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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA INC.

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Thursday 5th July, 2012

Upcoming programs & events:

Duty Officers' Roster

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

| | Thursday 12 th July | Thursday 19 th July | Thursday 26 th July |
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| Programme | Peter Adams, Council Economic Development Director | President's Night | TBA |
| Attendance | Karel Bijker David Payne | Karel Bijker Allan Duffus | Karl Bijker Glendyn Groves |
| Greeter | Rob Sharkie | Bruce Barber | Ellen Brasier |
| Sergeant at Arms | Alok Sharma | Ruth Barber | Karen Brill |
| International Toast | Peter Veerhuis | Brad Bland | Graeme Callander |
| Introduce Speaker | John Studdert | Charlie Blomfield | David Cannon |
| Vote of Thanks | Bryan Short | Ailsa Bowman | Peter Chenoweth |
| Bulletin | Ailsa Bowman | Ruth Barber | Ellen Brasier |
| BINGO Ticket Sales commence at 12.45 p.m. | Sunday 15th July David Cannon Gordon Sagers | Sunday 22nd July John Goldsworthy Bruce Heydon | Sunday 29th July Paul Galloway Alok Sharma |



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.

ATTENDANCE:

31 members attended this week's meeting with no make-ups, giving us an attendance of 64.6%. There were 20 members partners. Visiting Rotarians & Club Guests & partners were the Mayor Kerry Pascoe & Diane, Past D.G John Egan & Maria, Assistant D.G Gary Roberts & Marilyn, Peter Gissing from Sunrise & Danny & Kay Malone>Jenny Pigram was Paul Galloway's guest & An Shu Gupja was Alok Sharma's guest. Daya Govender's guests were Vincent (Sugen) Naidu, Sagree Naidu, Pascal Naidu (son), Karl Hulford, Harsh Raman, Rosy Raman, Bhariv Raman, B. Arupam Raman – Dancer Delana Bower – Dancer Ishita Gupta – Dancer, Dr. Anushu Gupta, Sharomi Dayanand - Dance instructor, Shane & Sheila – from Loot, Regan & Vanessa Govender Wayne & Angelica Govender, Mrs A. Govender (His mother), Preedibashny Parumaul, Lashanta Poonsamy, Soma Moodley, & Tilly Moodley. Apologies received by 2:30pm Wednesday were from Zvonne Hribar, Christine Atkinson, Mike Murray, Peter Chenoweth, Terry Mecham, Brad Bland, David Friedlieb, David Payne, Glendyn Groves, Laurie Fromholtz, John Studdert & Ellen Brasier

CLUB NOTES:

- **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2012/2013** will remain at \$250, consisting of \$50 for Rotary Foundation and \$200 in Club Fees. Treasurer Don will issue all members with an invoice detailing payment options.
- **Rotary Peace Communities International Conference** – On the weekend 21 to 23 September 2012, Wagga Wagga Rotarians will host an International Conference of representatives of 55 Peace Communities around the world. Our City was the first Peace City in the world.
- **Information Training Sessions for new Members** will be held by Alan Lean on the 12th and 19th July after the meeting on those evenings.
- The next **Literary Lunch** will be held at the Magpies Nest on the 14th July at a cost of \$50. The Visiting Author is Kathryn Fox and all proceeds will go to the Northcott Society
- Dorothy Prest & Flo Nixon are neighbours in Hospital following "Heart events" we wish them both a speedy recovery.
- David Payne's mother, Millicent Payne of Wollongong passed away in her sleep on Friday morning 29 June at the age of 85 years. She had a fall and broke her hip a month ago, and struggled to recover from the operation. The funeral will be next Monday. Our sympathy goes to David & Fran.

Other Changeover Dinner Invitations:

- **Rotary Club of Junee, Sunday, 8th July-12.00-12.30 p.m.** at the Junee Ex-Services Club-cost \$25 per person. RSVP Roger Quine 6924 1453 by July 3rd.

CHANGEOVER DINNER

The colourful decorations & costumes set the mood for the night and the 3 lovely & talented Bollywood dancers entranced the audience with their 2 sets of dancing. The food in the manner of an Indian Banquet was, as we have come to enjoy at The Rules Club, tasty & plentiful; this was apparently the caterers first attempt at such dishes & they are to be highly commended for their efforts.

Graham Russell performed his normal flawless role as Master of Ceremonies with the sole "glitch" being his claimed misinterpreting of the "Indian Dress code" by wearing a feathered head dress.

