

**Year:** 1991-92

**RI President:** [Rajendra K. Saboo](#) from [Chandigarh](#), India.



**Theme:** Look Beyond Yourself

**Convention** held at [Orlando](#), Florida, USA on June 14-17, with 19,111 delegates.

**District Governor:** Alan McCray, Windsor

**District Conference location:** Nambour

**Club President:** Gary Fulton

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Anne Niedling, Germany                      Host parents

Outbound: Megan Collier, to USA

PHFs awarded:

From its earliest beginnings, our Club has supported Meals On Wheels, Pine Rivers. Every member was made a financial member of Meals On Wheels, a feature which the club has continued almost each year. President Gary, to mark the excellent service to the community given by so many of the volunteers, presented Service Awards to the 40 volunteers who had served 15 years with the association.

Another project was finalised during this year. We had spent two years raising funds for a motor vehicle for the Blue Nurses. President Gary had the pleasure of presenting the vehicle to them for service in the Pine Rivers area.

A disastrous fire destroyed one wing of the Lawnton State School, during which much of the school's equipment was destroyed. A donation was made enabling the school to replace one of its television monitors and VCRs.

Each year, for several years, the Club has given bursaries for presentation at local secondary school Speech Nights. This continued, covering four of the local High Schools.

A project with a difference. Following an urgent and emergency request from Past District Governor Duncan Bird, we made funds available for the purchase of vaccines to combat a typhoid epidemic in Papua New Guinea. By combining with a Rotary club in Papua New Guinea, we attracted a subsidy from the Rotary Foundation. The vaccines were immediately available and the project completed within a couple of weeks.

Conference was special this year when the Club accepted the McLuckie Wheel, the district trophy for the club with the highest average attendance during the past year.

Working bees were organised from time to time to continue work on the Aviary at Shaftesbury Campus.

Our club funds were helped when we operated the Show Gates for the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. Assn. for the last time, but we have continued our association with it through the Rotaryannes' Tea Rooms and our hot food van. The biggest fund raiser was the Swap Meet weekend, which required a total commitment of club man- and woman-power. We should not forget the magnificent contribution made so often by our Rotaryannes, in all our fund raising efforts. It is never more noticeable than on Swap Meet weekends.

Another Charity Golf Day was arranged to add to club finances. The hiring of the Hot Food van also helped though we were still called upon on a few occasions to "man the van" at a school fete e.g. Bald Hills State School.

Forty-eight cartons of Rotary Christmas puddings and cakes were sold. We also used some when we made up 30 Christmas Hampers for the Salvation Army at Lawnton, for distribution to needy families.

Service to youth remained an important feature of club activities. Two awardees were sponsored for RYLA. The Rotaract Club of Pine Rivers and the Interact Club at Dakabin State High School remained our responsibility.

Our outbound Exchange Student Megan Collier went to Fresno, California, U. S.A. Megan was awarded both academic and sporting awards for outstanding achievement while attending her American High School. Back home, we hosted Anne Niedling from Germany. Our Rotary Foundation student from International House was Ubol Bongruengore from Thailand.

Three dinner meetings stood out during President Gary's year.

A Father/Son/Daughter night was held. The sons and daughters of members as well as our Rotaractors and Interactors were invited. The aim was to give them a greater awareness of the work of Rotary and to foster better communication between the age groups.

A very successful Apprenticeship Awards Night was held during Vocation Month. By diligent research of examination marks and from nominations from employers, outstanding apprentices in our area were identified. We then arranged that these apprentices be given a Rotary award to mark this achievement. Apprentices and their families, employers as well as Rotarians and Rotaryannes met together to acknowledge the pursuit of excellence in so many different vocations.

One night which stood out in our memory, was the dinner meeting when we hosted the fourteen residents of Maconochie Lodge, Shaftesbury Campus. Some of the residents addressed the members, and we heard how they came to be in their present circumstances. It was a tremendous meeting. As quoted in the Bulletin, the fellows were reminded of how easily the circumstances of ordinary people can change and in some cases it could be said of so many, "There but for the Grace of God go I."