

Rotary

District 9910



Governors Newsletter

November 2015

District Happenings

10-15 Nov	GETS & Institute Nelson
16 Nov	Area 1 Dinner
20 Nov-10 Dec	IYE South Island Tour
29 Nov	PETS 1 Training Whangarei
6 Dec	PETS 1 Training Northcote
13 Dec	Out Bound IYE Students final debrief - Whangarei
9-22 Jan	National Science & Technology Forum
2 Feb	Dist Management Meeting - Whangarei
10-12 Apr	District Conference - Vanuatu

Club Happenings

12 Nov	Whangaparaoa Movie Night "Spectre"
14 Nov	Kumeu Garden Tour
23 Nov	Albany Movie Night "Spectre"
13 Dec	Birkenhead Santa Parade
10 Jan	Paihia Beach Dig

November
is
**Foundation
Month**



Dear Rotarians,

In November Rotary worldwide celebrates the successes and contribution OUR wonderful charity, **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**, has achieved since it was established 98 years ago. As I have said during my club visits – I am proud to tell people it is my charity of choice. I encourage clubs to contribute to TRF, preferably during this month, and for **Rotarians to consider being a Centurion.**

I now need to **share some critical information affecting the future of our proud District.** I must admit in doing so, I find myself in a position no Governor wants to be in

D9910 is currently in a precarious position with regard to its future as a District. Rotary International (RI) has set 1100 members as the minimum membership level it can economically support a District and its Governor. The total **membership in D9910 has decreased each year for the past 10 years** (down 15% in the past 5 years) and at the end of **2014-15 our total membership had fallen to 1089.**

RI formally reviews all Districts' membership status each 5 years. It establishes a Redistricting Committee which meets to identify large districts suitable for splitting or Districts whose membership has



fallen below 1100 which are recommended for merging with a neighbouring District. **I have been formally advised D9910 is one of 2 Districts in Australasia to be reviewed in 2016, with a view to them being merged with their neighbouring District.**

As your Governor, and I am sure you will join me, this is the last thing I want to see

happening to our District. I am incredibly proud of the Clubs in our District and what they are achieving for their communities. As I have said during my visits, I am very positive we can reverse the downward trend. A number of our clubs already have **membership initiatives underway – Henderson's Satellite Club, Dargaville's membership week** to name just two. However these club initiatives are unlikely to be enough on their own. In my view it is critical for each of us to take personal responsibility for encouraging friends, work colleagues, family to join Rotary. **Yes the "answer lies in each of our hands".** Remember my story ... **Why am I a Rotarian? Because a business colleague asked me ☺**



It is my belief we can achieve the necessary positive increase in membership. Let's work to make sure we bring in sufficient new members to achieve more than 1100 members at the end of this year.

The **goal I set for this year is a net increase of 41 members** (a net average of one per club) which would give us a **total of 1130**. The key challenge is the steadily increasing average age of club membership. Over the next years we are going to see a number of our older, passionate and committed Rotarians leave our ranks.

Last year, under the excellent leadership of PDG Bruce Rasmussen, D9910 Clubs inducted 130 new members however the total District membership fell by 18. We have started this year well, with 48 new members recorded (at the time of writing) on the RI database and at least 6 more (we know of) who have been inducted but have yet to be entered. Unfortunately, we have also recorded the loss of 22 members. So Clubs in our District have to be steadily recruiting new members to replace these departing Rotarians and for the necessary growth needed to exceed 1100.



One caution, although we are obviously looking to increase our membership, **we must always be looking for people who represent the values of Rotary.**

To all of you, I am delighted to be able to advise we do have the support of our incoming RI and Zone Director, Noel Trevaskis, who wants to see D9910 continue as an independent District However, he needs to see us taking the positive actions required to reverse the

downward trend. **The onus is on us to show we can grow our membership to well over the minimum of 1100 members.** Please join me in making this your goal too. **Remember to ask that question**

Celebrating 50 years of Service Above Self



One of the **special privileges I have had this year** is to be involved in the celebration of **50 years of service by 3 Rotarians in our District**. In July we joined Whangarei Club at their 90th anniversary and to celebrate George Wilson's 50 years (see left).

