

# Chelsea Rotary *Whispering Waves*

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**ROTARY'S MOTTO IS "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

**THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**INDUCTIONS**

**Regina Murcia** **10 August 2010**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Gaye McCartney** **9 August**  
**Maree Vinocuroff** **12 August**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Liz and Brian Lowe** **14 August**



The image is a purple invitation card for the Inaugural Rotary District 9815 Conference. At the top left is the logo 'THE MAGIC OF ROTARY' with three colorful stars. In the center is the 'Rotary District 9815' logo with the Rotary emblem. At the top right is a circular logo with hands holding each other and the text 'WE BELONG'. The main text reads: 'District Governor Colin & Leanne Byron WARMLY INVITE YOU to the INAUGURAL ROTARY DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE to be held at Red Energy Arena BENDIGO 28th to 30th March 2025'.

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Normally, our Club meets weekly at the [Chelsea RSL](#) Thames Promenade. Chelsea Tuesday Evenings 6.15pm for 6.45pm start however some meetings are occasionally held online.

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**Guests, family, and friends are very welcome to come to our meetings.**

**PLEASE book them in by contacting Kevin Harrison 0407 772 225**

**Meetings are held at the Chelsea RSL unless otherwise stated.**

## General Meeting this week

Hi folks,

We will be having a general discussion at our meeting this week. Also, Noel will give us an update on the Farmers Market, and Kevin will update us with membership info.



It's great to see the winners at the Olympics over the last few weeks, but with the difference between winning and coming fourth often being measured in only a matter of tenths of a second, it seems pretty arbitrary and inconsequential to me who comes in what place.

Sometimes it's the little touches by the unsung heroes who put in that extra effort on our projects that deserve a shout out.

Shown here is one such example from our recent Art Show. Conscientious attention to detail – it makes all the difference.



## Some Rotary History

### Who is, or was a 'Rotary Ann'?

Prior to a decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court in 1987, Rotary was a men's organization, and in many clubs, the wives of the members were called "Rotary Anns". With the Court decision in the eighties, and with more women in the professions than ever before, the term "Rotary Ann" began to fall out of favour and clubs of Rotary Anns disappeared. While the name "Rotary Ann" has not gone completely out of favour, wives are more commonly known as "Rotary Spouses" or "Partners."

In 1987, women were admitted to Rotary, and today women are the fastest growing segment of Rotary's membership. Why were wives of male members affectionately called "Rotary Anns"? This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion. The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary Convention being held in Houston.

In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, **Mrs. Ann Brunnier** was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann". Since the clubs of the west were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston.

One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was **Guy Gundaker** of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named **Ann**.

During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, **Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker**, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance and the name "**Rotary Ann**" was here to stay. Nine years later, in 1923, Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International. Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952, 29 years after that. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "first lady of Rotary International." Oklahoma City, Club 29 is responsible for the origin of the Rotary Ann auxiliary organization. OKC Rotarian Virgil Browne's wife, Maimee Lee, proposed this organization to Club 29 in November, 1928 and its acceptance has spread to thousands of clubs throughout the Rotary world.

One of the purposes of a Rotary Ann Club is to bring into fellowship **the families of the members of the Rotary club. Other objectives include assisting Rotarians in the** execution of various club and community projects and uphold the purposes and aims of Rotary. Most chapters meet once a month, usually at the home of one of the members in almost all but the larger clubs. These meetings are devoted mainly to fellowship and to discuss the various projects of the Rotary Ann Club as well as possible assistance to their Rotarians.

- From Material by PRIP Cliff Dochterman (1992) and Doug Rudman. The Brunniers established a trust fund for the University in 1962. (left Ann Gundaker from the August 1929 issue of *The Rotarian*, **Rotary Ann Bracelet** courtesy of Doug Rudman.

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