Welcome to Literacy Month

Reflecting on Rotary’s birthday celebrations and the many ways Rotary and Rotaract Clubs found ways to come together with their communities to highlight 110 years of extraordinary service to our communities, local and international was inspiring.

To achieve the wide spread publicity and to be able to communicate the message we were relying on literacy to spread the message of our achievements. Its something we take for granted in our modern world and we manly see this as only a third world problem. But through projects like Imagination Library and the Ranfurly Book Aid as examples we know our literacy levels are not as high as one would like. Our prisons have literacy levels of less than 50% and the level of repeat offending due to literacy is high. An example of how we can make a difference in our local communities would be like a request from Lend-a-Hand Literacy Mentor project from District 9685 where have an interest group looking at commencing this project into Marsden High School.

Grand Stories
The recording of oral history is having a training day 18 April at the Parramatta PCYC 9.30am to 12.30 am contact PDG Jack Elliott 9858 1194 if you would like to attend. This project aimed at recording our local histories and it would also be important for our clubs to record their own history as they are also part of the local history where they operate, it is another way to strengthen our community ties.
The District Rotaract team have put together a great program for the Districts inaugural Interact Conference at Aerial Centre UTS on 11 May commencing at 8.30am and will finish at 3.30 pm. Contact Vanessa Hu nessie.hu@gmail.com Spread the message out to your Interact Clubs and get in early as space is limited.

**Working with Children Check**

With the phasing in of the working with children check commencing on April 1st Rotary Clubs & Rotaract Clubs will have to have its members or friends of Rotary register where they working with children. A notice will be sent to all Club Secretaries shortly.

**NSW Rotary State Emergency Community Awards Launch**

It was an honour to launch the NSW Rotary State Emergency Awards last week at Government House alongside his Excellency Governor David Hurley. NSW Vocational Chair Dot Hennessy will be advising details on how our Rotary Clubs throughout NSW will be involved in the nomination process.

**Volunteers Overseas**

We have only one member going out at the date of this report

Robert will be working on project 137-2005-06: Village Aide Program, D3860, Philippines.


If you would like to know more about volunteering, speak to Lloyd Chatfield, our District Chairman or arrange for him to speak at your club (0419 250 976)

Cheers,

Barry Antees
District Governor 2014-2015

**Assistant Governors**

Richard Booth
Stephen Britten
Peter Cashmere
Sue Clark
Cheryl Deguara
Jan Gartrell
Helen Jagger
Pip Lovely
Michael Mekhitarian
Warwick Parnell
Simon Rez
Bill Robb

**Ranfurley Book Aid**—see next page

**Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library**—see back page
Ranfurly Book Aid

Rotary Club of Sydney Cove, D9675
RAWCS project #57-2013/14

Ranfurly Book Aid works to fund pallets of books to be sent to schools and libraries for RAWCS projects and other organisations operating in Papua New Guinea and the South West Pacific Region.

Ranfurly Book Aid was established with the assistance of the RC of Sydney, in 1986. Books are donated by schools, libraries and individuals. They are sorted and then shipped to resource limited schools and communities in PNG and the SW Pacific region. All books must be in English.

For more information contact:
David Brawn - Secretary: Ph: (02) 9499 5530 Email: brawndf@bigpond.net.au
Located at the Old Rozelle Hospital, Lilyfield.

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Vintage & Collectables Fair

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SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
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7am: Registration and Breakfast
8am: Shotgun Start
1:30/2:00pm: Lunch
After Lunch: Raffle Draw, Auctions and Golf Presentation
* Longest Drive  * Nearest the Pin  * Drive and Pitch

Venue:
Glenmore Heritage Valley Golf Club
Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa

$1100 Sponsorship or $120 per person

Breakfast and Lunch provided
(All other prizes are to be paid for by players)
Motorised carts allocated by organisers, all sponsors have 1st preference.

COMPANY NAME:........................................ PLAYERS INFORMATION
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District Secretary Stephen Britten—My Story

Do you know our District Secretary Stephen Britten?

Stephen Britten is a second generation Rotarian. He is the son of Barrie and Eileen Britten. Barrie joined Rotary over 40 years ago and Stephen spent many days around Rotary Activities.

