

ROTARIAN'S WINE APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP

January 26, 2014

Dear Members,

RI Convention in Sydney, Australia

We are once again planning some special events at the International Convention and we hope you are planning on attending. Chris Joscelyne is coordinating all our events and we now have the sign-up information. Click on the links below each event to reserve and pay for you seats. Note that the prices are quoted in Australian Dollars.

Saturday, 31 May at 10:00 AM

There will be a cooking school where Australian food will be prepared to pair with some good Aussie wines. Participants will learn, eat the finest seafood, and enjoy some delightful Australian wines. It will be a fantastic, once in a lifetime experience.

We have secured the services of Travis Harvey, one of the world's finest seafood chefs, for our Seafood Master Class. This is a ~~best~~ of the best+ seafood experience for participants who will learn the cooking methods for chilli mud crab, crispy skinned barramundi, seared scallops, and wait until you see what they will learn about shrimp cooking!

This is a small class for only 12 participants. But, if it fills quickly, a second class of 12 will be scheduled at 3:00pm, same day.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotary-seafood-masterclass-tickets-10213885005>

Sunday, 1 June at 7:30pm

Rotarian James Gamvros will be our host at his Aesop's Restaurant in Macquarie Street Sydney for an authentic Greek banquet accompanied by Australian wines. This will be a fun fellowship night that will be a wonderful way to start our Sydney convention experience. 160 guests. Cost: A\$74.00 per person including the banquet and the n wines.

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotarians-wine-appreciation-fellowship-at-aesops-tickets-10181439961>

Tuesday, 3 June at 7:30pm

The venue is the Australian Ballroom at The Menzies Hotel where our Wine LoversqBanquet will feature delicious Australian food produce and superb Australian wines. This night will feature some wonderful wines and a keynote speaker from the Australian wine industry. 190 guests. Cost: A\$115.00 per person including dinner and the premium Australian wines.

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotarians-wine-appreciation-fellowship-at-the-menzies-hotel-tickets-10181652597>

Wednesday, 4 June at 7:30pm

We will take the free train from the city across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Kirribilli Club at Lavender Bay, overlooking Sydney Harbour. We will enjoy a first class buffet and Australian wines as we look out on the harbour lights of Sydney. 120 guests. Cost A\$88.00 per person including the buffet, Australian wines and Australian beers.

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rotarians-wine-appreciation-fellowship-at-kirribilli-club-tickets-10181744873>

Thursday/Friday, 5-6 JUNE

A two-day bus excursion to Australia's iconic wine region, the Hunter Valley. We will visit several vineyards and taste a wide variety of wines for which the region is famous. Final itinerary and costing expected soon. We may also offer an alternative tour to the Mudgee wine region around Orange.

Booking details and costs will be circulated as soon as they are finalized. ***Please ensure you are registered to attend the RI Convention prior to booking our events, as there can be no refunds once you book online. All bookings will be managed by Eventbrite and we will accept MasterCard, Visa or PayPal.***

Note: Sydney is an expensive city, similar to New York, London and Tokyo, so the prices that Chris has negotiated are good deals. **Note also that the above prices are in Australian Dollars and the current exchange rate is about: A\$1.00 = US\$0.91**

Chris Joscelyne, RWAF Events Coordinator . Australia chris@apro.com.au

RWAF Project Review

Last Rotary year the RWAF was involved in three Matching Grants and all have now been completed and the Final Reports all have been or are in the process of being completed and accepted by TRF. A substantial portion of the funding for these projects came from members of the RWAF or from clubs and districts associated with those Rotarians. The first, MG # 77744, provided funds for a \$55,000 24-passenger school bus for St. Bonaventure Indian Mission & School in Thoreau, New Mexico and the bus is now in use transporting Navaho school children. MG # 78003 provided \$53,000 to purchase a refrigerated food truck for a volunteer food bank in the Algarve, Portugal, to enable them to gather more and more varied foodstuffs from surrounding areas to help meet the needs of the poor. MG # 79284 provided \$83,000 to provide a much needed new ambulance to a volunteer fire department in the Algarve to replace their outdated 20-year old unit. The RWAF also continues to contribute significant amounts to PolioPlus and we have exceeded our goal of giving \$100,000 to eradicate Polio. We thank all the Rotarians involved with these projects!

R.I. Fellowships provide platforms for their members to enjoy their particular interest, passion, avocation and/or vocation with like-minded Rotarians around the world but we are also Rotarians and, as such, we are also encouraged to do service/humanitarian projects. The RWAF is a leader in accepting this responsibility.

New RWF Global Grant Project

We are embarking on a very ambitious new project to provide a \$600,000 mobile breast cancer screening unit to the Algarve Oncology Association in Portugal. We will need a lot of help from a lot of people and organizations around the world to accomplish this and we will keep our members informed about how we can all help as the project moves forward.

Claire Larson, Past President of the Estoi Palace International RC and RWF EVP, describes the project:

Rotary Clubs of the Algarve/Algarve Oncology Association Project Proposal

Several Rotary Clubs in the Algarve have joined with the Algarve Oncology Association (AOA) in drafting a major project to help protect the health of women in Southern Portugal. The AOA is a nonprofit NGO, for public benefit and health purposes, whose mission is to give social and human support to cancer patients. Each section of the AOA is individually sustainable.

In 2005 the AOA implemented breast cancer screening using a mobile unit in the Algarve, in partnership with ARS Algarve (Regional Health Administration) through the funding program SAUDE XXI (Health 2001). Thus far the AOA has done about 70,000 screenings, with a detection rate of malignant tumors around 3%.

