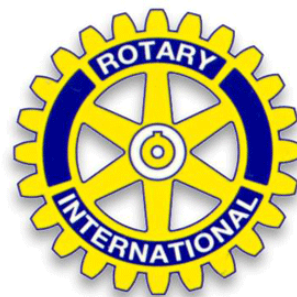


The Keyway



ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA SUNRISE Inc.
DISTRICT 9700
PO Box 5430 Wagga Wagga 2650 NSW

Meeting Venue: Thyme Out Restaurant, The Manor, 38 Morrow Street, Wagga Wagga
Meeting Time: Breakfast 7.00am for 7.15am, completed by 8.30am

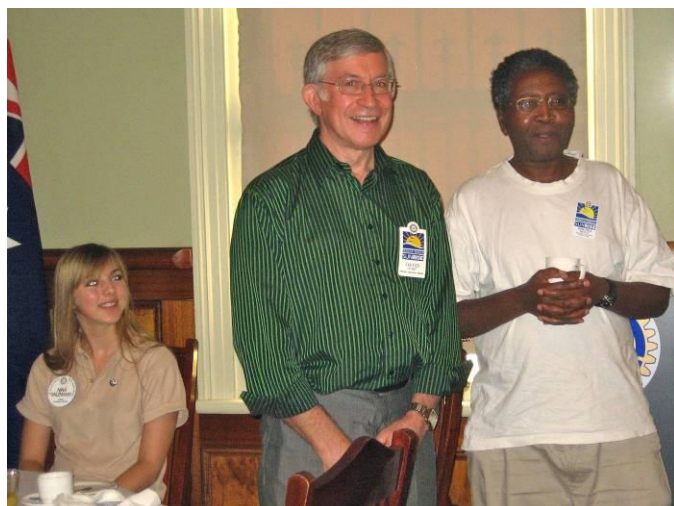


Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

14 February 2012

February is World Understanding
Month

GUEST SPEAKER: David Gilbey: Germany & Vienna – some glimpses



ATTENDANCE NO: 31

APOLOGIES: Bernie Benson, Andrea Bradley, Peter Brown, Bronwyn Hills, Len Wade and Marilyn Walter.

LEAVE: Dawn Smith, Jan Gray, Anne Pattison.

GUESTS: Leonie Roberson (a welcome return), Nina Salzmann (Rotary Exchange student from Germany) – see pic, left, with David Gilbey and Ndungi Mungai).

BIRTHDAYS: Joan Skews 25th Feb

COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISERS:

- Polio Plus Movie Night *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* 23 Feb \$20 Forum Cinema
- 'Coota Bike Festival' Rotary Club of Cootamundra is hosting the festival, March 10 -11.
- Science and Engineering challenge, March 20th
- RIDA, Tuesday 27th March
- BBQ Driver Awareness at Equex, Friday 30th March
- District Conference at Young, 23rd to 25th March
- Host GSE team, five members 28th March to 1st April.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: by Alan Sharp.

- Alan said thank you to all who assisted in numerous ways with the staging of the Combined Rotary Clubs of Wagga Wagga Peace Ceremony on Sunday 19 Feb at the Victory Memorial Gardens. Special credit goes to Darren Verus for the production of the quality programs. Marilyn Walter for the production of the well-designed certificates, Fred Loneragan who replaced a guest presenter at short notice and all who assisted with the badge selling and the work with the chairs and tents. Here is a summary report:
- Wiradjuri Elder Aunty Sandy Warren welcomed all on behalf of the traditional owners and Mayor Kerry Pascoe provided a civic welcome.
- The convenor, Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise President, Alan Sharp, spoke of the concept of peace communities being launched in Wagga in 1993 and spreading through the actions of Rotary Clubs around the world.
- Local secondary schools leaders spoke with conviction of the efforts made by their students to enhance human relations and community service within their school and the wider community. Member for Riverina, Michael McCormack thanked the school leaders and presented each school with a certificate.
- Mayor Kerry Pascoe presented a community service award from Wagga Wagga City Council to Jim Weedon.



