



The Rotary Club of Southern Districts (Inc)
ANNUAL REPORT
2010 - 2011



ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHERN DISTRICTS (INC)

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INDUCTION: Ron Bradock

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present this report of the Rotary Club of Southern Districts for the year 2010/11, the first under the new name. I make no apologies for the length of this report because I believe the club has many achievements to be proud of.

The President of Rotary International, Ray Klinginsmith's slogan for 2010/11 was: **Rotary - Bigger, Better, Bolder**. Our challenge was to implement the intent of that slogan. In a club sense, bigger is not necessarily better, that is unless we are bold enough to make it better and that is what we set out to achieve.

I firmly believe the decision of the former Maddington and Thornlie Clubs to join from 1 July, 2010 to form the Southern Districts Club was correct and I am pleased to report that in every way, Rotary has been the winner. The joining of the two clubs resulted in the loss of only one member to Rotary and I am assured that had little to do with the process we had embarked on. The membership received a boost from the decision of six members of the former Armadale-Neerigen Brook Club to adopt Southern Districts as their new club. In addition we have had two other members transfer in. All of them have been made very welcome.

It has also been my pleasure to welcome three new members to the Club in Guluz Ursavas, Bill Innes and Don King. There is no greater pleasure in Rotary than inducting new members. Membership is not just about numbers. We have been particularly fortunate in retaining and attracting quality members which will ensure that we continue as a quality club. So it has been a new experience for all of us to mix with a very different group of people and I believe it has been nothing but a positive experience, with many new friendships and a different dynamic to what many of us were accustomed to previously. For all of us, this year started out as one of embracing change. We have witnessed significant change at all levels in Rotary, from the way Rotary International relates to clubs, changes in District structures through the implementation of the redistricting process and changes in the club name and Board structures with the introduction of Directors for Public Relations and Membership for the first time. It has indeed been a year of significant and positive change. Some things don't change though and I am pleased to note that many of the old traditions of Rotary still continue. I was pleased to be able to present Paul Harris Fellow awards to no less than five members and one non member during the year. Congratulations again to PP Mike Raspa, PP Dawn Gregson, John Mitchell, Lloyd Dungey, PP Colin Waters and Tessa Jupp from the Post Polio Network WA. In my view all members contributed to the success of the year but as usual, a number of members made significant contributions throughout the year and I will take this opportunity to thank a few of them here.

Colin Waters had a considerable influence over the negotiations for the joining of the two clubs last year and assisted greatly in smoothing the way in my year. His efforts in managing the market as well as producing and distributing the club bulletin have been truly outstanding. PP Ray Smith made the job of producing quality guest speakers on a regular basis look easy and we all know that is not the case. Thanks Ray for a fantastic program. Thanks also to PP Chris and Colin Ralph for their tireless efforts in collecting the piles of ring pulls yet again and assisting with attendance. Nancy made our attendance figures look decent. So good, in fact that we were rated one of the top clubs for attendance in the new District this year. So, well done Nancy. No club functions well without an efficient Sergeant of Arms. Andy, with assistance from Corporal Grant, with their humorous touch on the fines and constant and welcome assistance with the conduct of our meetings were appreciated by all of us during the year. Well done guys. Thanks also to Lloyd who kept us entertained with some interesting and very pleasant social events throughout the year. Special thanks to Immediate Past President Mike Raspa for his helpful advice throughout the year. Also to President Elect John Stockbridge for his calm assistance at the top table when things were going pear shape from time to time and to David Fleming for his quiet persistence in following through our change of name and incorporation issues. All three of our Past District Governors, Ron Sloan, Frank Keays and George Sharp assisted me during the year with suggestions and helpful advice and I believe we are very fortunate, as a club, to have such experience and wisdom available to tap into from time to time. The club has been fortunate in having a hard working and enthusiastic Board this year and I thank each and every one of them for their support and contributions over the year. Secretary Doug Parker and Acting Secretary John Simpson managed to present creditable minutes out of chaos time and time again and looked after our formal processes with aplomb. Treasurer Wayne Brouwer and Assistant John Mitchell once again weaved their considerable magic with our accounts and finances, putting in many hours at club meetings writing cheques and dealing with the day to day financial issues. Once again Ron Bradock and his committee worked hard to ensure the clubs community program was significant, particularly their efforts with the Bowelscan program, the Bladder Scan donation to Amaroo Aged Care and many other worthwhile programs of assistance. Thanks for your efforts Ron.

