Governors Newsletter

March 2016

District Happenings

1-31 Mar	MUNA applications and payment due
23 Mar	Governors Information Evening – Te Puna Akoranga Dr Northcote
7-21 Mar	D3060 Friendship Exchange - India
Mar 31	RYLA closing date
8-11 Apr	District Conference–Tauranga note change of venue
19 Apr	Paul Harris's birthday
20-25 Apr	Rotary Family Health Days
Apr 25 – 1 May	World Immunisation Week
29 Apr	IYE Outbound applications close
7 May	District Quiz Night in Matakana – host by Browns Bay
13-15 May	IYE Selection weekend
15 May	Dist Management Meeting – Te Puna
27-28 May	MUNA – Auckland Girls Grammar School

Club Happenings

17 Mar	Henderson Golf Tournament
18-19 Mar	Waipapa Antiques Road Show and Fair
19-20 Mar	Whangaparaoa Soap Box Derby
19 Mar	Whangarei South : Fritter Festival
1 Apr	Browns Bay Jumbo Tennis
2 Apr	Birkenhead/Santo – 1st 2016 team leaves to continue Mbossung School Rebuild
2 Apr	RANZE Students arrive from Australia
30 Apr-1 May	Onehunga One Tree Hill Book Fair

March
is
Water & Sanitation Month

The Rotary Theme for March, Water and Sanitation, is very relevant to our District as they are the focus for many projects being undertaken in Vanuatu – both larger Global Grant and smaller club District Foundation Grant projects. Availability of a safe water supply is critically important for many villages throughout Vanuatu. If you are interested in participating or undertaking such a project, please make contact with PDG Lindsay Ford.

February had quite an international focus for our District:

Visit by RI Director Guiller Tumangan and his wife Leticia.

We had an enjoyable time with our Regional Director. We took him to visit Ronald McDonald house, accompanied by PDG Geoff Dainty, to give him an understanding of ROMAC and the wonderful support we receive from Ronald McDonald House.

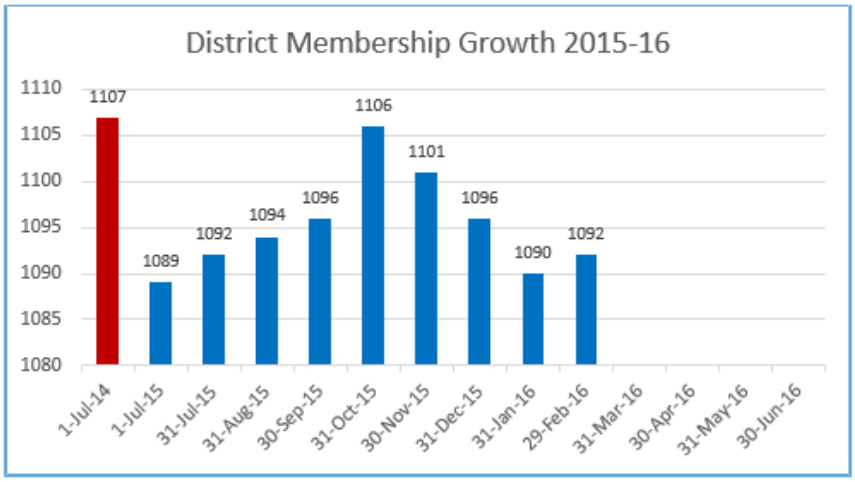
We arranged for them to visit two of Rotary New Lynn's school garden projects and then had an enjoyable informal dinner with Rotary New Lynn.

We visited Whangarei where PDG Maxine took them to visit some of the Whangarei clubs' projects. RID Guiller joined the District Management team for our quarterly meeting, met with DG Peter, GN David and a number of our Past Governors. **Photos from top RID Guiller & Leticia, RID Guiller at New Lynn School garden, RID Guiller with G Peter & Elaine & Rotary New Lynn, RID Guiller & Leticia with Gaggle of Governors" – past, present and incoming.**

Pacific atmosphere

Rotary International Yachting Federation Area 3 meeting, with visitors from Australia, Philippines, Japan, UK and Europe. Our visitors enjoyed a mix of Rotary activities, sightseeing and of course getting out on the water with their D9910 and D9920 hosts

Friendship Exchange visitors from District 5080, which includes states in USA And Canada, enjoyed their visits around the Auckland area and up in Northland. A big thank you goes to our clubs and Rotarians who hosted them.



