

DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Rotary International Zones 7A, 7B & 8

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Penrith Institute a great success

The combined Zone Institute for Zone 7B and 8 was a great success with a lot of good, positive feedback. The venue was excellent along with the accommodation. Our MC Kaye Titmarsh was a hit with everyone; it was good to be able to give her experience and confidence in taking on the task of being the MC for the Institute. People enjoyed the programme; it was informative and inspiring with the speakers and presenters all being Rotary based.

The raffle and silent auction raised \$4,400 for the Purple House which is the project of Sue Trevaskis. Sarah Brown, the CEO of the Purple House, was more than delighted with the

outcome. Sarah received invitations to present at six District Conferences on the Purple House.

The Organising Committees for the Zone Institutes in Auckland and Darwin are well into their planning. It will be the first time a Zone Institute will be held in Darwin and again it will be open to all Rotarians as well as all past officers of Rotary International. The same applies to the institute in Auckland. I would like all Rotary Leaders to encourage Rotarians to attend along with Rotaractors. Let's share the greatness of Rotary with as many people as possible. It would be good for Rotary Clubs in Darwin if people travelling to Darwin

Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.

Paul Harris



DGsE and Partners enjoying the Pre-Institute

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for the Zone Institute could make plans to attend a Rotary Club in Darwin either before or after the Institute. We need to encourage them in their endeavours of service and in particular membership.

It was announced at the Zone Institute that New Zealand had the highest recruitment rate of women in the world; well done to all Districts there. As usual Australia came second to New Zealand, something we

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are getting used to slowly!

This year the three Governor Groups along with District Youth Chairs, Exchange Chairs and District Insurance Officers had a training session on Youth Protection and Insurance along with the responsibilities of being a member of the four organisations above. This was done prior to the start of GETS and will continue to be a part of future Institutes.

The Future Leaders Seminar had forty participants who were ably led by Ian and Jennifer Scott, Jessie Harman and John Prendergast produced good discussion at tables and amongst the group. These people were able to hear from RIPE Ian Riseley, Past Rotary International President Ron Burton and Director Noel Trevaskis. All of the participants left with more enthusiasm for

Rotary and a desire to become more involved. It was great to have these people who will all go on to be future leaders in various roles in Clubs and Districts.

Leading up to the Institute I had meetings with the Chairman of Rotary Oceania Medical Aid Children, Australian Rotary Health, Rotary Down Under and Rotary Australia World Community Services in regard to having common training and preparation for all Directors of those organisations. I am pleased to say all have agreed to this and are working together to develop this training which will be ongoing. This training will have an emphasis on good governance, due diligence and the role and responsibility for Directors. It is anticipated that the training will be held twice a year to enable all Directors and future Directors to attend one of the sessions.

Rotaractors held their own Seminar during the Institute. Mitty Chang from California met with them and from all reports they enjoyed the interaction and ideas that he had. Mitty was a keynote speaker for the Institute and was impressive with his presentation.

We are facing many challenges across our two Zones with membership. Three Districts are on the borderline of 1,100 members and are in danger of being redistricted. I will be communicating with the current leadership in those Dis-



Past World President, Ron Burton & Jetta with PDG Paul Henningham



Purple House Raffle Winner DGN Charles Johnson, with Ian Riseley & Sue & Noel Trevaskis

There's one barrier to membership that only you can remove; one thing that every prospective member needs to become a Rotarian: an invitation to join a Rotary Club

John F Germ,

RI President 2016-7

districts about developing short term and long term strategies to work through this. District 9910 in New Zealand twelve months ago started to develop their plans for membership and have started to turn membership around and finished the year with 1,097 members. This has taken a lot of hard work and commitment but it is starting to pay off.

To get the final results of our membership across Australia and New Zealand showing that we are almost down 1,000 members over the previous year was disappointing. We have put in such a strong effort to increase our membership over the last seven years yet we still struggle. We need to turn this around as

quickly as possible. I would like us to have a positive number this year and an even bigger positive for 2017-2018 when we have our own Rotary International President, Ian Riseley. I don't need to say we have to put in a concerted effort for this to happen. It can happen if we all ask someone to Rotary.

The Philippines is doing extraordinarily well with membership, they are increasing at a good rate.

One of the roles I have on the Board of Rotary International is the Zoning Committee which has met to discuss the size of Zones and what Zones should be re Zoned. If we lose members at the rate we have been we risk being re-zoned which then has

implications on how often we will have a Director from this Zone.

It was disappointing to hear of the three new cases of polio in Nigeria, it has made us even more determined to make sure that we press on to achieve the final goal of eradication of polio from the world. We are still hopeful that we will be able to announce the last case of polio either this year or next year. This will be a celebration that all Rotarians can be proud of as every Rotarian can say that they have helped to eliminate this disease from our world. We will have to wait three years after the last recorded case before we can make the final announcement.

