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NEW ZEALAND NOUVELLE - CAL'DONIE VANUATU NORFOLK ISLAND

Governor's Final report:

This is a time to reflect on the events of the last 12 months as your District Governor.

Denise and I thank you all for giving us the opportunity to serve the District for this Rotary year 2017-2018.

How time passes by quickly and before you realise it, it is all over.

We have had a wonderful year, visiting Clubs, meeting Rotarians from all walks of life, young and not so young yet all have one thing in common and that is doing great things for their Community and for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The Island Countries are very much involved in their own Communities.

Assistance has been required for those living in Vanuatu in particular on Ambae Island where the Volcano erupted not once but a few times so much so that the Government is moving all residents to other islands. This is a major undertaking. On the downside the Godden Memorial Hospital opening has been delayed which is a disappointment to Rod Kestle, his family and all who have been involved in the re-building over the last few years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone at this time.

We have been welcomed and made to feel at home when visiting Clubs. We have shared a lot of events, Birthdays, Anniversaries, achievements and presented many awards.

We have travelled a lot in all weather, be it sunshine, rain, hail, wind or by boat to an outer island. However, at no time have we had to change our itinerary because of the weather conditions. I feel as though I must be a 'Jonah' in that every time I travelled North I was met with some of the wettest, windiest and very challenging conditions.

The Conference lived up to its name of being a captivating, friendly and a great experience with a lot of fun and camaraderie.
Finally, thank you all for your support, for being so friendly, accommodating and welcoming Rotarians which culminated in "Rotary: Making a Difference."

You have made Denise and my year a truly wonderful experience one which we will never forget and thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor over the past year.

To Jerry and Fay we wish you all the very best for your year to '**Be the Inspiration**' to all Rotarians in District 9910.

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Te-Hiku Satellite Charter, Kaitaia

Rotary International has accepted and issued the charter for 'The Rotary Club of North Harbour Te Hiku Satellite Club.

Congratulations go to President David Hutcheson from North Harbour Rotary Club, DGE Jerry Norman and District Membership Chair PDG Neil Rid for the time and effort they have put into establishing this Club.

International Youth Exchange.

We will soon be bidding farewell to our Youth Exchange Students who will be returning to their Countries, France, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and Germany and wish them all a safe journey.

'Bon Voyage'

CHANGEOVERS:

This is the time of the year when the current Leaders step down and make way for the leaders to take your Clubs through the next Rotary year 2018-2019.

We wish you all a fabulous change-over full of fellowship and success for the ensuing year.

David and Denise

60th Birthday

The Rotary Club of **New Lynn celebrated** 60 years of service on Saturday 9 June. District Governor David Oliphant and his wife Denise, together with a large gathering of members, past members, Rotarians from other clubs and visitors met for the occasion at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. Past District Governor Geoff Dainty, through an illustrated address, brought back many memories of the Club's activities. These included 90 year old John Fraser who spoke of past projects which are still in use today . There was some really high quality 'in-house' entertainment along with a delicious meal.

District Governor David and President Min about to cut the traditional celebratory cake.

District Governor David and his wife, Denise, with Club President Min Roche

District Happenings	
23-27 June	Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada
1 July	District 9910 Changeover venue TBA

The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth

Is it fair to all concerned

Will it build goodwill and better friendships

Will it be beneficial to all concerned

LIVESTREAM THE CONVENTION!

We are sorry to hear that you will not be attending the 2018 International Convention in Toronto. We are happy to announce that, for the first time,

Rotary International will livestream inspiring general sessions and key breakout sessions from the 2018 convention. You can watch them live or whenever you have time for up to three months after the convention ends.

Livestreaming is available in English or Portuguese for $150.

Click HERE for a list of general and breakout sessions.

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ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BE THE INSPIRATION

Invitation to Rotarians and partners to attend

DISTRICT 9910 GOVERNORS CHANGEOVER

Sunday July 1

Milford Primary School Hall

34 -36 Shakespeare Rd, Milford, North Shore

Arrival at 1:15 pm for 1:30 pm start

Parking available in school grounds

$15:00 per person

Afternoon tea provided

Payment can be made to a/c number 12-3488-0055796-00

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Please use your surname and club name

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Presidential message

Ian H.S. Riseley
President 2017-18

June 2018

For 60 years, choosing a theme has been the privilege, and sometimes the challenge, of each incoming president. Looking back on those past themes opens a small window into the thinking and the vision of each leader – how they saw Rotary, the place they saw for Rotary in the world, and what they hoped Rotary would achieve.

