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District 9790 Newsletter



DG David with the RYLA support team

DG David

Well, the rest of November and this first half of December have been a little quitter than it has been for the first five months of this Rotary year.

During my COVID induced isolation I completed three DG club visits via zoom and another via zoom to the e-club as that is their normal mode of meeting.

It is great to see some clubs embracing technology and either conducting 'hybrid' meetings where people can join in with the others in-person or having alternate in-person and zoom meetings. This provides a lot more flexibility to the way we do things in Rotary compared to the traditional approach.

Flexibility and our ability to adapt (The fourth Priority of the RI Action Plan) also extends to DG visits!

At Nathalia there was no power at the venue due to a storm however we still proceeded with enough battery power in my laptop to show my presentation.

At another club there was no AV equipment available so essentially the same thing took place. Same presentation but just a smaller screen.

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District Governor's Message

The Rotary club of Sunbury held a very succesful night with current RI Director Jessie Harmon.

The G-Train (DGE Neta Kirby, DGN Stephen O'Connell and Myself) were invited to participate in a Q&A session after Jessies very informative presentation.

Congratulations to Sunbury for organising this event



A Q&A session at Sunbury with RI Director Jessie Harmon and the G-train



RYLA participants this year. Obviously, the week was not all hard work!

Following the Sunbury event I travelled to Malmsbury where I had the privilege of presenting the RYLA award certificates to the graduands of the week long RYLA course.

Congratulations must go not only to those that comploted the course but the very hard working RYLA committee for organising this event. I know a lot goes into a RYLA event and I am sure the participants benefited greatly from all your hard work.



One of the groups of graduands

District Governor's Message (continued)

Another huge event was the second Orientation weekend for Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students which was held at Corowa. This was primarily organised and delivered by ROTEX and so a huge thank you and congratulations must go to them and the RYE committee of D9790. Well done once again.



RYEA Inbound, Outbound and ROTEX participants in the second Orientation weekend at Corowa

As this goes to print I would have only done nine DG club visits this since the last newsletter which leaves about five or six to go in order to complete my visits to all clubs in this district.



Some participants at the second RYEA weekend at Corowa

It has been a wonderful experience meeting everyone and seeing the variety of projects being carried out by clubs.

Some of the best experiences are when I have the privilege of inducting a new member or such as at Mansfield where I was asked to present the Australian flag to Freyer and outbound RYEA student which I am sure she will fly with pride in the country she goes to. She, like all the other outbounds, are Ambassadors for Australia and for Rotary.



Presenting the Australian flag to Freyer at the Rotary club of Mansfield's club meeting

District Governor's Message (continued)



Presenting the Best Club Builder award to President of Tocumwal Hazel Janson

I was invited to the RC Tocumwal recently where I was personally able to present the 'Best Club Builder' award to Tocumwal Rotary at the club's Christmas party.

Their club went from a very low base and was in very real danger of folding to add 11 new members which represented a 366.67% increase in membership.

So out of the over 1,100 clubs in the whole of Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands) Tocumwal had the highest percentage increase in membership.

Congratulations!

Below is a list of the awards available to all clubs within Zone 8 and the recipients this year.

Can your club strive to achieve one of these:

	Award	Criteria	Winner
Best Practice Awards (Club and District)	Engage our members	Awarded to the Rotary or Rotaract club which has implemented the most effective member engagement strategy	RC of Elizabeth Quay
	Excellence in DEI	Awarded to the Rotary club which has demonstrated excellence in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion	RC of Elizabeth Quay
	Club transformation	Awarded to the Rotary or Rotaract club which has implemented the best club transformation initiative	RC of Ballina on Richmond
District	New club growth	Awarded to the Rotary district which has chartered the largest number of new clubs in the preceding twelve months	D9640
	Retain our members	Awarded to the Rotary district which has achieved the highest member retention rate over the preceding three-year period	D9970
Club	Club growth	Awarded to the Rotary club with the highest net gain in membership numbers	RC of Bungendore, D9705
	Club builder	Awarded to the Rotary club with the highest percentage growth in membership	RC of Tocumwal, D9790

District Governor's Message (continued)

December is Rotary International Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Help us stop the spread of life-threatening diseases around the world like polio, HIV/AIDS, and Malaria.

Rotary believes good health care is everyone's right. Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centres, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

- Providing more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease.
- Helping Liberian women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies, reducing new HIV infections in children by 95 percent over two years.
- Rotary's efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling myriad other health priorities, such as Ebola.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Next DG Newsletter will be in February.

