

# BEGINNING EXPERIENCE®

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# Ministry Update

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## Team Presidents:

*Please share this information with your board and team.*

As we celebrate the colors and changes of fall, our neighbors 'down under' are celebrating spring! The conference in Lismore, New South Wales, Australia, was outstanding. Their beautiful banner shows they are truly Celebrating the Vision in a Time of Change. Don't forget that we will be celebrating this theme next July in New Orleans as the *Beginning Experience* ministry celebrates 40 years! Thank you, Lismore team and the Asia Pacific Regional Board!



The Lismore team, active and auxiliary, joined forces to bring about all the details necessary for the conference. They sold over 300 kilos of sausage over various weekends to raise funds, they had subcommittees for transportation, food, hospitality, program, shopping, decorating, public relations, venue, etc. Their connections with Toastmasters International enabled them to invite the mayor to the opening ceremonies. I dined with her and with the Bishop of



Lismore, a committed supporter of the *Beginning Experience* ministry. Delegates from all three of Australia's teams as well as from New Zealand and Singapore attended and shared best practices. I also was able to attend my first Beyond Beginning Experience weekend program, along with about 20 other participants. What a rewarding and growth-filled opportunity!

International Board president Carolyn Rohde and I attended the Great Britain and Ireland conference and board meeting in Larne, Northern Ireland in August. The Belfast team organized a fabulous conference complete with a Saturday night ceilidh. The music and dancing were fun. Anne Paterson, the board president, distributed every team with their new manuals. With the training workshops led by Anne, they are ready and inspired to implement changes as soon as possible.

**Attention North American teams: the deadline to turn in old manuals for a reduced price on new ones is November 1<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you for your reports on how the weekends are going with the new manuals. Keep them coming!

For U.S. teams whose fiscal year ended June 30, **DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR 990-N FORM FOR THE IRS!** It is not too soon. Do it now while it is still fresh in your mind. Call the Ministry Center if you need help.

If you have not created an account on the web site Discussion Board, please go to [www.beginningexperience.org/php5/discussion](http://www.beginningexperience.org/php5/discussion) and follow the instructions to register. And please check the teamlogon section of the website for a further clarification in the dating policy adopted by the International Board of Directors.

Phoenix is hosting a YABE weekend October 25 – 27. Please tell your teams that their children are all eligible to be participants. Also, if you or any team members suffered parental loss through death, divorce or separation when you were young, YOU can be a participant in this healing program as well.

*Yvonne Slope*

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## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE® WEEKENDS

We ask your prayers for the team and the participants on these weekends coming up soon.  
If you would like to send a message of support, the contact information is also listed.

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