When my turn came to choose a theme, I did not hesitate. I knew immediately that our theme in 2017-18 would be *Rotary: Making a Difference*. For me, that small phrase describes not only what we do now, but what we aspire to do. We want to make a difference. We strive to help, to have an impact, to make the world a bit better.

Over the past two years, I have seen so many ways that Rotary is doing just that. In California, after the devastating wildfires last year, I saw Rotarians *Making a Difference* to those who had lost everything. In Guatemala, I saw the difference that simple wood stoves are making in the lives of women who had been cooking on open fires: They no longer breathe smoke when they cook, they spend less time gathering firewood, and they are using their stoves to start small businesses. In Israel, I visited a Rotary-supported hyperbaric center that is helping brain injury and stroke patients return to healthy, productive lives. In communities around the world, Rotarians are *Making a Difference* by resettling refugees, immunizing children, ensuring a safe blood supply, and helping young people learn and thrive.

All over the world, I have been a part of Rotarians' commitment to planting trees. As this issue of *The Rotarian* goes to press, we are still awaiting the final count of trees planted, but I am delighted to announce that we have already far surpassed our original goal of 1.2 million trees, one new tree per Rotarian. And, all over the world, Rotary is continuing its advocacy, fundraising, and support for polio eradication. Last year, wild poliovirus caused only 22 cases of paralysis in only two countries. I am confident that soon that number will be zero, and we will begin a new phase in the timeline of eradication: counting down at least three years from the last sign of wild virus to the certification of a polio-free world.

As Juliet and I return home to Australia, we will bring warm memories of the places we have visited, the friends we have made, and the service we have seen. Thank you, all of you, for the tremendous work you are doing, through *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

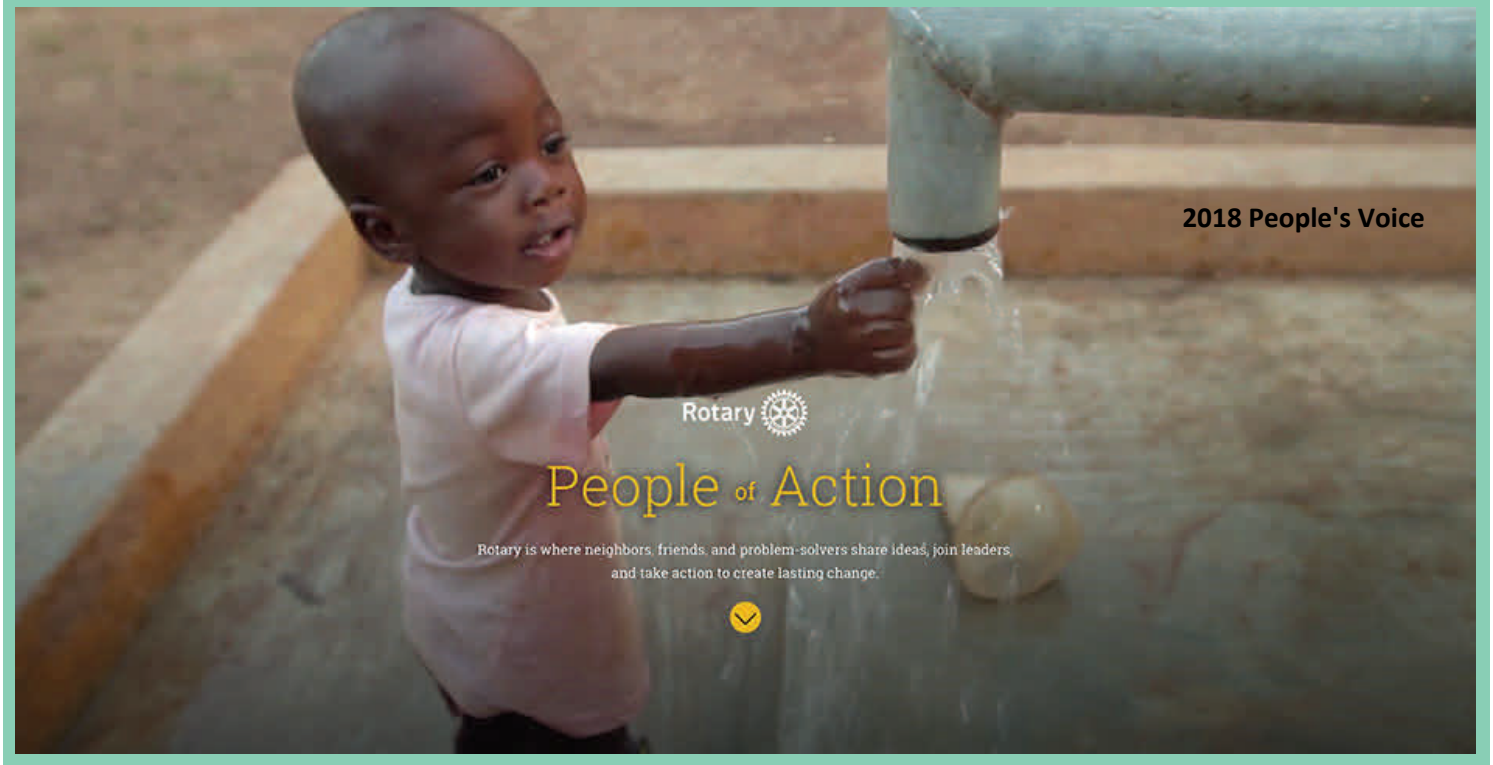
Rotary.org wins Webby People's Voice Award

