

# ***DG's NEWSLETTER***

## ***DISTRICT 9550 - JANUARY 2015***



### **“Light Up Rotary” January 2015 – Rotary Awareness Month** **2014-15 District 9550 DG Moorthy Karuna**

There were more than 10 members from District 9550 who attended training and 2014 Rotary International Institute in Wellington. The training was for District Governors, District Governor Elects, District Governor Nominees and District Trainers. There were a few very good speakers at 2014 Rotary International Institute in Wellington, including Susanne Snively “Rotarians sound values lead the world through just business”, Sarah Agnew “Rotary Peace Fellow” and Brook Turner, CEO Zeal “Rotary with Youth – A formidable combination”. We also had District 9550 Council of Governors Meeting. In addition, there were a few dinners organised including a dinner for members from District 9550. I would like to thank members for attending the training and 2014 Rotary International Institute in Wellington.

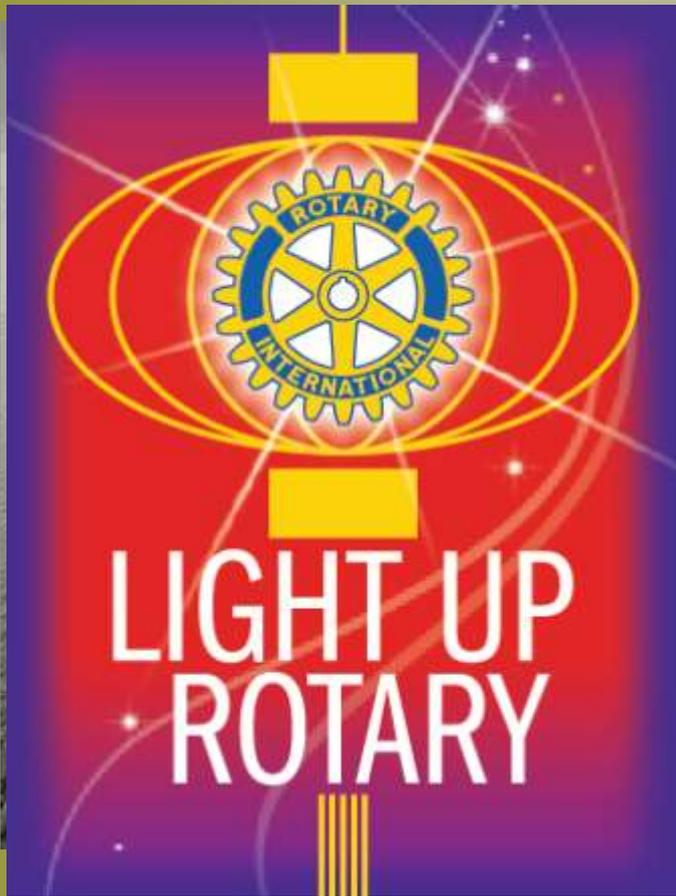
Rotary International President Elect Ravi Ravindran mentioned that he will be putting measures in place to

reduce cost, including cutting all miscellaneous expenditures when members travel on official Rotary duties. I agree that we should try to control cost and make sure expenditure in District 9550 is within budget.

Please celebrate Rotary International 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 23 February 2015 by doing something remarkable. One suggestion will be to have a “Rotary Day” and Light up Rotary while capturing all the positive publicity. Please attend 2015 District 9550 Conference in Townsville from 01 to 03 May 2015 (less than 4 months).

While in Wellington, I managed to find a job as a Quantity Surveyor. I shall be staying in Wellington for a few months. Please remember family first, business/work second and Rotary third.

Please help Light up Rotary in the second half on 2014-15 Rotary year.



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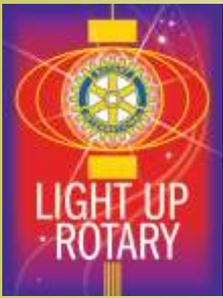
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## Rotary Peace Centres

The Rotary Peace Centers is proud to announce that the application for the 2016 Rotary Peace Fellowship is now online, and we are more excited than ever for the upcoming year! Each year up to 100 peace fellows are selected to receive fully funded fellowships to study at Rotary Peace Centers around the world. Professionals who are dedicated to studying peace and conflict resolution and are working towards becoming leaders in the field of peace promotion are highly encouraged to apply. This year the Rotary Peace Centers introduces a new webpage with valuable resources for you and potential applicants. Please visit our [website](#) to view the [new application checklist video](#) to learn more about the application process, stories from alumni, and many more amazing resources. Here you will also find eligibility information and links to the online application. Please contact [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org) for questions about our program and follow our [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook](#) page for current information.



# Presidential Message

GARY C.K. HUANG President 2014-15



## January 2015 Presidential message

At the beginning of this Rotary year, I asked Rotarians everywhere to *Light Up Rotary* by holding a Rotary Day. How you do this is something I'm leaving up to you: It can be a full day or just a few hours. It can be organized by your club, by your district, or even across your entire country. It can be a service project, a festival, or any kind of event you want. As long as it's open to the community, embraces the whole family of Rotary, and is fun, it's a Rotary Day.

The goal of a Rotary Day is to shine a light on Rotary. For many years, we in Rotary felt that it wasn't appropriate to boast about our good work. We felt it was best to serve quietly and let our work speak for itself. But today, in many communities, people aren't even aware that they have a local Rotary club. Not because the clubs aren't strong, or because they aren't serving well. They are. But if Rotarians don't talk about their work, people will never know about it.

It is time for us to *Light Up Rotary* and let people know what we are doing. In the first half of this Rotary year, I've been thrilled to see how many Rotarians have taken up my Rotary Day challenge. I've attended Rotary Days in so many places, including the Philippines, Korea, China, the United States, Turkey, India, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Every one has been different, and every one has met the challenge to *Light Up Rotary* in its own way.

If you've organized a Rotary Day in your community, tell us about it: Email details and photos of your event to [rotarian@rotary.org](mailto:rotarian@rotary.org), with "Rotary Day" as your subject line. We'll do our best to feature as many Rotary Days as possible in the coming months.

And if you haven't planned a Rotary Day yet, why not? It's a great way to share your love for Rotary with your community. When we tell others about Rotary and let them know how membership can enrich their lives, we share a gift that was given to us when we were invited to join our clubs. By passing that gift on, we help ensure that Rotary, and its service, will endure for generations to come.

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## ALANA TOLMAN

2013 Rotary Youth Exchange student to Peru, Alana Tolman, has recently been awarded an Australian Government funded New Colombo Plan Fellowship to study and intern in Brunei Darussalam. The New Colombo Plan is a signature initiative of this government, aimed at raising understanding of and engagement with the Indo-Pacific region, by facilitating young people to work and study in 33 countries in the region. Each Fellowship, the most prestigious category of scholarship, is worth \$69 000 and encompasses tuition, travel, relocation, language training and living costs. Alana will be studying at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam, located in the national capital Bandar Seri Begawan, undertaking courses that will contribute to her Bachelor of Laws [Honours] and Bachelor of Asian Studies double degree at the Australian National University. She recently commenced her studies on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January and will complete her term in December.