It is pleasing to see Membership moving in the right direction again getting back to 1092 by the 29 February. One of the highlights for the month was definitely being able to join Rotary Henderson on 25 February as they chartered their second Satellite Club - the Satellite Club of Helensville – with 8 members initially and a number of others ready to join. Well done Henderson you certainly are setting a wonderful example. This will definitely have a positive effect on our membership numbers at the end of March ☺. I am happy to report that Milford, Northcote-Glenfield and Orewa (supported by Whangaparaoa) are on track with their plans for Satellite Clubs too.

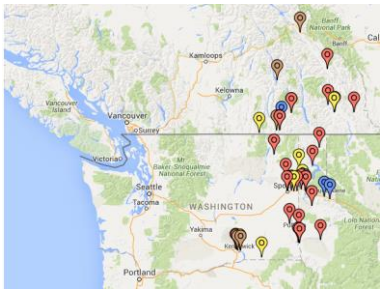
GE Peter is well into his training programme ably supported by District Trainers Clive and Elaine. It was a privilege to join them for a morning at the multi District training, South Pacific President Elect Training (SPPETS) at the beginning of March. Past RI President and Current Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klinginsmith was one of the guest speakers and we arranged for him to present AG Thierry van Waerebeke his Paul Harris Society badge. My congratulations go to Thierry who is the leading personal contributor to the Rotary Foundation in our District.

Best wishes to you all as we continue on our Rotary Journey for 2015-16

Governor Peter and Elaine

Friendship Visits

Rotarians from District 5080 were hosted by clubs in District 9910 during February. District 5080 is east of Vancouver, taking in Washington and Idaho states in USA and British Columbia in Canada. It's a drive of 9 hours North to South and of 6 hours East to West. A large district geographically, with 59 clubs and 2900 members, the largest club with over 300 members and the smallest club with only 14 members.



District 9910 clubs have reported that the visits have been abuzz with conversation and merriment while friendships have been made during club meetings and hosting.

As usual they have the same problems with membership as we do; Clara from the Club of 14 says they have changed to two formal morning meetings a month starting at 8am to allow members to turn up and hopefully to make it easier for new members to join and PDG Michelle emphasised the use of Facebook to get your club out there amongst the younger generation.

We currently hosting eleven Rotarians from District 3060 in India, the District of RI Director, Manoj Desai, who was the RI President Rep at PDG Bruce's conference in May 2015. More in April Newsletter

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South Pacific Presidents Elect Training Seminar

Is your club's President Elect just fizzing with ideas and excitement after attending SPPETS?

Like going to an International Convention without leaving the country BUT with so much more!

SPPETS is the premier preparation for President Elect's as they plan to lead your club in the next Rotary year. Bringing together all six New Zealand districts including clubs from across the Pacific and French Polynesia. The opportunity to network, share ideas, to hear the current Rotary Foundation Chair Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith speak, inspiration speakers Tashi and Nungshi Malik – the only twins to have done the climber's "Grand Slam", conquering the highest peaks in all seven continents and reaching the North and South Poles.

Photo L to R: AG Area 8 Thierry van Waerebeke (Noumea Ducos Boulari); PE Jean-Jacques Perraud (Noumea Ducos Boulari); PE Gaston Bruneau (Birkenhead); AG Area 9 Richard Purdy (Port Vila); David Pegman, PE (Norfolk Island)

The program is a mix of general plenary sessions and Rotary topic-focused breakout sessions, either with your own District or mixed District groups which opens the President Elects to so much about Rotary and its programmes.