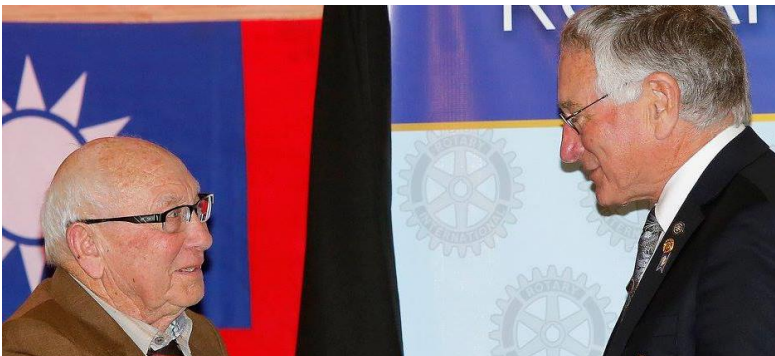
In October we were joined by 5 Past District

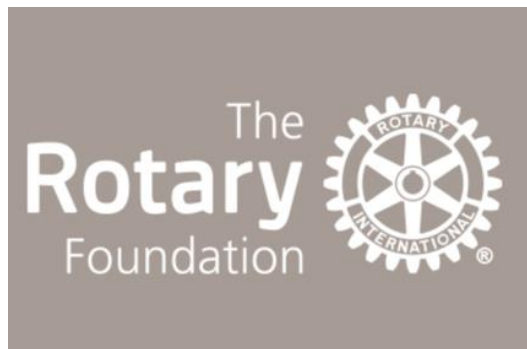


Governors and their Partners during our visit to **Norfolk Island where we honoured 50 years of Rotary Service by that much loved Rotarian PDG Ned Lenthall**. Ned was Governor in 1982-83 of District 992, prior to the formation of Districts 9910 and 9920, responsible for clubs throughout Auckland, Northland and the

Pacific Islands. *above Ned with PDG Lindsay Ford, Governor Peter and Rotary Norfolk Island President David Pegman.*

Later that month we joined **Henderson Rotary in celebrating 50 years of service by PP Tom Hendricks Snr (left)**. Made special by the fact Tom was President during PDG Ned's year as Governor. I salute the 3 of you for your service and for being a Gift to the World over the past 50 years. ***Yours in Rotary, Governor Peter***





November is Rotary Foundation month!

It's a good time to reflect on the **great Rotary Foundation programs** we support and on how each of us can contribute to make sure these programs continue.

Our Rotary Foundation sponsors a broad range of Educational and Humanitarian programs that save and change lives here and abroad. **These programs are the lifeblood of Rotary**, creating world peace and understanding through the lives touched by the programs. **Ask any Rotarian who has visited/worked on an**

international project about the difference made by these programs . . . there are many wonderful stories of saved and changed lives around the world.

The annual club contribution or your personal contribution fuels our Rotary programs. **As well as your club's annual contribution, you can donate personally to the Centurion programme, or join the Paul Harris Society.** Additionally, you can leave a legacy in your will as a Benefactor or by joining the Bequest Society. A contribution to the Foundation is one of the best investments you can make, with nearly 100% going to Rotary programs that save and change lives.

District 9910 continues to set standards in the Rotary world with a number of Global Grants in Vanuatu, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, New Caledonia all contributing to making the world a better place. Add to that our District Grant programme which assist clubs to carry out local projects in their community. This year we have **awarded nearly \$38,000 for 14 District Grants involving more than 17 clubs in our District**, enabling them to carry out Rotary's great work.

I encourage each of you to learn more about The Rotary Foundation and make a contribution to continue saving and changing lives. These programs work and are a great investment for a better and safer world. **Grant Smith, D9910 Rotary Foundation Chair**

Make the Rotary Foundation your "charity of choice"

The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Through a **planned gift**, you can **provide ongoing support to Rotary Foundation programs**, which are **made after your lifetime.** The most common way of doing this is to make a gift in a will or add to a will by a document known as a codicil. Governor Peter has spoken, during his visits, about becoming a **Benefactor.**

This is when you include the **Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans** or **when you donate \$1,000 or more to the fund outright.** **Benefactors** receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

Governor Peter encourages you to consult with your legal representative or financial adviser to determine the most appropriate way for you to give. More information is available in "My Rotary" at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give/planned-giving> and the document called "**Your Rotary Legacy**".