RID Noel Trevaskis OAM

GETS - A DGE's Perspective

Having attended 10 Zone Institutes in Australia and New Zealand as an observer during my days as Editor of *Rotary Down Under*, and last year's Zone 8 Institute in Melbourne as a participant, I approached the

2016 Combined Zone Institute in Penrith as another in a long line of Rotary gatherings that wouldn't hold much for me to cling to as I approached my impending induction as Governor in July 2017.

Just how wrong can one DGE be!

While it is true that much of what was presented during Institute plenary and Governor-Elect Training Seminar sessions was "stuff we'd all heard before", there was no escaping the complexity of Rotary Foundation funding and grants, Insurance and child-protection guidelines that Governors-Elect simply must get their heads around.

Perhaps the 27 DGsE from Australia and New Zealand did not emerge from their training with all this knowledge locked down, but not even one would have emerged thinking they didn't still have a lot of work to do.

The most valuable enlightenment for me came as the GETS sessions morphed into the Institute proper



A special seminar on Insurance, Child protection and Governance was held prior to the Pre-Institute

later in the week when so many of my District predecessors arrived and I understood just how valuable they would be as members of the District team.

Past RI Director Stuart Heal's

words kept resonating: "Governors must be able to lead and inspire. The rest you can delegate!"

Indeed, networking is the great pastime of any zone institute. We get together with past governors from many districts, including our own, and we get to see projects, people and processes from a different perspective. This institute was no exception. In the space of two days, I filled half a dozen positions on my proposed district team that had, until then, been worrying blanks on the spreadsheet.

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Past Governor David Anderson led a team of trainers who knew what they were on about without ever re-

sorting to the tried and tested "in my year" response. PDGs Tim Moore, John Prendergast led various sessions whilst Tim's (much) better half, Jane, and Past Governor Ian Scott led a session or two for our partners, one of which included valuable input from President Elect Ian Riseley's partner, PDG Juliet, and Past Director Heal's partner, Adrienne, which proved particularly informative.

Between multi-district program dinners, breakfasts and cocktail events, the Governors of 2017-18

consolidated on the bonding that had begun so tentatively in Melbourne last year, but this time we were able to welcome and get to know our Zone 7B counterparts from New Zealand and the Pacific.

There will always be issues that were not covered, or suggestions that things might have been done more comprehensively, but ultimately it was a valuable week for the class of 2017-18.

Now let's bring on the International Assembly in San Diego in January as we support Australia's own President Elect of Rotary International, Ian Riseley, in a year that could see the world's last case of polio.

Indeed, there's never been a better time to be a Rotarian!

DGE Mark Wallace
District 9710



2017 Zone Institutes
Zone 8: Darwin
1-3 September 2017
Zone 7B: Auckland
8-10 September 2017



Top left: Disaster Aid team; Riseley Cup winner D9630 Doug St Clair with Juliet Riseley & Ron Burton; Alison & Elwyn Hodges with Jane Moore

Atlanta Convention

Five Reasons to join us in Atlanta 10-14 June 2017

1. Meet Inspiring People—there will be Rotarians from over 130 countries present
2. Strengthen your passion for Rotary. The general and breakout sessions offer countless ways to help you get the most out of your membership
3. Join the Rotary Foundation 100 year celebrations. Be part of the biggest birthday party in Rotary's history.
4. Enjoy the wonders of Atlanta and the American South. There is so much on offer: jazz, golf courses, Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, New Orleans, Savannah, Blue Ridge Mountains.
5. Special activities are planned by the Host Organizing Committee—dinners, Home Hospitality, "Gone with the Wind" screenings.



Sam Owori is selected to be 2018-19 Rotary President

Meet RI President, 2018-19, Sam Owori

The 2016-17 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International has unanimously nominated Samuel Frobisher Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, to be the president of Rotary International in 2018-19. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Owori is chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. Before that, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has studied law, employment relations, business management, corporate resources management, microfinance, and marketing at institutions in England, Japan, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States, including Harvard Business School.

Owori's chief concerns as a Rotary leader are membership and extension. Since he served as district governor, the number of clubs in Uganda has swelled from nine to 89.

He urges past, present, and future leaders to work together to engage more women, youth program participants, alumni, and community members to increase Rotary's membership in the coming years.

First-Ever Rotaract Zone Institute resounding success

Nearly 40 Rotaractors from across Australia descended on Penrith to attend the first ever Rotaract Zone Institute. Led by Rotaract Australia chair Travis Holland, the institute had a number of fun ice breakers to get the Rotaractors in the mood for the day and there was also plenty of networking opportunities with Rotarians and senior leaders of Rotary International at the Zone institute.

The day finished on a high with international guest Mitty Chang, Rotarian Evan Burrell and PDG Rowley Tompsett hosting a live and interactive Rotaract "Ask the Experts" Q&A session that was livestreamed over the internet and they not only took hard hitting questions from the floor but some from as far a field as Germany and the United States.

Rotaractor Australia's Jake Weragoda and Travis Holland look forward to further developing the Rotaract Zone Institute concept and future institutes and they thanked Zone Director Noel Trevaskis for the opportunity to involve them at his institute.

Rtn Evan Burrell
District 9685



An ice-breaker with Mitty Chang during the Rotaract Zone Institute



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