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IMPORTANT DATES

December is DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT MONTH

December 15th

Early Registration discount ends for Rotary International Convention

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Well, it seems quite incredible to think Christmas is almost upon us and that the Rotary year is half way through. Charlie joins me in wishing everyone of you a safe and Merry Christmas and a wonderful, exciting and happy 2019.

At our Council of Governors lunch on Sunday we farewelled DGE Adrian and Wendy Froggatt as they are due to leave for International Assembly in San Diego in January – they are in for an incredible experience as, along with the DG'sE and their partners from all other 530 odd Districts worldwide, they come together for five days of training, wonderful speakers and the opportunity to revel in the Internationality that makes Rotary such a special Organisation. Just walking in for breakfast, where some 20 or so different languages could be being spoken at any one time and where people in stunning national dress are regularly to be seen is an experience in itself and is certainly a reminder of how huge is our Organisation and yet how much each person can do and achieve as long as they have a passion for service.

On Saturday I was thrilled to attend the farewell for our six outbound Youth Exchange students. It was great to see their development and to present them with their blazers. I know I speak for us all as I wish them safe and wonderful travels in 2019. The committee will then be turning its attention to the next exciting challenge as we prepare for inbound students in the middle of next year.

For Charlie and me, official Club visits are complete but we have enjoyed further visits as Charlie has 'taken centre stage' as he has presented on Foundation and we are now in the throes of completing our preparations to join ten other Rotarians from across the District in travelling to Tamil Nadu in India for the return leg of the Friendship Exchange which saw our Indian friends with us earlier in the year. Our Public Image Plan has been accepted by the Board and we will be getting that out to you as soon as possible. We are making final amendments to a District Code of Conduct and have also started discussions in regard to a number of "behind the scenes" administrative concepts. In the coming months, I am excited about the potential for new members and again congratulate those Clubs who have been proactive in this area. We intend to start investigations into potential new Clubs along our Eastern fringe and I look forward to continued development in regards to the provisional Strzlecki Rotaract Club. Remember to look out for information on RLI, RIPEN and MUNA in the New Year.

Conference is now only 2 months away and for those of you who still need to register, please do so online, although our early bird special has expired. See you all in 2019. *Janne*

YEP Outbound Lunch YEP Secretary Rosemary

On Saturday 8th December over 40 people gathered to formally farewell the 2019 District 9820 Outbound Youth Exchange Students. Those present included District Governor, Janne Speirs, the six students and family members, plus our inbound student Clara, YEP Committee members, Rotary YEP Counsellors and representatives of clubs from across the District.

As the majority of the current outbound students come from the Mornington Peninsula area, the event was organised and held at a stunning majestic glass and wooden pavilion venue generously loaned for the day by Rotary Club of Frankston member, Kay.



The students each spoke to their presentations, describing their homes, families and lifestyles. Each was excited, and perhaps a little nervous, at the wonderful adventure about to unfold in 2019. The students will fly out in January for destinations across the world including Italy, Brazil, America, Denmark and Germany.

The students have attended several preparation days over previous months, learning about the YEP program, learning strategies to manage when there are challenges (as there always are in new situations!) and starting to learn a new language for many of them. The YEP Committee, drawn from across the District and headed by Chairperson Carol Crewe, is delighted to see the growth of each student as they developed confidence, resilience and how to present to different groups of people.

Each student was presented with their Rotary Blazer and two Rotary YEP hoodies to wear when representing Rotary District 9820 during their exchange.

CONFERENCE UPDATE



There is still time to register for the 2019 Multi District Conference!

Friday's activity will be a bus trip to Rochford Winery in the Yarra Valley.

Tickets are \$82 and include bus travel, wine tawsting, 2 course lunch (which includes wine, of course!)

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*Feedback from Staff
and Students...*

“Helping us learn how to stand up as a bystander and the importance of saying NO to Bullying”

“I think that the day helped me understand what bullying is and I liked how we did a mix of things like exercise. I also think it was great how they supplied the food.”

“I thought the entire experience was great because I got to meet new people and learn how to solve future problems”

“The real life stories were really good to hear and we could relate to them”

“Project Rockit was awesome and they made the activities fun. They got us all involved and taught us effective ways to deal with bullying”



Bullying? NO WAY!

John Legione, RC of Bunyip/Garfield

In October the Rotary Club of Bunyip Garfield held its Say NO to BULLYING Day for students in Year 5 within their area. Schools that participated were, Bunyip, Garfield, Nar Nar Goon, Longwarry and Labertouche Primary Schools and St James and Columba Catholic Primary Schools. In total 170 students and their teachers spent the day attending workshops along with a physical workout.

The event was formulated by Past President John Legione, a retired school principal and supported by all member of the club. The workshops were conducted by Project Rockit an award-winning group who specialise in telling children how to be safe. They recently were awarded a large amount of funding through Facebook and Instagram to create what will be known as Digital Ambassadors.

The day was also supported many local businesses and Victoria Police. Funding was obtained through a variety of grants including a District 9820 District Grant, funding from the Op Shops in Garfield and Bunyip. Lunch was supplied by Countrystyle Meats of Garfield, 9 Mile Fresh and the Pakenham Blue Light Disco. There were also several private donations to assist.

The students were bused into the Bunyip Recreation Reserve to begin their day. The first workshop was related to Cyberbullying and what students can do to protect themselves and to help others. After a quick lunch break student were divided into gender groups with one group attending a Bootcamp session with Sweat Fitness, while the other group attended a Say NO to BULLYING workshop with Project Rockit. After this the groups were able to swap over and the workshops were then repeated.

Overall the day was a huge success and the Rotary Club of Bunyip Garfield have already put plans in motion to conduct the event again next year

The Rotary Club of Bunyip Garfield encourages all clubs to help our young people deal with this insidious problem and Say NO to BULLYING in any shape or form and in any location.

EYE ON IT Rotary D9820

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

23rd December

Emperor's Birthday

Japan

26th December

St Stephen's Day

In Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic a holiday celebrated as Second Day of Christmas

26th December – 1st January

Kwanzaa

A seven day festival that celebrates African and African American culture and history





“The miracle is this – the more we share, the more we have.”

- Leonard Nimoy



Tim Acton of Rotary Club of Mount Eliza presenting club banner in Mumbai, India on 23rd November to Yoginder Shankardass (who is Charter member and Past President of Rotary Club of Bombay Midtown) on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the charter of that club in 1968.

Tim Acton, RC of Mt Eliza



Ties to Mumbai

Wheelchairs For Kids

Foster Primary School and Foster Rotary Club – Jennifer Jones

Two years ago, PDG Lynne Westland’s husband Trevor chose Wheelchairs For Kids as his Partner’s Project. It must have struck a chord with Clubs in the District, as he raised over \$40,000. Foster Rotary was one of those donors.

Eighteen months ago, one Club member was in Perth on family business and visited RC Scarborough, the instigators of WFK, meeting its Chairman Gordon Hudson. The following day he visited the WFK workshop in Wangara in the northern suburbs and was blown away by what he saw – the volunteers, most of them non-Rotarians, constructing and packing chairs to be sent around the world, along with blankets and soft-toys knitted by local and interstate residents.

After the Eastern State WFK co-coordinators, Russell Hayes and Peter Klaaysen, spoke to the Club, members agreed to make another donation, but suggested that the local Primary School be involved. The Principal, staff and the students’ representative council enthusiastically took up the challenge. At the end of June the whole school took part in a fund-raiser using twenty chairs borrowed from WFK in a range of activities including wheelchair basketball, a five-hour marathon relay around the School’s fitness track by every child and every class and staff, ending up with a series of relay races.