The photos above right is Jocelyn Hogg from Rotary Levin, teaching the children of Mbossung School a game during District 9910 project to rebuild of their school destroyed by Cyclone Pam in March 2015.





Give up one cup of coffee a fortnight – *it's that simple*

To enable you to support the great work of the Rotary Foundation.

Known by Rotary International as 'Every Rotarian, Every Year', in New Zealand and Australia it is better known as the **Centurion Programme**, because it is not restricted to Rotarians. In fact, the Centurion programme welcomes all supporters. It is an excellent way for Rotarians, Alumni, Friends of Rotary and

all other non-Rotarians to join in supporting the Rotary Foundation's efforts to improve the lives of millions of people around the world.

A contribution of NZ\$100 or more annually will enrol you as a member of the Centurion Programme. Rotary partners, family, friends, colleagues and companies are also welcome to join. All new Centurion members will receive a certificate and distinctive lapel pin. **So if you're stuck for a Christmas present with a difference, why not gift a Centurion membership to someone special?** A small gift can play such a vital part in the work of the Rotary Foundation.

There are **currently some 1100 Rotarians in D9910, yet less than half of those are Centurions.** During Foundation month, please spread the word about the difference our Rotary Foundation is making throughout the world and encourage those you know to consider supporting this work by an annual Centurion donation. **A sacrifice of one coffee (or similar) per fortnight is really all it takes to feel proud of what you are helping to accomplish in the world.**

Making your donation is simple and can be done by direct credit or cheque payment. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued. **Contact Centurion programme administrator, Sue Hamnett – suehamnett@xtra.co.nz for more information.**



Rotary Traditional Plum Puddings are a delicious way to celebrate Christmas -- they come vacuum packed in a can, are



easy to prepare and serve, and are great topped with custard, brandy butter or cream.

Even better, the sale of every Rotary plum pudding makes a substantial donation to Rotary projects and local charities. For more information <http://www.rotarypuddings.co.nz>

Caption Competition



October Caption Winner, "If you can't stand the heat keep away from the fryer" - **Neville Cullen, Rotary Orewa**

November Caption... Taken at Rotary Henderson on the occasion of a dinner with visitors from their sister club, Taipei Pacific. Rotary Auckland South also came along and provided some entertainment, where they got several people up to join them

including two IYE students in the front, the Governor on stage! What are they doing!

Don't forget to submit your caption to Governor Peter and Elaine by 29th November via email to miselaineous@xtra.co.nz

The winner will be posted in the District Facebook page on the 1st of the month.





What an inspiring group of young people the interactors are at Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS)!

The MAGS group,

established 2006, has a membership of 230 and has been particularly active. Earlier this year, in collaboration with the MAGS Junior Committee and Music Committee they raised an outstanding amount of \$10,144.80 for those affected by the Nepal Earthquake, through a Red and White Mufti Day and lunch time concert.

In June they organised a can-drive collection for KidsCan, turning it into a Junior Inter-Formclass competition and collecting just over 1000 cans! This was also a collaborative effort with the Academic Council, which organised the annual MAGS Quiz Night and raised just over \$2,500!

During the September/October school holidays members volunteered to run two holiday programme sessions at Ronald McDonald House. These involved sing-along sessions, Zumba, science experiments making an erupting volcano and ice cream, and making a themed costume out of newspaper. Great fun had by all!



The incoming leaders organised the last fundraiser for the year, focused on the Heart Foundation for one week in October. The club sold anonymous heart pins and messages at lunchtimes. These were sent out on Friday morning, as an act to share the love around everyone and say some sweet goodbyes to conclude the year on a good note.

Rotary Western Springs President Gary Richards and **past Assistant Governor, Barbara Watt** recently attended their changeover to the new leaders for next year and described them as “an inspiring group of young people.



You may even wonder what is Interact?

Interact is for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about.