The people have spoken. With a majority of internet user votes, Rotary.org won the prestigious Webby People's Voice Award for best association website. The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences announced the winners on 24 April.

This year, internet users cast over 3 million votes worldwide. And with over 13,000 entries from nearly all 50 U.S. states and more than 70 countries, this year's contest is the biggest Webby Awards ever. Winners will be recognized at the Webby Awards' 22nd annual ceremony 14 May in New York, New York, USA.

The **Webby Awards** are the leading international honor for excellence on the internet. Rotary was one of five websites nominated in the best association category. The other nominees were the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, 11th Macau Design Biennial, Trade Works for Us, and the Center for Court Innovation.

Rotary was also nominated for a Webby Award whose winner is chosen by the academy. That award went to the Macau Design Biennial.



2018 People's Voice

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Rotary Youth Exchange changes lives

Editor's note: This is the fifth and last in a series of blog posts from the 2018 Youth Leadership All-Stars, participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders, in celebration of Youth Service Month.

By Dave White, Rotary Club of Courtenay, British Columbia, Canada

I was inspired to become involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange program in the 1980s while I was a secondary school principal and the school hosted our first international exchange student. A young lady, an Inbound Exchange student from South Africa, spent the year at our school. She had never been taught by a non-white teacher and had some hesitations about attending his classes. The trepidations soon disappeared. She grew to know and respect the teacher as a person and thoroughly enjoyed his classes.

Perhaps, more importantly, she realized her attitudes could be challenged. As a result of seeing this student from South Africa having this unique experience I learned that Rotary Youth Exchange not only changes the lives of youth but also enriches their lives. I knew that I wanted to join Rotary and become involved with Youth Exchange.

In the 26 years I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Courtenay, I have been on almost all of our club's Youth Service committees, as well as president of my club and also the Rotary Club of Kyiv Multinational in Ukraine. Throughout this time I remain a s upporter and promoter of Rotary Youth Exchange and youth programs.

Student of the month

During the 1990s, I started a local Rotary Student of the Month programme, which now includes each of the four secondary schools in Courtenay. Every month a school brings a student to our meeting to receive a plaque recognizing them as their student of the month. The students who receive this recognition are those that best illustrate the Four Way Test within their respective school. These students are selected by their school administration and recognized at our regular meeting, at their secondary school, and in our local paper.

In 2009, I helped organize the first Certified Interact club at PS 155 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The principal not only embraced the goals of Interact, but also the benefits of having his school adopt the Four Way Test as a guide for student behaviour within their school, community, and country. I continue to communicate with the Principal on a regular basis, exchanging ideas and looking for opportunities for the PS 155 and G.P. Vanier Interact Club in Courtenay to work together. The two Interact clubs exchange packages, videos, and projects that they are involved in. Members of each club have become more understanding of the cultural differences as well as similarities of each other's schools and countries.

Recently, I initiated a district grant application for an international project proposed by the Interact Club of PS 155 in Kyiv, Ukraine and assisted by the G.P. Vanier Interact Club in Courtenay. The project focuses on increasing immunization awareness in Ukraine, particularly the rural regions where immunization is viewed with uncertainty by many people. The uniting of two Interact clubs, one in Kyiv and one in Courtenay, in a humanitarian project such as immunization awareness helps illustrate to students how people from different countries can make a positive change in the lives of others.

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Rotaractors: Find your road to Rotary

By Rebecca Fry, a member of the Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley

Rebecca Fry will be presenting a workshop on the Road to Rotary at the Rotaract preconvention.

