by proficiency and skills for the job. "Because if you hand over a good business to an

incompetent and incapable child, he will ruin himself, the business and the family as well. You and I know many such cases."

But Krishna, with his "analytical skills and experience at J P Morgan," has added great value to the management team and has rapidly moved up the ladder by his own ability, winning the confidence of his colleagues. He is married to Neesha, a software engineer from Carnegie Mellon, and they have a daughter Raika who is the apple of the grandpa's eye. As we chat, the child is back from her immunisation shots and Ravindran leaps out of the chair to cuddle her and introduce her. "The biggest thing I'll miss being RI President is being close to her," he rues.



Ravindran's daughter Prashanthi, educated at the London School of Economics, is married to Nicolas Mathier, a person of Swiss origin, and lives in Singapore. Prashanthi, an advertising professional, is a clone of her father, able to mix and work a room with ease, is affectionate and full of fun.

See the page 9 "At a Glance" comments from RI President Ravi from an in-depth interview by Rasheeda Combo of Rotary News. To read the complete article

<http://rotarynewsonline.org/articles/AcomboofstrengthsuccessandeleganceJun15>





Governor Peter and Elaine

Peter has been associated with Rotary since his father, Eric Garnett, joined the Rotary Club of Otorohanga in the 1950s. Peter joined the Rotary Club of Wellington in 2004 and transferred to East Coast Bays Rotary in 2008.

His Rotary roles include Past President of East Coast Bays, Assistant Governor, District Foundation Committee member, District Club Visioning Chair

and Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator. In 2013 he was Group Study Exchange Team Leader to D3730, South Korea. During 2012/13 he was recognised by District 9910 with a District Service Award and a second Paul Harris Sapphire Pin.

Peter joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force where he trained as a pilot and flew the Iroquois Helicopters on military and Search and Rescue tasks throughout New Zealand and overseas. He commanded both the Pilot Training Squadron and No 3 (Helicopter) Squadron and was made an Ordinary Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1983.

On leaving the RNZAF, Peter held executive management roles in the transport, finance, health and IT sectors and is currently an Independent Director of Auckland Eye and the Chair of Leadership New Zealand.

He has a Bachelor of Commerce from Canterbury University, is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors and a Life Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management.

Peter has two adult daughters; Tracey living and working in Auckland and Lisa in London. His interests include reading, travel, biking and completing marathons.

Peter is supported by his partner, Elaine Mead, a member of Rotary Westhaven, who also has had a long association with Rotary through her father, Colin Mead, who joined

Auckland City West (now Western Springs) in 1975. She attended Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) and in 1995 was Charter President of the Rotary Club of Westhaven. Elaine served 3 terms as President, has been Bulletin Editor and helped establish the club website. At District level, she has been an Assistant Governor, Group Study Exchange committee member and chair for 2 years, GSE Team Leader to France in 2010 and District Secretary.

In 2010 Elaine was awarded D9910's "Rotarian of the Year" and received a Paul Harris Sapphire for services to District. Elaine grew up in Auckland and completed a Master of Arts and Diploma of Human Resources Management at Auckland University. She then worked in Human Resource and change management roles in NZ, including Human Resources Leader for NZ Post Retail Group for 8 years. During 2008-14 she worked for IBM as a management consultant providing services for their clients in Auckland and Perth. Whilst working in West Australia, Elaine regularly attended the West Perth Rotary Club.



Rotary District 9910 Conference Vanuatu 10-12 April 2016

Governor Peter Garnett and Elaine Mead invite you to star at
Warwick Le Lagon Resort, Vanuatu.

A little bit of chill time, a little bit of play time, a little bit of kids time (future Rotarians welcome)

Be a star, come to Vanuatu and help make a difference.



July is the month of changeovers within Rotary,

A time for change, new ideas, a new theme, new governors, district officers, presidents and board members but with all the changes we stay true to our guiding principles.