Similarly Mike Raspa and his Vocational Service committee worked hard to arrange the 10th annual Thornlie Senior High School Academic and Community Scholarship presentations, the inaugural Shine On Awards and several vocational visits.

Towards the end of the year the Club agreed to participate in the John Curtin Leadership Academy mentoring program. The JCLA is a partnership between Rotary and Curtin University and our first student has commenced her visits to the club. Mike will be actively involved in this ongoing program.

Thanks to Tony Italiano and the International Committee who were kept busy considering the many requests for assistance. As a result the club has continued to support water projects in Bali and other worthwhile overseas programs.

Robert Da Prato and the New Generations Committee initiated many worthwhile programs, including all the youth programs conducted by Rotary. In the past year we had students attend the National Youth Science Forum, participated in the annual Handicamp program, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) and the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program, to name but a few. We also had a number of strong candidates nominated for consideration for the outgoing GSE team to Portugal.

As part of the effort to raise awareness of the new club, contact was made on at least two occasions with every school in our focus area – no less than 28 schools in all. Some five Year 7 Graduation ceremonies were attended and Four Way Test Awards presented.

Early in 2011, the club agreed to fund the provision of 30 magnifying microscopes to each of the 21 primary schools in our focus area as part of a program initiated by the Chief Scientist for WA and supported by Rotary, WaterCorp and the Science Teachers Association of WA. A successful evening was conducted in March to launch our involvement. Thank you Robert and your committee for a strong contribution in 2010/11.

The new portfolios of Public Relations and Membership agreed early in the year to meet and function as a joint committee and I am pleased to note that this approach appeared to be useful. Much good work was completed in this new area, including the design and implementation of a club information pack, Rotary business cards for members, design work for proposed Rotary and club promotions on the market food van, the conduct of a membership forum with PDG John Ranieri and much more. Several articles on club projects were published in the local press. My thanks to Directors Dawn Gregson and David Fleming for laying solid foundations in this new but important area.

In all the Board had a busy schedule throughout the year, all worked hard and achieved considerable success in setting up the 'new' combined club for the future.

Some of the highlights of the year from my perspective have been the larger meetings, often involving our partners and invited guests. We have had over 60 attend on several occasions. These included the District Governors visit (on the second meeting night for the new club), the Scholarships presentations, Shine On Awards, the Polio Plus evening to focus on the role and success of Rotary in winning the war on Polio, the Chief Scientist/Magnifying Microscopes presentation and hosting joint meetings with the Cannington and Kenwick clubs.

The members enjoyed the company of not one, but two Youth Exchange Students during the year, with Patrick joining us from Switzerland and Breno from Brazil. Both students were involved in shared arrangements with other clubs, which on reflection, did not work out as well as we might have hoped. On behalf of the club I express our deepest gratitude to the Fleming and Gregson families for taking on the responsibility for these excellent young ambassadors.

We have been involved in a number of projects this year, many of which are detailed in the separate Directors reports that follow.

Some of the more notable projects include the purchase of a Bladder Scan device for Amaroo Aged Care at a cost of \$14,500, a grant to Cyrenian House of \$30,000 towards the cost of establishing child care facilities at the organisations site at Cullacabardee, the decision to sponsor a golf tournament at the Gosnells Golf Club as part of an ongoing program of mutual assistance between the clubs, the commitment of \$8,000 to provide 30 magnifying microscopes

to each of all 21 primary schools in our area, the continuation of the local Bowelscan program for the 10th year and many, many more.

At the beginning of the year, as all new Presidents seem to do, I set myself and the club, the goal of finding a worthwhile, relevant and achievable major project that would enable the club to work together with some 'hands on' involvement - not just writing another cheque. A committee was established to investigate various options and quite a lot of work was done. I am pleased to report that, subject to further investigation, a possible project may have come to light in the form of the proposed establishment and sponsoring of a 'Mens Shed' in the local area. Under Johns stewardship and with the establishment of a willing steering committee I believe the club can deliver a worthwhile and appropriate project for the community in the coming year.