The current breast cancer screening program follows international guidelines and targets women between 50 and 69 years of age, who are screened every 2 years. The AOA have been contracted by the Portuguese Health Department to provide scans in even the most remote rural areas; women who might not be able to come to the regional capital of Faro can therefore have their scans done in their local communities. After 8 years, there is a need to renew the equipment and expand the programme. The latest technology is required to increase the degree of effectiveness in early detection of breast cancer, and to expand the age range to younger women. This need is due to the fact that there is a high incidence of cancer in women between 45 and 49 years, with a higher degree of aggressiveness. This expanded programme could reach potentially 12,000 . 13,000 women.

A new digital mammogram unit comes with computer tomographic scan (CT) equipment that provides 3D mammography with improved cancer detection, reduced false positives and better visualization. This equipment is especially needed for younger women breasts since their breasts are denser.

The additional unit could easily be staffed and financed because of an active internship programme and because each scan is paid for by the Health System. Using two mobile units together would mean that the eligible female population could be serviced in the two year cycle.

The cost of a fully-equipped new mobile unit is estimated as " 460.000; " 110.000 for the vehicle, " 250,000 for the tomography equipment and " 100.000 for the data center.

The project would be financed with the help of the Rotary Foundation and its Global Grants programme with an expected contribution of " 150.000 coming from the Foundation. Approximately " 125.000 needs to be raised in Portugal, with the balance of the funding coming from international Rotary clubs and districts.

Please contact Claire Larson . clarson@mail.telepac.pt if you want further information or if you would consider organizing a fundraising event, or want to be a sponsor for the project. International Rotary Clubs/Districts will be put in contact with the project's international coordinator at RC Grapevine, Texas, USA.

Every wine aficionado needs to know this.

How to Open a Wine Bottle with a Shoe

<http://www.flixxy.com/how-to-open-wine-bottle-with-shoe.htm>

I know every one of you is going to try this!

Wine Quote of the Month:

"A person with increasing knowledge and sensory education may derive infinite enjoyment from Wine."

Ernest Hemingway

Calendar of Events:

In this section we want to publicize any upcoming events that either the RWAFF or local chapters are planning. An annual calendar will be maintained on the new website.

June 1-4, 2014: Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia. **Register early!** Early registration ends on 15 January 2014. Go to the RI website or directly to: impromo@rotary.org.

June 6-7, 2014 Le Tour de Vin in Norman, Oklahoma

WHAT - The 12th Annual Le Tour de Vin is a joint effort of the Cross Timbers, Norman, and Sooner Rotary Clubs. It is a weekend festival of fine wine tasting, food sampling, and silent and live auctions to benefit the Center for Children and Families and other Rotary projects.

WHEN - Friday, June 6, 2014. The Friday night party features fine wines paired with food catered by Benvenuti's Ristorante. Limited reservations are \$150 per person.

Saturday, June 7, 2014. Saturday evening is a "grand tasting" of over 200 wines, gourmet food, and silent and live auctions. Reservations are \$100 per person.

WHERE - The Friday event is at a private residence in Norman. The Saturday event is held at Riverwind Casino (a very large casino on I-35 one mile south of Norman). Lodging is available at two hotels on the casino property.

NOTICE - Advance reservations are required to comply with state law.

Thank you for helping get the word out. We have a successful event every year but would like to make sure that wine loving Rotarians in the region have enough notice to make plans to attend.

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August 10, 2014 Paso Robles Rotary Winemakers' Cook-Off

Contact Linda Midkiff for information lmidkiff105@gmail.com

Recommended Value Wines:

As we continue to do, we will list about ten value wines with each newsletter. These are wines from around the world that are readily available in many markets, are rated by some expert as being at least 88 points (out of 100) and which cost \$20 USD or less. We would appreciate any additions suggested by any member. We feel that no matter what type of wine you enjoy, you ought to be able to find a good one at a reasonable price.

Year	Name of Wine	Specific Designation	Type	Cost	Rating	Rater
2009	Gordon Brothers	Columbia Valley, Washington	Cabernet Sauvignon	\$20	90	WS
2010	Catena	Mendoza, Argentina	Cabernet Sauvignon	\$14	92	WA
2010	Lar de Paula	Rioja, Spain	Tempranillo	\$9	91	WA
2011	Heinz Eifel	Mosel, Germany	Riesling, Spatlese	\$10	90	WS
2012	Atalon	Napa Valley, California	Sauvignon Blanc	\$15	92	WE
2011	Adelsheim	Willamette Valley, Oregon	Chardonnay	\$17	91	WE
2010	Landmark	"Overlook", Sonoma, California	Chardonnay	\$19	90	WA
2010	Alpataco	Patagonia, Argentina	Malbec	\$10	90	WA
2007	Querceto	Tuscany, Italy	Chianti Classico Reserva	\$13	90	WS
2011	Einaudi	Dolcetto, Dogliani, Italy	Nebbiolo	\$13	90	WS

A Few Special Wines:

Year	Name of Wine	Specific Designation	Type	Cost	Rating	Rater
2010	Beringer	Private Reserve, Napa, California	Cabernet Sauvignon	\$96	96	WA
2009	Chateau St. Jean	Reserve, Sonoma, California	Chardonnay	\$28	92	WA

WS = Wine Spectator+- WA = Wine Advocate+ (Robert Parker) WE = Wine Enthusiast+
CCH = Not yet rated, my score

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Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve.
Conrad C. Heede, PDG, President

