

# New Horizons



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12th -19th Dec. 2013



PRID Ken Collins 1991 Mexico RI Convention – International Exemplary Rotarian

# Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

The speaker this week was our member PRID Ken Collins who updated members on Rotary's Polio Eradication Program. Ken has been involved with Polio eradication since 1985. 1990-92 participated in Expanded Program of Immunisation surveys in the

Philippines, Thailand, India Indonesia. Spearheaded three major fundraising drives in Australia, was sent to India in 2002 to find out the problem when the number of cases escalated from 286 in 2001 to 1600 in 2002, has represented RI at several WHO meetings in India, Egypt and the Philippines. Together with Chris Maher from WHO made a presentation to the Aust. Govt. which resulted in a pledge of \$50 million. Currently, Ken is the End Polio Coordinator for Australia, a position held for several years. For his work with Rotary over a 46 year period, Ken has been well recognised by Rotary and State and Federal Governments. Possibly the most significant recognition was being named as the most Exemplary Rotarian in the World (correct term International Exemplary Rotarian) at the RI Convention in Mexico City in 1991 by RI Pres. Paulo Costa. He has gone on to serve Rotary on numerous International Committees and as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation and a member of the Board of RI.

Ken reminded members that when Rotary commenced its work to eradicate polio there were still 500,000 cases of polio in 150 countries despite the fact that immunisation had been available for almost 30 years. Since then Rotarians have contributed US\$1.2 billion which has saved 2 billion children from suffering from polio. There are now only three endemic countries –

Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan – but the recent wars have allowed spread into neighbouring countries through the deluge of refugees. Hence the constant need for fundraising is ongoing. Bill Gates has already contributed US\$1.2 billion and at present is contributing US\$2.00 for every US\$1.00 raised by Rotarians. The RCFB has budgeted US\$2,000 as its contribution annually and is endeavouring to raise as much of this as possible through Paint Your Pinkies.

Also welcomed to the meeting was our friend from the RC Kew Gardens in the UK, Helen Smith. Lovely having you with us Helen.



Pres. Mike with Pat & Ros Curbishley

#### **New Members**

Absolutely delighted to welcome into the Club PP Pat Curbishley (formerly from the RCs of Lincoln, UK and Perth) and inducted into the RCFB, Ros Curbishley. Pat and Ros will bring with them a wealth of Rotary knowledge and experience.. Their details were in last week's bulletin.

We look forward to many years of Rotary fellowship and service with you both!

# Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> December changed to 19<sup>th</sup> December

A reminder that there will be no meeting in the Doctor's Lounge on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Next week's meeting will be on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, and will be the Club's Christmas / 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner.

The speaker is The Dean of Perth, The Very Reverend

John Shepherd. Music will be provided by Ronniet Orlando and Cherie Allsop.

**Details:** 

Date: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Venue: Nedlands Golf Club, Melvista Ave,

**Nedlands** 

Cost: \$55.00 per person

**Payment:** Pre-payment into the RCFB Westpac

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PRID Ken & Di with incoming Pres RIBI Peter & Di King

#### Visiting Rtn. Helen Smith

Helen will advise the club of a project her Club, Kew Gardens is doing in Kenya. Details will be printed once it is received.

Helen has brought with her an invitation to formalise the friendships and connections that the RC of Kew Gardens and RCFB have with a Friendship Club relationship. We do have strong connections with the RC Kew Gardens. Not only does Helen come from the Club, but PRID Ken and Di's very good friend incoming President of RI BI (Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland) Peter King is a member, PE Kate Trinajstic spoke at the Club on the Microscopes in Schools project when she was in the UK, the Club hosted D. 9455's second last RF Ambassadorial Scholar, Lisa Guppy and so the connections continue.

#### **Election of Club Officers for 2014-15 Board**

Written nominations were received for the following positions:

President Elect / Club Service Director — Rajah Senathirajah Secretary - PP Di Collins **Vocational/Community Director**- Stephanie Rainey-Smith

International Director-Kristen MeagherYouth Director-Liz HollingdaleMembership Director-PRID Ken CollinsPR/Fundraising Director-Pres. Mike O'Hara

Under the Club's Bylaws, the immediate Past President (i.e. Mike) becomes the VP and the President Elect becomes the Club Service Director. This is to allow the incoming President to learn fully about the running of the Club before they take over as President.

