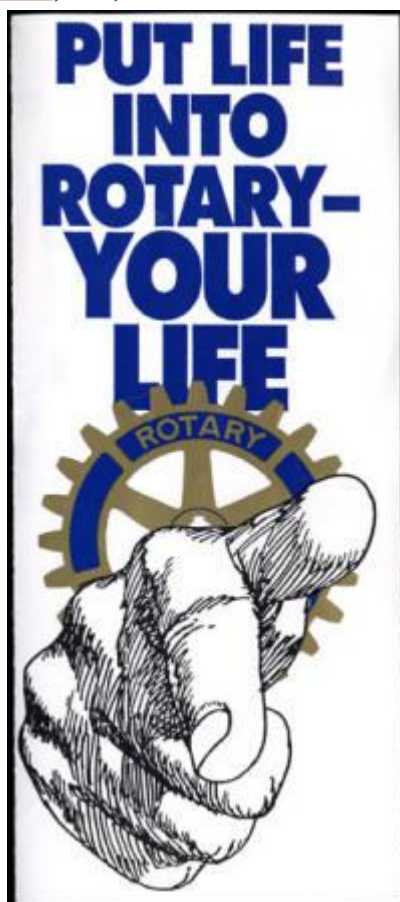


**Year:** 1988-89

**RI President:** [Royce Abbey](#) from [Melbourne](#), Vic, Australia.



**Theme:** Put Life into Rotary -- Your Life

**Convention** held at [Seoul](#), Korea on May 21-24, with 38,878 delegates.

**District Governor:** Ian A Wilson, Brisbane

**District Conference location:** Caloundra

**Club President:** Tony Marsh

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Demia Loucks, USA                      Host parents

Outbound: Rachael Baudestal, to Scandinavia

PHFs awarded:

Two ideas were promoted this year which influenced the club's activities.

President Tony, a Veteran Car Club member suggested that our Club might combine with two other Rotary Clubs then working at an annual Swap Meet. The proposal was that we might help generally, but chiefly that we use our hot food van and expertise in catering through the Hawkins Hassall Hall, to provide food outlets at the Swap Meet.

This proposal was agreed to and since then, this has become an annual major fund-raising event on our club calendar. An early start at five o'clock on a cold morning to park the stall holders, and a very busy Saturday morning in all our food stalls working at top pace for six or seven hours to feed the crowds - these have become the norm for this weekend in June.

Past President Phillip Major proposed as a hands-on project that we construct an aviary at the Shaftesbury Citizenship Campus at Burpengary. The care and nurture of young birds, plus the business aspects involved in purchase and sale of stock would form part of the rehabilitation process for inmates of Maconochie Lodge. Members accepted the proposal. A site on the Campus

was allocated to the club and plans for a large aviary drawn up. Working bees were arranged and the project commenced.

Our Rotaryannes continued their fine work at the Rotary Tea Rooms for the Pine Rivers Annual Show, while the Rotarians manfully struggled with the difficult task of managing the show gates. A shed was supplied and erected at the new Handihome at Samsonvale Road, Strathpine.

Through Rotary Foundation, the Polio Plus Program received significant support.

Youth Service activities were not forgotten with our Rotaract Club being supported, our Interact Club, and as always, nominations for RYLA.

Our participation in Youth Exchange continued when we hosted for the year, student Demia Loucks from Kansas, U.S.A. Our outbound student was Rachael Baudestal who travelled to Scandinavia.

An event with a difference was our hosting of an all women Group Study Exchange team from Texas, U.S.A., led by Rotarian Milton and Rose Kessel. It was a hectic 35 day visit to Rotary District 960. (1999 update - Milton is recovering from open-heart surgery. He is devoted to spreading the word about RYLA throughout the United States.)



Demia Loucks on Exchange from USA