Groups are sponsored by Rotary clubs and usually

established through schools. Through Interact, they:

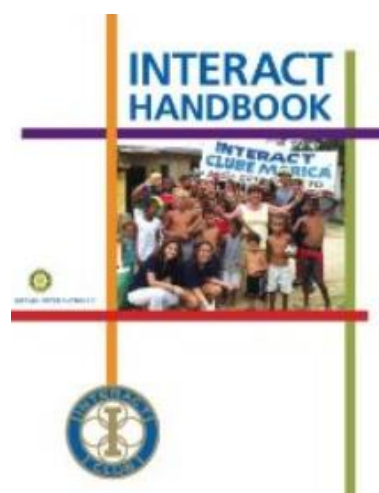
- Carry out hands-on service projects;
- Make international connections;
- Develop leadership skills;
- Have fun!

Interact is active at [Mt Albert Grammar School](#), (supported by Western Springs Rotary) [Whangarei Girls High School](#) (supported by [Rotary Club of Whangarei City](#)) and [Pinehurst School](#) (supported by [East Coast Bays Rotary Club](#))

Sponsor an Interact club

Do you want to empower young people in your community to take action, become leaders, and gain a global perspective? Sponsor an Interact club! Whether they're carrying out a service project, organizing a Twitter chat, or planning a meeting, Interact club members develop skills that can last a lifetime. To help you get started download the **Interact Handbook** from the resources & reference part of the following link.

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/empower-leaders/sponsor-interact-club>





Pilar Boyle (below) joined Rotary New Lynn in April 2014 and she is the President-Elect for 2016-2017. Pilar attended Level 1 of the Rotary Learning & Information programme undertaken by Rotary Leadership Institute in June, where she learnt about “My Rotary”. She has recently completed Level 2 and is looking forward to graduating with Level 3 in March next year. **Here she shares her thoughts on “My Rotary” and Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)**

Being a new member I wanted to discover more about what Rotary is all about and RLI inspired me to learn more. What better way to do so than go to Rotary International’s website www.rotary.org and create a “My Rotary” account, which is easy and straightforward online.

The “**My Rotary**” webpage features news of the Rotary organisation around the world and in October the focus was the progress of the Polio Eradication Program, featured at **Rotary’s World Polio Day Livestream event held in New York City**. Other features include one’s own personal profile, a snapshot of one’s own club, and online tools for club administration, **Rotary logos and project ideas and the Learning Centre**.

Rotary Club Central features trends in your club such as membership, gender-age trends, goals and progress, membership retention and Rotarian engagement of members. It also shows the Club’s service and Foundation giving.

One learns about Rotary on the local club, district or international level, sharing diverse perspectives, advancing one’s education on how the Rotary organisation supports the aspirations of our young future leaders, discovering new cultures through its global network.



What interested me most is the “Learning Centre.” One needs to register, it is easy to follow and one can immerse fully or take them by small sections when time permits. There are different free online courses for new members, to the more advanced for those holding positions within the organisation. There’s so much to discover and I suggest you bookmark the page/s so you can go back there again and again.

I fully encourage all new Rotary members to attend at least Level 1 of RLI, the first of three fast-paced, interactive, fun one day courses offered to refine a Rotarian’s leadership skills and increase their Rotary knowledge base.

For more information on RLI contact: Clive Menkin **m:** 021 530 962 or **e:** menkin@ihug.co.nz.



Pay it Forward RI President Ravi’s motto

With this month being **Foundation Month**, and Rotary International President Ravi’s personal motto of “**pay it forward**” Click on the image of Ravi and his family above or <http://video.rotary.org/G8Q3/pay-it-forward/> to view his profile.

Rotary New Lynn – A Club on the MOVE....

Governor Peter (right) presenting Rotary New Lynn's President, Dugald Martin, with recognition from Rotary International for achieving the **highest growth rate of female members in District 9910**. (Below) From the Facebook Page of Miss World – New Zealand, Governor Peter, Rotary New Lynn President Dugald with Miss World – New Zealand Deborah Lambie. Deborah had spoken to a combined group of West Auckland Rotary



clubs about her journey to studying medicine and her involvement with LearnCoach, assisting students with study. **Good PR for Rotary - Well Done New Lynn**



Melbourne Cup for Polio

Rotary Takapuna held a fundraising for polio on **Melbourne Cup Night**. A great example of Rotarians getting together across clubs and countries to have fun and raise funds for Polio. The North Shore Rotarians Gambol for the Melbourne Cup included the visitors from Rotary Taipei Pacific, as well as Rotary Northcote Glenfield, Rotary Takapuna North, and Rotary Henderson. **Ready to Ride!**



Rotary Takapuna North – supporting HIPPY

Yvette Sievers from **HIPPY** said on her Facebook page "I've always wanted to hold a giant cheque!! Just back from Rotary Takapuna North quiz night where they generously donated \$20,000 to keep HIPPY running in our community! Yay!"