Thanks to John Stockbridge and Colin Waters the club has come to an agreement with our hosts, the Gosnells Golf Club, for a significant sponsorship deal which will involve greater interaction and cooperation between our two organisations.

To all the members, I extend my sincere appreciation for their support to the Board and I as we have approached this year of amalgamation.

As President, it has been an interesting and rewarding period as the club has grown together. We have a great variety of interesting perspectives and backgrounds, but at the end of the day, we are all Rotarians We are indeed, Bigger, Better and Bolder.

One last thank you, to my dear wife, Lorraine. Thank you for your support and advice.

The RI theme for this year was Building Communities – Bridging Continents and I am certain that our members can hold their heads up with pride in the certain knowledge that we have contributed extensively towards that goal. We have made a difference.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish John, and the new Board a very interesting and enjoyable year. You are about to become the President of the best new club in the District. I know that with your depth of experience in Rotary you will do well and guide the club to a bigger and better future.

Yours in Rotary Service

Geoff Wiltshire

President 2010/11,

Rotary Club of Southern Districts, District 9465.

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

My thanks go to all members of the Club Service Committee who between them have made my year as President Elect a delight. Their dedication and support have enhanced the value that all Rotarians get from being a member of the Rotary Club of Southern Districts.

Secretary: Once again, Doug Parker has committed himself to this role. He has kept the club in line with District requirements and has distributed information to the President and Club Directors. This is no easy role and the need for an organised personality is paramount. Thanks also to John Simpson for standing in whilst Doug was on leave.

Sergeant: Andy Hopper has again excelled in the Sergeants duty, ably assisted by Corporal Grant Buxton (who also stood in on several occasions) Andy managed to extract decent amounts of money, with the least amount of pain and a maximum amount of enjoyment.

Fellowship: Lloyd Dungey has provided us over the year with a great social environment, with the right number of outings and a good variety of functions. The club has enjoyed Quiz Nights, Cinema visits, Croquet and Theatre functions. Thank you Lloyd.

Treasurer: Wayne Brouwer has once again provided excellent service in the role of Treasurer. Ably assisted by the hard working John Mitchell, the team of two has successfully kept the club on the financial straight and narrow. My sincere thanks to both of you for what is not at the best of times an easy job made more difficult by the formation of a new club and the creation of new accounts etc.

Programme: Finding around 40 interesting speakers in a 12 month period is no easy task. Ray Smith has shown again why he has held a number of significant roles in the club and in his business life with his ability to find engaging speakers. As a number of club members have already stated privately to me and in their vote of thanks, good speakers can bring the club to life. Congratulations and thanks Ray.

Attendance: My thanks to Nancy Hulbert for her dedication to the recording of club attendance which is of course a district requirement. It was pleasing to see that not only did Nancy fulfill all the requirements of this role, but that she managed to get us to number one spot for her last report.

Bulletin Editor: Not only has Colin Waters run the Fund Raising Committee, but this year he has also taken on the role of Bulletin Editor on his own. With his unique brand of humour, Colin has made reading the bulletin a delight and has maintained the high standard that our club is used to. Our thanks also go to the number of photographers who have "volunteered" to take photos for Colin.

Thank you to all members who have acquitted their duties at the club each week running attendance, property, chairing meetings and providing votes of thanks.

Our club is made more successful by the interest and enthusiasm of it's members, my thanks to you all.

John Stockbridge
President Elect

TREASURERS REPORT

As a result of the amalgamation of the former Maddington and Thornlie Clubs to form the Rotary Club of Southern Districts from 1 July, 2010, the year 2010/11 has largely been one of consolidation and review. The change of name involved considerable work in consolidating and amending bank accounts, reviewing investments and ensuring the day to day financial transactions were able to proceed without undue difficulty.

Difficulties in finalizing the registration of the changed name with the relevant authorities caused considerable delays in sorting out the respective bank accounts and it is only at the end of the year that this has finally been accomplished.

The financial strength of the club has been improved by the amalgamation process with substantial funds transferred in at the beginning of the year.