Rotary's principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world. As changeovers take place, it's a good time to revisit Rotary's Objects, Avenues of Service and the 4 way test.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

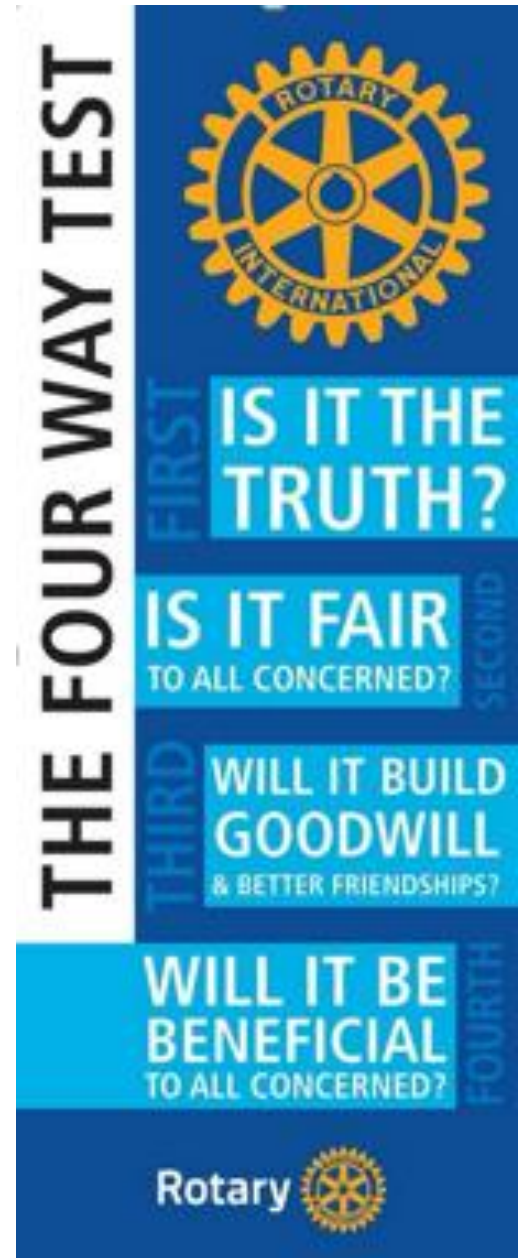
Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#).

Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#) and this [Community Service presentation \(PPT\)](#).

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

Youth Service recognises the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#)



“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often”.

Winston Churchill



Mbossung Primary School Repair, Ambrym Island, Vanuatu - Rotary Birkenhead and Rotary Santo



Help us repair the Cyclone Pam devastated Mbossung Primary School on the Island of Ambrym, Vanuatu.

Cyclone Pam destroyed the toilet block, water system and extensively damaged classroom making the school uninhabitable. The school is closed and the children are not receiving an education.



Ambrym is an island between the main islands of Vila and Santo.

The project has a number of facets and the first stage is to secure initial funding.



Rotary Birkenhead has kicked off the vital and ambitious project of repairing this extensively damaged school and **need your help**.

Once the funding is in place, Rotary Birkenhead and Rotary Santo will project manage the repairs.

How can you help!



You can very **quickly and simply** donate to the **givealittle** page

<http://givealittle.co.nz/cause/mbossung-primary-school>



You and/or your **club can donate to** "Rotary Club of Birkenhead Charitable Trust", bank account number **12-3035-0707763-01** or post to **P.O. Box 34-011, Birkenhead**



You can **supply labour to help with the repairs** – email David Oliver to register your interest on dandboliver@vodafone.co.nz

Should you wish more information Rotary Birkenhead are happy to visit your club as a guest speaker; email janice@boatandbach.co.nz to arrange.



Rotary Waitakere

in conjunction with **Waitemata Rugby Club** have organised an inspiring event to coincide with the 2015 Bledisloe Cup Test to be held at Eden Park, 15 August, 2015 and they are inviting you to take part, in support of **West Auckland Youth Development Programmes**.

On **Friday the 14th of August**, the iconic Phil Kingsley Jones will be on hand to share some tales followed by a 'friendly' fundraising auction; all happening while enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch with beer and wine included.

Tickets: \$120pp / Table of 10: \$1100

Tickets are limited

To book a seat please visit the website <http://bledisloecupluncheon.co.nz/> or phone 09 307 6893

This event will be a sell out...so get in early and book your ticket



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How strong is your club?

Do you assess your club regularly? Do you know what works and what doesn't? August is membership month so it is a good time to reevaluate your clubs membership development plan.

Ask yourself:

- Do your members reflect the diverse in your community?
Culturally
Professionally
- Does your club have a written membership plan?
- Is your club active and thriving?
- Are you achieving your club's goals?
- What qualities make your club attractive to new members?

