

Year: 1995-96

RI President: [Herbert G. Brown](#) from [Clearwater](#), Florida, USA.



Theme: Act with Integrity; Serve with Love; Work for Peace

Convention held at [Calgary](#), Alberta, Canada on June 23-26, with 24,963 delegates.

District Governor: Basil J Shaw, Brisbane West

District Conference location: Caloundra

Club President: Geoff Crawford

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound: Joanne Weaver, to Finland

PHFs awarded:

What a busy year but a very sad time with the sudden and unexpected passing of Ronnie Crawford, our President's wife.

Under President Geoff's guidance, the new van had improvements made to it, and additional equipment was obtained to increase our effectiveness.

Members conducted another round of mock job interviews for students of Pine Rivers State High School, and extended it by having students attend their place of business for work experience. For several years, the Club had donated bursaries to local secondary schools for presentation on Annual Speech Nights. This year, we combined with other clubs to present the *Rotary All-Rounder Medal*. This is highly prized by students. Our club now gives this award each year.

Members were skilled at arrangements for our annual fund-raising events. The Swap Meet and the Pine Rivers Show featured strongly again. The Bridge to Bridge Raft Race was catered for and we attended the Scarborough Seafood Festival. We assisted Shaftesbury again with two Bookfests, and with Rotarian Tom Duncan, an art exhibition was held at the Country Club Hotel Rooms. Rotarian Tom often gave paintings to the club either for presentation on the club's behalf or for raffle prizes.

In International Service, our Club continued its 100% membership support of FAIM. A truckload of books for Papua New Guinea was delivered to the Tennyson Power House depot of Donations In Kind.

A District Appeal was launched to help Dr Catherine Hamlin, who with her late husband, started the Fistula Hospital at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Our club responded with a donation of \$500.

Other projects which we supported were the campaign to end malaria in the Solomon Islands and the Eyes for Life programme at Lautoka Hospital.

Most of our Youth Service projects continued. To gain the support and to acknowledge the help given by our district's secondary schools, school principals were invited to attend one of our dinner meetings. All schools were represented at an enjoyable and informative evening. School related programmes included the CRA National Youth Science Forum, Siemens Summer School and

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship.

We had two people attend RYLA and we continued our programme with the Rotary Club of Colombo East to support our two foster children, Anfia and Sudath.

In the Youth Exchange Programme, Jonathan Hadwen returned from Denmark after a very lively and enjoyable year in Europe. Joanne Weaver was our outbound student on her way to Europe to Finland.

Aya Tsukahara returned home to Japan. Since then she has been visited by our former exchange student Nina Carter who returned to Japan for further study in the Japanese language. Nina reported that Aya is now doing well in her studies and has fond memories of Pine Rivers.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

It all began when "Gundoo Week" was held in Brisbane in 1959 to celebrate the centenary of Queensland becoming a separate colony from N.S.W. Two young people were selected from each Shire and District to share in the week's activities in Brisbane. Excursions to points of interest - University, Commonwealth Bank and factories - were part of the programme.

Rotary felt it worth while to continue the activity and in 1960, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award was begun. Two young people from each Rotary club in the District were chosen to share in a similar way. Until 1968, the programme largely remained the same, with Rotarians billeting the participants. Gradually the format changed. The period was shortened. The young people spent more time together in a camp setting, first at Camp Warrawee (Petrie), then at Redcliffe, at Camp Cal (Caloundra) and more lately, at the Shaftesbury Citizenship campus at Burpengary.

For the five days of R.Y.L.A. the programme consists of group discussions, inspiration and fellowship. Leadership training and practical techniques are explained. RYLarians participate in a Rotary meeting held on campus.

The need for a Youth Leadership Training Programme can not be questioned. The meeting and sharing of young people from all walks of life and the gain derived from such meaningful confrontation can not be under-rated. RYLarians continue to report the great benefit accruing to them from their experiences. They continue to make good and serve their communities and countries in various ways.

As a result, RYLA found its way across district and international boundaries. By 1970, the programme had been adopted by every District in Australia and New Zealand. In 1971, it was accepted as a recognised youth programme by Rotary International, and now operates in several countries across the world.

Programmes vary from District to District according to local needs, but always it is a great experience and an inspiration. It is a sharing of Rotary, a point of contact between Rotary and Youth.

"RYLA helps us to hear what is being said and more importantly, not being said, and enables us to grow in appreciation of each other." (A.C.Male -1979)