Stephen is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point and is a Past President of that Club. He has held a position on the Board of the Club every year since its Charter. He has a PHF and has been AG for almost 3 years in the Western Sydney group of Clubs.

Stephen is a Solicitor and is the in house Solicitor and Chief Governance Officer of Penrith City Council where he has worked for 27 years. He has a Science Degree from Macquarie University, a Law Degree from Sydney University and a Master’s in Business Administration From Southern Cross University. He is involved in many areas of law including property, environmental, local government and commercial law. He is married to Jane who is a head teacher of Adult Basic Education at Granville TAFE and they have two children Christopher and Stephanie. Stephanie is a member of Sydney Rotaract Club.

Stephen has a passion for his small vineyard he tends in Mudgee. The Mudgee film night on the vineyard for his Rotary Club has become an annual event. Stephen’s other interests are music and walking.”

Stephen Britten
Chief Governance Officer

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From our District Secretary – Dates for your diary!

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* July 2015 | Shift 2015

District Secretary, Stephen Britten stephen@brittenfamily.com phone: 0419 486 922  NB new email address
Polio as of 25th February 2015 – Globally 10 reported cases of Type 1 = 10 (1 in Afghanistan & 9 in Pakistan).

Although we can’t relax our efforts, for some time now we have been looking ahead and one of the plans of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is “Engaging Communities”, Communications programs aim to engage communities and families, particularly mothers, to ensure they know the effects of the poliovirus, and why it is important to give the Oral Polio Vaccine to all children under five years of age each time it is offered.

The communications programs are managed by UNICEF and national governments. PolioInfo, developed by UNICEF, presents the latest social data collected from each polio campaign on behalf of the GPEI, and brings the data to life with stories from the frontline.

The social data and the stories that accompany it reflect the local communication plans and strategies that address the barriers of each country’s unique context. In these final stages of the program, communications programs aim to reach the most disadvantaged and vulnerable populations who are most at risk of being missed. These groups hold the key to polio eradication worldwide.

Margaret and I have recently arrived home after four weeks in India, the last week we travelled to Bareilly, a city 6 hours’ drive east of Delhi where we spent time with the Rotary Clubs in that area. On the 22nd of February we experienced first-hand of how Rotarians in India are supporting this campaign. Yes we experienced all of the emotions that other Rotarians before us have, we had the joy of holding babies in our arms, administering the two life-saving drops and knowing that we had helped save a child and its parents from a tragedy.

Indeed, we visited nine booths and between us estimated that we had immunized approximately fifty children, the memory will stay with us forever and one of life’s opportunities not to be missed if that opportunity arises.

This experience did not bring tears to my eyes, it did more than that. I was in complete awe of what my fellow Rotarians in India were doing, my admiration and heart went out to them last week. What I learned was, and we don’t always hear about this is the hard work, the commitment and dedication that Rotarians in countries like India have in eradicating this disease.

The WHO told us that we could never eradicate Polio in India, India was the biggest challenge, but we did, India proved the world wrong and Rotarians of the world helped them do it. However, we often don’t fully understand the infrastructure required, the set-up, the cold chains in transporting the vaccine throughout countries and the management structures needed and in place for on-going immunisation requirements and often under extreme and dangerous circumstances.
So I ask you again my friends, to keep helping our fellows in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Rotarians fighting desperately to stop Polio in their country and like India, stop it crossing their boarders? No country is safe whilst this disease is still about.

Many of you recently supported the Polio film night, I know it has raised a significant amount, thank you, keep it up, let us all get behind *There is polio and there is you*, on the 2nd May 2015 at The Cube Campbelltown and also keep telling our communities of the sterling job we are doing. We complain that we get little recognition, so let’s take control of it ourselves and keep telling everyone about Polio eradication and our part in it. Tell our stories.

We do not want the return of the 1930’s and 1960’s, there were 40,000 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis recorded in Australia but in fact the total numbers of polio infection cases were up to 100 times greater.

Keep doing what you can my friends, no matter how little it all helps and will be effective.

Regards,

Keith.