Use the [Club Assessment Tools](#) to evaluate your club's strengths; you may be surprised at how well you are doing in some areas and



not so good in others. There is a wealth of information available from the Rotary International website www.rotary.org, you can subscribe to monthly free newsletters, gain access to webinars for education courses and much more;

Every club should have a **written club membership development plan** that has been discussed at club assembly and agreed upon by all members. A



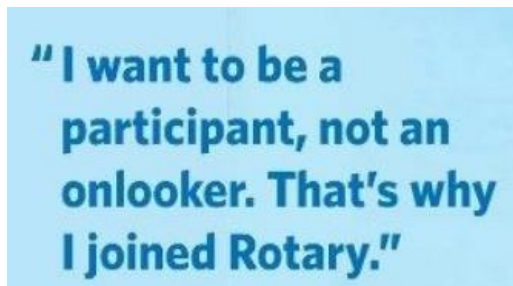
membership development plan tends to evolve and need constant improvement based on how your club is tracking. The **MAIN** reason such plans do not work is because of a lack of a dedicated membership director/coordinator (preferably appointed for 3+ years), the plan is not applied consistently on an on-going year-by-year basis, and/or a lack of commitment and support from club leadership, and no buy in from membership. Have a look at the following webpage/s to get ideas that will suit your club.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/search/all/membership>

[Strengthening Your Membership: Creating Your Membership Development Plan](#) explains the process of creating a membership development plan and provides strategies and tools you can use to attract, engage



new members and reviews the membership resources that are available through Rotary. As you work through this guide, you will evaluate your club's membership trends, create strategies for attracting new members, and develop programs that focus on member engagement as a method to increase your club's membership retention rate.



Give the new approach a go, you never know you may enjoy the process! Rotary International has put huge resources into researching and developing processes and procedures to help grow

Rotary. **Embrace change**, keep the good from the past and grab the future to stay relevant.

"The price of doing the same old things is far higher than the price of change"

Bill Clinton



Help to promote Rotary and Be informed

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Do you know?

- ❖ **The District Directory is available online** - can be downloaded in a PDF format to your computer or smartphone
<http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/information.cfm?ID=2894>
- ❖ **A Key Contacts booklet** has been printed and a number have been distributed to each club – ask your President for one!
- ❖ **Rotary District 9910 Facebook Page**
<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict9910>
Check this page out and click “Like” **Share the page with your network/s** and ask your friends to do the same – let’s get the page known within the wider communities of District 9910 and beyond. **Tell your stories on this page. Advertise your event on this page.**
*Embrace change and tell your grandchildren to “like”
Rotary District 9910 facebook page to see what you are up to!*
- ❖ **District Diary on the D9910 website home page** – on the right under “Pacific Atmosphere” <http://www.rotary.org.nz/district.cfm?ID=10>
 1. Ask District Administrator to add your clubs events
 2. Tell District Administrator about Rotary information that you would like shared
 3. Check when the Governors is visiting your club
 4. Check to make sure your event is not going to clash with another event
 5. District Project Leaders include important project dates
 6. Check to see when Rotary Projects are closing

District Governor Nominee 2017-18

Breaking News July 5th PDG Bruce Rasmussen announced via the **Rotary District 9910** Facebook page that **AG David Oliphant from Rotary Henderson has been selected as Governor Nominee for District 9910 for the 2017 - 18 year.** Immediate Past President of Rotary Henderson and current Assistant Governor Area 6 **David and wife Denise** were congratulated by PDG Bruce for stepping up to this important role in our District.

Congratulations from the facebook page:

[Wendy Coyle](#) Well done [David Oliphant](#) you are a wonderful choice.

[Matt Mcleod](#) We know you'll do a great job and represent both The Rotary Club of Henderson and District 9910 very well! You have our full support!

[유시청](#) Happy today to you. God bless you always pray. Paul Yoo (Shi Chung Yoo) — President of the Korean Rotary Club

[Lindsay Ford](#) Congratulations David



Out & About

Who's going where|Whats happening|What you've missed

Rotary Exchange Students



Right the Rt Hon John Key, Prime Minister of NZ with Rotary Exchange students at the Rotary Birkenhead club meeting on June 26th.



Left Hamish Duley a seventeen year old Northland Rotary Exchange Student who is living with a Turkish family who speak little English was interviewed by Bryan Crump on Radio New Zealand. To hear the interview click the link

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/nights/audio/201759614/our-own-odysseys-the-city-of-samsun>



Rotary New Beginnings

Governor Peter club visit to Rotary Kumeu was very memorable with Governor Peter inducting a new member, lawyer, Ivan Vodanovich on 7th July 2015. Welcome to Rotary Ivan!