Similarly, the increase in membership has strengthened the clubs finances.

The club still holds substantial funds in its Community Account with large reserves available.

The Club account has again been put under some pressure because of the catering arrangements and failure of some members to notify the club of their non attendance for meetings. In addition, the elevation of Membership and Public Relations to the Board has placed pressure on the Club account in meeting expenditure in these areas. This will be partly alleviated by the proposed transfer of income from investments to the Club Account when appropriate.

Many thanks to John Mitchell, the assistant treasurer, who has once again provided essential assistance in regard to the banking of monies, cheque preparation and dealing with account enquiries. This year John has also assisted greatly with the transition arrangements and finalisation of the various legal and banking requirements associated with the recent changes. As the Club and Community accounts will not be finalized and audited until later in the year, it is not relevant to publish the accounts with this report. The final audited accounts will be made available to members when finalised.

Wayne Brouwer
Treasurer

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
REPORT 2010-2011

Committee Members: Ron Bradock (Director), Ross Evans, Grant Buxton, Zaneta Onasz, Ted Evans, Ray Smith, Don King.

During the year a number of requests have been received and investigated with the following projects supported by the committee.:

Wheelchairs for Kids

This project was initiated by the Rotary Club of Scarborough and is supported by Rotary clubs in WA and the Christian Brothers with the work being carried out by volunteers. These wheelchairs are produced to help children in developing countries who otherwise wouldn't have the use of a wheelchair available to them. \$1,000.00

Foodbank Rotary and Lions Rice Bowl Project

Our club has contributed to Foodbank WA since its inception during the 1980s. This year our club donation will provide 1000 x 1kg bags of rice for distribution to needy families in WA. \$1,100.00

Post Polio Network of WA Inc.

The Post Polio Network of WA is a self help group of Polio survivors formed to improve the ability of members to function as independently and with as few problems as possible as they reach a mature age. We agreed to donate funds to be used for the benefit of the members and future members of Post polio in Western Australia. \$750.00

Huntington's Western Australia

Following a presentation by guest speaker, Dee Sidhu, it was agreed that we would contribute to this worthy cause. This money will be used to help fund a retreat for those who have tested positive for the Huntington's gene but are not yet symptomatic. \$750.00

Parkwood Primary School

A request was received from the Intensive English Centre for a contribution towards the cost of sending the senior students to an adventure outdoor camp following up to two years of intensive training in English and prior to moving on to primary school.

We agreed to contribute towards this cost. \$1,250.00

Marmun Mia-Mia Community Garden Project

We have made a contribution towards the start up of this project which is to provide the opportunity for Aboriginal men and their families to participate in growing vegetables in raised garden beds. Other community members and schools will also be welcome to take up a plot. This money will be used to purchase tools and materials for the project. \$750.00

Inner Wheel Club of Gosnells The Inner Wheel of Gosnells was running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings store in Maddington and we have donated funds to purchase provisions for this fund raising event \$500.00.

Life Education Mobile Learning Centre

Our club has sponsored a number of primary schools located in our area that find it difficult to provide the \$8.00 per student fee to attend Life Education Programs during the 2011 school year. The specific schools will be identified during this school year when the life education staff are contacting schools to seek their participation in the program, which is about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. \$3,000.00

Amaroo Village

Amaroo Village displayed a need for a Bladder Scan unit, which is a portable ultrasound unit, to be available at their nursing home facilities in Gosnells to enable a swift and accurate assessment of bladder problems in the elderly. This unit will minimise visits to hospital and assist with prompt treatment of bladder and urinary tract infections.

Please note: This amount of \$14,500.00 has not been included in the total Community expenditure as this unit was funded by Special Projects.

Saint Andrew's Anglican Church

This year we have again provided funding to purchase basic stationery and school supplies for the 2011 School Showbag program. These Showbags are provided to children whose parents are unable to provide the basic essentials to begin the school year. This year there were 350 kits prepared from general funding plus another 74 kits provided by Charity Link to the Showbag program.

