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Dear Friends,

Another week has flown by and when I look at the issue number at the top of this bulletin I am astounded that the year is fast coming to an end. People ask me am I in wind down mode? To some extent the answer is yes but there are still some key dates and events yet to occur. District Conference is over for another year and we have had a party among my conference committee to celebrate. When you see this month's District Newsletter you can read my summary of the conference.

High on the list of events to come is International Convention in Bangkok. This time next week Carolyn and I will be in Bangkok enjoying a few days of R & R before the convention starts. We leave the rottweiler to look after the house and the bloke with the pit bull comes along from time to time to check up on him. During the two Sundays I am away from my computer Cookie's Communique will arrive in your inbox in a different format at different times.

The next critical time on my calendar is the annual reporting of clubs deadline. I have asked my AG's and those clubs whom I deal directly with to get those report forms to me as soon as practicable so I can be left with very little chasing around.

NEWS FOR THIS WEEK

District Governor Nominee 2014-15, D9685

Today we held the selection interviews for your District Governor Nominee for the new District 9685 for the term 2014-15.

I am very proud to announce that AG and District Trainer, Ian Scott, has been selected. Subject to the usual period of appeals, Ian now joins the leadership team, and the team for Keith, in a new role and we look forward to him helping the steering committee plan the redistricting process. Ian becomes the successor to Graeme Davies, DGN D9685, 2013-14 and also joins Barry Antees as our district's link to the new beginning.

Looking forward - looking back!

Congratulations Ian.

Presidents Meeting 20 April

If you haven't already told David Bamford or me of your intentions about next Friday, please do so immediately. You will get a reminder email or phone call.

This will be my last Presidents Meeting of the year and Bob Aitken and I have planned a special presentation and the team will give their reports on the happenings in their portfolios for 2011-12. You are welcome to invite any guests.

Future Leaders Seminar - Brisbane, November 2011

I am happy to attach a (warts and all) [report](#) (click) prepared on behalf of all those who attended the Future Leaders Seminar last November. This seminar was a first attempt at engaging future leaders (not necessarily potential governors) at a Zone Institute.

I think it is being held again this year so please indicate to Keith Roffey if you have any interest in attending Adelaide. A new term I learnt during these last few weeks is "at no cost to Rotary". This means you pay for it yourself but there were some subsidies from District.

DRR Training

Training took place this weekend and I am anxious to learn how it went. Your DRR (District Rotaract Representative) next year is Tara Pullen from Gunargarang. With three Rotaract clubs in the district, and a possible new club up the mountains, Tara will have her work cut out with the redistricting proposals. Best wishes Tara.

Advance Notice - Mt Druitt Ten Pin Bowling August 5, 2012

Put the date in your diaries for a fun day out at AMF Rooty Hill. Mt Druitt club is running their very successful fundraiser once again. \$35 per bowler gets you three games, shoe hire and breakfast. Come in costume with anything starting with the letters R O T A R or Y.

WASRAG

"The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group is a group of Rotarians whose purpose is to support Rotary clubs to effectively plan, finance, implement, monitor and evaluate water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, where they are most needed in a collaborative, cost-effective, timely, and sustainable manner, true to the principles of Rotary International. Wasrag operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International."

The WASRAG group has told me that The Adopt-A-School program provides great leverage for club funds. A club can adopt a school to provide clean water, improved sanitation, and a hygiene education program, for \$5300... and their funds will be matched by more than 400%!

Please contact WASRAG on

<http://startwithwater.org/page.aspx?name=funding#ADOPT> for full information.

ShelterBox Representative

Central Blue Mountains club has advised they are wanting to relinquish their role as District ShelterBox Representative. If any club would like to consider taking on the task for 2011-12 and beyond please discuss the requirements with DGE Keith.

District Assembly

The District Assembly, for 2012-13 club directors is being held at St Marys Senior High School on Sunday 29 April. This is a key date for all incoming board members to be trained and informed in what is required for your role. Please give DGE Keith your full support and ensure a 100% roll up.

Lithgow Ironfest

Greater Lithgow Rotary is running the soup kitchen at Ironfest this coming weekend and would love some help if you can spare a few hours between 9am and 4pm Saturday or Sunday. Ironfest is an award winning festival and draws thousands of people from all over Australia (and beyond) to participate. It will be a sensational weekend and being volunteers your entry is free so it's a great opportunity to see colourful, unique and very exciting activities.

Jennifer Menchin from Lithgow Satellite Club has asked for people to help on Saturday and Sunday to either cook or serve. It's all indoors and warm and the soup is premade so it's quite a simple one! If you can help, please contact Jennifer on jennifer_menchin@y7mail.com

Coming Events

Mt Druitt Golf Day - 18 April
Presidents Meeting - 20 April
Lithgow Ironfest - 21,22 April
Anzac Day - 25 April
District Assembly, St Marys Senior HS - 29 April
Rotary International Convention, Bangkok - 6-9 May
ARH Race Day, Rosehill Gardens - 12 May
Liverpool Combined Services Clubs Dinner - 16 May
ARH Hat Day 2012, Martin Place - 18 May
MUNA - 26-27 May
Blacktown City RC Police Officer of the Year Awards - 29 May
Katoomba RC 75th Anniversary - 25 June
District Changeover, Marconi Club - 8 July

DG's Diary for this week

Friday - Presidents' Meeting, Panthers
Saturday - Lower Blue Mountains markets, Glenbrook
Sunday - Depart for Bangkok (organise pet care for roddy)

That's it for this week.

Enjoy Rotary and Reach within to Embrace Humanity

David and Carolyn