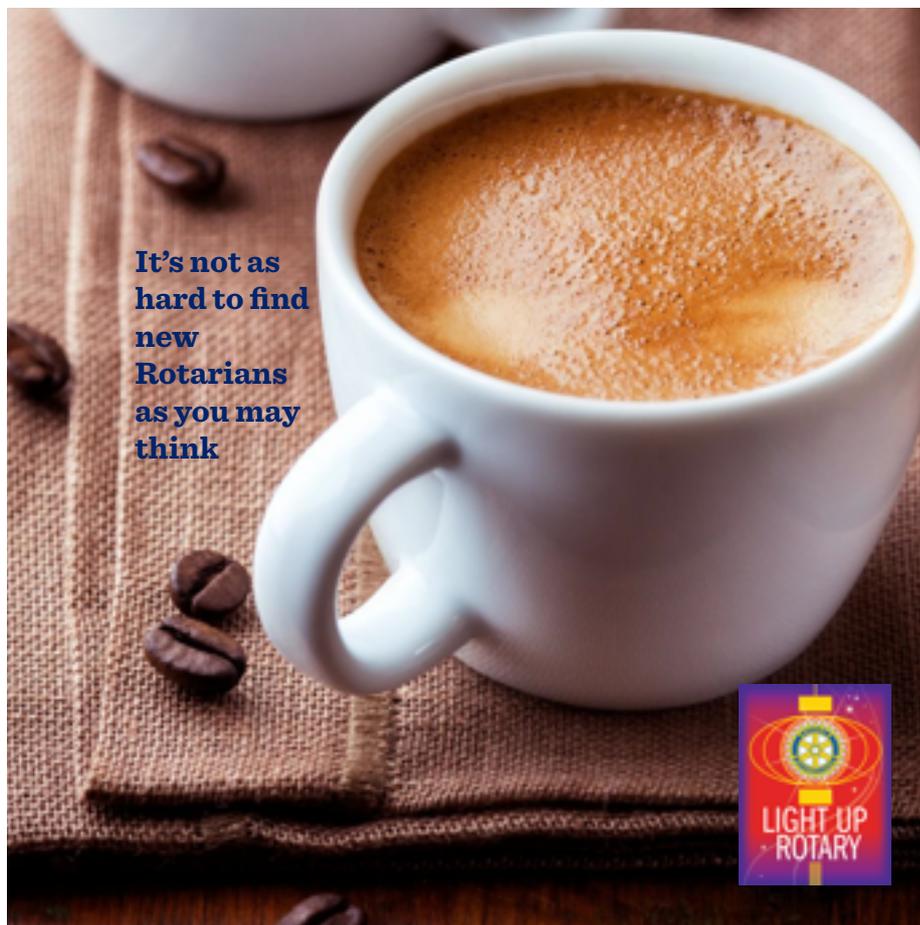


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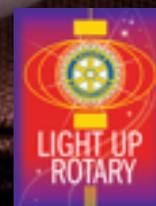
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It's not as
hard to find
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HOW DO YOU INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN ROTARY?

Bill Wittich is the past president of the Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise, Elk Grove, California, USA

Those who know me call me the Starbucks Guy! That is because I spend way too much time and money in my local Starbucks. But the truth is Starbucks is my best location for attracting new Rotary members. Let me give you an example of a recent Sunday. My wife, Ann, and I are both Rotarians and we enjoy our tall Skinny Mochas. So sitting there we watched a young woman arrive with her computer and she was dressed for business. Both of us asked the question, "Is she a possibility for Rotary?"

Well, she looked like a Rotarian. You know what that means. She was a young business woman and seemed friendly at that. I asked my wife which of us should talk to her about Rotary and she said that she found the last one, so it was my turn.

I simply approached her and asked "why are you not a Rotarian?" She smiled and said that she had heard of Rotary but really did not know exactly what they did or were. I gave her a

copy of our club flyer and invited her to be our guest for breakfast at the country club next week. I asked her for her e-mail address and told her she would be receiving our club newsletter later that day.