In 2005, I made a seemingly small decision to apply for "science camp." It happened to be the Rotary-sponsored, National Youth Science Forum. Fast forward 13 years and I've been heavily involved in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotaract and most recently I took the next exciting leap and joined the Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley. Selecting the best Rotary club to join was an 18-month journey.

As a past-president of Sydney City Rotaract, I had existing relationships with a couple of local Rotary clubs in the city, however it was challenging for me to attend their weekly meetings based on meeting location, time and in some circumstances, cost.

A Rotaract friend invited me to attend one of their e-club meetings back in early 2017. I'll admit I was a little hesitant at first as I love the personal interaction, friendships, and networking that stem from being involved in my local Rotaract club and I was unsure if an e-club would be able to provide me with the same personal connection. Soon I came to appreciate the meeting format, online initiatives, and international network. But there were still some questions I needed to answer – Why was I joining Rotary? and What did I want to both give and get out of my Rotary membership? These are two critical questions that I anticipate many of us don't answer, yet are essential for us to find the right club.

More specific questions that can help us understand our personal needs include:

- Have you moved to a new city and are looking to make friends?
- Do you have a preference for a morning, lunchtime, or evening Rotary meeting?
- Are you seeking practical volunteering opportunities?
- What skills would you like to bring to a Rotary club?

Upon reflecting on my internal motivations, I realized that with the amount of volunteer work I was doing for RYLA, Rotaract, and Rotary in the professional development space, I needed a club that could flexibly fit around my schedule. I also came to appreciate that I'd love to work overseas in the future, so a remote club with an international network was a big tick. I also found I resonated with like-minded members at Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley, who were so welcoming and set up Facetime and Skype chats so we could connect despite being thousands of miles apart!

At the upcoming Rotaract Preconvention, 22-23 June in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Florian Wackermann and I will be presenting a workshop on the Road to Rotary for Rotaractors. Our goal is to help Rotaractors to understand the variety of opportunities to remain in the Rotary family and more specifically help you find your place in the Rotary world, where you can continue to create positive change in the world, develop your leadership skills and make long lasting friendships.

Small Steps to Progress

It's not easy...

... looking after your family in the islands of eastern Indonesia. Irregular rainfall, steep hills and lack of fresh water add to the strain of rural life. If you can spare the kids from the farm and find them a shirt and shoes, you just might be able to give them a basic education. The **Rotary Small Grants Project Indonesia** gives **Small grants** to farmers and schools for projects such as water tanks, toilets, school furniture and libraries. Last year we donated **$20,035** to support 53 small projects. All projects are monitored and we are on our way to making 2018 another successful year, but we are not there yet. Just $500 could furnish a school. $1000 could mean a water tank, toilet and fencing package for a family farm.

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By Ralph Zuke, president of the Rotary Club of Fairview Heights, Illinois, USA

Ralph Zuke with a passenger in his cycle-drawn rickshaw.

I am often asked, "Why Rotary?" The short answer is: Rotary allows me the opportunity to do things I never dreamed I could do.

The Rotary symbol is a cogged wheel. I view every member in Rotary as a cog in that wheel (about 1.2 million). When I first joined Rotary I learned that I, as one person, could move that wheel forward.

My first month as a Rotarian I was bike riding down the Oregon coast and ended up in the beautiful town of Florence. While there, I met a Rotarian named George Lewis (The Waterman). George asked me if my home club was doing any international grants. I was so new I had no idea what our club was doing. So when I got home I learned that not only was our club not involved in an international grant, they had never done one before.

In my first year as a Rotarian, I wrote, raised money, and completed our club's first grant and about 800 people from the highlands of Guatemala had clean, safe drinking water. In the next couple of years, I went on to put together two more water projects in Libya and India. It's an amazing feeling to know that as one person in the American Midwest, I could positively affect so many people I most likely will never meet half a world away.

As I've become a more seasoned member of Rotary, I have discovered that not only can I move the Rotary wheel forward, the wheel moves me forward as well. I truly think I am a better person now than I was nine years ago. The Four Way Test is not just something I say, it's something I strive for every day. And of the Rotarians in my club, district, and beyond have become a second family to me.

It is with this in mind that I look so forward to completing the Ralph's Rickshaw Ride for Polio from St. Louis, Missouri, USA to the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada. This ride will last 22 days with the goal to raise $22,000. Each day is in honor of one of the pre-ventable cases of polio in 2017.

Many people have commented about how long and hard this will be and the hours and miles of training I'm having to put in. But to be honest this has the potential to be one of the most fun and gratifying things I've ever done. Every person who will sit in the chair will know that Rotary (with its many partnerships) is on the verge of doing something that many in the beginning thought was undoable – eradicating polio. We are so close. I invite you to be a part of something that is truly monumental.