Gordon Sagers was called on to welcome the Guests & called on Daya to assist in the presentation of his wide circle of friends & relatives many from South Africa as well as local & from Melbourne.

TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL was offered by Bruce Barber who pointed out that the incoming Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka has adopted the motto "*Peace Through Service*" & will actively promote the Peace theme as well as aiming to finally complete the *Eradicate Polio* Campaign. In addition to doing good works he encourages attracting good quality members and ensuring that meetings are productive & enjoyable. Graham thanked Bruce for his concise speech & invited PDGJohn Egan to reply on behalf of R.I.

RESPONSE John thanked Bruce for his address & his wholehearted service to Rotary. John emphasised the need to keep Polio eradication at the forefront of our efforts. He called on us to imagine living life with Polio, particularly under third world conditions; provision of clean water is a basic & vital human need, imagine your own family sickening due to the lack of water in the form we expect it. He reminded us of the quote by a grateful mother "When Rotary came children stopped dying".

District Awards : He presented the following awards:
Graeme Callander Rotary Foundation District Award for outstanding & unstinting effort.

Phil Cross for outstanding efforts in promotion & service to The Centurion Club.

Club Award for our efforts in organising function the R.I. President Kalyan Banejeer's visit to Wagga Wagga.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS:

A highlight of the night was the presentation of Paul Harris Fellowships to a number of people within and outside the club.

Barry Francis:

Tony Hutchinson camouflaged this Paul Harris award in his introduction as an inaugural "Silver Spatula BBQ Award". The recipient was Barry Francis, who has just completed a very successful year as Club President. Despite some health scares in recent years, Barry, while continuing his career teaching technical training at the RAAF Base, resurrected the guitar and vocal skills learned in his early life and over the past few years has been busking in the main street, raising \$17,000 for community organisations.

Joan Page

Wife of long-time club member Gerry, was honoured with a Paul Harris Award as the source of the Club's current successful fund raising project the Book Fair, and a keen supporter of the project since its inception. Joan has worked extensively in organisations serving the disabled and disadvantaged in the community and was closely involved in the running of such an event for many years. She suggested the concept to this club via Gerry, and been an energetic participant since. The project has so far raised in excess of \$200,000 for the club's projects and raised our profile within the community.

Alan Lean

Alan was awarded a Sapphire Pin in acknowledgement of his service not only to our Club but also the wider community. He has been a Rotarian for 39 years with the past 26 years at Wagga Rotary where he was President in 1988/89. He has been President twice, also served as President at his previous club. Alan was amongst the first 30 in the world, along with Mother Teresa, to be made a Peace Ambassador in 1997, & then again in 2003.

He has been a Group Study Exchange Leader and he & wife Kay (also a PHF) have hosted GSE Teams & Youth Exchange Students. He & Kay have a great passion for helping children with cancer which saw them becoming involved first with Camp Quality & then establishing Country Hope. He has been the driving force behind the Shine Awards which recognise people in employment with a disability & their employers. The Shine Awards initiative gained Wagga Rotary Club District 9700 "The Graham Barber Vocational Service Award" in 2011/12

Danny Malone

Danny who is Principal of Mater Dei Primary School was also honoured with a Paul Harris Fellowship for his services to education and the community. An outstanding Australian Rules Football player at Marrar in his early life, he was also NSW team manager in 1986 & 1988 & Farrer League secretary for several years. His first teaching career has taken him to various schools around the Riverina and in 2004 he became Principal of Mater Dei despite a reluctance to leave classroom teaching. He has taken the School from a one stream school of 210 pupils to a two stream school of over 400 students, and is an inspirational leader to his staff. He drove the fundraising for the new Multipurpose Hall which has now come under heavy demand for use by the wider community. Danny was helpful to Alok Sharma in the staging at that venue of the Darkness to Light dinner.

Tim Crowley

Tim Crowley has been in Wagga Rotary since 1990 and has served as President, Treasurer, as well as several terms as a Director, & was District 9700 Treasurer in 2011 until ill health forced him to withdraw. Tim joined in community life wherever he went in his banking career, had sessions in Jaycees, Rotaract and Apex; & when the years moved him beyond the Apex age he finally found a home in Rotary where he will never be too old!

