

RI PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

President Elect D K Lee in conjunction with Membership & Retention Committee Chair—Past RI Director Ron Beaubian and RI Director Elect John Lawrence will host the upcoming Presidential Membership Seminar in Canberra from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 July.

Incoming Regional Membership Coordinator Noel Trevaskis is working with PDG Len Goodman who is Chairing the Seminar. Aimed at clubs and District Representatives, please try to get to Canberra for this one-off event—it will be an excellent opportunity to share in best practice initiatives and have your say as well. Include in your Club & District budgets now.

Membership For 2007/08 in Zone 8A as at 29.2.08

Congratulations to D9800 for their increase of 4.19% growth.

D9800 Increase by 114 (4.19%); D9710 Inc by 25 (1.71%); D9690 Inc by 15 (1.51%); D9810 Inc by 19 (1.4%); D9830 Inc by 18 (1.28%); D9780 Inc by 18 (0.85%); D9700 Inc by 10 (0.84%); D9680 Inc by 13 (0.67%); D9790 Inc by 9 (0.50%); D9750 Dec by 17 (-1.11%); D9820 Dec by 19 (-1.24%)

Presidential Citations Closing

With the 15th April fast approaching, all Clubs should have by now submitted their completed application forms to the District Governor for certification and submission to RI via the Governor. If you need to download the form—the website address is: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en07.pdf.

RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiative Awards

If your club has this year been innovative in its approach to Membership—then why not submit an application direct to your District Governor. They should be in by 15 April and the Governor will forward to RI by 15 May.

Success Story

The Rotary Club of Aspendale have been successfully rebuilt following an initiative of the Rotary Club of Chelsea in District 9810 last year. Two members of Chelsea transferred to Aspendale (which had a membership around 12 in May 2007). One of the two is a very experienced Rotarian and Past President and agreed to take on the role of President. With a membership now at 23, they conducted focus groups with key potential members seeking input on the barriers to joining the evening club. With several highlighting they preferred breakfast—the club now meets alternately for Breakfast & Dinner—thus having the best of both options.

Leadership Programs in 8A—R.L.I. and P.R.L.S.

Congratulations to those Districts throughout our Zone for embracing the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Seminar conducted by RI Membership Zone Coordinator Cathy Roth recently and to the Districts who have selected the Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar (PRLS) for their Leadership Development programs. Both programs offer additional skill sets to members attending and to developing our future leaders. Well done to the drivers of the implementation of these programs.

District Rotaract Representative Leadership Training Seminar Thursday 1st May to Sunday 4th May 2008

Currently, I am working with Warren Norton—District 9780 Trainer on the Seminar for the Rotaract Team for 2008/09 in accordance with my appointment by the Zone Institute. We are looking forward to a very positive Seminar in Melbourne with the 2008/9 team from around Australia.

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