\$1,500.00

Australian Rotary Health

Australian Rotary Health and Cancer Australia have formed a new partnership in cancer research which is separate from our normal club donation to Australian Rotary Health. Our committee has donated to Pancreatic Cancer Research on this occasion. \$1,000.00

Christmas Party for Foster Carer Families

Each year a Christmas Party is organised by Rosemary Devlin for the Foster Carer Families.

This year we have contributed to the cost of entertainment and the number of children that attended was in excess of 170. \$750.00

Salvation Army Harry Hunter Rehabilitation Centre

This year we prepared 24 hampers for distribution to 18 residents and six outreach people. Because the residents would be provided with their normal meal at the centre we selected items which we thought would be special treats for the hampers. The only stipulation by the centre was that no alcohol in any form would be included in the hampers. \$1,000.00

Special Chair

Our committee made a contribution towards the cost of a special chair for Taine Sugden to use at school which would enable Taine to sit at a school desk during class. \$1,000.00

The Inner Wheel Club of Mandurah

We have donated some funding to assist the new Inner Wheel Club of Mandurah members purchase start up equipment for their new club. \$200.00

Medic Alert

This year we have contributed to the Medic Alert Supporter Program at a cost of \$5.00 per club member. Medic Alert is an Australian Multiple District Rotary Community Support Project which is a not for profit Foundation. \$200.00

Ellis Brook Valley Project

Following discussion with John Bowler, who is President of Friends of Ellis Brook Valley (Inc), we have provided funding for the supply of a timber picnic table with attached bench seats and shade roof which will be installed at the Ellis Brook Valley Reserve upper car park. \$1,200.00

The Leukemia Foundation

A donation to the Leukemia Foundation has been made to support a fund raising effort by Bronwyn Brims. \$100.00

Variety Bash

Sponsorship donation of \$2,500 each for the cars entered in the Variety Bash 2011 by Dawn Gregson and Zanetta Onasz. \$5,000.00

Bowelscan Program

This was the fourth year that we have participated in the District Bowelscan Program with club sales this year of 514 kits. There were 97 positive results for the district this year which required further medical investigation. \$135.00

Request for Financial Assistance DSC

A request was received from Disability Services Commission asking if we could provide a laptop computer to replace one which had been stolen from the home of Michael Rawson during a break and enter at his home. Michael has Muscular Dystrophy, has limited mobility and relies heavily on a laptop computer to give him

connection to the world. A laptop computer was supplied. \$798.00

Total Committee Expenditure \$21,983.00

I would like to thank all committee members for their contribution and support throughout the year. My thanks also to Ron Bradborn for his help with the Bowelscan Program and to Andy Hopper for filling in with Bowelscan enquiries when I was on holiday for ten days in March/April this year.

Ron Bradock

Director

FUND RAISING DIRECTORS REPORT

2010 -2011

The function of the fund raising directorate is to raise the funds required by the club, each year, to meet the clubs requirements.

This was achieved this year from our Bring'N'Buy activity with \$126,000 income being raised by the end of May and an anticipated income of \$135,000 in the full club year.

Obviously expenses will see a lesser amount being used for various projects undertaken by SDRC. Major expenses were incurred during the year on refurbishing the van that sells snack food to market users

This year's income figure is in advance of recent years, and is contributed by a re-arrangement of prices in the weeks prior to Christmas

The BNB continues use to receive wide support by both buyers and sellers

In line with recent years, there were four Sunday's washed out during 2010 and 2011, where no trading occurred. This of course affects the income of the club and eventually its Community projects

Southern Districts

With the coming into being of the Southern Districts Rotary Club, a number of changes were required to the BNB operation

Duties and Rosters, previously performed by the members of the Thornlie and Maddington Rotary Clubs, had to be combined and those duties and functions shared.

Thankfully, this process was greatly assisted, and eased, by the joining of members transferring from the Armadale-Neerigen Brook Rotary Club plus the influx of new members joining SDRC. The various teams integrated extremely well and it was to the credit of members the seamless transition from the "Old to the New"

Centro Maddington

Good relationships have been maintained with the management of the Centro Maddington shopping centre, where the cooperative atmosphere continues.

SDRC expresses its sincere thanks to the Management and staff of Centro Maddington and their Community attitude. For without their invaluable assistance the community would be worse off and SDRC's work would suffer.

