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International President Gordon McInally**

Rotary information – supplied by Stacey Price

Timeline of women in Rotary

1. **1950** An enactment to delete the word “male” from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 Rotary Convention.
2. **1964** The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.
3. **1972** As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.
4. **1977** Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 Rotary Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members. The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)
5. **1980** The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as “male persons.”
6. **1983-86** In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favour of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.
7. **1987** On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership. The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members. Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.
8. **1988** In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.
9. **1989** At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.
- 1990** As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a feature on women in Rotary.
10. **1995** In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.
11. **2005** Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.
12. **2008** Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.
13. **2012** Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as RI treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.
14. **2013** Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.
15. **2019** Brenda Marie Cressey begins her term as the first woman to serve as vice-chair of The Rotary Foundation. In April-June 2019 she serves as chair of the Foundation, the first woman appointed to this role.
16. **2022 Jennifer Jones** begins her term as the first female president of Rotary International.

PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION supplied by Bill

Case for yes and no votes

At the outset, our condition for regionalization proceeding in zone eight was that all districts and all governors vote yes. The required level for clubs and districts to meet was at least 65% yes.

If this didn't occur, the advice was that the pilot would not proceed. One district, 9620 voted no in the first instant with a yes vote that didn't meet the required threshold. In the re vote and after being provided with the additional information, the vote for yes fell further into 19.2%.

Despite one district voting no, the pilot preceded against the stated guidelines.

The original question was:

Do you approve of a zone 8 pilot.

This club approves participation in a pilot to develop, test and evaluate an you regional approach to supporting and governing Rotary and Rotaract clubs and members in zone 8 from July 2023 to June 2026.

D9790 is proposing a re-vote with the following wording:

Clubs via presidents in your district will revote whether 9790 will participate to confirm your participation in the zone 8 re-generalisation pilot. A yes vote will affirm your support for testing new ways of supporting Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands to benefit members.

The case for yes

- We need to evolve
- Single voice for representation
- Less administration for leaders
- Different pathways for leadership
- Is a model based on administration
- Will streamline how we do things and reduce cost
- A yes vote will enable participation with other districts that voted yes
- We know what the model is.

The case for no

- A vote will enable 9D9790 to research and evaluate changes - both positive and negative - that come about for districts participating in pilot. D9790 will then be able to cherry-pick the best elements to help us improve the membership experience for club members
- A new system should be evolutionary rather than revolutionary
- There is a possibility that subtleties around a local issues and differences will be missed
- Community leaders and DG visits are not mandatory. This represents less direct support to clubs
- District budgets from Rotary International are dramatically cut for the duration of the pilot
- Clubs are not front and centre of the proposed model. Rather, the focus is on administration
- The original vote was not set model; rather, it was for a pilot to test possibilities. The regionalization team had the model in mind from the start and aren't willing to compromise
- The original requirement for the pilot to proceed was based on 100% of districts and governors voting yes. Despite one district voting no, the pilot preceded
- We have been told by the real regionalization team that costs to individual Rotarians will increase due to proposed changes.

More information

- If a club does not vote, they will be counted as a no vote
- The club's vote will be electronic ballot, managed by D9790
- The club president will receive an email on the XXXX enabling them to vote on their clubs behalf via the return email to the district secretary by XXXX
- The club president shall cast the vote in accordance with its members decision and then confirm having done so back to the members
- The president will cast the digital vote on a smart phone or a computer, through email access
- Each club will have one vote
- The threshold for progressing the District's view is 67% for either yes or no

On a lighter note a little ha-ha to lift the spirits

THE WIDOW AND THE COWHAND

supplied by David

A successful rancher died and left everything to his devoted wife.

She was a very good-looking woman and determined to keep the ranch, but knew very little about ranching, so she decided to place an ad in the newspaper for a ranch hand.

Two cowboys applied for the job. One was gay and the other a drunk. She thought long and hard about it, and when no one else applied she decided to hire the gay guy, figuring it would be safer to have him around the house than the drunk.

He proved to be a hard worker who put in long hours every day and knew a lot about ranching. For weeks, the two of them worked, and the ranch was doing very well. Then one day, the rancher's widow said to the hired hand,

"You have done a really good job, and the ranch looks great. You should go into town and kick up your heels."

The hired hand readily agreed and went into town one Saturday night.

One o'clock came, however, and he didn't return. Two o'clock and no hired hand. Finally he returned around two-thirty, and upon entering the room, he found the rancher's widow sitting by the fireplace with a glass of wine, waiting for him.