At the end of the weekend **PE Pilar Boyle, Rotary New Lynn**, was "fired up" and "passionate" to get into her year. **PE Gaston B*runeau*, Rotary Birkenhead** said ""These global Rotary events are always very inspiring. This one was no exception. The place was alive with ideas and aspirations. What a buzz!"

Paul Harris Society Pin Presentation

AG Thierry van Waerebeke from Noumea New Caledonia (area 8) was presented with his Paul Harris Society membership pin by Past RI President and current Rotary Foundation Chair, Ray Klinginsmith (left) and Governor Elect Peter Smith (right), during South Pacific President Elect Training Seminar. To find more about Paul Harris Society click on the link https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/paul-harris-society

Presidential Citation Dashboard

It's time for Presidents to be reviewing and recording their club's achievements this year ready to complete their club Presidential Citation. All activities must be completed by 1st April 2016. This Rotary-produced video shows you how to complete the online tool for Presidential Citation information; a road map to help you complete your achievements!

Click on the image to view this video. Many useful videos have been produced by **Rotary**, check them out at **myrotary**[j1]

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Rotary Australia New Zealand Student Exchange (RANZSE)

This year it was our turn to host all the District Chairs from districts in Australia and New Zealand involved in RANZSE for the annual Matching Conference. The previous year's exchange is reviewed and this year's applicants from both sides of the Tasman are matched.

The Conference took place at the Copthorne in Waitangi over the last weekend in October and we were privileged to have our Governor Peter open the Conference at the Conference Dinner at the Pear Tree in Kerikeri on the Friday night, as well as join us for the morning session on Saturday morning.

This programme is designed to foster international understanding between young Australians and New Zealanders, by giving secondary school students (usually Year 10) the opportunity to experience family, academic and community life in Australasia. More information on District website RANZSE page **This year all seven of our applicants have come from Northland; four from Dargaville / Ruawai and three from the Waipapa / Kerikeri.**

Tim Bickers from Ruawai (sponsored by Rotary Dargaville), is matched with Blake Watters of Bolwarra Heights, NSW, District 9670.

Ashleigh Nilsson from Dargaville (sponsored by Rotary Dargaville), is matched with Emily Cameron of Gloucester, NSW, District 9650.

Alex Rope from Ruawai (sponsored by Rotary Maungatoroto & Districts), is matched with Johnathon Twigden of Waikere, SA, District 9520.

Billie-Lee Wilson of Ruawai (sponsored by Rotary Whangarei South), is matched with Eliza Vail of Dubbo, NSW, District 9670

Jordan Going-Edwards of Pakaraka (sponsored by Rotary Kerikeri), is matched with Meagan Dickinson of Mudgee, NSW, District 9670.

Bailee Moselen of Waimate North (sponsored by Rotary Kerikeri), is matched with Tia Armand-Burton of Leconfield, NSW, District 9670.

Emma Robinson of Waipapa (sponsored by Rotary Waipapa), is matched with Madalyn Bignell of Gloucester, NSW, District 9670.

An Information Day for students, their families and Rotary Mentors was held on 21st February, and the Australian students will arrive in Auckland on Saturday 2nd April. All of our students, along with the students from 9920 and 9930, will attend a Ruruku, or Bonding weekend at a camp in the Kaueranga Valley near Thames between the 8th and 10th of April and the Australian students will go on 'Safari' in Taupo between the 21st and 29th May. All the students will return to Australia on 25th June, with the New Zealand students returning home on 17th September.

Information will be sent out to Clubs and schools shortly on the 2017 Exchange. Students between 13.5 and 16 on 1st January 2017 are encouraged to send in an Expression of Interest form by 30th June 2017. If selected for the Exchange, the New Zealand student will travel to Australia on 1st April 2017 and both NZ and Australian students will travel to New Zealand on 24th June 2017. The Australian students will return home on 16th September 2017.

The supporting clubs are thanked for their ongoing support to the RANZSE project.