- Each of the six Wagga Rotary Clubs then made awards to citizens and an organisation who have contributed in multiple ways to the betterment of the community:
- South Wagga Rotary recognised Chris Chamberlain; Wagga Sunrise, John Mueller (see pic, left); Wollundry Rotary, David Kennedy; Murrumbidgee Rotary, Ian Hurst; Koorngal Rotary, Kay Menzies; and Wagga Rotary made their award to Wagga Base Hospital Auxiliary.
- Rotary District Governor Ian Simpson presented the Helen and Peter Walsh Memorial Award on behalf of the six clubs to Ian Hurst (see pic, below left).
- Alan Sharp thanked the contributions made to the ceremony by Wagga Christian College musicians, all the secondary schools, the Rotary Clubs and the Rugby Choir.



Alan continued:

- Clean-up Australia will be on Sunday 4th March at the parking area on the turn-off to Kapooka/Albury.
- District Conference will be in Young 23rd to 25th March, a bus may be available for a one day return trip to Young on 24th March.
- Director Dave O'Grady has been keen to raise the quality of our food preparation and service to meet current workplace hygiene standards. The Board is keen to support this improvement and needs some volunteers to undertake some further training.
- Anyone who has not handed in or paid for the Calenders or badge money could they please

do so.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Marilyn Walter absent:

- President Alan read an email from Jenny Lovekin congratulating the Club on the running of the Peace Ceremony and underlining the significance of Ian's award.

DIRECTORS' etc REPORTS:

Fred Loneragan thanked the club for all the work that was done on the Peace Day.

He mentioned that MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) would run as a youth side conference at the Peace conference 22nd September - Sunrise to look after the day. An invitation has been sent to RI president elect to attend.

Bob Martin is looking for a few more billets for the Rotary GSE team visiting from Scotland 28-31 March.

Jo Wilson has a room at the Young District but cannot use it – so it's available if anyone wants to take it (soon – there are no vacancies in Young).

Dave O'Grady reminded people about the Clean-Up Australia day, Sunday 4 March, near the Silvalite servo. More details and a roster next week.

Noelene Hogan said she and **Sandra Rootes** visited Dawn Smith, who is recovering well, but it may be a while before she gets back to Rotary.

Noelene also mentioned Books for Newborn Babies at the hospital.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Tim Stait

- Anyone who did not go to the rugby (6000 present)
- Anyone who did not walk to the breakfast
- The 3 wise men who were puzzled around the computer
- Anyone who walked past them and did not get involved.
- Anyone who does not know what the pure white bears are called on the West coast of Canada.
- Noelene fined anyone who was later than her today.
- Cross fine: David fined John for his driving after the Peace Day, with a ute packed with chairs he drove under an Oak tree and smashed chairs on top. But he redeemed himself when he got to his shed he got a pallet of chairs with a fork lift into a confined space without a hiccup.

FINES: \$58.05

GUEST SPEAKER: Denis Blackett, asked at the last moment, introduced **David Gilbey** as a poet, storyteller, actor...and Rotarian.

David used some of his pics and some images from the web to illustrate and think about his recent trip to Germany (Berlin, Freiburg, Munich) and Vienna. He said that he'd never had much inclination to visit Germany – perhaps a legacy from his father (a British soldier)'s attitudes to Germans as 'the enemy'. But going to Germany had brought him into contact with something of the friendliness and variety of German people and many of his experiences had changed his views on history and culture.