She quietly called him over to her... "Unbutton my blouse and take it off," she said.

Trembling, he did as she directed.

"Now take off my boots." He did as she asked, ever so slowly.

"Now take off my socks." He removed each gently and placed them neatly by her boots.

"Now take off my skirt." He slowly unbuttoned it, constantly watching her eyes in the fire light.

"Now take off my bra." Again, with trembling hands, he did as he was told.

"And now take off my thong" and he dropped it to the floor.

Roster of duties

Wednesday 30th Aug

Program- Game Night

Chairman – Margaret

Treasurer- Graham B

Rotary Grace – Neil

Loyal Toast- Rosie

International Toast – Stephen

Rotary Information – Robyn

Sergeants help- Stacey

Roster of duties

Wednesday 6th Sept

Program- fellowship

Chairman – Ian Brooks

Treasurer- Margaret

Rotary Grace – Graham B

Loyal Toast- Neil

International Toast – Rosie

Rotary Information – Stephen

Sergeants help- Robyn

Roster of duties

Wednesday 13th Sept

Program- fellowship

Chairman – Ian Kerr

Treasurer- Ian Brooks

Rotary Grace – Margaret

Loyal Toast- Graham B

International Toast – Neil

Rotary Information – Rosie

Sergeants help- Stephen

Then she looked at him and said, "If you ever wear my clothes into town again, you're fired."
(P.S. - Yeah, I didn't see it coming, either)

Report B&S Ball

Gary has had several meetings with the Federation Council re the B&S Ball over the Australia day weekend. So far it seems to be quite positive however slow getting everything sorted. Lyn Cann has contacted Gav from country Energy and has been able to source the posts needed for the car park out at the airport. Further discussions to take place but it are looking like quite a few positive things will come out of the new restrictions.



Guest Speaker – Alicia Price



what I'm doing

For 21 days during September into October I am heading to Nepal with 9 other students from Victoria. While we are over there we will be going the Kathmandu University High School and staying with some of the students. We will be going on a 9 day hike to a peak of 4,000m and doing some community work with the Rotary Club of Kavre Valley in Nepal to help improve the quality of life of the people living in the villages.

How I got into the program

At Rutherglen High School in year 9 we do a program called 'Future Makers' where the school partners with the Outdoor School of Victoria and we go on a hike up Mount Bogong and from doing that camp you can apply for extension programs which is how I ended up getting the opportunity to go to Nepal

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING BIOGAS PLANT TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

Beneficiaries : 10 house holds of economically poor background including attached Toilet

Project Area : Kavre District

Cooperating Partner : Gau Sahar Biogas and Energy Development Company

Budget : AUD \$ 9,133.87



SEED FOR LIFE PROJECT

Providing 10 seasonal Vegetable seeds and fruits plants to farmers for economic development

Beneficiaries : 80 farmers

Project Area : Kavre District of Nepal

Cooperating Partner : Creative Saving and Credit Cooperative Limited

Budget : AUD \$ 2,064.37



ORAL HEALTH CAMP IN NEPAL (DENTURE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN)

Complete Denture (CD) for 50 senior Citizens and Removal Partial Denture (RPD) for 50 Senior Citizens.

Beneficiaries : About 800 children's, women and adult and 100 senior citizens for Denture Procedure

Project Area : Banepa, Panauti and Bethanchowk Municipality of Nepal

Cooperating Partner : Supreme Dental Care

Budget Requested : AUD \$ 5,965.90



EMPOWERING WOMEN TO WOMEN FOR WOMEN THROUGH BEAUTY PARLOR TRAINING

Beneficiaries : 100 young girls and women's

Project Area : Kavre District of Nepal

Cooperating Partner : Creative Beauty, Community Vocational Training Center

Budget : AUD \$ 4,104.02



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*Thank
you!*



Rotary Club of Corowa wishes Alicia a wonderful trip to Nepal and hope she enjoys her break from school & family xoxo

Rotary Board of Corowa has pledged \$1000 to go to Matt Flaherty's project for the defibrillators Nepal project

August
Celebrations



Birthdays

Graham Brown 19th August

Sam Gill 21st August 1986

Barry Hunter 24th August

David Potts 27th August

Anniversaries

Sally Batten inducted 4th August 2021

David Talbot inducted 16th August 2001

Wedding Anniversary

Margaret & Graham Brown 1970



Winner winner Jeff Nixon

Not so lucky Sally Batten



Very happy mum Stacey getting a bottle

For her daughter Alicia's presentation!

Subs Due

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\$240 per member