All the above were elected unopposed.

#### **Treasurer**

There was no nomination for Treasurer. Further to this, unfortunately due to the distance (Greenmount) that Tr. John Duff lives and his rapidly increasing work load, he has found he is unable to continue to do the job of Treasurer and will step down from the position end of December.

John has agreed to continue as a member of the Club, attending social and other events, and meetings as he is able.

Due to this, not only is a Treasurer required for the 2014-15 Board, but a member is required to take on the role almost immediately. If anyone is prepared to become the Treasurer of the RCFB, please let Sec. Di and Pres. Mike know. There is an urgent need for someone to step up to the plate please.

Thank you John for what you have done. We know it has not been easy for you with all you have been trying to juggle.

#### **Other Club Service Matters**

#### Venue for 2014

Dir. Stephanie has booked the Doctor's Lounge at the Hollywood Medical Centre for the RCFBs meetings throughout 2014.

#### **Recommencement of Meetings in 2014**

Would all members please note that the Christmas / Birthday meeting will be the last meeting of the Club for 2013. There will be a break until Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

January, however, various committee meetings and the Board meeting will take place prior to then. Directors will be in touch with their committees re a date for your meeting.

First meeting in 2014 will be at the regular time and place – 6.00pm, Doctor's Lounge, Hollywood Medical Centre. It will focus discussion on the two upcoming fundraising activities, the Multicultural Concert and the Nedlands Monumental Walk. After the meeting, as many members as would like to join together for a dinner are invited to go to TQR, a Vietnamese Restaurant very close to the meeting venue. Please advise PE Kate of who will be attending. It is a BYO, casual restaurant, with very reasonably priced food. Hence it is designed to also be a social night.

#### **Format of Meetings**

With input from members, the Club Service Committee has agreed that the Club will have three regular meetings per month, with (generally) the last meeting of the month taking the form of a Club Forum / Assembly, or a Vocational Visit or a social event. The Club Service Committee will put some ideas together for social events for the first six months of the year and advise all members as soon as further information is available.

#### **RI Presidential Citation**

The RCFB has qualified for a Presidential Citation. The form has been completed and mailed to the District Governor by Pres. Mike.

#### PR

An article on the collection tubs for Manna and the Passport project at the Nedlands Council Chambers was in last week's issue of the Post and another small item was in this week's Western Suburbs Weekly.

#### 10 Million Charity Miles

The 10 Million Charity Miles giveaway started again recently - we need all Rotarians and friends of Rotary to vote every day for Rotary at <a href="http://10millioncharitymiles.com/charity/26">http://10millioncharitymiles.com/charity/26</a> Rotary is currently in second position.

Please remember to vote every day until the end of December. The past two years Rotary has come in second. The air miles which Rotary has received through this competition are well used, thus saving Rotary dollars that would otherwise be spent on travel.

Some examples of where the air miles have been used:

- 1. Provides transport for Gift of Life surgical teams
- 2. Transports Iraqi children with birth defects to US hospitals
- 3. Sends volunteers to help immunise children during National Immunisation Days.
- 4. Provides airfares for financially disadvantaged Rotary Youth Exchange Students
- 5. Funds speaker travel for international Peace Conferences.

Rest assured no miles have been used, nor will be used to transport staff or volunteer leaders to perform any business function for Rotary.

#### **Nedlands Monumental Walk**

April is when this event is planned. A subcommittee has been put together comprised of Pres. Mike, Dir. Stephanie, Laura, Max and PRID Ken. Any other members who would like to be involved with the planning of the Neds Monumental Walk, please contact Pres. Mike. All members will be required to help out on the day.

#### Items discussed:

- Set up a Trybooking site for registrations
- Routes have been identified
- A need to obtain at least one substantial prize eg a flight
- Seed money is available from Nedlands Council
- Look at caps or t-shirt for participants
- Sub-committee to look at details eg to include historic sites, places of interest etc. along the route.

#### **Multi Cultural Concert**

Dir. Rajah has done an enormous amount of work for this.

