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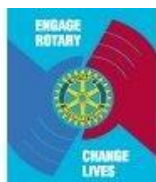
BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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The Four Way Test
Of the things we think, say or do
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Thursday, 22nd August, 2013

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH – INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER

Upcoming programs & events:

District Governor's Visit – 26th September
(Partners Night at Country Club – Rules Club Unavailable)

Club meets at the Jezza Room, The Rules Club, 6pm for 6.30pm **unless stated below**

Duty Officers' Roster

	Thursday 29 th August	Thursday 5 th September	Thursday 12 th September
Programme	Amie St Clair Melanoma Trust (Annette St Clair & Eileen Friedlieb)	Simone Eyles '365 Cups'	Deborah Braines McDonald House
Attendance	Karel Bijker Allan Duffus	Karel Bijker Mike Murray	Karel Bijker Glendyn Groves
Greeter	John Studdert	Rob Sharkie	Ailsa Bowman
Short and Sweet*	N/R	Mary Ann Kelly (Inspiration)	Karen Brill (International Toast)
Sergeant at Arms	Bryan Short	Daya Govender	Philip Cross
Introduce Speaker	Gordon Saggars	John Studdert	Graham Gorrel
Vote of Thanks	Terry Mecham	Bruce Barber	Peter Chenoweth
Bulletin	Ellen Brasier	Gerry Page	David Payne



If you cannot attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with **THE RULES CLUB** phone 6931 1511 by **2.30 pm Wednesday** (or pre-record it in the apology book provided at the meeting attendance table). Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest or partner to a meeting.

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty, and advise the Bulletin Reporter.

*Short and Sweet Key

Week 1 Inspiration
Week 2 International Toast
Week 3 Rotary Information
Week 4 Show and Tell or a Joke
Week 5 Not required

5th Sept
12th Sept
19th Sept
26th Sept

ATTENDANCE:

33 members were in attendance, with no make-ups giving us an attendance of 82.5%. There were no visiting Rotarian's or Club Guests and Member's Guests were Bruce Bowman and Keith Pech. Apologies received by Wednesday 2.30 pm came from John Goldsworthy, Tim Crowley, Ian Gibson, David Friedlieb, Peter Veerhuis, Rob Sharkie, David Cannon, Allan Duffus, and Phil Jackson.

CLUB NOTES:

- **PRESIDENT BRAD** opened the meeting by congratulating Ailsa & Bruce Bowman for achieving the milestone of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, matching their compatibility with their longevity. An impressive cake, made especially for the occasion by the CheeseCake Shop, following dinner, helped with the celebration. Bruce claimed that Ailsa had spent the morning singing the Chorus of a 1968 Stax Hit "What a man, what a man, what a man what a mighty good man!"

Brad also pointed out that there were a number of stray elephants on the tables that had survived the Darkness to Light Dinner and were available for adoption for a suitable donation.



- **DARKNESS TO LIGHT DINNER**

Graham Russell gave a short report on the proceedings and mentioned that it was a very enjoyable evening and the food was superb. The highlight was Thara Pech's talk which was graphically spoken in darkness to symbolize vision impairment with the audience remaining quiet & attentive.

Alok Sharma acknowledged Graham's efforts as MC for the evening, particularly managing to work around the technical glitches - he thanked all those who helped but emphasized the efforts of Ruth who organised the physical setup of the Hall & Phillip Cross, who both burned the candle at both ends; Graeme Callander for all the ticketing & promotional material which was printed by Chambers & Whyte at about 25% of the normal cost; the ticket from Rex Airlines, Art Equity for the generous donation of a drawing by a prominent artist which sold at auction for \$2,000, Graham Gorrel for arranging for the donation of a cricket bat signed by all members of the NSW Team from NSW Cricket, which was presented to Ajoy; Loot Homewares & Neil for donating the lanterns & oil lamps and De Bortolis for the wine.

Alok again praised Ajoy Joshi from Nilgiri's North Shore Restaurant for the sumptuous Feast he provided at no cost and mentioned the great venue; The Indian Welcome Dance by Mrs Sharomi Dayanand, the Candle Dance by the Filipino Cultural Dance Group and Dale Alison and his Band with Jamie Way who provided entertainment throughout the evening. The Kildare Children recruited by Bob Evers & Sue Honey provided very efficient and cheerful help at serving the food & clearing up.

- **THE SICK LIST:**

- **Peter Veerhuis** underwent an operation in St. Vincent's Hospital on Friday 23rd August and reports that the spinal fusion operation has gone well, the surgeon is pleased with the result. Peter says he will be lying on his back for the next few days and hopes to be walking about by this time next week. Best wishes from us all Peter.
- **Tim Crowley & John Goldsworthy** both welcome visitors - Tim is in Wagga Base Hospital; while if visiting John, who is at home, please phone first.