In the years we have been in "partnership" with Centro Maddington, over \$2, 500,000 has been raised for various Rotary projects **Bring'N'Buy teams**

Currently, the BnB Teams do a seven week roster cycle and my personal thanks go to the team leaders, members and member's partners, for their efforts in ensuring that Bring'N'Buy continues to be a pleasant and effective way for the club to raise funds for the local community. The way in which members volunteer to assist so readily is a hallmark of this club and certainly contributes to the ease of fund raising.

Colin Waters

Fund Raising Director

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Tony Italiano (Director), Frank Keays, Chris Ralph, Willie Bohmer, Guliz Ursavas, Guenter Best

PROJECTS: The committee considered a number of requests for assistance from various sources both within Rotary and external.

The Bali visit earlier this month went well, and is now likely to become an annual event with Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Ascot and Mandurah Districts .

Bali will be an ongoing project in 2011 – 2012 Rotary year.

Other International Projects which our club supported this year included:

- \$2,500 Polio Plus Programme
- Donation to Shelter Box Project
- Continued support for our World Vision child in India
- \$1,500 Water Tanks Project Bali (with Rotary Club Of Mandurah Districts)
- \$3,475 Exchange Student
- \$147 Ring Pulls
- Bali Aids & HIV Project (ongoing to next year)

I would like to thank my dedicated fellow Rotarians on the committee for their support of our projects this past year.

Sincere thanks to President Geoff and fellow Directors for leadership and support.

Looking forward to the new rotary year.

Tony Italiano

Director

NEW GENERATIONS REPORT

Committee Members: Robert Da Prato (Director), Barry Tillman, Vin Rogers, Brad Evans and Phil Hinwood.

The committee inherited a few projects from the former Rotary Club of Maddington and initiated a number of new projects during the year.

The committee initiated contact with all 28 schools in the local area through a letter from the President outlining the various programs of Rotary that are available and supported by our club.

Youth Exchange Program

Initiated by the former Maddington Club, we hosted a student from Switzerland, Patrick Wyss for the full twelve months from July to July. The club also assisted the Byford club in hosting a student from Portugal for about six months. The efforts of the two host families involved is sincerely appreciated. The club has declined to participate in the outgoing program for next year.

Group Study Exchange

The Club was invited to participate in the Group Study Exchange program involving an outbound team to Portugal in 2011 – 12. The Club nominated five potential candidates and a potential group leader. Unfortunately, none were successful on this occasion.

National Youth Science Forum

In all three candidates were nominated by the former Maddington and Thornlie Clubs in 2010. One candidate, Ms Rebecca Tidy, was successful and attended the NYSF in January, 2011 in Perth. Rebecca attended a Club meeting later in the year and gave a very illuminating talk about how motivating the Forum was for her.

The committee has been active ly promoting this program for the 2012 Forum and has forwarded one nomination (Brittany Topliss) and is considering a further possible nomination.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

The Club sponsored two students, Kimberley Keys and Christie Farnie, to attend the annual RYPEN camp in 2010 and certificates of participation were presented at a later Club meeting. The club has nominated a successful candidate (Kiera Rowsay) for the 2011 program, to be held at Harvey.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

The club sponsored one participant in the annual RYLA camp conducted in early 2011.

Science Experience

The committee actively promoted the 'Science Experience' program for Year 8 and 9 students in schools throughout our local district but were not successful in achieving a result.

Four Way Test Awards

The President and New Generations Director attended five local primary schools (Yale, Thornlie, East Maddington, Forrest Crescent and Huntingdale) at the conclusion of the 2010 school year to present Four Way Test Awards to graduating year seven students. It is planned that this activity and involvement with the local primary schools will continue and expand in years to come.

Handicamp

The Committee nominated and sponsored one participant (Emma Mc Leirie) for the annual Handicamp event held at Point Walter in early 2011. The club was represented by 19 members and partners at the 30th Anniversary Sloan Handicamp Dinner and Awards presentation during the camp.