With Rajah as Chairman, a number of the ISC have taken on major roles, but all members are asked to contribute to the success of the event. As it is not far away, there is much to be done.

#### Where planning is at:

- Name: CELEBRATIONS In Harmony
- Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March, World Harmony Day
- Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm
- Venue: MLC Auditorium
- Program and Content Jen Williams / Deputy PRID Ken
- Publicity and Promotion Paddy
- Ticket Sales All members and Cultural Groups
- Sponsorship Nathan
- To involve various multi cultural groups
- Cost incentive to give groups tickets to sell with them retaining a percentage of each sale.
- Advise multicultural office
- To see what charges are involved eg, lighting, sound, etc.
- Shama is organising for a floor plan.
- To see if Max Kaye is available as MC and for other input
- To invite Consuls

#### **ESL Books**

Laura has ordered around \$1,600 value of bi-lingual books which will go to Koondoola, South Ballajura and West Beechboro Primary Schools. A further \$1,000 worth of books will be ordered for refugee families. Laura is awaiting languages in which to order these.

Currently ordered are books in English and Vietnamese, Urdu, Somali, Arabic, Tagalog, Chinese and Farsi.

#### **Childhood Vision Screening Project**

Waiting on Yogi to have everything in place to set this computer program off and running in schools. At a recent event, speaking to Principals of Dalkeith and Nedlands PSs, they are both interested in the program for their schools. With the Club's experience in schools through the Microscopes Project, the Childhood Vision Screening Project should be very simple to establish.

# **Tubs for Manna and the Passport Project**

Collection tubs are in Curtin Uni, PMH and Nedlands Supa IGA as well as Nedlands Council Chambers. Dir.

Stephanie has a boot load of items she has retrieved from the tubs.



**Tubs for Manna & Passport Project** 

#### **Manna Industries**

Dir. Stephanie has arranged to go to Manna in Victoria Park next Wednesday evening at 6.00pm to present the cheque for \$500 for school packs, items of non perishable foodstuffs and bags of fantastic toys donated by Margaret Brawley. Any members who would like to go along to Manna for the presentation they are at 5 Mackie St. Victoria Park.

#### **Rural Health West Doctors Service Award**

PRID Ken is looking into the nomination of a doctor who has been working in Wiluna to nominate for one of the five Awards.

#### **RF Matching Grant**

Matching Grant No. 79265 for a livelihood project in conjunction with the RCs of Colombo South and Colombo West to establish an embroidery cottage industry in the area in Sri Lanka affected by civil war has all the paperwork and payment completed from Sri Lanka and the RCFBs ends. Now awaiting payment from The Rotary Foundation.

#### Possible Global Grant - Madurai in India

A project with the RC of Madurai, India, to repair a school is currently awaiting the authorisation from the

DG in D. 3000. D. 9455 has already authorised the application. The cost to the RCFB will be US\$4,500. Assistance with the funding is being sought from another club in D. 9455.



Eaton PS -PRID Ken & Di with Mitchell Wawgenhauser, Karly Merritt & Teacher Teresa Collins

#### **Microscopes in Schools**

PRID Ken, PP Di and Graciela went down to Eaton PS to present Microscopes to the school last Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Later that day, teacher Teresa Collins emailed Di to say:

"Already this morning I have had a student bring in part of a European Wasps nest and asked to view it under the new scopes. Your efforts are exponential in the joy and sense of discovery brought to our students".

On Friday, three further requests came in from schools. They have been sent on with requests to consider sponsoring to the Rotary Clubs of Palm Beach, Hillarys and Geographe-Bay, all of who have responded favourably and will take the requests to their Boards in January. A further order has been received from the RC of Tweed Heads South, so we are racing through our stock of units.

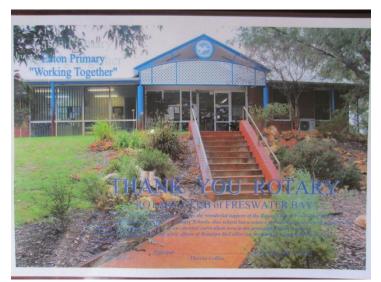
Paul Khoo, the person who we import the microscopes through has been extremely supportive of the project and has offered assistance in many ways. He has known of the club's wish to set up a website specific to the Microscopes in Schools project and an email received from him a few days back said "I have not forgotten about the website. Only recently I was able to get a company to help to do this website for minimal cost. Our company will pay for this to help out. I have told them that we would like to have this webpage out before the start of next year's school term. Thus, I hope

to have a draft to you by January. Will that work for you?"