DG David McPherson



ROTARY TAKES ACTION ON FLOOD RELIEF

RAWCS is appealing for funds to assist communities impacted by the ongoing flood crisis. Donations can be directed to the RAWCS national flood appeal or to specific appeals covering various flooded regions.

There is now a major mosquito danger within flood impacted communities. In order to provide some relief to affected communities, RAWCS has acquired thousands of mosquito repellent candles.

RAWCS has taken the initiative and will coordinate immediate distribution of mosquito repellent candles to various Rotary clubs in the flood impact locations. The candles will then be distributed by local Rotary Clubs directly to those most in need.

Funds donated to the appeals are being used in the following ways:-

- Backing the projects and immediate assistance programs undertaken by local Rotarians in the flood zones.
- Funding cash vouchers to help with the immediate needs of flood victims as well as supporting local businesses when the vouchers are spent in the impacted towns.
- Assisting with temporary housing initiatives.
- Provision of new clothing and new bed linen.
- Distribution of free mosquito repellent candles to help protect families from diseases carried by swarming mosquitos in the flood aftermath. The candles repel mosquitos for sixty hours, are odorless and normally retail for \$16 each.



Donations can be made to our national fund, or can be directed to a number of regional appeals:

National Flood Appeal	https://lnkd.in/g2PAMBgc
NE NSW & SE Qld	https://lnkd.in/gvfgsA3b
Sydney & Surrounding Areas	https://lnkd.in/g9pd3hdH
Victoria & border Areas	https://lnkd.in/gWj863GV
Central West NSW	https://lnkd.in/g5vScbjjs

AN EVENING WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JESSIE HARMAN

On Friday, November 25th 2022 Sunbury Rotary, Victoria had the pleasure of holding an informal 'meet and greet and get to know our Director' evening with our very own Zone 8 Director Jessie Harman.



We were very privileged indeed that we had in attendance 9790 DG David McPherson, DGE Neta Kirby, DGN Stephen O'Connell, and Carol along with some 50 Rotarians that travelled from regional country areas such as Deniliquin NSW, Albury, Tatura, Shepparton, King Lake and suburban areas such as Whittlesea, Preston, Broadmeadows, Craigieburn and Pascoe Vale to join the Sunbury members for this special evening that RID Jessie was only too pleased to travel to from her home in Ballarat.

For the evening RID Jessie did a presentation on her time on the Rotary International Board and its current make-up of 17 directors and was very proud of the fact that of that number 7 are women – also that there are some 280,000 women Rotarians globally now; a far cry for the original 20,000 when first admitted in 1989.

Jessie covered 6 items that she is passionate and proud of, these being: –

1. Women in Rotary
2. Diversity, equity and inclusion
3. New types of clubs
4. The environment as the 7th area of focus
5. Rotary's new peace centre
6. Regionalisation

The presentation went for some 20 minutes and following a short break, a panel was created with Jessie and the Governor Train as a Q&A session that was very well received by all with open and frank discussions taking place and quite a few queries resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

The evening let ALL Rotarians present become fully aware of just how accessible Rotary leadership is to them and that we are all learning something new every day in this wonderful organisation of ours.

As some were heard to remark after our President, Jamieson Kirk, got up and thanked the panel for inspiring her and all in attendance, Rotary certainly is in good hands going forward.

A sincere thanks to Director Jessie for giving so freely of her time. Having served 18 months of her time as a director we extend our best wishes to RID Jessie Harman for the duration of her term as OUR first female director of this wonderful Zone 8 we are a part of.

AN EVENING WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JESSIE HARMAN (continued)



Rotary International Director Jessie Harman presenting RI President Jennifer Jones's Year Theme banner – personally signed to Rotary Club of Sunbury President Jamieson Kirk

We look forward to working with all 21 districts in Zone 8 as we venture onto yet another change in the way that Rotary is done – Regionalisation. Let's not be afraid – as our Founder Paul Harris famously wrote,

"This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it"

PDG Terry Grant

Rotary Club of Sunbury Community Service Director

PEDS not PETS for 2023-2024?

In preparation for the Rotary 2023-2024 year, two **President Elect Development (PEDS)** days and a **District Assembly** day have been set.

These are not training days but development sessions. One may say I have been President, I am being recycled, I know what to do and I do not need this. I suggest you do as there have been changes, even in the past year and with the possibility of Regionalisation there may be more that we have to know and act on.

So please put in your diaries **PEDS 2 - 19.02.2023:**
District Assembly - 23.04.2023.

More details regarding content and venues will be published as arrangements are finalised.

Neta Kirby DGE 2022-2023



Volunteering at RICON23.