Rotary Fellowship

Rotary District 9910 Fellowship has been visiting District 1120, a large and very

active Rotary District with 85 clubs in Kent, East Sussex and South East

London in England, as well as Gibraltar at the Southern tip of Europe. **Above** At the Rotary Margate Keith Day of the **Vanuatu Committee is being presented with a cheque** from Governor Chris Barnett. **Left** Enjoying a meal together at Calais.



Rotalite gardens in new Rotary initiative

A new satellite club has been set up for people who are interested in Rotary but are not sure about the commitment. Rotalite was created by the **Rotary Henderson** in April to appeal to the younger, busier and younger generation of people.

Members of the satellite club are recognised as members of the main Rotary club but do not have to attend the weekly meetings and dinner. This means the cost and time commitments are significantly lower. **Rotary Henderson president Matthew McLeod**, 35, says the group was designed to secure a future for the club by targeting those aged between 25 and 45. "It was about getting younger people involved," he says.



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2016 Rotary International Seoul Convention

Saturday, 28 May ~ Wednesday, 1 June 2016 / KINTEX - Goyang-si



“At a Glance” comments by RI World President Ravi

More women in Rotary: Critical; we're now at 20 per cent, if that hadn't happened, we would have crashed by now. Women brought numbers, more vibrancy.

Female RI President: Not too long before we have one; not because we want to make a statement but because they will win it on merit.

Youth and Rotary: We need them, but have to change the ambience. We can't keep talking about the Paul Harris days and ways. We have to embrace technology. But we should also concentrate on the 50–60 age group — those who are retiring. They've got experience, finance, everything and not forget the old people; they form the backbone of our whole movement.

Vanathy's role: Very crucial, if Vanathy does not cooperate, then I'm dead and can't perform. She has to play a supportive role, but be careful her role doesn't supersede mine. She is the key to my happiness and she has been a massive support all these years.

Religion: I am not ritualistic, Vanathy is. But I'm a very god-fearing person and believe that I am accountable for every aspect of my life to Him above. The work I do with Rotary is my service to Him.

Music: Classical Western.

Relaxation: Rotary is relaxation for me. Watch Tamil, English and Hindi (with sub titles) movies when I have time.

Cars: That's a weakness! Used to participate in rallies and races in my younger days and owned a sports car. I guess I am too old for these things now.

Exercise: Important. I work out for about 40 minutes regularly except when I have early morning flights. Unfortunately I broke my neck in a car accident in my early 20s, which put an end to all my sports.

Food: I eat everything in small measures. Strictly keep away from desserts. Allergic to mushrooms.

Reading: You can see books all around (in his study). I've stopped reading fiction, have no time. I constantly look for philosophical books and follow speeches made by great and important people.

Technology: Enough to get by; my company runs on technology, so I need to know some technology.

Gadgets: I have three phones which are synchronised through iCloud with my secretaries here and my assistant in Evanston.

Cooking: I can make tea, good tea!

Membership in Rotary: Very critical for more reasons than one; need more members to keep us financially viable and expand our service network and reach.

Future of Rotary: If PolioPlus is done, Rotary will be on top of the world; every major organisation with money will want to work with us. They all understand that our services come free; you can't hire me. When you work with Rotary, you have a bigger return on investment. **Polio-free world:** It's around the corner. And we need to prepare for that success, as it must be handled correctly. If we aren't prepared, it will come and go and we'll miss the bus and the best opportunities that await us. A lot hinges on polio; so much of money and time of a whole generation has been invested, so we have no choice but to see it through.

Criticism: Don't fear it; welcome constructive criticism but know that there will always be critics to everything you do.

Importance of PETS: Very important; by mid-May I'd have spoken to 14,000 Presidents-elect; I've been maintaining a horrendous travel schedule because these are the real leaders who make Rotary, not the directors or governors or President of RI. Rotary happens at the clubs and its success hinges on the performance of their President.

Hectic work, travel schedules: It's a job I've undertaken. I travel on Rotary account — the \$55 members pay.

I must give them value for every cent they pay and every second of my time. I have discouraged large receptions at airports and gifts of any nature. I only insist that they try to book me into a hotel with a proper gym!

“THE SECRET OF
CHANGE IS TO FOCUS
ALL OF YOUR ENERGY,
NOT ON FIGHTING THE
OLD, BUT ON BUILDING
THE NEW.”

— SOCRATES