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Rotary Club of Masterton South - Rarotonga Mobile Health Clinic

District 9940's most amazing Rotary Humanitarian Project

The completion and delivery of the most significant Rotary Humanitarian project in this Rotary 2017-18 year - a Mobile Health Clinic for the Cook Island's was blessed and officially completed in Masterton last month. This month the Rarotonga Mobile Health Clinic will head north to Auckland for shipping to the Cook Islands and the official hand over to the Cook Islands Government on Monday 18th June (the DG's birthday!).

Rotarian's of the District are invited and have the opportunity to see the **Rarotonga Mobile Health Clinic** up close when it visits Palmerston North Square 12-1pm 8th May, Whanganui War Memorial Centre Fore Court 12-1pm 9th May and Inglewood at Rotary House in Moa Street 12-1pm 10th May.

Rotarian's of District 9940 will have the chance to see what the vision of the Rotary Club of Masterton South has turned into through a Rotary Global Grant and support from Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts of NZ and the Pacific Islands with the delivery of this Rotary Humanitarian Project.

So book in the opportunity to check out this Rotary year's Rotary Global Grant Humanitarian Project as it begins a tour of the Manawatu, Whanganui and Taranaki. I will be very proud to celebrate the Rotary Club of Masterton South's amazing project which is dedicated to the memory of the late President Warren Carter and meet the team led by David Baker, Dr Rob Irwin and Paul Snelgrove who made it happen!

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Rotary 25 year time capsule is opened in Palmerston North

A great day was had on the 29 April for the Rotary Club of Takaro and the members past and present. The special day saw the opening of the 993 sealed time capsule and look forward to the future opening of the Rotary time capsule in Milverton Park in perhaps another 25 years!

Well done to former Rotary Club of Takaro member Neil Churchouse and his son as well as Rotary Club of Takaro charter member Chris Wall (46 years ago) for the skilful tractor operations that removed the seal (the table) and replaced it for resealing !! I noted that the concrete table and pedestal is set among a Rotary wheel with 6 stools to represent the 6 Districts of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands !!

The days of 1993 and a referendum to have MMP, the from 1993 was on display for the gathered Rotarian's, guests and Palmerston North city archivist. A great opportunity to put down 2018
information and gifts to share with the future of Rotary, and see you in another 25 years !! A very proud Takaro Rotarian and District Governor for 2017/18.

Rotary Club of Takaro Past Presidents Ken Coombes and Marilyn O'Halloran lift the time capsule from 1993 to look back on the last 25 years of Rotary and life in New Zealand.

Norfolk Island Club Selected News Item

Rotary Leadership Institute programme 2017-2018

Last weekend the first ever Rotary Learning and Information Course was held here on Norfolk Island at Governors Lodge Resort hotel. Eight people from our Norfolk Island Rotary Group participated over two days and have improved their Rotary knowledge enormously. All the "students" participated enthusiastically and enjoyed the event.

Following are comments from participants at the RLI training last weekend:

"As a new Rotary member, the RLI has been a great platform to gain a better understanding on how Rotary operates and what being a Rotarian is all about."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my RLI training.
I loved the balance of facilitators - Peter & all his Rotary knowledge esp TRF, grants, projects etc; Sue & her background of working in the NFP sector re ethics/values, leadership & teambuilding.
Thanks to the organisers for allowing this to happen during an important time in the life of the Rotary Club of Norfolk Is. Change in leadership roles & new leaders, who now feel more confident about the organisation they chose to join & enjoy."

" I found the 2 days training very informative and fun.
The 2 facilitators were excellent and the program was well executed.
It has helped me to understand more about Rotary and its involvement around the Globe.
Thanks again for the opportunity which was an eye opener for me."

" I really enjoyed the training – gave me a better understanding of the "background" workings of Rotary.
I really enjoyed the discussions and the ideas that came out of those discussions and the possibilities of those ideas being able to invigorate the Norfolk Island Rotary club and possibly increase membership."

Norfolk Island Club Selected News Item

Rotary wins Best Non-profit Act for its polio eradication work

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Non-profit Act in the **Hero Awards** of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.

A Rotary vaccination team immunizes children against polio at a railway station in Karachi, Pakistan.

Khaula Jamil

The campaign is an initiative of **PeaceJam Foundation** and is led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.

Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Non-profit Act category. Rotary and the five **other winners** will be recognized at a ceremony in June in Monaco. Betty Williams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for her advocacy for peace in Northern Ireland, will present the award.