We are looking for a team of engaging volunteers (Rotarians and Non Rotarians) to assist with Welcoming delegates attending RICON23. In particular, assistance is sought from clubs close to Tullamarine Airport to welcome delegates from the International Terminal. Guidelines are:

Manning the airport is required for the first three days of arrivals - Thursday May 25th to Saturday May 27th with suggested shifts of four hours. We will welcome you for one four hour shift or multiples thereof.

Peak times are the focus - yet to be confirmed but an early morning and evening shift bracket are likely. Confirmation of times to be made available when established.

Volunteers at the airport shall provide welcome and directional information into the city and hotels and provide assistance with direction to transport options.

Suggested locations shall be inside terminal areas, baggage claim and outside terminal areas to direct to transport options.

Suggested that Volunteers work in pairs - so could be a club activity to volunteer as a team - perhaps one club to volunteer to "host" a night each - meaning three clubs would then spread the load and cover one date each.

Volunteers will not be provided with transport - so suggest one member of the volunteer team could be the designated driver and drop off and collect the team after a shift.

Volunteers attending Tullamarine will not need to be a registered delegate but shall need to be a registered volunteer to be covered by insurance.

Volunteers shall be provided with a RICON23 cap and volunteer Hi Vis vest.

All volunteers shall need to complete training via the Volunteer Learning Centre (opens in January 2023)

Volunteers to register at: rotarymelbourne2023.org

The HOC website also provides more information on Volunteering and Events and activities during RICON23. Volunteers are also sought for the main venues - this information is detailed on the HOC website and I recommend everyone takes some time to read this brief.

Stephen Lamont (PDG)
Rotary Coordinator Zone 8 2022-25
Host Organizing Committee Director - Services and Volunteers
Rotary International Convention 2023
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You are invited to attend the

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The Rotary Leadership Institute Program presents a wonderful opportunity for experienced Rotarians, new members and indeed people interested in finding out more about Rotary to take some time to experience the history, current and new initiatives related to this great organisation we call Rotary.

It is especially relevant for people moving into leadership roles in the club.

Part 1 & 2:

In this session you will:

- Learn innovative ideas and strategies to influence improvement in your club
- Learn how to attract and retain new members
- Explore the resources in My Rotary and learn how these can help you and your club
- Find out about the structure of Rotary at Club, District, National and International level.
- Learn about effective leadership styles and behaviours when working with volunteers.
- Explore tips that work in effective Rotary teams and the importance of planning.

Part 3:

In this session you will:

- Understand about The Avenues of Service in your club and other clubs, projects that exist and the goals and purpose of such projects.
- Learn how to access funds to support projects.
- Gain an insight into the Rotary Foundation
- Learn about opportunities to secure District and International Grants.

Part 4:

In this session you will:

- Learn effective strategies in promoting the great work done by your club members.
- Learn a technique that will enable you to tell the stories that make your projects important for others.
- Learn tips and techniques that enable you effectively to use social and print media.
- Prepare and deliver short, impactful, and engaging information about "your Rotary" experience.

Next Session:

Part 1 and 2 **Saturday 4 March at 10am for 90 minutes**

Part 3 **Saturday 18 March at 10am for one hour**

Part 4 **Saturday 25 March at 10am for one hour**

To register email Jane Pennington

Jane.Pennington@rotary9800.org by 28 February.

There is a limit of 20 people for each program.



THE ART OF ROTARY

BIDDING IS NOW OPEN:

Let's hear from you and support
YOUR Rotary Foundation

"Imagine One's Dream" is the limited-edition print, signed and dated by Darren Jones, a Chicago artist and brother to RI President Jennifer Jones. And your chance to own it is **NOW OPEN**

The "Imagine One's Dream" original painting was a combination of acrylic paints, industrial staples, shredded studio paperwork, plaster and beach sand painted on wooden panel. For this piece, Jones used beach sand from their family cottage in Ontario, and paper he shredded and used from the Rotary website to include the "Objects of Rotary and the Four Way Test." The colour palette was inspired by the colours of Rotary and the 2022-23 Presidential theme.

The numbered print includes a signed Certificate of Authenticity and is valued at USD \$800.

DG David and each of the 530 plus District Governors have been provided with one of the limited-edition prints as a tool to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. The goal is that the prints will help raise anywhere from USD \$500,000 to one million US dollars for the Foundation by the end of June 2023. It's all up to us – and you.

The sale of this limited-edition will be a combination of online which is **now open** and will culminate in a live auction at the Rotary Foundation Dinner on 4 June 2023. The opening bid at the auction will be the highest bid received during the online bidding up to the start of the auction.