Basically, we were starting to build a slow, but friendly, relationship with her and simply invited her to breakfast. The next Wednesday morning, guess who showed up at our Rotary club meeting?

All we did was to be aware of who was enjoying our morning Starbucks with us and we just offered them an opportunity to network with the movers and shakers in our town. At the meeting, she heard about all those service projects that our club is doing, and her eyes lit up. Well the following week, we had a new excited Rotarian who told us that prior to our visit at Starbucks, she had never understood what Rotary was or did.

I guess the key to membership is to **ask**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY - LIGHT UP ROTARY

Tuesday 29th July
Guest speaker Peter Frueh

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Saturday 2nd August
Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly
Tuesday 5th August
Guest speaker Dr Elaine Saunders
Tuesday 12th August
Rotaract Club of Monash Caulfield
Saturday 16th August
Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly
Tuesday 19th August
Movie Night at Classic Cinema
Tuesday 26th August
Mental Health Forum at St Kilda

SEPTEMBER IS YOUTH MONTH

Tuesday 2nd September
Youth of the Year Award
Tuesday 9th September
Project Planning Meeting
Tuesday 16th September
Guest speaker Larry Blode
Tuesday 23rd September
AFL Grand Final Week Meeting
Joint meeting with RC Melbourne Park
Sunday 28th September
Charity Race Day

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

"I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member." - G. Marx

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
29th July	Guest speaker AG Peter Frueh Official Farewell to Agata	Jan Hill	Geoff Sussman	Adrian Nelson	Alan Samuel
5th August	Guest speaker Dr Elaine Saunders “Listening: skills for healthy living”	Basil Ornellas	Jan Hill	Geoff Sussman	Geoff Sussman
12th August	Rotaract Club of Monash-Caulfield	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

WHAT'S THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN EIRA UP TO?

2014-15 ROTARY THEME “LIGHT UP ROTARY”

Last week's meeting

What a great meeting last Tuesday night! Joined by the Rotary Club of St Kilda, we heard from the remarkable 8 year old Nathan Ashdown, Ron Adams spoke about the upcoming Mental Health Forum at St Kilda Town Hall, exchange student Agata recapped an amazing 12 months as our outgoing exchange student looked on with envy, and our guest speaker David Southwick fascinated the audience with his take on the issues in Police & Emergency Services.

We're looking forward to having many more interesting meetings like this, which will be a great time to invite friends and others along to see and hear about the great work that Rotary does.

Agata's Bucket List

This Tuesday night, our Youth Exchange student flies out of Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport heading back home to Poland. A group of our members will farewell her from the airport.

In the past week, she has frantically been doing everything she hasn't been able to do over the last 12 months - with a highlight being to learn to surf at Ocean Grove.

Agata is now a bone fide Aussie surfer chick now!

Movie Night

Tuesday 19th August for only \$20 at the Classic Cinema in Elsternwick. Please invite friends to join us and Helen Mirren at our gastronomic best in “The Hundred Foot Journey”. Contact Sam Binstock for more information.

Theatre Night in Brighton

The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach invites us to a Brighton Theatre Company Charity Night Fundraiser on Wednesday 20th August, with proceeds going to the club's local youth programs. The play “Chilling and Killing My Annabel Lee” is a thriller that will leave you guessing right to the last minute. Contact Marg Desmyth (9593 3543) for more information and to book.



ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Nathan's Gorillas

Last week we heard how the Rotary Club of St Kilda's eight year old Nathan Ashdown loves gorillas. After learning of the destruction of the gorillas' habitat in the Democratic Republic of Congo, he set out to do something about it. The gorillas habitat is being mined for Coltan, a metallic ore found in all mobile phones. Coltan can be recycled from old mobile phones thus reducing the need for mining and helping save this beautiful endangered species and their habitat.

With the help of his parents' Rotary Club, Nathan was able to begin a major mobile phone recycling drive. His love for gorillas has now become a nation-wide cause.