RANZSE District Chair Chris Barber said the committee would welcome new members from all areas of the District to promote and grow the exchange with a larger number of schools. Contact Chris email chrisjbarber@ihug.co.nz or mob 021 901408

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International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians (IYFR)

(articles written by AG David Hansen (Northcote/Glenfield)

Auckland Fleet hosts 60 Overseas Visitors

photo right Formal dinner at RNZYS, International Commodore Jun and First Mate Lil with DG Peter and Elaine and Auckland Fleet Commodore Peter Rowell

Area 3 of the International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians (IYFR) recently held its Annual General Meeting in Auckland, which was more about having fun than the AGM. Fleet representatives from New Zealand, Australia, England, Italy, the Philippines and Japan were in attendance with their partners to enjoy a Waitangi Day cruise, a Kiwi BBQ in Hinemoa Park, a fishing trip or sailing, a guided shopping tour, formal dinner at the RNZYS, cocktails plus dinner on the final night and of course the AGM. All this between the evening of the 3rd to the night of 7th February.

To give our visitors a taste of Kiwi kai BBQ'd butterflied legs of lamb, Hellers sausages and mussel fritters were on offer as well as TipTop's iconic Jelly Tips and of course NZ beers and wines. All done in Hinemoa Park at the water's edge and within an easy ferry trip from downtown Auckland where the visitors were staying.

photos left BBQ for 95 held at Hinemoa Reserve next to Birkenhead wharf

The fishing trip was a quieter affair on Sunday, but two snappers were big enough to keep and provided a taste for visitors, as well as a little excitement. With a stiff breeze sailing was a little more exciting, some visitors going out on Fleet member's yachts including one classic yacht.

Photo right On board Pacific Mermaid, Regional Commodore for Japan, Kozo Kajino with Immediate Past International Commodore Sergio Santi from Italy

Waitangi Day provided an opportunity to see some of the Hauraki Gulf. Visitors also had time to plan their own sightseeing, some going to east coast beaches while others visited Waiheke Island.

A number of visitors stayed on and travelled to the Bay of Islands to visit the IYFR Fleet there, enjoying a day on the water and dinner with the Fleet. All in all, a great promo for NZ and four days of wonderful fun and fellowship.

Photo above the Visitors from Philippines including the World Commodore

If you are interested in finding out more about IYFR go to www.iyfr.net or contact the Auckland Fleet Secretary, Meryl Stretton at tamstretton@hotmail.com

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Lantern Swinging Dish

Rotary Milford discussed the possibility of supply a specialised piece of playgroup equipment for Wairau Valley Special School with its principal Pam King called a **Lantern Swinging Dish.**

Children who attend Wairau Valley Special School have major sensory needs which impacts heavily on their day to day lives. The Lantern Swinging Dish is a great benefit to disabled children in their need to seek vestibular movement. We all rocked our babies which stimulated the vestibular, a sensory system which is the leading contribution to a sense of balance and coordinating *movement* with balance. This helps the children make sense of their world.

The other benefit is the social aspects with the swing being a tool to support sharing, turn taking and sharing of their personal space with others.

Rotary Milford applied for a Foundation District Grant and when granted ordered the Lantern Swinging Dish immediately and installed it in January/February 2016. The unveiling ceremony and official presentation was held on Feb 26th followed by club members having a short tour of the school.

This project has developed a closer relationship with the school, with the club sponsoring a child from the school to attend Riding for the Disabled and a student to attend Challenge Camp this year

RYLA

Sunday 3 July to Saturday 9 July 2016

Muriwai Beach Surf Club
Muriwai Beach, Auckland

rotary youth leadership awards

Brochure download
Application Form download
For more information, contact the organiser Mark Harris
E: mark-harris@xtra.co.nz,
T: 479 1821(H) 486 7892(W)
M: 027 688 9836

Deadline for final applications is **31 March 2016.**

March is Water & Sanitation Month

Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency.

Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure. During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. ***Right click the video above and then click on open hyperlink***

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Projects A Plenty Post Cyclone Pam (Article by AG Richard Purdy (Port Vila)

Even a category 5 cyclone can have a silver lining!

Port Vila Rotarians have found that since Cyclone Pam in March 2015 they have been busier than ever hosting visiting Rotarians at their club meeting and supporting projects in Vanuatu. The media reporting and obvious need have brought the focus of many overseas Rotary clubs to the country. Port Vila is working alongside Dubbo South from Australia on construction of Aid Post/Rainwater harvesting buildings and several clubs from Australia are assisting them with a new Aid Post building on the main island of Efate. Two Japanese Rotary Districts are funding large safe water projects on the islands of Tanna and Epi.

Rotary Port Vila is seeking a wide range of assistance for most school resources, particularly curriculum books, general reading books for all ages of school children or toys/wall charts/teaching aids for pre-school children". Most of these could be provided as small international projects for a D9910 club for well under NZ$1000/2000.

Rotary Port Vila has numerous other hands on projects such as the cosmetic refurbishment of the Fred Hollows Eye Clinic and the assistance to schools with simple path and courtyard upgrades, shade facilities for outdoor activities etc. The Port Vila Rotarians have established a good working relationship with the Health and Education Ministries to meet criteria laid out in the government's "Build Back Better" plan. Richard said, "We urgently need any assistance that any club can offer or maybe two or three clubs working together". If you would like to help please contact Richard Purdy on rpurdyrotary@gmail.com or +678 777 1143.

Please Note: Be aware the internet connection in Vanuatu is sometimes slow and intermittent, so no huge documents and be patient.

Water Projects

Fapon (Butmas) – East Coast Bays

The project provides safe drinking water, clean water for cooking and washing to a community group located at Fapon (Butmas Area) in Big Bay Central Bush, Santo Vanuatu. The source of water comes from a perennial spring located uphill at 1.7km from Fapon. The community assisted in carrying uphill the tank, cement, iron mesh and rods to prepare the foundation for the spring catchment and for the water tank used as flow regulator. About 20 people assisted Santo Rotarian, Rufino Pineda and three qualified workmen hired for this assignment. Members of Fapon Community under their Chief leadership dug a trench all along the 1.8km of the reticulated network often through difficult terrain. **(photos left top carrying the pipe uphill, centre top, the water source, left bottom, the water tank, centre bottom, PAG Rufino (Santo) and DG Peter testing the water. Right above DG Peter trying out the showers.**

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Tongoa Island – Takapuna North

In 2014, Rotary Takapuna North along with many locals completed the refurbishment of water tanks on Tongoa Island. New liners were fitted to the old concrete water tanks ***(photo far left)*** with new roof and piping also added. ***(photo left)***

Global Grants (USD)

Wawan water project, Ambrym Island, Vanuatu – To improve access to water for two villages in the Wawan Community, North East Ambrym. Total budget $67,170USD. This project is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Heirisson, Perth, and Port Vila with the funding coming from District 9455, Western Australia, District Designated Fund (DDF).

Port Qalia, Epi Island, Vanuatu – To provide access to safe potable water and proper sanitation facilities for the people of Port Qalia. Total budget $34,000USD. This project is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Port Vila and Onah, South Korea. Funding has been provided by DDF contributions from 9910 and a District in the Philippines, the Rotary Clubs of Waitakere and Dunedin North and 11 in South Korea.

Big Bay Vocational Training Centre, Santo, Vanuatu -water and sanitation to the campus and training institute. Total budget $84,912USD. The project is sponsored the Rotary Clubs of Santo and Onyang - Central, South Korea, Funding for this project is more complex, with DDF funding from 9910 and 3 other Districts in Tasmania, Queensland and the Philippines and from the Rotary Clubs of Santo, Kerikeri and 11 from South Korea.

Purao & Matangi Villages, Tongoa Island, Vanuatu – new water harvesting following Cyclone Pam destruction of existing structures - total budget $US49,499. The project is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Port Vila and Whangaparaoa with funding being provided from the DDFs of 9910 and a District in South Korea together with funds from the Rotary Clubs of Whangaparaoa and Adamstown-New Lambton in Newcastle, Australia.