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Philip Drinker, PhD (1894-1972), and Charles McKhann, MD (1898-1988), at Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard published a paper describing successful use of an artificial respirator for patients suffering from paralytic polio.

The machine, first known as the Drinker respirator and later as the iron lung, would provide temporary and in some cases, permanent breathing support for people suffering paralysis of the diaphragm and intracostal muscles, which are essential for respiration.
Hi There Rotarians and Friends!

If you are interested in networking with Rotaractors (our future Rotarians): this is your opportunity. Please check the website for choice of spices http://www.pinchspices.com.au. It will be great if Rotarians can form a team.

Please contact Vimla Hayman (0405776343) if you need any further information.

Thank you kindly,

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President Elect  
Public Relations Officer  
Rotary Club of Hurstville Inc  
Rotary International District 9675  
District Chairperson Recognition of Youth Awards  
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Phone: 0405776343
Dear fellow members,

Our club needs your support; on Friday the 8th of May 2015 we will be holding our annual Leo Sullivan charity and fun Golf day. (See page following)

This year’s event will be held at the prestigious Liverpool Championship Golf Club where we will enjoy a great day of Golf including, breakfast and a two course lunch. This year also marks the 40th running of the Leo Sullivan Cup. So put your teams together and come along for a day out with great fellowship and lots of laughs.

There will be Raffle tickets and Auction items along with great prizes for the winning teams. This year the money raised from our golf day will go to the many Charities our club supports i.e; Australian Rotary Health, Brian Holden Vision institute, The Salvation Army, End Polio Now, Everyone Can Dance and Grow - Men’s Mental health.

The Golf day is our clubs major fundraiser and needs our support to succeed. Please ask your friends to come along and play or support the day through one of our Sponsorship packages. Please see attached Entry forms and Sponsorship packages for details. For further information please contact me on 0408 188 357 or email on david@fredrose.com.au

Yours sincerely,

David Pace

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Leo Sullivan Charity Golf Day

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Good afternoon Rotarians, partners, honorary Rotarians, friends!

President Elect Susanne’s ability to think outside the box and to gain support throughout the club and the community is impressive. Take your Executive vitamin B tabs one and all as the year ahead is going to be full on!

Thanks to those who let us know that you were unable to attend…. understood and helped in the planning.

Those who attended had a jolly good night, enjoying the especially the vibrant atmosphere, the circumstance, the decorations, the camaraderie and the amazing, well received and appreciated musicians...like Susanne...such incredible talent!

Many people took photos on their phones as I did and as well, Chris Underwood took professional pics some of which you will likely view in Rotary Down Under. I would like to share my quick snaps which I will send in groups in order for you to decide to view or not and if your computer can cope.

Sincere regards
Chris McSeveny
Rotary Club of Parramatta.
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LEO SULLIVAN
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GREAT VENUE – PAR 72 – AMBROSE – SHOT GUN START
TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY 8th MAY 2015
AT THE
LIVERPOOL CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE
HOLLYWOOD DRIVE, LANSVALE

4 BALL AMBROSE SHOTGUN START
Registration, tea, coffee &
breakfast at 7.00 am
Hit off at 8.15 am
Lunch and presentation 1.30 pm

TEAMS OF 4 PLAYERS PLAYING 18 HOLES

BEST 4 BALL – Prizes to winning team;
Prizes to be won on course include:
INGLEBURN TYRE POWER – HOLE IN ONE – $1000 PRIZE
LONGEST DRIVE FOR MEN & WOMEN
STRAIGHTEST DRIVE
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Auction items and Raffle prizes to be won
Sponsorship options:
Platinum Sponsorship – $3000
Gold Sponsorship – $1250
Silver Sponsorship – $600
Team Players only (Including Service Clubs) – $500
Per team of four or $125.00 per individual
See next page for packages
(CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 4th May 2015)

Dear Member,

SPONSORSHIP FOR 2015 ROTARY CHARITY AND FUN GOLF DAY

It is time for the 4th Leo Sullivan Memorial Golf Championship. As a result of our successful 2014 tournament we managed to raise just under $20,000 of which we donated to the Rotary Health Research, Brian Hilton Vision Institute International (BHVII), and many other local Charities. We are hoping that this year will be even more successful.

