



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary
Rotary Club of Gawler Light



District 9510 | Chartered 10 July 1996

Bulletin Edition #1296 : 26 April 2022

President: Marie-louise Lees | **Secretary:** David Cockshell | **District Governor:** Jeff Neale | **RI President:** Shekhar Mehta

Past President: Dick Milner

- Welcomed the members, the zoomers and the guest speaker, Julie Wallin
- More people need to sign up for the Area 6 meeting on 10 May 22; there is an excellent guest speaker; potential to organise carpooling
- After discussions with Ian Chase regarding his health, Steve McLachlan has decided to nominate for President with Darryl Matthew volunteering for the President Elec role
- There is a possibility the Club will need to seek new venue at some time in the future
- Thanked the volunteers who supported the football gatekeeping and collection of cans on Anzac Day

Important Dates

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 7 May 22 | Gatekeeping |
| 10 May 22 | Area 6 meeting |
| 21 May 22 | Gatekeeping |
| 29 May 22 | Bunnings BBQ |
| 4 Jun 22 | Gatekeeping |
| 12 Jun 22 | Bunnings BBQ |
| 17 Jul 22 | Bunnings BBQ (to be confirmed) |
| 2022 | Quiz Night |
| 27-31 May 23 | Rotary International Convention Melbourne |

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Guest Speaker: Julie Wallin—Life After Student Exchange Year

- Was exchange student in 2017
- Read a page from her diary for what she was doing 5 years ago on 27Apr17
- She spoke about what she has done since the exchange and the impact it had on her life
- Was an amazing experience and now has happy memories
- Best and worst year; a year full of new experiences and people; back to life in home country needed adjustment.
- Education is harder in a Finish school but she passed
- English now rusty and losing her Australian accent; Learnt English in a richer and more meaningful
- Now feeling more comfortable being on own, more confident about independence
- Important part of development and learning
- Has gone to schools to speak about exchange at request of local Rotary Clubs
- In Australia she had amazing families who were so kind and who organised interesting trips and experiences
- She stays in touch with some members
- Now in charge of own company which keeps her busy. Would like to have more time to keep in touch
- She is the Chair of the local Entrepreneur Club; her exchange experience helped to develop confidence and courage
- Considers the Rotary Club of Gawler Light as part of her family
- Hopes that the Club is able to continue giving this opportunity to other young people
- Everyday life activities can be different and interesting as they are different to home country eg shopping, daily family life, meals, routines
- Young people learn about different cultures, people, ways of doing things; not right or wrong just different
- Would be happy for her own children to have this experience when she has some and they are old enough
- She bought her business from her father; it is a cleaning and home service business; 15 employees to manage and keep in work
- Her Dad still does Dali dinners although these slowed down during covid; he has written a book about a harmonica player
- Sister is in Paris with her boyfriend; she is painting and has had a big exhibition; she is now also a tattoo artist
- Had planned to visit in 2020 but covid happened
- Still hopes to come back for a longer trip including Perth to see other exchange student friend
- Depends on finding someone to manage the company while away.

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Anzac Day Dawn Service

Master of Ceremonies: Rob Eley (in his RSL/Legacy capacity)

Wreath Layers: Marie-louise Lees and Peter Harper



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Rotary Information: Jenny Leadbeater

The first Rotary clubs within the current borders of Ukraine were chartered in the 1930s in the cities of Uzhgorod, Chernivtsi, and Lviv. During World War II, Rotary clubs disbanded in territories under conflict, and clubs were forcibly dissolved during the Cold War in countries under Communist rule.

After the collapse of the USSR, several clubs in Europe and North America sought to reestablish Rotary's presence in the former Soviet countries. Lubomyr "Lu" Hewko, the father of John Hewko, Rotary International's CEO and general secretary, played an important role. Lu's family fled Ukraine during World War II, and years later, as president of the Rotary Club of Clarkston, Michigan, he organized several Rotary projects: delivering medical equipment to Ukrainian hospitals, assisting the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, and recruiting doctors to perform eye surgeries for the needy. After Ukraine declared its independence in 1991, Lu helped to charter the first Rotary club in the capital, Kyiv. John Hewko is a charter member.

In the early 1990s, Ukraine was part of District 1420, along with all the clubs in the former USSR, as well as some in Finland. Other district affiliations followed, until finally, in November 1999, RI decided to integrate Ukraine and Belarus with Poland in District 2230. This came to fruition on 1 July 2000. With the steady growth of Rotary in these three countries, the district was split into Districts 2231 (Poland) and 2232 (Ukraine, Belarus) in July 2016.

Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the armed conflict in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions (collectively known as the Donbas) have hindered Rotary's development in Ukraine. In 2013, there were seven Rotary clubs (with a combined total of about 110 members) in Crimea and the now-occupied areas of the Donbas. Only two clubs remain, and both are in Crimea: the Rotary Club of Simferopol and the Rotary Club of Alushta. They have a total of 14 members.

In the rest of Ukraine, however, Rotary is undergoing robust growth on the strength of an influx of members who have joined since the beginning of that conflict. The national impulse to engage in humanitarian work and disaster assistance remains strong in Ukraine. Since 2014, Rotary has grown from 49 to 62 clubs, with an additional six satellite clubs. Membership has increased from 800 to 1,100 — and members of Rotary in Ukraine are very optimistic about the organization's continued growth.

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Community Service: Jenny Leadbeater/Darryl Matthews

- Tomorrow Jenny and Lynne meeting with representatives from the Gawler Community Gardens
- Bunnings BBQs have been booked
- Thanked the members supporting the Footy gates—next roster sent out

Members' Corner:

- Lynne Podolak thanked the people who have helped move her into her

Youth: David Weatherley

- We have a potential outgoing exchange student for 2023
- Need more host families for incoming
- Playground Calton Road. Communicating with council
- Wheels in Motion BBQ this weekend
- Marie-louise Lees has volunteered to be the Youth Director next year

MEETING ROSTER

| | 3-May-22 | 10-May-22 | 17-May-22 | 24-May-22 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Meeting Number | 1297 | 1298 | 1299 | 1300 |
| Meeting Type | Partners Welcome | Partners Welcome | Partners Welcome | Partners Welcome |
| Chairperson | Jenny Leadbeater | | Darryl Matthews | Steve McLachlan |
| Rotary Information | Darryl Matthews | | Steve McLachlan | Dick Milner |
| Thought for the Week | Steve McLachlan | | Dick Milner | Martin Monument |
| Vote of Thanks | Dick Milner | | Martin Monument | Lynne Podolak |
| Fellowship | Martin Monument | | Lynne Podolak | Duncan Power |
| Cashier | David Weatherley | | David Weatherley | David Weatherley |
| Guest Speaker | Katy Halliday | Area 6 Meeting | Lyn Jones | Greg Forrest |
| Subject | Refugee Assistance | | | Comm Bank: Fraud/ Security Talk |

ATTENDANCE

All apologies: contact **Susan Clift-Bowden (0438 067 894 or cliftsusan@gmail.com)**

Non-attendance must be notified by **10am Monday**.

Given the current situation please advise your intention to eat a meal.

If you are intending on being away for a lengthy period of time, please also notify the Bulletin Editor

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