Yule Brook Football Academy

The committee supported the Yule Brook College and the football academy program with its focus on indigenous youth during the year by providing the club refreshment van at the annual football carnival and inviting the Academy Director , Craig Callaghan and several young participants along to a club meeting.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

The committee inherited and endorsed this program initiated by the former Maddington Club. The club participated in the very successful RYDA program in 2010 and has actively promoted the program to the relevant high schools in the local area with a view to sponsoring a larger group in 2011.

Rotoract Participation

The committee invited the President of the local Rotoract Club to serve on the committee and Ms Laura Cheetham was able to attend several meetings during the year, to good effect. All members of the Rotoract Club were invited to attend regular meetings of the club as they could.

Magnifying Microscopes Program

The committee endorsed a proposal for the club to become involved in supporting the 'Magnifying Microscopes' program, an initiative of the Chief Scientist for WA and the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay.

A successful launch was held at a club meeting in March attended by the Chief Scientist, Prof Lyn Beazley and representatives of the 21 local primary schools participating in the program. **Storm the Stage**

The club agreed to support the Rotary Club of Cannington and its annual Storm the Stage event in 2011 with a donation of \$1500.

My thanks to all the members of the committee. It was a pleasure to serve with you in 2010-11.

Robert Da Prato
Director

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2010-11

COMMITTEE: Michael Raspa (Director)

Lloyd Dungey

Hans Groot

Clive McCabe

John Rechichi

The first committee meeting of the year saw the Vocational Committee set out its goals for the coming Rotary year.

The committee agreed to the continued support of the Swan TAFE Rotary Student Subsidy Scheme and the Academic and Community Scholarship Awards at Thornlie Senior High School. Also discussed was to maintain links with Hillside Farm and to sponsor an indigenous health student should the opportunity arise.

The committee agreed to the introduction of the Shine On awards night. The Shine On award is to recognise outstanding service to the community of persons with disabilities; persons, who by their actions and in the Rotary spirit of "Service above self", serve as shining examples to the community.

The highlight of the Vocational year was, indeed, the Dinner held for the recipients of the Shine On awards. The dinner was well supported by members and partners who were treated to a tearful and uplifting night when Doreen Osborne and Paula-Kaye Johnston made their acceptance speeches. It was also a wonderful opportunity to recognise one of our own in John Mitchell.

Another successful night was the Academic and Community Scholarship Awards for Thornlie Senior High School. The night was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The awardees were: Ashleigh Lindsay; Sumaia Aziz; Mariam Doualeh; Nicole Bradley and Sharmin Kaur. Each of the awardees were introduced by their host Rotarian and all made excellent thankyou speeches outlining their vocational and career paths after graduating year 12.

The Academic and Community Scholarship program is to be extended to Southern River College and Thornlie Christian College next year.

A cheque for \$750 was sent to Polytechnic West as the club's contribution to the Rotary Student Subsidy Scheme

Two vocational visits were arranged for members and partners:

The first was to the Maddington Fire Station which was so informative and entertaining that we were late to dinner at a Chinese Restaurant.

The second was to Cyrenian House and my thanks go to John Simpson and Ray Smith for organising the visit. The Club also agreed to accept an opportunity to be part of the John Curtin Leadership Academy (JCLA) which is an initiative of Districts 9465 and 9455.

The JCLA is a mentor program which will provide Academy students with an outstanding opportunity to secure a quality Rotary mentor.

Through this interaction with Rotary, it is hoped that at some stage in the future JCLA members will continue their community links and leadership through the worldwide organisation and become Rotarians. The relationship represents many benefits for both parties now and in the long term.

I extend my warmest thanks to my committee for their enthusiastic participation at our monthly committee meetings and the professional way they carried out the tasks and duties that were given to them. Thank you all for making my year as Director a most enjoyable one.

On behalf of myself and the Vocational Committee I thank the Board of Directors for their continued support throughout the year.

