



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary  Rotary Action Group
Against Multiple Sclerosis



RAGAMS Newsletter March, 2022

“Rotarians can make a difference” Together, Rotarians, families and friends, are stronger than MS. Our ultimate goal is to bring the world together to improve the quality of life of everybody affected by MS and to end MS forever.

Message from the Chair

As last year came to an end, I am sure there are sighs of relief from many people. Throughout the year I have had the privilege attending RAG Leaders meetings via Zoom.

I will circulate information from Rotary action group leaders meeting held January 18 re fundraising and finance

RAGAMS collaborates with and shares a vision with The MS International Federation (MSIF) which is a unique global network of multiple sclerosis organisations, people affected by MS, volunteers and staff from around the world. MSIF is made up of 49 MS organisations with links to many others. MSIF vision is a world without MS. Their mission is to inspire, mobilise and bring the world together to improve the quality of life of everybody affected by MS and to end MS forever.

The Multiple Sclerosis International Federation was established in 1967 as an international body linking the activities of National MS societies around the world including USA, Canada, England, Europe, India, etc

For more information refer to: <http://www.msif.org>

Our mission is to promote MS Awareness within Rotary.

We can share our lessons learnt and help clubs to start an MS project in their community. We can assist with applications for a Global or District Grant.

RAGAMS is championed from Australia, we require Rotarians in USA, England Europe, India etc to take a lead role, let us know how you are involved or would like to be involved with the MS Community.

Pre Covid, at Rotary Conventions many Rotarians advised us that they are supporting MS Chapters in their community. We need Rotarians to promote and share their stories within Rotary project showcase

Many clubs are still meeting by Zoom. We would love to speak to your club, district, or community group about our Action Group. All you have to do is ask.

We are constantly reviewing our strategic plan to keep abreast with research and latest ways to help people with MS improve their daily quality of life.

For Succession planning we need new committee members and new volunteers to the publications team. .

We could not work without our volunteers, families and friends.



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Over three decades there have been many improvements for people with remitting relapsing MS. There is still no definitive cause or cure for MS. People with Progressive MS have improved physio and improved wheelchairs and electronic management techniques. But MS Investigators need to find a cure and cause. This keeps us all motivated and working for our cause.

There are new projects supporting MS Research awaiting funding and projects the MS Community have been working on for a few years needing more funds.

I hope you can consider RAGAMS as we "Serve to Change Lives".

Best wishes to you all.

Yours in Rotary
Martin Taurins
Chair - Rotary Action Group Against Multiple Sclerosis

MS Australia

- The Jacob Taurins Memorial top up PhD Scholarship recipient Vivian Li continuing her research work at Florey Institute.
- Bunnings sausage sizzle raised \$1,100 in December, 2021.
- World MS Day-MS Global Dinner was cancelled due to Covid and postponed to May 2022.
- RAGAMS will display at D9800 Conference in Albury if it goes ahead.

International:

- ***Houston convention: RAGAMS Exhibition Booth has been approved and we require volunteers at the booth from June 4-8, 2022***
- We are currently working with the Rotary club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas KA; India D3190 to promote and collaborate with the MS Society in India and MSIF to promote MS Awareness in India. With the help of RAGAMS (India) we are considering how to improve Social media and website www.rotary-ragmsa.org. As India is a large country with more than 1.2 billion population we need to expand our reach to other counties and states. We are considering resource required to get started.
 - Considering how to reconnect and progress communication with PP Lina Lugheresia, Rotaract Club of Ngong Hills D9212 Kenya and Co-ordinator of Intarconnect.
- Subject to Covid, consider resumption of fledgling MS Society Vocational exchange training project.
- Identify more Country managers and invite to Zoom Meetings.



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