Great PR for Rotary 16 persons commented on this post with 85 likes. **Well Done Rotary Takapuna North.**

If you or your club would like to support families, first-time parents, new-borns, preschool children check out the following organisations:



SPACE, Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education – is a programme mainly for first time parents for 30 weeks in the babies first year. www.cedarsaplins.co.nz



Parent Support, offers free, short-term, practical help in the home for families with a baby or preschool children. www.parentsupport.org.nz



Hippy a home-based programme that supports parents to be involved in their children's learning. www.beachhaven.school.nz/hippy-north-shore



Rotary District 9910 Conference



**Port Vila
Vanuatu**

10-12 April 2016

Warwick Le Lagon Resort, Vanuatu.

A little bit of chill time,

A little bit of play time,

A little bit of kid's time, (future Rotarians welcome)

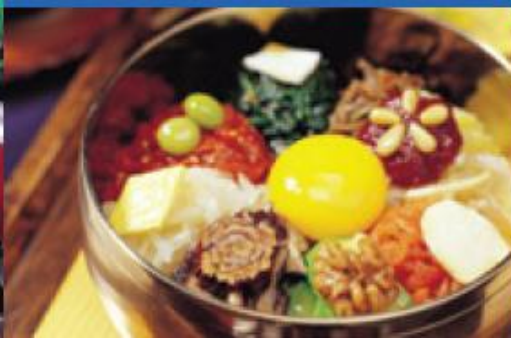
A little bit of project time,

A little bit of conference time.

**be a star
come to Vanuatu
and
help make a difference**

Register and more information:

<http://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>



Rotary  **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**



**28 May – 1 June 2016
SEOUL KOREA**

Important deadlines

15 December 2015: Early-registration discount ends

31 March 2016: Preregistration discount ends

30 April 2016: Registration/ticket cancellation deadline

1 June 2016: Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial

To register and more information: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/register>



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Mbossung School Rebuild - Vanuatu – *update*



We have a classroom! Above is building No 3 which has been transformed from the photo right to above. A roofing and cladding team are going to Ambrym mid-November from Australia and Santo to complete this task with the continued assistance and support of the local men and women.



When Group 1 arrived at Ambrym Island via the boat trip of 50 hours with no working toilet, being rained on, over 90 people on the boat, experiencing an earthquake, taking over a day to get the truck and all the equipment up the beach, moving everything 5kms to the school grounds, they were exhausted but the **welcome from the locals was overwhelming.**

Team One were finally able to start building work on-site and completing the foundation work required before Team Two arrived. **Good progress was made while**



the two teams worked together for 3 days. Brian Dowle, Rotary Birkenhead from Team One, elected to stay on with Team Two; Jocelyn Hogg from Rotary Levin, Hayden Smith sponsored by Rotary Takapuna, Harry Ross sponsored by Ray Smith of RPS Construction Ltd Auckland and Barry Blommaart from Rotary Nelson. Both teams have been helped by the local community with three of the men being good builders, 15 to 20 men keen to help and the women providing the food.



Upon Team One's return to NZ, John Richardson Rotary Birkenhead (*left*) said **"we have been truly blessed with the young builders, Jon Wilson, Luke Fraser and Harry Ross, their contribution has been immense"**. When the roof (minus iron) was completed the villagers put on a celebration and (*above right*) the team wearing gifts from the villagers.



To all the Rotarians and friends of Rotary who have put their name forward for April 2016 teams, thank you! Within the next couple of weeks you will be asked your availability between the dates of April 2 and May 3. If you know of any young **qualified builders with 5 or 6 years' experience** please consider, your club, putting their name forward **and sponsoring their airfares**. The three young men who have participated so far have found the experience very worthwhile and now see Rotary in a totally different light.....possible members!

Our District 9910 project, led by Rotary Santo and Rotary Birkenhead is progressing well ... thank you to the clubs participating!

