

Rotary

District 9910



Governors Newsletter

September 2015

District Happenings

16 Sept	Area 3 Presidents Meeting
21 Sept	International Day of Peace
30 Sept	District Grant Applications Due
1-8 Oct	Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
3 Oct	Stroke Foundation Blood Pressure Day
9 Oct	ROMAC Dinner
9-11 Oct	RYEA 2015 Conference
15 Oct	Global Handwash Day
16-18 Oct	IYE Marae Weekend
24 Oct	World Polio Day

Club Happenings

27 Sept	Kaikohe Okaihau – Kaikohe Traverse
16 Oct	Devonport Fine Homes Tour
18 Oct	Browns Bay Spring Step Out
31 Oct	KeriKeri Garden Safari
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Dear Rotarians,

Another month has passed in this wonderful year as Governor. By the time of writing this (11 September) we have completed Governor visits to 31 clubs, including our 2 Rotaract and first satellite clubs. Each visit has impressed us with the number of wonderful community projects being undertaken. Thank you every one of you for being a “Gift to the world” and to your community.

I am delighted to observe that **16 clubs have inducted new members so far this year**. Well done to all of you, particularly to Auckland Korean (6) and Takapuna (4). It was a privilege to be asked to take part in the induction of the new Auckland Korean members during our visit. **Our goal this year is to increase the membership in our district by at least 41 (net for you accountants out there ... ☺)** Please keep up the good work. Rotary is a wonderful, recognised and trusted “brand” so don’t be afraid to ask the question of a friend, work colleague or someone you happen to meet. “Have you considered joining Rotary?” or even ... “Why aren’t you a Rotarian?”

Each month Rotary identifies a special observance topic of focus. In the past these have mainly revolved around areas of service, however **this year the topics have been changed to include, highlight and observe Rotary’s six areas of Focus.** So the focus for **September is Basic Education & Literacy.**

During our visits we have observed many wonderful small and large projects and the commitment by **individual Rotarians to improving basic education and literacy in our district.** These include the ongoing support by many clubs funding and distributing the Rotary Dictionaries, the Global Grant project providing Chrome notebooks and bringing digital learning to schools in the Kaikohe area, reading programmes in a number of schools and many other projects.



In fact **one of the privileges I had in August**, during our visit to Kaitaia, was visiting the **Oturu School and reading poetry to Rotarian Roberta Murray’s class** (yes I know a month early ☺). It is also appropriate this month to **acknowledge the ongoing work and dedication of the members of our District Literacy Committee.** Thank you.

Best wishes to each of you for an exciting and rewarding September.

Governor Peter



Melanesian Women Today - MAMA'S ENGLISH CLASS

Mama's English Class is an exciting new project aimed to **increase women's English literacy** and in turn **empower women to take leadership and entrepreneurial roles in their village**. Working in conjunction with Peace Corps volunteer, Dawna Horton an English literacy educator, **Rotary District 9910's Literacy committee and Rotary Vila;**



Melanesian Women Today is proud to support the Mama's English Class in Eratap Village on Efate, near Port Vila.

Dawna, an English literacy educator who is co-ordinating the programme said "two workshop leaders will be trained to teach a class of 10 women over a 12 week period".

Dawna also said "that participants will be able to identify letter names, sounds, use decoding skills to read simple stories and create phonics and literacy games that can be played at home

with school aged children and pre-schoolers". **Chair of Rotary District 9910 Literacy Committee, Murray Neighbour**, thanked the many Presidents/Clubs who have already made a commitment to the Mama's English Class and confirmed that the project will start October 2015. Also it is great to know that **Melanesian Women Today** are going to extend this programme throughout the Islands of Vanuatu with the help of a **Rotary Global Grant** organised by the Vanuatu Committee chaired by **PG Lindsay Ford**.



This project will enable **women in the community to self-manage and have ownership** over their "Mama House", similar to a market stall where they will be able to **sell food, handmade crafts, and other goods to visiting tourists**. As benefactors of the English classes the women will be able to, with confidence, converse in English to their customers.

Caption Competition



"Peter is on a roll!"

The winner of August's caption was **John Pringle, Rotary Takapuna North**

September's photo to the right of Governor Nominee David Oliphant and an unknown person needs a caption.

Submit your caption to Governor Peter and Elaine by 25th September via email to

miselaïneous@xtra.co.nz The winner will be posted in the District Facebook page on the 1st of the month.

If you take photos at club projects that would be good for the caption competition please send to Editor janice@boatandbach.co.nz by 5th of the month.



OCTOBER is Vocational Service Month

Area of focus: **Economic and Community Development**

Does your club have a project that is creating economic and community development?

If so share your knowledge and tell the District about it.

The **Rotary Months have changed**; to see the differences check out the link below.

<http://www.rotaryMonths.pdf>



FINE HOMES TOUR



FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER
2015
9.30am - 4pm

DEVONPORT, AUCKLAND
10 HOMES OF DISTINCTION TO VIEW

Rotary Devonport are holding their **Fine Homes Tour on Friday 16th October** and would like **your support**.