Yours in Rotary

Michael Raspa

Director

CLUB PROGRAM 2010 – 2011

DATE SPEAKER/EVENT

JULY, 2010

6 July Club Assembly – The Year Ahead
13 July District Governors Visit – Partners Night
20 July Polio Plus Focus Evening – Tessa Jupp, Polio Network
27 July Committee Meetings

AUGUST – MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

3 August Membership Forum with PDG John Ranieri
10 August Dee Sidhu, Huntingdons Disease Association
17 August Christopher Miller – Youth with a Mission
24 August Committee Meetings
31 August Jenny Sammons, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

7 September Graeme Cooper, Rotary Residential College
14 September Chris Marris, The Flying Cyclist
21 September Bernie Foley, Life Education – WA
28 September Committee Meetings

OCTOBER – VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

5 October David Fenwick, Amaroo Aged Care
12 October PDG Brian Guest, Interplast
19 October Vocational Visit, Maddington Fire Station
26 October Committee Meetings

NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

2 November No meeting – Melbourne Cup
9 November David Brockway, Shelter Box Program
16 November Arnold Wong, Stage Musical Productions
23 November AGM, Club Elections and Committee Meetings
30 November Visit to Buddhist Temple in Kenwick – Partners Night

DECEMBER – FAMILY MONTH

7 December Marcia Strech, Aid to Zambia
14 December Committee Meetings
21 December Christmas BBQ at GGC – Partners Night
28 December No Meeting – Public Holiday

JANUARY, 2011 – ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

4 January Club Assembly – The Year So Far
11 January Winston Marsh, Probus and Rotary
18 January Committee Meetings
25 January Australia Day BBQ at GGC – Partners Night

FEBRUARY – WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

1 February Melissa Northcott, Cerebral Palsy
8 February Shine On Awards Presentations – Partners Night
15 February Committee Meetings
22 February Gary Pike, Toad Busters

MARCH – LITERACY MONTH

1 March Prof Steve Wilton, UWA School of Medicine – Huntingtons
8 March Thornlie S H School Scholarship Presentations - Partners
15 March Prof Lyn Beazley, Magnifying Microscopes Program
22 March Committee Meetings
29 March Craig Callaghan, Yule Brook Football Academy

APRIL – MAGAZINE MONTH

5 April Shannon Pearce and Mrs Jo Pearce, Youth Basketball
12 April Rosemary Devlin – Foster Childrens Christmas Party
19 April Committee Meetings
26 April No Meeting – Anzac Day Holiday

MAY – AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MONTH

3 May Hon Ken Wyatt MHR
10 May Vocational Visit – Amaroo Aged Care
17 May Committee Meetings
24 May Deborah Wilkes, Subiaco Mens Shed
31 May Prof Daniel Midgley, UWA, Language – Busting the Myths

JUNE – FELLOWSHIP MONTH

7 June Ian Fairnie, John Curtin Leadership Academy
14 June Vocational Vist – Cyrenian House
21 June Forum – The Year Ahead and Committee Meetings
24 June Change Over and Induction of New President
28 June No Meeting

**MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT
COMMITTEES**

Membership: David Fleming (Director), Ron Bradborn, John Mitchell, George Sharp, Doug Parker and Nancy Hulbert.

Public Relations: Dawn Gregson (Director), Don Rechichi, John Simpson, Colin Ralph, Ron Sloan and Peter Gregory.

As 2010/11 was the first year that either membership or public relations has been elevated to Board status in accord with the Rotary Leadership Plan, agreement was reached between the President and the two Directors that in this first year the committees would meet as a joint committee. This approach proved to be beneficial for a number of reasons, primarily because of the similarity in purpose and the general interconnectedness of the committees concerned. The joint committees considered a number of proposals for ways of promoting the new club and endeavouring to establish a new 'brand' while promoting membership.

Significant progress was made by the committees in designing and printing a new club letterhead, developing a club information presentation pack and preparing a generic business card for use by all members in promoting the club to interested persons.

Considerable effort went in to planning opportunities for promoting the club and rotary involving the food van and the use of removable signage and promotional material as well as a brochure. These and other initiatives are seen as long term and ongoing projects that will require further work over the coming year.

A Membership forum was conducted early in the year involving PDG John Ranieri to discuss some of the broader issues facing Rotary and the new club with its ageing membership. A number of contacts were made with potential members through the use of key note speakers at functions organized throughout the year.

Importantly, three new members were inducted into the club during the year and no members were lost.

The members of the joint committee are thanked most sincerely for their hard work during the year.

Dawn Gregson David Fleming
Director, Public Relations Director, Membership