HOW TO BID ONLINE:

Email foundation@rotary9790.org.au OR ando.in.yea@bigpond.com with your name, Club and amount. Each bid will be updated on the District social media pages and the current highest bid will be announced in the DG monthly newsletter throughout 2023 until and including the May edition. All bids are in Australian dollars and a bid on your email address is accepted as a valid bid from the 'owner' of that email address.

Youth News

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Casual Clothes Day



Hi! I'm Emlyn and next year I am going on Rotary Youth Exchange for 12 months to Japan. As a part of this, we were asked to do fundraising for the Wheelchairs for Kids organisation; a group who makes wheelchairs for kids with a disability whose families cannot afford to buy one themselves. It is this year's District Governor's Charity.

I came up with the idea of doing a casual clothes day at school cause what kid doesn't want to ditch their uniform for a day? I asked for a gold coin donation in exchange, but quite a few kids brought more. A really powerful moment was when a teacher asked for a reminder of what I was raising money for. I responded with Wheelchairs for Kids and the student who had just donated his \$1 turned around and pulled out a \$20 note.

This was really heart-warming to me since it's such a great cause which is helping so many kids around the world. At the end of the day, I raised \$268.50; enough to build a wheelchair and then a little more.



Emlyn is one of 23 Outbound Exchange Students, heading off to live life as a high school student in their host country for the year 2023. Emlyn is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Myrtleford and will spend her year hosted by the Rotary Club of Kanazawa Kohrinbo, Japan.

Youth News

RYLA Conference (the first since 2019!)

The Rotary District 9790 RYLA Conferences provide an experience-based annual event run over seven days and six nights. The conference organisers consist of previous RYLarians, Rotaractors and Rotarians from across the District.

RYLA Conferences have proved to be a key part of Rotary Youth programmes over many years and have produced some very good leaders, including many Rotarians. This year's District 9790 RYLA Conference was held at the DOXA Camp, located at Malmsbury in a tranquil rural Central Victoria setting, about one hour north of Melbourne. The number of participants, RYLarians, were understandably down a little this year after a Covid enforced cancellation in the years 2020 and 2021, but still a very respectable twenty two.

Moreland Rotary was invited by conference organisers to provide a Rotary experience at a dinner on the Tuesday evening of the Conference.

The club President Trevor Moyle took a lead in providing conference participants an insight to the conduct of a typical board meeting. He outlined how the board of a club operates within the overall Rotary International structure, in common with thousands of other clubs around the world.

Trevor was able to draw specifically on the achievements of individual club members who were personally introduced to the dinner participants. This was used to give everyone a practical demonstration of the achievements of an individual club.



Youth News

RYLA Conference (the first since 2019!)



Trevor emphasised that, although uniformity of structure and objectives is a strong feature of Rotary, there is a growing recognition of allowing specific areas of focus and membership. This is against a backdrop of inclusion which is a feature being pushed by the current Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, who is the first ever female appointed in this role.

A good contingent of Rotarians from sponsoring clubs arrived in the early evening of Tuesday, the third day of the conference, and were very impressed by the energy and enthusiasm generated by the RYLarians. There were representatives from Diamond Creek, Sunbury, Moreland, Benalla, Yea, Strathmore, Whittlesea, Pascoe Vale and a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

The participation of Rylarians, as individuals or groups) was a very big feature of the evening, especially given it was their third day together. They demonstrated that they had the ability to impressively organise and participate in fun and serious activities.

Trevor finished off by referring to the “fisherman’s story” – ie, “to teach someone to fish is better than giving them a fish to eat”. So the capacity of each Rylarian should not be underestimated – not just for themselves but their capacity to use their acquired RYLA skills to empower many others.

Trevor Moyle
President
Moreland Rotary

Youth News

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If you would like further information please contact **Linda Gidlund**
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Our car raffle, your fundraiser Rotary Club of Mooroopna



The last car raffle culminated in an exciting draw on April 22nd with Marian and Anne taking home the prizes. In all, we raised \$59000 for the community with \$27000 of that raised by our on-selling clubs.

This year your club can again use our car raffle to raise funds for your projects. On-selling clubs get 60% of all money raised. The Mooroopna Club covers all the costs of the prizes.

We have a white auto Hyundai i30 Active with alloy wheels, a leather interior and all on road costs, valued at \$30150 and three \$1000 vouchers to give away. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

The selling period will be from September to December with the draw on 31/12/22.



Rotary members handing over the prizes.



Very happy new car owners, Marian and Chris.

If you think your club might like to participate and generate risk free funds, then
Contact Richard Speedy on 0490792601 or rspeedy@iinet.net.au
to obtain more details.