Tim suffered a period of extreme bad health recently however he rallied & pulled through to remain an active Rotarian well deserving of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

SERGEANT AT ARMS was Paul Galloway & stated that we may be "not for profit" but nevertheless we need funds & accept rands, rupees or dollars. Bollywood & Hollywood have much in common with much glitter & costuming but there is also a talented bunch at Wagga Rotary and he decided to award A Silver Elephant to the outstanding talent for a Bollywagga award. Paul Indianised a number of names to extract fines & then suggested nominees in the various categories.

The Silver Elephant however must go to the best overall performer for the past 12 months; in typical "Gifu Cup Style he then entertained thoughts of Neil Hilpern with regard to the book fair, Tony Hutchinson for the continuing Saga of BBQ. ***BUT*** the award for the Actor in the production which should be called "52 weeks" is our outgoing president for his outstanding contribution to the Club's Year when he took advantage of having a replacement Pacemaker inserted, to bring his heart back into rhythm & used the old Pacemaker to deliver a "Show & Tell" session to enlighten & entertain Members.

PRESIDENTIAL CHANGEOVER

President Barry then announced that the time had come to hand over Office.

He touched on some of the highlights of the year including the visit By R.I. President Kalyan Banerjee, inducting 4 new members & the gifting of the Mobility Scooter to a young boy who was able to attend School Assembly for the first time in his life & would be enabled to keep up with the class movements required in High School next year. Barry thanked all those who have assisted throughout the year at the board and district level and at the various club projects, as well, of course, as his wife Chris, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Pauline Mead as President of Inner Wheel was presented with a Cheque for \$1000 as a token of Appreciation for their Club's help with setting up & running the Book Fair. He also thanked Pauline personally for her assistance with sorting through the year.

A cheque for \$3000 to Family Link was presented to John Turner, representing The Rules Club, which was the Charity nominated by that Club to receive a donation as a gesture of thanks for the establishment of the Sunday Charity Bingo which helps us to collect funds to distribute, & to integrate with & meet a wide cross section of the community.

THE PETER WALSH ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR.

A video production was then presented with Alok Sharma explaining that he would be enjoying the sunshine in Malaysia while we were at Dinner. He referred to Phil Cross, Past President & Paul Harris fellow, who has been a member of Rotary Clubs for the past 25 years. Phil has an unbelievable work ethic as a busy board member and has been a stalwart in the establishment & support of the Darkness to Light Program. He was declared the Peter Walsh Rotarian of the Year. Phil's wife Merryl also appeared on screen to extol Phil's virtues & dedication in being her carer since she suffered her stroke. Phil responded as a grateful recipient of the award.



CHANGEOVER. Daya's son Regan, introduced Daya , who has been with Buckman Laboratories for 35 years & is Head of Design Control at Bomen. In South Africa Daya was active in Neighbourhood Watch & housed African workers at the complex to shelter them from black on black violence over a period of unrest liaising with police & army & local authorities. Daya lost his wife to cancer in 2011 & has soldiered on since then.

Barry then presented Daya with the Club Charter & Presidential Badge & weighed him down with the Chain of Office.

Daya thanked his friends & relations who had come from South Africa, Melbourne & locally to help him celebrate his induction. He also thanked all other guests & visitors, especially the Bollywood Dancers. He reminisced over his early years with the club & friendship with Peter & Helen Walsh. Bill Prest was instrumental in him re-joining Wagga Rotary. He was invited to become President not long after his re-induction & after some deliberation he agreed. He was inspired by the number of projects we are involved in & was challenged in learning at his Presidents in Training Meeting of the changes coming to Rotary.

He outlined a few of his objectives and vision for the coming year, including Dream Cricket as one possible project where the 6 Wagga Clubs may be able to combine to assist disabled primary school children to participate. He is also looking to liaise with a South African Club, Chatsworth Rotary Club, which has sent him a message of congratulations upon his Induction. He feels we need to remain sustainable & encourage new members to join in by remaining viable & committed, using Technology to further our aims. Daya then inducted this year's Board of Directors.

Paul Galloway undertook the final task which was to auction off most of the decorations which had been generously donated by **Loot Homewares at 41-43 Baylis Street** which made a good start to this year's fund raising.

THE CHANGEOVER NIGHT



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS &ANNIVERSARIES 13th July to 19th July

Birthdays: Tim Crowley (15/7)

Wedding Anniversaries: John & Carol Studdert (17/7), Philip & Merryl Cross (17/7),
Graham & Lyn Russell) 19/7)

Rotary Anniversaries Nil

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There was an old owl that lived in an oak

The more he heard the less he spoke

The less he spoke the more he heard

Why aren't we like that wise old bird!