David began by referring to the significance of the Brandenburg Gate both as a symbol of Prussian civilisation and as a marker of the fall of the Berlin Wall (1989). His visit to the Soviet War



Memorial, Treptower Park, made him aware of the role of Russian soldiers in ending WW2 by their victory in the Battle of Berlin (April-May 1945). David spoke about the Christmas Markets, using a pic of a lace-seller's stall. He then turned to Potsdam and the Sanssouci complex of Frederick the Great, to comment on power, riches and

culture in Germany. The Jewish Museum impressed David with its design by Daniel Libeskind and its comprehensive history of Jewish culture and civilisation, especially the installation 'Fallen Leaves' by Menashe Kadishman (see pic above) in one of the 'voids' of the intersecting corridors. He spoke of the Berlin suburbs of Kreuzberg and Prenzlauerberg and his astonishment at some of the items in the Pergamon Museum, in particular the Market Gate of Miletus (120 AD) in the Hellenic collection, the Ishtar Gate in Babylon (see pic, left) built by Nebuchadnezzar in 575BC, and the 17th Century merchant's reception room from Aleppo, Syria, reconstructed in the Islamic wing.



Turning to Freiburg, David talked about the attractiveness of this reconstructed medieval university town with its famous cathedral, merchants' hall and gates, and the nearby Black Forest villages of Schluchsee and Titisee, both on mountain lakes.

David had a day in Munich, with a former Japanese student as his guide. After eating at a Bavarian beer hall, they spent a sobering, poignant day at Dachau concentration camp which was numbing and its cruelties hard to comprehend.



Finally, David spoke about his three days in Vienna and experiencing the architectural and musical glories of St Stephen's cathedral (see pulpit pic, left) including a sung mass and organ recital), the architectural idiosyncracies of Friedensreich Hundertwasser's colourful designs and the impact of an exhibition at the Leopold Museum of the legacy of painter Egon Schiele – the impact of the days were almost 'hyperkulturemia'.

Ndungu Mungai thanked David for his informative talk on travels in Germany and Austria and his contributions to life in Wagga.

BARRELL DRAW: David Gilbey won the wine (a miracle!)

MEETING CLOSED: 8.30 amish

Roster for February/March

Date	28 th February	6 th March
Venue	<i>Thyme Out</i>	<i>Thyme Out</i>
Meet & Greet	Helen Berger	Ndungu Mungai
Meeting setup	Alan Sharp	Alan Sharp
Meeting pack up	Vicki Richards	Bernie Benson
Attendance Desk	Dominic Ferlito	Denise Flockton
	John Wood	Patrick Ball
Sergeant-at-Arms	Patrick Ball	tba
Bulletin Reporter	Jennifer Weale	David Brady
Program	Arupam Raman National Youth Science Forum	tba
Introduce Speaker	Peter Gissing	Helen Berger
Thank Speaker	Sue McAlpin	Max Chapman

****Reminder:** If you are rostered on for a job but can't make the meeting, please make arrangements for someone to replace you .

..... **Board Members 2011/2012:**

President:	Alan Sharp	Secretary:	Marilyn Walter
Treasurer:	Sandra Rootes	President Elect:	Val Samuelson
Club Administration:	Val Samuelson	Rotary Foundation:	Noelene Hogan
Membership/Vocational:	Jo Wilson	Public Relations:	Yvonne Braid
Service Projects:	Dave O'Grady	Youth:	Peter Gissing
Immediate Past President:	Denise Flockton		

New Members Inducted 2011:

Len Wade, Helen Allen, Dominic Ferlito, Ndungi Mungai, Tessa Bremner, Ian MacDonald.

District Governor: Ian Simpson & Jean [Rotary Club of Orange North]

Assistant Governor: Gary Roberts [Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee]

Club Members involved at District Level:

Director, District Foundation: Fred Loneragan (Rotary Foundation)

Director, District Rotary Service Projects: Noelene Hogan

District Chairperson: Fred Loneragan (Rotarians Fighting for Aids, Peace Communities)

District Committees: Noelene Hogan (Director, District Rotary Service Projects)
Marilyn Walter (Rotarians Fighting For Aids)
Denise Flockton (Vocational Services & Awards)

International Peace Communities Conference: Fred Loneragan (Chairman), David Gilbey

THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

final drollery: ...thanks Helen:

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Oxford ...

"The material we put into our stomachs should have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is full of steroids and dye. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High transfat diets can be disastrous and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and most of us have, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a 70-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said,

"Wedding Cake."

Bulletin Reporter: Helen Allen

Keyway Editor: David Gilbey