



Hello,

December is about the **Family of Rotary**. It's a good opportunity to ensure our clubs are well informed about Rotary's extraordinary number and range of activities. The scale of our activities sometimes can be overwhelming. We achieve these activities because we work together – as a family – in our clubs, districts, zones and globally. One of the wonderful aspects of this time of the year is when Rotary clubs make a special effort to bring all members together, with family and friends, to celebrate the season. My two adult daughters still speak fondly about these fun-filled Christmas meetings at my Rotary club and joyfully reflect on family Christmas breakfasts with "wonderfully grumpy old Santa Allan."

At a time when gifts are freely given, all of us should reflect on the many gifts Rotary has given to make someone's life better. And that includes all the ideas, the planning and organising and the effort that enabled that to happen. Truly *Service Above Self*. Grace and I could name hundreds of these gifts based on what we have heard when visiting clubs throughout this great district. The greatest joy we have experienced is the passion and happiness that Rotarians show when speaking about what they achieved, great and small.

As 2014 rapidly draws to a close we realise it's now half way through the Rotary Year. For many it becomes time to take stock and to reflect on what has been achieved, and to consider resolutions for achievement in the New Year. What will be your resolution for Rotary? I ask that you keep doing the wonderful things you do. And I also ask that you think about how we make sure that other people know about what we do. The great work that Rotary does and the benefits it provides others can be leveraged, and possibly multiplied, by getting our message to others of like-mind. How can we best engage people in a way that they feel connected to the work and fellowship that Rotary offers. A few weeks ago I was at a club fundraising BBQ with many non-Rotarians present. Rotarian Siri Siriwardene, who hosted the event, sent an email to all of those at that BBQ. I was struck by the simplicity of his words and the power of the message:

"For those of you who don't know much about Rotary, I would suggest that it's worth finding out as I have discovered that it's a non-judgemental, non-religious and non-political group of men and women who work to benefit our community, both local and international, in a completely transparent way. And if we can have a good time doing it, all the better! So whether it's wheel chairs for kids, an Aboriginal education project, an eye clinic in Bali or the WA Neuromuscular Research Institute or something you would like to support, Rotary is a great way to get stuck in and make a difference."

Let's keep making that difference, giving those gifts to humanity and encouraging others to be part of this amazing organisation.

I wish everyone a joyful and peaceful holiday season and, however you celebrate the time, may it be a good one for you and your loved ones.

DG Angus Buchanan

MAKE SURE TO READ THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT...

GUEST SPEAKER - Dr John Keenan at Balcatta Club

Rotary club of Balcatta would like to invite you to our very special presentation.

We are very honored to have Dr John Keenan Deputy Director Clinical Services & Medical Administration from Fiona Stanley Hospital attending our club.

When: 10 th December 2014

Where: Scarborough Sportsmen's Club – upstairs function room
75 Deanmore Road and Sackville Tce Scarborough

Time: Presentation will begin at 7.30pm – please be seated by 7.25pm

There is NO ENTRY FEE to attend this special presentation

(PLEASE NOTE, NO MEAL)

You are welcome to make your own arrangements downstairs at the Sportsmen's lounge – Abbetts Bistro on the park. Good choice of counter meals at good prices.

Would love to see you all there.

Rotary Club of Heirisson is calling on you to give a feed this Xmas!

Teaming up with Foodbank WA, The Rotary Club of Heirisson is hoping to provide 2000 festive hampers to families in need this Xmas.

You can help by giving a feed to a family of four for just \$25.

Donate a feed here: www.giveafeed.com.au

Give a gift: Hard to buy for loved ones? Give a Feed as a gift.

Tell others: "I give a feed - do you?" and share on social media with family and friends.

Thank you for giving a feed!

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Your invitation to the Rotary Peace Symposium

Partnering for Peace: Today's Challenges — Tomorrow's Successes

Date: Thursday-Friday, 4-5 June

Location: Anhembi Parque

Cost: \$150

Join Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and Rotary members as they celebrate Rotary's work in peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Attendees will have the chance to share information about their activities and hear about new tools and resources from representatives of leading organizations in the field of peace and conflict resolution.

EVENTS

Optional meal events include the Rotary Peace Symposium and International Institute Dinner on Thursday, 4 June (\$100) and the Rotary Peace Symposium Reception on Friday, 5 June (\$40). Check back for more details.

WHO CAN ATTEND

Attendance is open to Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni, Rotary members, donors, and Rotary Peace Center staff.

HOW TO REGISTER

If you also plan to attend the Rotary International Convention, you can save time by registering for both events [online](#). Or register only for the Rotary Peace Symposium, reception, and dinner by downloading and completing the appropriate section of the [convention registration form](#). Learn more about [how to register](#).