



June is appropriately named Rotary Fellowship Month. Fellowship is one of the five core values of Rotary: diversity, integrity, service, leadership and fellowship. Rotary is fundamentally about like-minded people working together to do good things in our communities. Working together can only strengthen our clubs, projects and the profile of Rotary. This year, while meeting and making many new friends, I have missed the regular weekly fellowship and friendships that I have at my own Rotary club. My attendance at my own club has been very irregular over the last 12 months and the close connection to Rotarians and friends is something I am really looking forward to being part of again.

I have seen in every club I have visited in the District is how much is achieved through fellowship in Rotary. It is so important that Rotarians have a strong connection with each other. I hope that all Rotarians look forward to meeting their friends at their Rotary club meetings and sharing in social events with their fellow Rotarians, partners and families. Fellowship works in many ways, not always face-to-face. I had an excellent experience joining the meeting of E-WA Rotary, the first online Rotary club in the state. I encourage you to join one of their meetings and experience another way of doing Rotary <http://ewarotary.org.au/>.

Grace and I are now looking forward to the changeover period throughout our District. Changeovers certainly are a time when clubs come together to celebrate their achievements, recognise people for outstanding service, and look forward to the coming year. We celebrate our changeover on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel where we'll reflect on the last Rotary year and welcome DG Jerry Pilcher and his District team for 2015/16. Our District will be in good hands with Jerry. I wish him and Kerry well. I am sure that you will give him the same wonderful support that you have extended to Grace and me.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your District Governor throughout this Rotary year. The role of District Governor is to support and advise clubs and I have been fortunate to receive your friendship and trust in return. We have a wonderful District with many friendly, hardworking Rotarians and many dynamic active Rotary clubs. Grace and I have enjoyed meeting you, visiting your clubs, attending your special events and learning about your service projects. We have been the beneficiaries of your friendship and fellowship.

Throughout the year, I have had the pleasure of working with many remarkable people. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the year - all the club presidents, the assistant governors, the district board members, the district committee chairs, the conference committee, the past district governors and each dedicated Rotarian who has worked to "Light up Rotary". I would especially like to thank my wife, Grace, who has given me unflinching love and support throughout the year.

It is with your support and efforts that we have had a successful year in District 9455.

Thank you.

DG Angus Buchanan