All proceeds to Cure Kids, Alzheimer's Auckland and Devonport Rotary Charitable Trusts.

Tickets are strictly limited so **get in early to avoid disappointment**.

Tickets \$55 each available from
www.devonportrotary.co.nz



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Provided by: Rotary Leadership Institute

David Oliphant as Rotary District 9910's Governor Nominee 2017-18, participated in the August session along with **12 other Rotarians from New Lynn, Northcote/Glenfield, Whangaparaoa, Warkworth, Dargaville, Whangarei South, and Bay of Islands** which was organised and run under the guidance of **Clive Menkin our District Training Guru**. Clive was ably

assisted by DG Peter Garnett, GE Peter Smith and Elaine Mead.

David feels that if he as GN can survive the day and be looking forward to parts 2 and 3; he is sure you would enjoy the experience as well. He said **"The day was well organised**, the discussion groups on Rotary topics inspiring, **especially the debating**, other people's points of view, **the wonderful spirit of Rotary** within the group, the way Rotarians were prepared to **pass on their knowledge and expertise about Rotary, their business life and personal experiences was amazing"**.

GN David **strongly recommends all Rotarians** participate in this **valuable programme**. "I found the course **motivating and eye opening** into new ways of **learning and gaining a better understanding of Rotary and the Foundation"**.

It is **beneficial to you, your Club and beyond Rotary**.

Talk to your President to find out when the next course will be held.



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Marketing Rotary

As Governor Peter drives around the District, he is not letting the opportunity pass by to make the **Rotary brand visible**.

Magnetic signs created by East Coast Bays Rotary members, Alan & Judi Astrop, are easy to put on and take off and sustainable as each Rotary year can be replaced/updated.

The small Rotary logo on the bumper of the car was also created by Alan & Judi's company and can be



Show people you're a proud Rotarian and get the Rotary brand out on the streets!

These quality, vinyl bumper stickers (24cmx9cm) cost \$10 each are available to order in packs of 10.

They come with "Rotary" in blue writing for light-coloured cars and in white writing for dark coloured cars.

A suggestion is to sell them to club members or Rotary supporters for \$15 each and donate the \$5 to Rotary Foundation.

A good way to add to your Rotary Foundation giving and points for awarding Paul Harris Fellow pins.

Place your order with District Administrator, Sarah Carr e: district9910@gmail.com and clubs will be invoiced from District.

ordered in packs of 10, see opposite,

As for the jacket, not only it is smartly branded but also reversible, so very adaptable to any smart casual look. **Purchased at a merchandising stand during the District Governor training in San Diego** earlier this year and will be available at the **Rotary International Convention at Seoul, Korea 28 May – 1 June 2016!**

Community Awards

Open for Nominations



Rotary Birkenhead are seeking nominations of people who have:

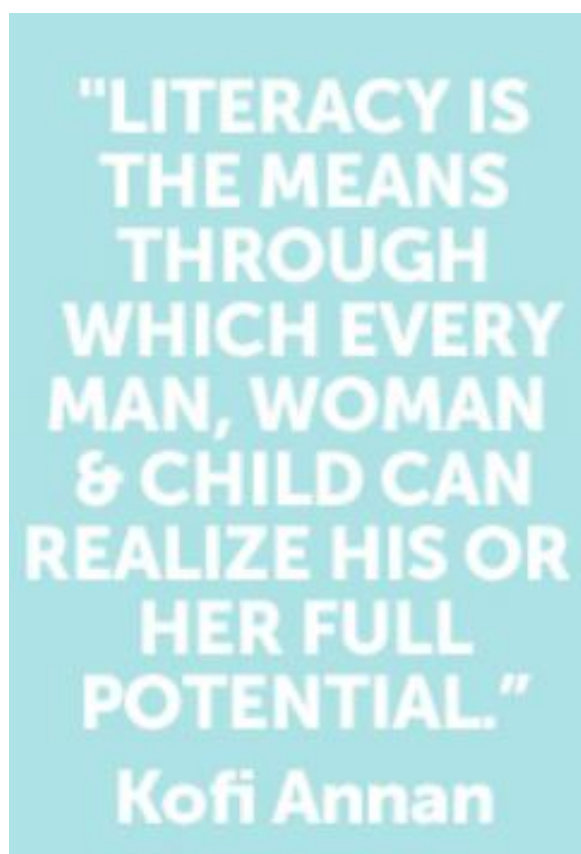
- Made inspiring contributions and achievements to the benefit of their community.
- Given outstanding service to the community over a number of years.
- Benefited the community (outside of their paid employment) through community involvement and/or voluntary activities.

Nominate Someone Now ONLINE by visiting the Rotary Birkenhead Website
www.BirkenheadRotary.org.nz

Written application may also be forwarded to:
 Danny Phillips, 16 Harper St, Chatswood, Auckland

Deadline for Nominations - 30th October 2015

Awards will be a framed Rotary Community Award certificate which will be presented at a special Rotary dinner in November.