Our club this year intends to continue its support for the local charities
- Australian Rotary Health Research Fund
- Grow – Mental Health
- Brian Hilton Vision Institute (BHVII)
- Salvation Army
- Everyone Can Dance – Dance Program for the Disabled
- End Polio Now – a world wide campaign
- Other local charities

We would be delighted if your company would consider joining many other local business houses in sponsoring this day.

There are three levels of sponsorship and these are detailed on the attached form. We are also enclosing this year’s entry form which should be completed and returned as soon as possible.

It is the only continued support of the local business community that will ensure the success of our day and the subsequent benefits to local charities. We would therefore appreciate any assistance you can provide.

So join us for a fun filled day of golf at the spectacular Liverpool Golf Club!

Yours Sincerely,

David Pace

ENTRY FORM ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.
The books Aussie kids are reading this year!

**Possum Magic** — Mem Fox

**Diary of a Whimpy Kid** — Jeff Kinney

**Where is the Green Sheep?** — Mem Fox

**The 26 Storey Treehouse** — Andy Griffiths

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**Rotary Club of Moss Vale Charity Golf Day**
Friday 20th March 2015

**Programme for the Day**
0830 Shotgun Start

- 07:15-08:00  Registration and egg & bacon roll at the Club House
- 08:00-08:30  Players move to their designated starting tee
- 08:30-13:30  4 person Ambrose competition
- 13:30-14:30  Lunch in the Club House
- 14:30-15:30  Presentation of Prizes followed by Auction and Raffles
- 15:30  Finish

**Fee $65**
- Hole Sponsorship $220
- Hole & Team Sponsorship $400

To Register — See attached form

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**Registration Form**

- **Fee per player** — $65
- **Hole Sponsorship** — $220
- **Hole and Team Sponsorship** — $400
- **Payment by cash, cheque or EFT**

Bank Details BSB 062576 Account 00800229

EFT Reference to use — Golf Day and your Captain’s name

**Payment by cheque or EFT required by Friday 13th March**

List the names of players below
Nominate Captain of the team first
Player Handicap

- 0-27 for men/0-36 for ladies

Name of applicant / Team Captain:
Telephone:

Email Address:

Please return your entry form to:
Alan Key
Rotary Club of Moss Vale Inc.
P.O. Box 139
Moss Vale, NSW 2577
Or submit your registration in similar format by email to secretary@mossvalleyr.com
For further information contact Alan Key on 0414 278 515
For all your Rotary merchandise including the 2015-2016 theme scarves, ties and pins!

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JOIN THE CELEBRATION IN SÃO PAULO

Bem-vindo ao Brasil! Welcome to São Paulo, the site of the 106th Rotary International Convention. This bustling metropolis is the perfect venue for our biggest event of the year. Like the city itself, the São Paulo convention brings together people from around the world who are eager to celebrate and share their diverse backgrounds. Plan now to attend. 

As we recognise March as “Literacy month” and we also celebrate International Women’s day on 8th March, I thought why not put the two together in one article. So here is Miss Dolly Parton and her IMAGINATION Library!

More information about the Imagination Library can be found on http://au.imaginationlibrary.com/

I just love this quote from Dolly: "When I see someone with out a smile I just give them one of mine”. Dolly Parton

**IMAGINATION LIBRARY, AUSTRALIA**

By United Way Australia

Welcome to Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, Australia by the United Way Australia.

The Imagination Library programme improves early childhood literacy for children by giving them a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month from birth to age 5.

“This program is one of the most important ways I know to improve the educational opportunities for children in your community.

When I was growing up in the hills of East Tennessee, I knew my dreams would come true. I know there are children in your community with their own dreams. They dream of becoming a doctor or an inventor or a minister. Who knows, maybe there is a little girl whose dream is to be a writer and singer.

The seeds of these dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world.

I hope you’ll agree to become a champion of the Imagination Library in your community. You will be amazed at the impact this simple gift can have on the lives of children and their families. We have seen it work in our backyard and I’m certain it can do the same in your community too!

I appreciate your interest in my Imagination Library and thank you for all you continue to do for children.”

Love

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