

Friends and Colleagues

With District Conference only five sleeps away this week's communique will tidy up some of those last minute loose ends. I am pleased to say, firstly, that registrations have picked up somewhat with the deadline closing and we are now getting ready to fill bags and work out table settings etc for the nitty gritty of the total package. As we move into this stage I am thankful for all the preparations we have made, the enormous efforts by many people and we look forward to a great conference.

Some final details

Conference Golf Day

Held on Friday at Leonay Golf Club. Bookings essential. \$25 per player. our conference sponsor, Commonwealth Bank will provide a very nice complimentary golf parcel and, as the course is playing beautifully after all the rain, you will have a great time. Tee off with our RI President's Rep, John Lawrence from 9.30am.

Details attached or follow the prompts on the conference website. Please contact Judy Smith for all bookings. Phone 02 4739 5440 or email judi.smith@bigpond.com

Alola Quilt Raffle Tickets

All tickets - sold and unsold **MUST** be returned to Carolyn this week.

Roman Standards Competition

The prize for the best club Roman Standard will be a Paul Harris Fellow recognition credit. This is a great opportunity to recognise somebody without raising the funds to do so.

I have seen a few examples already and you will all have seen the ones Lower Blue Mountains carried around to promote the conference at every opportunity. It doesn't need to be too professional or "over the top". Our judges decision will be final but you need to be in it to win it. At the club roll call on Saturday, your club representative will come forward displaying your club's standard in true Roman style. Standards will be displayed throughout the day.

Rotary EXPO

Held throughout Friday and during the breaks on Saturday, Rotary EXPO will showcase many club and Rotary activities. Over 30 stalls will give an atmosphere of a professional trade show. It is an ideal opportunity to bring friends, new members and people associated with your club in any way to see "what goes on in Rotary". There will be a Mini-MUNA on Friday afternoon so even those of you who don't quite know what MUNA is all about, come along and see for yourself. EXPO is open to the public on Friday afternoon and is **FREE**

On Saturday we participated in Penrith's St Patrick's Day Parade and promoted EXPO.



Conference Registration

Registration is in the EXPO area. Check in at the desk for your conference badge and package. Access will not be granted to the plenary hall without wearing your ID.

Other News for this week

Rotaract Pre Convention in Bangkok

Congratulations **Alana Wilson**. Alana has been invited by Kalyan Banajee to be a facilitator at this year's Rotaract Pre Convention in Bangkok. This is the second year Alana has been asked to take on a leadership role. Ray Klingensmith asked her to be on the findings committee last year in New Orleans. Alana will be one of three Australian Rotaractors to take on a leadership role at pre con. There are around 200,000 Rotaractors worldwide and 1100 Rotaractors in Australia.

Club Awards

Qualifying for the **Changemaker Award** is not too onerous yet only a handful of clubs have sent their nominations to me on time. I do have until COB on 21 March to make my recommendations via the RI Member Access so it is not too late. Get it in to me straight away so your club can be recognised. **Presidential Citation** follows.

Nominations for DGN 2014-15 for District 9685

A reminder for prospective District Governors that applications for DGN are now being called. Final date for submission of your application is 30 March (amended from 10 April), with interviews scheduled for April 15. See me for further information.

Coming Events

Holroyd Mayoral Reception for GSE team from D1410 - 19 March
 College of Governors Dinner - 21 March
ROTARY EXPO - March 23 Panthers Colosseum
DISTRICT CONFERENCE - March 23-24 Panthers Colosseum
 Stay and Play in Penrith Region - Sunday after Conference, 25 March
 St Marys and Mt Druitt inaugural markets - 25 March, Ropes Crossing
 St Marys Police Officer of the Year Awards - 28 March
 GSE team depart for Finland - 2 April
 Holroyd State Crime Command Awards - 2 April
 Finnish GSE team go home - 4 April
 EASTER 6-9 April

DG's Diary for this week

Monday - Holroyd mayoral Reception and Holroyd club meeting
 Tuesday - Lower Blue Mountains
 Wednesday - College of Governors' Dinner
 Thursday - District Conference set up all day

Friday - District Conference Rotary EXPO
Friday night - District Conference commences
Saturday - District Conference
Sunday - Conference unpack.

Enjoy Rotary and Reach within to Embrace Humanity

David and Carolyn

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