There is a very elaborate site in the UK, which is not on our radar to be able to replicate. What we are after at this time is a site which schools / Rotary Clubs can place orders on, that contains a survey form to receive feedback from schools on the value / use of units and also links to sites with various activities with which to use the units.

#### **Interact Club Sausage Sizzle**

A sausage sizzle for the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay has been booked at Bunnings Cottesloe Central for Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. While the Interactors will do most of the work, assistance will be required from Rotarians. Any members who can assist, please put the date in your diary and let Dir. Liz know.



Certificate of Appreciation for RCFB from Eaton PS

#### **RYLA**

Unfortunately, the person the RCFB had agreed to sponsor for RYLA had to withdraw as her employer would not allow her time off to attend the camp. A number of members have put in effort to find a suitable applicant to attend RYLA 2014. Graciela brought along a completed application form to the meeting on Wednesday. It is for Stephen Kikiros from Nedlands who is known to both Graciela and Dir. Liz. The RYLA Committee have immediately made contact with Stephen to advise he has been accepted for the RYLA camp 19-25<sup>th</sup> January. Well done Graciela.

# **Build Partnerships, Build Rotary – by DK Lee Trustee Chairman, The Rotary Foundation**

"December is Family Month, a time when we pay special attention to Rotary's large and expanding family. Rotary is not just 1.2 million Rotarians in 34,558 clubs. We are 365,125 Interactors, 133,860 Rotaractors and 174,547 Rotary Community Corps members. Our family includes the spouses and children of Rotarians. It also encompasses the dozens of community non-profits and no-governmental organisations that Rotary has forged partnerships with.

One thing we all know in Rotary is that we can do more together, we have a tremendous reach. We need to ensure that Rotary keeps growing, in all the branches of our family. When we work with local NGOs and other organisations, we gain more knowledge and more insight. We add to our resources and our abilities. And we build more bridges of understanding, friendship and cooperation. By partnering with others throughout the world, we can not only achieve more than we set out to do, but we can also grow the Rotary family.

We have learnt through our long history in the fight against polio how effective such partnerships can be. Our many global partners have made polio eradication possible and have helped us achieve a great deal of good along the way. This is an important lesson and it is one we must build on in the years ahead."



With the next RI Convention on our doorstep in Sydney, consider attending and Register before Dec. 15 to save \$100. Register on line at <a href="www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a> (PREFERRED), or see your copy of the Rotary Down Under Magazine for other methods of registering

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

To the end of the month are Shama Yogesan on 14<sup>th</sup>, Ken Collins on 16<sup>th</sup> and John Duff on 24<sup>th</sup> December. A very happy day is wished for each of you. Mike and Laura O'Hara celebrate an anniversary on 21<sup>st</sup> and Max and Merran Hipkins on 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to these two couples.

## Program for December 2013/ January 2014

Date	Program	Attendance	Introduction and Thanks
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas/Birthday Dinner – Nedlands Golf club, Melvista Ave, Nedlands	PRID Ken Collins Tr. John Duff	Intro. Ros Curbishley VOT Pat Curbishley
TBA	Community/Vocational Meeting	TBA	
TBA	Club Service Meeting	TBA	
12 <sup>th</sup> Janua	International Service Meeting, Senathirajah's, 57 Mountjoy Rd, Nedlands	10.30am	
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Board Meeting – O'Hara's, 22 Otram Way, Churchlands	5.30pm	
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Regular Meeting – Discussion on upcoming Fundraisers followed by dinner at TQR	Laura O'Hara	
29 <sup>th</sup> January	PDG Peter McKerracher – TRF	Prita Asih	Paddy Ramanathan

#### **Board**

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Ken Collins – Membership Director (& VP) membership@rotaryfreshwaterbay.org.au

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