THIS IS AN URGENT REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

REBUILD - MBOSSUNG SCHOOL AMBRYM ISLAND VANUATU

The Stage One of the rebuild of this school is now taking place, with the first team of volunteers leaving for Ambrym Island via Port Vila on 10th October 2015.

The **materials and equipment for the project are being shipped from Santo to Ambrym Island on 13th October**, so there will be a hive of activity from that time.

We are in **need of additional volunteers able to donate two weeks** of their time. The **first team 10th October to 24th October 2015** and **the second team 24th October to 7th November 2015.**

Another group of Volunteers will also be required in April 2016.

Volunteers with some building experience/abilities are preferred as local Ambrym Islanders will be providing supporting labour.

If you are interested, in the first instance, please contact PP Janice Dowle to register your interest and for further information janice@boatandbach.co.nz

PG David Oliver - Chair of the Mbossung School Rebuild



Financial Management of Rotary Clubs



For their size, Rotary clubs are actually quite complex organisations financially, having clubs activities, fundraising events and community giving all mixed up in one entity requires some good tools to be able to keep accurate and correct records – and be able to comply with the law.

In 2011 a D9920 taskforce surveyed clubs and found a wide range of tools in use. They trialled and/or reviewed different commercial packages and settled on Xero for the following reasons:

- Online and in the Cloud
- ANY system will work just fine
- Access anywhere, anytime
- User friendly. Very easy to use
- Saves time - lots of it
- Multi-user access
- No changeover problems
- Xero is a very good fit to Rotary needs (but not perfect)
- Reasonable cost

It's not your
salary
that makes you
rich,
it's your
spending habits.

Sign up support

If you sign up with Bruce Howe (brucehowe@ihug.co.nz), you receive a 25% discount automatically. He will get you live and set you up with Xero defaults for free. For an extra fee he can assign you 3 – 4 hours of online, one on one orientation and training, setup your member details automatically, set up a Rotary specific chart of accounts and see you off in the right direction.

More information on the features and benefits of the Xero accounting software click on the link to the District's website: <http://www.rotaryxeroinfo>



Doing Rotary work unknowingly before joining Rotary

Words: Past Assistant Governor Rufino Pineda, of the Rotary Club of Santo, Vanuatu

When I am asked how I joined Rotary, I answer “unwillingly!” I was told by a friend to assist him in doing a slide show presentation on the project of the Beautification of Luganville (Espiritu Santo). I assisted my friend by forwarding the slides in his old slide projector when he was doing his talk to the Rotary Club of Santo, Vanuatu. **I was amazed when I realised that all the members of what I took for a semi-clandestine society were good friends of mine, or people I had known for years, who had never mentioned to me that they were Rotarians.** At the end of the presentation, I was proposed to stay and assist the meeting, and few weeks later I was inducted into Rotary.



Nothing was new to me, as I had been doing Rotary work unknowingly when I was assisting communities in setting up rain catchments or repairing aid posts or classrooms using funding from the French Embassy.

My connection with aid donors and volunteer networks became an asset when a few years later I was told at 11.30am to prepare a project worth 40,000 Euros by 1.30pm. I used my lunchtime to make some phone calls and get quotes to prepare a draft project of providing rainwater catchment to remote communities.



I started with a list of 80 tanks, mainly needed for communities in the Shefa Province. The project was approved, and while I turned the draft into a formal application, I recalled Director of Communities Services David Hutchinson telling me, **“through Rotary Against Malaria (RAM), I can get you 50 cents to one dollar”.** By magic, the €40,000 was joined by NZ\$40,000 as at that time the exchange rate was 1€ to 2NZ\$.

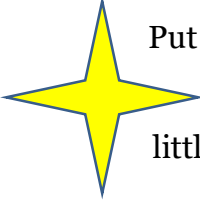
Finally the 80 tanks became 131 tanks, so the Islands of Malekula, Epi, Malo, Santo, Ambae were added to the Shefa Islands. In five months, with help of volunteers based on all of these islands, we gave more water tanks than in the ten previous Rotary years.

All it took was a few hours of my time and a few dedicated friends to make a better world for hundreds of people.



Rotary District 9910 Conference

Be a star – Lead, Guide, Inspire!
Vanuatu 10-12 April 2016



Put a star in your diary next to the dates 10 – 12 April 2016 and come join Governor Peter Garnett and Elaine Mead 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), a little bit of project time, a little bit of conference time.

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

Register online at <http://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>

Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

28 May – 1 June 2016 ... SEOUL

<http://www.riconvention.org/>

It's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world.

- Build new relationships
- Exchange ideas across cultures.
- Enhance your professional skills
- Network to find a project partner
- Participate in a meaningful service project

Experience the hospitality of this world-class city at one of the most beautiful times of the year.

- Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Sample traditional Korean fare
- Experience Seoul's vibrant nightlife

The Seoul convention will be a unique experience highlighted by once-in-a-lifetime activities arranged by the Host Organization Committee:

- Tour Korea with local Rotary members
- Enjoy stirring music and dance performances by local artists
- Show off your talents at the Rotary Family Talent Contest

For tour information contact:

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