District Grants (NZD)

Malo Island, Santo, Vanuatu: to supply clean water by installation of solar powered pump, storage tank and reticulation pipework. Project Cost $15,000, Grant $7,5000 Club/s **Whangaparaoa, Whangarei, Takapuna North**

Vuiaman Village, Santo, Vanuatu: to supply gravity feed water and reticulated water to the Village. Project Cost $5,000, Grant $2,500 Club **East Coast Bays**

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It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary. Winston Churchill

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District 9910 Conference
8-11 April Trinity Wharf Tauranga

Time to give this your best shot!

Rotarians new and not so new.

Time to think about it.

Time to register.

Time for every Club in the District to be represented.

Time to open your minds and be inspired.

Time to have a nice weekend.

Time to network.

Time to socialise.

It's your time.

Please think about coming
Please do something about it
Please give this Conference your support

Here's the link to register: http://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/registration
We are including a registration form with this newsletter (see attached)

There is no requirement to stay at the Conference venue but there is a requirement that you take time to give this Conference your best shot and come away for the weekend

For more information or help with registration please give Carol Caulfield or Karen Hall a call on 09 638-8999

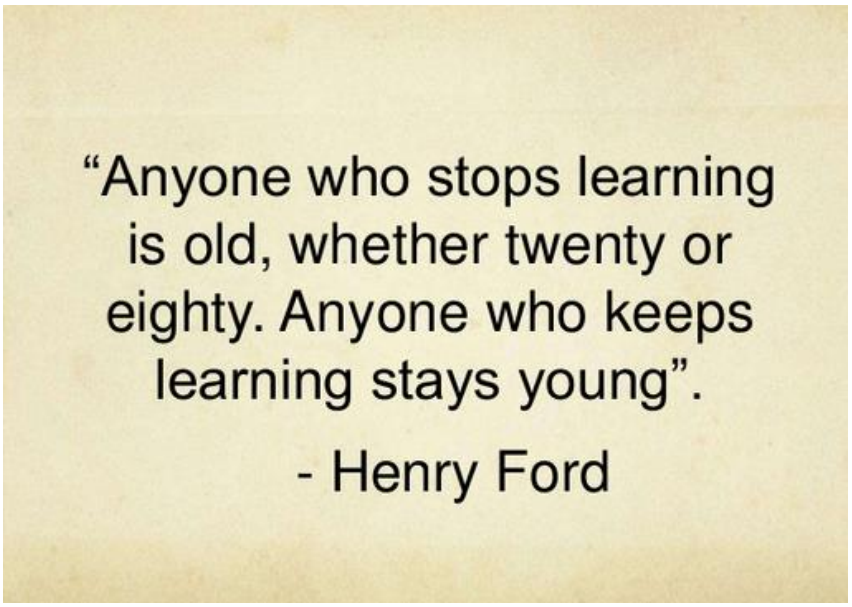
Conference Keynote Speakers

These inspiring young keynote speakers, will have you leaving feeling younger, fresher, motivated and prepared to take on challenges. They have given up their time to lead, guide and inspire us; t**hey deserve a good audience.**

Dr Deborah Lambie – medical Doctor, current Miss New Zealand and co-founder of LearnCoach, an online platform delivering free tutorials to NCEA students

Guy Ryan - Young New Zealander of the Year 2015 and founder of Inspiring Stories, support through programmes and partnerships to inspire young New Zealanders to play a part in creating solutions to the big issues. Also pretty handy on a skateboard.

William Pike - accomplished motivational speaker, an author, an amputee, 2015 Young New Zealander of the year finalist. An avid outdoorsman with an immensely powerful story of being critically injured in a volcanic eruption. The face of the William Pike Challenge Award enabling students to embrace challenges, explore the outdoors, engage with their community and interact with positive role models



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