- **DISTRICT NEWS LETTER**

This has just been e-mailed and at the foot has an entry posted by PDG Neal Fogarty advising that CSU & La Trobe University have announced a joint proposal for the establishment of the Murray Darling Medical School based in Orange, Wagga Wagga & Bendigo to service Rural NSW & Victoria. More information at <http://www.csu.edu.au/doctors>. (Ctrl + Click to follow link)

If you follow the above link you can support this development by adding your names to a petition to the Governments.

- **Terry Mecham**, just returned from his 3 month odyssey around the north, advised that the Club website is currently down. He is endeavouring to fix this with the providers and hopes to have it up again by the end of next week.



SHORT & SWEET: (Show & Tell or a Joke) Graeme Callander showed that his sense of humour was stronger than his adherence to maths and told 2 jokes

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ruth Barber ran a Heads & Tails competition which was won by Ellen Brasier.

RAFFLE WINNER: Alok Sharma

GUEST SPEAKER: Thara Pech did such a good job at the Dinner that Ruth recruited her on Tuesday to front up to the Club with a snapshot of her Journey through Life. She harked back 30 years when she started a small business in Singapore baking cakes with help from her parents. Her family migrated to Australia in 2006 and she enrolled at a Christian College where they initially would only enrol her for a Diploma Course as they thought that she would not be able to cope with a Degree. She upgraded to the Degree Course in 2007. In 2008 she met Keith and this slowed her down, she continued part-time to 2010 & reverted to fulltime in 2011 - Wagga Rotary helped by providing her with screen reading equipment which allowed her to get information without constant help. In 2012 she graduated with a Bachelor in Ministry, Majoring in Pastoral Management.



Thara joined the Ministry of her Church where her duties include guiding people through their traumas and aiding in Relationship Reconciliation, the art of listening to people is an essential step towards assisting in healing. She is also a Board Member of Disability Advocate Network and joined our Club this year. She has been successful in gaining an Enterprise Incentive Scheme with an allowance paid for 12 months to study for Certificate 4 in Management - there were 70 applicants for 14 grants.



Thara suffers from Retinitis Pigmentosa: this is a hereditary disease and current treatment can slow down but not cure the gradual deterioration in eyesight. She has been legally blind for the past 7 years & lives in a world of grey, white & black & occasionally a shade of red, orange or pink. Thara emphasised that it was essential that parents take children for vision tests as she didn't even know that she had vision impairment as a child.

Peter Chenoweth thanked Thara for her inspirational example; her spirit, determination & grace has not only survived but prevailed. He thanked Thara for joining our Club & enhancing our lives.

COMING UP:

ART IN THE GARDEN - stunning Artwork & Sculpture showcased in 6 magnificent gardens - Sat. October 12th 10am - 5pm & Sun. 13th 10am-4pm. Tickets from Anglican College Farrer Rd or the gardens. Enquiries & bookings Mary-Ellen Taylor 0408 313 530. (Sing Australia, of which Ruth & Ellen are members, will be performing in one of the gardens)

August is Membership Month:

WHAT IF... All Rotary clubs were vibrant and engaging?

THEN... Younger members would be more likely to join.

WHAT IF... Every club brought in two new members this year?

THEN... We could expand Rotary's impact in communities around the world.

PASS NAMES OF POTENTIAL MEMBERS TO RUTH

Ravindran is choice for 2015-16 RI president

K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran said his top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership, which he called the bedrock of any organization. “The emphasis on membership has to continue with focus on the younger generation,” Ravindran said. “Additionally, we must seek to attract the just retired and experienced people into Rotary.”

Creating regional membership plans and realizing that “one size does not fit all” has been a move in the right direction, he said. “Albert Einstein defined insanity as ‘doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.’ In many ways this has been the story of Rotary’s poor membership advance,” he said. “Thankfully, our approach this time has been studied and altered. We have created 22 different membership regions so that each region would develop and execute a plan that would suit that particular region.”

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served Rotary as a director and treasurer of RI and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has also served as an International Assembly group discussion leader, district governor, Council on Legislation representative, and zone institute chair. He chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, which rebuilt 25 tsunami-devastated schools, benefiting 15,000 children.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 30th August to 5th September

Birthdays: Jenny Gorrel (1/9)

Wedding Anniversaries: Bryan & Sally Short (4/9)

Rotary Anniversaries: Daya Govender (1/9/2011), David Friedlieb (2/9/2010)



☞Kookaburra☜



A Banker, an Electrician & a Politician were all taking a Test.

One of the questions was “What term would you use to describe the problem that results when outflow exceeds inflow”.

The banker wrote “overdraft”, the electrician wrote “overload” and the politician wrote “what problem”.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.