COMBINED ROTARY CLUBS OF STRATHMORE AND ESSENDON

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY | 6.30-9.00PM

Windy Hill, Corner Napier and Brewster Streets, Essendon

Speaker: Professor Cheryl Dissanayake, AM

\$55 per person | 2 course meal | Drinks at bar prices

RSVP by Monday 3rd January



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Professor Dissanayake is the Founding Director and inaugural Chair of Australia's first research centre dedicated to autism, established in 2008. She has been an autism researcher since 1984.

Professor Dissanayake has been recognised as a Research Field Leader for three consecutive years by The Australian (2018-2020) and as one of nine Global Research Leaders in 2020. She was amongst the first ten scholars to be inaugurated as a Fellow of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) in 2018, and was elected vice-President of INSAR in 2019.

PROFESSOR CHERYL DISSANAYAKE, AM
LATROBE UNIVERSITY, DLGA TENNISON
AUTISM RESEARCH CENTRE



Christmas cheer in Strathmore

Wednesday December 7 was the biggest day on our calendar. 150 senior citizens had a full Christmas day at the Strathmore Bowls Club, a perfect location for this huge day with Christmas dinner, dancing, singing and amazing fellowship for everyone there. Three friends from Latitude: Directions for Young People helped us. Members, partners and grandchildren all made the day for these lovely locals. Thanks to Mascoma IGA Xpress + Liquor and @strathmorecommunitybank, both brilliant local businesses, for looking after our community.

Helen Lusher
Strathmore Rotary



Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award



The Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award is granted each Rotary year to a Victorian or NSW police officer in District 9790 who shows an exemplary commitment to their local community. It is named in honour of the late Peter Toomey, a distinguished Rotarian and long serving police officer, who helped establish this award at both his local club of Pascoe Vale as well as at the district level.

Victoria Police and NSW Police units within the District encourage their members to become involved within their local community and Rotary Clubs can acknowledge this great work through their own local award as well as through the Peter Toomey Award. It is a win - win for both Rotary and the police.

From a Rotary Club perspective, running your own local club award is a rewarding program with relatively low cost.

You can make your own club award and nominate for the district award or you can nominate directly by Friday 20 January 2023

David Redfearn OAM

Coordinator, Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award.

Mobile: 0448 852 747

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2021-22 winner First Constable Catherine Morgan of Northcote UNI (nominated by Preston Rotary) receiving her award from DG Anne Reid and also with Elaine Price from Preston Rotary



The award will continue as planned despite the cancellation of District Conference. A local ceremony will be arranged instead for the successful nominee.



Districts: 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820

**Rotary International Southern Districts
SHINE ON RECOGNITION EVENT
2022-23**

will be held on
Saturday, 13th May, 2023
from 1pm to 4pm

**to recognise and celebrate the volunteer
community work of anyone with a disability**

**VENUE: The Templestowe Baptist Church Hall,
Anderson Creek Rd, Doncaster East, 3109**

Send Completed Forms & Documents Via Email to

EMAIL: lara.barrett.secretary@gmail.com

ENQUIRIES: to the Secretary, Lara Barrett

MOBILE: 0416 262 615

CLOSING DATE for Nominations: 1st January 2023



Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Shine On Recognition Event (page 18)	The Templestowe Baptist Hall, Anderson Road, Doncaster East, 3109	Event: 1.00 pm, 13 May 2023	Enquiries and nominations to: Lara Barrett M: 0416 262 615 E: lara.barrett.secretary@gmail.com

Deadlines

Shine On Awards for volunteers in the community with a disability (page 18)	Nominations due by 1 January 2023	Nominations to: Lara Barrett M: 0416 262 615 E: lara.barrett.secretary@gmail.com
Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award (page 17)	Nominations due by 20 January 2023	Enquiries to David Redfearn M: 0448 852 747 E: dredfearn@vtown.com.au

November is Rotary Foundation Month



ROTARY CALENDAR

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find award nomination due dates and convention and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

December 2022

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December – Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention

January 2023

Vocational Service Month

8-12 January - International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

February 2023

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

March 2023

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

13-19 March – World Rotaract Week
31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2023

Maternal and Child Health Month

30 April – Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2023

Youth Service Month

June 2023

Rotary Fellowships Month

27-31 May – Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia
30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

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IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

27-31 MAY 2023

#Rotary23



For more information or to register, go to:

<https://bit.ly/3IkI7I4>



Season's greetings!



District Governor David, Lily and Liam wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Refreshing Holiday Season and we hope 2023 proves to be an enjoyable and prosperous year for all members, friends and families.



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