



Smoke Signals

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Welcome

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World*, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said

RI Presidential Initiatives

Prioritizing Mental Health

Talking about mental illness and emotional health may feel uncomfortable, but it's vital to the well-being of our global community. Creating a space where it's safe to address these issues will help provide a welcoming, equitable, and inclusive environment for everyone who interacts with us.

In 2023-24, Gordon will encourage clubs and districts to undertake activities that:

- Erase any stigma associated with discussions of emotional well-being
- Raise awareness of mental health needs
- Improve access to mental health services

Building Peace Through Virtual Exchanges

Rotary has a long history of working for peace through personal connections, but the COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult to do that face-to-face. Inspired by what we've learned during this time, Gordon will encourage districts to incorporate virtual components into more of their programs, events, and activities. By using innovative technologies to make connections, we give more people the opportunity to experience our global community.

Adding or maintaining these components in Rotary Youth Exchanges, New Generations Service Exchanges, Rotary Friendship Exchanges, and other programs in 2023-24 will:

- Give members and participants new ways to experience other cultures, make new friends, and broaden their global awareness
- Make membership more accessible to people with time, health, or financial considerations
- Build stronger intercultural communication and understanding, and ultimately foster more stable and peaceful communities

Empowering Girls

Gordon will continue the initiative launched by 2021-22 RI President Shekhar Mehta and maintained by 2022-23 RI President Jennifer Jones that focused on empowering girls and women around the world. We encourage members to keep finding ways to improve the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls.

Myrtleford
Rotary
Club



Programme

Wednesday 19 July:

No Meeting

Wednesday 26 July:

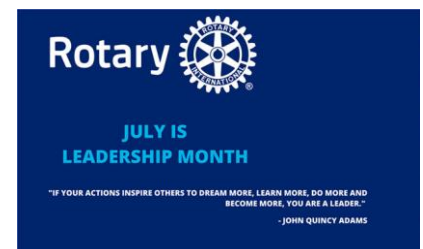
Toast: Vanessa

Chair: Carla

Sgt. John F

Guest Speaker:

Soren and Victoria's first meeting



The Rotary Club of Myrtleford

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ABN 87 356 430 283 • Club # 18284

DISTRICT 9790

Meetings: Wednesdays 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Venue: Club Savoy, Myrtleford

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2023 — 2024 BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: John Forsyth

Secretary: Helen Hunter

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Immediate Past President: Evan Jones

Rotary Foundation: Alan Garside

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Service Projects:

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Bulletin Vanessa Leonard & Gail Robertson

Community Bus..... Richard Dean

Book Fair..... Sarah Deas

BBQ Trailer Sam Crisci

Wood Raffle Alan Garside

District Governor: Neta Kirby

Assistant Governor Lesley Sanderson

**President Rotary International
 Gordon R. McInally**



**Currently
 From
 the
 Overseas
 President . . .**

Meeting 12th July

Apologies: John and Sarah, Evan, Phil and Maggie, (All overseas) Gail

Guests: Deakin

President's Report: Past, Past President Surrey

Wood Raffle \$469 at Coles + Net profit \$499

Winner - Kathryn Elliot (from Bright)

Secretary report:

Strathmore Rotary email about RAM

Toy Library, happy to come give a presentation

Email from Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce

Email from Operation Cleft Palate

Treasurer Report: NIL

Member reports:

Youth - Soren arrives next week, Claire and Steve will pick him up.

Starting at P12 on Mon 24th

Victoria arrives Mon 24th, Surrey will pick up about 9:30pm

Accounts set up at Billy + Me for uniforms.

Alma - report about Jan. She is coming home

Alan - Christmas Carols discussion

Carla - books are sitting in the kiln... stall at the Show/Festival on October 22nd

SAA = Dob yourself in

John - Someone at home's birthday.

Carla - Mum turned 90

Vanessa - Car issued sorted before end of warranty

Alma - Driveway done, after nearly two years on the list.

Richard - Friend's car had service... disastrous. Jono's 30th

Helen - Flights booked ninth of April to US/Canada

Sam - Went to do some mowing (3hrs). Then was told by the home owner 'it was too wet' and he shouldn't have mowed

Surrey - Gabby delivered first baby

Deakin - Delivering bins

Alan - Guilty conscience

Ken - Guilty conscience

#RotaryFacts

Rotary

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary's founder Paul Harris wasn't actually the 1st President of the Rotary Club of Chicago. He was the club's 3rd President, serving in 1907. He is the only person though to serve as Rotary International President for more than 1 year.

Scotsman will take office as president of Rotary International on 1 July

Second Scot to lead the membership service organization will focus on mental health

EVANSTON, Ill., USA (30 June 2023) — Gordon McNally, member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, will begin his one-year term as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2023.

During his term, McNally will focus on steering the global membership service organization with an emphasis on mental health, recognizing its critical role in community well-being worldwide. McNally aims to create a culture that understands and supports mental health, while working to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and improve access to mental health services. With 1.4 million members in 200 countries and regions, Rotary will continue to actively address mental health as part of its ongoing efforts to tackle the world's most pressing challenges.

“Mental health has often been a less talked-about aspect of wellness. However, in a world grappling with various challenges, it is imperative that we bring mental health to the forefront. Rotary, with its widespread network, has the capacity to foster dialogue and support,” said McNally. “By emphasizing mental health, we can make a considerable difference in communities around the world. This is about nurturing humanity for a better tomorrow.”

Rotary members—including those in nearly 200 Rotary clubs in Scotland as well as throughout the world—develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight **disease**, promote **peace**, provide **clean water**, support **education**, save **mothers and children**, grow local **economies** and protect the **environment**. More than US\$5.5 billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation—Rotary's charitable arm that helps clubs work together to perform meaningful, impactful service—to support these initiatives over the last 100 years.

As head of Rotary's global network of 46,000 clubs, McNally will also oversee Rotary's top goal of eradicating polio. Alongside its **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** partners, Rotary has achieved a 99.9% reduction in polio cases, and contributed more than US\$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children from this paralyzing disease.

About Gordon McNally: McNally a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has also served in other charitable organizations including as an ambassador for Bipolar UK and as a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children.

A member of Rotary since 1984, McNally has been president and vice president of Rotary

International in Great Britain and Ireland. McNally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

